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New Faces, New Year for Butte County Commissioners

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BELLE FOURCHE-The Butte County Commission Chair Kim Richards closed out 2022 and handed the “gavel” to Stan Harms to begin 2023 at the first regular meeting held January 2. Richards read his final letter addressing several issues that had arisen during the past year. Excerpts can be found in a following article.

There was a short glitch before business could continue as the board waited for Judge Michael Day to arrive. After Judge Day had administered the oath of office to newly elected commissioner Chad Erk, Incumbents Sheriff Fred Lamphere, Auditor Annie Capp, and Register of Deeds Julie Brunner, the commissioners elected a board chairman and vice chairman.

Stan Harms took the position of Chair with James Ager moving to Vice Chair. Chair Harms began with hearing public comments from the large crowd gathered in the Commissioner Room.

Nevada Ellison, Redwater Cannabis, commented on the benefits of Medical Cannabis and the perception, in his view, of law enforcement issues with cannabis. According to Ellison, major drug problems would not be a problem in Butte County because it is irrelevant to the cartels. He said that meth and other drugs pose more of a problem to the area than medical cannabis.

Ellison was followed by Travis Ismay’s comments to the board concerning the salary of Butte County Commissioners. According to Ismay’s figures, each commissioner is paid \$19,106 per year. In comparison, state legislators receive a base salary of \$15,000 per year plus \$150 per diem during regular sessions. He questioned the commissioners asking them if they were worth more than state legislators.

He also brought out that according to SD codified law 7-7-5, a county commissioner should receive \$5,397 in counties with a population of less than 8,000 but not more than 15,000. Codified law 7-7-5 is as follows: “7-7-5. Salary of county commissioners.

The board of county commissioners may determine the salary of the commissioners. Such salary may be set by the board of county commissioners at its first regular meeting of each year. If the board of county commissioners fails to determine a salary, then the salary of a county commissioner in any one year is:

- (1) Seven thousand two hundred thirty-three dollars as per diem or salary in counties of thirty thousand population or over;
- (2) Six thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars as per diem or salary in counties of fifteen thousand population and over and not more than thirty thousand.

County Commission A8



The 2023 Butte County Commission took their positions at the first meeting of the year. From the left **Chad Erk**, newly elected for District 3; **Chair Person Stan Harms**, **Vice Chair James Ager**, **Frank Walton**, and **Karrol Herman**. *Betty Bruner Photo*

Standout Students Recognized



These Bronc student and athletes were recognized for their fall athletic and academic accomplishments during last Saturday’s home basketball game. - *Laurie Ward Photo*



Annie Capp was sworn in by Judge Day as the Butte County Auditor for a four-year term. -*Bruner Photo*



Sheriff **Fred Lamphere** was sworn in as Butte County Sheriff, a position he has held since 2002. -*Bruner Photo*



Julie Brunner officially takes over a four-year term as Butte County Register of Deeds. -*Bruner Photo*

New Scale House Opens at Landfill

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BELLE FOURCHE – As of Jan. 5, the new scale house at the Belle Fourche landfill was in operation.

The new entrance gate is about 200 yards north of the current gate. Those delivering loads to the landfill as asked to enter here and proceed slowly onto the scale. According to the city’s public works department an attendant will direct users where they will need to go.

Upon returning to the scale, patrons are asked to fully pull onto the scale slowly, once it is clear to do so. All transactions will take place inside the scale house. If needed patrons are asked to please use the north door.

If you are using a punch card the city asks you to bring it inside, along with a photo ID, prior to proceeding beyond the scale. If the punch card is not presented at weighing in, it will not be honored, and payment will be expected.

Landfill users must have photo ID to verify the punch card holder. Punch cards may be obtained by City of Belle Fourche residential water account holders at City Hall at the city services desk.

Public Works recognizes there will be a learning curve with this new setup, but they will work through this with the public by being patient and getting used to a new procedure for conducting business at the landfill.



The new scale house at the Belle Fourche public landfill opened on January 5th. It is located about 200 yards north of where the old scale was. -*Courtesy Photo*

The John Pearson Building: A New Chapter

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As of February 2022, the Pearson Building is under new ownership. The two-story store-front located on the south side of State Street across from the Beacon office is a familiar downtown Belle Fourche landmark. After all, it has stood the tests of time for nearly 114 years.

The new owner is K&K Teulu LLC, a real estate and property management company with a vision shaped by appreciation for history, architectural aesthetics, the importance of

good living, and the ability to see a project through.

K&K Teulu is the creation of Kelly and Cadie Hockenbary and their four children. It is very much a family business. In fact, “Teulu” is the Welsh word for family.

The Hockenbarys are restoring the 3,000 sq. ft. Pearson building with vigor and enthusiasm. In a few short months, they have updated electricity, painted, sheet-rocked, restored original features and provided enough cosmetic improvements to rent spaces in the front of the

Pearson B5



Historic photo of the John Pearson Building at 615 State Street, third from left, and the Pearson Opera House. *Photo Courtesy of Butte County Historical Society*



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Anna Pomrenke 58

Anna P. Pomrenke, age 58 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, January 2, 2023 at her home, with her loving family by her side.

A memorial service was held on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Friends may view Anna's service live or afterwards from the live-streaming weblink found on her obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Anna Pauline Reitman was born November 22, 1964 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Harold and Verona (Watne) Reitman. Anna grew up near White, South Dakota and graduated from Deubrook High School in 1983. Prior to graduating, in 1982, Anna met the man she would marry in high school. Marlyn Pomrenke and Anna were united in marriage in Brookings, SD on November 8, 1985. To this union were born three children: Seth, Elijah, and Alanah. Following their marriage, Marlyn and Anna lived in San Antonio Texas while Marlyn served in the U.S. Air Force. Anna worked as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines for 12 years. Many memories were made during those years, including meeting several famous people and even trying on a Super Bowl ring one time.

In 1990, Anna and Marlyn moved to Belle Fourche and in 1994 they moved to Salt Lake City UT. In 1999 they settled in Estelline SD, where they lived for 16 years. It was there that Anna opened up her own salon business. In 2015 they



moved to Belle Fourche, where they have lived since.

Anna had many great traits that will always be remembered. Her greatest one was probably her big heart. She was always befriending people in need, whether it be high school students, or one of her many boy-friends over the age of 70 that needed a friend. Anna had a heart for lonely people. She cooked thousands of meals for them, whether they were young or old. She was caring, loving, and compassionate. She always fought for the underdogs who were picked on by others. People like that were the ones she would befriend. Cancer was a disease that she kept quite private. She fought it and persevered through the effects of it, but didn't want people to worry about her these past couple years. Her faith was vital to her, and she loved to study the Word of God. She taught Bible studies for years, including her own family up until the past few days. She was proud of her children, and loved them so much. She loved her husband greatly was a dedicated wife and mother. She will be missed so much and she will always be remembered.

Anna is survived by her husband, Marlyn of Belle Fourche; daughter, Alanah of Belle Fourche; sons, Seth of Wall and Elijah of Madison; sisters, Natalie and Emily Reitman of Hendricks MN; and nephew, Dylan Johnson of Hendricks MN. She was preceded in death by her parents; and an infant son, Caleb Olaf Pomrenke.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Lisa Joan Howard 58

Lisa Joan Howard, 58, of Belle Fourche died at her home with her family at her side on January 4, 2023 following a long battle with cancer.

She was born September 23, 1964 in Greybull, WY to William "Butch" and JoLynn Somerville. Lisa graduated from Worland/Powell High School in 1982. While in high school she was involved in gymnastics and the swim team. After high school she employed at the Cody Nursing Home then later worked at multiple auto dealerships with her last and currently being Hersruds of Belle Fourche.

In December 1985 Lisa married Tim Kaufmann and had two children Rayce and Calynn. They divorced in 1991. She moved to South Dakota in October of 1993. She met Bob Howard and they were married May of 1995 and they had a child Brittney.

Lisa enjoyed the outdoors, camping, spending time with family and shopping with the girls when she could. She also enjoyed her yearly trips with her mother and her Aunt Deanna.

She was a contributor of Disabled Veterans, Make a Wish Foundation, ASPCA and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



She was preceded in death by her grandparents; uncle, Jerry Phillips and Aunt, Deanna Brenden.

She is survived by her mother and father, Butch and JoLynn Sommerville of Powell, WY; her husband, Bob Howard of Belle Fourche; children, Rayce Kaufmann (Alyssa Padilla) of TX; Calynn (Jesse) Kling of Spearfish, SD and Brittney Howard of Belle Fourche; grandchildren, Breckyn and Brightyn Kaufmann and Ashlyn Kling; her brother, William (Ronnie) Sommerville of Evanston, WY and nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 18th at 11:00 am at Studio 621, 621 N Main Street, Spearfish, SD.

Inurnment will take place at a later date in the Donald J. Ruhl Memorial Cemetery in Greybull, WY.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Walter Meyer 87

Walter M. Meyer, 87, of Belle Fourche, South Dakota died January 8, 2023 at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Delilah Meyer; children, Brett (Stacey) Meyer, Blaine (Carrie) Meyer and Brian Meyer all of Belle Fourche; 4 grandchildren; a sister, Virginia (Lynn) Schmidt of Belle Fourche and nieces and nephews.

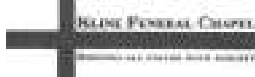
He was preceded in death by his



parents; a grandchild, Riley Meyer; 4 brothers, Elmer, David, Robert and Albert "Harold" Meyer; a sister, Dorothy Thornberg.

Services are pending. A complete obituary will be forthcoming.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Derek Anderson of Newell Christian Fellowship Church

"All Things New"



The world we live in, broken by sin as it is, can be incredibly frustrating at times. Things we believe should work a certain way fall short of our expectations, and things that once worked well no longer do. This is true of relationships, possessions, habits, and beliefs. Everything in our lives changes at some point whether we are prepared for it or not, leaving each of us with a grand decision of whether we will adjust with the change or continue to do what we have always done. Every January, as the calendar rolls into the new year, many people take time to evaluate their lives and make plans for how they will make deliberate changes with "New Year's Resolutions" or plans for how they intend to weather the unexpected changes the new year will bring.

As the world around us and even our own lives change it is important to remember one thing has remained the same throughout every generation and will continue to be unchanging, that is the character of God! The Bible states in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever;" and in James 1:17, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Light, with whom there is no variation or shadow of change." There is perfect hope and security in trusting Jesus because He is perfectly unchanging!

One of the most prominent reasons people fail to navigate change well is because we don't have the knowledge or ability necessary. We find ourselves completely insufficient, so instead we continue to do what has always

been done and hope for the best. Albert Einstein observed because of this tendency, "insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Living in this broken, ever-changing world even our best efforts will never be sufficient to weather life's changes without someone greater to help. Something 'New' must be done.

What must be done is trusting the perfect, unchanging character of Jesus! When we turn to Jesus for salvation from sin and submit to His guidance our lives will be changed in a way we have never known before. The Apostle Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away, behold the new has come." When we turn to Jesus for forgiveness of sin and submit ourselves to His perfect character, He changes our hearts to begin mirroring His perfect character. A character that gives us a standard of living that is always the same. A character which is described in the pages of the Bible and is made possible through His grace! Trusting Jesus every day and with everything allows us to have a great hope because the changes of the world no longer direct our lives. Our lives are finally and fully directed by the grace of Jesus for the purpose of bringing Him glory.

When you find you are insufficient, turn to Jesus! Are there areas of your life you are trying to navigate on your own? Are you continually discouraged navigating life's changes, and discouraged that things never work out the way you hoped? Look to Scripture to see who Jesus is and seek His character! Stop trying to do the same things while expecting a different result; rather rest in the promises of Jesus and trust Him to make all things new in you!



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January 6th & 7th - Personal Finance Class
January 9th - National Law Enforcement Day
January 11th - Chamber Lunch & Learn - HR Management
January 12th - Pain & Movement Solutions
Grand Opening in Sturgis 10am
January 12th - Belle Silver Lining Supermarket Sweep Raffle
January 13th & 14th - Saturday on State Market
January 14th - The Wild Bluebell Wide Brim Hat Workshop
January 13th | 20th | 27th | Feb 3rd | 10th - Entrepreneur Class
January 19th - Chamber Job Fair 9am to 1pm
January 19th – Business Mixer at Grap's Wine Room
January 24th- Chamber Onboarding Workshop 5:30pm

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Tipperary Trots into the Tri-State Museum

Tipperary, the bucking horse famed for his reputation among area rodeo fans, has trotted into the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center and is here to stay.

No, it isn't the real Tipperary, whose storied career and life ended in the 1920s. And perhaps he didn't really trot – he was carefully carried in by staff of the Belle Fourche Public Works Department.

This Tipperary is a nearly life-sized wooden horse which director Kristi Thielen was able to secure from another museum, several years ago. He's been in storage since then, until the decision was made to put him on the museum floor. Collections Archivist Jada Udager carefully painted him to look like the real Tipperary and put him in the museum's rodeo exhibit.

The museum's Tipperary bears the original Tipperary saddle. He is surrounded by storyboards that explain how he gained his name and his reputation as a bucking horse with only one definitive qualified ride. That ride was taken by Yakima Canutt, who was noted for his rodeo appearances and his work in the movie industry.

But the full Tipperary story involves much more. And it can be taken in with a visit to the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche. Horse and rodeo fans are encouraged to stop in to see the famous bucking horse and maybe even have a photo taken alongside him.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.



A exhibit addition featuring Tipperary is on display at the Tri-State Museum. *Courtesy Photo*

Museum seeks artifact loans for “Beauty Is as Beauty Does” Exhibit

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will open a new temporary exhibit on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

The exhibit is entitled “Beauty Is as Beauty Does,” and is the history of cosmetics, haircare and the changing ideas of “beauty” through time.

The museum is seeking the loans of artifacts for the exhibit. Such items could include vintage mirrors, brushes and combs, compacts, eyelash curlers, hair curlers, hair dryers

and makeup kits, containers and packages.

Artifacts loaned for a temporary exhibit always go back to their owners when the exhibit closes; “Beauty” will be up until April 18th.

If you have items you would like to loan for this exhibit, please call Jada Udager at 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Area Church Schedules

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
6th and Roundup - 892-2446
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver
The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests
Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St - 892-4767
Dan Carlson, Pastor
Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1105 Todd St.
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Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

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Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
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Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten -12th grade
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5:30pm - Salt and Light

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10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Bronc Volleyball Awards



Honorable Mention: **Dylan Stedillie & Adryana Hovland** (not pictured). All Conference: **Mataya Ward, Lily McCarty** and **Chloe Crago.** *Laurie Ward Photo*



Senior Academic All State : L to r: **Ayden Kummer, Ava McLennan, Grace Clooten** and **Chloe Crago** missing is **Adryana Hovland.** *Laurie Ward Photo*



Team Awards: **Grace Clooten** Bronc Spirit Award; **Lily McCarty** Team Captain; **Mataya Ward** Offensive player of year; **Sloan Young:** Most Improved Player; **Chloe Crago:** Co captain, defensive player of year and MVP. *Laurie Ward Photo*




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BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL MENU

Wed, Jan 11th
BRONC Breakfast: Donut
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Taco or Corn Dog
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Thurs, Jan 12th
BRONC Breakfast: Cini Mini
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Ranch Pasta or
Breaded Beef Patty
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Mon, Jan 16th
BRONC Breakfast: Pancake Sausage on a Stick
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Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Pepperoni Sub or Popcorn Chicken
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Tue, Jan 17th
BRONC Breakfast: Long John
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup or
Chicken Sandwich
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Wed, Jan 18th
BRONC Breakfast: French Toast Sticks
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Mataya Ward shoots two as Grace Clooten follows in.
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Busy Weekend for the Bronc Wrestlers

Kandi Tonsager

Special to the Beacon

On Thursday January 5th, the Broncos wrestled in Spearfish for a triangular against the Spartans and the St Thomas More Cavaliers. The Broncos beat St Thomas More in team points 63 to 18 and fell short to the Spartans 33 to 40.

At 106lbs Logan Tyndall won by fall over Michael Zoller of Spearfish and by forfeit over STM. At 113lbs Toarin Humble won by fall over Landen Kruske of Spearfish and Emmet Edwards of STM. At 120lbs Riggan Lutter fell to John Jeffery of Spearfish and Karter Brager of STM. At 126lbs Alex Norlin fell to Parker Graveman of Spearfish and Joseph Giacometto of STM. At 132lbs Jory Olson lost to Dago Rodriguez of Spearfish by decision and by fall to Westin Edwards of STM. At 138lbs Riley Dighton won over Kaden Gonzales of Spearfish and Tyson Durham of STM by decision. At 145lbs Elijah Branning lost to Aiden Kracht of Spearfish by major decision and won by fall over Kylan Gerlick of STM. At 152lbs Thomas McCoy fell to Quinten Carlson of Spearfish and won by fall over Bode Jan-kord of STM. At 160lbs Owyn Schreder lost to Jacob Ellingson of Spearfish by decision and won by fall over Isaiah Quasney of STM.

At 170lbs Andrew Tonsager fell to Evan Wilson of Spearfish and won by forfeit over STM. At 182lbs Lucas Green fell to Mason Schlup of Spearfish and won by forfeit over STM. At 195lbs Gunner Geib won by fall over Cole Malo of Spearfish and Mason Nehl won by fall over Jackson Rusch of STM. At 220 Mason Nehl fell to Asher Peil of Spearfish and Gunner Geib won

by forfeit over STM. At 285lbs Luke Tonsager won by fall over Alex Cudmore of Spearfish and by forfeit over STM.

The Lady Bronc wrestlers fell to the Spartans and won over STM as well. Individual match result listings were unavailable.

After the triangular, the Broncos headed to Presho, SD for the Mid Dakota Monster tournament where they were able to see competitors they may not meet again until the state competition. There were 31 teams at the tournament. The Broncos men placed 14th and the Lady Broncos placed 6th in the Bride of the Monster division.

At 106lbs Logan Tyndall went 11-6 and placed 6th, and Garet Huston went 6-4. At 113lbs Toarin Humble went 5-6 and Riggan Lutter went 1-5. At 120lbs Alex Norlin went 2-4. At 132lbs Jory Olson went 1-2. At 138lbs Riley Dighton went 12-5. At 145lbs Elijah Branning went 6-5. At 152lbs Spencer Bush went 1-4 and Thomas McCoy went 9-2. At 160 Owyn Schreder went 6-5 and placed 8th. At 170lbs Andrew Tonsager went 3-5. At 182lbs Lucas Green went 4-5 and Caleb Dosch went 0-5. At 195lbs Gunner Geib went 3-6 and Mason Nehl went 0-2. At 220lbs Luke Tonsager went 3-4.

For the Lady Broncos at 106lbs Kyra Vandenberg went 5-2 and placed 2nd. At 113lbs Hailey Rodriguez went 8-4 and placed 3rd. At 126lbs Aleyah Carbajal went 0-2. At 132lbs Alexa Swaney went 5-4. At 142lbs Olivia Nehl went 5-4. At 154lbs Izzabella Ramos went -4 and at 190 Adalae Grusing went 2-5 and placed 5th.

The Broncos will compete next on Saturday January 14th at the Black Hills Conference Invite in Lead.

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More Defeats Bronc Boys and Girls Basketball

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The Belle Fourche Broncos boys and girls basketball hosted the St. Thomas More Cavaliers on succe-

sive nights this past week. The Cavalier teams as usual are both rated in the top 5 of the State Class A rankings.

On Monday, January 2nd, the Lady Broncos and Lady Cavaliers tangled in a game which was a good test to see where the Broncos are as a team. The Ladies fought a hard game against a talented More squad but fell 51-37 to the Cavaliers.

The first quarter found More in a defensive struggle with Belle and the Cavs held a 13-7 advantage after one quarter. More's offense got clicking in the second stanza while the Broncos were still struggling on offense and opened up a 30-16 lead heading to the lockers at half. Belle settled down in the

second half outscoring the Cavs 10-9 in the third and playing them tight in the fourth quarter with More getting the 14 point victory.

Mataya Ward led the Lady Broncos with 8 points and Dylan Stedille hit two three pointers in the game and added six points. The Broncos couldn't stop 6'1 Cavalier senior Reese Ross as she poured in 29 points for game high honors and Makenna Jacobson had 8 counters. This was the first loss for Belle as they are now 2-1 while More improves to 6-2 on the season.

In the JV contest the Lady Cavs won a nail biter over the Lady Broncos 43-42. Lily Nore led the Broncos attack with 11 points and Reese Larson added 10. In the C contest STM dropped Belle 53-42. Lily Nore had 18 points with Bailey Moke and Denali Larson adding 9 and 6 respectively.

In the boys game played the next night in Belle Fourche the Cavaliers came out with all guns blazing and opened up a 24-2 lead after one and never looked back as they prevailed by a 63-26 score.

Belle settled down in the

second period and played the Cavs even with each team netting 11 points and Belle trailed 35-13 at intermission. More proved too much as the Broncos only scored 13 points in the second half as More pulled away with 27 points of their own in the half for the final margin of victory.

Anthony Budmayr paced the Broncos with 14 points and Anthony Staley chipped in 10. Cavaliers head coach Dave Hollenbeck's son 6'3" Caleb blitzed the nets for 32 points including 6 shots from deep leading all scorers.

"We got punched hard in the first quarter but found some flow in the second quarter," said Broncos head coach Clay Pottorff. "I thought Anthony Budmayr, Anthony Staley, and Tatin Yackley did some good stuff for us and we played hard until the end," he added. The Broncos fall to 1-2 for the year while More is still undefeated at 6-0.

In the JV game More prevailed by a score similar to the varsity game 61-25. Carter McKenna had 9 for the Broncos and Isaac Voyles and Rance Bowden had 4 apiece.



Dylan Stedille and Mataya Ward play stingy defense on St. Thomas More. *Laurie Ward Photo*



Kyra Vandenberg



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South Dakota won the national championship with a convincing win of 45-21 over their confer-

By: Doug Cole

ence rival from North Dakota.

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Beacon sportswriter Dr. Jim Trimble, his son Josiah, and friend Ron Ensz were among the notables who sojourned to Texas to witness the Victory!

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In spite of making the trip to Frisco, Doc forwarded the Beacon a write up on last week's St. Thomas More basketball games and a promise to catch up on the rest of the games upon his return from the Lone Star State.



Jackrabbit fans **Ron Ensz, Josiah Trimble, and Dr. Jim Trimble** pose for a photograph before the start of the FCS National Championship game in Frisco, Texas. The Jacks won 45-21. - SD Club Courtesy Photo

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Vern and Laurie Ward and family and the VLW Ranch will be honored Jan. 14-15, at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre, SD as the 2022 South Dakota Quarter Horse Association Legacy Ranching Honorees. - Courtesy Photo


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Arik Homola was sworn in to the Belle Fourche Police Department by Mayor Randy Schmidt at the Tuesday, Jan. 3 City Council meeting. Homola will attend officer certification training in Pierre. *Beacon photo*



The entrance to the Belle Fourche Landfill has been changed as construction has been completed on the new scale house. Users will find the entrance to the north of old entrance. *Courtesy photo*

Farewell Letter from Butte County Commissioner Kim Richards

NOTE: The following contains excerpts from a letter read by outgoing Butte County Commission Chair Kim Richards at the end of his last commission meeting on January 3, 2023.

“There seems to be some confusion as to the reference to a Study which was in the Temporary Ordinance 2021-01. The Voters passed Amendment 26 in November 2020 with a statewide majority of 70% in favor making Medical Cannabis legal in South Dakota.

The SD Legislature empowered the SD DOH with implementation of the law and responsible for the rules and regulations in conjunction with the Amendment.

The State was not prepared for the July 1st start date so in order to buy time Cities and Counties were to pass a Temporary Ordinance with the verbiage that more study was needed to be done and this Ordinance would delay the start date to October 28, 2021. The same language can be found in the Belle Fourche Temporary Ordinance as well as all others.

This Study was a combined effort by all the Stakeholders in order help the DOH bring the will of the people into fruition. Some of the parties involved were: SD Legislature, SD DOH, Attorney Generals Office, Municipal League, SD Statewide Associations of - County Commissioners, Elected Officials, States Attorneys and Sheriffs; Black Hills Council of Local Governments, Cannabis Consultants, City Councilmen, County Commissioners, city/county employees, and Citizens. These groups worked together to shape the rules and regulations that the DOH presented to the State. As Butte County worked to craft a Temporary Ordinance as well as amend the original Cannabis Ordinance we used information we gleaned from these sources.

Time Place Manner
The DOH determined that local counties and cities would have jurisdiction over times of operation, the place where the facilities could operate and way the business would operate. This limited the Counties roll in the administration of Medical Cannabis. One thing that we quickly found out that without zoning it eliminated a couple of important steps that would have given us better control of “Time Place Manor [Manner].”

Determining # of Permits
... Please understand that the only way you can buy Medical Cannabis is with the proper permits at a licensed Dispensary. This process was approved by a large majority of the people of South Dakota with laws and rules approved by Legislation and DOH. Because it was recommended to us that we don’t create a monopoly we decided to allow 2 Dispensary licenses in Butte County. Also, it is important to note in Butte County each city is required to issue at

least one license which would make the possibility of at least three more dispensaries in Belle Fourche, Newell, and Nisland. Looking at how this played out in other Counties, Meade County limited it to one license yet they now have 4 licenses-1 in Faith, 2 in Sturgis and 1 in the County. In Lawrence County they have 6 licensed dispensaries and have over 20 in Pennington County.

...The other three types of licenses are strictly highly regulated support businesses to the dispensary. So, in looking at how to regulate these businesses I factored in the following: the voters supported it, 100% legal opportunity, I have had people I know say that it has helped them after surgeries or cancer, a chance to create economic opportunities, we are an agriculture community, and it is best not to create a monopoly. I had through this process mentioned several times that I believe we need to let economics decide the number of businesses just like we do with every other business.

In a true market society, pricing is determined by supply and demand, unless the business is a monopoly or regulated. If these businesses want to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars into legitimate business I do not believe we should stand in the way.... We have since changed the unlimited cultivation to 7 and if any of the cultivation facilities do not renew their licenses we will not license more than 5 facilities. You cannot get Cannabis at any of these facilities-only at a licensed Dispensary.

Water
The Butte County Commission has no regulatory authority over water use in the County....

Another issue I found disturbing is using unrealistic figures when considering water use. ...

For my research I used a chart that was presented on a Facebook page of the person claiming the plant would take 6 gallons a day. ... my research on growing cannabis indoors shows the optimal conditions are one plant every square ft in 4 to 5 gallons of soil. So, using the chart they referenced we find that a plant will use .2 of a gallon per day-not the 6 to 8 gallons a day. In comparison an average sized cannabis facility will consume the same amount of water as a family of 6. Using the 6-8 gallons of water per plant would be the same amount of water as the Belle Fourche Golf Club uses to water about 25 acres each night

Black Market and the Cartel
Through the process I have heard predictions that the Cartel will move in and take over the Grow farms and sell on the Black Market. I have done extensive research and do not see this happening for the following reasons:

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South Dakota legislators received in 2022 \$13,957 plus \$155/day of legislative session. Last year was a 40 session, making an addition of \$6,200 plus mileage. These numbers are taken from BallotPedia.org website.

In his farewell letter to the public, out-going commissioner Kim Richards highlighted the area of salaries paid to the Butte County Commissioners. He pointed out that in 2022 commissioners were paid \$18,024.76. There were 34 regular and special meetings. Also, the commissioners serve on several committees.

Richards gave the example of Frank Walton who had 66 meetings in 2021.

“This amounts to \$265 per meeting and does not take into the consideration the time spent on phone calls, preparation for meetings, or meeting with the public,” he said. He continued, “Meade County is very close to ours except they get paid health insurance.”

Meeting dates have been set for the year which include three evening meetings. Regular meetings will be the first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. respectively, with March 21, June 20, and September 19 as evening meetings at 6:00 p.m. The meeting July will be held July 6 at 9:30 a.m.

The board was split in the decision to have the evening meetings with Harms and Walton voting No and Ager, Herman, and Erk voting Aye.

The commissioners reorganized for 2023 by passing resolutions establishing the departments of the county and establishing wages for county employees. A change was made for Resolution 2023-01 which establishes official depositories.

Wells Fargo Bank had closed in Belle Fourche and the

county’s account was moved to Spearfish. According to county ordinance, county monies must be held in county depositories. Auditor Annie Capp explained that there were still checks outstanding in the Wells Fargo account. The commissioners decided to keep the bank as an official depository until the checks have cleared.

Commissioners voted to purchase from Butler Equipment a V-Plow attachment to enhance snow removal along county roads. At the cost of \$32,184 the attachment will probably not be delivered for several months.

Kudos were given to County Dispatch, Sheriff’s Department, County Highway, and especially to Sherry Hocking, Newell Ambulance from the commissioners and Sheriff Lamphere. Hocking stayed at the Newell Ambulance barn to aid anyone during the recent storms. The county highway crews “did a job well done” said Sheriff Lamphere and Stan Harms.

The next regular meeting for the county commission will be January 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.



Two incumbent commissioners and a new face were sworn in by **Judge Mike Day**. **Chad Erk**, left, will take over as District 3 Commissioner for a four-year term. **James Ager**, District 1, and **Frank Walton**, District 5, will continue for another four years in their respective districts. - *Betty Bruner Photo*

punish those that do not follow the law.

The Cartel does not want anything to with legal facilities. They do not want to draw attention to themselves.

At a seminar I attended the presenter was a Sheriff from a county in the Denver area and he said the biggest problems they had with the Cartel and Black-Market cannabis was the authority given to grow at home.

He stated it was legal to grow 6 plants in your home and the Cartel moved in and bought houses with 10 people living there. All of a sudden you have a house with 60 plants in the basemen with 100% of the production hitting the Black Market. In South Dakota the Legislature at the last session passed a bill that will allow people with Medical Canna-

bis cards to grow in their own home.

It has been mentioned that the Cartel will take over the transportation system, steal the legal cannabis, transport their own and this will lead to other crimes such as human trafficking. Again, upon research of the DOH rules and regulations they have addressed these problems and are highly regulating the transportation of Cannabis. The Cartel is not going to partake in activities that will bring attention to their activities.

Compliance
The Butte County Commission faced an overwhelming task of trying to get an ordinance in place that would satisfy the will of the people. We based our decisions on what the majority had requested making sure it was within the letter of the law. As the rollout of Medical Can-

nabis evolved we listened to the citizens and did make changes that would limit cultivation and add safeguards like public hearings. I would expect to see more changes in the future as issues arise.

Budget
Butte County prepares a yearly budget that must be approved in October and sent to the State. This Budget is a combined effort by all employees in the County and the Commission has final approval. ...The majority of the Budget is made up of mandated expense which the Commission has no control over. ...In my time at Butte County I am very impressed how all the departments made every effort to provide an accurate budget and then manage their spending to stay within budget.”

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Kaiser, Thomas, Hermosa SD	31Blk.	Hfr	532	\$186.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	1.Blk.	Hfr	1190	\$134.00
Losing, Larry & Norma, Baker MT	16Blk.	Str.	565	\$220.00
Short Pine Hills Cattle & Hay LLC, Sioux Falls SD	5.Blk.	Str.	1079	\$162.50
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY	12Red	Hfr	785	\$166.00

Weigh Up Cows

Blair Bros LLC+16:106, Vale SD	2.Blk.	Hfr	1010	\$110.00
Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa SD	2.Blk.	Cow	1412	\$68.50
Baker, Travis, Hermosa SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1760	\$68.50
Bar Bar V Livestock, Newell SD	2.Blk.	Cow	1302	\$69.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD	3.Blk.	Hfr	1053	\$93.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1110	\$84.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD	1	Cowette	730	\$83.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD	12Blk.	Cowette	1272	\$78.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD	2.Blk.	Cow	1392	\$71.00
Brassfield, Lee, Caputa SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1850	\$68.50
Brengle, Than, Buffalo SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1410	\$70.00
Brengle, Than, Buffalo SD	8.Bld	Cow	1291	\$68.50
Brengle, Than, Buffalo SD	2.Bld	Cow	1255	\$68.50
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	1.Blk.	Hfr	1145	\$96.00
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	1.Blk.	Cowette	1015	\$82.00
Clabaugh Cattle Co, Gillette WY	2.Red	Cow	1397	\$69.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	18Bld	Cow	1388	\$69.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	12B/R	Cow	1184	\$69.00
Davis, Zach, Buffalo WY	1.Blk.	Cow	1215	\$75.00
DC Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	2.Blk.	Cow	1385	\$68.50
Devries, Carl, Roberts MT	1.Blk.	Hfr	1010	\$93.00
Devries, Carl, Roberts MT	4.Blk.	Cowette	1208	\$82.00
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD	6.B/R	Cow	1705	\$71.00
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD	2.Herf	Cow	1760	\$71.00
Duprel, Jennifer, Sturgis SD	1.Blk.	Cow	855	\$71.00
Duprel, Jennifer, Sturgis SD	2.Blk.	Cow	1132	\$69.00
Escott, Brandy, Volborg MT	1.Herf	Cow	1585	\$68.50
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	2.Red	Cowette	1087	\$89.00
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	1.Red	Cow	1055	\$76.00
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	1.Xbrd	Cow	1055	\$72.00
Fiehls, Gary, Hermosa SD	2.Blk.	Cow	1352	\$74.50
Flying F Cattle Co, Arvada WY	6.Blk.	Cow	1350	\$68.50
Flying F Cattle Co, Arvada WY	1.Bld	Cow	1205	\$68.50
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD	2.Bld	Hfr	1185	\$94.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD	2.Blk.	Cow	1382	\$68.50
Gaskill, C.J, Volborg MT	7.Blk.	Cow	1122	\$77.00
Gaskill, C.J, Volborg MT	1.Blk.	Cow	1385	\$71.00
Gaskill, C.J, Volborg MT	1.Blk.	Cow	1200	\$68.50
Gaskill, C.J, Volborg MT	5.Blk.	Cow	1218	\$68.00
Gaskill, Dan, Volborg MT	2.Blk.	Cow	1175	\$75.00
Gaskill, Kenneth, Volborg MT	3.Blk.	Cow	1050	\$71.00
Giacometto, Tom, Broadus MT	1.Red	Cow	1450	\$72.00
Heifner Ranch LLC, Whitewood SD	3.Blk.	Cow	1418	\$69.50
Heifner Ranch LLC, Whitewood SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1245	\$68.50
Innes Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	1.Blk.	Cowette	1320	\$79.00
Innes Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	2.Blk.	Cow	1670	\$68.50
Jesse Bail Inc, Camp Crook SD	4.Blk.	Cowette	1116	\$82.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	1.Bld	Cow	1215	\$69.50
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	3.Bld	Cow	1435	\$68.50
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1310	\$68.50
Karrels, Henry, Sturgis SD	1.Herf	Hfr	1975	\$103.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD	7.Blk.	Hfr	1177	\$90.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD	7.Blk.	Cow	1358	\$68.50
Marshall, David, Rozet WY	2.Bld	Cow	1472	\$69.00
McDonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett WY	10Bld	Cow	1562	\$71.00
McDonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett WY	4.Bld	Cow	1492	\$71.00
Medearis, Jeff, Plevna MT	2.Blk.	Cow	1477	\$68.50
Medearis, Jeff, Plevna MT	1.Blk.	Cow	1320	\$68.50
Medearis, Jeff, Plevna MT	3.B/R	Cow	1216	\$68.50
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD	6.Blk.	Cow	1426	\$68.50
Peabody Estate, Elvin, Las Vegas Nv]	2.Blk.	Cow	1492	\$68.50
Schloredt Enterprises, Sundance WY	5.Blk.	Cow	1412	\$70.00
Schloredt Enterprises, Sundance WY	14Blk.	Cow	1252	\$68.50
Scull, James Jr, Rapid City SD	1.Blk.	Hfr	960	\$97.00
Scull, James Jr, Rapid City SD	3.Bld	Cow	1211	\$68.00
Scull, James Jr, Rapid City SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1265	\$68.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD	3.Blk.	Cow	1140	\$71.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD	1.Blk.	Cow	910	\$70.00
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	3.Blk.	Hfr	1055	\$93.00
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT	1.Bld	Cowette	1185	\$89.00
St Onge Livestock, St Onge SD	1.Blk.	Cow	1630	\$69.00
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	3.Blk.	Cow	1300	\$68.50
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	4.Bld	Cowette	948	\$82.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	1.Blk.	Cow	1315	\$70.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	1.Blk.	Cow	1220	\$69.50
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	5.Bld	Cow	1292	\$68.50

Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY

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Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD

16R/b

Cow

1420

\$69.00

Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD

6.Red

Cow

1429

\$68.50

Thomas, Dusty Lee, Moorcroft WY

5.Blk.

Cow

1488

\$71.00

Thomas, Dusty Lee, Moorcroft WY

3.Blk.

Cow

1211

\$68.50

Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY

8.Red

Hfr

937

\$97.00

Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY

1

Cow

1225

\$73.00

Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY

1.Blk.

Cow

1035

\$70.50

Trimble, John, Rapid City SD

2.Blk.

Cowette

1222

\$89.00

Trimble, John, Rapid City SD

2.Blk.

Cow

1352

\$68.50

Wagner, David, Hulett WY

4.Red

Cowette

1078

\$79.00

Wagner, Jared, Hulett WY

1

Hfr

795

\$105.00

Wagner, Jared, Hulett WY

1.Red

Hfr

830

\$97.00

Wagner, Jared, Hulett WY

1.Red

Cow

1195

\$68.50

Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT

2.Blk.

Cow

1227

\$70.50

Weigh Up Bulls

Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1710	\$99.00
Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1990	\$96.50
Bar 20 Genetics LLC, Roberts MT	1.Blk.	Bull	1875	\$104.50
Bar 20 Genetics LLC, Roberts MT	2.Blk.	Bull	1597	\$99.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1980	\$107.00
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	1.Red	Bull	1765	\$97.00
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	1.Red	Bull	1705	\$96.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD	3.Blk.	Bull	1108	\$117.00
Broken Bridge Livestock, Sturgis SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1980	\$99.00
Broken Bridge Livestock, Sturgis SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1970	\$98.00
Brownfield, Ralph Or Emily, Hammond MT	1.Blk.	Bull	1865	\$106.00
Clabaugh Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1.Red	Bull	1805	\$107.50
DC Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	1.Blk.	Bull	1860	\$108.00
DC Land & Cattle, Gillette WY	1.Blk.	Bull	1620	\$104.50
Gordon Revoc Trust, Walter J, Aladdin WY	1.Blk.	Bull	2075	\$105.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD	2.Blk.	Bull	2042	\$101.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1910	\$99.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1720	\$97.50
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	2.Blk.	Bull	2045	\$104.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD	1.Blk.	Bull	1860	\$95.00
K-C Ranch, Vale SD	2.Blk.	Bull	1125	\$109.00
Plucker, Jeff, Aladdin WY	1.Blk.	Bull	1595	\$99.50
Plucker, Jeff, Aladdin WY	1.Herf	Bull	1875	\$104.50
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY	1.Blk.	Bull	1715	\$103.00

Friday, January 13, 2023

Bred Cow Special

9:00 AM – Weigh Up Cattle 12:00 - Bred Cows

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free

BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

Dispersions

Mangen Angus Ranch -- 350 Pure Bred Blk Angus 3 Yr To Short Term Cows Bred To Front

End Reg Angus Sires -- 3/22 -- All Home Raised

Bred Heifers

Blair Brothers -- 18 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blair Bulls -- 3/15 To 4/1

- 95 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blair Bulls -- 4/1 To 4/15

Frederickson Ranch -- 75 Blk & Bldy Hfrs -- Ai Bred Hitchcock -- 3/3

Bill & Will Lambert -- 70 Red Hfrs -- Bred Red Angus -- 4/10 For 45 Days

Boone Huffman -- 53 Blk & Bldy Hfrs -- A-I Bred To Ext Crossfire -- 2/14

- 105 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blk -- 3/1 For 25 Days

Whalen Ranch -- 40 F-1 Bldy Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blk Angus -- 2/20 For 54 Days

Ray Weigel -- 35 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blk Angus -- 2/24 For 21 Days

Bred Cows

Todd Larsen -- 120 Blk & Bldy Solid To Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/5

Little Bear Livestock -- 90 Blk Solid & Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/25

Kammerer Angus Ranch -- 90 Blk & F-1 4 To 6 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Blk Angus -- 3/20

Keaton Or Enoch Schaffer -- 61 Blk & Bldy Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/15

Jack Owen -- 50 Red 8 & 9 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Red -- 4/5

Hooker Cattle Co -- 50 Blk Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/1

Lindsey Ranch -- 40 Blk Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 5/1 For 30 Days

Jim Palo -- 37 Blk Short Term Cows -- Bred Char -- 3/10

Crago Land & Livestock -- 30 Blk & Bldy Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/15

Travis Loading -- 30 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/1

Jensen Ranch -- 30 Red Short Term Cows -- Bred Red -- 3/1

Minow Ranch -- 30 Blk Mixed Age Cows -- Bred Blk Angus -- 3/15 For 55 Days

Whalen Ranch -- 12 Red Angus 4 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Herf -- 2/20

- 10 Herf 4 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Herf -- 2/20

Elliott Kammerer -- 20 Blk Or Bldy 8 & 9 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/30

Whitney Ranch -- 20 Blk & Bldy Few Red Solid To Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk 4/01

Short Pine Hills Cattle -- 16 Blk Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/15 For 50 Days

Randy Trucano -- 15 Blk Short Solid To Broken Mouth Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/20

For 55 Days

Seldo Inc -- 15 Blk 3 Yr To Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/25 Fir 45 Days

Kate Johnson -- 10 Blk Short Erm Cows -- Bre D Blk Angus -- 4/1

Plus More By Sale Time!

2023 CATTLE SALES

January 20th – Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes

January 27th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes

February 3rd – No Sale – Enjoy The Black Hills Stock Show

February 10th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes

February 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes

February 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes

March 3rd – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes

March 10th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes

March 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes

March 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes

March 31st – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes

April 7th – Grass Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes

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Sheep Report - Thursday, January 5 , 2023

Good run of sheep for our 1st sale of 2023 - selling 1560 Hd

Some of the lambs showed the bad weather we had & sold a little lower

Not many slaughter ewes in the offering but they sold steady

Next Sale - January 12th - Feeder Lamb Special- 1 PM

Animals Should Be Here By Noon So They Can Be Weighed Before The Sale

Thank You For Your Business!

Bred Ewes - Sold by the Head

Turbiville, Trent, Buffalo SD	73...2yr	144	\$285.00
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Feeder Lambs

Borntrager, Levi, Forsyth MT	33...Lambs	122	\$137.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison SD	14...Lambs	80	\$179.00
Childers, Chan, Brusett MT	53...Lambs	75	\$189.00
Childers, Chan, Brusett MT	116...Lambs	68	\$187.00
Clarkson & Co, Buffalo SD	60...Lambs	52	\$177.00
E Heart Ranch, Hammond MT	15...Lambs	102	\$149.00
Erickson, Delane, Sturgis SD	14...Lambs	107	\$149.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	83...Lambs	76	\$185.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	93...Lambs	65	\$190.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	98...Lambs	81	\$176.00
Kirby, Mark, Newell SD	24...Lambs	80	\$186.00
Metz, Tim, Crawford NE	43...Lambs	73	\$179.00
Metz, Tim, Crawford NE	14...Lambs	58	\$183.00
Olson, Tammy, Culberton MT	44...Lambs	101	\$149.00
Secrest, Shannon Or Ashley, Buffalo SD	20...Lambs	64	\$186.00
Yoder, Orva, Hulett WY	23...Lambs	87	\$162.00

Slaughter Ewes

Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	9...K Ewe	172	\$84.00
Erik Ranch, Newell SD	24...K Ewe	147	\$82.00
Phillippi Corriedale, Hammond MT	26...K Ewe	182	\$61.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD	11...K Ewe	177	\$84.00

Slaughter Bucks

Erickson, Bill Or Cassie, Ismay MT	7...Kbuck	167	\$72.00
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NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Feeder Lamb Special 1:00 PM

Please Have Animals In By Noon So They Can All Be Weighed Before 1 PM

Feeder Lambs

MT – 400 EWE Lambs – 65#

SD – 100 Lambs – 110#

SD – 100 Lambs – 100#

SD – 70 Lambs – 90 #

Plus More By Sale Time!

2023 SHEEP SALES

January 19th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

January 26th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

February 2nd – No Sale – Check Out The Black Hills Stock Show

February 9th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

February 16th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

February 23rd – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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 \$2hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area. 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 4 pm. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.

We also have a receiving station at the Broadus Yards, Broadus, MT. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Brandy Escott at 406-951-1666, Tyler at 406-853-5690 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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City to Seek Final Answer of Finance Report Discrepancies

BELLE FOURCHE – After much discussion the Belle Fourche City Council moved to have newly hired financial consultant Wayne Drealan investigate the reasons why last year’s city audit report and city financial review report show a difference of nearly \$10,000.

The audit report was completed last year by Ben Elliot of Independent Audit Services of Madison, SD. The city financial review was completed by Casey Peterson & Associates of Rapid City.

The vote was 5-to-2 in favor of having Drealan, a local CPA, look into the matter to determine the reason why the two reports don’t match and to formulate a plan to have one set of numbers moving forward.

Both reports were submitted to the South Dakota Department

of Legislative Audit and both were accepted last year.

Those voting in favor were Randy Sowers, Derrick Erhart, Monte Talkington, Clark Sowers and Larry Schmaltz. Those voting against were Rebecca Larson and Bob Somervold.

Council member Heidi Parker was not present at the meeting.

Drealan’s consulting agreement with the city for 2023 was approved in late December and signed last week. He recently retired from a four-decade career with an accounting firm in Minnesota and relocated to Belle Fourche to be closer to family.

Drealan is the father-in-law of Council Member Randy Sowers who recused himself from voting on his contract at the last regular council meeting.

The contract pays Drealan \$100 per hour for his services.


Council member Schmaltz said the city is making good strides in getting things settled financially. “We are so close to having our numbers the same between our audit and our financial report, the closest we have been in years,” he said.

“So I would like to have a third party take a look at them and say, ‘why do we have this difference, and which numbers are more accurate’ so that we have a real set of numbers moving forward.”

Last year the city spent \$27,000 with Casey Peterson to reconcile the city books and present a report on the city’s finances.


Council member Larson said spending even more of the taxpayer’s money with Mr. Drealan to investigate what’s already been looked at is

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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson



Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.



I suppose there are still minutes at the opening of the year to do some resolutions. (I may have done this another time, but the advice never gets old:

Resolutions You Can Keep!

<p>Did you make any New Years Resolutions? Here are a few resolutions I heard that can be made without too much effort.. This year, I resolve to...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gain weight. At least 30 pounds. Stop exercising. Waste of time. Read less. Makes you think. Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff. Procrastinate more. Starting tomorrow. Take a vacation to someplace important: like, to see the largest ball of twine. Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Get in a whole NEW rut! Spend my summer vacation in Cyberspace. Create loose ends. Get more toys. Not drive a motorized vehicle across thin ice. Avoid airplanes that spontaneously drop 1000 feet. Not swim with pirhanas or sharks. Spread out priorities beyond my ability to keep track of them. Wait around for opportunity. Never make New Year's resolutions again.
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Sitting at my desk feeling smug about this advice, I'm Jim Thompson. ;)

WISDOM FROM OUT WEST!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.
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Getting to be Suspenders Weather

Well, how's your New Year going? Mine is about like last years and many like it. We have winter, tho' warmer temps caused some of the drifts to drop a little. Wonder what our new comers to the area think of moving here now?

I saw so many photos and postings showing the snow and drifts. It's been enough years since we have had some winter like this that many have forgotten what it can be like. Or were too young to remember those last ones.

When I was younger I always thought we had to have snow and wind to drift the snow into the draws and creeks to fill the dams and waterholes. Dad always told me we could get enough rain in the spring to do that. And he was right. In my 60 some odd years I seen it at least twice!

Now that we are not wintering many cattle, it wasn't as bad as many around the country had it. We still had to get out and feed the stock, but it didn't take as long and if something had broken down, we could have got everything fed with the team. Tho' as fat and out of shape as they are, and me, it would have really been a chore.

Back when I fed everything with a team, and pitched the

hay on and off, I always noticed about mid winter I had to start wearing suspenders. And by mid summer I was back to just wearing my belt. Seems suspenders are making a come back in some circles. My youngest son got a set and bragged about how well they worked. His oldest had me make him a set. I think, just because he thought they looked cool. Not sure if he is still wearing them or not. I used to snicker at them older guys who wore suspenders and a belt too. Now I understand! Amazing how much we learn as we age, if we just open our minds a little, aint it?

Well here is hoping for a good old fashioned January thaw to get rid of most of the snow. And then if it would just stay nice until spring. Then get nicer! Oh yeah, and while I am hoping, I hope we get ample spring rainfall to fill dams and water holes. Be fun to try and not get stuck in the mud. Instead of snow!

By the way, my Birthday is this month. I find it interesting that all the really cool people were born in January. I wonder why that is?

Take care and keep your snow shovel handy. I bet old man winter ain't done with us yet!



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Sage Newman Gets Big Win at Gillette's New Year's Eve Buck 'n Ball

A new year brings new opportunities.

For Sage Newman, it's about the path back to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. He dreams of one day bringing home a world title. The 2021 "Pendleton Whisky's Let 'er Buck Bucking Stock of the Year" award winner was a matchup Newman has been itching for.

"I've never drawn that horse before, so I was pretty excited to see her name next to mine. I've been waiting a long time to get on that horse," the 24-year-old said. "Yeah, she had a good

night and we matched up pretty good."

Newman brought home the win with a 90.5-point trip on Powder River Rodeo's Miss Valley in the finals. He finished with 177.5 points on two head, claiming the \$2,394 winning check. The cowboy echoed excitement for his stop in Gillette, speaking highly of the unique opportunity.

"It's a good time in rodeo. Everybody comes here to have a good time, ring in the new year, and have no worries doing it," Newman said. "We're just having fun riding some great horses."

The saddle bronc rider emerged victorious from a



strong field that included recent 2022 NFR qualifiers. Newman never takes winning for granted, knowing his event is loaded with talent.

"It's awesome to compete against those guys. There's a lot of great saddle bronc riders right now. In the top 30, any guy could jump out and win a rodeo on the right horse," said the two-time NFR qualifier. "To be able to come out on top, it's a pretty good feeling. I'm honored to be riding with them."

After finishing fifth in the 2022 RAM | World Standings, Newman feels more motivated than ever for a gold buckle. He craves a chance at redemption

in Las Vegas.

"It definitely made me hungry and coming back from that, it lit a fire in me for sure," said Newman, who entered the 2022 NFR as the season leader. "I wasn't super happy with how I ended up down there but I'm grateful to be down there... I'm ready to go back this year and redeem myself, that's for sure."

Newman doesn't have plans

on making big changes in 2023. Well, except for one thing.

"We're not stashin' and bashin' anymore, so now I guess we're just straight bashin'," he said.

Other winners at the New Year's Eve Buck & Ball were bareback rider Dean Thompson (174.5 points on two head) and bull rider Blaine Beaty (82.5 points on one head).

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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

For Capitol and Tie Creek, the week was nice.

Ronda Cordell said this week's weather began good and ended even better, but the ice and drifts are slow to go. On Sunday, Ronda worked at chopping the ice loose on the back cement. A little thaw on the edges made it easy to chop chunks loose. The more that was loose the faster it thawed. She will be glad when it's gone, so she doesn't have to 'flat-foot' around on the slick stuff.

Clint, Denise and the girls stopped at Ronda's on Monday to program Ronda's iPad, check the chickens and see Smiley. The iPad was a Christmas gift from them. Among other apps, it has the camera set-up that they use at calving time. Darby's school started again, on Wednesday, after the Christmas break. She had missed going to school, and was glad to be back.

Diane Wear sent Ronda a message about the rescheduled Christmas Supper at the Wagon Wheel that would be on Tuesday evening. Ronda went, and it was an 'all-out' Christmas meal, served with all the trimmings, and a scad of different desserts, and there was a whole lot of visiting going on.

On Wednesday, after plowing concrete-type snow from both draws to the east, Ronda drove to Buffalo. On the way home, she stopped to used the remainder of a gift certificate at Over the Edge for an early supper. Diane Wear came out on Saturday, to help Denise Zolnoski and Ronda sort heifer calves for sellers and keepers. Darby and Abby helped their dad feed while they sorted. Clint and Ronda checked bulls for freeze damage. There was no need to test a few of them, as badly as they had gotten frozen in the pre-Christmas blizzard. Cheryl Burghduff and Reuben Balderas came for supper and visiting, on Sunday evening.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to town to get the oil changed in their car, and they learned they needed a new battery, too, so they got a new one of those, along with groceries and other supplies. On Friday, Erma went to the Senior Center for the Senior Citizen Dinner. There were other activities going on that day, so their attendance was down. On Sunday, they went to church at the Catholic Church, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three

with the Erk Family.

Wade Pearson came out to Alvin and Marlee Cordell's on Wednesday to sort some calves. Alvin Cordell joined a group of pool players at the Corner Bar that evening. They were starting their pill pool competition again this month. On Saturday, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to watch their grandson, Gavin Pearson, play basketball. They came home through Buffalo, and got there in time to see part of the high school girls' game, and all of the boys' game, before coming home. On Sunday, Wade came out again, to take a trailer of calves to Faith. Ryan Cordell took another trailer load, and a trucker took a semi load, too.

Doug and Julia Davis enjoyed having Travis and Amanda Davis here for a few more days, this week, before they had to head back south to bask in the warm weather. On Wednesday, Doug, Julia, and Alfreda Davis were invited to Jake's for supper to celebrate Doug's and Alfreda's birthdays. Doug had kept busy all week with feeding, and Julia was thrilled with the beautiful work the kids had done finishing her bathroom downstairs. Travis was experienced in remodeling, because they had previously bought a house with three bathrooms, remodeled it and sold it.

Donna Lewis got to go bowling in Baker this week, on Thursday. She stopped to pick up some groceries and got her mail on the way home. She needed a new cell phone, but wanted a flip phone without all the extra stuff on it. As she called around, she discovered that they were hard to find. Finally on Saturday, they drove to Dickinson, where they could get a flip phone, and luckily one of the workers there was from Baker, and he helped them get the thing all transferred and set up before they came home.

Last Sunday, Tommy Melum joined in the Christmas program at their church in Baker. It had been postponed until the weather had improved, so it was on New Year's Day. On New Year's Eve, Tommy got to join in the Nerf war party at the church. It is always a great time. This Sunday, Sandra and Larry Holcolmb came to bangs vaccinate cattle. Mark Johnson and his grandson, Cash came, too, and Charlie Odell went down to brand inspect cows for Mark. Ernie, Rachel, and Tommy Melum worked cattle, and Shirley had plenty of food for the group. School has started again after Christmas for Tommy, and another school year is already half over.

Romela and George Heady came to Bryce and Dawn Padden's on Thursday for a visit.

On Saturday, Romela went with Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden to watch basketball in Buffalo. It was a full day of sports, because both girls and boys teams played against Faith. The games were very good and interesting. Bryce teamed with Will Sacrison to spend Saturday and Sunday in the Harding County Coyote Calling Contest, that was set up by Wayne Lee. They had gone to Buffalo to sign up, but the results were not yet out on Sunday evening.

Karen Odell spent much of the week designing book covers for 10 more Capitol News Books. There will be a book for each year, and she will make them available in paperback of ebook form. The covers have to be sized just right, with the right resolution for publishing, so with her original art for the covers, the 10 book covers will take some time. She hopes to have them published by next week. Jake Eshelman stopped by, one day, to bring more brand inspection books for Charlie. On Friday, Charlie made a trip to Ekalaka to get some license plates. Karen and Charlie got to see their grandson, Kellan, wrestle in Huron. The meet was on the internet NFHS channel. They learned that Carson Odell had his first win in wrestling at the Middle School level in Mitchell. Murphy Hinds had begun basketball, out in Tacoma. Kenna Odell's sport was to have teeth pulled, and she is still on an ice cream diet. Mollie and Kyia Smith painted a nutcracker soldier. Jeff and Amanda shared her sister's Christmas Choir concert site. Then on Saturday, Charlie went to Buffalo to pick up some cattle cake. Karen and Charlie went to church on YouTube, to watch a truly wonderful service at the Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia. They discovered the church by accident, when they were looking for Marietta, Ohio, and it was such a great service, that they have watched many more since then. Charlie did some brand inspecting for Mark Johnson on Sunday afternoon, and Karen spent a hour on a conference call with a few of her friends from high school days, that are spread out all over the country. It was a really fun time to hear their voices, listen to their stories, and be together again. One of those friends had lost his antique car, and his entire house and all of its contents in Florida's most destructive hurricane on record, a few months ago. I guess our weather may not be so bad after all.

I have heard about it raining frogs in England some years ago. Maybe someone could schedule our next influx of grasshoppers to coincide with our next blizzard.



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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

After ending 2022 with some heavy snow and rough weather conditions, it appears to be on the upslope for this week. We are thankful for the moisture but hoping a good deal of melting takes place in order to get rid of some ice and snow accumulations in certain areas.

Students are back in school and the legislators are back in their seats for the 2023 Legislative Session. Legislators took their oaths on Saturday an hour before the Governor and Constitutional officers took their oaths. Tuesday marks the beginning of session with the State of the State address by the Governor.

Saturday was the day of the swearing in of our state elected officials and our 33rd Governor, the big day so many have planned for. Larry Rhoden was sworn in as the 39th Lt. Governor. After swearing in at noon, the Capitol Ball opened its doors at 6:30 and the Grand March was at 7:30 pm. Our Dist. 29 legislators and wives were in attendance. Kirk and Michelle Chaffee, Dean and Joan Wink, and Gary and Amy Cammack were all attendees and participants of the full day's activities. All of Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden and Sandy's family were a part of the program with them each being introduced on

the marble staircase to the accompaniment of a brass band. Each couple preceded Larry and Sandy and it was a great time with so many happy, respectful people there to support and celebrate the Governor's next 4 year term. The Rhoden's special guests included Debbie Schnell, Francie Brink, Lorie Hausmann, John, Dan and Kathy Rhoden, Wes and Jordan Rhoden, Bob and Yvonne Barry, and others.

The evening concluded with the Inaugural Ball at the Ramkota with a looser, more relaxed introduction of Constitutional Officers, Lt. Governor's and Governor's and families. Jesse and Sarah Lewis Rhoden featured SDSU as Jesse wore an SDSU t-shirt under his text all night as Sarah exposed his t-shirt from behind and then held up the 'jackrabbitt' finger gesture. That was the introduction ditty that got the most applause. The evening ended with a dance and live band. Gary and Amy Cammack enjoyed having their three granddaughters there as a surprise, where 'Grandpa Gary' got to dance with them all as well.

Soldiers of the Cross should take place this week after having to cancel last week due to Christmas programs, illness and other commitments of teachers and leaders.

This week is Rural Neighbors at the Community Baptist Church on Thursday at 1:00 pm. The weather should be good for travel that day. For questions one can call Donna Cammack or Casey Brink.

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From B1 **Finances**
a waste of money.

“We’ve spent a lot of time, effort and money by competent businesses and educated individuals already and I feel that this is a waste,” she said. “We have been assured by competent and educated people that where we’re at (fiscally) is a good place to be right now.”

Larson was also concerned about the process that was used to bring the matter before council, having bypassed the Legal and Finance Committee, of which she is chair. “I’m a little leery,” she said. “As we discussed, the contract for services with Mr. Drealan was supposed to be instigated by the finance office on an as-needed basis and we’re taking this a little out of context by just saying we want this done.”

Jason LaFayette, City Finance Officer, says he has been operating using the numbers provided by Casey Peterson, which in his opinion, were more accurate. The difference in balances, he says, are simply two different means of accounting methods.

“We have to start with what the audit is, but we adjusted to Casey Peterson’s suggestions. In my opinion, that was the right thing to do,” LaFayette said. “So we start the year with what our audit said, and make a journal entry, which the mayor has seen and signed off on, to match what Casey Peterson has suggested.”

According to Lafayette, Casey Peterson accounts for major city funds differently than auditor Ben Elliott. Lafayette added that state law says that what Casey Peterson does is fine. Elliott’s method is different but is also approved and he added that this is the way the city has done it in the past so this is the way Elliott chooses to account for those funds going forward.

“The state is basically saying you can do it either way, but here’s the minimum you can do,” Lafayette said. “Casey Peterson did the minimum based on what the codified law allows them to do. Ben Elliott breaks it down to several minority funds. Casey Peterson just did one large major fund for the general fund.”

Council member Clark Sowers was complementary toward LaFayette’s work as City Finance Director. LaFayette had been a long-time assistant finance officer and took the helm upon the resignation of Bethany Estes last summer, who took over one year ago from Breanna Schaffer who resigned in November of 2021 after question first arose regarding the city’s accounting methods; many of those questions were raised by Drealan.

Sowers said that when discussions were held regarding the hiring of LaFayette, that they would encourage him to use Drealan as a resource to the city finance office. Sowers says using Drealan for the present task is simply good governance.

“If we all remember the confusion we were in 15 months

ago, this just builds in accountability with the citizens and taxpayers of Belle Fourche – to have a review with someone who is highly qualified to help our city,” Clark Sowers said. “I think we’ve taken great leaps and bounds in the past seven months, and even with the previous council, to get things squared away. And I think this is just an additional step to get to that point.”

LaFayette asked the council to amend the motion to include Drealan’s help in the coming five months to produce the city’s new financial report. That report is due to be submitted to the state by the end of May. The amended motion was made and passed by that 5-to-2 vote.

Council member Randy Sowers made the motion and voted to engage Drealan for the work. Council member Larson raised concerns over the appearance of a conflict of interest since Drealan is Randy Sower’s father-in-law. City Attorney Kellen Willert said that in matters such as these the council is its own policing body. They are free to determine if it represents a conflict. “The council is its own governing body when it comes to conflicts (of interest),” he said.

“The way I see it, council has a right to direct departments to do things, that is our job,” Council member Sowers said. “To take a directive on this is for the betterment of the city.”

No further action was taken by the council and the vote stood as recorded.

The council also debated whether to have Drealan look into which financial documents the council should be receiving each month. As it stands now, LaFayette submits monthly bank reconciliations, revenue and expenditure reports of every city account and bank statements with the recent month’s activity.

“What we’re getting now is ten times better than what we were getting,” Council member Randy Sowers said. “But just for a review, I’d like to see if what we’re getting is what we should be getting. If so, then great. But I don’t know what I don’t know.”

Last February Drealan met with the city finance office to suggest documents to include in a monthly packet to council members. LaFayette acted upon that recommendation.

“Mr. Drealan came himself and said you should be getting these documents, he even referred to some South Dakota codified law, where it says there are certain documents that should be done, and we’ve been up to that,” Larson said. “We have a good solid answer and so this is just another waste of \$100 an hour that we don’t need to be spending.

The debate ended when LaFayette offered to reach out to Drealan, as he was scheduled to come to city hall and sign his consultant agreement, and simply ask him for a quick opinion and review of documents. The

council agreed and simply gave a directive for LaFayette to do so.

In other action the council also authorized without discussion, Mayor Randy Schmidt’s signature on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program document for the Belle Fourche Municipal Airport. Since the city’s airport has taken federal funding assistance it is required by law to set up the program in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.

As a result, the city must do the following: 1. Ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of DOT- assisted contracts; 2. Create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts; 3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law; 4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; 5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts; 6. Promote the use of DBEs in all types of federally-assisted contracts and procurement activities; 7. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program; and 8. Make appropriate use of the flexibility afforded to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Brent Hardy, City Engineer, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer. In that capacity, City Engineer is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program.

The DBE program has reauthorized by Congress several times since its inception in the 1980’s. It was most recently reauthorized in the so-called Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, November 15, 2021. That was a \$1.2 trillion omnibus spending package that added less than half that, \$550 billion, in new money for infrastructure.

Also during the city council meeting Deb Elliott of Visit Belle Fourche reviewed the 5-year tourism numbers with the council. The numbers showed a decrease in tourism during the winter months and she suggested some ideas that might change that. She encouraged the council to work with her organization to support initiatives both with volunteer help and monetarily. It was also pointed out that members of the Chamber of Commerce and CoNBA (Center of the Nation Business Association) will be attending the 2023 South Dakota Governor’s Conference on Tourism from January 17-19.

Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt also administered the oath of office to Belle Fourche Police Officer in Training Arik Homola. Homola will complete three months of field training with the force which will be followed by 13 weeks of training at the Law Enforcement Center in Pierre.

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S. Dakota GOP Should Offer Voters a Vision for the State’s Future

by Maggie Seidel

Maggie Seidel is a resident of Hughes County. She holds two advanced degrees, including a Master’s Degree in Economics, and has spent her more than 15-year career working in public policy- Guest Post-The Dakota Scout

With the South Dakota GOP set to elect its next Executive Team on January 14, Republicans have an opportunity to put to bed some of their personality-driven skirmishes and replace them with a robust South Dakotan-focused agenda. Republicans can learn from the example of the 1994 Contract with America and create a people-first plan for our time. Knowing that South Dakota must compete with many other states for both business and human capital, perhaps the first thing the new team can do is pull together a summit. Let me explain.

A South Dakota GOP Summit could be geared toward crafting a forward-thinking strategic agenda with the aim of establishing a common vision for the state’s future in terms of economic policy and culture. It could seek to proactively lay out policies that support this vision, rather than reacting to the latest cultural challenges (where we are behind the curve) or being caught struggling to decide what to spend our large surpluses on.

Regarding that latter point, for example, some say that our prisons are old and not ADA compliant. Accordingly, there’s a proposal on the table to spend nearly \$600 million dollars to build new ones. On its face, this appears to be an overreaction and beyond what is necessary and prudent. It might be one way to address the problem, and it will probably receive the full support of the builders in the state. Alternatively, we could follow Texas’ model from a few years ago.

With a five-year forecast suggesting that Texas would need 17,000 more prison beds by 2012, its legislature took a different path. One lawmaker noted, “Once you build (prisons), you’re going to fill them. ... Filling prisons becomes an economic development issue.” So instead, the state rejected the \$2 billion proposal for new prisons and dramatically reformed its drug and mental health rehabilitation programs. The result was the closure of prison facilities. Obviously, if you reduce demand for something, then there’s less need.

Other ways to achieve the same goal lie in better education and economic opportunities.

For instance, the Department of Justice reports, “academic failure, violence, and crime are welded to reading failure.” Our 2022 NAEP scores, showing that approximately half of South Dakota fourth- and eighth-grade students are not proficient in reading, should trouble all of us. These kids are our future. If they can’t read, and/or lack other fundamental educational skills, their long-term success is seriously in jeopardy. Imagine if our public education system was the envy of the nation. Our prison pipeline would be greatly reduced.

Similarly, it’s true that South Dakota has a very favorable tax system and relatively reasonable regulatory structures. And yes, our unemployment rate is low. But beyond that, is our

state home to a plentiful number of high-paying jobs? I ask because there are a lot of states eager to outdo South Dakota when it comes to lucrative careers.

For example, if we look just to the manufacturing and energy sectors, Tennessee recently announced a \$3.2 billion investment toward a new cathode manufacturing facility. Likewise, Ohio is soon to be home to a new \$20 billion investment for the most advanced semiconductor manufacturing facility in the world. This project carries with it more than 20,000 new jobs, including roughly 3,000 with salaries of \$135,000. And look at what our neighbors to the west are doing: Wyoming will soon have advanced nuclear power – something expected to help power the Mountain West. These are not unique examples.

Some might say government shouldn’t involve itself in projects like these. But the fact is we are – just not on a scale that would provide lasting benefits. Often, our approach is to spend first and not look at other alternatives that can drive long-term success. Perhaps, our GOP leaders could consider how to get more bang for the state’s buck and not simply respond to the immediate needs of powerful special interests.

Again, the conclusions may not change, but some of the ideological purity debates may subside if our political leaders publicly discuss important questions facing the state, like:

What do we want for our communities, especially the smaller ones – not just Rapid City and Sioux Falls? What is going to happen to our state if our best and brightest leave for higher-paying jobs elsewhere? Who will carry on farming and other family businesses? And while rural communities shrink, will the growth of Rapid City and Sioux Falls come to dominate the state? Do we want Sioux Falls to become our Chicago, our Twin Cities, our Denver?

What kind of culture do we want South Dakota to have? We know what culture it traditionally has had – strong families, hard work, fiscal responsibility, faith – a culture that has made us strong, and a great place to live, work, and raise a family. But as we look to the future, are we set to maintain that culture? Are we driving policies that support strong nuclear families? Are we protecting our children and giving them a support structure that upholds these values? Are we creating an environment that keeps families together in South Dakota, where they can build communities and support each other, rather than driving them to distant states?

Leaving policy to be driven by lobbyists, state agencies, or whatever happens to be the latest social or economic emergency is certainly one way to handle things. But it doesn’t have to be the only way. A Summit may help the GOP develop a new path forward and bring unity, which has been elusive as of late.

Improving the process could be all that’s needed. Publicly talking about present challenges as well as the possibilities that lie ahead of us could make 2023 far better than years past and solidify Republicans’ stronghold in the state for many years to come.



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From A1 **Pearson** building to two new businesses, Rebel Rose and the Fayville Insurance Agency

Their intention is to complete the renovation by the end of 2023.

The purpose of the building has evolved since 1906, although many of the original architectural features remain intact. Cadie pointed out the elaborately decorated ceilings as an example. “The building is one of only 17 in South Dakota with the original tin ceilings.” She explained.

For many years the building was a jewelry store. Most recently a cigar store was located in the store front of the building with a “man cave” in the back. A man cave is a metaphor to describe a room or space in a home that a man might call his own space without offending female décor. The literal man cave was a foam creation. Removal was a major challenge. “We ripped it out ourselves,” Cadie said surveying the pieces of foam that were still left, “It has been quite a project.” She noted.

The Pearson Building has

many chapters in its history. “There’s no delicate way to explain this.” Cadie prefaced an explanation. The left side of the building now occupied by Rebel Rose was at one time a funeral home and cold storage for the county.

“What that meant” Cadie continued “was when the ground was too frozen for burials to occur, coffins were stored underneath our building in a room. We also have a coffin ramp right underneath the trap door in Rebel Rose they used to transport the coffins down. They would be stacked in the coffin room until the ground was thawed enough.”

After several years of moving with the military, the family moved to Belle Fourche three years ago when Kelly retired. Kelly who is a 1997 graduate of Sturgis Brown High School was eager to return to the region. Although Cadie is from Germany, she feels very much at home in Belle Fourche.

Both Kelly and Cadie are professionally well prepared to run a property management business. Both have experi-

ence and training in real estate management. Kelly is also an electrician and Cadie has a B.S. degree in Business Administration and Property Leasing.

As the restoration project continues, K&KTuelu seeks community input in making architectural and design choices. K&KTuelu values the historic knowledge of the people who live in Belle Fourche. Anyone who wants to help choose wallpaper, paint colors or architectural elements is encouraged to check out the K&KTuelu facebook page and become a participant in the restoration of The John Pearson building. <https://www.facebook.com/kkteulu>

John Pearson, the original builder and owner would approve of the direct and pace of the renovation.

John Pearson, jack of all trades, and master of many, was a born businessman. According to a historical biography published in History of South Dakota by George Kingsbury, [Mr. Pearson] “has an unusual gift for rapid calculation and can compute the exact number

of feet in a plank or in a number of boards of different lengths without the use of a pencil... His mathematical ability has often stood him in good stead in business transactions and he derives pleasure from the knowledge of his ability in that line.” (<http://usgwarchives.org/sd/sdfiles.htm>)

The downstairs was for business rental and there were apartments upstairs. Mr. Pearson, retired by 1909 lived in the quarters upstairs.

The Pearson building was soundly built and even had some lavish features such as hardwood floors and the tin ceilings and a claw foot bathtub upstairs.

John Pearson could afford the extras. He was a well-established businessman. His real estate holdings in both Wyoming and Belle Fourche were impressive as was his successes in ranching, mercantile, and milling.

Mr. Pearson was born in Sweden in 1849. As a young man of twenty, he left Sweden to travel to America as did many northern Europeans in

those days. He landed in New York, and from there his route to Belle Fourche was circuitous. Following adventure and employment he found his way to Kansas City, MO, to Denver, to San Francisco. He then migrated to travelled to Oregon where he worked as a prospector. From there he drifted back to Wyoming and then to the Black Hills.

He learned to speak English along the way. He worked hard and learned new trades to augment his agricultural background in Sweden.

In 1884, in his mid-thirties Mr. Pearson met and married Augusta Johnson, also a Swedish immigrant. They had five children.

John Pearson had business interests in Deadwood, Spearfish and in Crook County Wyoming. He began buying property and building in Belle Fourche.

K&KTuelu with the Hockenbarys in charge has brought some modern ideas to integrity of historical preservation. John Pearson would likely be appreciative.



Original store fixtures. *English Photo*



Some back room renovation detail. *English Photo*



The **Fahey Insurance Office**, cosmetically improved and ready for business. *English Photo*



Bryn Hockenbary eyes an architectural lighting fixture. *English Photo*



Killian Hockenbary proudly stands by a wall he built. *English Photo*



John Pearson and children (*Photo Courtesy of Butte County Historical Society*)



Cadie and Kelly Hockenbary *Courtesy Photo*



Rhydan Hockenbary at work with a paint roller. *English Photo*



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125 years ago
Belle TIMES
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Bond of F. P. Stearns as County Commissioner with Robert Leike and Soloman Johnson as sureties was approved. On motion F. P. Stearns was elected chairman of board. On motion the county on wolf scalps was discontinued for the year 1898; no bounty will be allowed except on what affidavits are now on file. Affidavit of A. H. Marble, agent for Edwin Van Cise Trustee, as to the taxes on the Bullock property, asking that the penalty and interest be abated on said taxes. The board being advised in the premises accepted the same provided the taxes be paid within twenty-four hours. S.W.P. Sellers, County Auditor

"The Gaiety" - Belle Fourche to Have a New Opera House

If there has been one thing above another Belle Fourche has sadly needed in the past it has been a well-furnished amusement hall, comfortably seated, and with a stage equipped with a full complement of scenery. We are happy to announce to the people of this vicinity that a company has been formed, composed of a few of the well known men of this city, that has leased for a long period the Scotney Hall, over the Wideawake Store, at the corner of 2nd and Oak streets, and has already purchased scenery, curtain, stage properties, etc., and will hereafter maintain a first class hall, in which it will be a pleasure to listen to the presentation of dramatic productions. Apart from the stage, the hall proper will be thoroughly lighted, warmed, and seated, making it altogether the most agreeable and popular public resort in this section. The hall has been christened, and will be known hereafter, as "The Gaiety." The scenery, including an elegant drop curtains, is now being painted in Chicago by the celebrated scenic artists, Sosman & Landis, and will be in place in time, it is hoped, for the official opening of the hall, on the night of February 11, at which time the Pioneer Dramatic club of this place will present the celebrated English Comedy by Henry J. Byron. The Company having charge of the hall will be known as the Gaiety Theatrical Association, the officers of which are as follows: A. S. Shockley, president; F. R. Cock, vice-president; J. R. McClaskey, secretary; E. B. Giles, treasurer; Geo. H. Hair, manager.

100 years ago
Northwest Bee
January 11, 1923
Contest Case Completed
The Ross-Schafer contest case for register of deeds, which was heard before Judge McNenny was completed Saturday evening of last week and the final count resulted in Geo. Schafer being declared elected by 16 votes. The official count in the first place gave Schafer a major-

ity of 6 votes. The final figures in the contest case were Schafer 618, Ross 602. George Schafer has already qualified for the register of deeds' office, and has selected for his deputy Mrs. Amil Wendt, who has had eight years' experience as a stenographer. The only other matters taken up at this time, was two divorce cases.

Death of John H. Morris
John H. Morris, one of the most widely known and highly respected stockmen of eastern Montana, passed away December 15, at Fremont, Nebr., to which place he had gone for medical attention for relief from an aggravated attack of kidney trouble. Burial was in a cemetery at Fremont. Mr. Morris was past his forty-seven birthday, and had been a resident of the Powder river country for the past thirty years, coming to that country from Texas. He worked for many years as a cowboy for the SH and TA outfits, then started ranching for himself, and in this was decidedly successful. He was united in marriage to Miss Retz McArthur of Spearfish and she was three children, Wayne, Jack and Margaret, survive the husband and father. In addition to making a success of the cattle business, Mr. Morris gave freely of his time to community affairs, being chairman of the board of county commissioners of Powder River county at the time of his death. He was one of the mainstays of the Tri-State Roundup at Belle Fourche, acting in the capacity of arena judge, his fair decisions and courteous treatment of the boys winning him many friends. In the passing of Johnnie Morris Powder River country loses a valuable citizen, Belle Fourche loses a good friend.

Mother Finds Daughter
Stranger than fiction is the story of the life of one of the popular young ladies of Belle Fourche. In 1902, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Damon of Sturgis, S.D. Money was scarce in those days, so the young mother left her baby at the hospital and went in search of employment to earn money to help the hospital bill. Being unable to find steady work at once, the mother returned to Sturgis to visit the baby, only to be informed by the nurse in charge that the baby had died. In vain did the mother question the nurse as to the burial place of her child. Years passed, the parents searching everywhere, believing that somewhere in the world the baby girl was alive and well. The nurse, becoming alarmed that her attempt at deception had failed, mysteriously disappeared. In the meantime, the father had died, but the mother never ceased to search, working all the time to get jobs to defray her expenses. At last she took up nursing, mainly to relieve her grief stricken mind, but always trying to find some clue. She became one of the most efficient and capable of nurses, being now employed in one of the leading hospitals of Seattle, Washington. After many years the nurse with



by Mary Buchholz

whom the baby was left was located through the efforts of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges, in British Colombia, and after being informed that the mother was dead, was at last persuaded to tell of the mysterious disappearance of the baby girl who was left in her care at Sturgis in 1902. On June 1, 1902, this nurse had sent word to Miss Allie Jewell, superintendent of the Children's Home at Sioux Falls, S.D., to come for the baby (who had been given an assumed name) which she did. On June 6th the same year, this baby was taken to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, then residing in Spearfish, who soon afterwards moved to Belle Fourche, where in 1906 legal adoption papers were taken out. The mother secured the aid of her uncle, A. L. Leach, passenger conductor running north from Norfolk, Nebr., and through his efforts Miss Jewell was located in Chicago, having resigned her position at the home. She gave the name of the baby the nurse had given into her charge, and the names of the foster parents. The records were looked into at Sioux Falls and the information found to be correct. Miss Jewell also telling the present name of the baby. Next came the task of proving the correctness of the identity, which was after about two months satisfactorily cleared up. All these years the "baby girl" now grown to young womanhood, believing her parents dead, comes to the almost unbelievable fact that her mother is alive and well, and is coming to visit not only her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw, Deadwood, but also the baby girl now Mrs. Vic Pattinson, nee Ethel Scott – for the first time in twenty years. The mother arrived in Deadwood on December 31, 1922, where she was met by her daughter, and on New Year's day a grand reunion was celebrated.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
January 15, 1948
Hills and Range: Owl Creek News Jan. 12
Word was received here that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson of Omaha, Nebr., on January 6. The Hansons were former residents of Belle Fourche. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hanify and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pond were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. James Larson last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Carlson called on Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Beals Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oxford were business callers in Belle Fourche on Friday. Last Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wesfall, jr., and son drove to Buffalo on a business trip. Mr. and Mrs. James Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hantz were Sunday evening callers at the Jay McClure home.
Local Youths Enlist in Navy
Donald R. Thomas, son of Mrs. Bessie Thomas of Belle Fourche and Harold E. Naugle,




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son of Mr. and Mrs. John Naugle of Belle Fourche, Raymond Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Garcia enlisted in the U. S. navy of January 6th for a period of three years each, the young men left for San Diego together where they will receive their recruit training. Chief Wm. Seder, Navy Recruiting officer will be in Belle Fourche every Monday at the Post Office.
Sheepmen Start Anti-Rustling Campaign in Area
Better Branding Practices Advised – Special Inspector Hired for Checking Tri-State area ranchers met in Belle Fourche Monday to make plans for checking sheep thefts. The group organized under the name "Tri-State Sheep Protective Association," and the executive committee is to consist of two men from each Wyoming and Montana, and three from South Dakota. Officers elected were Claude Olson, Ludlow, president; John Widdoss, Belle Fourche, vice-president; and Ben Brownfield, Hammond, Montana, secretary-treasurer.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
January 12, 1973
Former Area Resident Dies in California
Word was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. George (Margaret) Hoffman,

69, at Lakewood, Calif., on Dec. 8. Mrs. Hoffman was the daughter of the late Mabel and J. H Helmer. She was born Nov. 4, 1903 in the Johnny Spaulding cabin, then located on Redwater River. She was married to George Hoffman and the couple rancher in the area for a number of years before moving to Lead. They moved to California in 1942 and have been there since. Among the survivors are two sisters – Mrs. George Heiserman, Spearfish and Mrs. Chester Scheele, Belle Fourche.
Chamber Plans Luncheons; Sponsor June Circus
Plans to sponsor a circus, resumption of noon luncheons and appointment of two new directors were some of the matters that came up Tuesday night at the busy session of the board of directors of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. The board members decided to sponsor the appearance in Belle Fourche June 21 of the Carson and Barnes Wild Animal circus. It has been years since a circus has come to Belle Fourche and the board felt the time might be right. Members decided to hold a general membership meeting once each month on the first Tuesday each month of the first Tuesday. The luncheon will be held at Max's at noon with a plate charge of \$1.85.



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PUC Votes to Delay Hearing on Controversial Carbon Dioxide Pipeline

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PIERRE — The company behind plans to construct a 2,000 mile carbon dioxide pipeline suffered a setback after the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission set the docket deadline months back after taking into consideration the scheduling conflicts from opposing parties.

During Thursday's meeting, the commission voted 3-0 to approve a motion scheduling the start of the hearing date for Sept. 11. The hearing is expected to last at least two weeks.

Summit Carbon Solutions, the company behind the pipeline project, initially argued to keep an original hearing date of April 24 after requesting an extension. That extension was approved, but the rescheduled date requested by the company was not. The earlier the hearing date, the better for half of South Dakota's ethanol plants, whose main goal is to take full advantage of carbon tax credits available for a limited time.

The construction of the South Dakota portion of the pipeline runs from the state's northern border across 18 counties. Ethanol plants located in eastern South Dakota along the pipeline route stand to profit from the



pipeline due to the Inflation Reduction Act, which Congress passed last year and includes incentives for energy companies to reduce their carbon footprints to 0 percent, said Walt Wendland, president and CEO of Ringneck Energy in Onida.

"The Inflation Reduction Act really goes into play Jan. 1 of 2025 and we can't afford to miss that opportunity," Wendland said following Thursday's decision.

"So any delay is going to cost the farmers corn price and millions of dollars to ethanol plants," he added. "It's going to impact tax revenues for the counties. There's just a whole string of things. One of the things that the commission promised is they'd have a decision made by a certain date."

The extended hearing date was welcome news for land-

owners opposing the pipeline's construction.

Commission Chairman Chris Nelson made the motion to move the hearing date to September, noting state law gives applicants the option to request an extended deadline when certain circumstances arise.

Nelson said that statute gives the commission discretion as to scheduling a new deadline date.

Landowners from McPherson and Brown Counties welcomed the commission's decision, saying the later September deadline offers them a chance to come fully prepared for the hearing.

An April deadline would fall in the middle of calving season, according to Monica Meyer, whose farm and pasture lands are along the pipeline's proposed route.

Attorneys representing landowners opposing the pipeline's



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GOP Debates See Counties Jockeying Ahead of Rule Change, Chairman votes

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An ever-widening rift within the South Dakota Republican Party has county-level activists alleging party leaders of willful rules violations intended to dampen their influence in the GOP.

South Dakota Republican officials later this month will vote on the party's next state chairman and a rule change that would have major implications on the future of GOP politics in South Dakota.

And who'll get to cast those consequential votes has GOP in-fighting from Lawrence County to Lincoln County and Yankton County to Brown County reaching fervor ahead of the Jan. 14 meeting in Pierre.

That's because members of the GOP executive boards in each of those counties — and several others in between — will be the ones to determine if Sen. John Wiik or Rep. Kevin Jensen will be the state party's next chairman and a vote to cut county precinct committeemen and committeewomen out of the nomination process for constitutional offices like lieutenant governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General.

"There is a challenge between upper state leadership and precinct committee people," Minnehaha County precinct Committeeman Mike Austad said during recent gathering of Sioux Falls-area Republican activists.

Those in attendance had hoped to force a vote on county leadership ahead of the state committee. However, no members of the current executive board showed up, resulting in a lack of a quorum.

Austad and others on the outside of county GOP leadership both in Minnehaha County and across the state allege that party leaders are deliberately delaying county elections until after the state central committee meeting.

Those in control of the party now, they say, prefer establishment-backed candidates for state party officer position. They also suspect existing board members will be more supportive of rescinding the rights of county precinct committee men and committee women at state convention then the county office candidates they favor.

"There is a movement, there are candidates and there are some elected officials in the county and throughout the state that want to stave off precinct

committee voting rights on the constitutional officers," Austad said.

It's an accusation that's being heard within party circles throughout South Dakota in recent weeks. It's also more fallout from the stir those making the accusations caused at the Republican Party State Convention in June. That's when they helped newly elected Secretary of State Monae Johnson knock incumbent Steve Barnett off the general election ballot.

Barnett was the preferred candidate of upper party leadership.

The upset of Barnett as well as the near defeat of both Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden and incoming Attorney General Marty Jackley sent shock waves through the party establishment. And within days, machinations to ensure that didn't happen again were in play.

Outgoing GOP Chairman Dan Lederman has refused to speak to The Dakota Scout about the proposed rule changes, first floated by the party's state central committee last summer. And in September, South Dakota's top state senator, Watertown Republican Lee Schoenbeck, said if the state GOP doesn't get a handle on what he characterizes as the fringes of the party causing havoc on the party process, the Legislature would.

"Near as I can tell, these people hate Republicans," he told The Dakota Scout at the time.

Gov. Kristi Noem, who is backing Wiik's candidacy for state GOP chair, is also believed to be backing the rule change after her lieutenant governor nearly fell during the state convention to Rep. Steve Haugaard. Haugaard is well-liked among the far right faction of the party that most vehemently opposes the proposed bylaw changes.

Current chair of the Minnehaha County GOP, Sen. Maggie Sutton said the accusations that meeting schedules at the county level are being gamed are without merit. And in the case of Minnehaha County, she said there was a good faith effort to conduct county party elections in early December. The meeting was thwarted by bad weather.

That coupled with holiday and travel commitments among executive committee members made holding a meeting prior to the state central committee meeting challenging, she said.

"This is like a family squabble going on here," Sutton said, declining to say whether she prefers Wiik over Rep. Kevin Jensen as the next party chair. "We've just got to work it out."

construction on their land were unable to accommodate an earlier hearing date due to conflicting trial dates.

Nelson added that the later deadline set by the commission does not imply any intention of kicking the can down the road, and he assured all parties

involved that reaching a final deadline and making a decision is a priority.

PUC staff attorney Kristen Edwards noted that accommodations will be made to honor the approved September deadline.

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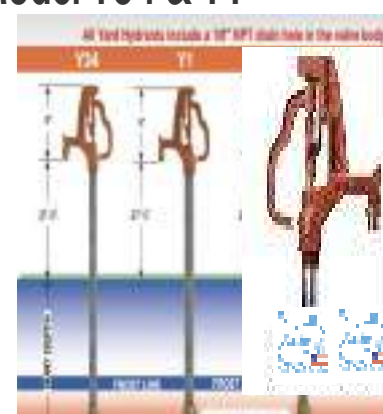
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‘Elk’ by Sturgis Artist Travis Sorenson Win’s Sculpture Walk’s People’s Choice Award

SIoux FALLS - Sculpture-Walk’s 2022 People’s Choice Award goes to Sturgis, S.D., artist Travis Sorenson for his sculpture “Elk.”

Exactly 500 visitors cast votes in this year’s competition. “We are grateful to each participating artist, every person who voted for their favorite piece and the City of Sioux Falls for their support of our mission to bring art to the people.

We can’t wait to see this gorgeous piece on permanent display in our community,” says Regan Smith, Sculpture-Walk Board President.

The winning sculpture is created using recycled stainless steel and copper and depicts a mounted elk bust. “I would like to say I am very honored and thankful to have the privilege of getting one of my sculptures installed in the city of Sioux Falls,” says Sculptor Travis Sorenson. People’s Choice voting was open to the public through September 30. Each year’s winning sculpture is purchased by the City of Sioux Falls and added to the community’s collection of public art. “The Visual Arts Commission board proudly supports this year’s SculptureWalk People’s

Choice Award recipient, Travis Sorenson. We look forward to including Sorenson’s sculpture, “Elk,” in the City’s permanent collection,” says Joe Schaeffer, Visual Arts Commission Chair.

In addition to this award, Sorenson won a 2021 Best of Show Award for his sculpture “Maximus Moose,” a 2019 Best of Show Award for his sculpture “Cimarron,” a 2018 Best of Show Award for his sculpture “Horse,” and a 2017 Best of Show Award for his sculpture “Whirlwind of Life.” Sculpture-Walk’s Best of Show winners represent the best-of-the-best sculptures as judged on artistic merit and creativity.

Voting for the People’s Choice sculpture was easier than ever this year with our new digital voting feature. People also could vote using the printed ballot available in this exhibit’s brochure. Of this year’s 500 total votes, 294 were submitted digitally.

The winning sculpture will remain on its pedestal in front of the Carpenter Building in downtown Sioux Falls (221 S. Phillips Ave.) into the spring.

The Visual Arts Commission in coordination with the City of Sioux Falls then will place the sculpture in a more permanent

location for all to enjoy into the future.

Watch for more details coming soon regarding an upcoming contest to name the “Elk”!

To continue supporting public art, please consider making a donation to SculptureWalk at SculptureWalkSiouxFalls.com/Donate.

SculptureWalk Sioux Falls is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that organizes an annual exhibit of outdoor sculptures throughout downtown Sioux Falls.

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‘Elk’ by Travis Sorenson. Photo by Paul Schiller

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Freshmen A Honor Roll

Angeles, Ysabelle
Evans, Ryan
Fredericksen, Tegan
Hatling, Reagan
Hostetter, Trinity
Juelfs, Emma
Larson, Denali
Littleton, Journee
McLennan, Joseph
Olson, Atlee
Olson, Jazlyn
Parmeter, Raif
Pelster, Syd
Vetter, Danelle
Williamson, Kate

Freshmen B Honor Roll

Biehl, Griffen
Bowers, Nathan
Bush, Spencer
Dighton, Riley
Erhart, Cierra
Hale, John
Hayes, Adeline
Hayworth, Dierks
Hendrickson, Kyle
Hight, Ashtyn
Hughes, Tucker
Humbrecht, Slater
Huston, Garet
Lambert, Leah
Lipp, Emmitt
Manke, Marek
Marshall, Justus
Nehl, Mason
Nolan, Jeremiah
Olson, Trigg
Pearson, Gavin
Pinkerton, Serenity
Pruitt, Andrew
Rowe, Corbin
Runyan-Ramos, Izaac
Stein, Stephen
Walding, Oden
Weishaar, Sern
Wipf, Ivy

Sophomore A Honor Roll

Baker, Sydney
Carbajal, Aleyah
Colburn, Kord
Crago, Lainey
Foley, Spencer
Jackson, Payton
Kirstine, Taya
Klocek, Alexandra
Mailloux, Allie
Main, Lydia
McCord, Elizabeth
Mundt, Maximus
Nore, Lily
Nowowiejski, Kailey
Schreder, Owyn
Tanninen, Kaisa
Wilen, Betsy

Sophomore B Honor Roll

Bricker, Nora
Campagna, Gino
Damberg, Elinor

Gallagher, Kaydance
Grady, Carlee
Kerr, Shaun-Tey
Lesmeister, Wyatt
Merjil, Chloe
Moke, Bailey
Pesicka, Darian
Stevens, Alexandria
Sutter, Drake
Swaney, Alexa
Vissia, Abigail
Williams, Radlie

Junior A Honor Roll

Allen, Ava
Anderson, Alexis
Anderson, Hailey
Audiss, Rexton
Baxendale, Jacie
Best, Zachary
Dvork, Payton
Erhart, Owen
Giffin, Emilee
Hayes, Allison
Hostetter, Tyce
Howard, Madison
Juelfs, Sarah
Katon, Kyla
Long, Theodore
Main, Anika
McNenny, Cade
Mills, Taylor
Musilek, Jonah
Njos, Justice
Peterson, Isabella
Seaman, Lorelei
Sechser, Jaimen
Staley, Ethan
Tyndall, Logan
Underhill, Sydney
Uskoski, Nell
Vetsch, Abigail
Ward, Mataya
Weishaar, Shaine
Williamson, Alena
Woltkamp, Nyomi
Young, Sloan

Junior B Honor Roll

Bowden, Rance
Brown, Lynnea
Coleman, Aiden
Funk, Justus
Johnson, Arlen
Johnson, Madison
Jordan, Earl
Kayras, Gracie
Knappen, Tony
Krajewski, Daniel
Larson, Reese
Lee, Katelyn
Lunders, Atlea
McKenna, Carter
McNeese, Brodie
Nehl, Olivia
Richter, Ariana
Rivera, Harley
Sandoval, Jordan
Sechser, Carston
Sprigler, Rose
Tanninen, Lana

Trainor, Kyha
Voyles, Aiden
Wahlfeldt, Nolan
Zeestraten, Kelby
Senior A Honor Roll
Brill, Victoria
Budmayr, Anthony
Byrd, Amanda
Clarkson, Sawyer
Clooten, Grace
Crago, Chloe
Curran, Conner
Dean-Hill, Ashton
Frisbie, Alyssa
Furrow, Olivia
Goodwin, Evelyn
Hayworth, Krystin
Kolb, Dustin
Kraft, Nicole
Kummer, Ayden
Lambert, Nicholas
Longbrake, Lane
Machaben, Morgan
May, Sylvia
McCarty, Lily
McCord, Margaret
McLennan, Ava
Minor, Lily
Nowowiejski, Devin
Pomrenke, Alanah
Ramos, Izzabella
Richardson, Chloe
Rodrigues, Hailey
Sheeler, Alexis
Stedillie, Dylan
Stores, Chloe
Thomsen, Caden
Tonsager, Andrew
Walker, Ava

Senior B Honor Roll

Biehl, Natalia
Blankenship, Maesie
Broderon, Jenna
Carbajal, Brayden
Dudley, Jessica
Eaton, Halle
Erhart, Kaitlyn
Geib, Gunnar
Hobbs, Aubrie
Hockenbary, Ayseluna
Hovland, Adryana
Jensen, Jadon
Joens, Raile
Krug, Fiona
Leatherman, Breanna
Marshall, Trent
McQueen, Preston
Moke, Shelby
Nulle, Kalika
Odle, Charles
Park, Damian
Pickett, Shaylee
Rasmussen, Trinity
Reder, Reece
Reeves, Jaelynn
Rushton, Bradley
Staley, Anthony
Tanska, Tayrah
Vissia, Evan



Belle Fourche School District's Community Early Childhood Developmental Screening For children ages 0-5

Date: Friday February 24, 2023

Time: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Where: North Park Elementary Early Intervention
Classroom

Please call for an appointment
723-9139

Join TREC: Badlands Head Start & Black Hills Reads for the 2023 Race to Read

Black Hills Reads and TREC: Badlands Head Start are excited to bring you a state-wide, community driven challenge that emphasizes the importance of early literacy in a fun and inviting way! The 2023 Race to Read Challenge will start on January 9, 2023, and end on March 2, 2023.

Throughout the challenge, readers across South Dakota will accumulate ‘miles’ for every book they read. These miles will then be used to determine how far our figurative book mobile travels as we ‘race’ around the state!

The Race to Read Challenge (previously known as Read Across SD) is put on by Black Hills Reads, a literacy and education initiative under the umbrella of the United Way of the Black Hills. Black Hills Reads partners with agencies and businesses such as TREC: Badlands Head Start – resources and excitement around literacy to every community in the Black Hills—and now throughout South Dakota!

TREC: Badlands Head Start: Prenatal to Five is a comprehensive, early learning and support program for prenats, children ages 0- 5 year and their families in Butte, Harding and Perkins counties. We believe

that success starts early and an early way to success is through literacy. This event helps us to promote and encourage early literacy for our families.

Hanna Glissendorf, Director of Black Hills Reads, is excited to be working with Badlands Head Start and is happy to have them as a partner in this challenge.

Badlands Head Start will take part in the challenge from January 9-March 2. Our 4 centers will be challenging each other for the most books read, ending the challenge with a special literacy event on March 2 within each classroom. Our homebased clusters will be challenging each other for the most books read, ending the challenge with a special literacy event at a social on March 2. All children participating will receive a new book and have a chance to meet the Cat in the Hat.

TREC: Badlands Head Start says, “we are honored to be partnering with Black Hills Reads and our Head Start families to give the children and families we serve a love for literacy.”

For more information on the Race to Read Challenge or Badlands Head Start call 605-723-8837

Belle Fourche Kindergarten Screening-Date: Monday, March 13th; Time: 8:00—3:00 pm

Location: North Park Elementary.

You MUST bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

Children must be five years old on or before Sept. 1st 2023. Appointments required—call North Park @ 723-3379 to schedule an appointment ASAP.

Appointments generally last one hour.

Current Kindergarten students will not have school this day.

“The Scout at the State Capitol”

Jackley: Mission accomplished for Vargo's legacy in South Dakota AG's office

The Pennington County State's Attorney set sights on improving relations

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When Mark Vargo became South Dakota's 32nd attorney general, his days as the state's top prosecutor and law enforcement officer were already numbered.

His appointment to the office came following the ouster of Jason Ravensborg and after the campaign to be the long-term replacement to the impeached attorney general was already on.

Vargo had six months to make the most of his time as attorney general, and he set his sights on improving the office's standing with South Dakota's nine Indian tribes and creating synergies between law enforcement on both sides of reservation borders.

“The goal was to have this started and rolling down hill for him when he gets here,” Vargo said while referring to managing the office,



Mark Vargo

Schreier resigning federal judgeship, giving Biden administration another nomination

Her run on the bench has lasted nearly a quarter-century

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U.S. District Court Judge Karen Schreier has notified the White House that she intends to step down from her post in the Federal District Court for South Dakota.

That vacancy will allow the Biden administration to fill the position, as well as the one created when Judge Jeffrey Viken took senior status on Oct. 1, 2021. Like Viken, Schreier plans to take senior status, said Matt Thelen, the clerk of courts for the district.

“It is my intention to continue to render substantial judicial service as a senior judge,” Schreier wrote in her resignation letter.

Schreier said she will maintain her position until the Biden nominee is confirmed by the Senate, Thelen said.

Senior judges still hear cases, but they can choose which types of cases they hear.

To qualify for senior status, judges must be at least 65 and have 15 years of service, or any combination of age and years of service that reaches 80. But they must be on the bench at least 10 years regardless of age. Senior judges continue to earn the salary they received at the time they took senior status, and there is no mandatory retirement age.

Thelen said there is no limit on the number of senior judges in a district.

Schreier would join Viken, 70, and Judges Lawrence Piersol, 82, and Charles Kornmann, 85, who are also

improving native relations and readying to hand the reins to Attorney General-elect Marty Jackley, who will be sworn into office later this week.

As the longtime Pennington County state's attorney, Vargo brought with him a plethora of experience and background in prosecuting cases in a county with a significant Native American population and close proximity to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

In his role as a county prosecutor, he spearheaded partnerships with the Oglala Sioux Tribe like joint task forces between Pennington County law enforcement and tribal police and its attorney general's office. He also helped usher in memorandums of understanding that opened the door to more collaboration between the jurisdictions. And when he took the helm of the Attorney General's Office, he committed to fostering that kind of collaboration between the state and its tribes.

His first priority, he said, was to address a pair of unfilled positions within the agency that have major touch points with the state's tribes: A missing and murdered indigenous persons (MMIP) liaison and a human trafficking coordinator.

When Ravensborg left, the office had received eight applications for the posted human trafficking coordinator position and six applications for the MMIP coordinator.

Unsatisfied, Vargo exacted to relist the positions and aggressively advertise the position through personal correspondence with contacts he had in the tribal communities. And after receiving 71 applicants for the human trafficking coordinator job and another 61 for the missing and murdered Indigenous persons coordinator post, Vargo announced in December he had hired a pair of women with backgrounds in Native relations and human trafficking.

Attempts to build understanding

on senior status in South Dakota.

There are currently three district court judge slots for South Dakota. Judge Roberto Lange, an Obama appointee, holds the final seat.

The Biden administration has attempted to find a nomination to succeed Viken, insisting early that it be a Native American, and preferably a Native American woman. But the first candidates were unable to pass background checks.

Carl Tobias, a law professor at the University of Richmond School of Law and an expert on the federal judiciary, said he expects the Biden administration to be more aggressive to fill vacancies over the next two years. But the focus on nominating replacements so far has focused on Democratic blue states.

“At some point, they will move to red states, but few have been filled so far and many blue ones remain open,” Tobias said in an email to The Dakota Scout. “However, were two of three in South Dakota be open, they would almost have to move.”

Schreier, 66, was nominated to the federal bench by President Bill Clinton in 1999. She was the first woman to serve as a Federal District Court judge in South Dakota, and so far, the only one.

She was also the state's first woman to serve as U.S. Attorney, the federal government's top prosecutor, for South Dakota, which the Clinton administration appointed her to in 1993.

The Flandreau native was born into a political family. Her father, Harold, served 10 years in the state Senate in the 1970s as a Democrat. Schreier married Tim Dougherty, a prominent lobbyist and the son of

about Native American culture with rank-and-file members of the Attorney General's Office also occurred during Vargo's tenure. And this summer, he hosted an indigenous emersion event for his staff and as part of the a MMIP advisory group he convened during the candidate search.

It entailed a drum circle from Pine Ridge performed at the George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center, and nearly 100 staffers participated in a smudging ceremony.

That event not only gave his staff a look into Native culture they might not have otherwise had, but it also sends a positive message to the participating tribes, said Vargo, who announced Wednesday the advisory group will be a permanent fixture of the office moving forward.

“It's just becoming a little more educated on some of the other cultural norms within our state of our friends and neighbors. That was an amazing event,” he said. “That's the kind of thing that just shows you only have to do something fairly small to start something big along.”

Jackley, who was sworn in as attorney general on Saturday, said while he worked hard during his first stint in the office to work with the tribes, the progress Vargo has made will carry on after he returns to Pennington County.

“I'm a strong believer that relationships in law enforcement pay dividends when it comes to solving crimes, protecting communities and finding justice for victims ... and the outreach (Vargo) did which includes not just filling those positions,” he said, noting that Vargo's work earned him a star quilt during the recent Lakota Nation Invitational Basketball Tournament. “We've always traditionally had good relationships, and he's taken it to the next step.

“That's what he wanted his legacy to be. And in the time he had, I thought he did a very nice job with that,” Jackley added.

Bill Dougherty, a powerbroker in the South Dakota Democratic Party who had close ties to the Kennedy family, held a key post with Sen. George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign, and went on to serve as lieutenant governor.

Bill Dougherty later built a successful lobbying career.

Schreier earned her law degree from St. Louis University School of Law in 1981. After clerking for a year, she joined Hagen, Wilka, Schreier & Archer, where she practiced for 11 years. During that period, she also served as chairwoman of the South Dakota Democratic Party.

The U.S. Senate confirmed her to the federal bench with a 94-4 vote. Following her confirmation, former Sen. Tim Johnson thanked his colleagues for “their overwhelming and bipartisan support” for Schreier.

“It is of historic note, that Karen is about to become the first female federal judge in South Dakota's 110-year history, and her outstanding achievements as an attorney, community leader, and federal judge will serve as a model for countless other talented young people throughout our state – both men and women,” Johnson said on the Senate floor. “Most importantly, however, her ascension to the federal bench is a victory for justice and the rule of law. South Dakota and our nation will be very well served by Karen Schreier's tenure as federal district judge for S.Dakota.”

The last federal judge in South Dakota who was nominated by a Republican administration was Judge Richard Battey, a Reagan appointee who stepped down in 1998. Schreier replaced Battey.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

English cryptograms are an excellent brain game. Fill in the missing letters and guess the word. Each letter stands for a letter. Key: Y = 5.

"FANANSAF KZIK KZA NEYK

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— Z. OITHYEO HFEOO, U.F.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: Those who do not study are only called cheaters upon men's clothes. — Chinese proverb

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Coughing
4. Scum (pret.)
7. Television band
10. Spotted
11. Ahead (pret.)
12. Mascagni
14. Key
15. Average
17. Breakfast
18. Penetrate
19. Parlor
20. Rush
22. Excavation
23. Dues
24. Judge
27. Thine
28. C. (Italian)
29. L. (Economic)
30. Community labor
31. C. (Economic)
32. Pay (put)

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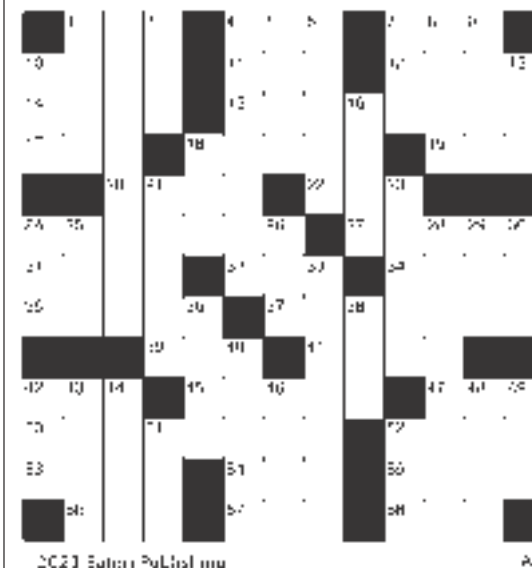
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle Answers on D4

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“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

by John Newby

Tips For a Productive 2023

Dwight D. Eisenhower once very appropriately said, “Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him”. The train of the future is rapidly approaching, it will run over those unaware or ambivalent to the landscape around them. What will that landscape start to look like in 2023 and even beyond? More importantly, what must we do now to avoid being run over by the locomotive called the future?

Strengthening your community and business brand is a must. The digital media landscape is a revolving door of endless content vying for



consumer attention. You have social feeds allowing you to scroll forever, countless TV channels from which to choose, plus content and brands are everywhere. Capturing the attention of the consumer is much more

difficult than just a couple of years ago; only the strong will survive. Attention is the most critical element in advertising, marketing, or branding campaigns. It is the key driver of memorability, favorability and ultimately, the purchase.

Convey your brand story in a compelling and emotional way. In the future, those that can build an emotional attachment with consumers will win. Tell your story in such

a way as to connect. Simply throwing your community or business name out there won't be enough, you must connect in ways that build bonds and strong attachments.

Be unique, provide OUTSTANDING customer service.

In the Nation's Restaurant News, we read that most self-order kiosks at restaurants will be replaced by mobile ordering apps in the coming years. Many consumers hate digital kiosks. With the price of fast food nearly that of a sit-down restaurant, restaurants offering unique experiences along with over-the-top customer service, will be able to better compete. This same concept holds true of all businesses and even communities. Unique and customer friendly businesses and communities will have a huge advantage over national chains and mundane experiences.

Be creative and look forward. There will be more room for activities. Society is changing, it is less about drinking.

The post-pandemic social changes mean nights out might be more about enjoyable group activities. We already have mini golf, ping pong, darts, axes, and indoor (and outdoor) soccer if you're feeling sporty. In the future, start thinking additional options such as painting, board games such as checker/chess tournaments, ceramics, pickleball, or video games.

The digital financial revolution will escalate – While the crypto universe is in a short-term funk, regardless of what we want to think, don't be lured into thinking this concept is going away. Much like the early Internet, the blockchain, crypto, and other similar inventions are simply going through the normal and expected growing pains that accompany new technology. In the coming years, sooner rather than later, nearly everything you do will have components and connections to digital currency, the blockchain and so forth. Start learning, preparing, and understanding this technology or your business and community will be left behind.

Mark Vargo

I like what Jeff Bezos said a couple of years ago as it pertains to the future, “What we need to do is always lean into the future; when the world changes around you and when it changes against you - what used to be a tail wind is now a head wind - you have to lean into that and figure out what to do because complaining isn't a strategy”. We all must take a greater interest in our future, after all we will be spending the rest of our lives there. Let us work extra hard in 2023 to shape that future to the liking of our business or community and not get left behind in the whirlwind of change that is knocking on the door.

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Show Up

Belle LaVenue here, watching the Holiday Fine Arts winding down, and the fine arts organizations preparing for entertainment in 2023.

DO YOU HAVE AN EYE FOR GREAT PHOTOS? Belle Fourche Arts Council is holding their first annual photography contest and is now taking submissions until February 4th. The contest theme is “Rural Life Expressions.” You may enter your photos under multiple categories: landscape, people, and wildlife. There are two levels of competition – 18 and under and adult. There is a \$20 entrance fee that covers four submissions, with a maximum of two entries per category. The winner of each category will receive \$175, with second place receiving \$100 and 3rd place \$50. There will also be an award for people’s choice. Submissions can be brought in person to the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center or mailed (415 Fifth Avenue). The Tri-State Museum is open from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday-Saturday. All photos must have been taken in the Black Hills. Each should be submitted as a matted 9 x 10 photo, and include a complete entry form, signed release form, and the entry fee to cover all submissions. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Belle Fourche Arts Council Facebook page, the website <https://bfartsphotocontest.weebly.com>, or obtained from the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center. Please call Charlotte Dougherty at 568-0179 if you would like to be a sponsor! Can’t wait to enter all my best Black Hills vacation selfies in the “people” category. #livingmybestlife

Coming up soon is this great opportunity to learn more about or become involved in the local theater scene: **The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) ANNUAL MEETING will be on January 14 from 7 - 8pm at Venue 519.** YOU are invited to attend the meeting - maybe start or renew your membership, and maybe even join the BFACT Board. According to Executive Producer, Derek Olson, he and Board of Directors will break down this past season of theater and talk about what’s to come. There will be four board seats up for election so if you are interested in getting involved, make sure to be there. This meeting is open to everyone, but only members can vote for BOD seats. You can become a member at the meeting. (And we hope many people do!)

MARK YOUR AUTUMN CALENDARS for these upcoming Fine Arts Events:


- **JANUARY 21** - Belle Fourche Writers regular meeting from 10 am to noon at the library.
- **JANUARY 14** - BFACT ANNUAL MEETING from 7-8 PM at VENUE 519.
- **JANUARY 16** - BFMS Winter Band Concert, BELLE FOURCHE REC CENTER THEATER.
- **JANUARY 23** - BFHS Competitive ONE ACT PERFORMANCE - 7 PM. This is the public performance of the show that will compete at Regional One Act on January 25th.
- **MARCH 9** - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: DAN MILLER’S COWBOY MUSIC REVIEW Best of Cowboy and American at the Rec Center 7pm
- **MARCH 17 & 18** - BFMS PLAY - A 3-ACT Travel Through Time.
- **MARCH 30, 2023** - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: TAKE 3 - High Energy w/Violin, Piano & Cello at the rec center 7pm.
- **APRIL 24** - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: HOW SWEET IT IS! Tribute to James Taylor at the rec center 7pm.
- **MAY 6** - GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER - for the FINE ARTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL COMMUNI-


Belle Fourche Arts Council Announces First Annual Photography Contest

The Belle Fourche Arts Council will hold its first annual photography contest, with submissions accepted from January 1-February 4th. The contest theme is “Rural Life Expressions,” and subject categories are landscape, people and wildlife. There are two participants categories, including Under 18 and Adult. An entrant will be required to pay a \$20 fee, but this will cover four submissions, with a maximum of two entries per category. There will be a \$175 prize for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third in each category. There will also be an award given for People’s Choice. Submissions should be

brought to the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Submissions can also be mailed to this address, but all mailed entries must have a postmark date no later than February 4. All photos must have been taken in the Black Hills but can be recent or older. Each should be submitted as a matted 9 x 10 photo, and include a complete entry form, signed release form, and the entry fee to cover all submissions. Entry form can be downloaded from the Belle Fourche Arts Council Facebook page or the website at <https://bfartsphotocontest.weebly.com>. Forms may also be obtained at the Tri-State

Museum and Visitor Center. Submissions will be on exhibit at the museum during the week of February 4-10. Contest judges will be Hunter Anderson, Jodie Baxendale and Scott Chandler. Final judging and the awarding of prizes will take place on Saturday, February 11th at a 5-7 p.m. reception at the Tri-State. Following the contest, winning entries will be on exhibit in select places in Belle Fourche. The Arts Council is seeking sponsors for the awards; please call Charlotte Dougherty at 568-0179. Further information about the “Rural Life Expressions” can be found at the Belle Fourche Arts Council Facebook page, or the website.







Rural Life Expressions

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2023 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

RULES & GUIDELINES:

- Submissions: January 1 - February 4th
- Participant Categories: Under 18, Adult
- Subject Categories: Landscape, People, Wildlife
- Entry Fee of \$20 per entrant covers 4 submissions, 2 max per category
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and People’s Choice in each category
- More information and contest entry forms are available at <https://bfartsphotocontest.weebly.com> or use the QR code.



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First Saturday Brunch Offers Glimpse Into Lead’s Past

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The Tri-State Museum kicked off their 2023 First Saturday Brunch series with a sold-out presentation, as Christine Allen, Development Director for the Homestake Opera House, presented “Homestake Opera House: The Jewel of the Black Hills.”

Nearly 50 attendees, who gathered at the museum on January 7, were offered a look back at how the mining history of Lead led to the 1914 opening of the Homestake Opera House (HOH), which in addition to a theater, also doubled as a recreation center, including a bowling alley, billiards room, gun range, and swimming pool.

Along with photos of the HOH and its founders, Allen also shared a few articles published by the Lead Daily Call on the construction of the opera house.

Although the founding and building of the HOH was before their time, many attendees could recall the 1984 fire that greatly damaged the building, shutting it down for nearly 20 years. The remainder of Allen’s presentation focused on the funding and restoration of the building that has been taking place since the late 1990s, as well as some of the events that have been held in the building since its reopening in the early 2000s.

“The Opera House is closed until April,” says Allen. “Western State Fire Protection is putting in our fire suppression system! It seems an odd thing, to be excited to be closed, but for the first time in decades we will be protected from fire and we are so excited about that!”

Allen also adds that in addition to fire suppression,

several other systems are being addressed as part of the restoration. “This is just part of our overall efforts to restore the Opera House with the Jewel of the West Capital Campaign. We need \$8 million and have raised \$3.3 [million] at this time,” says Allen, adding that the restoration will include HVAC, upgraded electrical, a new elevator to address ADA needs, and sound systems for the stage.

While every part of the restoration is important, Allen would like to highlight the addition of elevation to the backstage area. “We recently received a \$40,000 grant from the Muffin Fund towards this project. Our new elevator will provide access to the stage, backstage, and costume area for people of all abilities.

This is so important as everyone deserves a chance to be involved in theater and seeing disabled people on stage is good for our communities. When we don’t see people with disabilities or even age related mobility issues on stage, it is easier to marginalize these groups in real life. Their increased representation on stage and screen is so important to our culture and this new elevator will make that possible.”

Although the HOH is otherwise closed until April, a Galentine’s Day Fashion Show will be held on February 11 at 7 p.m. in the HOH Interpretive Center and lobby, featuring fashionable fun!

First Saturday Brunch is held the first Saturday of each month at the Tri-State Museum, with brunch served at 10 a.m. followed by a presentation at 10:30. The theme for February’s First Saturday Brunch will be “All About Valentine’s Day” presented by Kristi Thielen.



Homestake Opera House Development Director **Christine Allen** presents “Homestake Opera House: The Jewel of the Black Hills” at Tri-State Museum’s January First Saturday Brunch. *Beacon Photo*



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The Fort is located four miles

A group of approximately 15 people, including students and staff, are sitting in a circle on folding chairs in a classroom. They are engaged in a discussion or activity. The room has bookshelves, a whiteboard, and various classroom supplies in the background. Two people in the foreground are seen from behind, looking towards the group.

Ninth and tenth-grade students participate in a GOAL setting session at Leadership Day. - Brunner photo (Story below)

**Colleen Brunner
with Judy Heisler**

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Leaders D4

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There is a fundraiser planned for mid-February at the High Plains Restaurant in Newell. Judy Heisler is the organizer and any contact for donations for the family should go through her at 605-210-2586.

snow pants and other items. The girls wear size 12 and ladies small; men's small or boys size 18. If you have items to donate please contact Luaine Shaykett at 605-210-0825.



Although the structure doesn't look too bad from the outside, the inside was totally gutted by fire late Tuesday evening. - Brunner photo

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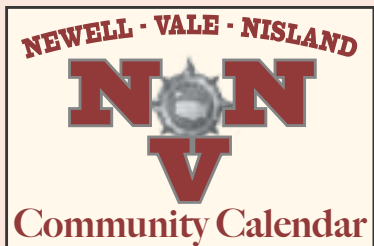


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If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenbrunner@gmail.com

Jan. 11-Vale Ag Fair, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Vale Community Hall-Free lunch from 11-1, more than 20 vendors in attendance.

Jan. 12: BBB-West River Tourney at Newell, 6 p.m.

Jan. 13: GBB/BBB West River Tourney at Newell, 3 p.m.

Jan. 14: GBB/BBB West River Tourney at Barnett Center in Rapid City, all day. See school webpage for time of games.

Jan. 14: HSWR Tourney at Gettysburg, 8 a.m.

Jan. 14: Nisland/Arpan Fire Dept. Auxiliary 6th annual Soup/Dessert supper, 5 – 7 .m. at NAVFR Fire Hall. Silent Auction.

Jan. 17: GBB at Kadoka, 5:30 p.m. JV and Varsity

Jan. 18: Storytime with Miss Patti at Newell Library. Geared for 0-5 year-olds but anyone is welcome to attend.

Jan. 19: GBB at Newell vs. Custer, 5:30 p.m.: Butte County EMS Dodgeball tournament at Austin Auditorium. 6 p.m. All EMS services will have teams: Belle Fourche Fire Dept., Nisland/Arpan Fire Dept., Vale Fire Dept., Newell Fire Dept., Castle Rock Fire Dept., Newell Ambulance, Belle Fourche Ambulance, Butte County Dispatch. Call 605-645-0813 for more information.

Jan. 20: Newell Public Library's - Crafting Circle, 1-3 p.m. Newell Public Library is happy to be hosting a Community Crafting Circle on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at

1 pm, there is no set cut off time other than the library does close at 5:00 p.m. It is open to all teens & adults, we have a very large open space with a large table, lots of seating and a friendly environment. All you have to do is Bring-Your-Own-Craft & supplies/tools to craft with, we welcome many crafts from the needle arts, painting/drawing, scrapbooking, beading, etc. also, if you are unsure if the Library can accommodate your type of craft, please feel free to call or stop in to make sure it is ok.

Jan. 21: HSWR Chadron Tournament, 8 a.m.

Jan. 21: Butte County Fire Protection Meat Raffle Event at Outlaw, 615 5th Ave., Belle Fourche, 2-4 p.m. Please join us at The Outlaw for our Fundraising Meat Raffle, this year's benefactor is the Butte County Fire Protection Association Organized & hosted by Fire & Iron Station 118 Sponsored by: Auto Pros, Badlands Security, Branding Iron, Center of the Nation Sportsmans Club, Davis Ranch, Outlaw Bar, Runnings, Wells Plumbing, Wilbur Repair, You will have a 1 in 30 chance to win various Meat packages. Once 30 tickets are sold, we spin the wheel for the winner, then again for a second chance to win a free drink. Then we start the process all over again!

Jan. 24: BBB at Newell vs. New Underwood, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 27: GBB/BBB at Faith, 3 p.m.

Jan. 31-HSWR Newell Round Robin, 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 4: Butte County Fire Protection Meat Raffle Event at Outlaw, 615 5th Ave., Belle Fourche, 2-4 p.m. Please join us at The Outlaw for our Fundraising Meat Raffle, this year's benefactor is the Butte County Fire Protection Association Organized & hosted by Fire & Iron Station 118 Sponsored by: Auto Pros, Badlands Security, Branding Iron, Center of the Nation Sportsmans Club, Davis Ranch, Outlaw Bar, Runnings, Wells Plumbing, Wilbur Repair, You will have a 1 in 30 chance to win various Meat packages. Once 30 tickets are sold, we spin the wheel for the winner, then again for a second chance to win a free drink. Then we start the process all over again!

From D1 Dream

west of the four-way stop (junction of US 212 and Highway 79) in Newell on Orman Rd. 18459 Stonelake Rd is the address, but you cannot find it

via GPS. Please check their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/forttranquility> to send a message or call at 605-456-2712 for directions. Please leave a message.

The couple is currently working on a webpage with more

concrete, easily located information, but a trip to the farm is a must to enjoy the serene environment. There are several events already planned for 2023 and more dates are available.



Jerry and Dixie Seaman own the property on Stonelake Road in rural Newell area where Fort Tranquility is located. - Courtesy photo



A cabin and rough camping located next to a dam full of fish. What could be more inviting. This is Fort Tranquility. - Courtesy photo

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Lunch: Walking Tacos, Refried Beans, Tropical Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Milk

MONDAY, JAN 16

Breakfast: Egg/Sausage, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Hot Dog, Whole Grain Bun, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Applesauce

TUESDAY, JAN 17

Breakfast: Long Johns, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Monterey Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Peaches, Milk

WEDNESDAY, JAN 18

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Bread Sticks, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Pears, Milk

THURSDAY, JAN 19

Breakfast: Breakfast Wraps, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

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Storytime With Miss Patty

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NEWELL – “I wish more people would take advantage of this opportunity,” said Newell Public Librarian Lisa Wonderly.

The Newell Public Library holds Storytime with Miss Patty each first and third Wednesday of each month. The next date is January 18 at 11 a.m. The library is located at 208 Girard in Newell.

Miss Patty reads a book in her fun Dress-Up Costume. You never know what she will be dressed like next. There can

also be singing, dancing, and a fun game or craft on occasion that all go with the book of the week.

The story times are geared toward 0-5 year-olds, but all ages are welcome. For any question please call the library on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at (605) 456-2179 <https://newellpublic.yoursdlibrary.org/> where you can find all kinds of helpful things. There is a library calendar and events and activities page where you can find the latest in programming available. Check it out and then make a visit.



Miss Patty (Karas) reads a book to little ones at the Newell Library during one of the Storytime events on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. You never know if Mother Goose will show up or some other character from a book. - Courtesy photo

Newell Improvement Committee



**Making a difference
in the NVN area**

Grand River Roundup

Betty Olson
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Casey went up to Laufer’s Monday morning to get parts to fix the processor that broke down while Reub was feeding the cows. Casey brought the parts home and got it fixed before he had to feed the calves and head to town for wrestling practice that afternoon. Missy went up to Lanie and Matt’s place in South Heart that morning to take the bouncy castle that Rick and Cindy Engle gave to Matt and Lanie’s kids just like the one they gave Taz and Amanda’s kids for Christmas. Taz and Trig spent the day working at Polly Markegard’s. Taz and Trig went back up to work at Polly Markegard’s place again Tuesday morning. Steve Livermont called me that day to discuss the Republican Central Committee meeting in Pierre on January 14th that we both plan to attend. Missy got home from taking the Christmas present up to Lanie and Matt’s kids that afternoon and Casey

went in for wrestling practice to get the wrestlers ready for the wrestling tournament in Hettinger on Friday and Saturday. Wednesday Copper and all the other Harding County kids went back to school for the first day since Christmas vacation and Casey went to Buffalo that afternoon for wrestling practice. Taz and Trig spent the day doing carpenter work at Polly Markegard’s. Leroy Olson called me to let us know that his cousin, Bob McCarty, has passed away in Colorado on Thursday. Robert McCarty, 90, from Grand Junction, Colorado and formerly from Ralph, South Dakota, passed away January 5th. He was the son of Willard and Cora (Olson) McCarty who are buried in Ralph. We haven’t heard anything about Bob’s funeral yet. These guys butchered another beef Thursday morning



and have it hanging in the cooler. Taz and Trig went up to Polly’s again after they got the beef taken care of. I left to go quilting down at the church that morning so I didn’t have to help them. Patsy Wilkinson, Lori Besler and Connie Weishaar were also there quilting and they sure got a lot done. Casey came down to the church that afternoon to put a new toilet in the women’s bathroom downstairs to replace the one that quit. They are also having trouble with the toilet in the women’s bathroom upstairs in the new addition. Brandon Padden, Dave Wickstrom and Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to the wrestling tournament in Hettinger Friday morning. Reub and I went to Hettinger that afternoon to get stuff from Runnings and White Drug, but there were so many people at

the tournament that there was no place to park so we just came home. Eli Lord came and picked up Taz Friday afternoon to go to a rodeo in Denver, CO, on Saturday. It was an invitation only rodeo and they had both been invited. Colorado cowboys were hosting the rodeo called “Colorado against the World”. Casey and Missy went back up to Hettinger to the wrestling tournament Saturday morning. Reub fed the cows that morning and Trig did all the rest of the chores besides going to Reva to get salt and mineral. It was a beautiful day with the temperature at 39 degrees and no wind, so there was a lot of water running out from under the snowbanks. My 12 pullets sure enjoyed the day and they gave me 12 eggs for the first time! Casey and Missy came home from the Hettinger wrestling tournament Saturday night and were here for chores Sunday morning. Eli Lord and Taz drove from the rodeo in Colorado Saturday night and got home really early Sunday morning.

Sunday was a beautiful, warm day with a high of 45 degrees and no wind. It was also a very busy day. There was communion at Slim Buttes Lutheran that morning and then Reub and I went to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner that afternoon. Mary Brixey told us that Preston Liebelt was going to give a talk about his mission work with Youth for Christ in Puerto Rico at Beckman Memorial Church in Prairie City Sunday evening. We hurried home to take care of the chickens and then made it back to Prairie City in time to listen to Preston tell about his mission work in Puerto Rico. He had given his talk at the New Hope Church in Lemmon that morning. I’ll leave you with this: Words of Wisdom As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize: Whether we wear a \$3000 or \$30 watch, they both tell the same time. Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag, the amount of money inside is the same. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3,000 or 30,000 sq. ft., the loneliness is the same. And we realize our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down, we go down with it.



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Grand River D4

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

January 2, 1913

Frank Patterson from Lovell took a load of flax into Faith and he was very dissatisfied with the price he got for the grain. This was the first he had sold in Faith having marketed previous loads in Newell. It is of vital importance to any town that the market be held up to the same level of neighboring towns.

C. Henry Wendt’s sheep wagon was seen trailing down the Castle Rock road toward Newell with Frank Miller as dweller and occupant. It was not however a case of sheep herding as it would naturally seem but instead it served as a sheltering place and dinning car for the boys who put in nearly a week in cutting down the Rick Hill in the Newell-Castle Rock road. Two Fresno’s and 1 single scraper and plow were busy 4½ days as well as 2 men with picks to fight jack the frost who broke up the plows and numerous clevises.

A regular hair-pulling and thumping episode occurred on

Main Street in which 3 young ladies were the participants. Their names are Maude Kinsey, Laura Carlson and Miss Moody. The trouble arose over a statement by one of the girls that Miss Moody failed to pay her debts and Miss Moody considered that her reputation had been injured and she attempted to beat up the Carlson girl. The scrap lasted only a few minutes and then was continued in the Post Office where Maude Kinsey took a hand at Miss Moody and a fierce fight resulted. The fight was brought to a close by the crowd that was looking on. The episode caused quite a good deal of excitement while it was on. In court each party was fined \$10 plus costs when the girls pleaded guilty.

January 4, 1923

Our auctioneer, Sam Hathaway, is the proud possessor of a genuine Navajo rug which was sent him as a Christmas present by Joes Moore, formerly from Newell, now of Farmington, New Mexico. Mr. Moore had quite recently returned to New Mexico from a visit with his

daughter here.

C.E. Scott went to Spearfish Monday and on his return was accompanied by Miss Myrtle Gemm, who spent the Holidays with her parents in that city and was returning to her duties as teacher in the Newell Schools. The Newell Schools were scheduled to open yesterday morning after the holiday vacation. We hear the barn at the Empire School is coming along fine and will be ready for stalling horses when the school starts again.

January 5, 1933

Dr. Clark reports several cases of small pox northwest of Newell and vicinity during the past week. The young daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clint McBride developed a case this week and the J.W. Truman family, on the KLT Ranch is also afflicted. In connection with the flu epidemic, Dr. Clark reports numerous cases, but mostly only a light attack with no casualties

The first conference basketball game is to be played Thursday evening at Nisland with Vale. The Newell Town team is to play the Nisland Town team immediately after the High School game. The 7th and 8th grade boys will play a short preliminary game.

Project Superintendent F.C. Youngblutt announced that during the past week several applications have been made to the office for stock water delivery, that if ponds are not filled soon, livestock will be in serious plight. Operation of canals during freezing weather is a rather serious undertaking and more so since the steel siphons were constructed in the North Canal, since the siphon must be kept covered with tar paint, because rusting iron has a short life. The matter has been taken up with the directors.

January 7, 1943

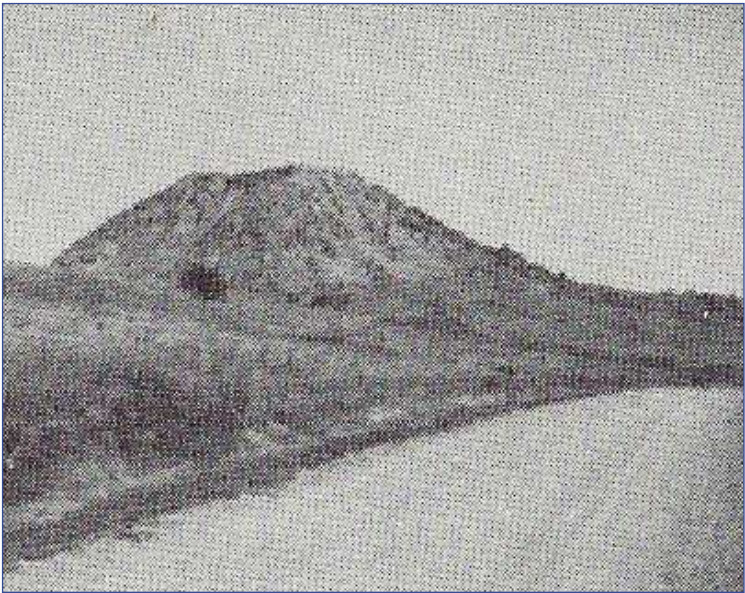
The first Newell and Butte County boy to give his life in service of his country, the somber realities of war were brought home last Thursday morning when the word came in a telegram from the US Navy of the death somewhere in the War Zone of Waino Werner Kayras, son of Oscar Kayras of Newell. The message merely stated he was killed in action in performing his duties as a grade Machinist 2nd Mate. He entered the Navy in August of 1941 and was called early September due to his skills.

Darrell Anderson was much



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This is a photo of Bear Butte before it became a state park. It is a landmark that can be seen from any direction.

surprised when he visited his skunk traps Monday morning to find that he had caught a coyote, needless to say, with his surprise, it took some nerve and finesse and yet is very proud too.

The New Year brought us a new brand of weather, real winter. So far in 1943 the record is 7½” of snow, with temperature Monday evening of 16 below zero. Precipitation to date is .63 of an inch. The US Weather Bureau warning, at the time of this writing, is of a coming storm, with high winds and drifting snow, the temperature has risen to near the freezing point.

January 1, 1953

Quite a number of the local people in Castle Rock have REA service now. Lloyd Mutchler is assisting in wiring the REA electricians at the Morell Ranch near Fairpoint. Jess Rogers is also modernizing his home, he has added an outside room over the kitchen entrance of their home.

Army Cpl. Robert Donaldson, with the First Cavalry in Japan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Donaldson, Newell is returning to the US under the Army rotation program after 17 months in the Far East. He served in the front lines of Korea before being assigned to security duty late in 1951. Donaldson is a squad leader in Co. K. of the 5th Cavalry Regiment. He served in Korea for 6 months and was awarded the combat

Infantry Badge, Korean and UN Service ribbons. And the Army of Occupation Ribbon for service in Japan.

The Castle Rock Square Dancing group gathered at Deschanps’ Saturday evening with about 30 in attendance. Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Van derBoom of Newell were present to instruct and lead the group in dancing.

The Market Report released from the Newell Livestock Exchange Sales included: top butcher hogs brought from \$17 to \$17.40; top lambs brought from \$18 to \$18.90; top ewes brought from \$5.25 to \$5.70. Total animals sold were 49 hogs, 287 sheep and 23 head of cattle. The next sale is Monday 4, 1953

January 3, 1963

Miss Mary Spencer entertained 24 girls of her Newell High School Senior class at a pre-Christmas dinner party at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Spencer, in Nisland Saturday evening. After dinner the group visited Ken Rutz, fellow Senior who is seriously ill at his home and serenaded him with carols. They then returned to the Spencer home for more carol singing and an exchange of gifts around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Plans for a state park at Bear Butte, near Sturgis have been completed by the Game, Fish

Then and Now D4



This is Waino Kayras. He was a young sailor from Newell who was the first soldier to give his life from Butte County and Newell in WW II.

Solutions to Puzzles on C3

Answer to Sudoku



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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Remember that the most valuable antiques are dear old friends." - Jackson Brown

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and sisters, with whom we can chat, laugh, talk, sing and talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth that is true happiness!
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**From D3
Then and Now**

& Parks Department. Some of the improvements are currently underway while others are long-range plans to be accomplished in the future. At the request of the State Legislature, acquiring Bear Butte for a State Park was accomplished a year ago. The plan included access roads, at least 2 parking lots, a park headquarters, remodeling of the caretakers residence and a visitors interpretive center
Post Office patrons are

reminded that new postal rates and fees will be in effect next Monday, January 7, according to acting Newell Postmaster Daniel Wiest. It will be on first-class letters regular 5 cents and airmail letters 8 cents with post cards 4 cents each please drop letters in in-town and out of town boxes respectively. However there will be no increase in ordinary Parcel Post rates, library books and other educational material will increase from 9 cents to 9½ cents for 1 pound, but remain 5 cents each additional pound.



The students of the Butte County school shared some beautiful aCapella music during their delayed Jan. 4 Christmas program. Story in next week's Irrigator. - Brunner photo

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**Happy New Year N-V-N!
From all of us at the Beacon / Irrigator**

**From D1
Leaders**

Linn, Superintendent Andrew Fergen, and Josh Wilson, WIRK Coaching Company and 2002 NHS graduate.
Sponsors of the event included: Black Hills Energy, SD DSS Prevention Program, SD Tobacco Control Program, South Dakota National Guard, Butte County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota Highway Patrol, SDSU Butte-Lawrence/Extension 4-H, WIRK Coaching Company, Newell School District and Lost and Found.
Six groups of students rotated throughout the day to different classrooms in the school, chaperoned by staff and teachers. One of the sessions included: Archery Tag with SDNG Specialist Kaiden Hopson.
"It is fun for the kids and it's also a good workout," said Hopson.
GOALS-WIFM, (What's in it for Me) with Palmer and Brosz, who are both retired military motivational speakers, focused on setting goals and challenging themselves to strive

to do their best. The activity portion included trying to win some cash from the floor while holding their toes and jumping to "miss" the cash.
"Dis is Important," with Michelle May, challenged the students to tap the power of their mind and enhance their self-control.
"You cannot control others, only yourself," said May. "Accept others for who they are even if they are different."
Corey Kennedy, of Lost and Found, a suicide prevention 501c3 organization, encouraged students to set boundaries for themselves to make sure they didn't end up in debt or depressed.
"Lack of resources create poor mental health, physical health, lack of income and less enjoyment in life," shared Kennedy.
Crucial Conversations, according to Fergen, were one of the most important things teens could do.
"Think before you talk, plan your dialogue, write it down (if necessary) and then talk," said Fergen.
Brandon Fox of the Butte

County Sheriff's Office and SD Highway Patrol Troopers James Linn and Jason Abbitt shared that 87 percent of calls are drug and/or alcohol related.
"The meth is out of control, not only in Butte County, but all over the state," said Linn. The officers showed the students how a drone is used to track people that try to flee on foot or car.
The final session topic with NHS 2002 graduate and owner of WIRK Coaching of Sturgis, stressed "surviving to thrive." Wilson, who was twice named teacher of the year in Piedmont/Stagebarn school, titled his talk, "Chop your own Wood and Carry your own Water."
"Be genuine with your body," said Wilson. "Your vibe will attract your own tribe." Wilson said experience can define and teach one and that not everyone will necessarily get along with others.
"Your past does not define your future unless you decide to follow that past and make it your future."



(Left) Keynote speaker and 2002 NHS grad, Josh Wilson, of WIRK Coaching Company of Sturgis, shared "Chop wood, carry water," with the students at Leadership Day. (Right) "Dis is Important" was shared by Michelle May, the Extension 4-H advisor for Butte-Lawrence Counties. - Brunner photos



(Left) Two senior students work on getting untied during an activity called "What's in it For Me?" during Leadership Day. (Right) These students work together in a team game working together with Corey Kennedy of Lost and Found, a suicide prevention organization. - Brunner photos

Peace Poster Contest



Peace poster winners included: 1st place Paul Raisanen, Nisland Lion Therese Ennius, 2nd place winner Alaina Sackett, Newell Lion Sabrina Harmon. - Brunner photo



(Left) The winning Peace poster created by Paul Raisanen. (Right) Second place entry in Peace Poster contest was created by Alaina Sackett. - Brunner photos

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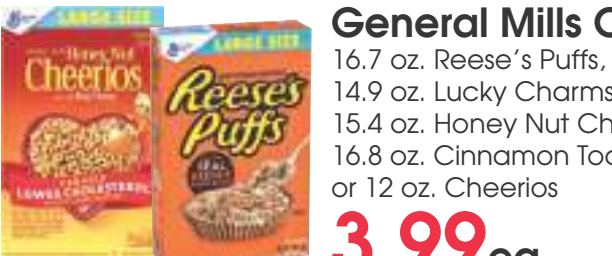
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