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County Committees Payments and Wages for 2023 Set

Betty Bruner

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BELLE FOURCHE—During the first meeting of the year on January 3, 2023, the Butte County Commissioners set the annual committee positions and wages for county employees. Committees for 2023 are as follows:

Extension: Karrol Herman
Ambulance: Karrol Herman and Frank Walton
Dispatch Advisory Board: Stan Harms with Frank Walton as Alternate

BH Council of Legal Governments: Karrol Herman with James Ager as Alternate

County Buildings: James Ager

Commission B5

Development Corporation Recognizes New Businesses



During their annual meeting Jan. 10, the Belle Fourche Development Corporation recognized seven new businesses that have opened in Belle Fourche during the past year. (From left) **Brittney Miller** with The Rebel Rose Boutique; **Lee and Annie Capp** of Capp's Cornerstone Refinishing; **Brittany Wilkinson** of the Wild Bluebell Boutique; **Toi Lynn and Troy Flick & Justin and Cathy Pounds** of Rogue Motorsports; and **David and Audrey Pruitt** of Pooter Q's BBQ and Catering. Not pictured, Dollor General Store and Andrea and Nick Fayville of the Fayville Agency Health Insurance. *Beacon Photo*

Economic Records Highlight BFDC Annual Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE – Highlights of a banner year were on display during the Belle Fourche Development Corporation's (BFDC) annual meeting on Jan. 10 at Grap's banquet room. The city, which was named the 2022 South Dakota Community of the year, saw record sales tax receipts that outpaced inflation, record housing growth, exceptional job creation and the fifth straight year of having the nation's top rodeo, the Black Hills Roundup.

"In short, everything we're celebrating tonight is possible because the people of our community want to see good things happen for themselves and their neighbors," said Wendy Bowers, BFDC Board President.

"This past year, 2022, was very positive for Belle Fourche and it happened because its citizens elected public officials that were willing to make it happen, and Belle Fourche has a pool of volunteers that we were able to draw from to serve on boards and work as volunteers."

Seven new businesses were also recognized, and several others were honored for their contributions to community development and improvement. Three Board of Directors positions were also filled.

There were 13 residential homes that were built or under construction in 2022. Of those 12 were single family homes and one was a multi-family unit. Combined with last year there have been 42 new units

built which is the highest two-year total in decades.

The BFDC emphasized housing during the past year following a 2021 community study which identified a critical need. Over the next five to ten years the city will need a minimum of 150 to 200 new single family and rental units to keep pace with expanded demand. The BFDC held numerous meetings with developers in 2022 to outline strategies to bring city, county and private entities together to promote land within the city and in adjacent areas of the county suitable for residential development.

"We realized early on that we needed to take a more holistic approach to getting

BFEDC A8



BF Economic Development Annual Meeting crowd is attentive to President Wendy Bowers overview of the past year in Belle Fourche. -*Beacon Photo*

Development Corporation Honors Seven New Community Businesses in 2022

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche Development Corporation highlighted the opening of seven new businesses in Belle Fourche during its annual meeting on Jan 10. The seven new 2022 businesses, with a brief description provided by each, are as follows.

The Rebel Rose

Owner: Brittney Miller

"The first time I set foot in Belle Fourche I saw a downtown with so much potential. I truly believe that all the small businesses here add to what makes this town a destination. That is why I chose to open my little boutique in Belle. It would be an understatement to

say I love it here." Rebel Rose offers ever-changing trending women's apparel along with accessories.

The Wild Bluebell

Owner: Brittany Wilkinson
The Wild Bluebell is a veteran-owned boutique located in the heart of Belle Fourche. We offer size inclusive womens' clothing at affordable prices. We have been open for a year and would like to thank the community for all your business thus far, and I hope to expand our products to better serve the wants and needs of Belle Fourche.

Dollar General Store

Dollar General is a corporate owned local store occupying some of the space from the former ShopKo building. They lease the building from a local owner.

Capp's Cornerstone Refinishing

Owners: Lee and Maryanne Capp

Capp's opened in June of 2022 offering restoration of cherished furnishings needing repair or refinishing. Everyone has that piece of furniture that was their grandmothers or great aunt's that they love but

New Business A8



BF Economic Development Executive Director, Hollie Stalder presents Rebel Rose owner Brittney Miller with a certificate of recognition of new business investment in Belle Fourche. *English Photo*

Justin Tupper President of US Cattlemen's Association

JANUARY 11, 2023 - Justin Tupper, manager of St. Onge Livestock, became President of the U.S. Cattlemen's Association (USCA) as they hosted their 15th Annual Meeting & Cattle Producer's Forum on December 8-10, 2022 in Nashville, TN.

The event drew attendees from across the U.S. and served as a platform for key industry leaders and decisionmakers to discuss what the future holds for the cattle industry. The organization also welcomed new leadership appointments for 2023.

Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Charles Hatcher provided a lunchtime keynote address. Several federal government officials were also on-hand to interact with attendees, including USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety Sandra Eskin and the Department of Justice Antitrust Division's Deputy Assistant Attorney General Michael Kades.

On December 9, after conferring with their respective policy committees in break-

out sessions, USCA members debated prior and prospective policy resolutions. Each resolution in the current USCA policy book is reviewed every two years at the Annual Meeting and will now be mailed to the full membership for a vote.

The Board of Directors also approved the slate of nominations for USCA officer positions.

Justin Tupper of South Dakota will assume the presidency in 2023, alongside Whitney Klasna of Montana as his Vice President. Chuck Kiker of Texas will remain the Parliamentarian, while Ann Miller continues to serve as the organization's Treasurer. Amanda Kita graciously volunteered to take on the role of Secretary.

USCA would like to extend gratitude to immediate past president Dr. Brooke Miller of Virginia for his years of service to the cattle industry. He will fill the advisor role that Kenny Graner of North Dakota occupied since 2019 as past president.



St. Onge Livestock's Justin Tupper addresses the U.S. Cattlemen's Association convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Tupper became President of the group at their annual meeting and Cattle Producers Forum December 8-10. *Courtesy Photo*

School Boards Wrestles with Staff Pay Issue

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche School Board took on a rather delicate question at its last board meeting on Jan 9. The issue involved staff pay during virtual learning days.

During December's snow-storm the district cancelled in-person school for three days. In the past it would have been a simple matter of having three snow days. But in the post-COVID world within which education now lives, new technologies have raised a new issue; how do we pay staff during virtual learning days.

Before COVID, the three snow days would simply have been added to the end of the school year as make-up days.

But since the district had ample warning of the unusually strong winter storm, it was able to plan for the disruption and create at-home virtual learning days. Since software is in place to facilitate virtual learning after the COVID shutdown, the state Department of Education says Belle Fourche does not have to make up the missed in-person days.

But here's the issue.

Teachers and salaried employees will be paid for the missed in-person days as they worked as virtual instructors during the period. However, hourly employees of the district such as office workers, custodial crews and paras will lose their pay since the days will not

Staff Pay B5



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Ronald Ericsson 87

Ronald James Ericsson, age 87 of Belle Fourche, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022 on his ranch in Wyoming. He was a scientist, rancher, businessman, father and grandfather, brother, and husband to his beloved wife Jean (deceased). No services will be held. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Ronald was born July 17, 1935 in Belle Fourche, SD. He was the son of Virginia Yvonne (Clarkson) and Arnold Ericsson, and one of six children. He grew up in western South Dakota in a family of homesteaders that were Swedish and English. He would describe his upbringing as "today they talk about work ethic, but back then you just worked. You had chores, you milked the cows and fed the chickens. You did what you had to do; you grew up". Ron had a job at age 13 working with his grandparents, who had a 50,000 acre ranch. Neither of his grandparents drove vehicles, because they had horses. One pasture was 5,000 acres, and Ron's job was to ride on the cattle.

Ron lived and attended elementary school in Belle Fourche, SD, and as a 10-year-old he lived on the same block as the girl he would later marry. Ron had several siblings - Donna Ericsson Freemole (deceased), Lynn Ericsson (deceased); he is survived by his brothers Roland and Lee Ericsson, and his sister Beverly Kee-gan. While in school in Belle Fourche, Ron played the saxophone, was a calf-roper in the rodeo, and became an Eagle Scout.

Ron married his wife Jean on August 19, 1956. Both Jean and Ron went to college in Fort Collins, CO at Colorado A&M University (now Colorado State University) where Ron played polo; he also served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1958-1968. Ron pursued his PhD and worked as a scientist, while Jean raised their two children, Julie Anderson (Gary) and Scott Ericsson (Patricia). Ron's career took Jean and their family all over the world for work assignments - living in Germany, Iran, Michigan, Marin County, CA, Wisconsin, Idaho and Kentucky.

From 1987 until his death, Ron served as President of Androscore Corporation and Gametrics Limited, which he headquartered in Alzada, MT, and operated from his ranch in the northeastern corner of WY. Earlier in his career, Ron founded Gametrics Limited in Sausalito, CA (1974-1985); was an Investigator at the Institute of Research in Human Reproduction in Tehran, Iran (1973-1974); a Special Consultant at Schering AG in Berlin, Germany (1971-1973); he taught as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI (1964-1971); was a Senior Research Scientist at the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo, MI (1964-1971); a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI (1963-1964); and a Research Assistant at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY (1960-1963).



Ron authored and contributed to more than 75 scientific publications in medical and biological journals, as well as textbooks, in the field of male reproduction. He co-authored the book "Getting Pregnant in the 1980s" (1982) and was the subject of more than 1,000 interviews worldwide for television, radio, newspapers, magazines, and books. Ron held 10 patents, in methods for: preventing impregnation, rodent sterilization, determination of capacitation of sperm employing a fluorescent form of tetracycline, controlling fertility, fractionation of sperm, sperm fractionation and storage, increasing incidence of female offspring, increasing economic value of breeding stock semen, a method used in testing human males for fertility, and a kit for testing human males for fertility.

Additionally, Ron continued his father's and grandfather's legacy as a rancher and managed several ranches, including: Lonesome Country Limited Ranch (1969-2014); Lonesome Country Ranch (2014 - Present); Bull Pine Properties Limited Ranch (2002-2012); and Bull Pine Ranch (2012-Present). Eventually, Ron and his wife Jean settled on their Lonesome Country Ranch outside of Alzada, MT, in the northeastern corner of WY. At the WY ranch house, Ron and Jean would host their grandchildren Marie (Andres) Ericsson, Spencer (Brie) Ericsson, and William Anderson during summer vacations. Ron would teach his grandchildren range management, and foster values for being good stewards of the land. He took them on horseback cattle drives, told stories of his childhood and attended rodeos and Clarkson and Ericsson family reunions.

Ron and Jean brought their grandchildren on many travels to national and state parks, historical sites and international trips - experiences which their grandchildren will always value. In later years, Ron and Jean began spending winters down in Alpine, TX where they were closer to their son Scott and his family. From the TX house, Ron would operate Gametrics and Androscore during winters, while seeing more of his grandchildren Spencer and Marie. Ron was an ambitious businessman with a passion for science, but he never hesitated to tell those who would listen of his humble beginnings in SD, and of the land and family life which inspired his work ethic.

Ron is survived by two great grandsons, Weston and Quentin, who he did not get to meet, but who will be raised with his stories, knowledge of land management, and legacy of ranching in WY. He will be remembered with steadfast respect for his drive to succeed, and the resilience that facilitated his accomplishments. When asked, he would attribute these qualities to his mother, who "told me the reason I am a success is that I did not quit. I said "sometimes one has to quit" and her reply was "you didn't".

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Walter Meyer 87

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

Walter was born April 9, 1935 in Nisland, SD to David and Alma (Britthauer) Meyer. Walt grew up on a farm north of Newell South Dakota attending grade school in Newell through the 8th grade. After the 8th grade he went to work on the family farm.

In March of 1954 he entered the Marine Corp attending training at Camp Pendleton CA with duty stations that included a tour in Japan and Hawaii. While in the service he made rank of Corporal and obtained a Rifleman classification where he became a trainer to other service members.

After his honorable discharge in 1957 while working at the Sugar Beet Plant just outside of Belle Fourche he met the love of his life Delilah Niedert and they were married July 8, 1961. He then went to work for Brown Swiss Dairy where the couple moved to Rapid City.

While living in Rapid City two sons were born, Brett and Blaine. In 1963 the couple moved back to Belle Fourche where Walt continued to work for Brown Swiss Dairy. A third son Brian was born in 1972. After his retirement he then went to work for the Belle Fourche School District in maintenance.

Walt loved the outdoors and if the family wasn't at home on the weekend which wasn't very often you could find them along with very close friends Gene and Evelyn Shoop and family at the shores of Orman Dam or Angostura camping, fishing, and water skiing. When needing a break from the water sports the couples would load up the motorcycles and family heading to Farmingdale, Bentonite Pits or the Black Hills where some miles and fun awaited. Later in life he moved from two wheel to three wheels and often you could find the family riding the shores of Orman Dam on the old Briggs and Stratton powered three wheelers that he built or restored himself.

Walt was a self-taught man when it came to work-



ing on anything mechanical, carpentry of anything he could do with his hands and mind. He loved to find and work on small engines after he retired that would have been discarded. He could bring it back to life sounding just like the day it was sold.

Walt's true love of the outdoors was fishing. He so enjoyed this no matter if it was 100 degrees or 20 below. In any case you could count on him catching the biggest fish and telling the grand kids with a big smile that the trick to catching was to keep the worms warm by putting them in your mouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; David and Alma Meyer; a grandson, Riley Meyer; brothers, Elmer, David, Robert and Albert "Harold" Meyer and a sister, Dorothy Thornberg; brother-in-law, Bill Thornberg; sisters-in-law, Wilma Meyer and LaRue Meyer;

He is survived by his wife, Delilah Meyer; children, Brett (Stacey) Meyer, Blaine (Carrie) Meyer and Brian Meyer all of Belle Fourche; grandchildren, Brittney Meyer, Elizabeth Meyer, James Meyer and Parker (Leah) Coughlin; great grandchildren, Jade Barnes and Aurora Kirksey; sister, Virginia (Lynn) Schmidt of Belle Fourche; sisters-in-law, Connie Meyer of Belle Fourche and Margaret Meyer of Rapid City and nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, January 13 at 1:30 pm at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with Chaplin Micah Covington officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the US Marine Corps Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred. Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



1 Timothy 4:10

That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Area Church Schedules

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL 6th and Roundup · 892-2446 The Rev. Evelyn Weaver The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 2020 Vista St · 892-4767 Dan Carlson, Pastor Paul Howard, Pastor Sunday Schedule: Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m. Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 1105 Todd St. John Allred, Bishop Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting Sunday School: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m. Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Emmanuel Baptist 902 Lawrence St. · 723-6899 Andy Anderson, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Men's Bible Study 10am every Wednesday Services Streamed Facebook Live website: ebcbf.org CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC) 613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150 Pastor Stephen Carson Associate Pastor Chad McCord Worship Pastor Ashton Rone Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am FIRST BAPTIST 807 8th Ave. 892-4178 Pastor Tim Smith Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am Morning Worship - 10:30am Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten -12th grade 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - Salt and Light FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC 892-3402 • www.bfsoucc.org - 717 Jackson St. Sunday: 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 901 Laurel St. Whitewood (605)-920-1959 Reverend Jill Jennewein Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (ABA) · 2.2 miles east on Hwy 34 723-1092 Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service	NEW COVENANT PCA 1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish 642-1122 - Luke Bluhm, Pastor Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service NEWELL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760 605-456-2544 Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am Sunday School: 9am Youth Group (Age 13-18): Wednesdays 6pm NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST 5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167 Calvin Chapman - Int. Minister Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH 10959 Kellern Lane, Spearfish Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH Alzada, MT Sunday: Worship: 10:00am Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY 1/2 Mile east on Hwy 34 · 210-1374 Kenny Riley, pastor Sunday: 1 p.m. Friday: 7:30 p.m. SALVATION ARMY OF THE NORTHERN HILLS 120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish 605-642-0924 Envoys: Tim and Peggy North Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m. Worship Nursery available Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Learning and Discovery Study ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday School and Worship at 8:30 a.m. • www.bfsoucc.org PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH 1701 Hwy 212, Newell Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH 855 5th Ave. Father Kevin Achbach, Pastor Father Joshua Lee, Assoc. Pastor - Mass Times	Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass: Wed. & Thurs. 12:15 p.m. Confessions available one hour before all Masses ST. JAMES LUTHERAN 1100 Stanley Street Open for in-house worship Sunday Worship 10:AM Watch live-streamed services: www.sjclbellefourche.org SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Seventh and Summit 892-4630 or 892-4389 Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Kidz Church Immediately Following Wednesday: September - May 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade) TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1403 5th Ave, Belle Plaza (605) 723-1651 Pastor McKillop (605) 840-0554 Sunday: 9am Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am Worship UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Sheri Fadley 1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-892-2405 Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am VBS, Small Groups & Studies schedule online at www.bellefourcheumc.com VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY CHURCH Pastor Darla Dunn 402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57138 Service Sunday: 10 a.m. 605-210-0512 SPEARFISH Adventist® CHURCH 290 W Highway 14 Pastor Darren Purdy and Pastor Marveen Gentillon Join Us This Saturday Morning Prayer: 9:00am Sabbath School: 9:30am Worship Service: 10:45am Bible Study-Tuesday: 6:00pm Red Water Church of Christ Belle Fourche Rec Center Sun: 9:30-12:30. Contact: Nathan Thompson 605 569-3057 Sermons: fightintheshade Spearfish United Church of Christ (Congregational) 920 N Main Street, Spearfish Sunday Service 10 a.m. in person and on Facebook Pastor Randy Hedge 605-642-8253
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Obituaries contd.

Larry Weich 73

Larry Weich, age 73 of Spearfish, died Thursday, January 12, 2023 at his home with his loving wife by his side.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30am Friday, January 20, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Spearfish. Visitation will be held at the church Thursday, beginning at 6pm with a Wake Service scheduled for 7pm. Interment will be held at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. Military Honors will be provided by the U.S. Navy and the Spearfish Honor Guard.

Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences, and view a video tribute online at www.leveringtonfh.com.

Larry John Weich was born June 13, 1949 in Mitchell, SD. He was the son of Donald and Mary Ellen (DeJean) Weich. Larry attended Plankinton school all 12 grades where he was active in both sports and music. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota, Springfield. In 1972, he married his high school sweetheart, LaVonne Bruns, to which five children were born.

Larry enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA. Later he returned to Active Duty in the Navy TAR program (Training and Administration of Reservist). He was stationed in Cheyenne, WY, Great Falls, MT, Lincoln, NE, Jamestown, NY and completed his 22-year military career in Portland, ME.

Upon retirement from the Navy, Larry began a



15-year career with the US Post Office as a letter carrier in Deadwood. Larry was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Larry loved children and enjoyed watching all sporting events, attending many high school and college games. He joined with family or friends in an annual pheasant hunting trip whenever possible. He also had an appreciation for

music, theater and traveling. Larry and Lavonne were blessed with a great marriage and a great family, and Larry will be missed by them all.

Larry is survived by his wife LaVonne, of Spearfish and his five children; Brian (Jennifer) of Clarkston, MI, Amy of Thornton, CO, Kevin (Somer) of Boise, ID, Jennifer (Richard) of Golden, CO and Jared (Loni) of Iowa City, IA; Six grandchildren, Braeden, Landon, Elliot, Campbell, Averi and Colin; three brothers, Ron (Karen) of Huron, SD, Bob (Kay) of Mitchell, SD, Jim (Shirlee) Plankinton, SD; one sister, Jan (Darrell) of Watertown, SD; sisters-in-law include MaryEllen (Curt) of Round Rock, TX and Joyce (Larry) of Watertown, SD; and several nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Don and MaryEllen and his father and mother-in-law Gerard and RuthAnn.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Pastor's Perspective



"Repent For the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand!"

The Bible says that salvation, getting to Heaven and avoiding Hell, which the Bible describes as a lake of fire, and a furnace of fire, is a free gift given to those who repent of their sins, and put all, 100% of their trust in Jesus. But people try to take some of the credit for their salvation instead of giving all the glory to Jesus.

Some think that because they have been a member of a church for many years, that that will save them. Some talk about the fact that they have served on different boards, or taught Sunday School, or contributed money to the church, that that will save them as if they deserve Heaven. Some will talk about the fact that their grandfather helped build the church that that will help get for themselves forgiveness and eternal life.

Certainly, all of these things are very good, and we should want to go to a Christian church, and serve in a Christian church, but all of this together does not save us.

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

John the Baptizer preached the truth about how we are right with God, and how we are forgiven and get to heaven. In the Judean wilderness, he preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." To repent means to feel sorry for sin, and to turn from sin. Those who repent of their sins, and put all of their trust in Jesus and His death on the cross receive full and free forgiveness for all sins.

True repentance totally changes a person's life, and they become as Paul wrote, whole new creations in Christ. Those who truly repent of their sins will pray that God will help them to live for Him in this evil world. It is Jesus' death on the cross that pays for all of our sins. That is why John the Baptizer directed people to Jesus by saying,

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." All the glory for us being forgiven and going to Heaven, goes to Jesus. Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now, and let us reason together says the Lord, 'Though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they shall become as wool.'"

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



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Tri-State Museum



On behalf of the Thomas and Durr families, we would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls, texts, notes, food and gifts since Christi's passing. We are so thankful for a great group of friends and family, we appreciate you all! Thank you!



Event Calendar

January 13th | 20th | 27th | Feb 3rd | 10th - Entrepreneur Class
January 19th - Chamber Job Fair 9am to 1pm
January 19th – Business Mixer at Grap's Wine Room
January 24th - Chamber Onboarding Workshop 5:30pm
February 1st - Board Meeting 8am - Board Retreat 9am to noon
February 7th - Taste of Belle Fourche
February 8th - Chamber Lunch & Learn -TBD
February 10th & 11th - Saturday on State Market
February 16th - High School Career Fair
February 23rd - Business Day at the Legislature in Pierre

More information at:
bellefourchechamber.org or call 605-892-2676





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Katie Hoffman (left), on behalf of "We the People of Butte County and Concerned Citizens of Butte County" is shown with **Chase and Kristin Burke** after the groups raised and presented the pair proceeds from a fundraiser for the benefit of the dispatchers for their exemplary efforts in fulfilling their duties. *Courtesy Photo*



Longtime Belle business Sandcreek Printing will have a new location and a new name soon. The business that has been on the corner of Grant Street and 6th Street will be moving to 614 State Street. Picture above shows the empty facility awaiting their arrival. It had been the location of Designs By Daphne Gallery which had recently closed. *Beacon Photo*



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We would like to introduce **Dr. Colton Backhaus, DC, CSC** to Belle Chiropractic. He hails from Bismarck, ND where he spent much of his youth rodeoing and raising horses with his parents. He is a BHSU graduate and while attending he was a proud member of the college rodeo team. While there he had the incredible experience of qualifying for the College National Finals Rodeo three different times. After completing his undergrad, he continued to Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN to attain his doctorate in chiropractic. While there he also gained knowledge and expertise in strength and conditioning with the Human Performance Center. He is very excited to start his career in Belle Fourche as he has missed both the rodeo culture in this area and the Black Hills. Dr. Colton is a strong addition to Belle Chiropractic as he possesses more than one approach to manipulating the spine & extremities. He also has his certification in acupuncture, dry needling, and strength & conditioning which will add more diversity to the practice. **We are excited for Dr. Colton to join us!**

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Broncs Battle at Black Hills Conference

Kandi Tonsager
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On Saturday January 14, the Bronc wrestlers competed in the Black Hills Conference Invite held at Lead/Deadwood High School. This was a Varsity only event.

There are nine teams in the conference. The Lady Broncs placed 2nd in team standings and the men's team placed 5th in team standings. Wrestlers were placed out to 4th place in both the girls and guys weight class divisions.

The Lady Broncs had six wrestlers and all six placed. Kyra Vandenberg went 2-1 and placed 2nd at 106lbs, Hailey Rodriguez went 2-0 and placed 1st at 113lbs, Alexa Swaney went 1-1 and placed 2nd at 126lbs, Izabella Ramos went 1-2 and placed 4th at 142lbs, Olivia Nehl went 1-1 and placed 2nd at 154lbs, and Adela Grusing placed second in the 190lb division.

The men's Varsity team had ten wrestlers and seven placers. Logan Tyndall went 2-1 and placed 2nd at 106lbs, Alex

Norlin went 1-2 at 120lbs, Jory Olson wrestled at 132lbs, Riley Dighton went 3-0 and placed 1st at 138lbs, Spencer Bush went 1-2 and placed 4th at 152lbs, Andrew Tonsager went 1-2 and placed 4th at 170lbs, Lucas Green wrestled at 182lbs, Mason Nehl placed 3rd at 195lbs, Gunner Geib went 2-2 and placed 4th at 220lbs, and Luke Tonsager went 1-1 and placed 3rd at 285lbs.

The Broncs competed in Sundance on Tuesday January 17th. **Wrestling photos Courtesy Kendra Swaney**



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Grace Clooten, Ttia Williamson and Mataya Ward defending a shot against Sturgis. *Laurie Ward Photo*



Dylan Stedillie, Mataya Ward and Sloan Young on defense against Sturgis. *Laurie Ward Photo*



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Broncs Girls Move to 6-1 with Four Wins

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The Belle Fourche Broncs girls basketball schedule is heating up and getting very busy due to a tight schedule and make up

games due to weather postponements.

On Friday January 6th the Ladies traveled to Sturgis to take on the Lady Scoopers. The Broncs led from the opening tip and applied a smothering defense to thump Sturgis by a 55-15 score.

Belle Junior forward Mataya Ward led all scorers with 15 points followed by Sloan Young with 11, Grace Clooten 10, and Dylan Stedille with 9. “We played good defense and created a lot of turnovers off of our half court trap press. I thought we ran our offense well and pushed the ball,” said Broncs head coach Bill Burr. In the JV game, the Broncs dropped Sturgis 58-23. Sloan Young poured in 19 points including 7-8 from the free throw line. Reese Larson and Reagan Hatling chipped in 6 each. In the C game Belle toppled Sturgis 51-17. Lily Nore led the attack

with 18 points, Reagan Hatling 8 and 6 each for Peyton Staley and Mya Bush.

The next evening the Broncs hosted the Douglas Patriots and had a similar game to the Sturgis outing. The Broncs raced out to a 20-7 first quarter lead and a 42-20 lead at intermission and never looked back in defeating Douglas 54-26.

Ward ripped the cords for 22 for the Ladies and Tia Williamson 8 points. Chloe Crago, Stedille, and Clooten all had 6 counters. In the only negative for the night Belle was only 5-13 from the line for 38%. “We had another good night on the court as we were patient on offense, ran the floor well and rebounded the ball,” commented coach Burr about the contest. In the C game the Broncs ran away from the Patriots 57-16. Lily Nore canned 21 and Reagan Hatling tallied 8. Peyton Staley, Bailey Moke and Mya Bush all added 6. No JV stats were available for their game.

The Broncs continued their winning ways with back-to-back games on the road on Monday the 9th and Tuesday 10th. The Ladies continued their stingy defense by routing Sundance 68-21 and blitzing Lead-Deadwood 77-10.

Against Sundance, senior forward Crace Clooten led all

scorers with 15 points followed by Mataya Ward with 12 and Chloe Crago adding 10 points. Belle dropped in 6-9 from the charity stripe for 66%. The Broncs led at all quarter stops and held a commanding 46-13 lead at the half. In the JV game the Broncs cruised to a 58-30 win. Lily Nore netted 14, Sloan Young 8, and Bailey Moke 7.

The Broncs dominated the Lead-Deadwood Lady Gold-diggers on Tuesday evening. The Ladies bolted out of the chute for a 26-2 first quarter lead and continued the pressure and led 53-5 at intermission on their way to the lop-sided win. Senior guard Lily McCarty led a well-balanced Broncs attack with 17 points. She was followed by Dylan Stedille with 12, Mataya Ward with 11, Tia Williamson 9, and Chloe Crago 8. Belle shot well from the line hitting 9-12 for 75%. “In both games our half court trap caused a lot of turnovers that we were able to score off of,” said coach Burr. “We have four tough games all coming up next week with Hot Springs, Hill City, Winner, and Bowman, ND,” he added. There was no JV game but in the C game the little Ladies dropped Lead 46-10 with Reagan Hatling and Lily Nore netting 13 points apiece.

Broncs Boys Basketball Win Four Straight

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The Belle Fourche boys basketball squad like the girls are also on a four game winning streak after their defeat against St. Thomas More to start the New Year.

The Broncs hosted the Douglas Patriots on January 7th posting a 60-49 win before going on the road and besting Lead-Deadwood 83-58.

This past weekend the Broncs headed to the Pheasant Shoot out in Redfield where they won a 57-54 squeaker against the Redfield Pheasants on Friday and finished off the Langford Lions 71-44 on Saturday.

In the Douglas game both teams came out cold in the first quarter before the Broncs erupted for 22 second quarter points to take a 28-9 lead into the locker room.

Douglas put together a furious fourth quarter pounding in 30 points but the Bronc lead was just too much to overcome.

The Broncs rode the strength of sophomore Jet Jensen who had 22 points including 4-8 from behind the arc. Seniors Anthony Staley and Anthony Budmayr added 12 and 8 respectively.

The Broncs shot 37% from the field and controlled the boards with Tatin Yackley hauling down 14 and Budmayr 11. Belle got to the line a lot but only hit 13-25 for 52%. “We played with great flow and found the open man for good shots,” said head coach Clay

Pottorff. “Yackley, Budmayr, and Staley were rebounded their tails off,” he added. In the JV game the Broncs eked out a 52-51 win over the Patriots. Jordan Sandoval pumped in 18 for Belle while Rance Bowden netted 13, Peyton Dvorak 10, and Carter McKenna 8. In the C game Belle won 53-48. Sern Weishaar led the way with 22 points. Emit Lipp tallied 13 and Gavin Pearson 8 for the Broncs.

Jet Jensen exploded for 27 points hitting 7-11 from three-point land as the Broncs glided to the 83-58 win over the Diggers.

Belle led 23-16 after one and 49-35 at the half. Budmayr and Staley notched 17 and 16 points in the victory with Staley hitting 8-9 from the floor. Belle made 56% of their attempts from the field and 63% from the charity stripe. On the glass Jayden Sechser cleared 12 shots with Budmayr and Jensen with 8 caroms each.

Anthony Budmayr hit a three-point jumper with a minute to go in the game to break a 52 all tie as Belle came from behind to beat Redfield 57-54 in the opening game of the Pheasant Shoot Out. The home standing Pheasants flew out to a 17-9 lead after one quarter and still held the lead 26-21 at half before Belle knotted it up at 41 after three stanzas.

Budmayr ended up with 20 points for the evening including four from downtown. Jensen and Staley put in 14 and 9 points respectively, with Yackley and Nolan Wahlfeldt adding

6 each. “We gutted out a win east river,” coach Pottorff said about the contest. “Budmayr hit some big shots in the fourth quarter, and Rance Bowden stepped off the bench in the second half and played some big minutes for us. Wahlfeldt hit a big layup down the stretch to keep us fighting,” he added.

In the second contest of the Shoot Out the Broncs jumped out to a 21-14 lead after one quarter and extending the lead to 44-22 at halftime. Langford settled down in the second half, but the Broncs outscored the Lions 27-22 for the final margin of victory.

Budmayr and Staley each pumped in 18 points to pace Belle, and Jensen added 13. JT Hahne came off the bench to score 7 including 5-6 from the line. Budmayr knocked down four three pointers for the second night in a row and Jensen put in three from deep. The Broncs were 10-12 from the free throw line for 83%. “Budmayr controlled the game in all facets and Staley took control of the paint attacking the rim and finishing through contact,” commented coach Pottorff. “Yackley continues to be the glue that does a lot of the little things that may go unnoticed that helps us be successful,” he added. With the wins the Broncs are now 5-2 on the year.

There were no JV or C games.

The boys have a busy schedule this week as they host Hot Springs and Hill City before traveling to Bowman, ND.



Nolan Wahlfeldt



Anthony Budmayr

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Jan. 21 | Boys BBall @ Bowman, ND

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Jan. 24 | Wrestling JV/V Triangular (Custer) @ Lead - 5:00 pm

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From A1 **New Business**

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Between these 7 businesses, Belle Fourche has added more than 15 employees.

From A1 **BFEDC**

these developments going," said Travis Martin, BFDC Housing Committee member. "So we brought in people from the county who had expertise, and people from the city who have dealt with city ordinances and the engineering department and they did a phenomenal job of putting these areas together so we could market them back out to the developers."

"We've made a connection with the developers," said Karen Wagner, BFDC Housing Committee Chair, "and those developers are coming in they are talking about potential areas that they can build."

Neighborworks Dakota Home Resources has stepped in to bring Governor's Homes to the city and Mike Walker, NDHR Director, says they plan to bring in more as supply chain issues resolve. Walker notes that Neighborworks built a new home on the city's east side and plans to break ground on two additional homes this spring.

With rising interest rates, Neighborworks also provided a Down Payment Closing Cost (DPCC) and GAP Financing program for qualifying home buyers. This program provides up to \$30,000 for down payments and closing costs that rising home prices may have otherwise prevented home buyers from purchasing. Walker says eight Belle Fourche families took advantage of the program in 2022.

"These eight homes had a total purchase price of \$1.7 million dollars," Walker told the Beacon. "That's \$1.7 million in home sales that would not have happened without the funding that the DPCC and GAP programs provided."

As for larger scale developments, there are already two new neighborhoods that are in the early phases of planning. In support of that, the BFDC is working with new modular home manufacturing business that would potentially that growth.

"I think we've eliminated some of the fear for developers about asking those critical questions about what's available," Wagner said. "To me, that's a major step in the right direction."

The city's economic vitality proved strong once again. It was another record year for sales tax revenue as the city collected \$4.2 million. That was \$521,000 more than 2021, the largest single year increase in city history. In terms of percentage, it was a 14% increase, according to the City Finance Office. Even when allowing for

inflation, the number showed robust net growth.

Job creation also rose in the city. Albany Farms began production of its Twisted Noodle ramen cups and work is nearing completion on their new pouch line. In 2022 they exceeded 100 new employees and plan to keep that number growing in 2023 as production ramps up. Seven other new businesses added 15 employees.

In 2022 work on the new rail transloading facility was completed at the Belle Fourche Rail and Industrial Park. Capacity has now expanded to 75 cars making it the largest such facility on the Rapid City Pierre and Eastern (RCPE) rail line. Already the BFDC has seen inquiries from additional businesses who are interested in using the public rail facility.

"Transportation is key to industry supply in our quad-state region," said Hollie Stalder, Ex. Director of the BFDC. "From ag feed and seed supply to plastics, steel, oil and gas, Belle Fourche is uniquely situated to provide this means of connection for our customers."

Johner and Sons construction was recognized for its role in helping construction of the roads and making improvements at the rail siding. Kent Johner accepted the special recognition award on behalf of his company.

Also receiving special recognition was Butte County. Annie Capp accepted the award on behalf of the county who worked with the city to bring about a zero-for-5-year tax abatement for new business and residential home improvements within redevelopment districts. Under the program (which will soon expand to 7 years), additional property tax that would have been assessed based on improvements, is forgiven for five years.

"The thing to keep in mind is that the state allows us to use this discretionary formula, but the county had to make the choice to us it," Bowers said. "They could have said no, but they didn't They had a progress mindset and this discretionary formula will be extremely valuable in helping us attract new business."

Three board members were also seated; Karen Wagner of Belle Fourche, Levi Buck of Black Hills Energy and Julie Wingen of Pain and Movement Solutions, PT.

"There's a lot of things we've accomplished but there's still a lot of work we have to do. That is my desire to continue," said Wagner who will return for another term.

"I am a recent graduate of

Leadership Belle Fourche," said Levi Buck. "I'm happy to be involved to provide some input on utilities and infrastructure."

"Truly it's been an honor working on the board and it's a great group of people who are here working for Belle Fourche," Wingen said. "I'd be happy to serve for another year."

Seven new businesses were recognized for opening in 2022; Dollar General Store opened at the old ShopKo location; Brittney Miller with The Rebel Rose Boutique downtown; Lee and Annie Capp of Capp's Cornerstone Refinishing and furniture repair; Brittany Wilkinson of the Wild Bluebell Boutique downtown; Andrea and Nick Fayville of The Fayville Agency Health Insurance; Troy and Toi Lynn Flick of Rogue Motorsports on US Hwy 85 south; and David and Audrey Pruitt of Pooter Q's BBQ and Catering.

In addition to these new businesses, the BFDC acknowledged a few other business and community enhancements. Those included Tim Speidel Tax Service, Wyatt's Campground with Don and Bunny Henderson and family, and Corey's Tire & Southside Standard with John & Mary Kronk, all under new ownership.

The BFDC recognized Albany Farms for its reinvestment in the community and business expansion. Albany Farms has grown to 100 employees in its first year and is expanding facilities.

Others similarly recognized were Prairie Hills Pharmacy who purchased the former Wells Fargo building and plans to open this year. Northern Hills Federal Credit Union was recognized for its new building and new location in Belle Foruche, the Wool Warehouse expanded its facility in the past year, and Hot Shott Coffee & Ice Cream, a Mondillo family business, expanded from their location on State St.

Those honored for business revitalization were: Meals on Wheels Belle Fourche (the former Subway location) and Red Rock Apartments at 518 National Street, the former Kings Motel.

Those honored for community revitalization were: The City of Belle Fourche for the new statue bases on State Street, The Black Hills Round-up for the continued improvements to the Roundup grounds with the new party deck, and NeighborWorks for its Belle Fourche projects and programs including paint the town, new homes and rehab projects.



Lee and Annie Capp are honored for their efforts in starting a new refinishing business, Capp's Cornerstone Refinishing.



Karen Wagner delivers a heart-felt campaign speech in election to the board..



Levi Buck describes his commitment to the board of directors' position.



Pain Management and Solutions proprietor, Julie Wingen accepts a board nomination. Travis Martin addresses the group.

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Cattle Report - Friday, January 13, 2023

Just under 3000 HD today with a house full of buyers
Bred cows & heifers were \$\$\$ higher

Next Sale - January 20th - Feeder Cattle Special ~ 9 AM
Thank You For Marketing With St Onge Livestock!
Bred Heifers & Cows - Sold by the Head

Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	40Blk.....	3 Years	1184.....	\$2,500.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	10Blk.....	3 Years	1171.....	\$2,500.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	6..Blk.....	3 Years	1153.....	\$2,275.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	5..Blk.....	3 Years	1087.....	\$2,325.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	5..Blk.....	4-5.....	1535.....	\$2,225.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	8..Blk.....	4-5.....	1471.....	\$2,125.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	24Blk.....	4-5.....	1444.....	\$2,350.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	5..Blk.....	4-5.....	1398.....	\$2,200.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	5..Blk.....	4-5.....	1373.....	\$2,075.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	28Blk.....	4-5.....	1313.....	\$2,250.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	16Blk.....	Solid.....	1508.....	\$1,875.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	22Blk.....	Solid.....	1507.....	\$1,825.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	5..Blk.....	Solid.....	1485.....	\$1,950.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	17Blk.....	Solid.....	1476.....	\$1,975.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	5..Blk.....	Solid.....	1441.....	\$1,975.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	10Blk.....	Ss.....	1484.....	\$1,850.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	17Blk.....	Ss.....	1466.....	\$1,725.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	10Blk.....	Ss.....	1451.....	\$1,725.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	20Blk.....	Broken	1519.....	\$1,150.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	7..Blk.....	Broken	1392.....	\$1,200.00
Kammerer Livestock, Rapid City SD.....	40Blk.....	4-5.....	1259.....	\$2,150.00
Kammerer Livestock, Rapid City SD.....	11Bld.....	4-5.....	1340.....	\$1,900.00
Kammerer Livestock, Rapid City SD.....	5..Bld.....	4-5.....	1303.....	\$1,950.00
Kammerer Livestock, Rapid City SD.....	10Bld.....	4-5.....	1302.....	\$1,950.00
Kammerer Livestock, Rapid City SD.....	18Bld.....	Solid.....	1454.....	\$1,710.00
Raber, Lloyd, Alzada MT.....	9..Blk.....	3 Years	1111.....	\$1,875.00
Raber, Lloyd, Alzada MT.....	12Blk.....	4-5.....	1282.....	\$1,875.00
Raber, Lloyd, Alzada MT.....	16Blk.....	S-Ss.....	1305.....	\$1,450.00
Raber, Lloyd, Alzada MT.....	15Blk.....	S-Ss.....	1288.....	\$1,385.00
Raber, Lloyd, Alzada MT.....	23Blk.....	Broken	1411.....	\$1,175.00
Raber, Lloyd, Alzada MT.....	48Blk.....	Broken	1375.....	\$1,175.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	60Blk.....	Hfr.....	1078.....	\$1,800.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	19Blk.....	Hfr.....	970.....	\$1,725.00
Fredrickson Ranch LLC, Broadus MT.....	26Blk.....	Hfr.....	1019.....	\$1,785.00
Fredrickson Ranch LLC, Broadus MT.....	22Blk.....	Hfr.....	1007.....	\$1,825.00
Fredrickson Ranch LLC, Broadus MT.....	10Blk.....	Hfr.....	1007.....	\$1,825.00
Fredrickson Ranch LLC, Broadus MT.....	11Blk.....	Hfr.....	975.....	\$1,750.00
Fredrickson Ranch LLC, Broadus MT.....	9..Bld.....	Hfr.....	1058.....	\$1,800.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo SD.....	46Blk.....	Hfr.....	970.....	\$1,750.00
Harmon Creek Cattle, Ekalaka MT.....	24Blk.....	Ss.....	1382.....	\$1,210.00
Huffman, Boone, Whitney NE.....	32Blk.....	Hfr.....	999.....	\$1,700.00
Huffman, Boone, Whitney NE.....	31Blk.....	Hfr.....	953.....	\$1,735.00
Huffman, Boone, Whitney NE.....	41Blk.....	Hfr.....	952.....	\$1,685.00
Huffman, Boone, Whitney NE.....	9..Bld.....	Hfr.....	1071.....	\$1,800.00
Huffman, Boone, Whitney NE.....	12Bld.....	Hfr.....	1056.....	\$1,825.00
Huffman, Boone, Whitney NE.....	9..Bld.....	Hfr.....	1012.....	\$1,735.00
Ismay, John, Sturgis SD.....	7..Red.....	Hfr.....	903.....	\$1,700.00
Kretschman, Kelby K Or Lacy D, Anadva WY.....	10Blk.....	3 Years	1201.....	\$1,725.00
Lambert, Bill & Or Marcia, Osage WY.....	62Red.....	Hfr.....	964.....	\$1,725.00
Martin, Jay T, Ashland MT.....	10Bld.....	Broken	1383.....	\$1,060.00
Mills Cattle Co, Hulet WY.....	1..Blk.....	Solid.....	1595.....	\$1,310.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT.....	6..Blk.....	Solid.....	1451.....	\$1,450.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT.....	13Blk.....	Broken	1430.....	\$1,050.00
Minow Ranch, Olive MT.....	12Blk.....	3 Years	1219.....	\$1,800.00
Owen, Jack, Alzada MT.....	22Red.....	S-Ss.....	1188.....	\$1,275.00
Peegee Ranch, Anadva WY.....	12Blk.....	Ss.....	1389.....	\$1,300.00
Peegee Ranch, Anadva WY.....	17Blk.....	Ss.....	1334.....	\$1,275.00
Peegee Ranch, Anadva WY.....	12Blk.....	Broken	1371.....	\$1,110.00
Peegee Ranch, Anadva WY.....	5..Blk.....	Broken	1300.....	\$1,175.00
TE Larsen, Belle Fourche SD.....	13Blk.....	Solid.....	1283.....	\$1,250.00
TE Larsen, Belle Fourche SD.....	41Bld.....	S-Ss.....	1253.....	\$1,210.00
TE Larsen, Belle Fourche SD.....	50Bld.....	Broken	1251.....	\$1,050.00
Schaffer, Enoch, Broadus MT.....	48Bld.....	Broken	1349.....	\$1,150.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	15Blk.....	4-5.....	1208.....	\$1,710.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	20Blk.....	S-Ss.....	1554.....	\$1,175.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	11Blk.....	Broken	1451.....	\$1,035.00
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT.....	9..Bld.....	Broken	1475.....	\$1,100.00
Weigell, Raymond, Broadus MT.....	35Blk.....	Hfr.....	1075.....	\$1,800.00
Whalen, George D, Aladdin WY.....	11Herf.....	Hfr.....	1106.....	\$1,650.00
Whalen, George D, Aladdin WY.....	10Red.....	4-5.....	1148.....	\$1,700.00
Whalen, Matt, Aladdin WY.....	32Bld.....	Hfr.....	1061.....	\$1,725.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle WY.....	17Bld.....	Broken	1387.....	\$1,000.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle WY.....	5..Blk.....	S-Ss.....	1452.....	\$1,210.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus MT.....	5..Blk.....	4-5.....	1190.....	\$1,585.00

Weigh Up Cows

Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD.....	3..Blk.....	Hfr.....	1073.....	\$100.00
Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD.....	4..Blk.....	Cwette	1540.....	\$73.50
Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD.....	5..Blk.....	Cow.....	1336.....	\$68.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	3..Red.....	Hfr.....	943.....	\$98.00
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	10B/R.....	Hfr.....	1142.....	\$90.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1510.....	\$68.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1310.....	\$68.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1200.....	\$68.00
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1570.....	\$67.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1440.....	\$67.50
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD.....	5..Blk.....	Cwette	1217.....	\$67.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD.....	5..Blk.....	Cwette	1558.....	\$72.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD.....	3..Blk.....	Cow.....	1383.....	\$69.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1300.....	\$67.50
Burghduff, Gerald & Rebecca, Camp Crook SD 4..Char.....		Cwette	1378.....	\$73.50
Burghduff, Gerald & Rebecca, Camp Crook SD 2..Blk.....		Cow.....	1400.....	\$70.50
Burghduff, Gerald & Rebecca, Camp Crook SD 4..Bld.....		Cow.....	1512.....	\$70.00
Burghduff, Gerald & Rebecca, Camp Crook SD 1..Rbld.....		Cow.....	1485.....	\$68.00
Burghduff, Gerald & Rebecca, Camp Crook SD 6..Blk.....		Cow.....	1457.....	\$67.50
Burghduff, Gerald & Rebecca, Camp Crook SD 1..Char.....		Cow.....	1345.....	\$67.50
Burghduff, Gerald & Rebecca, Camp Crook SD 1..Char.....		Cow.....	1340.....	\$67.50
Crowley-Johnson, Kate, St Onge SD.....	2..Blk.....	Cow.....	1235.....	\$67.00
Dobesh, Dane, Belle Fourche SD.....	1..Herf.....	Cow.....	980.....	\$69.00
Dobesh, Dane, Belle Fourche SD.....	7..Herf.....	Cow.....	1231.....	\$67.50
Foothills Ranch Inc, St Onge SD.....	1..Blk.....	Hfr.....	1035.....	\$103.00
Foothills Ranch Inc, St Onge SD.....	5..Blk.....	Cwette	1193.....	\$76.00
Foothills Ranch Inc, St Onge SD.....	2..Blk.....	Cow.....	1212.....	\$70.00
Foothills Ranch Inc, St Onge SD.....	8..Bld.....	Cow.....	1296.....	\$69.00
Foothills Ranch Inc, St Onge SD.....	5..Blk.....	Cow.....	1150.....	\$68.50
Gantz, Jodi, Scenic SD.....	2..Blk.....	Cow.....	1637.....	\$69.00
Gregerson, Kyle, Fairburn SD.....	1..Red.....	Cwette	1230.....	\$75.50
Gregerson, Kyle, Fairburn SD.....	1..Bld.....	Cow.....	1465.....	\$70.00
Gregerson, Kyle, Fairburn SD.....	6..Blk.....	Cow.....	1186.....	\$69.00
Habeck, Mike, Belle Fourche SD.....	2..Red.....	Cow.....	1752.....	\$68.00
Habeck, Mike, Belle Fourche SD.....	1..Red.....	Cow.....	1565.....	\$68.00
Harmon Creek Cattle, Ekalaka MT.....	4..Blk.....	Cwette	1150.....	\$76.00
Harmon Creek Cattle, Ekalaka MT.....	7..Blk.....	Cow.....	1266.....	\$68.50
Harmon Creek Cattle, Ekalaka MT.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1225.....	\$68.50
Jensen, Clifford A Or Lonna B, Whitewood SD.....	3..Red.....	Cwette	1203.....	\$85.00
Jensen, Clifford A Or Lonna B, Whitewood SD.....	2..Red.....	Cow.....	1432.....	\$71.00
Jensen, Clifford A Or Lonna B, Whitewood SD.....	5..Red.....	Cow.....	1432.....	\$71.00
Kaubisch, Steve, Hill City SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cwette	1540.....	\$73.50
Kretschman, Kelby K Or Lacy D, Anadva WY.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1140.....	\$70.00
Kreutz, Dale & Mary Ellen, Sturgis SD.....	5..Bld.....	Cwette	985.....	\$77.00
Kreutz, Dale & Mary Ellen, Sturgis SD.....	2..B/R.....	Cow.....	692.....	\$67.50
Lane, Shawn Or April, Nisland SD.....	1..Blk.....	Cow.....	1430.....	\$68.00

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Sheep Report - Thursday, January 12, 2023
Normal run of sheep for this time of year.
Lambs sold \$5 to \$10 lower, slaughter ewes sold steady

Next Sale - January 19th - Regular Sale - 1 PM
Animals Should Be Here By Noon So They Can Be Weighed Before The Sale
Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Akers, Raymond, Lodgepole SD.....	113..Lambs.....	81.....	\$171.00
Akers, Raymond, Lodgepole SD.....	25.....Lambs.....	66.....	\$171.00
Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX.....	57...Ewe Lambs.....	64.....	\$180.00
Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX.....	401..Ewe Lambs.....	78.....	\$177.50
Brandt Ranch, Granville ND.....	81....Lambs.....	77.....	\$176.00
Ehlers, Earl Or Jane, Hettinger ND.....	59....Lambs.....	107.....	\$135.00
Harrison, Richard Or Stacy, Fruitdale SD.....	61....Lambs.....	63.....	\$186.00
Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo SD.....	52....Lambs.....	62.....	\$180.00
Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo SD.....	526..Lambs.....	78.....	\$176.00
Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo SD.....	161..Lambs.....	92.....	\$145.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD.....	24....Lambs.....	76.....	\$165.00
Lee, Mike Or Carissa, Whitewood SD.....	32....Lambs.....	93.....	\$142.00
Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD.....	18....Lambs.....	80.....	\$166.00
Page, Ben Or Fran, Faith SD.....	51....Lambs.....	96.....	\$147.00
Spangler Ranch Ltd Partnership, Hulet WY.....	86....Lambs.....	113.....	\$125.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD.....	212..Hair Bucks.....	89.....	\$168.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD.....	50....Hair Bucks.....	107.....	\$142.00

Slaughter Ewes

Millar, Ryle, Sturgis SD.....	5.....K Ewe.....	202.....	\$71.00
Ornick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD.....	3.....K Ewe.....	176.....	\$81.00
Ornick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD.....	12.....K Ewe.....	147.....	\$72.00
Ornick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD.....	6.....K Ewe.....	131.....	\$62.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS
Thursday, January 19, 2023
Regular Sale 1:00 PM
Please Have Animals In By Noon So They Can All Be Weighed Before 1 PM
Bred Ewes
Dispersion - 150 Mixed Age Ewes - 3/18
MT – 50 Solid Mouth Ewes - Bred BF - 3/1
Plus More By Sale Time!

2023 SHEEP SALES

January 26th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 2nd – No Sale – Check Out The Black Hills Stock Show
February 9th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 16th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 23rd – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$2hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

Friday, January 20, 2023
Feeder Cattle Special
9:00 AM – Weigh Up Cattle 12:00 - Feeder Cattle
BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free
BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

Feeder Cattle


Mangen Ranch -- 220 Blk Strs -- 650-750# - BT, PC, Weaned
Minow Ranch -- 75 Mostly Blk Strs -- 650-750# - BT, PC, Weaned 90 Days
-- 75 Blk & Char X Hfrs -- 600-700# - BT, PC, Weaned 90 Days
Hilda Brimmer -- 120 Blk Bldy Mostly Strs -- 450-550# - BT, PC
Jeff Boardman -- 110 Mostly Red Str & Hfrs -- 500-600# - BT, PC, NI, DF, Weaned
Ronnie Mackaben -- 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 475-575# - BT, PC, NI, Weaned
Ken & Pam Hansen -- 100 Blk Hfrs -- 600-650# - BT, PC, Replacement Quality
Roger Brown -- 95 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 575-750# - BT, PC
Harkin & Murphy -- 90 Blk Mostly Hfrs -- 525-625# - BT, PC, Weaned
Weidenbaugh Inc -- 65 Blk Strs -- 800-875#
Marvin & Chase Smith -- 60 Blk Strs -- 600-650# - BT, PC, NI, DF
MT Consignment -- 60 Red Mostly Hfrs -- 500-650# - BT, PC, DF, NHTC
TI Burch Ranch -- 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 400-450# - BT, PC, Weaned
Tom & Susan Vore -- 37 Char Hfrs -- 800#
Gregerson Ranch -- 25 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 525-600# - BT, PC
Doug Slovek -- 15 Blk Strs -- 650-750#
Plus More By Sale Time!

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 4 pm. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.
We also have a receiving station at the Broadus Yards, Broadus, MT. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Brandy Escott at 406-951-1666, Tyler at 406-853-5690 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.


2023 CATTLE SALES

January 27th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes
February 3rd – No Sale – Enjoy The Black Hills Stock Show
February 10th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes
February 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes
February 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes
March 3rd – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes
March 10th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes
March 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes
March 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes
March 31st – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes
April 7th – Grass Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes

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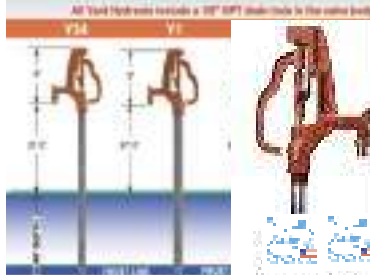


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Tri-State Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet Feb. 4th BF Community Hall


Feb. 4: Tri-State Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet February 4, 5:30 PM at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, 512 6th Avenue. Join us for a great dinner, games, raffles, silent and live auctions. Come and help conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl and other wildlife. Contact Ben Dempsey 406-670-6936. Tickets available online at <https://www.ducks.org/events> or at the door.

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The Good Stuff by Jim Thompson



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

A bit of levity today about a real "kid" issue: monsters under the bed!



Monsters Under the Bed

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a Psychiatrist and told him I've got problems.

Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy.

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the psychiatrist. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"Eighty dollars per visit," replied the doctor.

"I'll sleep on it and if needed I will come back to you," I said.

Six months later the Psychiatrist met me on the street.

"Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked.

"Well, eighty bucks a visit, three times a week for a year, is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new SUV."

"Is that so?" with a bit of an attitude he said, "and how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed - ain't nobody under there now!"

Forget the shrink! have a drink and talk to a bartender.

Stirring my Pepsi Zero and chuckling, I'm Jim Thompson!

Integrity

I wonder if many know what it means or have any, anymore. Seems like it's a word from a bygone era, now. Look to our "leaders". Few it seems have any. Low moral character. From what I see on the news and what comes out of the political arena. Not in our state houses or Washington DC.

I was raised in a time where we were held to a higher standard, it seems. Yeah, I am an old fuddy duddy. And when my parents and the schools and churches taught us about high moral character and integrity, it didn't seem like to big of a deal. Sure you wanted to be liked and trusted, but as I grew I found the people who were liked and trusted had pretty good morals and integrity. If you broke it, you owned up to it and got it fixed or did it yourself. If you borrowed it, you took it back. You had responsibilities and everyone mostly held you to them.

I am not sure where this country went wrong. You could point out many instances that lead to the lack of moral character and integrity in this nation and the world, looking back. There were people who were looked down on and mistrusted because of actions they had taken. And the word spread around so as to save other people the pain and suffering that was caused by their actions. People were held accountable.

Anymore, with out "kinder, gentler" ways, it seems that no one is really held accountable. They always have a good excuse. "It was their parents fault". "It is societies fault". "They were hungry, or poor or sick". And at times, they were valid reasons perhaps.

But somewhere along the way, it went all wrong. Pretty soon everyone had what was accepted as a valid excuse. From the neighborhood bully to the bullies in our statehouses and Washington!

And now we suffer what it all caused. People stay home from work because they can make as much or more money from the government. Children are raised in single parent households and society tells us that is normal and right. Lawbreakers get off with a slap on the wrist or very little punishment.

And we always come up with reasons why, that are supposed to be good reasons. It's always someone else fault. And we are told to live and let live. Not make waves. Don't be judgmental.

I don't want to be a preacher, but it seems to me that the 10 Commandments were given us, as good reasons not to do things because that would hurt us and society.

It's okay to have sex outside of marriage. It's okay to live off the government. It's okay to make as much money as you can and not worry about the other guy. Hey, you have to stand up for yourself. You have to look out for yourself! Nobody else is going to do it for you! It's not stealing if they are stupid enough to allow it.

As the debate goes on in Washington amongst our "leaders" and "representatives" that can't seem to accomplish anything, I think we have only ourselves to blame. It's too much bother to get involved! Hey, you got to make the bucks while you can, not one else is going to look out for you. You don't have time to really check out the people up for vote or to actually find good people as candidates.

I am not sure how or when it all changed, but I am afraid, until we start all getting more moral integrity and doing what we ought to, even when it's painful, it isn't going to get any better.

Okay, I am off my soapbox now. Good luck in this new year. From what I have seen so far, we are all going to need it!

2023 Rodeo Rapid City Jan. 27 - Feb. 4 Schedule

<p>FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH</p> <p>10:00 am CMSA Rodeo Rapid City Shoot Out (Free Admission)</p> <p>12:00 pm Monument Health's Special Rodeo Event -</p> <p>1:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Xtreme Bronc Match</p>	<p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST</p> <p>10:00 am PRCA Tie Down Roping Slack (Free Admission)</p>
<p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH</p> <p>10:00 am CMSA Rodeo Rapid City Shoot Out (Free Admission)</p> <p>12:00 pm Monument Health's Special Rodeo Event - Ends at 3:00 PM - To participate or volunteer, click here.</p> <p>1:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Xtreme Bronc Match</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST</p> <p>10:00 am WPRA Barrel Racing Slack (Free Admission)</p> <p>3:30-6:00 pm Girls in Spurs "Ladies Night"-Rodeo Zone</p>
<p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH</p> <p>9:30-11:30 am High School Rodeo College Fair (Free Admission)</p> <p>1:00 pm 20X High School Showcase Rodeo</p>	<p>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND</p> <p>10:00 am PRCA Team Roping Slack (Free Admission)</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p>
<p>MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH</p> <p>10:00 am PRCA Steer Wrestling Slack (Free Adm)</p>	<p>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD</p> <p>10:00 am Bucking Horse & Bull Sale ~ Preview & Social Hour (Free Admission)</p> <p>11:00 am Bucking Horse & Bull Sale (Free Admission)</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p>
	<p>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH</p> <p>10:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)</p> <p>1:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p>

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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

Diane Wear came out to Ronda Cordell's from Ekalaka to the Tie Creek Road, on Monday, and rode with Ronda to Belle Fourche and Spearfish. They dropped Newt off at the Belle Fourche Vet Clinic for the day, while they took in some second-hand stores and Walmart. Cristen Westling and Lori Aston met them briefly at the Pizza Ranch with some late Christmas gifts, and to pick up hot mustard. Diane and Ronda enjoyed lunch there.

After feeding on Tuesday, Clint Zolnoski came to blow snow out of Ronda's backyard. The drifts were still four feet deep, and hard as concrete.

Then, on Wednesday after feeding, Clint hauled some bulls to the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange. Ronda drove to Hannah's to see the progress on their house that afternoon.

Early Thursday morning, Mindy Yates DVM, and her assistant Kylie Kennedy, came to Ronda's to bang vaccinate heifer calves. Diane Wear, Clint, Denise, and Ronda were pushing them up, and writing them down. They were finished by ten o'clock, so Ronda made a quick trip to Ekalaka to get a well water testing kit, and to meet Nellie Howell. Ronda's downstairs frig was getting so full of eggs, that she wanted to get rid of some. Nellie had given Ronda screenings for her chickens, so the least Ronda could do was furnish her with eggs. Ronda ate lunch at the Wagon Wheel, before heading home.

With the beautiful weather we've been having, she and the outside dogs have been doing some Can-Am'ing. She was missing a bull in the bull pasture, since the storm. Thinking the drifts may have sunken down some, they looked at dam grades and protected areas, to see if a carcass might have shown up. The drifts are still huge, so no luck with that. Saturday felt like spring had sprung. Water was running in areas, but the drifts were still hard enough to walk on, and even for cows to walk on. Clint had to snow blow along the fence, because a few cows found how hard it was. He found a few cows out and on the road. Ronda is lucky to take the camera nearly every time she goes. A quick shower passed through on Saturday afternoon, while they were out, leaving a brilliant rainbow. The sun was shining. There was blue sky and rain clouds at the same time.

On Sunday, Clint put the tree tiller on a tractor. Ronda tilled the ice around the house and shop, in hopes it might thaw faster. It did level the snow, but plowed ridges, so if more snow

comes maybe it won't catch snow as bad. It's easier to walk on the tilled ice than on the slick ice. Everything is downhill from the house. Ronda has never skied, and for sure she doesn't like that feeling.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to the Hills on Thursday, for groceries. They got there early, and the Walmart parking lot was nearly empty, but by the time they left it was filling up. On Friday, Erma went to the spaghetti dinner at the Senior Center. They both went to church at the Catholic Church on Sunday. Then they had lunch at Saloon Number Three with the Helms family and Father Brian.

Doug and Julia Davis just spent the week at home. They had a quiet week to rest up after having company last week.

Donna Lewis went bowling on Thursday, at Baker. She decided to just stay over at her daughter, Pam's, because there would be some grandchildren wrestling this week, and she didn't want to miss that. They earned some first place wins. Next Thursday will be parent's night for the Baker wrestlers, so she plans to be there for that, too. Donna got home on Saturday, and was busy making caramels on Sunday evening, Yummm.

Junior and Shirley Melum had a quiet week, too. Their visitors were just family members, but I count that as visitors, too. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to church in Baker, on Sunday. They stopped by at the nursing home, after church, to visit with Shirley Moseley. Shirley is very happy to be in Baker, and had had a wonderful chicken Sunday dinner.

Dorothy Padden had a quiet week. There were no home games for the girls' basketball team for a couple of weeks. On Saturday, she and Bryce enjoyed a beautiful day relaxing and ice fishing on the pond. Another good thing was that they didn't have to take time to dress any fish. Dawn had gone off on a trip with her mother, Helen Stevens, and her sister, Michelle Tooke to Minnesota, to visit Michell's daughter, Iesha Dembo. The trip was good, but it was colder in Minnesota, while we had warm weather on Tie Creek. They ran into icy roads just before they got back to Sioux Falls, and had to sit on the interstate for forty-five minutes because of an accident ahead. Then after they began creeping along, they saw more accidents. By the time they got into South Dakota, the roads were clear. They stopped to spend the night in Mitchell at a great motel called the Thunderbird. Bryce met them at the end of Tie Creek Road, to pick

Dawn up while the others went on home.

Mornings are still very icy and slick outside, around the Odell house. The hill had built up lots of huge drifts during the blizzard, that have only settled, and not melted in the warm weather. The top layer, though, melts during the day, and makes ice at night. Karen made some Welsh cakes for the UPS man, and for Linda Davis, this week. They should have been for Christmas, but the weather had stopped delivery around Christmas time, so she finally got them delivered this week. I guess a Welsh cake is good at any time of year. Charlie inspected bulls for Ronda Cordell, on Wednesday. He also made a trip to Camp Crook to get cat food and groceries at Wolffy's. He has been feeding hay and cake each day.

Karen got the Christmas decorations put away, and five books published this week. It had taken lots of time to get the covers produced in high resolution, but that is done for all the books, now. There are only three or four left to do, and their formatting is done, so just the editing is left to do. Karen enjoyed talking to schoolmates on a conference call, last week. This week, a school mate from Chicago emailed with updates about others we both know. Karen is still working on a diamond painting that she got for Christmas. It will take a long time, and is similar to cross-stitch.

Karen and Charlie got to watch wrestling on YouTube twice this week, and got to see Kellan on fths site on the computer. Their grandsons, Kellan and Carson Odell were wrestling in Mitchell. Another grandson, Murphy, was sparring karate in a video, and then playing basketball in another video. Murphy is only a first grader, and his mom, Micki, ended up as their coach. Coaching first grade basketball is quite interesting. If you really want them to learn, it seems that 'pass the ball' is the most common instruction. I am glad they share their experiences with the rest of the family, even though the suggestions and comments get quite interesting from siblings.

Charlie had three doctor's appointments at Ft. Meade on Thursday. He got his knee drained and more shots in his back. Both made him feel better. He made a Saturday trip to Buffalo for acetylene, and picked up some groceries there. On Sunday, he and Karen went to the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, where Karen played piano for the hymns. You know God is in charge when the hymns you choose fit with the pastor's sermon



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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

The weekend was a perfect time for warmer temperatures. While we will likely have snow around for quite some time because of the amounts we received earlier, the warmer weekend temperatures brought melting in areas we like having free of ice and snow. Other parts of the state were not able to enjoy the warm temperatures and were expecting more snow at the beginning of the week.

Wes Labrier has been in the hospital after having surgery on a ruptured appendix last week. He is in the Farmville, Virginia hospital. He has had some intestinal issues that are hoping to be worked out soon. Prayers are very much appreciated.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the annual SDQHA Legacy Celebration Awards Banquet on Saturday night in Pierre. (South Dakota Quarter Horse Association) Larry and two Quarter Horse legends took pictures with the recipients of

some very prestigious awards that night. One of those recipients was from Central Meade County. The South Dakota High School Horse of the Year Ridden by a Boy was awarded to Jakob Long. Jakob and his family were in Pierre on Saturday to attend the Annual Awards Banquet. He is the son of Jeff and Yolanda Long. Congratulations to Jakob on a job well done.

Bob and Yvonne Barry made it to Lake Pleasant, AZ after head there on Friday. They will spend a month there enjoying some time off together and with friends before returning home for the rest of the winter.

Kason and Kyra Barry both won first place at the Westside Raider Youth Wrestling Tournament in Rapid City this past weekend. They are the son and daughter of Kyle and Kassie Barry of Union Center. Kyra has likely received a lot of practice and pointers having two older brothers and a dad who wrestled.

Kaye Andrews, GeorgeAnn Cobb and Dede Long will be hosting the 2nd Annual Valentines Date Night at the Red Owl Hall on February 18. Attendees will be treated to a roast beef dinner and a special Valentines dessert. To set up your reservation you may call GeorgeAnn at 605-985-5914.

perfectly. It was a nice day, and there was a good crowd at church. Nothing seemed to be open in Camp Crook all day, so they had Sunday dinner at home.

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BF Bronc Cheerleaders Tour and Cheer at BHSU

On Saturday 1/14/2023 the Bronc cheerleaders were invited to BHSU by their cheer squad and coach Lacey Doyle. The high school students were given a personal tour of the BHSU campus that included a look into dorm life, and a look at all the student homework help centers. All college cheerleaders need passing grades so it is important to know where and how to ask for help. High school cheerleaders were sent a video to practice weeks in advance. We practiced with the two squads together on the day of and performed during half time for both the women's and men's basketball games. This was a great opportunity for our local high schoolers to get an inside look of continuing to cheer in college and to ask questions to cheerleaders already making it happen. "The girls were so nice and welcoming, this would be fun to do again next year"- Kiana Tingley



Bronc Cheerleaders tour BHSU campus last Saturday. Courtesy Photo



Cheerleader group photo op: Top: Selene Walker, Nicole Kraft, Ave McLennan, Ella Peterson, Yasmeena Grindle, Kalika Nulle. Middle: Aubrey Wilbur, Kira Potter, Kiana Tingley Bottom: Lucy Merjil, Elena Long Wolf, Danira Hoon. Not pictured: Ashley O'Hara (BHSU) Courtesy Photo



Bronc cheer team touring & walking on BHSU campus adjacent the dorms. Courtesy Photos



Broncs ready to perform at the BHSU Yellowjacket Basketball game.



From A1 **Staff Pay**

be made up at a later date.

“In the past when we would have a true snow day our staff (hourly employees) would get those hours back, eventually, when we would make those days up” Matt Raba, High School Principal, said. “Now when we do those virtual days there isn’t a chance for them to recoup those dollars, even though those dollars are budgeted for them to be paid.”

Raba says he has heard suggestions on how staff could be offered some hours but in different ways, such as working on Fridays during intercession days, since the district uses a 4-day school week.

“Depending on the role, it could make that situation a bit more difficult,” Raba said. “Office staff has a lot of tasks they could do and they could come in on a Friday easily and recoup some of those hours. However for our para-professionals who work directly with students, it can be a little more challenging.”

In the past some staff members have used their personal leave for those days, according

to Willard. If a staff member decided to come in and recoup those hours during an intercession day, with board approval, that employee could then add personal leave time for each hour worked during those days, Willard added.

Willard said he and Susan Proefrock, District Business Manager, surveyed other area school districts to see how they were handling the situation. He said some districts were just electing to pay the hourly employees since the money was already budgeted.

“But then that might open a can of worms,” Willard said. “What happens if you have a two-hour late start? Are you going to pay them for those two hours? Where do you want to go with that?”

Willard suggested that employees could simply clock in on an intercessory day, which normally averages about 4 hours, and if they elect to have their personal days given in exchange for the time worked, it would be entered into the payroll computer that way.

Board member Mike Tyndall, local branch manager for

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that the school district operates with taxpayer money.

“I don’t know if that makes a difference in your minds or not, but I’ll just throw that out there,” Willard said.

Board member Greg Krajewski said this storm was like a “one-off” situation. Closing school for three consecutive days is a rare occurrence, last happening in 2013. He agreed with Tyndall that it would probably be best simply to pay the employees.

Board Vice President Scott Reder added that on the one hand his concern would be setting a precedent, but on the other hand, it is money that is budgeted. “I agree with Mike, it’s been budgeted. The only thing that concerns me is setting a precedence if we have something like this happen again. Whether it’s right or wrong, it is budgeted.”

“That’s why it’s a board decision,” Willard said. “I’m okay with whatever you decide. I just wanted you to hear what the principals talked about in their meetings.”

After further discussion Krajewski made a motion to pay the hourly employees for the three December virtual learning days. It was seconded by Jade Larson. The vote was unanimous with one abstention, Nita Justice, due to a conflict of interest.

Dates were also set for the next school board election. There will be two seats that are coming vacant that need to be filled. The election will be held April 11. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on Jan. 27 and filed in the office of business manager located at the administration building adjacent to the middle school. The last day to file a nominating petition is Feb 24, by 5pm.

During his report to the board Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard made note of the state’s new Secretary of Education. He is Joe Graves who moves into the position after serving as superintendent of the Mitchell School District for 20 years. He replaces Tiffany Sanderson. “It’s nice to have an educator in that role. And hopefully Joe will do a great job for us,” Willard said.

Willard also highlighted a few areas that the district will be monitoring with regard to the upcoming legislative session in Pierre. Among the issues mentioned were a voucher program for foster students, transgender issues, and state funding for public education. Willard reported to the board that the state has a surplus of funding and Willard says with 8% inflation and an increase in state funding at 5%-to-6% there will be a funding gap that he says needs



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125 years ago
Belle TIMES
January 18, 1898
TALK OF THE TOWN
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Mrs. Geo. Arbuckle was visiting friends in the city this week.
The Wide Awake handles all kinds of staple and fancy groceries.
Chamberlain Bros. received their new dray wagon the latter part of last week, and it is surely a “daisy.”
R. W. LaFleiche went to Capitol, Mont., first of the week as counsel for S. C. Simmons, in the case of Simmons against “Shorty” Quinlan.

Attempted Suicide
Sunday evening Lee Branscomb was found in the rear of Brock’s restaurant in a dying condition. Help was at once secured and the dying man was taken to the rooms over Robert’s & Horner’s saloon, where Dr. Campbell, who had been hastily summoned, found that the man had taken a large dose of laudanum. The poor fellow was in a critical condition; Dr. Campbell applied an electric battery and after some time brought the patient around all O.K. Dr. Campbell says Branscomb took enough laudanum to kill about four men. Despondency is thought to be the cause of the attempted suicide.

100 years ago
Northwest Post
January 18, 1923
Death Invades the Area Mrs. O.O. Stokes
Mrs. Anna C. Stokes, widow of the late O. O. Stokes, died at her home in the south part of the city on Wednesday evening, January 10, after an illness of only two weeks with cerebral embolism, coupled with a general breaking down on account of old age. In the death of this fine old lady, another of the pioneers of this section has answered the final summons. Her death will be mourned in hundreds of homes where her kindly deeds have been manifested in the years gone by. During her residence of a little more than eight years in Belle Fourche, Mrs. Stokes made a large circle of warm friends who will regret to learn of her demise. Funeral services were conducted at the Congregational church on Friday afternoon by Rev. Reynolds, interment being made in Pine Slope cemetery by the side of her late husband, who preceded her to the Great Beyond a short time ago. Many old friends were present to pay their respects, and the floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. Anna C. Gilbert was born in Iowa, August 23, 1849, being aged seventy-three years, three months and eighteen days at the time of her death. She was united in marriage with O.

O. Stokes on August 27, 1868. To this union six children were born, four of whom died in infancy. The family came west in 1887, locating in northwestern Butte county, now the town of Harding, in Harding county. Here they made their home continuously until about eight years ago when they moved to Belle Fourche. Mr. Stokes died in this city on November 24, 1920. Mrs. Stokes is survived by two daughters Miss Florence Stokes of this city and Mrs. H. G. McCoid of Harding.

Here & There News
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Small and daughter, Miss Dorothy, left Tuesday for an extended trip to the east and south. They will first go to Chicago, thence to New York, Washington, and other points of interest, winding up their sojourn if Florida. In the nation capitol they will be quests of their old-time Belle Fourche friend, George E. Hair, and family, and if Charley don’t get to play a round of golf with the president, it won’t be George’s fault. They have a number of friends in Florida, and Mrs. Small will doubtless find pleasure in landing a few baskets of fish, as she is an ardent admirer of that sport, while Charley will divide his time on the golf links and in gazing at the waves and other things on the seashore. Sure, he took his golf sticks along – and Mrs. Small had her fishing tackle packed away amongst their baggage too.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
January 20, 1948
Offer Bills To Permit Rationing
Washington, Jan 19 – Two leading Republicans have introduced bills to permit meat rationing if it’s needed. The Republicans are Senator Ralph Flanders of Vermont and Representative Jack Javits of New York. They introduced their bills in the house and senate today. There’s no indication that Republican leaders will go along with the measure. Flanders and Javits want to set up meat rationing so that the president can put it into operation whenever he thinks it necessary. Congressmen say a meat crisis is in the making if prices go any higher. Flanders- Javits bill does not provide for the return of price ceilings on meat. Its authors don’t think ceilings are necessary, because they believe rationing alone would tend to lower prices. Reaction to the bill has been lukewarm at best. Republican Senator Edward Thye of Minnesota is afraid the measure would result in a run on the meat market.
Baruch Attacks Tax Cut Measure
Washington, Jan. 19 - Two cabinet members and elder



by Mary Buchholz

statesman Bernard Baruch have attacked the Republican tax-cutting bill. Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman said today that business doesn’t need a general tax cut now. Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder argued that general tax reduction should be held up until inflationary pressure has dropped. The 77-year-old Baruch tossed in his opinion on taxes while testifying on the Marshall plan. The genial advisor to presidents told the senate foreign relations committee there shouldn’t be any tax cuts for two years. He said excess profits taxes, dropped after the war, should be restored, but he said these taxes should be only about half as large as in wartime. Republicans are mustering their strength to push their program thru. The house Republican steering committee will meet tomorrow to decide what kind of tax program the party will sponsor this year. Leaders already have served notice that the program will not include President Truman’s request for a \$40 cost-of-living cut for everyone. In addition, the joint senate-house budget committee will meet Thursday to start the pruning work on President Truman’s 39-billion dollar budget.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
January 16
School Enrollment Shows Larger Decline
Public school statistics for 1972-72 show an enrollment loss larger than the size of the Pierre Independent School District, a decrease of 3087 (about 2%). According to a ten year study of Public Instruction records by Gordon Nelson, executive secretary of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota. The total school population including non-public schools, decreased 2.2%, or 3967 students, the largest decrease in the continued annual decline from 1965-66 when total school enrollment in South Dakota reached a peak of 188,743. Nelson said that this year’s school boards will spend over \$125,000,000 of which \$100,000,000 will be local property tax revenues and employ 9395.8 full-time professional and 4411.2 non-professional employees to operate South Dakota’s biggest business – educating her public school children. For the first time in well over 10 years, the high school enrollments decreased by 80 students. Present high school enrollments range from 37 at Forestburg to 5569 at Sioux Falls. The average indi-



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cated Groton High School as typical with 279 students. The median indicates Lake Preston High School as typical with 147 students.

Annual Wool Pool Meet
Slated Here Saturday

The annual meeting of the Nation’s Center Wool Pool will be held at Belle Fourche Saturday, it was announced this week by Secretary Bob Meyer. This year’s meeting, scheduled to start at 5:30 with a free “attitude adjustment hour” will be held at the Vets. Club. One of the features of the program will be a slide presentation showing what happens to wool after it arrives at the mill and is processed into cloth. Terms of Directors Frank Arbuckle of Alzada and John Niemi, Buffalo, will expire this year and there will be an election to fill those spots. The agenda also calls for discussion on the merits of increasing the board of directors from five to seven members. Meyers pointed out that all persons interested in the production and sale of wool and lambs are invited to attend the meeting. However, only those who are members of the Nation’s Center Wool Pool will be eligible to vote.



This is a photo of Mrs. Stokes’ home in Harding, near the Short Pines in Harding County. The house still stands today.

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Larry Prager, who is the CEO of the Center of the Nation Wool Warehouse in Belle Fourche, moved here in 1978. He has observed many changes over the years, including the conversion of the type of packaging for wool. They went from being "territory round bags" to being square bales. Wool has also become more consumer friendly over the years, and is often now lighter weight and washable. Prager said that wool has a pretty good shelf life of up to three years, if it's baled properly. Most of the wool here ends up in Jamestown, South Carolina, to be processed. left: Prager in warehouse. right: BF High School photography students: l to r: **Tia Williamson, Reece Reder, Halle Eaton.** *Courtesy Photos*

Belle Fourche Middle School Students of the Month for December 2022

BELLE FOURCHE - Belle Fourche Middle School students of the month for December 2022 were recognized on Monday, Jan. 10, at the school district's regular monthly board meeting.

The middle school teachers

nominate the students and two are chosen from each grade, fifth through eighth.

They are chosen based on leadership qualities, academic achievement, excellence in behavior, and good citizenship. The students are presented with

a certificate of recognition and a personalized school t-shirt.

For the 5th grade Connor Guthrie and McKenna Freed were honored.

The 5th grade award was sponsored by Stereos 'N Stuff, Radio Shack.

In the 6th grade Nathan Erhart and Mariah Tanninen were presented certificates.

Pete's Clothing sponsored the 6th grade award.

In the 7th grade, Nathan Anderson and Clayton Coffelt were recognized. Twisted Ap-

parel sponsored the 7th grade awards.

In the 8th grade Ian Voyles and Austey Stiefvater were honored as students of the month.

Nehl Dental sponsored the 8th grade award.



These are the Belle Fourche Middle School students of the month for December 2022. From left: **Nathan Anderson** (7th grade); **Ian Voyles** (8th grade); **Austey Stiefvater** (8th grade); **Mariah Tanninen** (6th grade); **Eli Ewalt** (Nov. 2022 5th grade); **Clayton Coffelt** (7th grade); **McKenna Freed** (5th grade); and **Connor Guthrie** (5th grade). Congratulations to all from the Beacon! *Beacon Photo*



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Butte County Historical Society 2023 Calendars



The Butte County Historical Society 2023 Calendar has been released! It is on sale at Sand Creek Printing for \$10.

The calendar features the stories of Veteran heroes from the Butte County area, including Johnny Spaulding, Rosemary McMahon, Ed Petranek, Don Smith, LeLund Kahler, Robert Voyles, LeRoy Clarkson, Leo Larrabee, Harold Brost, Leroy Hill, Neva Pluimer, and George Rundle.

Their stories encompass service from the Civil War through the Vietnam War. Janet Jensen of the BCHS enlisted teachers and students at the Belle Fourche Middle School to conduct research, collect photos, and write the articles for this years' calendar.

Chamber Personal Finance Class

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A recap of the last session of the Chamber of Commerce Personal Finance previously held on January 6/7th began Day 1 of the 5 week Entrepreneur Class. They go hand in hand as one needs to understand finances to possibly begin a business. Both classes had educators from Black Hills Community Loan Fund to present and was held at the Belle Fourche Development Center. Session one of entrepreneur class focused on Goals.

This included goal setting and understanding skills. The main question asked was "Is

Entrepreneurship for you?" If it is, then what is your goal that you want to reach? Participants were able to write thoughts and notes down in a workbook that would be covered throughout the 4 next sessions.

A list of skills were also elaborated on and reviewed to acknowledge where strengths were and possible weakness that may need to be outsourced, such as accountant skills. The class was assigned homework of working on a business name and mission statement.

The next class will be held Friday January 20th. Classes are hosted by the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce.



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	4	Bwf-Brd Hfr	1126 1675.00
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	10	Black-Brd Hfr	1162 1660.00
Kyle Koch, Sheridan WY	7	Black-Brd Hfr	1046 1575.00
Capp Bros Ranch Llc, Nisland SD	27	Black-Brd Hfr	1063 1525.00
Clarkson & Co, Buffalo SD	56	Black-Brd Hfr	944 1450.00
Moke Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	14	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1046 1750.00
	3	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1028 1450.00
	5	Herf-Brd Cow Sm	1317 1275.00
52 Ranch Inc, Glendive MT	27	Black-Brd Hfr	942 1585.00
Wolff Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	7	Black-Brd Cow 3-5 Yo	1163 1500.00
	13	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1393 1485.00
Anne Gergen, Broadus MT	4	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1400 1310.00
	5	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1459 1285.00

COWS	HD	WT	BID	\$HD
Paul Or Nancy Brence, Ekalaka MT	1	Bwf-Cow	1440 71.50	1,029.60 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1450 70.00	1,015.00 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1480 73.00	1,080.40 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1720 70.00	1,204.00 \$
21 Ranch Inc, Sundance WY	1	Red-Cowette	1475 74.00	1,091.50 \$
	2	Red-Cow	1438 67.50	970.31 \$
	8	Red/Rwf-Cow	1263 72.50	915.31 \$
Darrell Ennen, Rapid City SD	1	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1600 70.00	1,120.00 \$
Garman Ranch Trust, Alzada MT	6	Black-Cow	1239 74.00	916.98 \$
	3	Black-Cow	1295 70.00	906.50 \$
Sylvia Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1505 70.50	1,061.02 \$
J.j. Or Cathy Landa, Boyes MT	2	Black-Cow	1273 74.50	948.01 \$
Jerry Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1395 72.50	1,011.37 \$
	5	Black-Cow	1222 74.00	904.28 \$
Jason Garman, Alzada MT	1	Black-Cow	1375 70.00	962.50 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1375 72.50	996.87 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1590 67.50	1,073.25 \$
	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1250 70.50	881.25 \$
	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1470 71.50	1,051.05 \$
Busenitz Land, Hulet WY	25	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1403 70.50	989.25 \$
	15	Black-Cow	1268 72.75	922.47 \$
	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1238 68.00	842.06 \$
Blair Bros Llc, Vale SD	6	Black-Cow	1444 70.00	1,010.91 \$
	8	Black-Cow	1300 73.00	949.00 \$
Cort Cundy, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	1193 78.00	930.15 \$
Kahler Finn, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1445 69.00	997.05 \$
C&R Land & Lvstik, Volborg MT	10	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1417 70.00	991.55 \$
Tim Lervick, Jordan MT	1	Bwf-Cow	1430 73.00	1,043.90 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1403 68.50	960.71 \$
Brian W Birkley, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1500 74.00	1,110.00 \$
	8	Black-Cow	1584 72.50	1,148.67 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1360 71.50	972.40 \$
Johnson Ranch Llp, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1370 72.00	986.40 \$
	1	Bwf-Cow	1400 69.50	973.00 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1355 70.00	948.50 \$
Travis Linch, Belle Fourche SD	2	Red/Rwf-Cow	1255 77.00	966.35 \$
	5	Red/Rwf-Cow	1227 69.00	846.63 \$
Terry Goehring, Buffalo SD	5	Black-Cow	1345 71.50	961.67 \$
	8	Black-Cow	1520 70.00	1,064.00 \$
	3	Black-Cow	1322 71.00	938.38 \$
Cathy Bras, Lonspine MT	1	Black-Cow	1500 72.50	1,087.50 \$
Andrew Gaskill, Volborg MT	1	Black-Cow	1400 67.50	945.00 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1490 67.50	1,005.75 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1425 69.50	990.37 \$
Y Y Cattle Inc, Volborg MT	4	Black-Cow	1285 71.50	918.77 \$
	11	Black-Cow	1425 68.50	976.12 \$
Mike Manor, Recluse WY	1	Black-Cow	1540 71.50	1,101.10 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1590 72.00	1,144.80 \$

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SALES TIME: WEIGH UPS- 9:00 AM

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TO FOLLOW- 12:00 PM

CALVES	Willy & Anne Gergen-MT	Lynch-WY
Dave & Chase Hayden-MT	65 blk str, 550-650#	40 mxd chvs, 500-600#
360 blk mxd chvs	PC, NI, DF, banded,	Monte & Tanja Miller-WY
425-525#	weaned 90 days	40 blk hfrs, 650#
PC, NI, weaned 60 days,	John Bruch-SD	PC, BV, NI, weaned 4 mos
hot wire broke	65 red/blk hfrs	Tim Brown-SD
Evan & Mae Stimpson-MT	450-550#, PC, NI	35 blk mxd chvs
165 mostly char mxd chvs	X Heart Ranch-WY	500-525#, PC, weaned
600-800#	60 blk hfrs, 550-600#	Jerry Vossler-WY
BT, weaned 70 days	PC, NI, BV, weaned, cake	20 blk hfrs, 500#
Paul Palczewski-SD	broke, all blk hfrs in town	PC, NI, poured, weaned
140 blk str	Cottonwood Cattle-MT	Todd Ginsbach-SD
550-600#	60 blk str, 550#	10 blk/red mxd chvs
PC, NI, AN, cake broke	NI, 3 rounds shots, weaned	350#, weaned
Elisbury Ranch-WY	Travis Hurst-SD	SD Consignment
130 blk/bwf mxd chvs	55 blk mxd chvs, 450-550#	10 char mxd chvs
600-675#, PC	PC, NI, poured, weaned 75 days	550-600#
Ronda Cordell-SD	Gene Loder-ND	PC, NI, weaned
110 blk hfrs, 575-600#	50 blk mxd chvs, 450-550#	Hayden Pihl-SD
PC, NI, poured, weaned 60 days	PC, NI, DF, weaned, wormed	6 blk mxd chvs
Stanley Steiber-MT	Center of the Nation	500#, PC, NI, weaned
100 blk str, 700#	Cattle Co-SD	YEARLINGS
PC, weaned, on silage	50 blk/bwf hfrs, 630#	MT Consignment
Frank Nies-MT	PC, NI, weaned 2 mos	118 blk hfrs
80 blk mxd chvs	Wes & Lisa Steppler-MT	800#, tested open
600-650#	50 blk mostly hfrs	Paul Hinkhouse-SD
PC, NI, weaned 3 mos	500-550#, PC, NI, weaned	80 blk/red strs, 800#
Henry Lambright-WY		Sorenson Farms-MT
70 blk mxd chvs, 650#		30 blk hfrs, 800-850#
PC, NI, poured, weaned 75 days		tested open

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

January 26, 2023.....BRED STOCK SPECIAL – SELLING
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February 2, 2023.....NO SALE – BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW

February 9, 2023.....FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL – FEATURING
WEANED CALVES

February 16, 2023.....BRED STOCK SPECIAL – SELLING
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February 23, 2023.....FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL – FEATURING
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March 2, 2023.....STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL –
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March 9, 2023.....FEEDER CATTLE & BV
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March 16, 2023.....STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL –
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March 23, 2023.....FEEDER CATTLE & BV REPLACEMENT
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March 30, 2023.....STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL &
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April 13, 2023.....STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL &
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April 20, 2023.....GRASS CATTLE & BV REPLACEMENT HEIFER
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Excitement Builds as Local Stallion Prepares for the Black Hills Stock Show

Fresh off their 6th place finishes in Junior Heading and Performance Halter at the 2022 AQHA World Show, Fiery French Whiskey and trainer Luke Jones, are now prepping for their third trip to the Black Hills Stock Show (BHSS) AQHA Winter Classic.

The duo won the Best of the West Tie-Down Futurity held in conjunction with this show in both 2021 and 2022. The photo

is a picture taken during their winning run in 2021.

Because he turns 6 this year, this is the last year of eligibility for Fiery French Whiskey to compete in the futurities.

It also moves him up from Junior to the Senior level of competition in 2023.

Besides performing in the roping events (Tie-Down, Heading and Heeling), they will also have an opportunity to

defend their 2022 BHSS Halter Grand Championship and will be competing in a new event, Ranch Riding.

The latter was added as Fiery French Whiskey needs 5 performance points in a non-roping category along with another 4.5 points in halter to earn an AQHA Championship title.

He is also 1, 5 and 22 points away from earning his AQHA Performance Superior (50 AQHA points in one event) in

Heeling, Heading and Tie-Down Roping respectively.

If he earns all three, he will be designated as an AQHA Performance Champion as well.

The AQHA Winter Classic runs from January 21st through the 26th in Rapid City.

Fiery French Whiskey will then be on Stallion Row January 27th and 28th during the BHSS Horse Sale.

Fiery French Whiskey is a 2017 son of Firewater French-

man by a daughter of Paddy’s Irish Whiskey.

He is owned by Dan and Brenda Whetham of Belle Fourche, SD. They are encouraging everyone to come out and cheer for him during the show and to stop in and visit with them while on Stallion Row afterwards.

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OCTOBER 2022
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Gabriel Dalton, Maddix Dudley, Berkleee Harman, Evangeline Funk, Westyn Kissack, Loxley Martin Del Camp, Ryleighn Njos,

NOVEMBER 2022
BELLE FOURCHE ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Henry Bishop, Gracie Hunter, Oliver Somervold, Ivan Horton, Alice Bonefield, Kohlten Wood, Kyler Schmidt, and AnaBelle Dighton

DECEMBER 2022
BELLE FOURCHE ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Lakinn Schwender, Liam Cvach, Lyla Moore, Natalia Allart, and Avery Dobesh



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

Date: Friday February 24, 2023
Time: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
Where: North Park Elementary Early Intervention Classroom
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Reminder to those who signed up, the Jr. Leaders stained glass workshop will be held on Sunday, January 22 at Club Nevada in Spearfish from 3-5 p.m.
Monday, January 23 is the deadline to RSVP for the 4-H Club Officer Training to be held on Friday, January 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche.
This is open to all Club officers in Butte and Lawrence counties at no cost. Please contact Wyatt at 605-580-7757 with questions or to register.
4-H/FFA Youth Wool Judging Contest will be held

on January 31 at the Fine Arts Building at the Central States Fairgrounds hosted by the Black Hills Stock Show and SDSU Extension.
Contact Jaelyn Whaley, Jaelyn.Whaley@sdsu.edu, with questions or for registration assistance.
Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day will be Saturday, February 4. For more information and full list of events, visit <https://www.blackhillsstockshow.com/events/2023/4hyouthday17>
The theme for this year's statewide community service project will be Paws for a Cause, focusing on collecting donations for local animal shelters as well as encouraging volunteer work for these organizations. More information to come!

Supermarket Sweep Fundraiser
Benefits Senior Center

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For decades, viewers have enjoyed the novelty of the Supermarket Sweep, made popular by the 1960s game show.
While many have relished the thought of partaking in a similar sort of shopping spree, two local residents were given the opportunity to do just that as the winners of the Belle Silver Lining Supermarket Sweep Raffle.
"This is our second annual event," says Kelsey Snyder-Ruzicka, marketing partner/volunteer. "We offer several prizes and both grocery stores in town participate - Lynn's and Lueders."
On Thursday, January 12, Lueders Food Center and Lynn's Dakotamart of Belle Fourche welcomed winners Dallas Connor and Victoria Story to complete their 3 minute sweeps

of up to \$500 in grocery items.
"This event and raffle is not only loads of fun for all involved," says Snyder-Ruzicka, "but this is a fundraiser for the Belle Silver Lining Activity and Support Center, a center that offers activities, meals, resources, and support for our seniors, their families, and other organizations that serve our community."
The raffle fundraiser began in November, with tickets sold at \$10 each. "We have six winners in total," explains Snyder-Ruzicka, "\$100 and \$50 gift certificates to each Lynn's and Lueders are given away, then the two grand prizes of the sweep." All prize winners were drawn and announced on January 5 via Facebook Live.
Sponsors for the Supermarket Sweep Raffle are Lynn's Dakotamart, Lueders Food Center, and Prairie Hills Pharmacy.



Lueders winner, Dallas Connor, poses with her grocery winnings from Thursday's Sweep". (Top) Victoria Story prepares for her grocery sweep at Lynn's Dakotamart". (Below) Beacon Photos

“The Scout at the State Capitol”

Sen. John Wiik elected South Dakota GOP chairman

Big Stone City lawmaker avoids upset from Thomas Brunner

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Legislator John Wiik has been tapped to lead South Dakota's dominant political party through the next General Election.

The Republican senator from Big Stone City edged former state Rep. Thomas Brunner, a long-time legislator from Butte County who entered the intrigue-filled chairmanship contest last week, during a South Dakota GOP State Central Committee meeting in Pierre Saturday.

Wiik received 113 votes to Brunner's 66.

Wiik succeeds outgoing GOP Chairman Dan Lederman, who had held the position since 2016. Lederman, along with Gov. Kristi Noem and nearly every other statewide elected official, endorsed Wiik.

Brunner's base of support came

from county-level party activists who contend they've been disenfranchised by the GOP establishment.

Wiik ran alongside Lawrence County Rep. Mary Fitzgerald as his vice-chair, while Brunner's running mate was Tamera Weis, who formerly chaired the Turner County GOP. (Vice-chair votes hadn't taken place at the time of original publication of this article)

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Sen. John Wiik

who contend they've been disenfranchised by the GOP establishment. His backers were opposed to a proposed bylaws change also voted on Saturday that aimed to reduce the number of delegates who vote on nominations for candidates seeking constitutional offices.

The proposed rule change had the backing of party leadership, but it failed to earn support of two-thirds of voting members of the State Central Committee necessary to amend party by-laws.



Tom Brunner

South Dakota GOP committee rejects bylaw changes, preserves nomination

Proposal sought to end nominations at convention

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An effort to cut county precinct committeemen and committeewomen out of the South Dakota Republican Party nomination process for constitutional offices has been thwarted — for now.

The GOP's State Central Committee Saturday in Pierre rejected proposed changes to the party's bylaws that sought to reduce the number county-level Republicans able to vote on candidates for lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general.

The push to eliminate precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen's ability to participate in nominations at the party's biennial convention was floated by sitting party leaders after the 2022 convention, where newly-elected Secretary of State Monae Johnson upset incumbent Steve Barnett.

Barnett, the preferred candidate of upper party leadership, and the

near defeat of both Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden and incoming Attorney General Marty Jackley, ripped open an already growing rift in the GOP.

Saturday's Central Committee vote preserves the status quo in the South Dakota Republican Party. But the victory for grassroots-level GOP activists could be short lived.

That's because state Sen. David Johnson has a bill in the Legislature that would go even further than what the proposed bylaw changes would have done.

Senate Bill 40 would move the nomination of GOP attorney general and secretary of state candidates to primary elections, where all registered Republicans would get a vote. The measure would also let candidates for governor select their own running mate rather than choose a lieutenant governor through a separate vote at a convention.



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“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

by John Newby

Brick-n-Mortar Must Become Unique

Graeme Simison recently said, “*There’s definitely a role for on-line booksellers, but they can’t host events, bring people together, and form a personal relationship in the way a brick-and-mortar store and its staff can.*”

Despite nearly two years of COVID induced struggle impacting typical brick-n-mortar retail locations, in general they have rebounded rather well. Don’t let the naysayers tell you brick-n-mortar is dead. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Late in 2022, Simon Property Group reported that positive momentum at its malls across the country has been consistent. Occupancy at Simon’s U.S. malls and premium outlets was at 94.5% in Sept. 30, 2022, as compared to 92.8% in Sept. 2022. The company said it is on track to achieve pre-COVID occupancy in 2023. “The flight towards brick and mortar is real,” stated CEO of Simon



Property Group, David Simon while on a call with analysts. He added that new store openings and lease renewals has not slowed down.

Prior to the pandemic, the media was constantly pounding the tune that brick-n-mortar was dying. During the pandemic, they only accelerated that message. Since the pandemic, based on retail figures and shoppers, it is now apparent that retail has not just survived, but is doing quite well.

But, don’t let these positive numbers allow you to rest on your successes. Ominous trends are still in place that spell trouble on the horizon for retail businesses unwilling to transform how they conduct business.

Certain changes are already underway as shopping centers and retail businesses adapt to the new demands and shopping styles of consumers. “*People continue to really want to go*

out and experience being in an environment to see, touch and try product,” explained Keith Jelinek, a senior managing director at consulting and advisory firm Ankura.

As was the case starting a couple years ago, many shoppers today expect an entertainment-driven and holistic social experience when they visit malls and retail business.

The trends are speaking very loudly. To be successful in the future, business owners must do much more than just create and/or sell products and services. In addition to selling products, they must also match compelling products with compelling experiences and emotional settings or feelings.

They must not only master the supply chain aspects of running a retail business, but they must become able to master the experience and emotional side of the business as well.

How does a business provide those unique experiences not usually found online? At the risk of stating the obvious, one can start with over-the-top customer service. What is over-the-top customer service? It can take the form of many things, among

Sudoku

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are an amalgam of logic, letters, and numbers that require the solver to decipher the message by using the word “CIPHER” as the key.

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WA K YDFCCZBZU OVHU, NPPC ITKC
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— KFTUWH FHJHWIH

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Some wonder if the most valuable antiques are those of friends." — Jackson Brown, Jr.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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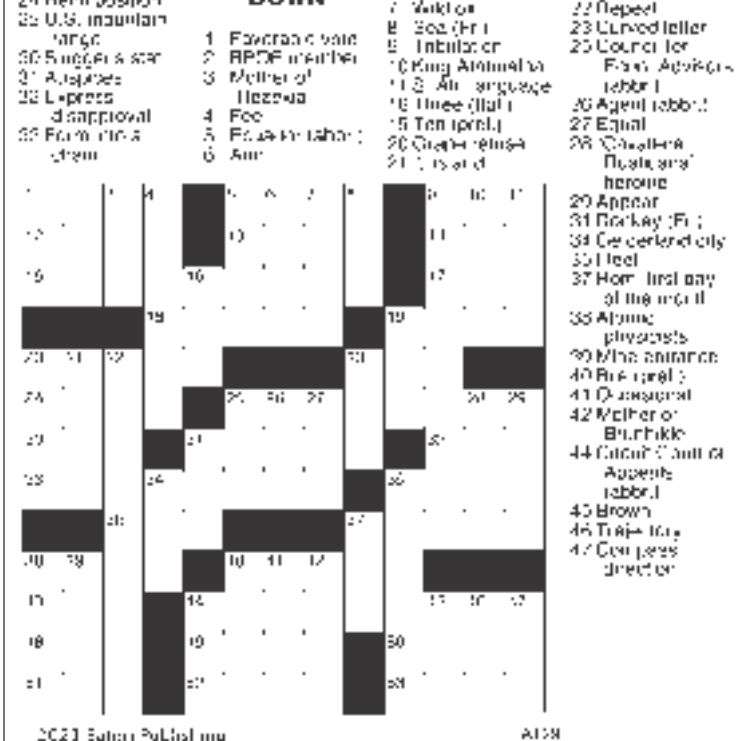
1. Admiring
2. Ancient Persian province
3. Fictional lobby
4. Move (verb)
5. General's orders
6. When it was a
7. Fighter's rank
8. genus
9. Whirlwind
10. Faint
11. Locomotive
12. Mammal
13. U.S. mountain range
14. Suggests a star
15. Angles
16. Express
17. Disapproval
18. Farming
19. Item

DOWN

1. Favorable wind
2. RPOF member
3. Mother of Hazards
4. Foot
5. Fictional lobby
6. Air
7. Wicket
8. Soccer
9. Initializer
10. King Animalia
11. Air, airplane
12. Three (clap)
13. Ten (verb)
14. Quake (verb)
15. Island

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle Answers on D4

them might be knowing your customers by name. It might be having a database that indicates when birthdays and anniversaries are.

It might be working with other local businesses to provide compelling packages and services. It might look like promotions that incentivize repeat in-person visits. It might be as simple as local-only coupons and gift certificates. It might be an e-commerce system that is easy to use and in turn drives future in-store visits and purchases. It might be live local music at various times of the week creating a social setting, in turn becoming popular while receiving social media attention. The list is practically endless of ideas that ought to be considered.

While no one has all the answers to what makes a business successful, anyone can follow or mimic the path most successful businesses have traveled. It should be noted, being unique in one industry may differ from uniqueness in another industry — you must find that uniqueness

that is indeed, unique to your industry. Throughout my entire career in marketing and consulting, without any doubt, the most successful businesses have always been those able to create unique experiences for their customers.

One thing is sure, businesses that don't find their niche or their unique experience offering will find their struggles increasing in the coming years. To survive, finding that unique experience will be crucial. Don't wait, start building for that unique experience today, your future might well depend upon it.

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Time to plan your THEATER NIGHTS OUT!!
The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) 2023 SEASON was announced on Saturday. Looks like there will be a show for everyone! The BFACT Lineup includes: Pride and Prejudice, May 12, 13, 14; Mama Mia!, July 27, 28, 29, 30; The Northern Hills Theaters Getting Our Acts Together in late August; and a spooky Halloween show in October! Audition dates will be announced soon! The BFACT Board saw a few changes also. Contact these folks to volunteer, to donate, or to find out more about local theater: President- Nathan Schreier, Vice President- Nathan Thompson, Secretary- Heather Pittman, Treasurer- Kelsey Gronlund, Members at Large- Angela Hastings. Allie Juso Verry, and Sharon Thompson.



CHECK OUT WE ARE THE SEA - the Belle Fourche High School Theater ONE ACT PRODUCTION, Monday, January 23rd. The cast includes Carlie Reeves, Hunter Brown, Wyatt Lesmeister, Alejah Carbajal, Tyce Hostetter, Joselyn Shockey, Sophia Thompson, Carston Sechser, Nyomi Woltkamp, Maggie McCord, Elizabeth Ann McCord, and Brodie McNeese. These young actors and their director, Michael Kane, have been practicing with focus for the Regional Competition on January 25th. So please be their audience and their supporters at the public performance, Monday, January 23rd, at 7 PM in the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater.


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


MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming Fine Arts Events:

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

Lastly, check out these smiles from the BFACT Leaders, Executive Producer, Derek Olson, incoming President, Nathan Schreier, and outgoing President, ToiLyn Flick after accepting a \$250 donation from the local Souper Starz fundraiser on January 9th.







Rural Life Expressions

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- Subject Categories: Landscape, People, Wildlife
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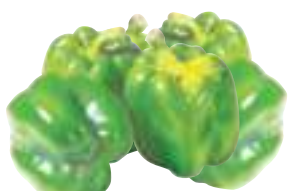
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1 Potato Soup, Garden Salad Cheddar Biscuit Fruit, Pecan Melt Away Cookie	2 Chicken Alfredo Fettuccini Broccoli Garlic Bread Tropical Fruit	3 Pork Chops in Cream Sauce Rice Pilaf Veggie Medley Orange Sections Bread Pudding	4 Beef Chili Garden Salad Corn Bread Banana Cinnamon Roll Cookies	5 Ruben "Sandwich" Casserole Potato Wedges Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Peaches	6 Solman Patties OR Chef's Choice Sweet Potato Fries Baked Cauliflower Berries	7 Chicken Fried Rice Egg Roll Sesame Slaw Pineapple Almond Cookie
8 Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Rosemary Cream Brussel Sprouts Plums	9 Roasted Turkey Wild Rice Peas & Carrots Cranberry Sauce Carrot Cake	10 Roast Beef Gravy Mashed Potatoes Roasted Carrots Pears Jello Salad	11 BBQ Chicken Veggie Medley Pasta Salad Peaches Chocolate Chip Cookie	12 Pork Stew Green Beans Biscuits Spiced Apples Molasses Cookie	13 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Spinach Salad with Fruit Foccacia Bread	14 Deluxe Chicken Patty Sandwich Tomato Soup Cucumber Salad Tropical Fruit
15 Turkey Ala King Egg Noodles Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll Peaches Peanut Butter Kiss Cookie	16 Chicken Tortilla Soup Roasted Corn Mexican Corn Bread Pineapple Lime Jello Salad	17 Smoked Sausage Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potatoes Glazed Carrots Tropical Fruit	18 Beef Tips French Fries Green Beans Garden Salad Pears Rootbeer Float	19 Parmesean Crusted Chicken Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Apple Crisp	20 Liver & Onions OR Deluxe Cheese Burger Roasted Reds Peas Citrus Salad	21 Ham & Bean Soup Veggie & Cheese Pinwheel Pears Appricot Bars
22 Pork Roast Gravy Roasted Root Veggies Garden Salad Melons	23 Chicken Cordon Bleu Creamy Risitto Broccoli Tropical Fruit No Bake Cookie	24 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peach Cobbler	25 Sausage Gravy Biscuits Parmasean Zucchini Bake Fruit Juice	26 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Veggie Medley Cranberry Sauce	27 Swedish Meatballs Egg Noodles Peas & Carrots Watergate Salad w/Pineapple	28 Pumpkin Soup Chicken Salad On Leafy Greens Blueberry Muffin Pears
29 Unbreaded Fish Wild Rice Asparagus Garden Salad Pineapple	30 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Cheesy Broccoli Raisin Bars	31 Meatloaf Baked Potato Stewed Tomatoes Green Beans Waldorf Salad				

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City Commission

First of the Year Decisions

Betty Bruner
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NEWELL-The Newell City Commissioners began 2023 with several motions designating the official depository, legal publication and attorney. First National Bank was set as the official depository, the Black Hills Pioneer as official legal publication, and legal counsel for the town will be Bennett, Main, Gubbard & Willert.

Commissioner Don Adams was elected as Council President. The commission also officially set meeting time at 5 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Last month the commission had discussed paying several vendors online to simplify bill paying via auto pay. The nine vendors are BHP, Johnson Brothers, Cash-Wa, Eagle Sales, First National Bank, Republic Beverages, VOSS Distributing, Southern Glaziers, and Fisher Beverage.

The Newell Volunteer Fire Department roster was approved with 27 volunteers listed.

Mayor Wetz explained that by approving the list, the volunteers are eligible for Workman's Comp.

The sales tax report for the end of the year shows that the Year to Date final comparison between 2021 and 2022 with 2022 bringing in \$141,584.45. This is

City Commission D2

Vale Ag Fair



Kyle Cox signs up for the door prize at A & R Excavation with Randy and Allison Stark enjoy a visit. - Brunner photo

Colleen Brunner
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VALE – January 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. saw the Vale Community Club host the 17th Annual Vale Ag Fair at the hall. More than 20 businesses from the local area set up booths around the south end of the hall while the north side held tables that were filled nearly non-stop from around 11 on with folks enjoying the delicious beef and baked potato meal.

Lunch was only served from 11 to 1 but people lingered after to visit with each other and talk to the representatives about their

products. Businesses included: A & R Excavation, Belle Fourche Watershed River, Belle Valley Irrigation, Black Hills Tent & Awning, Boom Concrete, Butte Conservation District, Butte County Equipment, CBH Co-Op, Farm Credit Services, First National Bank, Grossenberg Implement, Jenner Equipment, Leber Ag, Midwestern Meat Locker, Premier Equipment, SD Stockgrowers, SoDak Applicting, Vale Volunteer Fire Department, VIP Agency, WRCTC, and Wulf's Metal Works.

KBHB Radio Station broadcasted from the location. The event focuses on businesses that support the local ag environment in the area, especially in western Butte County.

Delta Dental Mobile Sees Numerous Newell Students

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NEWELL – “The Newell school is blessed to have the Delta Dental Mobile come each year in January,” said Whatever It Takes Coalition Director Sabrina Harmon. “We start the

year off with happy and healthy smiles." The bus was here January 9 through 12. No head count or number of procedures was available at press time but the two mobile buses travel to an average of 85 different South Dakota communities and treat more than 63,000 children.

They have provided more than \$34 million in dental care. Both trucks travel an average of 40 weeks every year. Around 3,500 are served each year.

Staff volunteering their time
this year and working at the

Delta Dental D2



Volunteer staff this year for the Delta Dental Mobile included: Jordynnn Gehm - Assistant; Dr. Ross Johnson DDS, MSD; JoAnn Scumlsky-Assistant; Darlene Bothwell - Hygienist; and Teresa Masteller - Bus Coordinator. - Brunner photo

School Board

Ongoing Maintenance Issues

Colleen Brunner
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NEWELL – “We’re still trying to get the dry wall to dry out so it can be replaced,” said Superintendent Andrew Fergen, referring to a water main break in the middle school portion of campus over Christmas break. “Mainly Mrs. Erk’s room,” he said. The adjustor came and is writing up a report, the school had an electrician come in and the next phase of repair will be replacing the drywall.

“Currently, all the pipes are fixed and water is running in all buildings,” said Fergen. “We have cleaned all of the standing water from the hallways and classrooms. Sheetrock and flooring that cannot be dried will be removed for the safety of our students and staff.”

The board is still working toward the asbestos removal in the elementary and ag/science buildings as well as the high school. The approval of the engineering firm was part of the

agenda Monday night, January 9 and plans are moving forward with that approval. The project will be paid for with ESSER III funds. The company was scheduled to be at the school this past week to take measurements.

An election date on April 11 was approved in conjunction with the city. This will save funds for the school as not as many election staff members need to be hired.

"Dusty (Braun) and Todd (Youngberg) are up for election," said Fergen.

The calendar for the 2023-2024 school year was approved with the designation that snow days will be made up of the Friday following the event. A long discussion about utilizing virtual learning, which the school implemented during Covid through Google Classroom, was held.

“If you do virtual learning you have to guarantee that you can reach 100 percent of your students” said Fergn. “I like to

Maintenance D4



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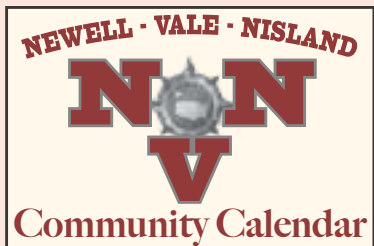


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If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenbrunner@gmail.com

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

Jan. 19: GBB at Newell vs. Custer, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 20: Newell Public Library's - Crafting Circle, 1-3 p.m. Newell Public Library is happy to be hosting a Community Crafting Circle on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at 1 pm, there is no set cut off time other than the library does close at 5:00 p.m. It is open to all teens & adults, we have a very large open space with a large table, lots of seating and a friendly environment. All you have to do is Bring-Your-Own-Craft & supplies/tools to craft with, we welcome many crafts from the needle arts, painting/drawing, scrapbooking, beading, etc. also, if you are unsure if the Library can accommodate your type of craft, please feel free to call or stop in to make sure it is ok.

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

Jan. 21: Butte County EMS Dodgeball tournament at Austin Auditorium. 6 p.m. All EMS services will have teams: Belle Fourche Fire Dept., Nisland/Arpan Fire Dept., Vale Fire Dept., Newell Fire Dept., Castle Rock Fire Dept., Newell Ambulance, Belle Fourche Ambulance, Butte County Dispatch. Call 605-645-0813 for more information.

Jan. 21: Butte County Fire Protection Meat Raffle Event at Outlaw, 615 5th Ave., Belle Fourche, 2-4 p.m. Please join us at The Outlaw for our Fundraising Meat Raffle, this year's benefactor is the Butte County Fire Protection Association Organized & hosted by Fire & Iron Station 118

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

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

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

Feb. 2: GBB/BBB at Newell vs. Hill City, 3 p.m.

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

Feb. 4: GBB/BBB at Newell vs Lead 1 p.m.

Feb. 4: Tri-State Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet February 4, 5:30 PM at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, 512 6th Avenue. Join us for a great dinner, games, raffles, silent and live auctions. Come and help conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl and other wildlife. Contact Ben Dempsey 406-670-6936. Tickets available online at <https://www.ducks.org/events> or at the door.

Feb. 7: GBB/BBB at Newell vs. Oelrichs, 4 p.m.

From D1 City Commission

an increase of \$34,281.86 from 2021, most of which came from the Newell Liquor Store.

Salaries for Newell employees were also approved. They are as follows:

Mayor Ken Wetz \$1009.40, Commissioner Don Adams \$849.75, Commissioner Lorri Olson \$849.75, Commissioner Tiffany Tennis \$849.75, Commissioner Allen Youngberg \$849.75, Barney Barnes \$38,000, Bernie Minne

\$22,568, Sidney Durham \$10,80/hr, Dennis Myrice \$12.85, Lyle Nelson \$13.85, Larry Parker \$47,777.60, Diana Williams \$10.80, Michelle Harkins \$10.80, Sheila Smith \$37,772.80, Arlene Sundstrom \$14.85, Verl Tiftt \$15.05, Linda Velder \$14.03, Kendahl Wetz \$14.35, Lisa Wonderly \$12.85, and Library subs \$10.80.

There was extended discussion on allowing some citizens and vendors to use the City Hall at a free or reduced price.

"It needs to be a level playing field," said Commissioner Lorri

Olson.

She was recommending that everyone should pay. Finance Officer Sheila Smith explained that it costs approximately \$8,000 per year to have City Hall available, between water, lights, and heating the building. The cost to use the building is \$50 per day of use.

No decision was made by the commission but will be discussed further.

The next regular city commission meeting will be February 13 at 5 p.m.

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From D1 Delta Dental

Newell location included: D. Ross Johnson DDS, MSD, Jordynn Gehm, assistant, JoAnn Scmulsky, assistant, Darlene Bothwell, hygienist and Teresa Masteller, bus coordinator.

The WIT Coalition made this possible, although many people and businesses including Pioneer Bank and Trust annually support this endeavor financially.

The program was launched in 2004 to expand access to oral healthcare services to children throughout the rural state. It is provided to limited-income families in the rural and urban areas of South Dakota.

The program costs approximately \$26,000 per week to operate each truck. Local sponsors

contribute a modest stipend, generally \$2500. Children up to age 21 see care. The staff provides oral health education, preventative services such as cleanings, fluoride varnish, and dental sealants, as well as restorative care. Medicaid and other insurance products are accessed if available.

On Thursday during the lunch break, the WIT Coalition provided a lunch for the volunteer staff, WIT board members and supporters.

Also during the first week of the year, the WIT Coalition provided fresh caramel rolls for the Butte County Sheriff's Office staff. Harmon presented the rolls at the school to Butte County Sheriff Deputy Brandon Fox. The rolls were made by Clara Johnson/aka the Pie Lady.



Three members of the Delta Dental Mobile staff visit during the complimentary WIT Coalition sponsored luncheon with locals including board members, Mike Koelker (far back-right) and Edna McDermott, right front. - Brunner photo



WIT Coalition Director Sabrina Harmon hands off some home-made cinnamon rolls, courtesy of the coalition and baker Clara Johnson, aka The Pie Lady in recognition of Law Enforcement Week. - Brunner photo

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Grand River Roundup

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Monday was a beautiful day with a temperature of 46 degrees and no wind. I made a quick trip to Buffalo that afternoon to renew my driver's license and to drop off the Republican Party County Central Committee Certification form with the Harding County Auditor.

The guys started shearing the sheep for wool-blinding early Tuesday morning and they were still working at that when I left for Ladies Aid at the church that afternoon. Norma Tenold hosted the meeting that afternoon with a delicious lunch afterwards. Tuesday was also the first day of the 2023 South Dakota legislature. Please pray for wisdom for the legislators that serve for us in Pierre.

We welcomed two new baby girls into the neighborhood. Maizee Mae was born to Cory and TaTania Verhulst on January 5, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and 19 inches long.

Little Ila Ruth was born to Jake and Katie Helms on January 9, and she also weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Both baby girls were



born in Hettinger. Congratulations to these families!

Patsy Wilkinson, Linda Mohagen and I went quilting at the church Wednesday morning and I met Casey coming home from the church as I was going down there. He had been working to get the toilet fixed in the ladies bathroom downstairs. It was giving him a lot of trouble, but thankfully, he finally got it fixed really well. Linda Mohagen had to leave at noon because she and Pastor Henry were going up to visit Tony and Dorothy Holt at the nursing home in Lemmon that afternoon. Taz and Trig spent Wednesday working on Taz and Amanda's basement that afternoon after doing chores.

Reub had his "Wellness Checkup" at the Hettinger Clinic on Thursday and we picked up a bunch of sheetrock screws for Taz. Taz and Trig are putting sheetrock on the new walls they are building in Taz's basement and it's looking pretty nice down there.

We lost a couple friends this week. Belle Kvale, age 97, of Lemmon, passed away on Tuesday, January 10, at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger. Funeral services for Belle were Saturday, January 14, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon.

Dorothy Weichert, age 80, of Belle Fourche and formerly of the Faith area, passed away on Wednesday, January 11, at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Nursing Home in Belle Fourche, SD. Funeral arrangements are pending with the Faith Area Memorial Chapel of the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Faith.

Louise Jensen came down to visit Amanda's family Friday morning and stayed for lunch with them. When Amanda put the little people down for their nap, Louise came up to visit Reub and me and brought me a big package of egg cartons so I sent some more eggs home with her. I guess eggs are hard to find now and are really expensive if you can locate any. I thought I was kind of dumb when I got my 12 pullets, but I guess that was a good thing!

Keen Jensen is Jace and Kami Jensen's two year old son, Amanda's nephew, and Louise Jensen's great grandson.



teeman. It was a long day and we didn't get home until after dark.

Slim Buttes Lutheran held the annual meeting on Sunday after Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen served a delicious lunch at the church. There was an election of officers on the church board and Iver Heier and Casey were termed out and Eric Schuchard and Taz Olson were elected to take their place to serve with Brad Johnson, Brock Besler, Daron Tenold, and Kent Wilkinson.

Sunday evening Reub and I went to Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's with Vince and Susan Gunn, John and Corinne Erickson, Jim and Lucy Anderson, Todd and Anna Buer, and Duane Harris. It was a delightful evening.

Do you remember the 'Stella Awards'? For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right ladies and gentlemen; those are the awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head!

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

January 9, 1913
Moreau River district is all torn up over a dispute between cattlemen and sheepmen. It is claimed that Fred S. Driscoll and Oliver Rose, two prominent sheepmen, were driving 1700 sheep along a trail which is regularly used by travelers, but which crosses a school section leased by C.L. Yates, a cattleman. Yates objected to the sheep crossing the land and when they approached, he with a force of men, is alleged to impounded the 1700 sheep for trespass. Driscoll and Rose have brought suit for \$2000 against Yates and others implicated in the affair and gave bonds to cover any damage the sheep did.

Commissioner Tom Stinson came down from Sompont Monday and took the early freight Tuesday morning for Belle Fourche to be in attendance at the January meeting of the County Commission. E.A. Ritter and Charles Schedwin arrived in Newell at 5 o'clock AM Monday and took the 5:30 freight to Belle Fourche, the former to meet with the County Commission and the latter on business. They were both up all night having spent the most of the night at Vale attending the joint installation ceremony and banquet of the IOOF and Rebekahs.

January 11, 1923
The local firemen held their regular annual meeting at the lodge hall on Monday evening and the newly elected officers were seated at this time. After

the routine business of the session the boys put on a little spread and spent the balance of the evening in a general good time.

A few days ago while threshers were at Bill Cooper's, a son was born. The very next day another crew was threshing at Sherrill Davis' and a 10 pound boy was born to Mrs. Davis. Charles Gould was to thresh the next day, but has decided to stack his grain and will thresh in cooler weather.

Messers Schmele, Staiger, Ernest, Rowan and Milberg had several cars of lumber shipped in from Aladdin to Horse Creek siding and are preparing to erect new sheep sheds. Ervin Ernest is hauling lumber to the Moreau River Ranch to also build a sheep shed.

Spoken of as one of the fastest growing creameries in this western section, the Chadron Creamery has announced the opening of a buying station in Newell. The operator in charge of the Newell Station will be Mr. William Philips who will move to Newell. The Chadron Creamery will also buy eggs here during the coming spring for storage and distribution in the Chadron territory. The Irrigator welcomes the new concern to the business life of this community. Stop by on January 17, when they will be ready to receive cream and get acquainted.

January 12, 1933
The passing of former President Calvin Coolidge recalls to people of Butte County his visit

in 1927 to Newell, Nisland and Belle Fourche during his vacation period in the Black Hills. Mr. Coolidge came to Newell September 1, at 7:00 AM and made a tour of the US Experiment Farm here, after which he went to Nisland and attended the afternoon program at the Butte County Fair. On July 4, he also attended the Black Hills Round-Up at Belle Fourche.

Butte County received \$5000 as its January allotment of RFC funds from the state relief committee, out of which \$1500 was allotted for the use of the Newell Committee. Work had to be halted shortly before the close of the year, but with the new funds available those who are needy and destitute will again be allowed to work.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders' meeting of the N.M. Bratton Mercantile Company will be held in the offices of the company in the town of Newell, 17, 1933 at 8 o'clock PM. for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before such meeting. Issued by N.M. Bratton, President of said company

January 14, 1943
In a move to facilitate rationing of canned goods, wholesalers and jobbers have been permitted to develop their stocks to equal a 3 months' supply of canned fruits, vegetables and juices. According to the War Production Board, this does not mean that the consumer will have an increased amount available to him, but will make sure establishments that sell food to the public (cafés and grocery stores) will have an adequate supply on hand when rationing begins.

Effective January 15, the Army declared today, no package can be sent to a soldier overseas unless that soldier has requested the article and the request has been approved by his commander. The action was taken to relieve the terrific burdened on transport facilities already taxed to carry necessary supplies.

Mrs. Stanley Ireland returned to Newell last week and has accepted the position at the REA office recently resigned by Mrs. Everett Owens, who plans to make her home near the Army Camp where Mr. Owens is stationed.

Harry Mabbet of Belle Fourche was a dinner guest Saturday and Sunday at the home of Charles Wilson and Frank Martin and also enjoyed some pheasant hunting. Two pheasant hunters from Rapid City killed a coyote on the Charles Wilson farm south of town. It was a full grown rare sight and they got it with their shotguns.



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Inspecting the new Water System; Ed Lesselyoung Public Works Foreman and Donald Hafner City Commissioner in charge if Public Works

January 8, 1953
A trace of precipitation in the form of a light shower Wednesday evening put the finishing touches on the driest September-December period in history at Newell. According to A.Osenberg, weather observer at the US Experiment Farm at Newell, only .46 of an inch of moisture was recorded during the last 4 months of the year, nearly an inch less than in any other corresponding 4-month period and considerably less than the 1908-1952 average for those months of 3.31 inch. Although the 6.64 the 1911 year, was the driest ever recorded here, the year 1933 was the next dry spell had a total precipitation of 19.21.

Mrs. H.R. Wolcott and daughter, Janis went by bus to Rapid City to spend the week end with the other daughter Betty Anne and friend Grace Black. Mrs. Wolcott, Betty Anne and Janis were Friday evening supper guests at the home of S. Sgt & Mrs. Travis McCain at the Air Base near Rapid City. Mrs. Wolcott and Janis again went by bus on New Year's Day to Rapid City to spend the day with daughter Betty Anne and Grace Black. They returned home Sunday by the same method.

An organized rabbit hunt which started at 2:00 PM Saturday and lasted until 6:00 PM that evening netted around 100 rabbits in and around the Fairpoint community. Sides were chosen and the losers paid off by serving the customary oyster supper to the winners. Lots of fun was had by all, so another hunt will be held soon.

January 13, 1963

West River and local horse owners were awarded the major portion of top trophies at the recent annual meeting of the SD Quarter Horse Association banquet at Pierre. Don & Mary Webb, who attended the banquet from Newell, were awarded the trophy for the highest point senior reining horse in the State on their stallion, Mexico Jr., which also placed in the cutting class. Jack and Betty Smeenk received 2 trophies on their stallion Chief Licka, as highest point horse in the state on barrel racing and tying with 2 others in poles bending. Mr. & Mrs. Webb brought the Smeenk's trophies to them.

Miss Carolyn Wilson substitute taught school last week at the Trail Creek School. She was a visitor and overnight guest of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Babb on Wednesday.

Approximately 40 Newell taxpayers endorsed a proposal for a test water well and new source of softer city water presented by members of the City Commission at a special town meeting Monday night at the High School Assembly. Mayor Hugh T. Caton estimated at from \$35,000 to \$40,000, on which he indicated the Commission plan to submit the question of issuing bonds to the voters either by petition or at a special election. Members of the Commission as well as most taxpayers present were agreed that it would be undesirable to dilute or mix well water with the present supply, although the city would be fortunate in having the latter for an emergency source.



Betty Smeenk, Champion Barrel Racer. She won many awards

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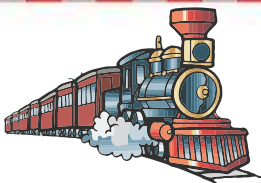
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Butte County School Holds Delayed Program

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NEWELL – Wednesday, January 4, the Butte County school students finally got to present their program titled “Best Christmas Pageant Ever.” The 20 students and teachers came together following a delay due to weather and the program was a big hit with both parents, grandparents and friends as well as other members of the local community. The school was packed with people who greatly enjoyed the storyline and music.

The program told the story of the Herdman family, folks who didn’t really understand what a church Christmas program was all about. They heard there was food and decided a program was for them. In the process the children of this unusual family basically took over all the parts of the nativity characters and with shepherds being led along by an unlikely angel and wise men showing up with a Christmas ham, the program was funny, touching and showed the long hours of practice and attention to detail that the communi-

ty has come to expect from the Mennonite families who live here. Characters were portrayed included: Ralph-Jordan, Leroy-Blaize, Ollie-Jaxon P., Imogene-Raquel, Claude-Jared and Gladys-Lauren. What a joy it was to see the children dressed in their best and sharing the old familiar story of the birth of Christ.

Music presented by the children (a Capela) during the evening included: No Great Gift, Come, Tell Me All About Christmas, Joy to the World, The Friendly Beasts, Silent Night, Jesus’ Light, and Cover the World With Love.

Students of the school sharing their talents during the evening included: Rael, Savannah, Keller, Blaize, Jordan, Trey, Isaac, Jaxon Y, Juel, Branson, Jared, Lauren, Jaxon P., Kelmey, Todd, Charelle and teachers Tristan, Cassidy and Melanie.

Following the program there were all kinds of goodies to be shared over fellowship together. The Mennonite folks know how to cook and bake and no one went away hungry.



An unusual nativity presentation by the Butte County school students (see the ham on the floor as a gift from the wise men) of the nativity story. - Brunner photo



The Mennonite folks know how to cook and bake and no one went away hungry. - Brunner photo

Lady Irrigators Take Third in West River Tourney

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NEWELL/RAPID CITY – The 32nd Annual Girls West River Tournament, hosted in Newell and Hot Springs, began on January 10 for the Newell Lady Irrigators. They grabbed a win against the Upton Bobcats, 41-38.

Scoring was low for both teams in the first quarter, but the Irrigator girls only managed six points on the board. Two field goals came from Jaelyn Wendt and one from Taylor Gaer. In the second period things picked up for Newell, as Gaer put it in gear with two treys and other scoring came from four other Irrigator players. They outscored Upton 13-8 in the period for a half-time lead of 19-13.

Three field goals and three of three at the free-throw line gave Newell nine points in the third period, compared to the Bobcats seven, giving the Irrigators a three-point lead 28-25 going

into the final quarter.

That was nearly an even period with Newell putting 15 points on the boards to Upton’s 12. That gave Newell the victory, 43-38

Bailey Freytag-0 3 0/0 3; Rachel Erk-1 0 2/4 4; Jaelyn Wendt-6 0 3/5 15; Kim Johnson-2 0 1/2 5; Taylor Gaer-2 2 3/4 13; Macy Wendt-1 0 1/2 3.

In the second game, hosted on Friday, January 13 at Newell’s Austin Auditorium Newell suffered a loss to Faith, who ultimately went on to the championship game. Newell headed into the consolation bracket. The Irrigators were outscored at each quarter and lost 48-33.

Junior Mary Mahaffy started the game and put up three treys in the first period. Along with one of two at the charity stripe by Gaer, it gave Newell 10 points in the first period. Faith put 13 points on the scoreboard.

In the second period things didn’t look any better for Newell in the second quarter as they managed just six points,

two field goals by Johnson and two of two at the line by Jaelyn Wendt. That gave the Longhorns a 24-16 lead at the half.

Gaer hit from the arc in the beginning of the third period and Wendt put up two field goals. Erk hit inside the paint for 11 points in the quarter. Meanwhile Faith punched in 15 points to push the lead to 12.

The final quarter saw three quick field goals by Hailey McCann and that was all the scoring Newell had for their final points. With the Longhorns hitting for nine points, they grabbed the win, 48-33.

Erk-1 0 0/0 2, McCann 2 0 0/0 6, J.Wendt 2 0 2/3 6, Mahaffy 0 3 0/0 9, Johnson 2 0 0/1 4, Gaer 0 1 1/2 4.

The girls next traveled to Barnett Arena at the Rapid City Civic Center to take on the Edgemont Moguls on Saturday, January 14. They grabbed third place for the tournament and a 50-39 victory.



The Newell Lady Irrigators took a 3rd-place finish in the 32nd West River Tournament this past week. Back row from left: Asst. Coach Emylee Hency, Macey Wendt, Jaelyn Wendt, Taylor Gaer, Stacy Mahaffy, Kim Johnson, Hailey McCann, Rachel Erk, Coach Scott Wince. Front row from left: Tayla Neely, Kendra Johnson, Rachel Stranberg, Bethany Mahaffy, Sarah Erk and Braylee Freytag. - Courtesy photo

Boys Settle for Seventh at the WRT

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NEWELL – The Irrigator boys basketball team did not fare well in the 41st West River Tournament, only managing to snag a 7th-place finish against the Edgemont Moguls in the final game they played at the Rapid City Civic Center on Saturday, January 14. They started their trek on Thursday, January 13 in Austin Auditorium as they were pitted against a tough Faith Longhorn team that would go on to the championship game against Hot Springs.

The Irrigators were outscored at every turn, with a particularly large gap widening in the second quarter. The first quarter saw them down 19-10 with two three-pointers, one by Will Juelfs and one by Colton Burtzloff who also put up one from inside the paint. Jameson Duncan added another field goal.

In the second period Juelfs hit for two from the arc and Burtzloff remained steady with two field goals but that was all the Irrigators could put on the board for the period. Meanwhile, the Longhorns scored 22 points, mostly on three-point shots by Caden Selby who hit three times in the quarter. That widened the gap to 41-20 at the half.

Newell managed to put just four points on the scoreboard in the third quarter, a field goal each by Duncan and Juelfs. At the end of three periods of play Faith was up 54-24 and the writing was on the wall.

Things picked up a bit for Newell in the final period as Faith subbed younger players and fouls sent both Juelfs and Burtzloff to the line. Juelfs hit a two-pointer and one of two at the line, while Burtzloff hit two field goals and was unsuccessful in his free-throw attempts. Even though Faith only scored three points in the period, they already had a big enough lead to coast. The game ended 57-31 in the Longhorns favor.

Duncan 2, 0 0/0 4, Juelfs 2 3 1/2 14, Burtzloff 5 1 0/2 13.

Newell took on the New Underwood Tigers in their second game on Friday, January 13. This contest was dismal for the hometown boys from the beginning, with the Tigers jumping out to an 11-point lead in the first quarter. With only eight players on the team, Newell has little for subbing opportunities and the Irrigators tired quickly in the running game.

Ten points went on the scoreboard for Newell in the first period in the form of a field goal each from Juelfs and Burtzloff, who also scored from the arc. Duncan also hit from

the arc to total the 10 points. Meanwhile, New Underwood hit for 21 points.

The Tigers added 18 points in the second period, while the Irrigators only managed eight. Duncan remained strong with a field goal, a trey and one of three at the line. Burtzloff put up another layup to end the period. At the half Newell was down 39-18.

The last two periods saw the Irrigators manage only five points per period. Another three-pointer from Duncan and a field goal by Devon Jones, scoring for the first time in the tournament gave Newell their only third period points. New Underwood scored a total of 15 to outscore the Irrigator by 10.

Burtzloff stepped up in the fourth with two field goals and appoint after on the last on the foul. That was it for Newell thought. The game ended with a 67-28 victory for New Underwood.

Duncan 2 3 1/4 12, Jones 1 0 0/0 2, Juelfs 1 0 0/3 2, Burtzloff 4 1 1/5 12.

The Newell boys’ team also went up against the Edgemont Moguls in the final day of action, playing at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 in Barnett Arena. The boys finally saw success with a 51-39 victory to take the seventh-place spot.

From D1 Maintenance

see the students in the classroom.”

Chairman Tyrell Bonnet said he felt it should be an option and suggested putting together staff and administration to create potential learning programs for the staff to utilize in the event of a snow day.

“We need to cover everybody and make sure teachers and paras are included,” said Bonnet. “Let’s get a task force put together and come up with a plan to bring back to the board.”

Other calendar notations included holding parent/teacher conferences on just one day and Fergen also made note of the fact that no date had been finalized for homecoming 2023.

With the vacancy in the Maintenance Head, Jeremiah Weeldryer is still filling in. The school also still needs Special Ed teachers and at least one para-professional but the accepted

a resignation from para Angelia Thorstenson and hired new para Marietta Perkins.

“Thank you for hiring me for this job,” said Food Service Director Betty Bruner. “I just love it.” She said that with the snow days December ended up being a short month. She also brought a concern to the board of the south and east wall of the kitchen where dishes are

prepped for washing.”The wall is beginning to deteriorate and we could easily preserve that with a couple sheets of (waterproof) board. There is constant water on that wall and the paint is coming off; it’s starting to pit the surface underneath.”

Salary approval was tabled until after the executive session and those figures were not available at press time.



(Left) There was standing water on new flooring that was just replaced outside Anna Erk’s classroom in the middle school wing due to a water break. - Courtesy photos

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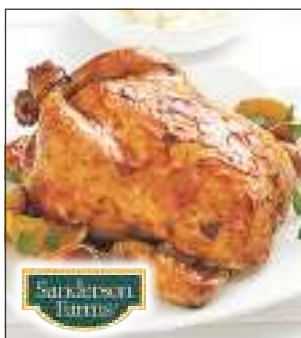
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