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2021-2022 Bronc Boys Basketball Squad



Front: Jordan Sandoval, Isaac Voyles, Jet Jensen, Carter Lyons, Juan Estrada, Darian Pesicka, Harvey Walding and Pason Allen.

Middle: Anthony Budmayr, Devin Burns, Dalton Davis, Ryker Audiss, Aiden Giffin, Cole Hockenbary, Gabe Heck, Caiden Stores and Jonah Musilek.

Back: Head Coach Clay Pottorff, Jayden Sechser, Rexton Audiss, Joshua Rasmussen, Rance Bowden, Bradley Rushton, Anthony Staley, Joshua Hahne, Carter McKenna, Tatin Yackley, Nolan Wahlfeldt, Asst. Coach Kyle Webb and Asst. Coach Scott Muir. Courtesy Angela Vissia Photography.

Cop on Campus: SRO Begins Job

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BELLE FOURCHE – The newly created Belle Fourche School Resource Officer (SRO) position was to be put in place this week on campus at Belle Fourche High School. The officer will have a presence primarily at the high school but will also float to the other district facilities as well.

The primary responsibility of the SRO will be safety and security on campus but the position will also involve a role in classroom education, and teaching students the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse. The SRO will spend most of their time rotating between the high school and middle school campuses and also spend time at the elementary schools.

Funding for the SRO position was approved by the Belle Fourche School Board last August. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) monies were used to fund the position. ESSER funding was put in place by the government after COVID to help the nation's schools reopen.

The district then entered a partnership with the Belle Fourche Police Department who created the position after City Council approval in October. The SRO will operate under a contractual agreement between the city of Belle Fourche and the school district with the contract having begun January 1, 2022.

The idea for creating the SRO position can be credited to a grassroots BFHS student organization known as the Youth Leadership Team (YLT). In February of 2021 YLT presented to the school board programs on which they had been working. In one of those programs the students identified the need for a School Resource Officer due to several issues including the use of marijuana at the high school campus, particularly in the school parking lot during the lunch hour. A police office on campus, YLT said, could at best prevent or at the least deter the illegal underage use of the

"The students within the high school requested this so it is really going to be supported by the children," said Dr. Steve Willard, Belle Fourche Superintendent.

The school board and school administration advanced the idea as COVID funding became available. The district will pay for 9-months of the SRO's salary while the city will pay the other three months during the summer. In the summer months

Purple Pride Celebrates Ten Years in 2022 and Looks to Restore \$800 Scholarships

BELLE FOURCHE – Purple Pride, a parent run community organization founded to support student success within the Belle Fourche School District, plans to restore its scholarship award level to \$800 this year for May 2021 graduates.

According to Kelly Milliken, Purple Pride Vice President, the organization will bring the scholarship level back to where it was pre-pandemic. "Last year we awarded \$700

scholarships due to COVID," Milliken said. "Since everyone's businesses were affected by COVID, we didn't want to overextend our sponsors, so we did sponsorships at a reduced rate. That, in turn, reduced the scholarships down to that \$700 mark. But we're projecting this year it should be back to that \$800 mark."

According to the organization's website Purple Pride was founded by a group of concerned parents, community and school officials. It is dedicated to student success through vision and community support of the school. Purple Pride will celebrate its tenth year of existence in 2022 and over the course of the past decade Milliken says the organization has

awarded 214 scholarships worth more than \$151,000. In 2021 Purple Pride is projecting 28 additional student scholarships at the \$800 level which she says will add an additional \$22,000 to the total.

Out of that 28 usually we do have a couple that decide college maybe just isn't for them so then that scholarship isn't awarded so that just goes back into the pot for the scholarship funds that we raise," Milliken said.

Milliken gave a report on the Purple Pride to the Belle Fourche School Board at their regular meeting in December and outlined how the scholarships are intended to teach young people the value of giving back to their community. "Each student must complete fifteen hours of community service their senior year of high school to be eligible for the scholarship," she said. "Eligibility is determined solely on meeting that 15-hour community service obligation. The scholarships are then awarded in the second semester of the student's freshman year in college." Most of the community service opportunities must be pre-approved for each student by

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Belle Fourche Purple Pride

Jeff Caldwell, BFHS Student Counselor. And they must be completed during the student's senior year.

"It's good for those of us who

want to sponsor," said Board Member Mike Tysdale, who invited Purple Pride to present to the school board. "If you do

Purple Pride A6

2021 Distinguished Executive Presidential Award Winner Has South Dakota Connections

USDA Agricultural Research Service Associate Administrator Steven Kappes received the 2021 Distinguished Executive Presidential Award. This is one of the highest recognitions that career senior executives can achieve.

Kappes grew up on his parent's cow-calf farm near Long Lake and graduated from Leola High School. One of 9 children he attended South Dakota State University, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree.

Kappes met his wife, Diane (Larrabee) at SDSU. She grew up in Belle and graduated from Belle Fourche High School. He went to receive a Ph. D degree in Molecular Biology from the University of Missouri- Columbia.

The Kappes are in process of building their retirement home in Belle Fourche's Hat Ranch.

Kappes is currently US Dept. of Agriculture Associate Administrator for National Programs.

Steven Kappes became the ARS Associate Administrator for National Programs in August 2016. Until his appointment, Dr. Kappes served as the Deputy Administrator for Animal Production and Pro-



Steve Kappes

tection (APP) in the Office of National Programs since 2005. The APP program includes animal production, animal health, entomology, aquaculture and animal well-being research in cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, trout, catfish and salmon. The APP staff also includes the ARS Biosafety Officer.

Currently, Steven is leading the ARS Big Data initiative. He recently served as a senior advisor for animal protection and production in the USDA Office of the Chief Scientist. He had worked with USDA agencies on issues related to animal health and production, herbicide resistance, and biosafety and biocontainment in high and maximum

Award Winner B1

'20-'21Lady Bronc Basketball Squad



Bottom row: Reese Larsen, Kaylin Garza, Lily McCarty, Lexi Sheeler. middle row Chloe Merjil, Kayler Kudlock, Lainey Crago, Bailey Moke, Lily Nore, Peyton Staley, Selene Walker, Sidney Underhill, manager Morgan Krul. Back row Coach Bill Burr, Anika Main, Kailey Nowowiejski, Chloe Crago, Dylan Stedille, Tia Willimson, Grace Clooten, Mataya Ward, Sloan Young, Sarah Juelf, Hannah Kirksey, Coaches Scott Slotten, Kyle Ryan. Courtesy Angela Vissia Photography.

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Kay Williams 84

Kay Frances Williams, 84, of Belle Fourche died December 26, 2021 at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital.

Obituaries

She was born March 16, 1937 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota to Charles J. and Florence (King) Ward. Kay graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1955.

Kay married Kenneth F. Williams on September 2, 1961. Her first job was a telephone operator and her last job was a social editor at the Belle Fourche Daily Post, all while she was bookkeeper for Williams Crane.

She was active in St. Paul Catholic Church and Altar Society, the American Legion Auxillary, Beta Sigma Phi, Republican Women and Red Hat Ladies. She enjoyed sewing, including her own wedding dress. She

also enjoyed bowling and traveling with her husband. She is survived by her brother, Wayne (Julie) Ward of Rapid City; brother-in-law, Darrell Eickelman of Rapid City; sister-in-law, Roberta "Bobbe" Ward of Belle Fourche; sister-in-law, Nancy Williams of Montana; 7 nephews, 4 nieces, 4 great nephews and 7 great nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Florence Ward; husband, Kenneth Williams; brother, Loren Ward; sister, Deda Rae Eickelman; brother-in-law, Jim Williams and nephew, Don Williams.

À Rosary was Tuesday, January 4 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday January 5 at 10:30 am at St. Paul Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow at 2:00 pm at Black Hills National

Cemetery near Sturgis. The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Catholic Church and the Veteran's Programs at Ft. Meade. Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral

Chapel of Belle Fourche. The funeral will be published for viewing at klinefuneralchapel.com livestreaming site following the funeral.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

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Carol Maunders 85

Carol R. Maunders, age 85, of Huron, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Avantara Huron. Her funeral service will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Huron Christian Church with burial following at Riverside Cemetery in Huron. Visitation with her family present will be from 4-6 pm on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Welter Funeral Home in Huron; or visitation, one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Carol was born June 9, 1936, to Daniel and Hazel (Fennell) Schmidt at Alpena, the oldest of 6 children. She graduated from Alpena High School in 1954, and worked briefly before starting her family.

Carol was a devoted mother for most of her life. She returned to work years later when her children were older. She loved music, dance, card games, baking, gardening, sewing, and canning but, above all, her

Carol was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, her parents Daniel and Hazel I. Schmidt, her brothers Douglas and Allen Schmidt and her son John F. Maunders and granddaughter Heidi Schultz.

Carol is survived by her children, Brad, Rocky,

Joe, Tom, Teresa, Mona, Jon, Shari and Carla; her sisters Joyce & Diane, brother Rick; her grandchildren, Tracie, Sean, Nikki, Nathan, Amber, Breanne, Bailey, Ryan, Remington, Tony, Hope, Scott, Nathan, Amy, Tina, Tasha, Alison, Zachary & Paige as well as 32 great grandchildren.

Carol was a daughter well loved; a loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and friend, and she will be deeply missed by all.

Kevin Dennis 63

Kevin Ray Dennis, 63, of Belle Fourche died December 31, 2021 at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

He was born March 27, 1958 in Kadoka, SD to Kenneth and Elva Dennis. Kevin was one of five children, Teresa, James, Doyle, Kevin and Sarah. He grew up in South Dakota and went to school in Belle Fourche, Eagle Butte and Midland area. In his 20's he moved to Wyoming to live with his aunt and uncle.

In 1984 he married Lydia who had a previous child, Angela. To this marriage they had 3 children, Sasha, Justin and Latasha. They later divorced and Kevin being a single father worked various restaurant jobs while devoting his everything to his children. After a few years he met Edye and happily gained two more children, Rocky and Misty. He accomplished one of his life goals and bought a house for his children.

In 2003 Kevin decided to relocate back to Belle Fourche to be closer to his family. After his move to Belle Fourche, he started developing health issues that prevented him from working. But it didn't stop him from becoming an active member of the community. He joined the community action team (CATS) and became the president. This position was very rewarding for him as he got

to help and get to know a lot of people in the Belle

Kevin enjoyed gardening, fishing, watching movies, going for drives, just being outside, being with family, but most of all he loved being with his numerous grandchildren.

He is survived by his brothers, Doyle (Mary)

Dennis of Eagle Butte, SD and James Dennis of Clearmont, WY; sisters, Teresa (Norman) Allen and Sarah (Dennis) Pop all of Gillette, WY; a son, Justin Dennis (April Ault) of Belle Fourche; two daughters, Sasha (James) Lyons of Belle Fourche and Latasha Dennis (Daniel Bertolot) of Belle Fourche; step children, Angela Keiner of Branson, MO, Misty

(Darian) Riter of Henry, SD and Rocky Mayes (Krystal Paulson) of Watertown, SD; 15 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and

Elva Dennis. Funeral services are pending and in the care of Kline

Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.

Ann Louise Groenhoff 73

Ann Louise Groenhoff was born July 29, 1948 in Huron, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Ray and Bela (Waldner) Groenhoff. Ann graduated from Alpena High School. She was united in marriage to Gary Lien on October 28, 1967. Following their marriage they lived in Watertown for a short time. They moved to Belle Fourche in 1968 and from 1981 – 1990 they lived in Deadwood. In 1990, Ann and Gary moved to a ranch located a few miles north of Belle Fourche, where they lived for more than 20 years before retiring and moving into town.

Ann volunteered at the Tri-State Museum in Belle Fourche. She loved her children and grandchildren so much. They brought great joy and pride to Ann. For 54 years, she was married to Gary. Together they experienced many great memories.

Ann died peacefully in her sleep at her home with her

husband by her side, on Saturday, January 1, 2022. She will be greatly missed by her family. No service will be

Ann is survived by her husband, Gary of Belle Fourche: Daughters, Shanna Lien of Manhatten Beach California, Heather (Ross) Kraft of Timber Lake SD; son, Heath Lien of Belle Fourche; 3 grandchildren, Tristan, Mason, Anna; and her sister, Nancy Groenhoff of Palm Beach,

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences for Ann's family on the website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Don McKillop, Trinity Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche

"Press On"



1. Philippians 3:12-13 says, 12. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.'

Have you ever wished you could go back in time and correct things that you did wrong, or correct things that you should have done, and just didn't do? We probably all have done things or said things that we later regretted. For some it could be the regret of a broken marriage. Some regret how much time they wasted. I am sure that all of us would like to go back and undo certain things of the past. But of course we cannot go back and undo what we have done or said.

The Apostle Paul at one time had been a murderer and persecutor of Christians. But then he met Jesus. Think of how his life would have been different if he

had met Jesus sooner than he did. Now that he knew Jesus, all the things of the world meant nothing to him in comparison to knowing Jesus. Philippians 3:8 says, "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.' Paul gives good advice on what we are to do

now. There is nothing we can do to change the past, so he says to look to the future. The Bible says, "Behold now is the time, today is the day of salvation." Thank God that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus are forgiven of all of our sins for the sake of Jesus who gave up His life on the cross as the payment for all of our sins, and we can look to the future knowing that God is with us, and will take believers to Himself in heaven in His own time. Paul continues that same passage by saying in v. 14, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.'

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Romans 8:31

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?



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Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Location: Grap's Banquet Room; 512 National Street

Social: 5-6 p.m. Dinner: 6 p.m.

Meeting to follow with election for three board of director's seats.

Each 2022 membership has one vote in the election.



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Free Treatment Day - Tuesday, January 18th

Millions of people live with pain or mobility issues that limit More and more studies are com- day is to provide you with the their ability to move and live the ing out about the cost effectiveway they want to. Sometimes aches and pains seem to come out of nowhere, and other times what seems like a simple injury results in lasting pain. Maybe you have been trying to address your issue already but are not getting the lasting results you want. If this is you, call 605-723- incontinence, concussion to 0185 today and reserve your spot cancer rehabilitation, and every for Pain & Movement Solutions' Free Treatment Day on Tuesday, January 18th.

Pain & Movement Solutions holds their bi-annual Free Treatment Day as a way for individuals to learn how physical therapy (PT) can help them with degree specializing in movement an outpatient physical therapy their pain or movement problem. "Unfortunately, most individuals think that you must be recovering my favorite days of the year! It from a major injury or surgery to is a lot of fun to help so many come to physical therapy. This is a large misconception that is preventing people from getting the effective care they deserve and need," says clinic owner and of a screening evaluation, Doctor of Physical Therapy Julie followed by a treatment con-Wingen.

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Wingen says, "This is one of people realize the vast benefits of PT and get them started on the right track to feeling better." Free Treatment day consists sisting of spinal thrust and joint mobilizations, soft tissue tools, kinesiotaping and guided home excercies that will empower you #ChoosePT to take control of your health

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"Belle Fourche Writers Meetings

Belle Fourche Public Library from 2-4 PM: Editing meeting on the first Monday afternoon each month. January 3rd was this months meeting.

Saturday, January 15: Regular Belle Fourche Writers Meeting from 10 to noon also at the library. Reviving the February short

story challenge they had a few years ago. As you may or may not recall, we created characters and during February participants used our character collection to write stories with the same characters. More information at the January meeting!

Writers welcome!





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The Belle Fourche Bronc wrestling team finished 5th out of 14 teams at the Harding County Invitational in Buffalo this past week.

North Dakota's Hettinger/ Scranton took home the team

In the Girls Divisions the Broncs had first place finishes from Kyra Vandenberg in Girls 1 and Alexa Swaney in Girls 3. Hailey Rodriguez finished in

2nd place in Girls 2.

On the Boys side Riley Dighton at 120# and Thomas McCoy 145# led the Broncs with 2nd place finishes. Cade Bickerdyke 195# and Cayden Wolfe 160# garnered 4th Place finishes.

Logan Tyndall 106#, D'Angelo Garduna 113#, Owyn Schreder 145#, and Sean Wahlfeldt 285# added team points for the Broncs.

Garet Huston 106#, Oden

Walding 113#, Taiten Eaton 113#, Clay Mackaben 120#, Lucas Green 170#, and Gideon Funk 182# also competed for the Broncs in the Tournament.

The Wrestlers will be in action Thursday January 6 in a home JV/Varsity Triangular with ST More and Spearfish. Action begins at 5 pm.

They will then compete, January 7 & 8 at the Lyman Invitational in Presho.

Competing on the Hardcourt for the Broncs





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1/10	Spearfish vs Belle Fourche Hot Springs vs Spearfish Hot Springs vs Belle Fourche	Home	4:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm		
1/11	Lead/Deadwood *	Home		4:00 PM	7:00 PM
1/14	Redfield *	Away		5:30 pm CST	6:45 pm CS
1/15	Redfield Classic	Away	¥		11 am CS
1/18	Hill City *	Away	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
1/21	Hot Springs *	Away	2:30 PM	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
1/22	Bowman, ND	Home	10 am MS	11:30 am MS	2:30 PM
1/25	Lemmon	Home	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
1/27	Harding County	Away	4	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
2/1	Red Cloud *	Home	2:30 pm MS	4 pm MS	7:00 PM
2/5	Custer *	Home	10 am MS	11:30 am MS	2:30 PM
2/8	Rapid City Christian *	Home	2:30 PM	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
2/12	Festival ^	Away	9:00 AM	•	*
2/15	Douglas *	Away	6:00 PM	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
2/18	Faith (Senior Night)	Home	*	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
2/25	Mobridge-Pollock	Away		4:30 pm CST	6 pm CS
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Anthony Budmayr

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Check In: 1:00-1:30 pm

Start: 1:30 pm (Kids Races around Herrmann Park Circle) with run/walk immediately following

Kids Events: Herrmann Park Circle-8 years and under 1 lap (1/4 mile) & 9 years and up 2 laps (1/2 mile)

Timing/Prizes: The main objective is to be active; however, we will time for those who want to know! All prizes will be randomly drawn, and everyone will be entered for a chance to win regardless of time/place.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 ~ Kids \$5.00 (add \$10 for event shirt)

Register early to guarantee shirt size/availability. Registrations accepted at BFRC or at Herrmann Park on race day. Drop off or mail registrations to: BFRC 1111 National Street Belle Fourche, SD 57717



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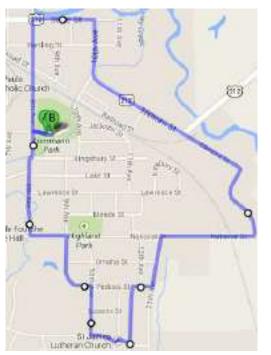
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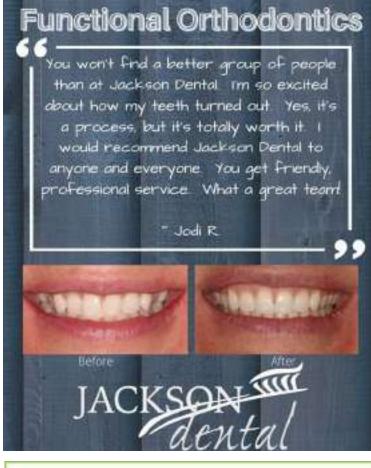
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Lunch: Beef Chili or Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Fruit/Veggie/Milk Thurs, January 6th

BRONC Breakfast: Pancake & Sausage Links Juice/Fruit/Milk

Lunch: Italian Dunkers or Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Mon, January 10th

BRONC Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Taco Roll/Juice Fruit/Milk *Cereal (K-4)

Lunch: Chicken Fajita or Fish Nuggets Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Tues, January 11th

BRONC Breakfast: Waffles/Juice/Fruit/Milk **Lunch:** Pizza Pasta Bake or Popcorn Chicken Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Wed, January 12th

BRONC Breakfast: Glazed Donut/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Mac 'N Cheese or Hot Dog

> Fruit/Veggie/Milk Thurs, January 13th

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Lady Broncs Basketball Lose Tight Game at Wall

JIM TRIMBLE

news@bellefourchebeacon.comThe Belle Fourche Lady Broncs traveled to Wall to take on the Lady Eagles in a contest just before Christmas. The Broncs led most of the way before the Lady Eagles would prevail by a 56-53

score. Both teams traded buckets in the first quarter and the score was knotted at 10 a taya Ward and Dylan Stedille

piece at quarters end. Then the Lady Broncs got hot with Maproviding the fire power as the Broncs opened up a 29-19 lead at the half.

Ward's inside play kept the Broncs ahead, but the Eagles cut into the lead closing the gap to 41-37 after three quarters. Wall outscored Belle 19-12 in

the final stanza to secure the three point victory. "We played

a great first half but just couldn't get the ball in the hoop in the second half," said Broncs Head Coach Bill Burr. "We were only 1-12 from the three point line," he added.

Sophomore Ward had a nice game for the Broncs scoring 20 points including 8-11 from the line, where the Ladies shot 70% as a team. Stedille added 11 for Belle with Grace Clooten and Tia Williamson each with 6 points.

Kjerstad and Dinger paced the Eagles with 18 and 13 points respectively. The Broncs are now 3-3 on the year while Wall improves to 5-1. In the JV game, Belle defeat-

ed Wall 34-14. Reese Larson had 9 points to lead the Broncs.

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From A1 SRO

the SRO will assist the Belle Fourche Police Department with investigative and other work. The SRO position is funded through May of 2024 when the pandemic money runs out. After that it will be up to the district and the city to determine if the position is worth

maintaining. "I think a lot of that will depend on how well the officer does and much the school values them," Marvin Pomrenke, Belle Fourche Police Chief, said. The police department will provide the vehicle and equipment that the SRO needs to perform their duties. Pomrenke says the city council also agreed to fund an additional police officer to take the place of the SRO. Among the duties outlined in the job description is the provision that the SRO coordinate law enforcement coverage for extracurricular activities, provide a presence that sends a strong message that violence and negative behaviors are not

acceptable, meet regularly with school officials, serve as a primary responder to school-related calls for service and investigations, and perform general police department work duties. "If he or she does the job right, they will be the most popular officer in the city of Belle Fourche," Pomrenke told the Beacon. "Their top priority will be the security of the schools but I also want them to work on community education." Pomrenke says the SRO will also work with the school district on truancy issues and he says the department will probably see an increase with service calls for the school. Part of that increase, he says, will come with an expected increase in child abuse cases and more sexual assault cases, not because of an increase in crime but an increase in the discovery of existing situations. The SRO will be trained to see the signs of abuse as the child brings these issues from home to the schools.

From A1 Purple Pride

the math it's roughly \$53 an hour per student doing volunteer work in the community so that's great."

Tylsdale's employer, First Interstate Bank, is one of more that dozen community sponsors who support Purple Pride. Milliken says her group receives the bulk of its support from community sponsors whose organizations are promoted on banners in the school gymnasiums and at the football field. Purple Pride also holds special events periodical-

ly during the year. "This was the fourth year of our haunted house," she said. "Over the four years that event has raised more than \$10,000." Last August Purple Pride also brought in Midwest musical entertainers "The Dueling Duo." Andy Gibson, Ryan Merriam and Dan Witte presented their all-request dueling pianos performance to much local acclaim. That event sold out and Purple Pride says they would

like to bring the group back in

2022 due to popular demand. Milliken says the total raised from that event is still being determined.

Last year Purple Pride added a 50/50 football toss during halftime of home football games. That event was also a fund-raising success and they added a similar basketball toss at home basketball games.

In addition to the scholarships Purple Pride also awards a \$1,000 grant to the elementary, middle and high schools. The campus principals are free to use those funds to advance student success as they see fit. Milliken says Purple Pride has also helped with bus transportation costs for grade school students taking swimming lessons. They've also assisted each year with the kindergarten annual field trip by purchasing color-coordinated t-shirts for the students to wear, helping the teachers identify their classes and keep them together.

"Overall it's been a pretty great organization to be involved with," Milliken said.



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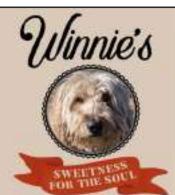






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Maybe I should have went out? Read on and see what you think?

During a heated work discussion, the two teams decided it would be best to take a walk into the frozen pond. They thought this would be the best way to break the ice between them.

It's so cold the optometrist is giving away free ice scrapers with eyeglasses.

Many snowbirds head to the southern US so they can be in a place where the temperature is well above their age.

Some people prefer cold weather, but only to a certain degree.

Heard on New Years Day, "It's so cold I thought I was still living in North Dakota"

It was so cold people were hoping that Congress would get back into session, so they could experience the "hot air".

experience the "hot air".

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No matter how cold you are, DO

NOT attempt to build a fire in a kayak!
You can't have your kayak and

heat it too.

A rather old fashioned lady, was planning a couple of weeks vacation in Florida. She also was quite delicate and elegant with her language. She wrote a letter to a particular campground and asked for reservations. She wanted to make sure the campground was fully equipped but didn't know quite how to ask about the "toilet" facilities. She just couldn't bring herself to write the word "toilet" in her letter. After much deliberation, she finally came up with the old fashioned term "Bathroom Commode," but when she wrote that down, she still thought she was being too forward. So she started all

over again; rewrote the entire letter and referred to the "Bathroom Commode" simply as the "B.C.". Does the campground have its own "B.C.?" is what she actually wrote.

Well, the campground owner wasn't old fashioned at all, and when he got the letter, he couldn't figure out what the lady was talking about. That "B.C." really stumped him. After worrying about it for several days, he showed the letter to other campers, but they couldn't figure out what the lady meant either. The campground owner finally came to the conclusion that the lady was and must be asking about the location of the local Baptist Church.

So he sat down and wrote the following reply:

"Dear Madam: I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take pleasure of informing in that the "B.C." is located nine miles north of the camp site and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along, and make a day of it..... They usually arrive early and stay late. The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now, there is a supper planned to raise money to buy more seats.....They plan to hold the supper in the middle of the "B.C.", so everyone can watch and talk about this great event.....I would like to say it pains me very much, not to be able to go more regularly, but it is surely not for lack of desire on my part....As we grow older, it seems to be more and more of an effort, particularly in cold weather..... If you decide to come down to the campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time you go...sit with you... and introduce you to all the other folks..... This is really a very friendly community....

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Girls at 5:30PM & Boys at 7PM

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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Girls at 6PM & Boys at

7:30PM

Thursday, January 21, 2022
Belle Fourche @ Hot Spring
Girls at 5:30PM & Boys at

Saturday, January 22, 2022 Bowman, ND @ Belle

NE WY High School BB Broadcast Schedule

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JANUARY 2021

Tuesday, January 5, 2022 Hulett @ Wright Boys & Girls at 4:30PM & 6PM

Thursday, January 7, 2022 Moorcroft @ Hulet Boys & Girls at 5:30Pm & 7PM

Friday, January 8, 2022 Sundance @ Quad (Pine Bluff & Glenrock) Boys & Girls at 1PM & 5PM

Saturday, January 9, 2022 Midwest @ Hulett Boys & Girls at 1:30PM & 4PM

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Council Approves City Administrator Job Description

BEACON STAFF

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche City Council approved with a small change the newly created job description for a City Administrator position within the city of Belle Fourche municipal government. The vote was seven in favor with one opposed. The nay vote came from Ward 1 Councilman Monte Talkington.

Talkington told the council that he felt a city administrator was a duplication of city efforts.

"I don't agree with this to start with," Talkington said. "I think it's an unnecessary position. This person is going to be over everybody at the city, and to me it's like having a deputy mayor. If the mayor, the council members, and department heads are doing their jobs this is an unnecessary position."

Talkington singled out the physical requirements work section of the job description that said in part, "the work is typically performed while sitting at a desk."

"I mean, come on," he said. "You can't run this city, take care of these departments sitting at a desk."

Another area of the job description noted that the city administrator would be present at all city council and committee meetings, that are typically attended by department heads.

"It seems to me a duplication. We've got the department heads sitting there and he's (city administrator) sitting there and he's saying the same thing the other one's saying. "I think we could spend the taxpayers money on a lot better stuff."

Ward 3 Councilman Vern Hintz countered with the view that not having a city administrator on staff has created fiscal inefficiencies

"I think a lot of money has been wasted this year by not having someone is this position - with what hasn't happened and what hasn't gotten done," Hintz

As an example Hintz pointed to the normal course of resignations that happen among city employees and the cost that it takes in time to search for new employees, train and equip them. This falls to the department heads whom Hintz points out already have a lot on their plate.

"If they had someone there to help manage all of this it gets done. None of us have the time to do it," Hintz said.

Talkington brought up the situation in Sturgis where a petition was circulated to change the form of city government from an Aldermanic with City Manager back to a form of government with a mayor and city council. "Sturgis Citizens for Change" are unhappy with what they perceive as "dictatorial" leadership from the current city manager. That petition is currently being challenged in court due to the formation of the question that was posed on the petition and if it was indeed a legal petition.

"It's a (city) manager versus a (city) administrator," Hintz said. "What we are looking at is totally different."

Former mayor and current Belle Fourche resident Clark Sowers addressed the council saying that a city administrator position was something he had hoped to put in place 25 years

"Just because you see some people and petitions that are opposed to it, doesn't necessarily mean it's not working." Sowers said. "If you look at (Sturgis) property taxes and utility costs going down, all the successes they've had there, just because

a few people don't like the city manager doesn't mean it's a failure. It just means there are a few people who are cranky about it."

Sowers said the hiring of a city administrator would allow more of the city's leadership to focus on the vision they have for the community.

"I always said it was like an hourglass. The city council is in the upper part of the hourglass. You have the vision. You can concentrate on the vision of where you want to take Belle Fourche - and we need to be taken somewhere," Sowers said. "Your vision is then transferred to the city administrator down through the hourglass and it's spread out to the department heads and the employees."

Sowers said if there were problems with the city administrator it would be because the council was not managing the position properly. He added that it was important that the right person be hired.

"I agree with Monte (Talkington)," Sowers said. "You gotta look at it. You can't just lay back and expect them to run willy nilly. You've got to do your job.'

Councilman Randy Sowers recommended a small change to the job description under the essential duties and responsibilities section. The original language stated that the city administrator "recommends the hiring of all city staff in conjunction with the City Council, Human Resources, and the respective department head." Sowers made a motion to change that to read the city administrator "recommends the hiring of all city staff in conjunction with Human Resources, and the respective department head to the City Council." Sowers said this would align with the city policy handbook on page 84 which states that the city council is the only hiring authority.

We don't make recommendations as a city council for employment," he said. "We either approve or we deny. The way it was presented we were making a recommendation as the city council."

The motion carried as did approval of the job description. Mayor Randy Schmidt said the next steps will be for the council to approve changes to city ordinances accomodating the position of City Administrator.



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Team Roping: Average: 1. Andrew Ward/Buddy Hawkins II, 54.7 seconds on ten head, \$69,234 each; 2. Erich Rogers/Paden Bray, 98.7, \$56,171; 3. Kaleb Driggers/ Junior Nogueira, 52.6 seconds on nine head, \$44,414; 4. Rhen Richard/Jeremy Buhler, 62.6, \$32,658; 5. Clay Tryan/Jake Long, 43.2 seconds on eight head, \$23,513; 6. Clay Smith/Jade Corkill, 50.3, \$16,982; 7. Cody Snow/Wesley Thorp, 60.7, \$11,757; 8. Coy Rahlmann/Douglas Rich, 45.5 seconds on seven head, \$6,532; 9. Brenten Hall/ Chase Tryan, 65.2; 10. Clint Summers/Ross Ashford, 88.0; 11. Coleman Proctor/ Logan Medlin, 28.7 seconds on six head; 12. Derrick Begay/Brady Minor, 30.8; 13. Dustin Egusquiza/Travis Graves, 40.4; 14. Quinn Kesler/Joseph Harrison, 47.6; 15. Tyler Wade/Trey Yates, 50.2. World standings (headers): 1. Kaleb Driggers, \$263,227; 2. Erich Rogers, \$229,990; 3. Dustin Egusquiza, \$227,403; 4. Clay Smith, \$221,374; 5. Rhen Richard, \$208,256; 6. Clay Tryan, \$198,087; 7. Andrew Ward, \$184,652; 8. Coleman Proctor, \$168,986; 9. Tyler Wade, \$156,515; 10. Cody Snow, \$150,637; 11. Coy Rahlmann, \$138,153; 12. Derrick Begay, \$128,356; 13. Quinn Kesler, \$125,526; 14. Clint Summers, \$103,859; 15. Brenten Hall, \$87,860. World standings (heelers): 1. Junior Nogueira, \$277,612; 2. Paden Bray, \$224,910; 3. Jade Corkill, \$221,373; 4. Jeremy Buhler, \$207,223; 5. Travis Graves, \$206,756; 6. Jake Long, \$199,062; 7. Buddy Hawkins II, \$184,652; 8. Logan Medlin, \$175,566. 9. Wesley Thorp, \$172,998; 10. Trey Yates, \$151,659; 11. Douglas Rich, \$138,076; 12. Joseph Harrison, \$124,812; 13. Brady Minor, \$119,341; 14. Ross Ashford, \$101,199; 15. Chase Tryan, \$89,130.

Saddle Bronc Riding: Average: 1. Brody Cress, 859 points on ten head, \$69,234; 2. Chase Brooks, 856, \$56,171; 3. Zeke Thurston, 837.5, \$44,414; 4. Ryder Wright, 782 seconds on nine head, \$32,658; 5. Spencer Wright, 777, \$23,513; 6. Layton Green, 749.5, \$16,982; 7. Cody DeMoss, 736, \$11,757; 8. Stetson Dell Wright, 707.5 seconds on eight head, \$6,532; 9. Dawson Hay, 657; 10. Wyatt Casper, 605 points on seven head; 11. Tegan Smith, 593.5; 12. Kolby Wanchuk, 511.5 points on six head; 13. Sage Newman, 423 points on five head; 14. Ben Andersen, 242.5 points on three; 15. Wade Sundell, 89.5 points on one head. World standings: 1. Stetson Dell Wright, \$343,524; 2. Ryder Wright, \$342,337; 3. Brody Cress, \$325,746; 4. Chase Brooks, \$259,355; 5. Zeke Thurston, \$229,329; 6. Spencer Wright, \$184,429; 7. Layton Green, \$166,023; 8. Wyatt Casper, \$151,990; 9. Dawson Hay, \$151,685; 10. Tegan Smith, \$136,793; 11. Sage Newman, \$125,375; 12. Kolby Wanchuk, \$118,195; 13. Wade Sundell,

\$116,157; 14. Ben Andersen, \$108,346; 15. Cody DeMoss, \$107,441. Tie-Down Roping: Average: 1. Caleb Smidt, 83.1 seconds on ten head, \$69,234; 2. Haven Meged, 91.2, \$56,171; 3. Cory Solomon, 91.6, \$44,414; 4. Westyn Hughes, 93, \$32,658; 5. Tuf Case Cooper, 103.0, \$23,513; 6. Marcos Costa, 107.2, \$16,982; 7. Marty Yates, 121.4, \$11,757; 8. Shane Hanchey, 80.3 seconds on nine head, \$6,532; 9. Ryan Jarrett, 94.8; 10. Ty Harris, 80.5 second on eight head; 11. John Douch, 60.7 points on seven head; 12. Taylor Santos, 66.2; 13. Justin Smith, 72.6; 14. Shad Mayfield, 73.3; 15. Hunter Herrin, 81.6 seconds on six head. World standings: 1. Caleb Smidt, \$318,456; 2. Haven Meged, \$296,162; 3. Westyn Hughes, \$264,170; 4. Shane Hanchey, \$248,218; 5. Cory Solomon, \$228,025; 6. Tuf Case Cooper, \$217,996; 7. Shad Mayfield, \$195,910; 8. Marty Yates, \$190,218; 9. Marcos Costa, \$167,721; 10. John Douch, \$166,367; 11. Ty Harris, \$164,335; 12. Ryan Jarrett, \$138,510; 13. Hunter Herrin, \$131,130; 14. Justin Smith, \$122,951; 15. Taylor Santos, \$108,182. Barrel Racing: Average: 1. Jordon Briggs, 136.83 seconds on ten runs, \$69,234; 2. Molly Otto, 145.11, \$56,171; 3. Hailey Kinsel, 146.41, \$44,414; 4. (tie) Emily Miller-Beisel and Stevi Hillman, 146.83, \$28,086 each; 6. Dona Kay Rule, 147.09, \$16,982; 7. Shelley Morgan, 147.19, \$11,757; 8. Amanda Welsh, 148.01, \$6,532; 9. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, 148.27; 10. Jessica Routier, 148.76; 11. Nellie Miller, 148.80; 12. Ivy Saebens, 152.69; 13. Lisa Lockhart, 159.00; 14. Cheyenne Wimberley, 162.93; 15. Wenda Johnson, 167.41. World standings: 1. Jordon Briggs, \$297,460; 2. Hailey Kinsel, \$281,156; 3. Emily Miller-Beisel, \$202,565; 4. Shelley Morgan, \$202,202; 5. Dona Kay Rule, \$195,575; 6. Stevi Hillman, \$183,070; 7. Amanda Welsh, \$155,065; 8. Ivy Saebens, \$139,590; 9. Wenda Johnson, \$138,345; 10. Molly Otto, \$134,698; 11. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, \$128,200; 12. Lisa Lockhart, \$116,845; 13. Cheyenne Wimberley, \$111,299; 14. Jessica Routier, \$100,169; 15. Nellie Miller, \$85,519. **Bull Riding**: Average: 1. Josh Frost, 568.5 points on seven head, \$69,234; 2. Parker Breding, 518 points on six head, \$56,171; 3. Sage Kimzey, 506, \$44,414; 4. Stetson Dell Wright, 348.5 points on four head, \$32,658; 5. Trey Benton III, 332, \$23,513; 6. Clayton Sellars, 307, \$16,982; 7. Creek Young, 270.5 points on three head, \$11,757; 8. Ky Hamilton, 264, \$6,532; 9. Boudreaux Campbell, 261; 10. Ruger Piva, 255.5; 11. Shane Proctor, 169 points on two head; 12. Dustin Donovan Boquet, 163.5; 13. Braden Richardson, 89 points on one head; 14. J.B. Mauney, 87.5; 15. Roscoe Jarboe, 80.5. World standings: 1. Sage Kimzey, \$411,465; 2. Josh Frost, \$363,353; 3. Stetson Dell Wright, \$342,989; 4. Parker Breding, \$293,419; 5. Creek Young, \$243,647; 6. Clayton Sellars, \$186,195; 7. Trey Benton III, \$184,993; 8. Ky Hamilton, \$177,934; 9. Dustin Donovan Boquet, \$165,555; 10. Ruger Piva, \$154,859; 11. Boudreaux Campbell, \$147,623; 12. J.B. Mauney, \$146,466; 13. Braden Richardson, \$135,537;

All-Around: Stetson Dell Wright, \$585,850; 2. Josh Frost, \$313,890; 3. Caleb Smidt, \$313,887; 4. Paden Bray, \$243,116; 5. Clay Smith, \$237,163; 6. Rhen Richard, \$229,625; 7. Tuf Case Cooper, \$219,083; 8. Marty Yates, \$167,210; 9. Taylor Santos, \$132,787; 10. Landon McClaugherty, \$68,842.

14. Shane Proctor, \$126,869; 15. Roscoe Jarboe, \$105,778.

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The Ripple Effect James Foley

"Drop a pebble in the water: just a splash, and it is gone; But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and

Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea.

And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a pebble in the water: in a minute you forget,

But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,

And those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave have grown;

You've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.

Drop an unkind word, or care-

less: in a minute it is gone; But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as they go,

And there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow.

Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute you forget, But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling

And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears

you've stirred, And disturbed a life was happy ere you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone:

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on, Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave

'Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: in a minute you forget;

But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy a-circling yet,

And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can be heard

Over miles and miles of water just by dropping one kind word."

Alright we have our assignment! Let's go out and drop KIND words this week.

Stetson Wright Wins Two PRCA World Championships

LAS VEGAS - For the second straight year, Stetson Wright left the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo as a twotime world champion.

In the 2021 Wrangler NFR presented by Teton Ridge there was a new twist.

After winning the all-around and bull riding world titles in 2020, Wright won the all-around and saddle bronc riding crowns in 2021 Saturday night before 17,373 fans at the Thomas

& Mack Center. Wright finished the season with a PRCA regular-season record of \$686,513. Wright

won the all-around title with a

record \$585,850. He was the saddle bronc riding champ with \$343,524.

This was Wright's third allaround title in a row and he

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broke Trevor Brazile's PRCA record for most money won in a season at \$518,011, which he accomplished in 2015.

"I feel really good about it (breaking the record)," Wright said. "To break any record at all, it's special, and especially when

it comes to Trevor (Brazile) because he is the best to do it. So, to break one of his records, it's pretty special."

In saddle bronc riding,

Wright had to have a bunch of the pieces of the puzzle come together in Round 10 and they did. Wright won Round 10 with a round-record tying ride of 93 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Vitalix Ricky Bobby.

That earned him \$26,997 and it pushed him to an eighth-place check in the average which earned him \$6,532. The combination allowed him to edge his brother Ryder, the 2020 saddle bronc riding world champ, who finished the season with \$342,337.

"I'm not going to lie, when they told me I won it, I looked at Ryder and I said I came in here to play defense for you tonight," Stetson said. "I didn't know I even had a chance but I guess as long as there's still rounds there's always a chance."



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Butte & Lawrence County 4-H News

CINDY RILEY Support Staff B-L County 4H

Sunday January 9th Lawrence County Sharp Shooters begin practice

at 4:00 PM - Homestake Opera House Shooting Range.

Tuesday, January 11th A B/L Leader's meeting followed by Redwater 4-H Council. Butte/Lawrence Leaders will meet at 6:00 till 7:00 followed by Redwater. All of this will take place at the UCC-Church on 717 Jackson in Belle Fourche.

Black Hills Stock Show- Youth Day - Hurry and get those entries in! Deadline to register is Monday, January 10th! Please let the office know if you are interested in being on a Livestock/Livestockology Judging Team, Hippology Team or Horse Quiz Bowl Team. Leader/ Volunteers needed as Coaches- Contact the office if interested. Beef Cook-off and YQCA Training - Registration online is also offered.: https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

Wool Judging January 17th

Capitol Day is January 19th Registration deadline is January 10th Registrations are online. Butte/Lawrence potentially only have 2 spots left. They are filling fast!!

each week. I do wish that additional information could have been on the Zoom sessions each week, since the majority of the sessions only repeated what the text book had already emphasized. Thanks you."

"The book was a good tool to have, but, honestly, I did not read it as close as I should have, and the Zoom meetings were during a busy part of my day. My work environment promotes stretching and proper body mechanics, so, really, I just need the encouragement to actually get the lead out of my rear and get moving. Walk with Ease

provided that encouragement. I would recommend trying this program to anyone in any condition. You set your goals, and they supply the encouragement and interest to help you meet those goals in a safe and healthy way." "I'm able to walk more, sleep

better and have a better mood!"

"I went to the doctor. I lost weight, blood pressure was lowered and I lowered my A1-C. Because of my walking, my daughter is using her treadmill and my mother is doing laps around the house with her walker."



On a trip to visit my daughter and her husband in their Glendive, Montana home, they took us on a tour of nearby Makoshika State Park. I was blown away by the colors and shadows on the rugged landscape. And...no camera,

Luckily my wife had her cellphone which had an amazing camera capable of quality photos. Who knew! The moment was captured and eventually became (with cowboy and dog added) this large piece which now resides in a beauti-Mick Harrison ful home in Alabama.



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2:00 PM CT Legislative Session Viewing

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Grand River Roundup

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It was cold outside this week with a low of -20 degrees on Tuesday and a wind chill of -40 degrees on New Year's Day. We celebrated the Olson family Christmas at the Reva Hall on the day after Christmas. There's so many people in our family that we no longer fit in our house and the Reva Hall is an ideal place for us to gather together. With all the sickness going around, not all of our family could make it but we still filled the hall with love and laughter. Teri and her family came from Minnesota on Christmas Eve and spent Christmas Day with us before attending the Olson Christmas on Sunday. Guy and his family came from Wyoming on Sunday for the Olson Christmas. Megan had to go to work Monday so she drove home in the snowstorm that evening, but Guy and the boys stayed to help us cut up a another beef on Monday. All the relatives from the Hills had to drive home in terrible weather that evening and Teri and her family left for Minnesota, making it safely to

We had a lot of good help cutting up the beef Monday morning. Guy and his sons Cade, Creed and Cass, Taz, Casey, Trig, Elyssa Walloch, Reub and I got the beef cut, wrapped and in the freezers in 3½ hours. Guy and the boys ate lunch with us before heading back to Wyoming that afternoon.

Aberdeen late that night.

Taz and Trig went to Reeder do some carpenter work for Dalton Mellmer Tuesday morning and Casey plowed a lot of snow before going to get things ready for the wrestling tournament in Buffalo on Thursday. Casey went to Buffalo Wednesday afternoon for wrestling practice and stayed in town for the tournament on Thursday.

Reub and I went to Sturgis Thursday evening for our great granddaughter's first birthday. Little Hattie, daughter of Till and Kelsey Olson, had a great party with lots of family and friends. We had more snowy roads on the way home.

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Friday was New Year's Eve and Taz and Amanda spent the evening with Syd and Trent Turbiville. Reub and I celebrated New Year's Eve by going to bed early.

We celebrated the New Year on January 1, 2022 by having Casey and Missy, Taz and Amanda and the kids, and Amanda's sister Josi Senger here for lunch. That morning the guys sorted off the heifers they're going to sell so they were a little late for dinner. The little people are still kind of sick, so they didn't enjoy the day as much as the old folks

As we say good riddance to 2021, I'll leave you with this:

Recipe for a Happy New Year To leave the old with a burst of song

To recall the rights and forgive

the wrong; To forgive the thing that binds

you fast To the vain regrets of the year

that's past; To have the strength to let go

your hold Of the non-worthwhile of the

days grown old; To dare to go forth with a

purpose true;

To the unknown task of the year that's new,

To help your brother along the

To share his work and lift his

load; To add your gift to the world's

good cheer, Is to have and to give a Happy

Happy New Year to all of you from all of us.

Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver. rdennis@gwtc.net

It's a New Year!

We have a New Year! 365 days to either mess up or improve! Any guess on what I will end up doing? Hahahahaha!

It seems there is a touch of fall in the air. Nippy nippy nippy! Since I been laid up from surgery and then bronchitis, Chance has been doing all the chores. Been fighting a diesel tractor to keep it running. Changed filter and blew out lines.. he is now maybe understanding why I always liked using my team to feed with. They started every morning and just headed on out. And once you dress forehand get used to it, it just isn't that bad. Probably helps if you are about 20 or 30 years younger than I am now! But once my feet are healed zi have plans of doing part of the feeding with my team. Anxious to get them hooked up. No mater the cold.

Cindy and I play a lot of cribbage during the winter. We started off this early winter by her skunking me and beating me on a regular basis. Then slowly but surely the master came back! Got to where she seldom won a game. So today we had our first game of the new year and she double skunked me! One person said she had bee letting me win so she'd get a nice Christmas present! I sure fooled her! I swear I ordered her some nice jewelry but when I opened the package here was a pretty shiny bit. And heck, she don't even ride much anymore!!!

As we move into this new year I hope you all do great and and have the best year ever. May we all have plenty of feed and a great cattle



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KAREN ODELL

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morning, and Karen was in the

bedroom scanning pictures to

be saved for some later time in

historical memory. If you don't

know a Scotch collie dog, you

may not understand this story.

There are actually people who

believe a dog cannot think on

to tracking seminars, where

the trainer treated him as if a

dog is stupid, not realizing that

the dog already knew what he

was being taught, and thought

end, when the dog got to do the

actual job of finding the trainer,

he cut across country, found the

man, and had run back to tell

the handlers that he had found

him, so fast that the handlers

spent the whole time running

the mile or two in their own

record times. Then the collie

had the last laugh, because he

had done his job in going back

leaving the handlers in the dust

again. They found him waiting

to show them, standing over the

broken leg), and drooling down

Karen's newest collie, Hywel,

understands English better than

any dog she has known, but this

time, even Karen was surprised.

She heard the door close down-

instructor (who had a pretend

into the man's face until the

rescuers could catch up.

to show them his find, turned

and took off at a dead run,

the trainer was stupid. In the

his own. I have taken my collies

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stairs, and heard the rattle of dog toenails coming up the steps and toward the bedroom. Then the huge black, tan and white collie came trotting

right up to Karen's chair, looked up into her face, and said a very soft and gentle, "Woof."

That was all. Just one Woof. He stood looking into her face for a few seconds, then turned, jumped up on the bed and laid down. When Karen turned to reprimand his being on the bed, he was still watching her face, but relaxed his chin onto his paws, as if his job was done

Then she began to laugh and couldn't even scold him. That soft and gentle "Woof", was so out of character, that it made Karen laugh, and she wondered what it was all about. When Charlie came upstairs, he said that he had let the dog in, and told him to tell Mom that 'it was cold out there'.

Well, it hadn't been too long, but Karen had forgotten he was outside, and the wind chill was

way below zero, so it was good of him to remind her. Still that gentle 'Woof' made her laugh, each time she thought of it, and still brings a smile. He had been told to tell her, and he did. He had given the message. He is a kind-hearted boy, even under his exterior of big tough dog. He is so big, that only the front half of him can get on your lap at one time.

Karen and Charlie Odell wish to again, thank the people of Tie Creek and Capitol for sharing their news with everyone. It is a special gift that you have given, when you shared the events of your lives. There are continually those who thank us, and encourage us to continue the Capitol News, so here we still are in 2022. Yes, what we do may seem ordinary and uninteresting to us, but to other people all over the country, it is like coming home to a place where life is good, and maybe a little normal. This has been a trying year, and difficult to figure out, but we hope our lives have touched those who read about us and have helped each one in

Registration Now Open for Power of Women as **AgVocates Conference**

Ft. PIERRE - South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension invites women in agriculture to a female-empowered event and the opportunity to network, learn and grow with peers across the state. The Power of Women as AgVocates Conference will be held Jan. 14-15 at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center and Museum and the AmericInn Lodge and Suites in Fort Pierre.

'This conference is designed for women to learn about the power of advocating for you, your family, business and industry," says Robin Salverson, SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist.

Keynote speakers for the event are Marianne Smith Edge and Audra Mulkern.

Edge is a sixth-generation farm owner and the founder of AgriNutrition Edge. She is polished in national-level affairs with government, industry,

academia and allied health groups. Experienced in the food policy arena and steeped in consumer insight, Edge will share how women in agriculture can agvocate for the industry as the kickoff keynote speaker and later in the program when she focuses on communication.

Mulkern is a 2019 James Beard finalist, writer, photographer and international speaker who is changing the way consumers look at farming and the people who grow food. She is the founder of "The Female Farmer Project" – a multi-platform documentary project that chronicles the rise of women working in agriculture around the world. From in-depth stories, personal essays, photographic portraits, a podcast and in-development documentary film — the project gives a powerful voice to the fastest-growing demographic in agriculture — the female farmer.

SD Cattlemen's Association News ASI and NCBA Awarded USDA/APHIS Grant

WASHINGTON D.C. - US-DA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is providing more than \$200,000 dollars in Farm Bill funding to support the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) in developing movement decision criteria for sheep and cattle grazing public land allotments during a potential foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak. There are several agencies involved in issuing public land grazing permits in 14 states for 22,000 ranchers. These are not the same agencies responsible for FAD response. This funding will allow collaboration among the agencies, states, and industry partners, like the Public Lands Council. Guidance documents created

through group discussion will

be exercised. The project is expected to take two years to

This effort will better prepare sheep and cattle producers, whose livestock graze public lands, to voluntarily prepare before an FAD outbreak. It will provide information and actions needed during an FAD outbreak to protect their flocks and herds and meet movement criteria. It will provide state and federal decision makers with a better understanding of the management practices, capabilities, and limitations of grazing sheep and cattle on public lands.

"The preparedness and response activities we are funding today will enhance our ability to address the animal disease issues of tomorrow. They arm us with the best science available to retain international markets

and feed both our own families and the world." said Jenny Lester Moffitt, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

The information developed from the grant will improve the guidance in the Secure Sheep and Wool Supply and Secure Beef Supply plans for sheep and cattle producers with livestock grazing on public lands. ASI and USDA provided funding to develop both plans and associated resources for producers.

ASI and NCBA look forward to collaborating on this project with the stakeholders and Dr. Danelle Bickett-Weddle, a consultant with Preventalytics. ASI and NCBA each provide unique resources for sheep and cattle producers to prepare for, respond to, and enhance their resiliency for an FAD event.

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City of Belle Fourche to **Begin Search for New HR Manager**

BELLE FOURCHE - The city of Belle Fourche will be looking for a new Human Resources Department Manager and a new building inspector.

These events come on the heels of the resignation in November of the city's finance officer.

The city council was presented approval to accept the resignations of both CharLee Bachman and WIlliam DuBry at their regular council meeting on January 3rd.

No specific reasons were known to the Beacon as of press time on Monday.

Bachman has been serving as Human Resource Manager for the city since the spring of 2020. Her resignation is effective as of February 4th, 2022.

DuBry has been serving as

the city's building inspector for about a year. He was hired last February and his resignation will be effective on February 17th, 2022. He also serves as the city American with Disabilities Act contact person.

Bachman's resignation leaves two department head positions open at city hall. Breanna Schaefer resigned her post as City Finance Officer in November for personal reasons. Since that time the city has hired the accounting firm of Casey Peterson & Associates of Rapid Ciry to help acting finance officer Jason LaFayette with bank reconciliation, consulting and annual report preparation.

In addition to this the city is moving forward with plans to create a city administrator position at city hall.

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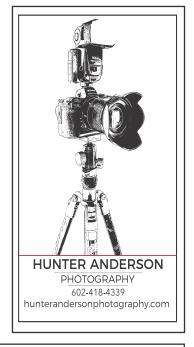
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Ring In The New Year With An 'Anti' **Resolution List**



As the world celebrates the new year, many will make an annual list of resolutions and goals, which often include improving overall health

As we wrap up with the COVID-19 pandemic, improving overall health is front and center, more so than usual. However, according to the U.S. New Year's Resolutions 2020 study conducted by YouGov, over half of those who set New Year's resolutions can't follow through.

Luckily, exercise physiologist and fitness advisor Tom Holland has a new approach to setting and reaching your health and fitness goals this

Focus on Anti-Resolutions

Holland recommends turning the typical New Year's resolutions list on its head by creating "anti-resolutions" to focus on what you're not going to do. For example, instead of saying "I'm going to work out every day" or "eat only healthy foods," resolve to not make excuses. This can take the focus off the broader goal and onto in-the-moment actions. The next time you plan to go the gym or cook a healthy meal, and you start to come up with reasons today's not the day, you can remember your resolution to not make excuses. If you set unrealistic resolutions to transform your entire lifestyle all at once, it's more difficult to take the necessary steps to get there.

Most people have made excuses for not making a workout or sticking to a routine. This anti-resolution approach changes the focus from overly ambitious goals to a more subtle mindset

To help you continue or take those first steps on your fitness journey, Holland also recommends connected fitness services and apps. Many of them are integrated with cardio equipment, including stationary bikes and treadmills, and feature workouts such as HIIT, strength, yoga, stretch and Pilates, which can be accessed from a mobile device or tablet app. So many options means no more excuses. No matter your fitness level, goals or lifestyle, there are exercise programs to help you stay motivated and active so you can make exercise a habit in your life.

Determine What Works Best for You

Often people struggle to get started working out because they think they need to go to the gym all the time or sacrifice privacy, comfort and entertainment to see results. Holland notes that it's important to not let trends, other people's opinions or even your own preconceived notions get in the way.

It's easier than ever before to find a workout routine that aligns with your lifestyle. If going to the gym isn't your speed, you could pick up a versatile fitness product such as a set of dumbbells. Check out YouTube for access to hundreds of video workouts that can be done from the comfort of your own home—no expensive gym membership or commute

If you find your motivation is dwindling, the Bowflex Max Total 16 (https://www.bowflex.com/ max-trainer/mt16/100915.html) is a great option that lets you do high-intensity, interval workouts at home while streaming your entertainment subscriptions including Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, HBO Max, and Disney+.

This new year, try a different approach to health and fitness resolutions by kicking the overly ambitious goals of the past to the side in favor of setting anti-resolutions instead. At the same time, take advantage of what today's fitness technology has to offer to improve your odds of success and make this

Backyarding Trends in 2022: Americans Will **Continue to Expand Outdoor Living**

Phil Kissack

Agent, Registered

"Backyarding"—the trend to move indoor activities outdoors that was made popular during the pandemic —is here to stay and will continue to expand in 2022, according to the TurfMutt Foundation, an environmental education and stewardship program that encourages outdoor living and caring for green spaces.

"Backyarding is a way of life now," says Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Foundation and its parent organization, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). "Homeowners spent lots of time, money and effort over the last eighteen months improving their backyards to make them an extension of their homes so they could work, cook, exercise and even vacation outdoors. We believe people will continue to 'backyard more' in the coming year and beyond."

The TurfMutt Foundation predicts the following backyarding trends for 2022:

Lines between the indoors and the outdoors continue to blur. Doors and windows will be opened to the great outdoors and more people will enjoy breakfast or a nightcap on the deck. Decorating choices will marry the outside and the inside, with colors and tones that provide more visual connection between indoor areas and the backyard, for a seamless transition.

Offices turn to the outdoors. There will be no need to turn to technology to create a virtual backdrop for video calls. Trees, flowers, bushes and other plants are a beautiful video call background. Privacy screens, electrical outlets and Wi-Fi extenders become more common.

Kids (and adults) spends more time outside learning. Kids will take online classes or do homework under the shade of a tree, in an outdoor classroom at school or at a patio or picnic table. They brush up on STEM concepts (TurfMutt's free lesson plans can help) by planting and studying flowers, bugs and weather.

Al fresco dining becomes the norm. Grills, pizza ovens and

overhead lighting with seating will make many homes outdoor eateries for families and neighbors. Interest in outdoor kitchens, pergolas, shade sails and landscaping will define and enhance outdoor dining.

Business deals get cooked up in backyards. While socializing around fire pits and watching the kids play soccer on the lawn, adults will have the informal conversations that used to happen in other venues. Games of croquet and cornhole could turn easily into business networking opportunities.

The backyard is the first place people turn to for relaxation and stress relief. Yoga, hammocks, reading nooks, calming water features and more add spalike features to the backyard. More people plant with peace of mind at heart, adding colors that make them feel good, while aiming for sensory or emotional connections.

Outdoor entertainment evolves. Movie projectors with sound systems and outdoor screens turn the yard into a theater under the stars. Expect to see fire pits, outdoor games and more that enhance outdoor recreation.

Homeowners will plant with wildlife in mind. Knowing the backyard is a habitat for pollinators, insects, birds and other wildlife, homeowners likely will choose plants, trees and shrubs that nurture and support wildlife-delighting in discovering them.

Pampering pets only increases. Fencing, sandpiles for digging, doghouses and even agility courses for pets to enjoy will become more common.

More people discover their backyarding personality types and design a yard that matches their outdoor lifestyles. They will map out their yards, take an inventory of tools and equipment available to create and maintain their dream and then work hard to create a defined backyard that meets their needs over the coming year.

To learn more about creating the yard of your dreams, visit TurfMutt.com.

Western South Dakota Gripped by Coldest Air of the Season

BELLE FOURCHE - It has been a relatively mild winter thus far, with the possible exception of the latter part of December. But the area is cur-

rently in the grips of the coldest arctic air of the season.

Temperatures on Tuesday night and tonight are expected to be well below zero across

the region and the National Weather Service in Rapid City says temperatures of 15 or 25 below zero are possible before tomorrow morning.

The weather service says there is not a lot of moisture available with the cold air as it moves back in but there will be chances for snow of 1-3 inches across the area, combined with gusty winds could bring blowing snow and wind chill advisories.

The area will be close to the border of the arctic air to our north and east and warmer, milder air to our south and west.

Friday and Saturday look to trend warmer before colder air filters in for the latter part of the weekend. The chances for additional snow with the Alberta Clipper expected for the weekend will remain mostly to

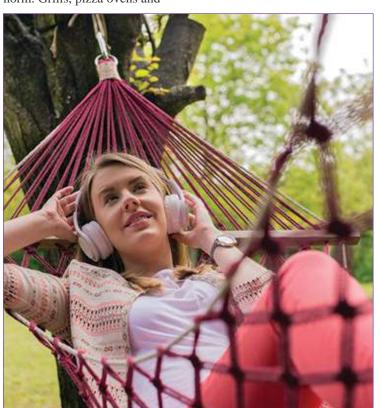
The good news is that a strong western ridge will nudge its way back into the region on Monday of next week. Milder weather returns with temperatures in the 40's next week.







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Looking Back in Belle-

124 years ago Northwest TIMES January 6, 1898 County Treasurer's Annual Report of Licenses

I, D. R. Evans, County Treasurer of the said County of Butte, do hereby report that the persons hereinafter named have paid license during the year 1897; under the provision of an Act of the Legislature of the State of South Dakota entitled "An Act to provide for the Licensing Restriction and Regulation of the Manufacture and Sale of Spirituous and Intoxicating Liquors," approved March 3, 1897, and that the residence of the said persons, nature of the business in which they are engaged, the place of doing business, the amount of License paid and the dates of payments of the same are as follows, to wit: Roberts & Horner Belle Fourche Retailing Liquors Belle Fourche \$86.65; Bruce Sebastian Belle Fourche Retailing Liquors, Belle Fourche, \$86.65; Bruce Sebastian Belle Fourche, Retailing Liquors \$400.00; Roberts & Horner, Belle Fourche, Retailing Liquors, \$400.00 (about \$6,617.81 today); Jacob Ridgway, Camp Crook, Retailing Liquors, Camp Crook, \$265.65 Nov. 1, 1897.

A Gay Time A large crowd of happy and merry people, both young and old, gathered at Woodburn hall last Friday evening to attend te New Year's Ball, given by the Home Dramatic club. Simmons Bros Orchestra, with N. A. Gibson as conductor furnished the music. The grand march was formed at 9 o'clock and the dancing continued until 11:30, when about twenty two couples repaired to Mrs. Kilgore's restaurant where they sat down to a supper that surpassed in sumptuosness everything that has occurred in the annals of festivals tis season, after which they returned to the hall and danced to the sweet strains of music, and the remaining couples filled the vacant places at the tables and partook of the bountiful supply of good things before them. Dancing was continued until nearly 5 a.m.

100 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post January 6, 1922 Change at Bolles Garage A deal was made last Saturday whereby W. R. Arnold becomes

associated with C. A. Bolles as a partner in te garage, auto sales and accessories business recently conducted under the name of C. A. Bolles Auto Co. Mr. Bolles is president of the new company, while Mr. Arnold will be the active manager in carge of the firm's business. The name of the firm will remain the same as heretofore. It is predicted everywhere that 1922 will be a good year in the automobile business, and there is no doubt but that the Bolles company will get its share of patronage, wit a hustler like "Bill" Arnold in charge of the sales department. The firm will handle the well known Bick autos, and if a man even looks like he was in the market for a car, "Bill" will land him for a sale.

News Items of the Week: Brief Happenings Picked Up Here For Perusal By Our Regular Readers

The old court house, which has been occupied by the primary grades for the past several years, is now vacant, the seats and other equipment having been moved to the old High School building, which will be the future quarters of these graders. Next week, when school reopens after the holiday vacation, the High School students will be quarters in the new school unit recently completed. It is reported that the old court house building, which is the property of the city, will be moved to the west side of the lots upon which it stands. The American Legion hall will then be moved to the south end of these lots, excavation made for a basement and a suitable heating plant installed. This will place the Legion building above the high water mark and make it much more convenient in every way for the public use.

75 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post January 5, 1947 Editorial: Off to a Fresh Start The coming of the new year is times just right – as far as man made muddles are concerned. Never has the "fresh start with a clean slate" psychology of the new year been more needed than it is now. Never have the closing weeks of the old year sown more clearly that they are the last ditch stands of practices of the dying year. It is as if the



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new year everything would be different. Consequently, if this year does not show progress in man's dealings with his fellows, it will mean that progress is impossible – that human beings have so bound themselves with social and economic entanglements that they cannot extricate themselves, and that the only solution is to throw the whole system of human relationships overboard and start again. But this sounds ridiculous in the face of human facts today: We have as the majority in congress a change of party, a party which knows that it must produce constructive leadership and concrete results or go out of power in two years – never to rise again. As leaders in this party we have men with such strength of character that they have been able to hold their identity through 14 years as the congressional minority. And that takes men. Further, these leaders know what being submerged means. They know how frail is their old on their present power. Naturally, these men will compromise for the common good compromise as a swaggering majority, sure of its power, would never compromise. (Editor: Republicans won congressional majorities for the first time in 15 years after the 1946 elections. The 80th Congress (1947–1949) quickly sent to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment limiting Presidents to two terms, and it reined in trade unions with the Taft-Hartley Labor-Management Relations Act. But foreign policy dominated this Congress, as it reaffirmed America's new global position. It authorized economic and military aid to countries threatened by the Soviet Union, passed the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe, unified the armed services, and created the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency.)



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Understanding What Truly-Local Really Means

One of my favorite quotes is by General Shinseki. He said, "If you don't like change, you are going to enjoy irrelevance even less." Each January I spend the month discussing the basics of building a truly local community wide mindset. Truly local means so many different things to each of us. When asking people what truly local means, we get varied responses. But invariably, most indicate some sort of shopping local. While shopping local is certainly a component of being truly local, I would suggest being truly local is more than just shopping local. Fact is, shopping local only makes up 10-20% of being truly local for a community to become an economic force allowing the community to prosper and grow.

First, let's quickly discuss shopping. Yes, shopping local is part of being truly local, but understand not all shopping local is created equal. Shopping at a locally-owned and operated business has between 3-7X the local impact than shopping at big boxes, chains, or online where owners aren't local. In future columns, we will cover in greater detail the compounding impact, reinvestment of profits, and so forth. Understand, locally-owned and operated businesses have the ability to impact your economy greater than most can imagine.

Not all economic development has the same impact on your community. Certain types



ment not only return a far greater ROI, but spur outside and private investment dollars at a much higher rate than other economic investby John Newby ment. While future columns will go in greater

detail, just know that downtown investment is usually the most viable and impactful economic investment a community can make.

Knowing the devastating impact when a community loses its media base is critical. Your local media is your community's ambassador to the outside world. If they disappear, who will tell your story and promote your town to the world? A recent Notre Dame study showed where newspapers have gone out of business, cost of local government grows more than 30% within five years. Not only that, but when communities become what is referred to as news deserts (without a newspaper or voice), business declines, less people vote, and civic involvement dwindles.

Regardless of whether your community has a small or large tourism base, there are simple ways to double down on this base. Nearly every town can create some sort of tourism and those with ample tourism can grow that substantially with simple tactics and strategies. Tourism is certainly a truly local component.

Most city and community governments agree a truly local

mentality is critical to their growth and future. However, did you know most local governments, while with the best intentions, have changeable laws, regulations and procedures that harm their own local efforts? During 2022, we will discuss how local governments can make minor adjustments that stimulate their communities without spending a dime more.

Every community must have local and impactful events. These events need not cost the community money. In fact, done right, these events can grow the dollars circulating through their community without anyone having to spend a nickel more than they do now.

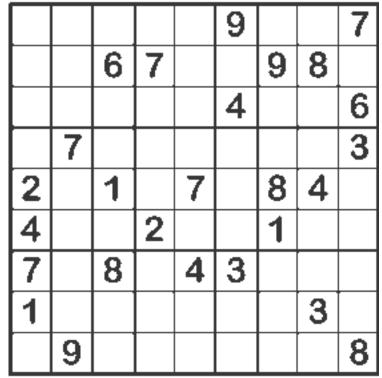
Does your community need job growth? Are your children leaving for college, never to return other than for trips home to say hi? In 2022, we will discuss ways your community can employ tactics that drive innovation, entrepreneurship, job growth, as well as quality of life that draw your youth back to be part of it.

While we intuitively understand that the arts, music, and entertainment are vital to the truly local mentality, we will discuss ways your community can utilize those resources to a greater advantage. We will share examples of what others are doing that works. As they say, the greatest form of flattery is to not reinvent the wheel, but to copy programs that have shown success.

In addition to the above and much more, this weekly column is all about vision, leadership, and excitement. Communities must change. Employing the same traditional strategies must change. With the infiltration of big boxes, chains, and online of-

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ferings, communities that don't utilize new techniques will fail. We are excited to share the concepts we have found that will work for your community. As you build synergies with your local media, you will not only survive, but you will prosper and thrive in 2022 and beyond.

John A. Newby, of Pineville, MO. is the author of "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" a weekly column appearing in communities around the country. He is CEO of Truly-Local, LLC and dedicated to assisting communities create excitement, energy and combining synergies with their local media to become more vibrant and competitive. His email is: info@Truly-Localllc.com.





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Moving Forward for the **New Year**

COLLEEN BRUNNER

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NEWELL – According to Superintendent Andrew Fergen, the Newell school district is in good shape and moving forward into the new year in a good place. The board has made several decisions about Esser III funding expenditures, different policies, and weathered changes in staff, including hiring a new business manager, and a couple new paraprofessionals, due to resignations.

"Communication is good," said the head administrator, "Of the board, the administrator and

Fergen said the school board just took training in governance. "This was a good thing since there are several new board members." They also had a recent training by Jim Holbeck, who is a retired administrator with the Associated School Boards of South Dakota. He most recently served as Superintendent in the Harrisburg School District and has decades of experience in public, K-12 education.

The board also just got a report on the annual audit as well as changes in the trust and agency accounts, which staff

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In with the New Year



These kids enjoyed photo-ops during the pre-bonfire celebration at the shop of Joe Crockford on Friday night in Nisland as the community church there rang in the New Year. (Story below) - Brunner photo

Nisland Church Celebrates the New Year

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NISLAND - The Nisland In-

dependent Community Church celebrated the new year in a bit of an unorthodox way to usher out 2021, with supper in a shop and a bonfire in below zero temperatures to follow.

In 2015 following a hailstorm where the church suffered a great deal of damage, the church board has been working toward repairs. They have accomplished much and in November another task was com-

pleted, that of tearing off the old steeple and replacing it with a shorter version along with a new cross. This was necessary due to structural issues. Kevin Fuhrer Construction came and removed the 60-foot steeple a piece at a time. Paul Marrs, local Whitewood resident, church board chairman, and welder, created a new hip roof design and cross. Fuhrer and crew removed the old steeple and replaced it with the new version.

All the old wood, which amounted to around five tons of material including wood, tin and insulation, was transported to the Joe Crockford farm where it was placed in a field awaiting a time to be burned. It was determined that a celebration of old to new should be held and the church members felt that there was no better time than the final day of the year to do the job. "We contacted dispatch to tell them we would be burning and what time," said Crockford of

the plan. Prior to the bonfire, which lasted for around an hour with most of the very old wood consumed quickly, the group gathered in Crockfords heated shop to share soup, snack trays and hot cocoa prior to moving to the burn site. There was an opportunity to sit and visit or take photos with New Years props to celebrate the end of 2021.

Following the time of fellowship, the group traveled the short distance to the burn site where Crockford had set things up. Diesel was splashed on the wood and finally it was lit. After the flame ignited the group held a prayer and recognized

the symbol of spirituality as the old boards went up. Smoke eddied around the pile and as the heated air met the very cold, subzero air, smoke tornadoes were formed continuously. The intense heat also caused the surrounding snow to spike in the frigid air. Blue and purple flames could be seen in the fire and as the fire burned low, a light shot straight up from the center of the fire into the cold night heavens.



A 5-ton rubble bonfire was the way members of Nisland Independent Community Church celebrated the end of 2021, burning the rubble from the old steeple which was replaced in November. - Brunner photo

Memorial Service for Matthew Bruner

Please join us to honor the memory of Dr. Matthew Bruner and his son Noah Bruner at a Memorial service to be held January 15, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Newell City Hall. We will have a time of remembrance and fellowship. Dr. Matt lived in the Newell area since 1980 and was a 1995 NHS graduate. His parents are Chuck and Betty Bruner.

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Lunch: TANGERINE CHICKEN, RICE, STIR FRY VEGETABLES, MANDARIN ORANGES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Tuesday Jan. 4, 2022

Breakfast: YOGURT PARFAIT OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: SCALLOPED POTATOES WITH HAM, WHOLE GRAIN DINNER ROLL, APRICOTS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Wednesday Jan. 5

Breakfast: BREAKFAST PIZZA OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: MEATBALL SUB, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, PEAS, MIXED FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thursday Jan. 6

Breakfast: CROISSANT SANDWICH OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: HOT DOGS, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, BAKED

BEANS, PEARS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Monday Jan. 10
Breakfast: OMELET, WHOLE GRAIN TOAST, FRESH

FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: HOT TURKEY SANDWICH, WHOLE GRAIN BREAD, MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY, RAISINS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK





Gov. Noem Announces Legislation Blocking CRT

PIERRE, S.D. – On Dec. 20th Governor Kristi Noem released the text of draft legislation to block Critical Race Theory (CRT) as the basis of education for South Dakota students.

"Americans believe 'all men are created equal,' and we also believe the American dream is available to all regardless of race, color, or national origin," said Governor Kristi Noem. "Our schools should teach our children our nation's true and honest history. They should teach about our successes in establishing a country that is a beacon of freedom to the world and our mistakes along the way. Our children should not, however, be taught the false and divisive message that they are responsible for the shortcomings of past generations and other members of our respective races.'

The legislation blocks any education based on the following false tenets:

That any race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity, or national

origin is inherently superior or inferior;

That individuals should be adversely treated or feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress because of their race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity, or national origin; or

That individuals, by virtue of race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity, or national origin, are inherently responsible for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity, or national origin.

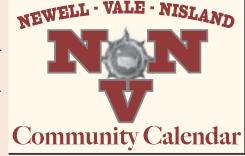
Governor Noem previously addressed CRT with her signing of Executive Order 2021-11, which blocked federal civics and history grants from being pursued in South Dakota.

Governor Noem was also the first candidate for public office in the country to sign the 1776 Pledge to Save Our Schools, and she published an op-ed with Dr. Ben Carson outlining that decision.

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

Jan. 3-6: Delta Dental Bus. Free dental care provided for Newell school students-check with office to sign up.

Jan. 4: GBB at home with



10 a.m. Free lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information contact Larry Knudson at 605-456-2618. Jan. 13: BBB-WRT-6 p.m. at home

Jan. 14: GBB/BBB-WRT-3 p.m.; HSWR Newcastle Tourney-8 a m

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Jan. 6: BBB at home with Sundance. 5:30

Jan. 7: HSWR @ Lyman Tournament, 9 a.m.

GBB/BBB @ TioSpaye Topa, 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 8: HSWR @ Lyman Tournament, 9 a.m.

Jan. 10: School Board Meeting-MPR-6 p.m.; City admin meeting-City offices-6 p.m.

Jan. 11: GBB-WRT-6 p.m. at home

Jan. 12: Vale Ag Fair, Vale Community Hall,

Jan. 15: GBB/BBB-WRT-RC Ice Arena-9:30 a.m.; NAVFR Auxiliary Soup and Dessert, 5-7 p.m. at Fire Hall in Nisland.

Jan. 17: No school

Jan. 28: GBB/ BBB at home with Faith. 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 29: GBB / BBB at home with Philip. 1:00 p.m.

Feb 1: HSWR Newell round robin at Austin Auditorium. 5:00 p.m.

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Out with the Old, in With the New Year



Five tons of old boards, tin and insulation, from the old church steeple which was replaced in November, made up a big pile for a New Year's Eve bonfire at the home of Joe and Anna Crockford. - Brunner photo





(Left) Joe Crockford throws diesel on the rubble for the bonfire on Friday night at their home. The church burned the rubble from the old steeple which was removed in November. (Right) As the fire burned low, a light shot up into the night sky, direct to the heavens, during the burning of the rubble from the old steeple of the Nisland Independent Community Church on New Year's Eve. - Brunner photos



An unorthodox New Year's Eve celebration in the home shop of Joe and Anna Crockford, saw a small group enjoy chili soup and hot chocolate before braving the subzero temps to have a huge bonfire. - Brunner photo



Editor's note: This is part 2 of A

Grand River Christmas **BETTY OLSON** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Christmas - 1881 "We brought you a few things, Ma'am," Pa said and set down the sack of flour. I put the meat on the table. Then Pa handed her the sack that had the shoes in it. She opened it hesitantly and took the shoes out one pair at a time. There was a pair for her and one for each of the children---sturdy shoes, the best, shoes that would last.

I watched her carefully. She bit her lower lip to keep it from trembling and then tears filled her eyes and started running down her cheeks. She looked up at Pa like she wanted to say something, but it wouldn't

come out.

"We brought a load of wood too, Ma'am," Pa said, then he turned to me and said, "Matt, go bring enough in to last for a while. Let's get that fire up to size and heat this place up." I

wasn't the same person when I went back out to bring in the wood. I had a big lump in my throat and, much as I hate to admit it, there were tears in my eyes too. In my mind I kept seeing those three kids

huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears running down her cheeks and so much gratitude in her heart that she couldn't speak. My heart swelled within me and a joy filled my soul that I'd never known before. I had given at Christmas many times before, but never when it had made so much difference. I

Grand River Roundup

could see we were literally saving the lives of these people. I soon had the fire blazing and everyone's spirits soared. The kids started giggling when Pa handed them each a piece of candy and Widow Jensen looked on with a smile that probably hadn't crossed her face for a long time. She finally turned to us. "God bless you," she said. "I know the Lord himself has sent you. The children and I have been praying that he would send one of his children

to spare us." In spite of myself, the lump returned to my throat and the tears welled up in my eyes again. I'd never thought of Pa in those exact terms before, but after Widow Jensen mentioned it I could see that it was probably true. I was sure that a better man than Pa had never walked the earth, save One. I started remembering all the

times he had gone out of his way for Ma and me, and many

others. The list seemed endless as I thought on it. Pa insisted that everyone try on the shoes before we left. I was amazed when they all fit and I wondered how he had known what sizes to get. Then I guessed that if he was on an errand for the Lord that the Lord would make sure he got the right sizes.

Tears were running down Widow Jensen's face again when we stood up to leave. Pa took each of the kids in his big arms and gave them a hug. They clung to him and didn't want us to go. I could see that they missed their pa, and I was glad that I still had mine.

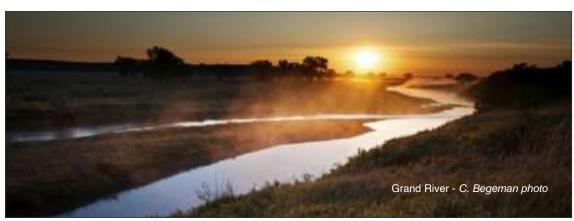
At the door Pa turned to Widow Jensen and said, "The Mrs. wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey will be more than the three of us can eat, and a man can get cantankerous if he has to eat turkey for too many meals. We'll be by to get you about eleven. It'll be nice to have some little ones around again. Matt here, hasn't been little for quite a spell." I was the youngest. My two older brothers and two older sisters were all married and had moved away.

Widow Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you, Brother Miles. I don't have to say, "'May the Lord bless you,' I know for certain that He will." Out on the sled I felt a warmth that came from deep within and I didn't even notice the cold.

When we had gone a ways, Pa turned to me and said, "Matt, I want you to know something. Your ma and me have been tucking a little money away here and there all year so we could buy that rifle for you, but we didn't have quite enough. Then yesterday a man who owed me a little money from years back came by to make things square. Your ma and me were real excited, thinking that now we could get you that rifle, and I started into town this morning to do just that. But on the way I saw little Jakey out scratching in the woodpile with his feet wrapped in those gunny sacks and I knew what I had to do. So, Son, I spent the money for shoes and a little candy for those children. I hope you understand."

I understood, and my eyes became wet with tears again. I understood very well, and I was so glad Pa had done it. Just then the rifle seemed very low on my list of priorities. Pa had given me a lot more. He had given me the look on Widow Jensen's face and the radiant smiles of her three children. For the rest of my life, when-

ever I saw any of the Jensens, or split a block of wood, I remembered, and remembering brought back that same joy I felt riding home beside Pa that night. Pa had given me much more than a rifle that night, he had given me the best Christmas of my life.



Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past" -

January 4, 1912 H.S. Wagoner, Road Supervisor for Township 10 10, is busy looking up all uncovered wells in the Township and trying to have all owners of same to either fill them in or cover them up as a protection for both man and beast.

Charles W. Brown, the son of Rev & Mrs. Brown of this place, was home during the holidays visiting his parents. He is teaching school some 7 or 8 miles northeast of Belle Fourche. He returned to his school on New Years Day.

Mrs. Henry Wilson, of Vale, celebrated her 67th birthday New Years day by entertaining for dinner her 10 grandchildren. Their papas and mammas were also invited, by the way, were not the guests of honor. It goes without saying that they had an excellent dinner as all can testify who have ever been guests at the Wilson home.

January 5, 1922 Mrs. Arthur Edwards returned to her Willow Creek home from the Newell Hospital last Wednesday with her little son Arthur Oscar. Dorothy Uren was a visitor at the Edwards home last Thursday to meet the new little boy.

John Karinen had an experience in covote hunting last week, catching 2 large ones. The dance at Karinen's home was not very well attended due to the bad roads but everyone present report a dandy time.

For Sale: a 4- bedroom house

and barn, 2 chicken houses, a big lot of second hand lumber, some fence posts all suitable for a farmer or homesteader for a very reasonable price. Everything must be removed before spring, Inquire at the Irrigator Office for details.

January 7, 1932 Carl Settle, Sulphur merchant, spent several days in Newell this week on business. Mr. Settle was ready to return to his home Wednesday afternoon, but decided to delay his trip until the big storm had subsided.

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D.R. "Dave" Evans, pioneer ranchman briefly describes the passing of the old cattle range. Towns and cities have sprung upon the sites of the "chuck" wagon and railroads have bridged the waterholes. The saddles have been forsaken for the swivel chair. Evans said the old range began breaking up in the late '80's when surveyors followed by the small ranches came into the country. Homesteaders filed on thousands of acres and sheepmen choked out access to waterholes. Fences crossed and criss-crossed the one-time open range and night

by Linda Velder

fell on the glory of the cattleman and the range had had its

January 1, 1942 President Roosevelt signed legislation to continue the Sugar Control Law for 3 years to December 31, 1944. Sponsors of the bill have estimated it would increase annual benefits payments which are estimated at \$49,000,000 this year by about \$10,000,000 annually. Butte County Beet Growers this week were reminded by Chairman J. L. Nelson of the county AAA committee, that they make applications for the first government benefit payment on the 1941 crop by January 2. Farmers must make application at the points to which they

delivered their beets. Members of the American Women's Volunteer Services have announced a shortage of trained switchboard operators, fire fighters and automobile and truck drivers. Area women, unmarried or married, are urged to enroll for these defense training

Raw wool, wool tops and wool yarn must not be sold at prices higher than those which prevailed between October 1st and December 6, 1941, under provisions of emergency schedule issued December 18 by OPA Administrator Henderson. It is imperative to protect the civilian population against increases in cost of clothing, blankets and other articles essential to health and well-being. Domes-



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tic supplies will undoubtedly be drawn upon very heavily to meet increased demands from the armed forces. War in the Pacific is threatening to curtail imports. Under these conditions, there is real danger that inflationary price increases will occur, unless forestalled.

December 3, 1952 Don't be surprised if you hear a siren blowing and learn that your community is being alerted to an imaginary atom bomb raid. If it is organized, with in minutes air raid wardens, first-aid teams, doctors, nurses, emergency rescue squads and other civil defense units will spring into action. Hundred of cities, towns and small communities in the US today are making sure that they will be ready to do their part if and when, the real atom bomb hits them or cities near them. A bomb would kill all persons unprotected in half a mile of the center explosion, almost everyone without proper protection will be killed as well as the food supply destroyed. Civil defense is a self defense for you, your community and our country.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Reid and sons were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Wilson and family. Other dinner guests were Mrs. Walter Milberg and daughter Judy, Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson and sons and Ed Keller all of Rapid City. Marion Wilson spent Sunday and Monday with Kathy Fredlund while her parents were on business in Belle Fourche and Sundance, Wyo.

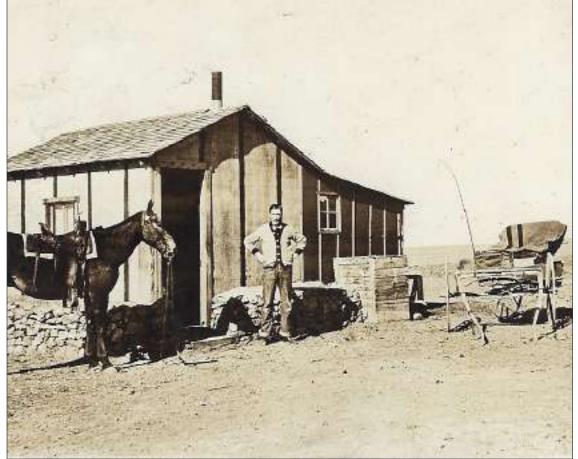
Mr. & Mrs. Stillman Edwards and family and Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Edwards and family, all from the Vale vicinity, enjoyed

a bobsled ride to the Ragner Boe home last Wednesday evening for hot chocolate and other refreshments.

January 4, 1962 Total precipitation recorded here in December totaled .29 of an inche, around 70% of normal, but brought the total for 1961 only 9.95", less than half of the yearly normal of 15.43", according to J.W. Neuberger, volunteer weather observer and hydraulic engineer at the US Experiment Field Station. Greatest precipitation in any storm during December, was the .09 recorded Saturday. The average wind velocity was 6.5 mph, the longtime average 5.4 and highest 19.9 on December 22. Temperature was 17.4 degrees, well under the average for the month of 22; highest was 55 above, while lowest -17. In 1961, total precipitation was 8.21"; 6.64" for 1911; 8.80" 1931; 9.42" 1952 and 9.85"

Snowy or Artic owls are beginning to move down from the far north, with one reported seen recently. The big white owls are native to the Arctic tundra but make periodic visits to the lower US during the winter months. Every 4th year the main food of the big owls, the lemming, suffers a die-off and large numbers of the owls then fly south seeking prey.

The Butte County Hobby Show will be held at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, March 3rd to 5th, Mrs. Chris Larson, Fruitdale, is the Hobby Show chairman this year. If you have a hobby you'd like to exhibit, contact her. Butte County Demonstration Agent, Elsie S. Wood made the announcement.



This is a picture of a typical "homesteader's shack". The chimney went through the roof, no

bricks, etc as a fire wall. Many house fires in the area.



From C1 **School District**

and students coordinate.

As far as the Esser III funding, those monies are slated for asbestos cleanup in the elementary building this coming summer. Some funds have already been spent on new textbooks such as reading, science, and math in the elementary and U.S. History and Social Studies textbooks in the middle and high schools. There will also be funds spent on flooring where old carpeting will be replaced with new or with tile, especially in hallways.

The school board also recently decided to enter into a new contract with Marco for all new printers school-wide.

"We switched brands for better service and supplies," said Fergen. "They are all new Sharp printers campus-wide, including the new one in the Ag-Science building. With the new printers we pay less."

Several new policies, or revamping old ones, have been on the agenda for pretty much the entire time that Fergen has been in the top administrator seat. His goal is to review all policies, bringing them up-todate and make sure they fit the needs of the district.

One policy is that of the public forum. He recently presented a draft for the school board's review at the last board meeting. After a period of discussion, the board chose to vote it down, asking that the policy be re-drafted and presented again.

"Policy needs to address the specific needs of whatever topic it is covering," said Fergen. "As to the public forum policy, there's nothing currently that states the time frame of anyone speaking up during that time, they can pretty much just go on and on. If someone needs to speak for more than a couple minutes, then they need to actually ask to be placed on the agenda. We need better guidelines."

There is also no policy regarding a quorum. This is something, according to Fergen, that could cause some major issues in the future. The board also recently updated the open enrollment to match up with South Dakota Codified Law.

"Open enrollment has to follow High School Activities Association," said the superintendent.

New hires in the area of paraprofessionals include Lu-Anne Youngberg, who worked previously for the district, and Sammi Hinkle, who was hired



Jim Holbeck, new trainer for the Associated School Boards of South Dakota, recently presenting a training in governance for the Newell school board. - Courtesy photo

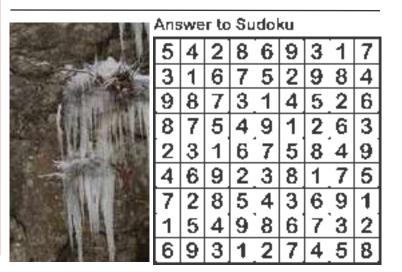
to meet the needs of a special

needs student. In the business

office, new hire Jaquelin Birner, has been installed following the exit of Sophie Burditt. Birner is the wife of Galen Birner, owner/operator of Birner Auto Repair in Newell. Fergen and the board and staff at the Newell district are looking forward to the new year and the exciting new programs that will be available.



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South Dakota State Parks Celebrate The New Year

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) will offer free, guided hikes in six state parks on New Year's Day as part of America's State Parks First Day Hikes initiative in all 50 states.

America's State Parks First Day Hikes offer individuals and families an opportunity to begin the New Year rejuvenating and connecting with the outdoors by taking a healthy hike on Jan. 1 at a state park close to home. First Day Hikes offer a great way to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and welcome the New Year with friends and

The First Day Hikes are part of the national effort to get people outdoors and into our parks. First Day Hikes are a great way to cure cabin fever and burn off those extra holiday calories by starting off the New Year with an invigorating walk or hike in one of our beautiful state parks.

In South Dakota, hikes will be offered at the following locations:

Big Sioux Recreation Area near Brandon, 2 p.m. CST. Info: 605-582-7243

Custer State Park, 8 a.m. MST, pre-registration required. Info/ register: 605-225-4515 Good Earth State Park near Sioux Falls, 2 p.m. CST. Info: 605-213-1036

Hartford Beach State Park near Corona, 12 p.m. CST. Info: 605-432-6374

Lewis and Clark Recreation Area near Yankton, 1 p.m. CST. Info: 605-668-2985 Oakwood Lakes State Park near Bruce, 2 p.m. CST Info: 605-627-5441

First Day Hikes originated more than two decades ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Mass. The program was launched to promote both healthy lifestyles throughout the year and year-round recreation at state parks. Last year marked the first time all 50 state park systems sponsored First Day Hikes, offering 400 hikes nationwide.

GFP Seeking Additional Public Input on Spring Creek Country Club Use PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Department is seeking additional public input on the future development and use of the Spring Creek Country Club

near Canton (Harrisburg) GFP held two open house

meetings on Dec. 7, shared a brief presentation about development concepts, and collected public input on how the property might be managed and developed for recreational use.

GFP is looking for more public input from those people unable to attend these meetings. To view potential recreational development concepts and to provide comment on how those concepts can be enhanced or changed, visit: https://arcg. is/008qy

Downloadable versions of the concepts can be found on the Good Earth State Park page on the GFP website.

"GFP will acquire the golf course from the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation in January of 2025, and we want to efficiently utilize the property for recreational use. We want as many interested park users and stakeholders to share their thoughts and ideas," said Deputy Parks Director, Al Nedved.

Nedved also stated that GFP will continue to meet with stakeholders to share development concepts and solicit feedback from those stakeholders on how the property would be best managed and developed for public recreational use.

The survey link will remain open for public comment through February 6, 2022.

For additional information, please contact Al Nedved, Deputy State Parks Director at 605-773-3391 or email at al.nedved@state.sd.us

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected in New Area PIERRE, S.D. – Chronic wasting disease (CWD) was recently confirmed in a new area in central South Dakota. Confirmation of the disease was obtained from a hunter-harvested adult female white-tailed deer in Buffalo County.

South Dakota has now confirmed CWD in 19 counties, and this is the second detection of CWD in free-ranging deer or elk east of the Missouri River in South Dakota.

The GFP Commission recently modified carcass transportation and disposal regulations for the entire state that are effective beginning with the 2021 hunting seasons. The goal of the new CWD regulations is to help reduce the artificial spread of CWD into new areas of South Dakota.

Holiday Fitness Survival Guide: Make A Plan To Improve Your **Core Body Fitness**

(NAPSI)—During this season of family, friends and foodlots of food—now can be a great time to consider changing up your home fitness regimen and workout plans. One consideration is to incorporate exercises and workouts that strengthen and tone your core muscles. The good news is that a strong core can offer numerous health benefits whether you lead an active or a leisurely lifestyle.

Core Issues GOLO, the pioneering wellness solutions company and creator of the AeroTrainer® exercise platform, cites several reasons to consider exercises

that target your core muscles:

#1—It's Not Just for Professional Athletes:

While professional and amateur athletes alike benefit from core muscle workouts, regular core exercise regimens can help just about anyone interested in good health and improved strength and stamina. From baby boomers concerned about flexibility to millennials and Gen-Xers who simply can't make it to the gym, exercising your core muscles can play a critical role in your overall health and fitness.

#2—Low Impact:

Low-impact exercises such as planks can deliver a plethora of health benefits, including tightening and strengthening your abs, improving upper body strength, building stronger back muscles and helping your heart by boosting blood flow.

#3—Back Pain: Stretching and strengthening your back while building



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core strength creates balance between your lower back and abdominal muscles. Regular exercise can help prevent and lessen common back pain by targeting the spine and its supporting muscles.

#4—Sculpting and Toning: Regular exercise can aid in

weight loss due to increased activity and it can help you achieve a more sculpted, toned physique. Exercises such as bridges, squats and kicks targeting your glutes, hamstrings, calves and inner thighs can help take your legs to the next level for an improved look and added strength.

to avoid excessive wear and

Car Repairs Not To Try At Home ment, car owners can't remove

built-up residue and deposits,

Additionally, home mechanics

might not know the correct mix

of antifreeze and water, causing

the system to be at the incorrect

freezing or boiling point. Car

leaving behind old coolant.

When it comes to taking care of cars, all those countless "do it yourself" videos make it all seem so straightforward and easy. So, too many people take matters into their own hands, only to realize after they've taken everything apart, only a trusted mechanic can fix the

As cars are becoming more advanced, it's important to visit your automotive repair shop for professional car care. Here's a list of seemingly simple but actually complex repairs you shouldn't try at home. •Brake Fluid Flush: Without proper equipment, home mechanics will not be able to get all the old brake fluid out of the system. Car owners might accidentally put power steering fluid in the brake fluid reservoir, potentially causing a complete failure of the entire braking system, requiring thousands of dollars to repair. •Coolant Flush: Similarly, with-

out proper chemicals and equip-

job doesn't just require resur-

owners might also put ordinary tap water in the system, causing excessive corrosion. •Fuel Injector Cleaning: Most products sold in auto parts stores are meant to be added to the gas tank and do not provide proper cleaning. A professional auto repair team will clean the carbon deposits from the throttle body and intake/exhaust valves, improving engine performance and fuel economy. Moderately Complex Repairs: •Brakes: Few things are more alarming than brake failure. In fact, brake maintenance may be the most important service in terms of safety. A good brake

facing rotors and drums but also

properly oiling key components

noise. And failure to tighten all bolts can result in unexpected brake failure if they loosen. •Suspension Work: Vehicle suspension systems are complex and many components have significant spring tension. A professional will make sure spring tension is properly secured, limiting the possibility of serious damage to your vehicle. •Battery Replacement in Hybrid or Electric Vehicles: Not only could an incorrect replacement cause engine or drive train damage that could cost thousands to repair, disposal of the old batteries may also be an environmental hazard. •Air Conditioning Systems: Attempting to recharge a system using cans of refrigerant available at auto parts stores could overcharge it, leading to catastrophic failure and costing thousands to fix. Additionally,

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