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First Presbyterian Church Celebrates 140 Years

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STURGIS— It was October 1886 when Pastor J. Logan Sample established the First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis.

140 years later the congregation celebrated the milestone with a ribbon cutting at the present location on Junction Avenue.

Carole Skalsky, Director of Youth and Family Ministries is the go-to gal who put the celebration together.

"Well I was on the Leadership team offered by the Sturgis Chamber and one of the benefits is a ribbon cutting and thought since it's 140 years for us, and so I thought it was something worth celebrating," she said.

An actual celebration will take place during worship October 25th.

Skalsky said the church has been home to several generations since it was founded.

"Well I'm here, so is my mother and daughter so there are so many of our congregants who are generation to generation and can tell wonderful stories," she said.

Pastor Katherine Saxbury performed the ribbon cutting and offered a prayer afterward.

Sunday school is at 9 am, worship is at 10 am followed by fellowship at 11 am.



Sturgis ***First Presbyterian*** parishioners pose at the ribbon cutting for the 140th celebration. *MCNews photo*

Meade County Auditor Resigns

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STURGIS- Meade County Auditor Dawn Christenson has resigned her position effective November 6th.

In a letter dated September 17th Christenson tendered her resignation.

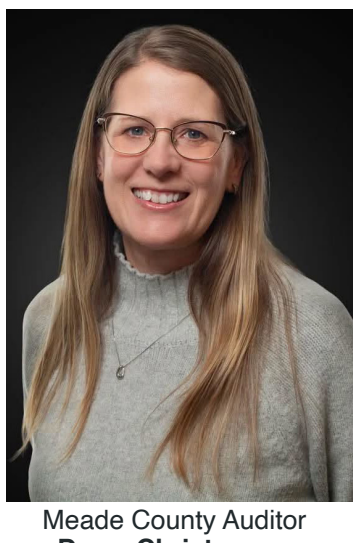
She stated serving as County Auditor has been an honor and a responsibility that she has taken seriously and she is grateful for the experience and relationships she had developed during her time in the Auditor's Office.

She added she appreciates the support and confidence that has been given her.

So what now?

"I am in the process of looking at options to build on my skills and experience to further my career," she said.

She will work until after the midterm elections.


Meade County Auditor
Dawn Christenson

Kiwanis Hobo Stew Feed Helps Two Ways

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STURGIS— The Sturgis Kiwanis Golden K Club's Hobo Stew Feed fulfills two purposes: Raise money for their programs and fill some stomachs on a cold day.

About 150 people packed the gym at the Community Center gym October 25th.

Stew, garlic bread, dessert and juice were on the menu and Kiwanis Club members served the public.

Additionally, Sturgis Aktion Club members assisted by collecting plates and bowls and washing trays.

Gordon Kotab was the ramrod on this here deal.

"We use funds raised for the children of the community. We buy dictionaries for third graders throughout the whole district and we buy breakfast twice a year at the high school, middle school and elementary school," said Kotab.

The club's big project is the Food Pantry and while donations to the organization are separate from the club itself members and residents of Sturgis volunteer to work for 130 families that utilize the facility to deal with food insecurities.

The club is grateful to the community for donations and support.

"The community really likes to help fulfill our motto "Bettering the world one child and one community at a time," he said.

Update: The Kiwanis Club was able to raise $1,500 for their various programs.





Kiwanis' preperation and serving (left) coupled with Community Center guests enjoying insured the event was a success.*MCNews Photos*

Deputy Bre Stacy Honored with Life Saving Medal

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Today, Sheriff Pat West and the Meade County Sheriff's Office had the privilege of recognizing Deputy Bre Stacy for her extraordinary actions during a critical incident earlier this year.

Law enforcement officers are often called upon to help people during some of the darkest and most difficult moments of their lives. While these situations can be incredibly challenging, they also provide an opportunity to make a profound difference in someone's life.

In early July, 2026, Deputy Stacy found herself in just such a situation, working with an individual experiencing a serious mental health crisis and facing an immediate threat to their life.

For nearly an hour, Deputy Stacy demonstrated remarkable patience, compassion, and empathy. Through her calm demeanor, genuine concern, and unwavering commitment to helping someone in crisis, she was able to bring an extremely dangerous situation to a peaceful and successful resolution.

Sometimes, saving a life doesn't require extraordinary physical strength or heroic physical intervention. Sometimes, it requires the ability to listen, the patience to understand, and the compassion to remind someone that their life matters.



Meade County Sheriff **Pat West** congratulating Deputy **Bre Stacey**. *MCNews Photo*

Deputy Stacy demonstrated all of those qualities that day.

Today, we proudly presented Deputy Bre Stacy with the Meade County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Medal, recognizing her exceptional professionalism, sound judgment, and dedication to preserving human life.

We are incredibly proud of Deputy Stacy, not only for her actions during this incident, but for representing the very best of what it means to serve others.

Congratulations, Deputy Stacy. Your compassion made a difference, and your actions remind us all why we wear the badge.

Service. Compassion. Commitment.



Meade County Sheriff's department gathers to honor **Deputy Bre Stacy's** life saving efforts.













Halloween Approaches!

Sturgis Area Arts Council
Special to the MCNews

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November Events

Armchair Travelers Book Club

The Armchair Travelers November 5th Book Club will focus on books about The Great Depression.

Armchair Travelers is a book club open to all interested readers. Participants gather to share their choices in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public Library at noon on the first Thursday of each month except August

Our November Arts Council Meeting

Our November meeting will be Thursday, November 12th, at 2:30pm in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public Library. One and all are welcome to join us!

History at High Noon

In honor of Veteran's Day, on Friday, November 20th, Tim Velder will be giving the program "Sailing for the brand: The USS Wyoming (BB-32)." This Teddy Roosevelt-era battleship was a record-setting and forgotten dreadnaught for two world wars. Find out more about the colorful and critical history of the Naval flagship and a few of its personnel.

We want to expand our programming to include people who might want to talk about their travels. If you would like to tell your family's history or have something history or travel based, please contact someone on our committee:

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Diana Hayes (605-347-3007) and Peg Aplan

History at High Noon is a program on the third Friday of the month (October and November, January through May). We meet at noon in the Community Room of the Sturgis Public Library.

History at High Noon is co-sponsored by the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society.

All History at High Noon programs are live streamed on the library's YouTube channel at: https://youtube.com/@sturgis-publiclibrary







Money flows to South Dakota US Senate race as independent challenges Republican incumbent

Cost of race nears $10 million as federal committees and nonprofits summon

Joshua Haiar & Seth Tupper
South Dakota Searchlight

Money is pouring into South Dakota's U.S. Senate race as people and groups across the country sense a rare chance to support a potentially competitive challenger against a Republican incumbent.

Both candidates have raised a majority of their campaign contributions from outside the state and have spent a combined $6.1 million, according to data compiled by the nonpartisan, nonprofit money-in-politics website OpenSecrets.

Additional spending by federally registered political action committees to influence the race has topped $3 million, pushing the total cost of the race near $10 million and counting.

In a race with no Democratic candidate, about 40% of the spending has been in support of independent Brian Bengs or against Republican Sen. Mike Rounds.

Bengs trailed Rounds by 8 points in an Emerson College/KELO-TV poll released last week, with 8% of respondents undecided.

Another poll released last week, from Mason-Dixon Polling and Strategy and South Dakota News Watch, showed Rounds with a larger lead of 19 points, 56% to 37%.

Nationally, Bengs is one of four independent candidates for U.S. Senate in the Nov. 3 election who are the main opponents of Republican senators. All of them are in states where Trump has won and Democrats struggle in statewide elections. The other states are Nebraska, Montana and Idaho.

In South Dakota, Democrats are outnumbered more than 2-to-1 by Republicans. South Dakota Democrats have also been surpassed in recent years by the number of voters who register as independent or leave their political affiliation blank on the voter registration form.

Federal committees and nonprofits

Much of the advertising in the campaign's final weeks has been funded by groups immune from state-level contribution limits, with varying levels of disclosure about their donors.

That includes $1.7 million spent to promote Bengs or oppose Rounds by the federally registered political action committees Retire Career Politicians and Freedom from Politics.

Retire Career Politicians has received large recent contributions including $890,000 from the Western Futures Fund, a nonprofit that says it promotes "responsible leadership in the Western United States" and is not required to disclose its donors; $500,000 from the Way Back PAC, which has received much of its own funding from the Western Futures Fund; $200,000 from Scott Shenker, an internationally known computer scientist from California; and $100,000 from Brennan Bilberry, a political and communications strategist from Massachusetts.

Freedom From Politics Inc.has received all of its $1.2 million from Stephen Pajcic, a Florida lawyer, Democratic politician and philanthropist. The committee's stated mission is to "support independent-minded leaders who answer to the people they represent, not to a political party."



Republican U.S. Sen. **Mike Rounds** of South Dakota, left, faces independent **Brian Bengs** in the Nov. 3 election. (Rounds photo by South Dakota Searchlight; *Bengs photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting; illustration by Joshua Haiar/South Dakota Searchlight)*

On the other side, the South Dakota Conservative PAC has spent nearly $1 million while Defend American Jobs has spent about $400,000 to support Rounds or oppose Bengs.

South Dakota Conservative PAC received $200,000 from the late South Dakota billionaire-philanthropist T. Denny Sanford before he died, among other large individual contributions.

Recently, the committee received an infusion of $521,000 from South Dakota First Action Inc., an entity that divulges little about itself publicly but describes itself as a nonprofit dedicated to "promoting policies that promote free enterprise, strong national security, and individual liberty."

Defend American Jobs' contributions include a recent $70 million surge of funding from Fairshake, a Minnesota-based political action committee that says it "supports candidates committed to securing the United States as the home to innovators building the next generation of the internet."

Contributors to Fairshake include the California-based tech company Ripple Labs Inc. and Marc Andreesen, a leader of a Silicon Valley venture capital firm and co-founder of the early web browser Netscape.

Six South Dakota Bridges to be Dedicated in Honor of the Fallen

Sioux Falls, SD – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SD-DVA) will host a regional Fallen Hero Bridge Dedication to honor six veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their nation.

The ceremony will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. (CT) at the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance (1600 W. Russell Street) in Sioux Falls.

This dedication is part of a statewide Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication initiative. In partnership with the South Dakota Departments of Veterans Affairs, Military, and Transportation, the program establishes enduring tributes that honor service and remind future generations.

The SD HWY 37 bridge over the Emanuel Creek, west of Springfield, will be dedicated as the Private First-Class (PFC) Jake DenOuden Bridge.

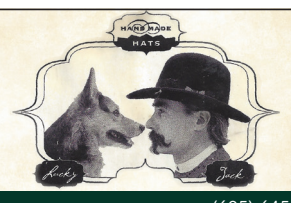
The SD HWY 50 bridge over the Vermillion River, west of Vermillion, will be dedicated as the Sergeant (SGT) Luverne F. Dixon Bridge.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden October 25, 2026



After a warm week with temperatures into the upper 80s, Sunday gave us a cool day in the 50s with a high of 60 degrees. It appears that our warm summer days may be over.

Something exceptional that happened that Lane Cammack of Stoneville and Laura Colb of Spearfish were united in marriage on Monday.

They had an unannounced private ceremony on a ranch near Spearfish with Bill Meirose officiating. Folks are happy for the newlyweds and they made their first appearance in church on Sunday in Union Center.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden drove home from Sioux Falls on Saturday night after a full day of being in the Dakota State University parade in Madison.

They were driven by family members from Sioux Falls in a red corvet with sister from Madison adding a matching red pickup.

They were treated to lunch there in the Miles Beacom complex that followed with tail gating and reacquainting with old classmates. They drove to Sioux Falls for a wedding and returned home late on Saturday night.

Thursday's Rural Neighbors was well attended last week as they served guests a noon meal and entertainment. Theresa Hanzlik and Shirley Baker sang and Edna Smith played the piano. The fellowship room was decorated with a beautiful fall theme. Henrietta McNenny brought center pieces for the finishing touches.

Lorie Hausmann provided a lunch for some family and friends after church on Sunday in the fellowship hall. Bob Barry joined them as Yvonne is in Idaho with her brothers.

Tristen and Kalen Rhoden and family spent the afternoon at the Larry Rhoden Ranch to catch up and move some machinery.

The first of the seasonal holidays in October, November and December is on October, 31, Halloween.

It is on a Saturday this year. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1 so clocks will be moved backward 1 hour that night.

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By John Newby *"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"*

Showing Up Is an Antipoverty Program



When Dallas last chose a mayor, roughly six of every hundred eligible residents cast a ballot. Across the 30 largest cities in America, the average was only about one in five. Let that settle in for a moment. A small handful of people decided who would steer the budget, the streets, the zoning board and the economic development office for everyone else.

I have spent a lot of years watching how decisions get made in small towns and county seats, and I have come to believe something that sounds simple but is not said nearly enough. Turnout is not just a civic statistic. It is an economic one. The neighborhoods that vote get heard. The neighborhoods that do not vote get managed.

The gap starts with who shows up. In the 2020 presidential election, about 85 percent of people in households earning more than $150,000 voted, compared with roughly half of those in households earning between $15,000 and $20,000. In midterms the gap grows. In 2018, about two thirds of eligible voters making over $100,000 cast ballots, while fewer than one in three of those making under $20,000 did.

Here is why that matters on Main Street. For three decades, researchers have compared states where working families vote at high rates with states where they mostly stay home.

States with a bigger class gap in turnout tend to spend less on the safety net. In states where lower income turnout came closer to matching that of the well off, lawmakers were much less likely to adopt tougher welfare rules after the 1996 reforms. Other studies find that states with wider turnout gaps also tend to have wider income gaps.

I want to be fair about what this proves. Economists will tell you about the link between income and voting is well documented but not fully understood, and a correlation is not a cause. Plenty of other forces shape poverty, from local wages and housing costs to whether the plant down the road stays open. But when the same pattern keeps turning up across states and decades, it deserves attention.

The strongest evidence comes from our own history. When the Voting Rights Act of 1965 knocked down literacy tests, Black turnout climbed in the affected Southern counties. Economists at Dartmouth and Yale later found that those same counties saw their share of state money grow, mostly for public schools, compared with similar counties that had no such tests. By their estimate, state dollars rose roughly in step with turnout. New voters brought new investment. That is not ideology. That is how politics works.

And this is not about which party wins. Office holders of every stripe pay closest attention to the people most likely to show up and reelect them.

If the folks on the east side of town, the mobile home park off the highway or the young families renting above the downtown shops never vote, their roads, their schools and their business districts slide toward the bottom of the list. Nobody has to be cruel for that to happen. It is pretty simple arithmetic.

There is a Main Street dividend as well. A study covering more than 3,100 counties found that communities with stronger civic health weathered the Great Recession with smaller jumps in unemployment, even after accounting for economic conditions.

By 2010, the most socially connected states had unemployment near 8 percent, while the least connected sat near 10 percent. Engaged places hold on to their jobs, their storefronts and each other.

Researchers who mapped local turnout found what they called voting deserts, neighborhoods where participation runs at less than half the citywide rate. I would bet you can name yours. I suspect those are many of the same streets where the empty storefronts cluster and family budgets are stretched the thinnest. We will not grant or subsidize our way out of that alone. People in those neighborhoods need a seat at the table, and the ballot is the cheapest seat in the house.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Within the next 24 hours, visit Vote.gov, confirm your registration and find where you vote.

Then do one more thing. Invite one neighbor, coworker or employee who usually sits elections out to go with you and offer the ride. If you own a business, give your people the time. After the election, pick one city council, county commission or school board meeting this winter and attend it. Poverty is not beaten in a single election, but it is never beaten by the people who stay home.

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Before the Leaves Fall

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel



"The corn looks good, but it isn't worth anything until it is safe in the granary." Our father's solemn statement as he checked the fields is pressed between the pages of my mind.

Weather and machinery breakdowns often made the harvest season rather intense, but every fall there was an urgency. Get the crops in.

Mom and her daughters worked to bring in the last of the garden crops. Apples were canned, pickled and stashed for winter use.

Cobs and wood had been hauled to the shed, dry and ready to fuel the cook stove. Cooler temperatures signaled the need to get ready for winter.

Though I have no cornfields to harvest, nor do I need to stock up on fuel for a woodstove, I still feel that same urgency every October.

Nature reminds me that change is imminent. A monarch flutters through my zinnias. Will she make it another 3,000 miles to her winter home?

The geese call out to encourage each other in their V-formation trek south. The honeybees visit the fallen apples, as though trying to gather every last bit of energy available for their hive.

The leaves begin to turn color. I know it happens slowly, but it doesn't seem that way. Quite suddenly, quaking greens change to lovely reds and yellows all around me.

I firmly resolve to enjoy those colors, to make sure I observe them every day for as many moments as possible. And it seems like every year, I look up and the lovely leaves have fallen; I missed the most beautiful time!

Every autumn I feel this urgency. So much to do, so little time. I want to enjoy the beauty, savor the fall colors before a wild Iowa wind whips them away.

I feel compelled to remember the past, to tell stories of the times and people I have loved. To keep the memories alive.

Do we compare our lives to the seasons? Do the reminders of impending cold signal to us that we need to act quickly?

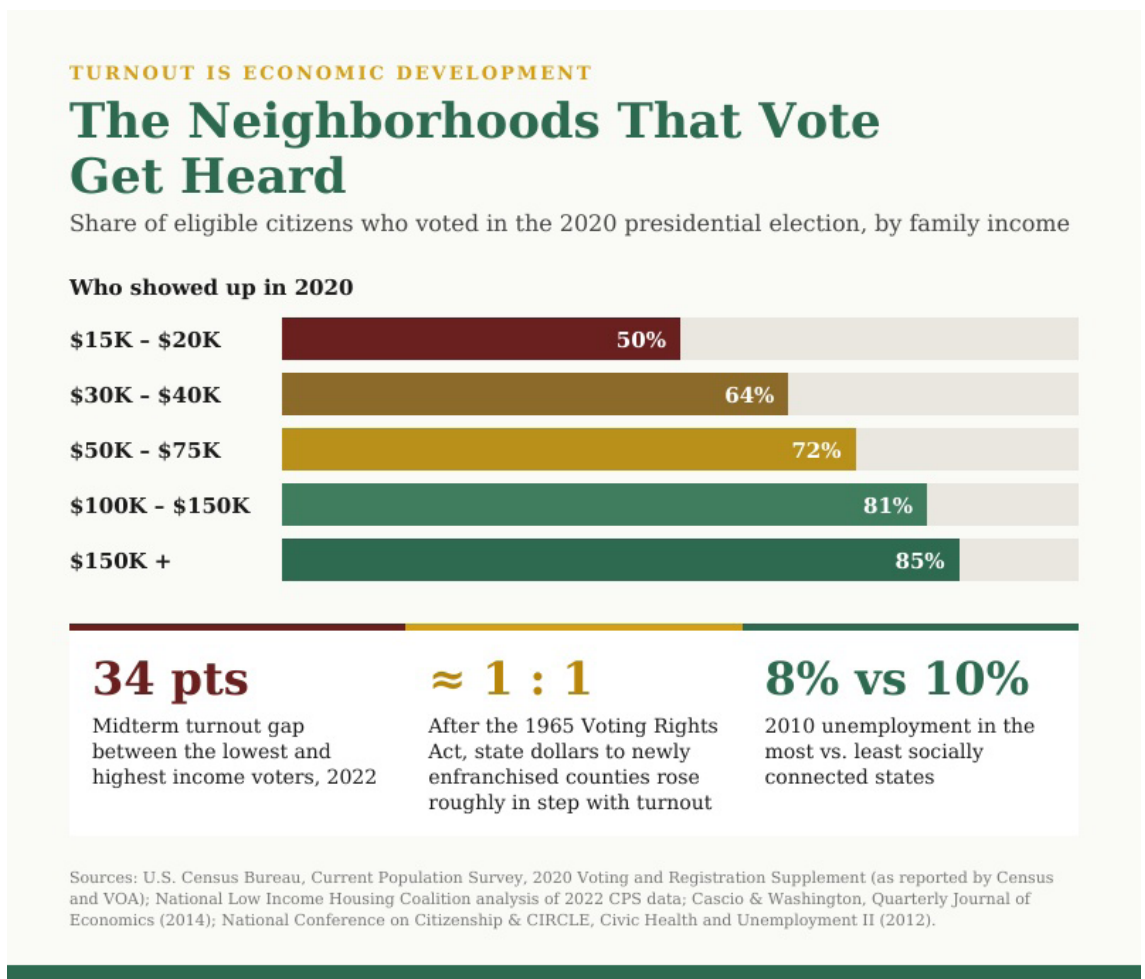
I am no spring chicken, but I wonder if everyone should feel the urgency to be ready. Winter will swoop down upon us. Is there someone we need to forgive? Is there bitterness that we should let go? Do we need to say, "I love you?"

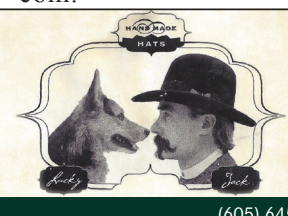
Every one of us has stories to be told. If we wait, we might miss the chance. Even one tale of growing up allows a part of us, a tiny part of history, to continue on for at least one more generation.

Tell the tale to loved ones. Write it down or record it if you can. Better yet, tell lots of stories!

So, get ready for winter. Don't wait. Do it today. The leaves are turning…

The author's ten books are available on Amazon.com.



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Halloween Eve Trick or Treating in the Neighborhood

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In her freshman English class,mygranddaughter, Teaunah (Tea) is reading Homor's Odyssey, a timeless classic.

Tea's assignment is also a timeless classic: to write an essay about a character from the Odyssey. She decided to bring me along for the ride as her personal tutor. It's a fun trip and right up my metaphorical alley.

Tea chose to write about Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. We did some research together, on Zoom meetings with me in Southern France, she in Belle Fourche. We juggle between Facetime conversations and frequent 'Zooms" as we navigate the 8-hour time difference. We work together during her mornings and my afternoon and evening hours.

In Greek mythology, there's a lot of backstory to digest. We began by reviewing the plot of the Odyssey.

Tea explained. "So, King Odysseus goes to the Trojan War, wins the war and wants to go home. It takes him ten years." Tea continued. "He had a lot of problems, but he kept going and did his best."

"So how does Poseidon enter the story?" I asked.

"Well, I'm a little confused about that. I just know that Poseidon is the god of the sea and that he's mad at Odysseus."

"Why?" I asked.

"Well, Cyclops lived on this island and Odysseus stopped there with his men on his way home from the Trojan War. They all probably needed to get out to stretch after sitting in a ship all day".

Tea continued, "So anyway, Cyclops wasn't super friendly, he had only one eye in the middle of his forehead and there were other Cyclops on the island, and I guess they were all Poseidon's kind of messed up kids from another mother." Tea paused to take a breath.

"Anyway, Cyclops won't share his food and mainly told Odysseus to get lost. Odysseus refuses to leave, Cyclops gets aggressive, traps Odysseus and his men in his cave, and then eats two of men… raw." Tea grimaces.

"Then Odysseus and his men get mad, and gouge out Cyclops only eye with a wooden stick."

"Eww…That's brutal" I said, bones and all?"

"Yes." Tea grimaced and continued. "Cyclops was Poseidon's favorite kid. By the time, Odysseus and his men were back in the ship with all the Cyclops' food and livestock, Cyclops had got a hold of his dad, Poseidon to tell him about what a bully Odysseus was, and Poseidon lost it, I mean really lost it." Tea dramatized Poseidon's wrath.

Poseidon cursed Odysseus and forced him to lose every single one of his men in bad storms."

"Wow. I can almost feel sorry for Cyclops and Poseidon." I said, "Didn't you say that Cyclops is disabled?"

"Both Cyclops and Poseidon had extreme anger issues." Tea asserted. Poseidon gets mad and creates storms for no reason quite frequently in mythology and Cyclops could have learned to be a nicer person."

She had a point. Here's Tea's essay with minimal oversight:

The Problem with Poseidon
By Teaunah English

Greek mythology is a treasure of imaginative and engaging stories. The characters in Greek mythology are also quite interesting. One such character is Poseidon. Poseidon is best known as the God of the sea although he's also associated with earthquakes and horses. Poseidon is muscular. He has a dark mustache and is often seen with a three-pronged fisherman's spear called a trident. The trident seems like a very appropriate symbol for Poseidon as he is the God of the Sea."

"Poseidon is also well known for having a bad temper. When he gets mad things can get ugly. He often causes violence when he is angry. The storms cause ships to wreck. He creates massive deadly storms. When Poseidon meets Odysseus, he is super angry because Odysseus tricked his son Cyclops and brutally blinded him.

Poseidon's actions against Odysseys can seem out of control but they may be justified. I can understand why Poseidon would blow up the sea on Odysseus, but in many other stories, Poseidon does that to lots of for no reason, whatsoever. Poseidon has anger issues.

Maybe Poseidon's anger has something to do with his childhood. Poseidon has a disturbing childhood background. He was the son of the goddess Rhea and the god Chronus. Unfortunately, Poseidon's dad, Chronus was worried that one of his six kids would overthrow him. So, Chronus decided to eat five of their six kids before Rhea figured out what he was up to. So she kidnapped little Zues and hid him away until he grew up.

So, when Zeus was big and strong, he made Chronus throw up the five siblings including Poseidon. All five became famous Gods and Goddesses. Poseidon built a beautiful palace underneath the sea and had a son named Polyphemus, also known as the Cyclops. Polyphemus has only one eye and is perhaps disabled, but Poseidon loves his son Cyclops and goes out of his way to protect him.

Poseidon's anger is sometimes justified because it may be possible that he has PTSD from being swallowed by his father. Who wouldn't have PTSD after spending several years in your dad's stomach? However, more often his anger is violent for no apparent reason.

The stories and characters in Greek mythology are just as interesting and important today as they were during the 5th Century B.C. I think that's because the stories are about life issues that people still have today.

For example, people today sometime make strange parenting choices, they have problems with their kids, maybe they are damaged by bad parents themselves. There are many examples of the Greek Gods behaving like imperfect human beings. I am glad that we learned about the Odyssey in English class.

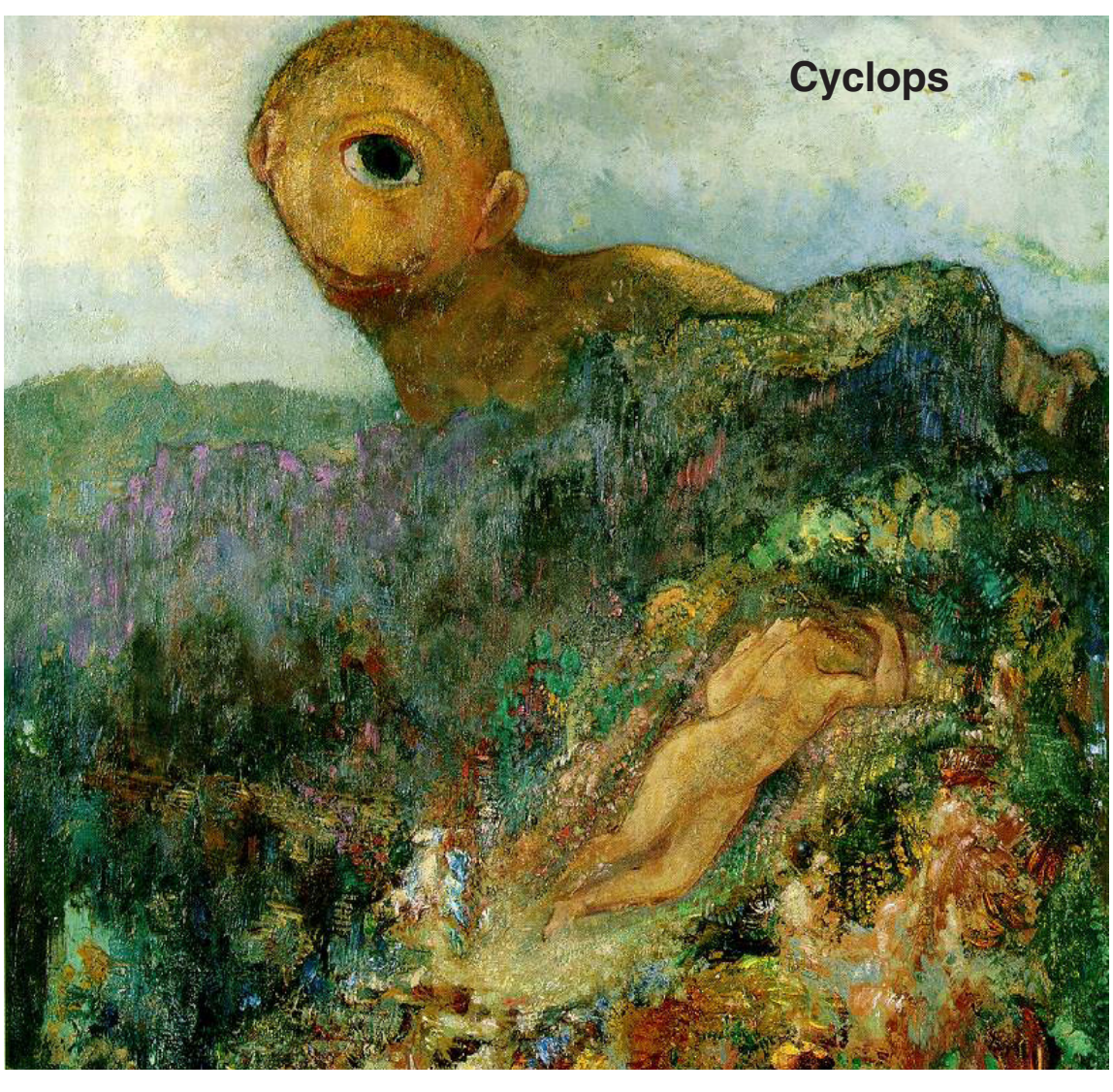


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Rising prices squeeze more Americans ahead of pivotal midterm elections

Kevin Hardy
South Dakota Searchlight

Americans' growing frustration over high prices has defined many political campaigns ahead of November's midterm elections.

Rising costs of healthcare, gas and groceries during President Donald Trump's second term have put Republicans on defense, not only in Washington, but in statehouse and gubernatorial races across the country.

As the political environment continues to sour for Republicans, a new analysis released by the Urban Institute on Monday underscores just how expensive everyday life has become in America: Gas and electricity prices are rising much faster than paychecks. Housing, childcare and healthcare are becoming a bigger strain for millions of people.

And affordability pressure is worsening in once-affordable havens such as Atlanta; Louisville, Kentucky; and Rochester, New York, where costs of housing, groceries and healthcare are increasing faster than the national average.

The latest installment of The American Affordability Tracker from the left-leaning think tank details how costs of food, housing, energy and healthcare have changed across all 50 states over recent years. High prices are pinching people across income brackets, with an estimated 49% of families unable to afford the basic costs of living. That's according to Urban Institute's true cost of economic security calculation, which measures how much is needed to live securely.

"We're not saying that 49% of people are poor. We're saying that they're not secure," said Gregory Acs, an Urban Institute fellow who worked on the research project. "Even if they're paying all their bills, they're paying all their bills at best."

He said the analysis confirms that the economic angst so many people feel is justified — despite strong national economic indicators such as low unemployment and growing gross domestic product.

"They are not crazy. They're not making it up," Acs said. "They're not being marketed into feeling bad. They really do have struggles."

Among other findings, the report shows that average annual childcare costs for two young children have risen $6,600 over the past decade. Since January 2025, gas prices have risen by 33% — an average increase of $1.02 per gallon nationally. And premiums for benchmark plans on the Affordable Care Act Marketplace are up 22% since last year, now averaging $611 per month.

Affordability politics

Those struggles have become a political liability for Republicans, who control the White House, both chambers of Congress, most state legislatures and a majority of governor's offices.

All midterm elections, as a referendum on the sitting president, are difficult for incumbents in the majority. But this cycle is particularly charged because of Trump's promises to improve the economy during his 2024 campaign, said Todd Belt, a professor of political management at The George Washington University.

"He hasn't done that. In fact, in a lot of ways, he's made things worse," Belt said, citing Trump's unilateral war in Iran and tariff policies — both of which have driven up costs. "And so Donald Trump is bringing down the Republican ticket."

Some Democrats have proposed new policies to help lower costs, following the lead of New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani whose winning campaign last year promised free buses and childcare. But many others are simply benefiting from the sinking approval ratings of the president — driven largely by high prices. "For the Democrats, it's enough to not be Donald Trump," Belt said. "People are feeling it, and you can't out-message it. You can't out-message what people are feeling in their finances and what they know prices to be as they go to the gas station every week, as they see it in the grocery store."

Republican officials have recognized the political drag of rising prices.

Vice President JD Vance has publicly acknowledged Americans' growing frustration with high prices, particularly for gas, telling voters "we're working on it," during a CBS News town hall in Michigan earlier this month.

But Trump has often downplayed such concerns, calling affordability "a hoax" promulgated by Democrats. Campaigning for Kansas Republican Sen. Roger Marshall last week in an unexpectedly competitive race, Trump blamed previous President Joe Biden for rising prices. Trump pledged that the war in Iran would end soon.

"And when it does, you're going to see the biggest drop in oil that anyone's ever seen," he said.

Wide-ranging impacts

Rising prices are hitting consumers and businesses alike.

Earlier this month, Small Business for America's Future, a coalition of business owners across the country, released results of a new survey that found many small employers are struggling with high costs of utilities, fuel, business supplies and employee healthcare.

Nearly two-thirds of the 1,171 businesses owners surveyed said they had recently cut or skipped their own pay to keep their operations afloat. Nearly half said customers are spending significantly less, and more than two-thirds said they had delayed, canceled or scaled back investments because of uncertainty about federal economic policy.

Walt Rowen, co-chair of that coalition, said in a news release his own business exemplified the challenges facing Main Street operations across the country. He's the president of the 116-year-old Susquehanna Glass Company in Columbia, Pennsylvania. Tariffs have disrupted supply chains, he said, and driven up heating oil costs.

"We've lived through the Depression, wars, and recessions," his statement said. "Heating my factory in this current economy is some of the hardest math I've ever had to do, and I'm expecting the bill to jump 30% to 40% this winter."

High prices are hitting consumers across demographic and geographic borders.

Acs, the Urban Institute researcher, said rising prices squeeze more than just the poorest Americans. Many middle income earners are struggling to cover the costs of healthcare, higher education and housing, "feeling like they're on a treadmill at best," he said.

The Urban Institute's recent analysis also highlighted rising price challenges in regions long considered affordable.

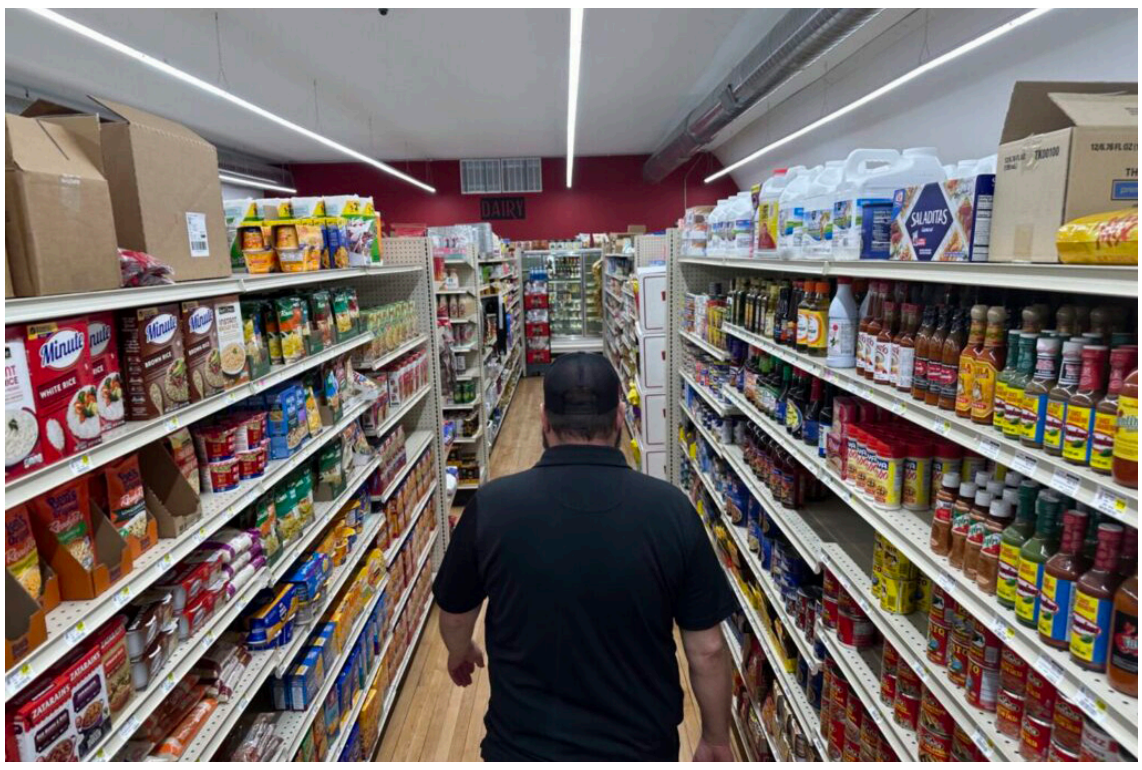
In Arizona, gas and electricity price increases are outstripping other parts of the country: Arizonans pay an average of $219 per month for electricity, the highest in the U.S. and nearly $50 more than the national average.

In the battleground state of Wisconsin, where gas and electricity costs are well below the national average, parents face disproportionately high costs for childcare: Parents there spend an average of $30,800 per year for care for two young children — $6,900 more than the national average.

"I think there is an old story that affordability really is a coastal problem," Acs said. "What we're trying to illustrate is that it's not just high-cost areas where costs are an issue. Costs are an issue throughout the country."

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General Manager **Brian Horak** walks down an aisle at ***Post 60 Market i***n Emerson, Nebraska. A new national report shows how everyday costs have increased for Americans. (Photo by Kevin Hardy/Stateline)

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE – MEADE COUNTY LEPC

The Meade County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026

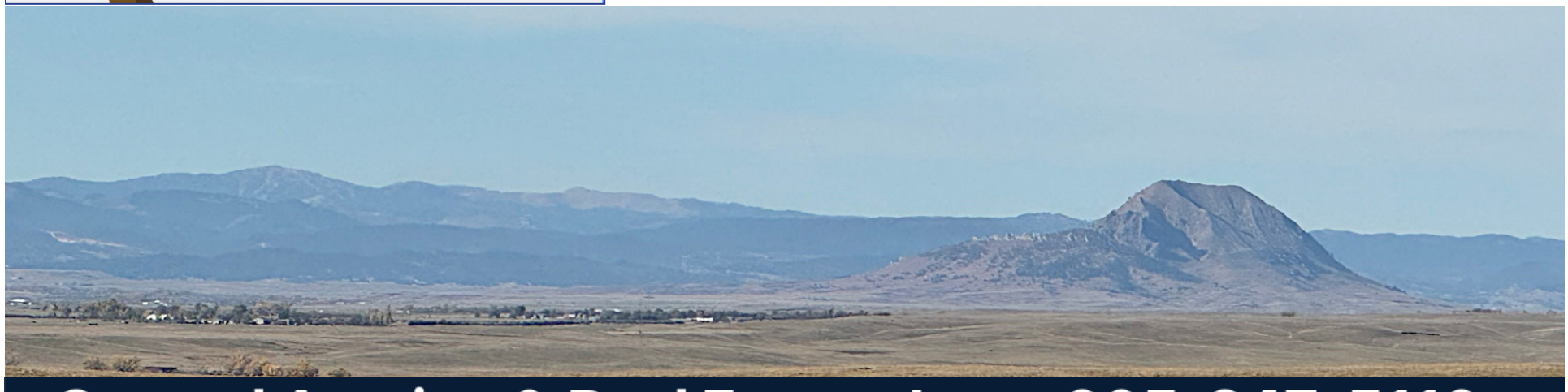
Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Sturgis Fire Department, Sturgis, SD

The LEPC brings together emergency responders, government agencies, local businesses, and community partners to improve hazardous materials preparedness, emergency planning, and public safety throughout Meade County. This meeting is open to the public. Community members interested in emergency preparedness and public safety are welcome to attend.







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Potential of Missouri River pipelines to Western states opens new front in upstream-downstream fight

Legislation would require 10 governors' permission to study or build projects moving water outside the basin

Joshua Haiar
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Downstream Missouri River states have worried for decades about receiving an insufficient flow of water from upstream dams.

Now they're worried their share of water could be further diminished by potential pipelines for dry Western states.

The concern is the basis of a dispute about the U.S. House version of the federal Water Resources Development Act.

A provision in the bill would require approval from all governors in Missouri River states to study or construct a project that moves water from the river or its tributaries to a non-Missouri River state.

The bill has passed the House and awaits action in the Senate, where a Senate version of the legislation lacks the controversial provision.

Missouri lawmaker and group support provision

The House bill's definition of "Missouri River states" includes not only the seven states where the river flows — Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri — but also Colorado, Minnesota and Wyoming, which have land within the river's 530,000-square-mile drainage basin.

A downstream lawmaker, U.S. Rep. Sam Graves, R-Missouri, sponsors the House bill. Supporters of the controversial provision include an organization in his state, the Coalition to Protect the Missouri River.

Shane Kinne is the coalition's executive director. He said Missourians' concerns about water shortages are not hypothetical. For the last four years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has limited water releases from upper Missouri River reservoirs, affecting commercial barge traffic downstream.

Kinne said Missouri River Basin states should collaborate "so we can manage the resource together and protect ourselves from Western states looking for water."

"If this isn't the proposal, let's bring some ideas to address this concern," he said.

Joint opposition: Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah

Kinne's view faces opposition in upstream states.

The governors of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota — where the Missouri River flows through a series of dams and reservoirs — recently joined with governors in the Missouri River Basin states of Colorado and Wyoming on a letter opposing the House provision.

Also signing the letter was the governor of Utah, which is not part of the Missouri River Basin. Utah relies on the Colorado River for some of its water, and the state's Great Salt Lake Commission has mentioned the Missouri River as a potential source of imported water for the vanishing Great Salt Lake.

The governors' letter says the House provision would give each governor in the 10 Missouri River Basin states "absolute veto power" to stop other states from even "studying the feasibility of projects in a watershed that encompasses one-sixth of the continental United States."

When the House approved its bill by a vote of 415-9, U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson, R-South Dakota, was among the nine votes against the legislation, along with representatives from states including North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. Johnson said the Missouri River provision would hamstring the Army Corps of Engineers' management of dams and reservoirs.

"Why should the Corps need unanimous approval of the governors to study a project that provides water across state lines?" Johnson said in a statement to South Dakota Searchlight.

Upstream officials worry about implications

Some South Dakota water officials also oppose the House provision.

Jay Gilbertson manages the East Dakota Water Development District, based in Brookings.

He acknowledges the bill language would not impede several currently proposed Missouri River pipeline projects in South Dakota, because they would not transport water outside the Missouri River states mentioned in the bill. But he worries "it's the start of a process that's going to limit our ability to do things in the future."

Gilbertson said the provision's language requiring approval from all 10 governors is bad policy.

"You can't get 10 states to agree on anything," he said.



A bridge stretches across the Missouri River at Chamberlain, South Dakota, on Sept. 29, 2026. (Photo by Makenzie Huber/South Dakota Searchlight)

Darrell Raschke views it the same way. He serves on the boards of the Mid-Dakota Rural Water System and the Upper Missouri Water Association.

"One governor says no, you just shot the whole project down," Raschke said. "Why would you put that in law?"

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Estimated cost of proposed eastern South Dakota water pipeline is at least $8.4 billion

Project is one of several proposals to tap the Missouri River

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SIOUX FALLS — One of several proposed pipeline systems to deliver Missouri River water in South Dakota could cost $8.4 billion to $10 billion, according to estimates shared Monday.

Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System Executive Director Kurt Pfeifle was on a panel speaking to the Rotary Club of Downtown Sioux Falls.

"That includes about a 30% contingency, but right now, there's just so many unknowns," Pfeifle said, referring to a cost estimate buffer.

The system's proposed pipeline would serve nearly 60 water providers across much of eastern South Dakota and portions of three neighboring states, with a capacity of 195 million gallons per day.

Pfeifle said the organization recently completed an initial study to arrive at those numbers and is beginning a $4.2 million feasibility study expected to take about two and a half years.

Pending federal legislation sponsored by South Dakota's congressional delegation would provide funding to help with that study and two other studies for the proposed Western Dakota Regional Water System pipeline, which has an estimated projected cost of $4 billion, and a planned expansion of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System in southeast South Dakota, which has an estimated project cost of $2.5 billion.

Lewis & Clark Regional Water System Executive Director Troy Larson and Minnehaha Community Water Corporation Executive Director Scott Buss were also on the panel.

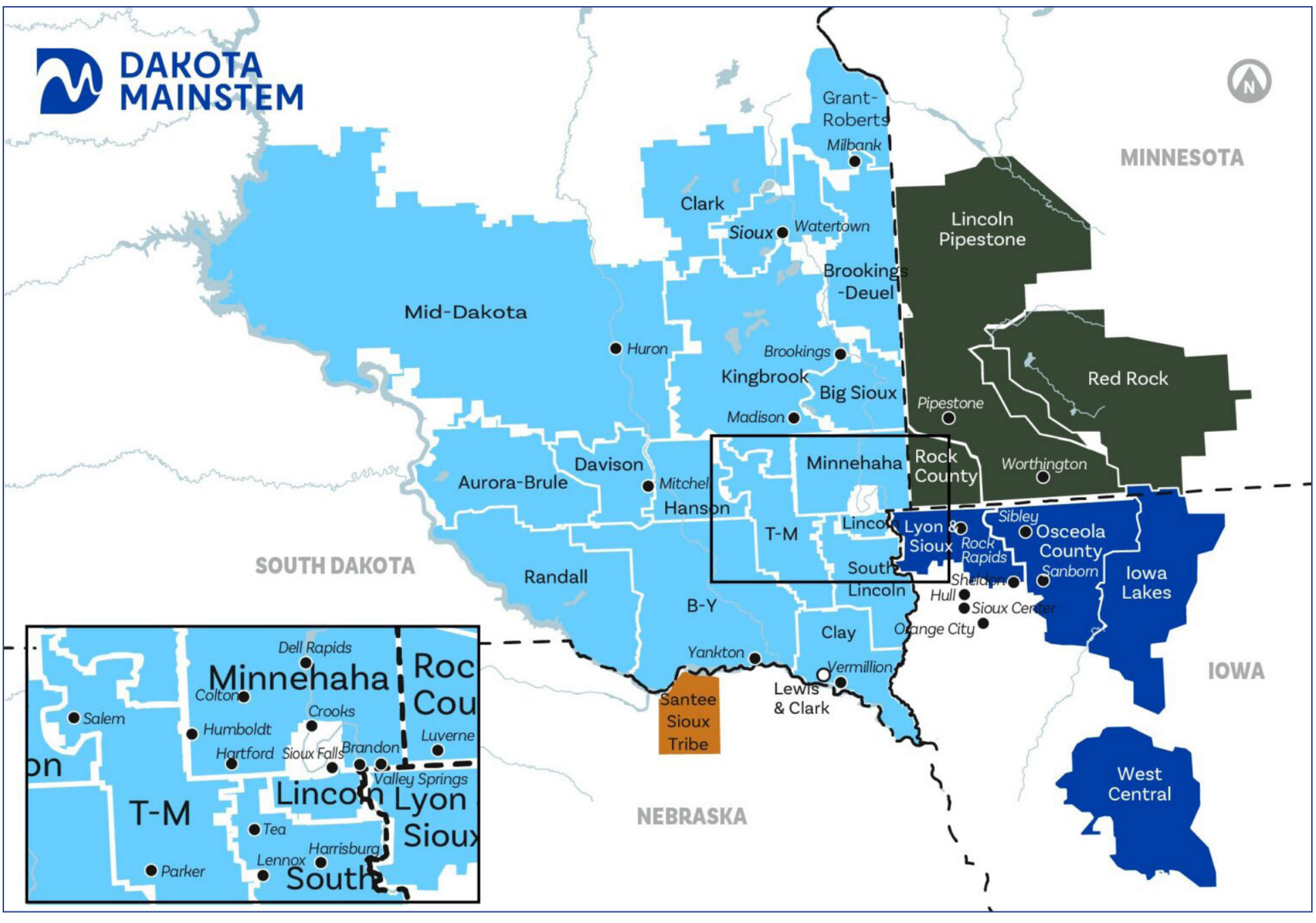
Construction began on the Lewis & Clark system in 2003 and is ongoing, although the constructed portion already serves 20 member cities and rural water systems. Completion of the three-state, 44-million-gallon-per-day "base system" is estimated to cost $825 million, with completion sometime in 2028. Federal funding covers 80% of the cost.

Larson said the planned expansion will increase capacity to 60 million gallons per day by 2030. But he said the system's members already project they will need an additional 95 million gallons per day over the next 40 years.

"That's 60 plus 95, not 60 and then get to 95," Larson said.

The projects are driven by industry and population growth.

Minnehaha Community Water is a member-owned utility that receives water from the Lewis & Clark pipeline and the Big Sioux River aquifer, and delivers it to 5,300 rural customers and seven cities. Buss said the system has approached its limits during recent summers — particularly during droughts — and has rejected some economic development opportunities because it could not guarantee it would be able to deliver enough water.



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Rolph Ranch, Ekalaka, MT	29	Mix	Str	365		$565.00
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Rolph Ranch, Ekalaka, MT	40	R/Ch	Hfr	587		$383.50
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Bachand, Benny R, Sturgis, SD	54	Bbld	Str	473		$509.00
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Blue Gate Solutions Llc, Gillette, WY	26	B/R	Str	569		$434.00
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Childs, Laura , Gillette, WY	13	B/R	Hfr	434		$300.00
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Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge, SD	62	Char	Str	526		$460.00
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Terry Family Trust, Glen & Nancy [Gillette Wy]	15	Blk	Strs	976		$ 320.00

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Rbj Ranch West Llc, Sundance, WY	33	Bbld	Strs	511		$ 500.00
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Cammack, Randy Or Mary Ellen, Sturgis, SD	24	B/R	Strs	657		$ 410.00
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Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY	11	Red	Hfrs	362		$ 530.00
Kc Ranch Llc, Rozet, WY	12	Red	Hfrs	357		$ 507.50
Keegan, Kelly, Hermosa, SD	17	Bbld	Strs	638		$ 420.00
Keegan, Kelly, Hermosa, SD	15	Bbld	Hfrs	616		$ 417.50
Kleven Ranch , Spearfish, SD	64	Bbld	Strs	499		$ 498.00
Kleven Ranch , Spearfish, SD	45	Bbld	Hfrs	487		$ 437.00
Kleven Ranch , Spearfish, SD	38	Bbld	Strs	407		$ 609.00
Kleven Ranch , Spearfish, SD	10	Bbld	Hfrs	400		$ 510.00
Kline, Jeff Or Cheryl, Newcastle, WY	11	Blk	Strs	589		$ 421.00
Knutson, Karl, Vale, SD	29	Blk	Strs	490		$ 502.00
Knutson, Karl, Vale, SD	76	Bbld	Strs	387		$ 625.00
Knutson, Karl, Vale, SD	26	Blk	Strs	305		$ 715.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis, SD	50	Herf	Strs	524		$ 440.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis, SD	17	B/R	Strs	455		$ 455.00
Kudlock Ranch , Belle Fourche, SD	110	Blk	Hfrs	543		$ 427.00
Kudlock Ranch , Belle Fourche, SD	74	Bld	Hfrs	516		$ 435.00
Kudlock Ranch , Belle Fourche, SD	99	Blk	Hfrs	446		$ 469.00
Langley, Justin, Forsyth, MT	33	B/R	Strs	484		$ 370.00
Lazy Sm Livestock, Billings, MT	48	B/R	Strs	545		$ 450.00
Lazy Sm Livestock, Billings, MT	34	Bbld	Hfrs	525		$ 407.00
Lazy Sm Livestock, Billings, MT	16	B/R	Hfrs	492		$ 402.50
Lazy Sm Livestock, Billings, MT	11	Bbld	Strs	453		$ 537.50
Long, David, Hot Springs, SD	21	B/R	Strs	500		$ 493.00
Long, David, Hot Springs, SD	19	Blk	Hfrs	497		$ 442.50
Long, David, Hot Springs, SD	13	Blk	Strs	364		$ 650.00
Mankin Livestock Llc, Gillette, WY	60	B/R	Strs	504		$ 478.00
Mankin Livestock Llc, Gillette, WY	40	Red	Hfrs	483		$ 460.00
Mankin Livestock Llc, Gillette, WY	12	Red	Strs	400		$ 580.00
Mankin Livestock Llc, Gillette, WY	20	Red	Hfrs	393		$ 527.50
Martinez, Tomas, Edgemont, SD	12	B/R	Strs	557		$ 460.00
Meisner, George E & Sarah L, Sundance, WY	12	Bbld	Hfrs	507		$ 437.50
Meisner, George E & Sarah L, Sundance, WY	11	Bbld	Strs	502		$ 495.00
Nelson, Don, Spearfish, SD	11	B/R	Strs	553		$ 447.50
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont, SD	51	Blk	Hfrs	546		$ 441.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont, SD	24	Blk	Hfrs	531		$ 420.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont, SD	12	Blk	Strs	459		$ 550.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont, SD	17	Blk	Hfrs	430		$ 450.00
Oliver Farm & Ranch Llc, Newell, SD	56	B/R	Strs	635		$ 417.00
Oliver Farm & Ranch Llc, Newell, SD	23	Bbld	Hfrs	589		$ 350.00
Perino, Janet, Newcastle, WY	22	Mix	Strs	596		$ 414.00
Perino, Janet, Newcastle, WY	18	R/Ch	Hfrs	565		$ 362.50
Perino, Janet, Newcastle, WY	11	Mix	Strs	490		$ 457.50
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond, MT	48	Blk	Strs	597		$ 433.00
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond, MT	102	Blk	Strs	535		$ 470.00
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond, MT	21	Blk	Strs	458		$ 541.00
Podzimek, Jim, Ludlow, SD	75	Bbld	Strs	553		$ 453.00
Podzimek, Jim, Ludlow, SD	21	Bbld	Strs	468		$ 535.00
Podzimek, Jim, Ludlow, SD	38	Bbld	Hfrs	461		$ 415.00
Roush, Dustin Or Janell, Gillette, WY	81	Bbld	Strs	455		$ 548.00
Roush, Dustin Or Janell, Gillette, WY	49	Bbld	Hfrs	419		$ 467.50
Roush, Dustin Or Janell, Gillette, WY	46	Bbld	Strs	371		$ 665.00
Roush, Dustin Or Janell, Gillette, WY	28	Bbld	Hfrs	349		$ 500.00
Ryan Xz Ranch Llc, Aladdin, WY	106	Bbld	Hfrs	530		$ 427.00
Schaffer, Margaret, Broadus, MT	27	Bbld	Strs	577		$ 430.00
Schaffer, Margaret, Broadus, MT	22	Bbld	Hfrs	506		$ 371.00
Schaffer, Margaret, Broadus, MT	14	Blk	Strs	457		$ 542.50
Secrest, Ashley, Buffalo, SD	13	Blk	Strs	660		$ 389.00
Sprague, Dale Or Ruth Ann, Mud Butte, SD	36	Blk	Strs	550		$ 453.00
Sprague, Dale Or Ruth Ann, Mud Butte, SD	47	Blk	Hfrs	518		$ 435.00
Sprague, Dale Or Ruth Ann, Mud Butte, SD	10	Blk	Strs	450		$ 545.00
Sprague, Dale Or Ruth Ann, Mud Butte, SD	12	Blk	Hfrs	421		$ 475.00
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland, SD	27	Blk	Strs	554		$ 445.00
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland, SD	10	Blk	Hfrs	544		$ 428.00
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland, SD	22	Blk	Hfrs	541		$ 428.00
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland, SD	11	Blk	Hfrs	422		$ 495.00
Sundling Livestock, Livingston, MT	89	Blk	Hfrs	601		$ 404.50
Tinnell, Randy, Whitewood, SD	16	Blk	Hfrs	590		$ 410.00
Tinnell, Randy, Whitewood, SD	30	Blk	Strs	578		$ 453.50
Tinnell, Randy, Whitewood, SD	16	Blk	Hfrs	496		$ 443.00
Turbiville, Brian, Belle Fourche, SD	22	Bbld	Strs	600		$ 426.00
Turbiville, Brian, Belle Fourche, SD	10	Mix	Strs	517		$ 447.50
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY	61	Blk	Strs	549		$ 432.50
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY	28	Blk	Strs	445		$ 535.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulett, WY	34	Bbld	Strs	602		$ 431.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulett, WY	10	Bld	Strs	477		$ 517.50
Yemington Ranch Llc, Sundance, WY	28	Blk	Hfrs	551		$ 432.50
Zeimet Brothers, Pringle, SD	28	Bbld	Strs	632		$ 401.00
Zeimet Brothers, Pringle, SD	30	Bbld	Hfrs	619		$ 405.00
Zeimet Brothers, Pringle, SD	11	Bld	Hfrs	464		$ 422.50

OCTOBER 28, 2026
SPRING CALF SPECIAL
1:00 PM – SPRING CALVES

BT-Branding Time Shots **PC**-PreCondition Shots **DF**-Drug Free **BV**-Bangs Vaccinated
NI- No Implants

YRLGS

L77 Ranch – 350 Red Angus Strs – 825-950# - Home Raised
- 60 Red Angus Hfrs – 800-875# - Open – Home Raised

SPRING CALVES

Myles Kobold – 200 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 450-600# - Bt, Pc
Bill Reno – 120 Blk Strs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc
- 50 Blk Hfrs – 5000-550# - Bt, Pc
Shortgrass – 130 Blk Strs – 450-550# - Bt, Pc
Mick Quaal – 100 Blk & Char X Strs & Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Johnson Ranch Llp – 42 Blk & Red Strs – 550-600# - Bt, Pc
Rylan Varvuska – 30 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500# - Bt, Pc
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

OCTOBER 30, 2026
SPRING CALF SPECIAL
Featuring HEREFORD INFLUENCE
9:00 AM – YRLGS FOLLOWED BY SPRING CALVES

BT-Branding Time Shots **PC**-PreCondition Shots **DF**-Drug Free **BV**-Bangs Vaccinated
NI- No Implants

CALVES

Heart H Ranch – 550 Blk Strs 7 Hfrs – 550-650# - Bt, Pc
Schell Long Pine – 250 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Whitney & Grubb – 220 Blk & Bldy, Few Red – Strs & Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Poured
Iron Mountain Cattle – 200 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 400-600#
John & Nathan Swanson - 190 Herf, Bldy & Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-580#- Bt, Ni
Kirk Harkis – 185 Herf, Blk Bldy & Red Bldy Mostly Strs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc
Lazy J5 Llc – 175 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 550-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Crago Land & Livestock – 150 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 425-550#- Bt, Pc
Sunnyside Livestock – 140 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 450-5825# - Bt, Ni, Df
Holso Ranch – 130 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Ray Williams – 120 Blk & F-1 Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 525-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Larry & Terry Fowlkes – 100 Blk Strs 7 Hfrs – 400-750# - Bt, Pc
Big Plum Creek Cattle – 100 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc
Rick & Marleen Neiman – 95 Blk Strs – 600-650# - Bt, Pc
Reece Clarkson – 80 Blk Stres & Hfrs – 450-550# - Bt, Pc
Greg Harris – 60 Herf Strs & Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Poured
Frost Ranch – 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 550-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Poured
Lloyd Jung – 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt
Matt & April Kammerer – 50 Blk Strs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Kent Kreutz – 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc
Todd & Susan Dewey – 30 Blk Strs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Marshall Clarys – 25 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 525# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Hat Bar Cattle Co – 20 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 350-500# - Bt, Ni, All Nat
Perry Mcclure – 18 Herf Strs & Hfrs – 450-500# - Bt, Pc
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

OCTOBER 31, 2026
BRED COW SPECIAL
9:00 AM – WEIGH UPS **12:00 NOON** – BRED COWS

BRED HFRS & COWS

Turkey Track Livestock – 69 Red Angus Hfrs – Ai Bred Red – 3/24 For 14 Days
Bryce Sigman – 40 Blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – 3/10 For 55 Days
John Bruch – 38 Blk & Red Mixed Age Cows – Bred Red – 5/1
Drew Hutchinson – 20 Red Angus 3 Yr To Short Term Cows – Bred Red – 5/1
Brian Birkley – 18 Short Solid Angus Cows – Bred Blk – 4/1 For 60 Days
Jensen Ranch – 12 Red Hfrs – 1050-1100# - Bred Red Angus – 3/15 For 30 Days
Jeff & Cheryl Kline – 10 Blk Running Age Cows – Bred Blk – 3/7 For 60 Days
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

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Newell, SD 57760

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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 22, 2026

Lambs Sold Steady
Slaughter Ewes Sold $10 To $15 Lower

NEXT SALE - OCT 29th - REPLACEMENT EWE & FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

Animals should be here by **10:00 AM** so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs

Blue Mountain Inc, Powder River, WY	74	Lamb	58		$405.00
Blue Mountain Inc, Powder River, WY	382	Lamb	78		$350.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison, SD	73	Ewe	82		$350.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison, SD	101	Lamb	61		$388.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison, SD	185	Lamb	80		$346.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison, SD	27	Lamb	97		$322.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell, SD	49	Lamb	72		$355.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell, SD	253	Lamb	95		$327.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	46	Lamb	70		$362.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	162	Lamb	92		$327.00
Acosta, Melanie, Prairie City, SD	80	Lamb	68		$360.00
Binger, Brant, Hay Springs, NE	112	Lamb	121		$282.00
Darling Creek Ranch Llc, Meadow, SD	61	Lamb	135		$269.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City, SD	240	Lamb	89		$332.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City, SD	43	Lamb	104		$304.00
Franke, Brian, Belle Fourche, SD	62	Lamb	67		$365.00
Franke, Brian, Belle Fourche, SD	251	Lamb	84		$342.00
Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo, SD	85	Lamb	64		$371.00
Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison, SD	26	Lamb	88		$335.00
Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche, SD	55	Lamb	79		$348.00
Spangler Ranch Ltd Partnership, Hulett, WY	76	Lamb	91		$317.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook, SD	67	Lamb	70		$362.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo, SD	61	5yr	165		$257.50
Atkinson, Jd, Mills, WY	53	Ss-St	156		$190.00

Slaughter Ewes

Burke, Pat, Newell, SD	14	K Ewe	180		$116.00
Gosney Ranch, Kaycee, WY	11	K Ewe	167		$116.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	37	K Ewe	200		$114.00
Blue Mountain Inc, Powder River, WY	54	K Ewe	154		$110.00
Tenold, Daron, Reva, SD	19	K Ewe	151		$110.00
Gosney Ranch, Kaycee, WY	20	K Ewe	150		$110.00
Parks, Leroy, Nisland, SD	23	K Ewe	141		$110.00
Rodriguez, Betty, Buffalo, WY	22	K Ewe	139		$110.00
Blue Mountain Inc, Powder River, WY	23	K Ewe	140		$109.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	23	K Ewe	172		$101.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	21	K Ewe	159		$100.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS
OCTOBER 29, 2026
Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special
1:00 PM

FEEDER LAMBS

Duane White – 500 Lambs
Johnson Sheep & Cattle – 300 Lambs

REPLACEMENT EWES

Clay Olson – 130 Ewe Lambs
Clay Olson – 60 Yrlg Ewes – Open
Melanie Acosta – 80 3 To 5 Yr Old Ewes
Sd Consignment – 300 5 & 6 Yr Old Ewes
Bill Daniels – 60 3 To 6 Yr Old Ewes
Roger Gunderson – 180 3 Yr Old Ewes
Roger Gunderson – 120 6 Yr Old Ewes
Jennie Miller Ranch – 400 5 Yr Old Ewes

TESTED BUCKS

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Troy Hewson – 4 Yrlg Suffolk Bucks
Troy Hewson – 20 Suffolk Buck Lambs
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

Please Have Animals In By 10:00 AM So They Can All Be Weighed Before The Sale!

Watch Our Sales Live On Cattleusa!

2026 SHEEP SALES

November 5th - Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 12th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 19th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 26th – No Sale – Happy Thanksgiving!
December 3rd – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 10th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 17th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats – Last Sale Of 2026!

We are reps for
SUPERIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Video Auction Time is Coming up very, quickly - If you are considering filming your Calves or Yearlings for Fall Delivery
Contact Us For Your Video Marketing Needs

Attention to all sheep & goat producers: It is required that every male & female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged $5/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

2026 CATTLE SALES

Wednesday, November 4th – Last Wednesday Spring Calf Special – Noon
Friday, November 6th – Spring Calf Special Featuring Red Angus Influence
Saturday, November 7th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special
Friday, November 13th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 14th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special
Friday, November 20th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 21st – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special
Saturday, November 28th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special
December 4th – Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 11th – Bred Hfr & Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 18th – Spring Calf & Bred Cow Special – Last Sale Of 2026
Thank You To All Our Consignors & Buyers For Your Business!

St Onge Livestock has a ***receiving station for the Gillette Area every Thursday***. It is on ***Northern Drive in Gillette.*** Call ***Doug Miller at 307-660-0960*** to let him know what is coming. You can unload ***all day every Thursday until 3 pm. You pay receiving station fee of $3 per head & $2.50/cwt for trucking.*** You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.
THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. ***You pay receiving station fee of $3 per head & $2.50/cwt for trucking.*** For more information, call ***Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.***