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## COUNCILMAN SOWERS —

### “Allegations Baseless and Without Evidence”

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**BELLE FOURCHE** – By a vote of 6-to-2 the Belle Fourche City Council voted last week to drop allegations of code of ethics violations against Ward 3 Councilman Randy Sowers. After more than an hour of discussion the council decided not to seek a written report on the matter, as suggested by City Attorney Dwight Gubbrud, and instead acted upon a motion by Ward 1 Councilman Monte Talkington and Ward 2 Councilman Derrick Erhart not to pursue the matter further.

“It wasn’t an easy thing that was brought forth,” Mayor Randy Schmidt told the Beacon. “Hopefully we can work together and continue to move forward which I think we’re all excited to do.”

Sowers gave a forceful defense of his actions before a packed house of supporters, calling the allegations “baseless and without evidence.” During discussion a few audience members voiced their support for the councilman and at times had to be gavelled down by Mayor Randy Schmidt. The mood in the room was sometimes edgy and confrontational but never got out of hand.

The alleged violations were sent to Councilman Sowers in a letter that was published in full in the Jan. 12th edition of the Beacon. In the interest of transparency Sowers asked that the letter against him be published.

“That’s part of who I am, I’m a transparent person,” he

## Councilman Sowers Allegations Dropped



3rd Ward City Council member, **Randy Sowers** addresses fellow council members and a standing room only group of Belle Fourche citizens and voters crowded into the City Council chambers for the Tuesday January 18th meeting. The vast majority of citizens were attending in support of Ward 3 councilman Randy Sowers who responded to allegations of code of ethics violations. After an hour of discussion the council voted to drop the allegations by a vote of 6-to-2. *Beacon Photo*

told the Beacon. “If I’m doing something that is wrong, I’d like to know so I can fix it. I’m not doing it intentionally; I’m doing what I think is best in every situation. I’m not trying to do anything maliciously.”

There were three allegations of code of ethics violations contained in the letter from the mayor’s office to Councilman Sowers. The first involved conflict of interest regarding the Belle Fourche Rec Center and the city’s renting of roll-off

garbage dumpsters. The letter alleges that Sowers questioned whether the city should be in competition with private businesses who provide similar services, businesses which the letter states have family ties to Sowers.

The second allegation involved monitoring, following and tracking city employees while they were on and off duty and recruiting others to do so. The third was adding items to the Council’s agenda at the “last

moment” or raising concerns during public meetings that haven’t yet been discussed in department meetings or with a department head prior to the public meeting. The letter outlined Sowers’ opportunity to tell his side of the story at the Jan. 18th council meeting.

The city’s Code of Ethical Conduct states that the standards are in place to “ensure that each elected official conducts themselves in a manner that will instill public

confidence and trust in the fair operation and integrity of Belle Fourche’s city government.” The document further states that the code is to be self-enforcing.

During the Jan. 18th council meeting Mayor Schmidt read from a statement outlining to the meeting how the allegations were brought forward, according to the code. “If council members become aware of perceived infractions of the code

**Sowers B5**

## New SRO and BHSD Psychologist Introduced to the School Board



**Les Patenode**, the newly-hired School Resource Officer who will maintain an office at the high school. – Beacon photo

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Newly hired School Resource Officer Les Patenode was introduced to the school board at their most recent regular meeting in Belle Fourche on Jan. 10th. Officer Patenode will maintain an office at the high school.

“I’m pretty excited about getting started with this position,” Officer Patenode told the board. “I look forward to working together with all of you on the board and everyone here at the school district.”

Officer Patenode is a Poly Sci major from Black Hills State University. Prior to that he

spent nine years in the Army.

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

The district will pay for 9-months of the SRO’s salary while the city will pay the other three months during the summer. In the summer months the SRO will assist the Belle Fourche Police Department with investigative and other

**New School Positions B5**

**Notice of Vacancy:**  
All Belle Fourche Wards will have a vacant seat due to the expiration of the present terms. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 28, 2022 and petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at Belle Fourche City Hall, 511 6th Avenue, BF between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. MST and returned not later than the 25th day of February, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. or mailed by registered mail not later than the 25th day of February 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

## BF Development Corporation Recognizes New Businesses

**BELLE FOURCHE** – The Belle Fourche Development Corporation (BFDC) recognized seven new businesses and several individuals at their annual meeting held Jan. 19th. The meeting and a buffet dinner was held before a packed house of BFDC members and citizens at Graps conference room on the city’s south side.

The seven new businesses recognized included Albany Farms which is in the process of building a major food production facility in the city that promises to bring hundreds of jobs to the area soon. They announced their intent to bring the nation’s largest ramen noodle plant to Belle Fourche in October.

“This announcement engages all types of business activity from local contractors in the construction phase to local suppliers for packaging, flour and grains in our ag industry, and will grow to serve global markets from right here in Belle Fourche,” said Hollie Stalder, BFDC Executive Director.

Among their delegation was Albany Farms CEO Bill Saller.

“It’s an absolute thrill to be here,” Saller told the crowd. “This hasn’t been a simple journey but I do want to share that the economic development corporation led by Hollie Stalder is the reason we’re here. We had lots of opportunities to move our operations to many different states but we chose Belle Fourche because of the people and because it’s in the wheat belt and we’re excited about that.”

“And it’s not easy to explain that we’re looking to do some significant manufacturing in a community that may not be used to that,” he said. “But we’re real excited about it and we think more and more people are starting to see the work that we’re doing on the building. We’re challenged with getting machines from overseas. It’s been an interesting thing with the chip shortages and things like that. But we’re finally at a point where we should be up and running with production hopefully in a few months. We are honored to be a part of the community.”

Also part of the Albany Farms

contingent was Lyle Rogalla, the Lead Engineer and Plant Supervisor, who recently closed on a house in Belle Fourche, Mandy Brewer, Albany’s Chief Commercial Officer, Rahat Chowdhury, Vice President of Operations, Oscar Gonzalez, Chief of International Business, Lee Brazil, New Business Development, HR Manager Angie Besler and Nicolle Saller, Administrative Assistant.

Other businesses honored were Black Hills Diner, owned by Adam and Krisi Lee; MJ’s Marketplace, managed by Mollie Blair; the Hitching Post Tap Room, owned by Slade & Alexandra Hansen; AJ Farms 605, owned by Joe and Alicia Giaculli; Tri-State Emergency Spill Response; and Prairie Hills Engraving owned by Alez Hendricks.

Also recognized was former mayor Gary Hendrickson for his community vision and leadership on establishing the Belle Fourche Rail and Industrial Park. In addition, Belle Fourche School Superintendent Dr.

**EDC Annual Meeting B4**



New Businesses in 2021 recognized at the ED Annual meeting: **Albany Farms, MJ’s Market, Prairie Hills Engraving, Black Hills Diner**. Not present, but recognized: **Hitching Post Tap House, Tri-State Emergency Spill Response, and AJ Farms 605**.





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## Willanore “Willie” Ruby 94




Deadwood where Lyle worked at a milk processing plant. Their two sons Wayne and Dale were born while they lived there. In 1955 they moved into Belle Fourche where Lyle had a bulk gas truck route for Patron's Oil. Their daughter Cindy was born in Belle. In 1965 they purchased some dairy cows and rented a place to start milking. They then purchased the farm and moved to the country where they dairy farmed for 30 years. In 1997, Lyle's health failed and the farm was sold and they moved back to town. Lyle passed in 2003. Together they were blessed with 54 years of marriage.

All in a day's work was having a hot meal ready for family and friends at all hours of the day, lambing, feeding bottle calves and lambs, bookkeeping, feeding and caring for chickens and other poultry, gardening, with a special love of flowers. She was an avid bird watcher, puzzle builder, baker, canner, quilter for kids and grandkids. She was active in her church and bible study group and always had goodies (krispy bars) made for the great grands when they stopped after school. Willie will be remembered for her love and her sweet spirit. She was so thankful and so proud of her entire family. She will be truly missed by them all.

Willie is survived by her children, Cynthia (Chance) Davis of Belle Fourche, Wayne (Zana) Ruby of Gillette WY, Dale (Lucille) Ruby of Belle Fourche; 9 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lyle; infant daughter; brothers, Kenneth and Lynn Dunn; and sisters, Hazel Korpela, Maxine Mattson, Helen Couch, Sara Lee Stark, and an infant sister.

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## Kathy Koerner 65



Kathy Koerner, age 65 of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

The funeral service will be held 11am Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Tuesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Following the funeral, cremation will take place with inurnment at Black Hills National Cemetery this summer.

Kathy's funeral service will be broadcasted live online, on her obituary page located on the funeral home's website: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)

Kathy Kay Gustafson was born December 19, 1956 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Kenneth and Lauretta (Helke) Gustafson. Kathy grew up in Port Edwards WI where she graduated from high school in 1975. After high school, Kathy entered the U.S. Air Force and from 1975 to 1980 she was stationed at the Minot Air Force Base in Minot, North Dakota. While she was there, she met the love of her life, Lydell Koerner. They were united in marriage on May 20, 1978 in Port Edwards. To this union three sons were born: Adam, Ryan, and Travis. In 1981 Kathy and Lydell moved to Idaho where they were stationed at the Mountain Home Air Force Base. In 1984 they moved to the Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan. In 1987 the family moved to Belle Fourche, where they have lived since. Kathy spent 25 years working for Walmart in Spearfish as an accounting clerk. She retired in 2015.

Kathy enjoyed bowling and was a member of the couple's league and the ladies league in Belle Fourche. She also was an avid reader, loved camping and fishing. She was a kind, soft-spoken woman, generous and loving. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved her children and grandchildren so much. She will be greatly missed by all of them.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Lydell of Belle Fourche; sons, Adam (Stacey) of Charleston SC, Ryan (Heather) of Spearfish, Travis of Spearfish; 4 grandchildren, Fletcher, Skylar, Noah, Asher; 5 sisters, Karen Schultz of Newport News VA, Diane (David) Werderits of Nekoosa WI, Bonnie (Dick) Kempen of Wisconsin Rapids WI, Debra (Joe) Bradbury of Windsor ME, Pam (David) Groshek of Wisconsin Rapids WI; step-mother, Rose Gustafson of Stevens Point WI; sisters-in-law, Mary Jo Gustafson of Wisconsin Rapids WI, Cindy (Don) Ditmeyer of Mill Creek WA, Lisa (Val) Koerner of San Antonio TX ; and several nieces and nephews.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Larry Gustafson; and daughter-in-law, D.J.

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## Doris Norby 86

Doris C. Norby, age 86 of Roswell New Mexico, died December 31, 2021 in Roswell NM.

An open house celebration of her life will take place 12noon to 1pm on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will take place at 2pm at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Doris Conner was born May 7, 1935 in Virginia. Doris was married to Kenny Norby on February 27, 1993. Together they enjoyed 20 years of marriage and lived in Roswell, New Mexico. Kenny died in 2013.

Doris is survived by her step-daughter Barbara (Larry) Moe of Spearfish; son, Bobby Berry of Appomattox Virginia; step-daughter-in-law, Sharon Norby of Red Lodge, Montana; one grandson, step-grandchildren, Todd Moe, Lisa Pingrey, Brian Moe; 2 brothers, Robert C. Conner and Jesse F. Conner of Richmond, Virginia; sister, Lois Arnel of Wintergreen Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Kenny Norby in 2013; and step-son, Allan Norby.

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## Charlotte Henderson 94


Charlotte F. Henderson 94 died January 14, 2022 at her residence in Belle Fourche.

There will be no funeral or visitation per her request. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

## Pastor’s Perspective

*This week’s Pastor’s Perspective is provided by Stephen Carson, Belle Fourche Connection Church*

### “Oh, the depth of the riches...”



At the end of Romans chapter 11, in verses 33-35, the Apostle Paul penned some incredible, worshipful words about God. He wrote, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the LORD, or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”

Immediately after writing those words worshipping God for His greatness, Paul used a transitional word in Romans 12:1 which starts with the word, therefore. In other words, because of what was just written about God in 11:33-35, here is what we should now do in response to that. Romans 12:1-2 states this, “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

There are a couple of things I’d like to point out from those verses. First, Paul wrote that the Christian is to present his body to God as a living sacrifice, which is our spiritual service of worship. Now, Paul wrote these verses in the Koine Greek language. And the word he used in verse 1 for spiritual is the Greek word, logikos, from which we get our English word logical. In other words, in light of what he wrote in

11:33-35 about God and in light of the great mercies of God, the only logical, rational, reasonable response is for the Christian to present all of himself to God as a living sacrifice. We are to give ourselves to Him to be used in His service and for His glory.

Second, in light of the greatness of God, Paul wrote that the Christian should no longer be conformed to this world, but instead he should be transformed by the renewing of his mind. There is a beautiful imagery in this verse. The word Paul used for transformed in verse 2 is the Greek word metamorphao, from which we get our English word metamorphosis. Related to that, consider the butterfly that emerges from the chrysalis. Think of the beautiful transformation that takes place there. You see, rather than being conformed to this world, Christians are to be transformed by God Himself as they seek Him and submit to Him. If we open our hearts up to the things of this world, the world will gladly take our hearts and turn them into conformity. And the result of conformity to the world is that we will think like, act like, and live like the world. But, when we open our hearts up to God, He will transform us from the inside out. And as we grow in Christ and have our minds renewed by His truth, this will begin to permeate every part of our lives. We will begin to think differently, act differently, and live differently than the world. We will be people of love and purpose.

I pray that everyone who reads this article would consider their relationship with God. I pray that your faith would be placed in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. And I pray that we would give ourselves to God as living sacrifices to be transformed by Him. This is, after all, the only logical, rational response to our great God!

## Hebrews 10:23

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

## Isaiah 60:1

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.*





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## AmericInn by Wyndham Belle Fourche Wins The George S. Mickelson Award at Governor's Tourism Conference



Picture from left: SD Tourism Secretary **Jim Hagen**, AmericInn Assistant Manager **Denver Wilson**, AmericInn Co-owner **Stacey Raisanen**, and Lt. Governor **Larry Rhoden**. *Courtesy photo*

Thursday, January 20, the Department of Tourism honored tourism professionals and businesses from across South Dakota for their loyalty, commitment, and passion for the state's tourism industry.

The George S. Mickelson Award went to AmericInn by Wyndham Belle Fourche. This award honors businesses, communities or organizations that have done an exemplary job of customer service and exceeding visitor expectations.

On hand to accept the award were AmericInn co-owner Stacey Raisanen and Asst. Manager Denver Wilson.

"Across every region of South Dakota, it's folks like these that are the rock of the tourism industry," said Hagen. "Every day they show up. They pour their hearts into their careers, and they embody the hospitality that South Dakota is known for."

Raisanen commented, "You could have knocked us over with a feather last night when the AmericInn by Wyndham Belle Fourche brought home the

Mickelson Award! We had no idea we were considered in that category."

Raisanen and Wilson were attending the Tourism Conference with a Belle Fourche Tourism Committee group that also included BF Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher and Committee Chairperson Mary Buchholz.

George S. Mickelson served as South Dakota's 28th governor (1987-1993). On April 19, 1993, he and seven others died in a plane crash while returning from an economic development mission for the state. Under his tenure, Mickelson created the Department of Tourism, launched the "Great Faces, Great Places" promotion campaign, and initiated the conversion of an old Black Hills railroad into the bicycle trail that now bears his name, the George S. Mickelson Trail. He also implemented the state lottery and Deadwood gaming.

In 1992, the Department of Tourism initiated the award that bears his name: the George S. Mickelson Award (formerly

the George S. Mickelson Great Service Award).

The award honors businesses, communities, or organizations that have done an exemplary job of exceeding visitors' expectations in customer service.

It marks the culmination of a yearlong hospitality program that involves hospitality training, customer comments, participation in the South Dakota Great Place Program, customer experience enhancements and involvement in the local tourism industry.

To be eligible for the award, entities must have met and exceeded the qualifications for the South Dakota Great Place designation. Entities are eligible for the George S. Mickelson Award each year, provided they re-qualify for the South Dakota Great Place designation each year.

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.

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Wednesday the 12th, the Greater Belle Fourche Foundation awarded just over \$19,400 to different non-profits. Representing their organizations are: **Mike Tyn-dall**, (First Interstate Bank); **Matt Mangis**, (Newell Community Club); **Bonnie Rosander** (Meals on Wheels); **Larry Prager** (First Congregational Church); **Beth Morey** (West River Spay / Neuter Coalition); **Barb Clarkson** (Down Town Business District); **Mary Buchholz** (Downtown Business District); **Jodi Litz** (Meals on Wheels) heads up the RC office; **Chip Kimball** (Belle Silver Linings Senior Center); **Renae Servaty** (Northern Hills Casa); **Tammy Stewart** (Good Shepherd Clinic); **Annitta Stalnack** (Newell Museum); **Kim Curl** (Bronc Bird Busters); **Betsy Sterns** (Bronc Booster Club / Belle Fourche Soccer Club); **Gary Fladnoe** (Center of the Nation Concert Association & St. James Episcopal for the Delta Dental Mobile); **Holly Main** (Bronc Booster Club); **Cheri Tripp** (A Bed in Need); **Kevin Schmidt** (Belle Fourche Middle School Math and Science Club); and **Mike Reade** (Center of the Nation Concert Association and St. James Episcopal for the Delta Dental Mobile). *Hunter Anderson photo*





Middle School Students of the Month



Students who had schedule conflicts with the photo session in past months were gathered in January for their student of the month photo. (From left) Lann Broderston (7th grade)- October; Ysabelle Angeles (8th grade) November; Mollie Collins (6th grade) November; Sawyer Eck (5th grade), October. They are chosen based on leadership qualities, academic achievement, excellence in behavior, and good citizenship. -Beacon Photo

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River City Rumble Results

Belle Fourche came away from Chamberlain's River City Rumble Wrestling Tournament with four first place finishers. As a team Belle finished sixth in the tourney won by Mitchell, with host Chamberlain finishing second. Thomas McCoy improved his season record to 23-6 on his way to winning the 138# title. Kyra Vandenberg, 10-5 on the year placed 1st in the Girl's 106 # divison; with Hailey Rodriguez, 9-4, placing 1st at Girls 120#. Alexa Swaney (12-11) placed 3rd in Girls 126#. Cayden Wolfe, 10-5, at 152#, and Cade Bickerdyke 14-10 at 195# placed 2nd in the tourney. Logan Tyndall, 12-10 at 106#, D'Angelo Garduna, 16-12 at 113#, and Riley Dighton 15-10 at 120# had fourth place finishes for the Broncs. Owyn Schreder 11-14 at 145# ; Lucas Green 4-15 at 170#, and Gideon Funk 3-9 at 182#, Lucas Tonsager 5-4 at 220#; and Sean Wahlfeldt 10-11 at HWT also wrestled for the Broncs. The Broncs play host to their own invitational tournament this weekend with action beginning at Noon Fri.the 28th and continuing on Sat. the 29th.

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FFA Hosts Legislators

South Dakota Legislators met with District and State FFA Officers at the 2022 South Dakota FFA Legislative Breakfast Thursday, Jan. 13 in Fort Pierre, S.D. The purpose of the event was to promote the FFA’s mission of premiere leadership, personal growth, and career success by bringing together South Dakota’s governmental leaders with leaders of the South Dakota FFA. The State FFA Officers conducted a breakfast program focusing on the three-part model of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources education which includes classroom instruction, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects and FFA. District FFA officers and advisors took advantage of the opportunity to visit one-on-one with legislators, sharing how local agriculture education programs and FFA provide hands-on, career relevant experience for students. Nearly 50 legislators, plus special guests; Kristie Fiegen, SD Public Utilities Vice Chairperson; Jason Simmons,

Chief Financial Officer Dept. of Social Services; Chris Nelson, Chairman Public Utilities Commission; Nathan Sanderson, Exec. Director of SD Retailers Association and Laura Scheibe, Dept of Education Division of College, Career and Student Success Director. Emma Peterson, District Officer from Willow Lake says, “Getting to eat breakfast with the legislators was one of my favorite activities at District Officer Training. I got to meet the Public Utilities Chairperson, Chris Nelson and Senator Brock Greenfield. I talked with them about how FFA impacted their lives and my life. Also, I learned about why they decided to go into their careers and work in government. It was super cool getting to make a name for myself with important people in the state, and they gave me some really helpful tips for my future.”

In addition to the breakfast, the State FFA Officer team facilitated leadership training workshops for the 49 district of-

ficers on leadership, agricultural advocacy, Career and Technical Education and FFA. This gave our District FFA Officer teams from our seven districts a chance to get to know each other while attaining valuable leadership skills. “It was a very fun experience, I really enjoyed going to the capital, which I had never been to before. I also enjoyed meeting all other district officers and learning about Agriculture in South Dakota,” district officer Cassandra Twedt from the Beresford FFA Chapter said. Officers also participated in roundtables with Hunter Roberts, Dept. of Ag and Natural Resources Secretary, Michael Bloom and cattle producer from the Pierre area and Matt Dybedahl from Winfield United. Students were able to ask questions and learn about the agriculture industry in South Dakota.

The South Dakota FFA Legislative Breakfast and District Officer Training is sponsored by Citi, SD Association of Cooperatives, SD Bankers Association, SD Farmers Union, SD Association of Agriculture Educators, SD Crop Improvement Association, SD Soybean Processors, LLC, Twin Cities Regional Ford Dealers, Farm Credit Services of America, Agtegra, Bayer, CHS Foundation, BankWest, Butler Machinery Company, ADM Harold, Miller, Tulare, BASF, C&B Operations, Citibank, Croplan by Winfield United, Dacotah Bank, Corteva/Pioneer, East River Electric Cooperative, Hanson & Associations, LLC, Midwest Veterinary Service, RDO Equipment Co. Riverview, LLP, The First National Bank in Sioux Falls, Titan Machinery, Farmers Mutual of Nebraska, Green Thumb Commodities, Christensen Farms, LG Seeds, US Army/Army ROTC, SD Corn Utilization Council.



FFA District 5 Officers Back Row L to R: Morgan Mackaben, Belle Fourche, Dustin Kolb, Belle Fourche, Sheridan Deering, Wall, Kalli Freemore, Rapid City, Front Row L to R: Marissa Hoeke, Sturgis were in Pierre hosting Legislators. CharLee Bachman attended and represented Dist. 5. *Courtesy photo*

Broncs Girls Get Wins over Hill City, Douglas

**JIM TRIMBLE**  
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The Belle Fourche Broncs Girls Basketball team pushed their record to 6-5 on the season as they won two games last week. The Broncs travelled to Hill City where they dropped the Lady Rangers 58-50 before coming home to beat the Douglas Lady Patriots 60-29. The Broncs got two of their starters back against Hill City and led at all quarter stops in the victory. The game was tight most of the way with Belle nurs a 5 to 7-point lead most of the way. Grace Clooten had a nice game inside for the Ladies leading in scoring with 15 points. Dylan Stedille and Chloe Crago

each netted 13 for Belle. “I think this was probably the best game we have played all season. We played good defense and kept our turnovers down and we didn’t panic at the end and held our composure,” commented Lady Broncs Head Coach Bill Burr. “If we can keep playing like this the rest of the season some good things will happen,” he added. The Broncs C team played the JV game and lost 46-23 to the Rangers. Against Douglas the Broncs blew out of the gate and never trailed as they led 32-14 at the break on way to the 60-29 victory. Senior forward Kaylin Garza had her best scoring game of the season coming off

an injury to pace the Broncs with 17 points. Crago had another good night putting in 12 points and Lily McCarty added 9. “We moved the ball well against their zone defense, but I didn’t think we played well defensively the first half. The second half we played better defense and ran the floor pretty good,” said Coach Burr about the Lady Broncs effort. In the JV contest Belle defeated Douglas 34-12. Sloan Young was the only player in double figures in the game with 12 counters. In the C game Belle defeated Douglas 44-23. Peyton Staley had 10 points and Lily Nore 8 to lead the Little Ladies. Sarah Juelfs and Anika Main each put in 6 points.

Broncs Boys BB Win 2 Drop 1

The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys Varsity Basketball team is in the middle of a busy stretch of games the next few weeks. The Broncs traveled to Redfield on Friday the 14th to take on the Pheasants then on Saturday played Northwestern in the Pheasant Shootout also held in Redfield.

Senior forward Ryker Audiss was on fire for the Broncs against the Pheasants as he nailed six three-point goals on his way to a game high 20 points as he led Belle to a 62-51 victory over the Pheasants. Aiden Giffin was close behind with 18 and Anthony Staley chipped in 10. Belle hit 39% of their shots from the field and hauled down 38 rebounds as Giffin garnered 11 boards with Audiss, Staley and Anthony Budmayr all clearing 7 off the glass.

The Broncs won the JV game 47-17 with Jayden Sechser dropped in 14 to lead Belle and Jet Jensen added 13.

Belle played in the 18th annual Pheasant Shootout on Saturday as they were paired against Northwestern Area which are the towns of Mellette and Northville.

The Broncs led at all quarter stops but had to fight off a late Wildcat rally to secure a 53-42 victory. Giffin paced the Broncs with 15 points as teammates Audiss and Budmayr

had 13 each. Budmayr dropped in 3 shots from behind the arc and Audiss had 2. Audiss and Staley both had 11 rebounds for the winners and senior point guard Gabe Heck added 7 caroms and handed out 6 assists. “I thought our guys played two great games.

We are coming into the meat of our schedule, and I hope this prepares us for that stretch of games,” said Broncs head coach Clay Pottorff.

The Broncs traveled to Hill City on Tuesday the 18th to take on the Rangers.

Hill City jumped out to a 30-24 halftime lead as the Broncs, who only shot 33% from the field for the evening had some trouble getting the ball in the net. Belle fought back and cut the lead, but the Rangers prevailed by a 53-50 tally.

Junior guard Anthony Budmayr dropped in 17 points including three from deep to lead the Broncs. Aiden Giffin had 11 and Ryker Audiss added 9 for Belle. The Broncs struggled from the line only hitting 45% going 5-11. Belle is now 6-4 at the halfway point of the season while Hill City improved to 3-5 on the year.

The Broncs JV team was victorious over the Rangers by a 57-38 score. Jayden Sechser poured in 24 points for Belle with Nolan Wahlfeldt knocking down 12 and Jet Jensen 8.




Ryker Audiss draws the foul with shot in the lane against Bowman. Broncs lost 72-71 in DBL OT. *Jamie Hockenbary photo*



Chloe Crago finds a hole to drive through in 69-47 win over Bowman, ND Saturday. *Jamie Hockenbary photo*

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## Reich Sworn in as Butte County Auditor

BELLE FOURCHE- Judge Michael Day administered the Oath of Office for Butte County Auditor Annie Reich following the opening business of the County Commissioners.

Reich was appointed as County Auditor at a special meeting held December 31, 2021.

During public comments, Dale Simonson solicited information concerning tax assessments and the involvement of the Federal Government in handling bridge evaluations.

He was informed by commissioners that he should visit with the Director of Equalization and that she could explain the process of tax assessments.

Commissioner Stan Harms

explained that each bridge must undergo an engineering firm's evaluation according to state law.

There is a timeline that must be followed according the commissioners for advertising bridge and road work prior to Commission meetings.

The information can be found on the county's website.

Kenny and Kelli McFarland checked in with the commission to request an exception from the Planning Commission for property that was platted and to be sold.

There had been a "miscommunication" and the Planning Commission had not made clear that the land was to remain as

Ag Use.

They desired to have the decision as quickly as possible and asked to have the request expediated.

Commissioner Harms stated that they must go back to Planning, since no vote could be done at this meeting due to the item not being on the agenda.

Contracts were approved for Karen Hunt, Prof. LLC to be Court Appointed Attorney and the revised contract was approved for Dispatch services.

Several Final Plats were approved by the commissioners, including Dan and Patricia Konechne, Wade and Ashley Pearson, Kindsfater Farm LLC, and Penner, Philip and Marilyn/Christopher and Jana.

All Butte County employees were named as Essential Personnel. This will aid the county in receiving Covid Fiscal Recovery Funds.

There was discussion about the county website and if there was a need to advertise for bids.

Deb Elliot, Life Light Creative, was present to answer questions and offer information on improving the website. She proffered options for platforms and information on what should be listed and looked for in a website.

Reich will research bids and contract specifications. There was no action taken.


The next commission meeting will be held Tuesday, February 1 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse.



Judge Michael Day administered the Oath of Office to the new Butte County Auditor Annie Reich. Commissioners James Ager and Frank Walton are in the background. Bruner Photo

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## Mike Helmer Retires from Butte County Highway Dept.



Back Row: Tony Smith, Dennis Freed, Andy Lippincott, and Matt Thornhill. Front Row: Don Nelson, Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich, Mike Helmer, Darryl Raber and Kenny Mitchell. Photo by Betty Bruner





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## Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

Page one of this edition has a green box in the bottom left corner announcing that city Council seats are open in all four Wards in this year's election.

Also, School Board has two three year terms up as well.

Circulation of petitions is same time frame as City (Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 28, 2022), with petitions filed in the office of the business manager located at Belle Fourche School District Admin Office, 2403 13th Ave, Belle Fourche between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. MST not later than February 25th as well.

We hope that the interest and involvement of citizens at last week's council meeting translates into action in the upcoming election.

One cannot help but wonder how did we get to this point in our city?

Encourage quality people to run for office and when they do support them at the polls on election day.

If last weeks Council activities didn't convince you to be active and vote, we're not sure what it may take.

Best wishes to all who step forward to run for office in our City offices. Let the Beacon know and we will be happy to run your announcement.

Albany Farms presence in the community is growing and the company delegation that attended this past weeks BF Economic Development gave a glimpse into the quality of people and progress attitude the organization is investing toward their presence here.

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**FEBRUARY 2022**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
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Girls at 5:30PM & Boys at 7PM

Saturday, February 5, 2022  
Custer @ Belle Fourche  
Girls at 1PM & Boys 2:30PM

**NE WY High School BB  
Broadcast Schedule**

**JANUARY 2022**

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Friday, January 29, 2022  
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Saturday, January 30, 2022  
Sundance @ Lusk Boys & Girls at 1PM & 4PM

**FEBRUARY 2022**

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Duprel Ranch, Sturgis SD..... 20.... Bbld Str..... 525.. \$204.50  
Duprel Ranch, Sturgis SD..... 70.... Blk.. Hfr..... 562.. \$172.50  
Forder Land & Cattle, Highwood MT..... 58.... Bbld Str..... 612.. \$181.50  
Forder Land & Cattle, Highwood MT..... 17.... Blk.. Str..... 503.. \$193.00  
Grieves Ranch (Chuck), Newcastle WY..... 78.... Bbld Str..... 601.. \$189.00  
Grieves Ranch (Chuck), Newcastle WY..... 23.... Bbld Str..... 525.. \$197.00  
Halftime Land & Cattle, Rapid City SD..... 28.... B/R.. Str..... 598.. \$180.00  
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD..... 91.... Bbld Hfr..... 587.. \$165.75  
Harken & Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD.. 14.... Bbld Str..... 611.. \$188.00  
Harken & Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD.. 7.... B/R.. Str..... 490.. \$207.50  
Harken & Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD.. 98.... Bbld Hfr..... 613.. \$172.25  
Harrison, Richard, Fruitdale SD..... 51.... Bbld Str..... 612.. \$186.00  
Heier, Iver J, Prairie City SD..... 41.... Bbld Hfr..... 683.. \$152.25  
Heier, Iver J, Prairie City SD..... 21.... Bbld Hfr..... 592.. \$161.50  
Jev Livestock LLC, St Onge SD..... 26.... Blk.. Hfr..... 582.. \$160.50  
K-C Ranch, Vale SD..... 16.... Bbld Str..... 661.. \$171.50  
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD..... 13.... Hfr Str..... 505.. \$191.00  
Lamb, Reese Or Wendy, Sundance WY..... 6.... Blk.. Str..... 585.. \$190.00  
Lehrkamp, Michael/Jodie/Carl, Caputa SD.. 32.... Blk.. Str..... 718.. \$165.50  
Lehrkamp, Michael/Jodie/Carl, Caputa SD.. 41.... Blk.. Hfr..... 624.. \$168.00  
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep WY..... 48.... Bbld Str..... 627.. \$181.50  
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep WY..... 15.... Blk.. Str..... 561.. \$192.00  
Lib Ranch LLC, Kaycee WY..... 42.... Blk.. Str..... 660.. \$178.00  
Lib Ranch LLC, Kaycee WY..... 7.... Blk.. Str..... 545.. \$199.00  
Mcgrath, Rick, Whitewood SD..... 3.... B/Ch Str..... 940.. \$147.00  
Mills, Troy, Boyes MT..... 21.... Blk.. Hfr..... 569.. \$175.50  
Minow Ranch, Olive MT..... 40.... Blk.. Str..... 736.. \$166.50  
Minow Ranch, Olive MT..... 11.... Blk.. Str..... 625.. \$183.00  
Minow Ranch, Olive MT..... 49.... Hfr..... 704.. \$151.50  
Nelson/Sandra Holcomb, Larry, Buffalo SD.. 14.... B/R.. Hfr..... 435.. \$184.00  
Penner, Tony, Newell SD..... 9.... Bbld Str..... 491.. \$195.00  
Penner, Tony, Newell SD..... 16.... Bbld Hfr..... 456.. \$193.00  
Pleasant Valley Cattle Co Inc, Sturgis SD.. 28.... Bbld Str..... 589.. \$190.50  
Pleasant Valley Cattle Co Inc, Sturgis SD.. 19.... R/Ch Str..... 630.. \$177.50  
Redland, Adam, Burlington WY..... 19.... Bbld Str..... 499.. \$200.00  
Redland, Adam, Burlington WY..... 12.... Blk.. Str..... 435.. \$209.00  
Redland, Adam, Burlington WY..... 18.... Bbld Hfr..... 393.. \$183.00  
Redland, R Rolly, Basin WY..... 16.... B/R.. Str..... 445.. \$207.00  
Redland, R Rolly, Basin WY..... 17.... B/R.. Hfr..... 396.. \$191.00  
Rittberger, Gilbert, Newell SD..... 15.... B/R.. Hfr..... 574.. \$170.50  
Rittberger, Gilbert, Newell SD..... 9.... B/R.. Hfr..... 461.. \$187.00  
Rockin B LLC, Newell SD..... 16.... B/R.. Str..... 516.. \$194.50  
Schmid, Richard G, Vale SD..... 12.... Blk.. Str..... 702.. \$163.00  
School Bell Feeders, Kaycee WY..... 47.... Blk.. Str..... 598.. \$189.00  
School Bell Feeders, Kaycee WY..... 22.... B/R.. Str..... 537.. \$194.00  
Slovek, Doug, Broadus MT..... 13.... Str..... 714.. \$168.00  
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus MT..... 80.... Bbld Str..... 743.. \$164.50  
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus MT..... 33.... Blk.. Str..... 618.. \$184.00  
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus MT..... 25.... Bbld Hfr..... 691.. \$145.50  
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus MT..... 18.... Bbld Hfr..... 548.. \$165.00  
Vaughn, Randy, Newell SD..... 4.... Blk.. Str..... 726.. \$163.00  
Waterland, Luther, Ekalaka MT..... 10.... Blk.. Hfr..... 564.. \$171.00  
Weyrich, Bruce, Sturgis SD..... 62.... Bbld Str..... 623.. \$187.00  
Weyrich, Bruce, Sturgis SD..... 37.... Bbld Str..... 532.. \$194.75  
Wsc Livestock, Wibaux MT..... 66.... Red. Hfr..... 509.. \$169.00  
Wsc Livestock, Wibaux MT..... 16.... Red. Hfr..... 445.. \$179.00  
Z Hanging Y Livestock, Miles City MT..... 15.... B/R.. Str..... 453.. \$199.00  
Z Hanging Y Livestock, Miles City MT..... 10.... Bbld Hfr..... 411.. \$183.00

#### Weigh Cows

Anderson, Jon, Rapid City SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1555.. \$61.00  
Anderson, Jon, Rapid City SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1185.. \$64.00  
Anderson, Jon, Rapid City SD..... 2.... Blk.. Hfr..... 1060 \$139.00

Bird, Jim, Volborg MT..... 3.... Blk.. Cow..... 1263.. \$71.50  
Bird, Jim, Volborg MT..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1170.. \$62.50  
Bortreger, James, Forsyth MT..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1170.. \$63.00  
Clemens, Collin, Kaycee WY..... 1.... Red. Cow..... 1285.. \$61.00  
Doolittle, Samantha, Belle Fourche SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1430.. \$62.00  
Evans Ranch No 1, LLC, Pringle SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1580.. \$62.00  
Evans Ranch No 1, LLC, Pringle SD..... 2.... Blk.. Cow..... 1450.. \$56.50  
Evans Ranch No 1, LLC, Pringle SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1255.. \$56.00  
Huebner, Don, Rapid City SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1770.. \$60.00  
Huebner, Don, Rapid City SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1570.. \$57.50  
Huebner, Don, Rapid City SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1565.. \$54.50  
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD. 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1145.. \$42.00  
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD. 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1100.. \$66.00  
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD..... 1.... Bld.. Cow..... 1435.. \$62.00  
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD..... 1.... Bld.. Hfrt..... 955.. \$132.00  
Lane, Shawn Or April, Nisland SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1220.. \$63.00  
Lemke, Justin, Broadus MT..... 1.... Bld.. Cow..... 1105.. \$70.00  
Lemke, Justin, Broadus MT..... 1.... Bld.. Cow..... 950.... \$70.50  
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD..... 2.... Blk.. Cow..... 1802.. \$61.50  
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD..... 4.... Blk.. Cow..... 1276.. \$73.00  
Lund, Wendy & Lyle, Kaycee WY..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1140.. \$63.50  
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD..... 3.... Bbld Cow..... 1315.. \$66.50  
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD..... 2.... Blk.. Cow..... 1205.. \$61.00  
Miller, John, Forsyth MT..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 980.. \$142.00  
Rogers, Avin C, Biddle MT..... 1.... Bld.. Cow..... 1590.. \$55.50  
Rogers, Avin C, Biddle MT..... 1.... Bld.. Cow..... 1180.. \$64.00  
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD..... 3.... Blk.. Cow..... 1143.. \$72.50  
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD..... 5.... Blk.. Cwette..... 980.... \$87.00  
Smith, Merritt, Gillette WY..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1300.. \$65.00  
Smith, Merritt, Gillette WY..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1275.. \$73.00  
Smith, Merritt, Gillette WY..... 1.... Blk.. Cwette..... 895.. \$139.00  
Soelzer, Ronold L, Piedmont SD..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1705.. \$58.00  
Stutzman, Lea, Forsyth MT..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1235.. \$58.00  
Stutzman, Lea, Forsyth MT..... 1.... Blk.. Cow..... 1220.. \$58.50  
Stutzman, Lea, Forsyth MT..... 3.... Blk.. Cow..... 975.... \$55.00

#### Weigh Up Bulls

Broken Bridge Livestock, Sturgis SD..... 1.... Herf Bull..... 2185.. \$92.00  
Colgan, Thomas C, Hermosa SD..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1500.. \$77.00  
Dillinger, Robert L & Claralee, Rozet WY..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1635.. \$80.00  
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 2085.. \$90.00  
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1935.. \$94.00  
Geer, Bryan, Gillette WY..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1110 \$122.00  
Heart H Partnership, LLC, Camp Crook SD. 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 2065.. \$96.50  
Heart H Partnership, LLC, Camp Crook SD. 1.... CharBull..... 2145.. \$95.50  
Heart H Partnership, LLC, Camp Crook SD. 1.... CharBull..... 1830.. \$90.00  
Jespersen, Lynn, Upton WY..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 2280.. \$98.00  
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1955.. \$82.00  
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1590.. \$81.00  
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD..... 3.... Blk.. Bull..... 1911.. \$96.50  
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1830.. \$86.00  
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD..... 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1910.. \$71.50  
Norstegaard, Brian Or Patricia, Gillette WY. 1.... Blk.. Bull..... 1560.. \$85.00

### 2022 CATTLE SALES

February 4th – No Sale – Visit The Black Hills Stock Show

February 11th – Feeder Cattle Specail – Selling All Classes

February 18th – Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes

February 25th – Feeder Cattle Specail – Selling All Classes

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8:00 AM - Weigh Up Cattle 11:00 AM - Feeder Cattle

12:00 Noon - Bred Cows

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Floyd Land & Livestock – 40 Blk Hfrs – Ai Bred Cleaned Up Lbw Blk – 3/20  
John Riley – 35 Blk Bred Hfrs – 1100# Bred Lbw Blk – 3/1 For 42 Days

#### Bred Cows

Balo Ranch – Partial Dispersion - 200 Blk & Bbldy 4 To Solid Mouth – Bred Blk – 3/15  
Roy Berry – 50 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows – Bred Blk Or Herf – 3/20  
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### Sheep Report - Thursday, January 20, 2022

Not Many Lambs In The Offering Today & They Sold Lower  
Fat & Thin Slaughter Ewes Sold Steady - Medium Ewes Sold \$10 Higher  
Bred Ewes Sold In A Very Strong Market & Were Higher

Next Sale - January 27th - Regular Sale - 1 PM

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#### Bred Ewes - Sold by the Head

Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD..... 32..... Lambs..... 117.. \$475.00  
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD..... 37..... 3-4 Yr Old Ewes.... 173.. \$460.00  
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD..... 20..... 3-4 Yr Old Ewes.... 173.. \$450.00  
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD..... 119... 4-6 Yr Old Ewes.... 189.. \$365.00  
Boner, Rob, Douglas WY..... 103.... Yrlg Ewes..... 141.. \$465.00  
Harmon, Richard, Newell SD..... 44..... 2-3 Yr Old Ewes.... 151.. \$350.00  
Harmon, Richard, Newell SD..... 17..... 4-6 Yr Old Ewes.... 168.. \$270.00  
Mickelson, Travis, Mud Butte SD..... 36..... S-Ss Ewes..... 198.. \$385.00  
Mickelson, Travis, Mud Butte SD..... 17..... S-Ss Ewes..... 187.. \$275.00  
Hulm, Jason, Glad Valley SD..... 35..... 5-6 Yr Old Ewes.... 174.. \$164.00

#### Feeder Lambs

Strohschein, Mick Or Anita, Newell SD..... 45.... Lambs..... 92.... \$290.00  
Grate, Zane, Isabel SD..... 15.... Lambs..... 80.... \$254.00  
Grate, Zane, Isabel SD..... 27.... Lambs..... 97.... \$227.00  
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND..... 43.... Lambs..... 143.. \$210.00  
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD..... 8.... Lambs..... 113.. \$224.00  
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD..... 7.... Lambs..... 125.. \$204.00  
Green, John, Lodge Pole SD..... 13.... Lambs..... 103.. \$257.00  
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD..... 32.... Lambs..... 110.. \$251.00

#### Slaughter Ewes

Considine, Terry Or Sherry, Broadus MT..... 19.... Ewes..... 142.. \$190.00  
Considine, Terry Or Sherry, Broadus MT..... 3.... Ewes..... 125.. \$142.50  
Green, John, Lodge Pole SD..... 7.... Ewes..... 121.. \$142.50  
Harmon, Richard, Newell SD..... 10.... Ewes..... 150.. \$190.00  
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD..... 35.... Ewes..... 187.. \$165.00  
Mickelson, Travis, Mud Butte SD..... 8.... Ewes..... 165.. \$190.00  
Mickelson, Travis, Mud Butte SD..... 5.... Ewes..... 196.. \$165.00  
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD..... 3.... Ewes..... 221.. \$141.00  
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD..... 8.... Ewes..... 148.. \$190.00  
Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT..... 31.... Ewes..... 159.. \$190.00  
Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT..... 32.... Ewes..... 172.. \$165.00  
Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT..... 5.... Ewes..... 145.. \$142.50

#### Slaughter Bucks

Mickelson, Travis, Mud Butte SD..... 3.... Bucks..... 228.. \$144.00  
Oedekoven, Penny Or Darrel, Vale SD..... 2.... Bucks..... 247.. \$142.00

### NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Regular Sheep Sale 1:00 PM

### 2022 SHEEP SALES

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

February 10th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

February 17th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

February 24th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 3rd – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 10th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 17th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 24th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 31st – Bred Ewe 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 \$2/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 4 pm. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.

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

## Refuse Solution's Randy Ruby Honored by Department of Defense for Patriotic Support.

Belle Fourche, SD – Randy Ruby, Refuse Solutions Inc. and owner, received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award on January 6, 2022 for the extraordinary support he provides his employees. Sergeant Jesse Hoffmann, an Army National Guard service member of the Forward Support Company 109th Engineer Battalion. This award was presented by our local Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) volunteer, LaVern Bills.

“The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees who have answered their nation’s call to serve,” said ESGR Chairman Jim White. “Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation’s Guard and Reserve units.”

“National Guard and Reserve members bring tremendous skills and capabilities to our workforce, and employer support for their military service is critical to maintaining the strength of our Guard and Reserve units,” said White. “By valuing the military service of their Guard and Reserve employees, employers are directly supporting the readiness and retention of our All-Volunteer Force, and our national defense.”

“After reenlisting into the National Guard a year ago after a 7 year break in service, Randy my supervisor and employer, was very supportive of my decision and the extra time off I would need” said Sergeant Jesse Hoffmann, who nominated Ruby for this award. “He allowed me the time off last year to attend Annual Training on a short notice. This year for Annual Training, Randy gave me extra vacation

time to make up for lost pay while I was gone and even gave me a \$1,000 bonus for extra support and as a thank you for my service. I wouldn’t be able to serve without the tremendous support of my employer Randy and his company Refuse Solutions (RSI).”

ESGR is a Department of Defense program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for service members in the National Guard and Reserve through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. ESGR also provides assistance in resolving conflicts between Service members and their employers.

For more information about ESGR outreach programs or volunteer opportunities, call (800) 336-4590 or visit www.ESGR.mil/SD.



Pictured: ESGR Volunteer LaVern Bills, presenting the award to owners of Refuse Solutions Inc. Randy and Teresa Ruby, grandson Sawyer Dean, SGT Jesse Hoffman, and RFI employees. Hunter Anderson Photo



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### PRCA News

The Happy Canyon Board of Directors, based in Pendleton, Ore., held its annual stockholders meeting Jan. 5, at which time the Board selected Kenzie Hansell as its 2022 President. “I am honored to have been elected to this role and to carry on the 106-year-old tradition of the Happy Canyon Night Show,” said Hansell, who is beginning his eighth year as a Happy Canyon Director. “I’m fortunate to have the opportunity to volunteer alongside some incredible members of our community to put on Oregon’s official outdoor pageant in the Happy Canyon Arena and put on a great time at Goldie’s Saloon in September.” Hansell, 41, has volunteered with Happy Canyon and the Pendleton Round-Up for decades. While



on the Happy Canyon Board, he has served as bar director, publicity director and properties director. In addition to selecting Hansell as Happy Canyon’s new president, the board also elected two new board members to fill vacant positions from retiring members: Brian Currin as the new court director and Chris Stuvland as the new grounds director. The Happy Canyon Night Show takes place Sept. 14-17. Tickets are on sale now at [www.pendletonroundup.com](http://www.pendletonroundup.com).



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The projected payout of the 2022 National Western Stock Show & Rodeo in Denver, which ends Jan. 23 at the Denver Coliseum.

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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson nearly 2 decades ago. 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.

it's a new year and with it perhaps new challenges. Here's a piece called "Meanings" to give you some perspective. Author unknown. Use it regularly:

Standing for what you believe in,

Regardless of the odds against you,

And the pressure that tears at your resistance,

...means courage

Keeping a smile on your face,

When inside you feel like dying,

For the sake of supporting others,

...means strength

Stopping at nothing,

And doing what in your heart,

You know is right,

...means determination

Doing more than is expected,

To make another's life a little more bearable,

Without uttering a single complaint,

...means compassion

Helping a friend in need,

No matter the time or effort,

To the best of your ability,

...means loyalty

Giving more than you have,

And expecting nothing

But nothing in return,

...means selflessness

Holding your head high,

And being the best you know you can be

When life seems to fall apart at your feet,

Facing each difficulty with the confidence

That time will bring you better tomorrows,

And never giving up,

...means believing in yourself

So, believe in yourself,

For a happy today and better tomorrow....

I pray that you're having a wonderful 2022! -jt

### Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo

It was a battle, but Timmy Sparing may have just written the first chapter in his comeback story after claiming the average title at the Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo on Jan. 15.

Following a huge win at RodeoHouston back in 2018, the Helena, Mont., steer wrestler was riding high, hot in pursuit of a dream to compete at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. But a ruptured disc in his back suffered in June of that year derailed his plans.

Just as Sparing was on the cusp of competing at his first circuit finals rodeo in his home state after several years spent in Texas during college, another injury, this time a torn pectoral muscle which required surgery, put him out of action.

"This has been a long time coming, I guess," Sparing said after competing in Great Falls for the first time in 2022. "I've been battling injuries, but everything is going good now. It's nice to be back."

Sparing ran down three steers in Great Falls in 17.1 seconds

aboard Beer Money, the horse owned by Ron Shank along with Martin and Jhett Murphy. Wrangler NFR steer wrestler Olin Hannum provided the hazing. Along with a first-round check, Sparing earned \$4,315.

"There was a little good, little bad, some adversity," Sparing said of the win. "The first steer was kind of an eliminator, honestly, and I was glad to get by him and even place in the round."

Sparing knew his second steer was strong and made a solid, businessman run to stay in the average. He entered the third and final round third.

"Go get 'em at that point," he said of his strategy. "It's pretty fast in that building and I wanted to try to place in the round. But it was a tough round, the guys bulldogged great tonight."

A fifth-place finish in the round didn't earn the round check he was seeking but did seal the average win as well the year-end title, both firsts for him. He now earns his first trip to the NFR Open powered by

RAM to be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., July 13-16.

"My family, my fiancée, my friends, they've been here for me," Sparing said. He and fiancée Danielle Wright are planning an October wedding after which Sparing hopes he may be packing for Las Vegas.

"It's going to be a busy year," he said.

Other winners at the \$223,614 rodeo were all-around cowboy Caden Camp (\$4,315 in tie-down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping); bareback rider Caleb Bennett (248 points on three head); team ropers Radley Day/Taylor Williams (17.6 seconds on three head); saddle bronc rider Sage Newman (248 points on three head); tie-down roper Landon Williams (35.2 seconds on three head); barrel racer Brittney Barnett (38.89 seconds on three runs); break-away roper Cadee Williams (8.4 seconds on three head); and bull rider Cole Hould (164.5 points on two head).





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**“Three Sketches”**  
 Pen & Ink with w/c wash

Mostly I use pen & ink when I’m brainstorming new ideas in the form of thumbnail sketches. My handy gel pen suffices for thumbnails, which are nothing more than fast sketches (read that scribbles) but more serious work calls for serious toys. I favor a crow quill pen. I like the fine lines I get from this pen, great for cross-hatching when used with black India ink. Combine this with 300 # Arches watercolor paper with slight texture that only helps the “look” I want to achieve. Add a simple watercolor wash, the result makes for a great finished piece.

The two subjects with horses were a couple of cowboys I worked alongside in another life. The character with the water jug is a (now older) fella that ranches near Buffalo Gap, South Dakota



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## Albany Farms To Conduct Job Fair

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BELLE FOURCHE – As work progresses on building a large-scale ramen noodle production plant in Belle Fourche, Albany Farms is announcing the timeframes for its first job fairs. According to Angie Besler, Albany’s Human Resources Manager, the first event will be a February 17th career fair held by Albany at the Belle Fourche High School. At that time the company will talk to high school students and others about careers with Albany.

“Our first really big event will be the Black Hills Regional Job Fair in Rapid City in March,” Besler told the Beacon. That event will be held Wednesday March 9th from 11am – 5pm at the Monument, formerly known as the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Albany Farms will have a booth with company representatives ready to discuss career opportunities and hand out job applications. Besler says there will be additional opportunities for interested citizens to apply as the new production facility prepares for the delivery of food production equipment.

“Our plan is to have some employees hired prior to machinery arrival,” Mandy Brewer, Albany’s Chief Commercial Officer told the Beacon. “Once a machine arrives we want those employees to be there to see the construction of the machine, how it’s put together, how it works, and to be able to train on the machine as it is put together.”

Albany plans to run two to three shifts immediately according to Brewer as they prepare for retail production. She says five machines will be installed on the company’s first Belle Fourche production line. Each machine will need about 50 employees according to her best estimation. That number does not count the number of employees needed elsewhere throughout the plant. The company has plans of adding a large flour mill and a second production line in the next 2-3 years.

Brewer’s position with the



Pictured here is a six-pack of ramen noodle “pillows” to be manufactured in Belle Fourche by Albany Farms. The product will be marketed as Twisted Noodle with major retailers across the United States. Each package will be stamped with “made in Belle Fourche, SD.”

company requires her to keep a close eye on meeting timelines for delivery of product to retailers. And with that in mind she is following closely the progress of inbound equipment for the new plant in Belle Fourche. Container ships have already departed Taiwan on their way to ports on the west coast and then overland to Belle Fourche.

“We have timelines we have to meet for retailers and actually everything is on target,” Brewer told the Beacon. “Even with the ports being congested we do have priority into port. And we working to get these containers here to get the machines up and running for the retailers who are already looking to get the product out to customers.”

Brewer says the scheduled arrival date for the first set of equipment is March 1st. At that point specialized engineers will arrive in Belle Fourche to work with Lyle Ragalla, Albany’s Lead Engineer, in setting up and testing equipment to begin delivery.

“That is our number one priority, production for the customer that we have promised,” she said.

Brewer expects to have production rolling in June after food safety manufacturing audits, equipment certification and testing is complete.

Brewer says demand for their product is high. And although the company cannot comment on retail arrangements Brew-

er, who is from Bentonville, Arkansas, has spent 24 years working with WalMart prior to her time with Albany.

“At this time I can’t disclose any information about our retailers but you will see great things to come in the future,” Brewer said.

According to Albany Farms CEO Bill Saller every package of ramen that is sent to retailers across the country, whether pillow packs or cups, will be stamped with made in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. When the Albany production campus is fully built out by 2024-25 the company plans to churn out 300,000 ramen units every hour. When the first production line goes operational this year, they will need just under 250,000 pounds of flour per day to meet production demands according to Ragalla. This would make it the largest ramen production facility in the United States. And communicating the scale of the manufacturing operation is proving to be a challenge, but one that the company is happy to tell to local citizens.

“It’s not always easy to explain the scale of manufacturing we plan to do in a community that may not be used to that,” he said. “But we’re glad to be here and we think more and more people in Belle Fourche are starting to see the scale of the work that we’re going to be doing.”

## First Responders Have Some Dodgeball Fun

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BELLE FOURCHE – Friday, January 21, saw six first responder teams gather to just have some fun. It was the fourth annual First Responders Dodgeball Tournament in Butte County, and the coveted “silver wrench” was once more up for grabs.

The dodgeball tournament was the brainchild several years ago of some of the fire chiefs to bring together the different responders for a fun and potential fundraiser for the different volunteer departments.

Thus began the first ever dodgeball tournament where departments were pitted against each other, held in Austin Auditorium in Newell, hosted by the Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Department. The next year it was moved to the Belle Fourche Area Rec Center and hosted by the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department.

And the silver wrench has traveled from Nisland to Belle

Fourche to Castle Rock, and this year, it will reside in the BFFD hall.

With the advent of Covid and other illnesses, several departments, including the NAVFR and Newell Ambulance, several departments went together to field a team. With one member of the Newell Ambulance and two from Vale Fire Department joining NAVFR they were able to compete. Other teams, including the top three, Belle Fourche Fire, Castle Rock Fire and Newell Fire, were able to provide six players.

Spectators enjoyed watching the event which started with a round robin and moved into bracketed games, where the final top team was the Belle Fourche Fire.

Other team members playing through the night included: Nisland/Arpan, Castle Rock, Newell, Vale Fire Departments, Newell Ambulance, and Belle Fourche Police Department/Dispatch.


Belle Fourche Fire provided concessions during the evening.



Belle Fourche Fire Department took back the coveted “silver wrench” at the annual First Responders dodgeball tournament at the Belle Fourche Rec Center on Friday night. From left: Bailey Lawrence, Nick Loper, Matt Ogaard, Nicki Stearns, Nathan Wiedow, Trenton Bush. - Brunner photo








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Capitol News

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The Capitol and Tie Creek News this week is sparse. Thick or dense news, is when everyone has been so busy that I can hardly get it all on the page, but sparse news is provided when there was little weather to talk about, and most people didn't go anywhere, and had no visitors. Even staying home in a blizzard provides the weather to talk about, but the weather was not remarkable this week, except for a night or two below zero.

Charlie Odell fed hay and cake every day. He went to Buffalo on Tuesday and Friday, for supplies, and to get an oil-change at TR Repair. He started work on taxes. Karen has been practicing and writing music, and has done some sewing. Charlie went in to Camp Crook on Thursday, to have trash picked up. That evening, Karen and Charlie watched Ekalaka basketball on the computer. It is quite interesting to see the audience, also. Charlie said, "There are a few seconds left and Dawn is leaving before the buzzer." Sure enough, when Karen rewound the video, they noticed their neighbor had been to the game. On Sunday, Charlie and Karen went to church at Gomer, Ohio, and did some Bible reading. Charlie brought home a really great chicken supper from the Over The Edge, on Sunday evening. Erma Albert went to the Senior Center in Buffalo, on Tuesday, to play cards. She had a chiropractor's appointment and got an allergy shot on Wednesday. She and Dick went to Belle Fourche and Spearfish, on Thursday, for supplies. They both went to the Senior Citizen dinner, on Friday, where Bobbie had meat loaf, and a wonderfully delicious bread pudding with caramel and ice cream. Next Friday, Bobbie will have roast beef. Dick and Erma went to church, on Sunday, at the Catholic Church. Church was early this Sunday, so that the Bison youth could have a special confirmation Sunday. After church, they joined John

Helms at Crow Buttes, for a really great breakfast. Erma had the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon and cheese. Alvin and Marlee Cordell did go somewhere, and had a really great time this week. On Monday, they went to Rapid City to fly out to Arizona. Their friends, Rod and Rene Bisgaard, had invited them to visit them near Phoenix. They spent the week in the warm weather, and flew back home on Friday morning. It had been around seventy degrees every day, and they got do some sight seeing and went to a dinner show one evening. They had to wear masks on the plane, and in the airports, but saw few masks at other places. The traffic was terrible around the Phoenix and Mesa area, but the boat ride on the lake was beautiful.

Ronda Cordell decided there were more newsworthy happenings last week to tell about. Last Tuesday, Ronda went to Ekalaka to take advantage of a Christmas gift card, for a much-needed trim on her hair. It had been two years since she'd had it trimmed. Afterwards, Ronda stopped for coffee at the Wagon Wheel, where Marion Kerr joined her, and they had a good visit. Darla Stuart brought a pot of soup to Wolff's Garage in Camp Crook, on Wednesday at noon, so Ronda went in for soup, which was very delicious. She enjoyed visiting with Darla, Janet Odell and Yvonne Yoder while they ate. Then, she drove out to Jack and Kay Ovitz's, and enjoyed coffee and visiting there, before heading home. Diane Wear met Ronda at the Tie Creek turn, on Thursday, and rode to Belle Fourche and Spearfish with her.

This week, Ronda had a stay-at-home week. With some sub-zero temperatures, and the wind that we've had, home is a good place to be. She finally got all the Christmas decorations down and put away. Her income tax preparations are almost finished, too.

Doug and Julia Davis spent a quiet week until very, very early on Friday, when Julia

**From A1**  
**EDC Annual Meeting**

Steve Willard was recognized South Dakota's "Innovator of the Year" award winner as presented by the South Dakota School Superintendents Association.

Several businesses were acknowledged for reinvestment with expansion into the community including HUB International, Old Hickory Sheds, the rail siding at the BF Rail and Industrial Park and Firefly Construction. Honored for business revitalization were Pain & Movement Solutions, Pete's Clothing for work on the exterior of their storefront, Todd and Michelle Watson for continuing renovation on their corner building downtown, Nowowiejski's update façade on S. Hwy. 85 and the Rail Park for its expansion.

Others recognized for revitalization work included the city of Belle Fourche with benches and metal work downtown by Mountain Man Metal Art, the new splash pad, band shelter renovation at Herrmann Park, the Black Hills Roundup for improvements to the Roundup grounds and Neighborworks Belle Fourche for five new homes as well as their Paint the Town project.

Three BFDC board members were elected to three-year terms. They are:

Renee Schaeffer, Pioneer Bank (past President re-elected). Renae is a long time Belle



BF Economic Develop Corporation board members elected at the annual meeting were **Renee Schaeffer** (re-elected) and newly elected, **Larry Schmaltz**, and **Tallia Nighswonger**. *Courtesy Photo*

Fourche resident and CPA. She was with David Pummel's office for many years before joining the Pioneer Bank team a few years ago. Currently BFDC board president and heads up our financial team each Wednesday with our VP, Wendy Bowers. Renae has been very involved in several aspects of the board and committees with a passion for community development and the future success of Belle Fourche.

Larry Schmaltz; Adamo Properties Corp Vice President/CEO Adamo Properties Corporation. Larry grew up in Belle Fourche is a South Dakota School of Mines graduate and registered professional engineer in five states, including South Dakota. He is a licensed general contractor. Founded and sold his company. He moved back to

Belle Fourche and serves as the chair of the Real Estate Committee Professional Advisory Board - Civil Engineering Dept. SDSM&T. He and his wife moved back to Belle Fourche from Florida because they love the community and want to contribute to its growth and future.

Talia Nighswonger; Jackson Dental. Director of marketing and human resources for Jackson Dental Talia moved to Belle Fourche after a 17-year career in corporate retail and multi-unit leadership. She oversaw 72 store locations throughout the mid-west and west coast. A graduate of South Dakota State University, she and her husband are raising their 2 children and looking forward to being an active part of the community. She is a 2020/2021 graduate of the Leadership Belle Fourche program led by the BFDC and wants to serve to achieve healthy growth with a family-oriented environment where they can raise their family with healthy sustainable community growth.

A video titled "2021: A Harvest of Opportunity" highlighted the community's record-setting year of economic activity with record sales and hospitality tax revenue last year and the number of housing starts spike to its highest total in 15 years. Also featured in the video was Albany Farm's Lead Engineer Lye Rogalla who provided a tour of the renovation going on inside their former Permian Tank facility.



Former Mayor **Gary Hendrickson** was recognized for his community vision and leadership on establishing the Belle Fourche Rail and Industrial Park. Picture with: left board member **Karen Wagner**, and EDC Director **Hollie Stalder**. *Courtesy Photo*

**Wisdom From Out West!**

*The Opinions of Robert Dennis.*

**A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker  
and chopped liver.**

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**Broncs for Breakfast**

I sure have been enjoying the paper every week. Interesting to me that a community over an hour away from me has so much going on that I find of interest. And I send kudos to our fearless leader and editor for keeping this paper going. In this day and age, with so much news to be found so quickly on the internet, it is amazing.

I do enjoy some of the other columns in here and especially my friend Mick Harrison's weekly sharing of his work and explanation.

Jim Thompson always has something interesting to share. I don't know how he does it. If only mine were half as good I would think I was doing excellent.

As you read this, the Black Hills Stock show should be part way over. We didn't even make it down for one day last year. I try to get to the bronc riding events as much as possible. Chance has to go also, so we switch off with chores from year to year. This is my year to get to go to Broncs to Breakfast. A neighbor and I are planning to take in that show. I love seeing bucking horses and the guys who try to ride them. I seldom agree with the judges, but as Tom Miller told me the other day, just ignore the judging and enjoy the horses and riders. So I will try.

Many years ago there was a guy who came to this country named Kevin Stallings. He put on a clinic at a neighbors about starting colts. He was a follower of Ray Hunt and the Dorrences, that so many are aware of now. At the time, we just pretty much got on and rode them and seems like there was always some scuffling went on. So when I saw what he could do and how he could do it, I was pretty enthralled. I followed up with several others over the years and even got to go to a Hunt clinic one day and watch and visit with Ray. Well worth the time.

Today there are many who do what these guys

did, many people putting on clinics and passing that knowledge down. I have heard a few people scoff, but mainly they are just of the kind who never learned anything they didn't think of themselves, seems like. I think that the horses of today have it so much better than they did when I was a kid. And it is all due to Ray and Tom and Bill and those who learned from them and went on to teach it. Those of us who never got as good as them sure can't blame them. I would hazard a guess we are all better than we used to be at such things. It has played off into so many other areas also. The way we work cattle has changed in many regards as we tend to work them more like we do these colts and horses. And for the better in most cases.

But back to the bucking horses. I remember Kevin saying that if you went to a rodeo and bought the best bucking horse there and then took the training we know today and used on him, what an outstanding horse you would have. Because those top bucking horses are such tremendous athletes. I always wished someone had and I had seen the results. I imagine in the past many of them old bronc hand did similar. The best horse I ever rode and owned would have been a great bucking horse if he had a mind too. And if you are not aware, they don't just buck any old horse any more, but ones who have been bred to have that in them. And no, you really can't teach a horse to buck. Oh, sure, you can ruin one to where they will buck, but if it isn't in them, they will quit when they see they can't win.

Well looks like I rambled on enough for this week. Be sure and give me a call or email me. I think if you got ahold of Doug here or at the paper he would reply messages also. Take care!

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began preparation for her wrist surgery in Spearfish. She had to spend that night in the hospital, while Doug came home to do chores. He went back to bring her home, the next morning. It has been quite difficult to be one handed, and the pain in her wrist is finally diminishing after a few days. Doug had gone to Buffalo on Friday to get a few groceries. A numb hand is quite hard to get used to, and when it finally seemed to wake up, it was quite painful. Using only one hand is difficult in many surprising ways. It was not her most dominant right hand, but Julia was surprised to see how much she uses her left hand, too.

Donna Lewis had planned to



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From A1  
**New School Positions**

work. The SRO position is funded through May of 2024 when the pandemic money runs out. After that it will be up to the district and the city to determine if the position is worth maintaining.

Among the duties outlined in the job description is the provision that the SRO coordinate law enforcement coverage for extracurricular activities, provide a presence that sends a strong message that violence and negative behaviors are not acceptable, meet regularly with school officials, serve as a primary responder to school-related calls for service and investigations, and perform general police department work duties.

Also introduced to the board was Dr. Mark Britzman, a licensed psychologist who has come on staff at the school to help students navigate through day-to-day issues. This is another ESSER funded position.

“I think what Belle Fourche is doing is really visionary,”

he said. “To have a psychologist who’s accessible, that can work in concert with the school counselors, and staff, I hope can really improve things. The students have some great ideas that we can implement and hopefully we’re going to make the school climate a bit kinder and more respectful.

“I’m really excited to be part of the team and am probably more nervous working with high school students than graduate students because I’m really not that cool,” he told the board to which they responded with laughter.

Dr. Britzman, an SDSU graduate, has been a licensed psychologist and clinical mental health counselor for the past 35 years. He most recently is based in Spearfish. He is also a tenured professor in Counselor Education and is a nationally recognized speaker in the area of character education. Britzman is the author of a book that was published in March 2015 entitled, Pursuing the Good Life: From Surviving to Thriving.

From A1  
**Sowers**

of ethics and conduct, they are supposed to contact the mayor. It is then my responsibility, as mayor, to initiate action if the council member’s behavior warrants sanction,” Schmidt read. “Recently I was advised that Councilman Sowers may have violated the code of ethics and conduct. He has been given written notification of these allegations. The next item on the agenda will be to provide Councilman Sowers with an opportunity to respond to the alleged violations.”

It was not made public which council members brought forward the allegations. Sowers told the Beacon that he has also not been made aware of who on the council originated the allegations. “At least I gave them my name to use, unlike my accusers.”

If accepted, code of ethics violations can mean reprimand, formal censure, and in extreme cases, removal from office.

Sowers then took the podium in his defense reading from his prepared statement. “This five-page letter, composed by the city attorney, was drafted to support your wild accusations to unseat me, and undo the will of the people, without providing a shred of evidence.”

Regarding the conflict-of-interest allegations with the Rec Center’s weight and cardio rooms and the city’s rental of roll-off garbage dumpsters, Sowers maintained that these were issues that he has questioned. Specifically, he says, if the city should be in direct competition with local small businesses in these areas. “You said ‘I questioned,’ ” Sowers told the council. “Am I not allowed to question anything? So now even a question is possible conflict of interest? That explains a lack of questions I hear.”

Sowers rhetorically asked his accusers to name a vote in which he did not act in the fair and equal treatment of the public interest. “I was elected with my first amendment right to have and voice my opinion, as were all of you,” he said. “My opinion remains, as it has from the beginning, that it is in the best interest of our city - funded largely by sales tax from privately owned businesses - that we as a municipality, don’t compete tax-free against the hands that feed us.”

Sowers then addressed the allegation that he was monitoring city employees. He flatly denied following and tracking on and off-duty city employees and denied recruiting others to do so. Further he told the council that it was their fiduciary duty to oversee public employees as

they perform services at taxpayer expense.

“Followed? Name who, when, and where I followed somebody,” Sowers said. “There is no evidence presented with this letter because I didn’t follow anybody.” Sowers called the following, tracking and recruiting allegations baseless.

“Each time that I have learned of something that threatened the workplace moral of public employees I have taken immediate remedial action to verify and address those reports through the procedural channels I was instructed to use,” Sowers said.

Sowers then cited an example of a city department’s employee morale issue that of which he was made aware. He said it was the result of “flagrant neglect of fundamental job duties.” Sowers told the council that he took remedial action which he said involved bringing the mayor and Councilman Bob Somervold into the issue along with Councilman Monte Talkington. Talkington agreed with Sowers that there was fear of retaliation if the matter was made known to the city’s HR department. The report, according to Sowers and Talkington, was supported by evidence from other city employees and citizens and that they brought the matter to the city attorney’s office who provided them with procedures on how to handle the situation.

“Did we not follow his exact directive?” Sowers asked.

“Yes, we did,” Talkington replied.

The third allegation in the letter stated that Sowers added things to the council agenda at the last moment in an effort that appeared “intended to surprise City staff rather than to constructively gather information or to develop constructive policies and solutions.” The letter stated that “it is obvious that you have done significant background investigation on a matter. Nevertheless, you did not raise the issue or discuss the matter with the appropriate committee, the Mayor, or a department head prior to the meeting.”

Sowers termed that accusation ridiculous. “The only time I can remember adding something to an agenda was the approval of our 2020 annual report on Oct. 18th, the day before we started our budget meetings,” he said. “And it was regarding the 2020 financial report that we didn’t receive until over four months past the statutory deadline for our deliberations in establishing the city’s budget. But I’m the one to blame for adding things to the agenda at the last minute?”

“So I had some questions I thought we should be transparent with,” Sowers continued. “And (members of ) the city

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EDC Director, **Hollie Stalder**, and **Lyle Rogalla**, the Lead Engineer and Plant Supervisor for Albany Farms hold up the new company banner while Albany CEO, **Bill Sallers** addresses the EDC Annual meeting attendees. *Courtesy Photo*



The Banquet Room at Graps Burgers and Brews was host to the Belle Fourche Economic Development Annual meeting January 18th. *Beacon Photo*

council had the same information as our code of ethics states. Once more I’m to blame for a report that a professional of 44 years in auditing municipalities said, and I quote, ‘the report is garbage?’ I also thought, that \$1.2 million in mis-accounted for funds should be publicly answered.”

Sowers said he emailed the mayor at 2:30pm the day of the council meeting that approval of the report should be on the agenda. He further stated he emailed the city’s finance officer at 4:30pm just prior to the meeting stating that he would have questions for her regarding the annual report. He then said he contacted the required number of council members to add an item to the agenda.

The Oct. 18th council meeting sparked a very public debate about the city’s finances that involved the formation of a local citizens’ group that was led by Sower’s sister Katie Hoffman. The debate led to the resignation of City Finance Officer Breanna Shaefer in November and a discussion about the city moving from a modified cash basis accounting system back to an accrual basis.

As he wrapped up his defense Sowers again responded that the charges had no merit.

“I stand here before you accused of baseless allegations still utterly bewildered at the motivation behind this from council members, a number of employees and the mayor,” Sowers said. “I’ve wasted a week of time away from my business and family with hours of legal counsel at my expense in defense of this nonsense. It’s shameful. We have so much to do to move this city forward but this is how you decide to spend our city’s time and resources?”

Following Sower’s response the attending crowd erupted in applause. During community input several of them would speak in favor of the councilman.

Councilwomen Rebecca Larson asked Sowers if he would be willing to change or improve his interactions moving forward that would mitigate the perceptions of allegation two. Sowers said he would, in an effort to improve the culture which he says he tries to implement at his businesses. “We don’t demand perfection, we demand improvement,” he said.

In the discussion that fol-

lowed, those in attendance had to be gavelled down a few times by the mayor as they attempted to respond to councilmembers questions addressed to Sowers. Eventually City Attorney Dwight Gubbrud reviewed action the council could take including commissioning a third-party to investigate and write a report on the allegations to present to the council at a later date.

“If the council believes there has been a violation, my recommendation would be to prepare a written resolution to identify what actions Councilman Sowers has taken, how those actions have violated the code of ethics and what sanction you recommended,” Gubbrud said. “And I say that for the benefit of not only Mr. Sowers but for the public. I think the public has a right to know what actions a public official has taken, how those actions may have violated the code of ethics, and why or how that councilmember is being sanctioned. If such a resolution were prepared, Mr. Sowers would then have an opportunity to address that resolution when the council considered it.”

That option was turned down in favor of a motion brought forward by Talkington and Erhart to address the issue immediately with an up or down vote to move forward with the allegations. A vote was taken with six council members voting in favor of dropping the allegations and two opposed. The two votes in opposition came from Ward 1 Councilwoman Heidi Parker and Ward 4 Councilman Bob Somervold.

Sowers bowed with his head in his hands at his desk for several seconds following the vote.

“I just wanted to say I’m voting to not take any further action because I don’t feel there’s enough evidence. I don’t have any personal experience with this,” Councilwoman Anne Reich said. That sentiment was echoed by Councilwoman Larson also during the roll call vote.

Councilwoman Parker told the Beacon she did not choose to comment on the vote and referred any further statement to Mayor Schmidt.

“It wasn’t an easy thing to do. And I think the council made their decision and the council policies the council,” Mayor Schmidt told the Beacon.

“I’m happy to still be serving the community and the citizens. What I thought I was doing, was the job they elected me to do,” Sowers told the Beacon. “I was very relieved to have a decision on this. I’m happy that it’s over.”

Sowers said it was time to move the city forward and that he would do his level best to not let this interfere with his relationships on the council. He did voice concern that he wasn’t given any details in the matter and that there was no attempt to reach out to him personally prior to the letter being delivered. He informed the Beacon that he had met with City Attorney Dwight Gubbrud the Friday before the council meeting seeking details on the allegations but says he was not provided any.

From B4  
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go to a funeral in Ekalaka on Friday, but got a call warning that there were many flu cases in town, so she took their advice and stayed home. Her brother from Billings had also been advised to stay home from the funeral, and as it turned out, the roads were icy that morning and travel would not have been advised. There had been a wrestling match in Baker this week, too, but Donna had been told that, in Baker, forty students had been out of school with the flu, so Donna didn’t get to see the wrestling, either.

Junior and Shirley Melum had a quiet week, and so did Dorothy Padden. The sports schedule

will pick up again next week. Bryce and Dawn Padden went to Ekalaka on Tuesday to do some business. They ate lunch at the old Eagle office where the TSO Cantina has some really great food. On Thursday, Dawn went back to Ekalaka for the high school basketball games. She finally got to see her nephew Turner Tooke play. She had missed the Ekalaka games, because she had been traveling elsewhere to see her grandchildren in their sports.

Remember that the Camp Crook Corner Bar will be having a pre-superbowl party next Sunday for the play-offs game.

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**124 years ago**  
 Northwest TIME  
 January 15, 1898  
*The New Phone Company*  
 The Harrison Telephone company has just sent out a new directory card, revised to date, and containing the names and numbers of all the subscribers. This company has been pushing to the front remarkably, and has extended its lines to all parts of the Black Hills. The towns and points now connected by its wires are Deadwood, Lead, Central, Terraville, Terry, Portland, Preston, Balmoral, the Dacy shaft, Crown Hill station, Galena, Whitewood, Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Sturgis, Fort Meade, Meyer's Siding, Tilford, Piedmont, Black Hawk and Rapid City. There are now 292 subscribers on the line, and they are getting the best service that can be given.

*Talk of the Town*  
 The Elkhorn bridge gang came in the latter part of last week and are preparing to put in a steel bridge across the Belle Fourche river with a 60-foot span. This will be a great improvement as the present structure is swept out every spring by the ice gorges which came down the river.  
 Miss Ella Shockley is preparing to open a dressmaking parlor on Second St. (now State St.), next door to Mrs. Crippen's Millinery store, where she will be pleased to meet all lading desiring first-class work in that line. She has had considerable experience in cutting and fitting and her work has given satisfaction.

**100 years ago**  
 Belle Fourche Post  
 January 20, 1922  
*New School Unit Dedicated*  
 Owing to the inclemency of the weather on Wednesday evening of last week, the attendance at the formal dedication of the new High School unit in this city was quite small. Those who did attend, however, were repaid for their trouble, as a most interesting program was given in the assembly room of the old building. Mrs. C. S. Small vice-president of the Board of Education gave a history of the Belle Fourche school, dating back to the time of the first school house in this city, and also a complete description and cost of the present substantial and commodious. Structures. A saxophone solo by J. C. Smiley, piano solo by Inez Evans and a girls' vocal trio by Misses Helen Williams, Mildred McClure and Katie Heinbaugh, added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. After the program all adjourned to the new building, where the same was thoroughly inspected and admired for its convenience and completeness in every detail.

**75 years ago**  
 Belle Fourche Daily Post  
 January 14, 1947  
*Widdoss Leaves Firm of Frost and Sons*  
 Harold Widdoss, for the past few years associated with the firm of H. E. Frost and Sons here, yesterday announced that he has terminated his business affiliation with that organization. Widdoss, who formerly operated furniture store and undertaking parlor at Sydney, Mont., became the partner in the organization three years ago. He concluded his services with Frost Saturday. Widdoss announced no plans for future activities.

*Debate Flares in Senate Over Investigating Group*  
 Washington, Jan. 13 – Republican leaders in the senate ran into opposition today from one of their own party. The opposition came from peppery little Republican Senator Tobey of New Hampshire. He vigorously denounced his party leaders for continuing the senate war investigation committee – the old Truman committee. Tobey claimed in a floor speech that no special committees should be set up under the congressional streamlining bill. In an hour-long speech, the eloquent senator charged that special committees would open the way for domination of the senate thru "machine politics." He warned that if the war investigating committee is continued, other special committees would be set up. His outburst came only a short while after Senator Taft's policy committee recommended that the famed war investigating committee be continued for one year. Senator Brewster offered to limit the investigations primarily to alleged profiteering and corruption in war contracts.

*Van Horn Named New Head of Sheep Growers*  
 Ward Van Horn, youthful Buffalo sheepman, yesterday was elected president of the Western South Dakota Sheep Growers Association succeeding John H. Widdoss of Belle Fourche. Van Horn's election to the head of the organization came at the close of the two-day ninth annual convention of the group. Van Horn stepped up from the vice-president post.

**50 years ago**  
 Belle Fourche Daily Post  
 January 13, 1972  
*Society Covers Varied Subject – Signs, Tour, Historical Leeches*  
 Six new historic signs were designated, the outgoing officers thanked, a board member installed, history books requested, more membership meetings, a political football, 1972 caravan tour, and historical leeches were discussed during the



by Mary Buchholz

January board meeting of the Butte County Historical Society Monday night. The meeting was held at the Philip Vallery ranch home near Fruitdale. Mrs. Dewey Holdren, Vale, president, presided. Marker signs were ordered for these historic sites: Beam school, now Hillside; Snoma; Snoma Finnish cemetery; Danish Lutheran cemetery; Minnesela cemetery; Minnesela. All six sites are between Belle Fourche, easterly to Fruitdale, on Snoma Lane. The four outgoing officers, who had served their allotted two consecutive terms, were given a vote of thanks and appreciation for a job well done and for their help in getting this new organization started and working: Mrs. Kenneht Pracewell, Vale; R. D. Long, Newell; Joe Koller and Mrs. Vincent Kennedy, both of Belle Fourche. Mrs. Ione Shevling, Nisland, was installed as a board member to fill the unexpired term of the late Otto Ericson.

*Aberdeen Man Buys Saunders-Young*  
 Ray Young, long-time owner-operator of Saunders-Young Lumber Company here, yesterday announced the sale of that firm to Bernard (Bud) Paradis of Aberdeen. The new owner has arrived in Belle Fourche and has assumed ownership of the firm. Young came to Belle Fourche from Gillette in 1936 when he and the Saunders Lumber Company of Gillette purchased the old Peter Mintener Lumber Company. Young later bought out the Saunders interest in the firm and further expanded in 1966 when he purchased the Montgomery Lumber Company. The new owner has been in the retail lumber business for 22 years, including three years at Rapid City, eight years at Sturgis and the last 10 years at Aberdeen. Paradis is a past president of the South Dakota Retail Lumber Dealers Association. He is married, has three children – a son, Steve, who is married and living at Moorhead, Minn., a son, Kevin, 20, who has moved to Belle Fourche with his father and a daughter, Ann, 18, who will remain in Aberdeen, with Mrs. Paradis until school is out. Paradis says he plans to change the name of the firm to the Belle Fourche Building Center. Meanwhile, Ray Young says he's worked long enough. Now he plan to retire. He will continue to make his home in Belle Fourche.



Later Roosevelt School after it had been enlarged, photo dated 1924, one of the ladies is Margaret Curtis O'Donnell, who came to Belle Fourche from Mitchell to teach music.





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**ACROSS**

1 Sayings (suf.)  
5 Alt. cotton garment  
9 Stupid person  
12 Molding  
13 Seed coat  
14 Capture  
15 Husky (2 words)  
17 Cost of living index (abbr.)  
18 Son of Shem  
19 Hat  
21 Weaverbird  
24 Rear  
27 Generation  
30 Branch  
32 Cleopatra's attendant  
33 Salt (Fr.)  
34 Medieval sword  
36 Amer. Broadcasting Corp. (abbr.)  
37 Belt  
39 Hat (Ger.)  
40 Nat'l

**DOWN**

41 Trio  
43 Idea (pret.)  
45 Tiber tributary  
47 Down with (Fr., 2 words)  
50 Classic car  
52 Anime  
56 Eastern church chalice veil  
57 Jot  
58 Skin eruption  
59 Before common era (abbr.)  
60 Unable to hear  
61 Sacred (pref.)

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10 Mulberry of India  
11 Federal Bureau of Investigation (abbr.)  
16 Likeness  
20 Fr. month  
22 Express disapproval  
23 Asian mountains  
25 Kemo  
26 Black measles  
27 Assistant (abbr.)  
28 Toothed wheel  
29 Hamlet's castle  
31 Burden  
35 Pellucid  
36 Have (Scot.)  
42 Mechanical man  
44 W. Indian magic  
46 Medicinal herb  
48 Spore sacs  
49 Trigonometric function  
50 Mortar bearer  
51 Eur. Economic Community (abbr.)  
53 Greek letter  
54 Clad  
55 Grandfather of Saul

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*"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"*

## Creating Quality of Life Creates Tourism

I recently came across what is known as the "The Destination Management Cycle" created by Maura Gast. It states: "If you build a place where people want to live, you'll build a place where people want to work. If you build a place where people want to work, you'll build a place where business needs to be. If you build a place where business has to be, you'll build a place where people have to visit. If you build a place people want to visit, you build a place where people want to live."

Local businesses struggle to survive on only residential spending. Visitors make the difference between operating in the red or the black for many local businesses. For many communities, there are few options to reverse the debilitating trend of local dollars leaving their community. So that begs the question, How can communities slow these trends that will only continue to intensify in the future?

One sure way to slow the outflow of dollars leaving your community is finding ways to attract tourism. The value of tourism ought not be understated. The power of tourism dollars can alter the economic landscape in your community. It can restore the revitalization needed for communities to grow and ultimately compete for survival.

Each community is different based on cost of living and



by John Newby

variable economic conditions. Studies indicate tourism brings approximately \$500 per visit into a community over the average two-day stay. That figure includes hotel, gas, shopping, and food. If your community attracts 10,000 additional tourists each year, that is an additional five million dollars circulating through your community. It gets better, studies also show those dollars get spent again, between three and seven times by those living within the local community. This is over fifteen million additional dollars circulating through your community each year. What will fifteen million additional dollars do for your local business base, the city coffers, and maintaining the infrastructure of your community?

Tourism is a high stakes game every community must pursue. Community leaders are shirking their fiduciary duties of office by not actively pursuing those dollars. How does a community build the machine that promotes and attracts tourism? While there are many ways to grow this avenue of revenue, here is a simple three-step process.

First, realize, understand, and promote the value and vision of tourism. Understand, regardless of where you are in the scheme of things, you must get to a point that you are doing the things to grow tourism. This is the most important frame of mind community leaders can

have when it comes to your community's financial survival.

Secondly, find those unique things about your city and build upon them. Tourists seek new and unique experiences, not sameness. Tourists are seeking to find the heart and soul of a community, not the same old and easy to find everyday experiences. Does your community have access to water, such as rivers or lakes? Does your community have a niche such as music, history and/or art etc.? Find those niches and magnify them to the best of your ability.

Thirdly, support organizations willing to create events that magnify your community's niches and talents. People travel for good events. Your events can be car or bike shows, food festivals, unique music festivals, veteran's events, ethnic festivals, and the list is endless. The real skill in this arena however is beyond just creating these events. Every event you concentrate community resources towards should be one that can ultimately grow into a multiday event. Those are the events that attract the high stakes tourism dollars that make an impact your community needs.

Help your town with business retention by keeping tourism and downtown/Main Street/Chamber partners engaged, highlighting what they do for your community. Help with business development. Make sure you have website and blog content that tells a compelling story of your destination, downtown, or district. This will help entice both local entrepreneurship and prospective outside businesses to your area. Be the "one stop shop" for all information about your destination, with a clear path on your website that

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I started with a quote, let me end with one. Bill Geist has often stated when referring to tourism, "We have to understand the work we do is indeed economic development – it's a key tenet and it makes cash-in-

hand possible, because when travelers arrive, they don't come with the promises of spending – they spend right now."

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FEEDER CATTLE	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD	
Lermeney Ranch, Reva SD.....	90.....	Black-Str Pc.....	682.....	176.50.....	1,203.73 \$
.....	90.....	Black-Str Pc.....	678.....	176.50.....	1,196.27 \$
.....	91.....	Black-Str Pc.....	677.....	176.50.....	1,194.09 \$
.....	88.....	Black-Str Pc.....	676.....	176.50.....	1,192.57 \$
.....	103.....	Black-Str Pc.....	582.....	196.25.....	1,141.39 \$
.....	8.....	Black-Str Pc.....	453.....	216.50.....	981.01 \$
Todd Meccage, Baker MT.....	61.....	Black-Str Pc.....	610.....	184.00.....	1,122.24 \$
.....	3.....	Black-Str Pc.....	477.....	216.00.....	1,029.60 \$
.....	85.....	Black-Hfr Pc Bv.....	647.....	177.75.....	1,149.31 \$
.....	46.....	Black-Hfr Pc Bv.....	569.....	170.50.....	970.92 \$
Brian Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD.....	67.....	Blk/BwF-Str Bt.....	567.....	195.00.....	1,106.55 \$
.....	8.....	Black-Str Bt.....	401.....	210.00.....	841.31 \$
Kyle & Shelly West, Oshoto WY.....	39.....	Black-Str Pc.....	535.....	197.00.....	1,053.69 \$
.....	22.....	Black-Str Pc.....	450.....	211.50.....	950.78 \$
.....	38.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	513.....	172.00.....	883.08 \$
.....	15.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	422.....	187.00.....	789.76 \$
K Diamond Ranch, Pompeys Pillar MT.....	58.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	624.....	181.00.....	1,129.22 \$
.....	11.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	520.....	204.00.....	1,059.87 \$
.....	3.....	RwF-Str Pc.....	595.....	176.50.....	1,050.17 \$
.....	36.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	569.....	165.50.....	941.05 \$
.....	40.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Bv.....	640.....	159.00.....	1,017.40 \$
.....	4.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	449.....	182.00.....	816.72 \$
.....	3.....	RwF/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	578.....	158.00.....	913.76 \$
George Etchemendy, Douglas WY.....	90.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	604.....	174.50.....	1,053.59 \$
Curren Ranch, Aladdin WY.....	75.....	Red-Hfr Pc Bv.....	535.....	170.00.....	908.70 \$
.....	8.....	Red-Hfr Pc Bv.....	426.....	186.00.....	792.82 \$
.....	4.....	Black-Hfr Pc Bv.....	578.....	161.50.....	932.66 \$
Doug Bonsell, Ekalaka MT.....	89.....	Char/Red-Str Pc.....	589.....	185.00.....	1,090.35 \$
.....	23.....	Char/Red-Str Pc.....	512.....	192.00.....	982.95 \$
.....	46.....	Char/Red-Hfr Pc.....	524.....	165.50.....	866.71 \$
.....	16.....	Char/Red-Hfr Pc.....	469.....	177.00.....	830.24 \$
Clint Stinson, Miles City MT.....	73.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	479.....	189.00.....	905.64 \$
.....	11.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	399.....	195.00.....	777.34 \$
Wade Pearson, Aladdin WY.....	53.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	530.....	173.50.....	919.87 \$
.....	6.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	449.....	213.50.....	958.97 \$
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD.....	74.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	540.....	197.00.....	1,063.00 \$
.....	10.....	Black-Str Pc.....	429.....	200.00.....	857.00 \$
.....	6.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	659.....	158.00.....	1,041.48 \$
.....	42.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	558.....	166.50.....	929.03 \$
.....	12.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	448.....	187.00.....	836.82 \$
Antelope Sps Ranch Co, Midwest WY.....	23.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	540.....	201.00.....	1,086.27 \$
.....	3.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	630.....	176.00.....	1,108.80 \$
.....	45.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	504.....	184.00.....	927.56 \$
.....	13.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	460.....	211.00.....	969.78 \$
.....	12.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	455.....	186.00.....	847.07 \$
MT Consignment.....	30.....	Red-Str Pc.....	606.....	177.00.....	1,072.62 \$
.....	8.....	Red-Str Pc.....	509.....	203.00.....	1,034.03 \$
.....	41.....	Red-Hfr Pc Bv.....	542.....	166.75.....	903.90 \$
.....	16.....	Red-Hfr Pc Bv.....	469.....	180.50.....	846.65 \$
John Bruch, Sturgis SD.....	98.....	Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	605.....	172.00.....	1,040.86 \$
.....	19.....	Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	449.....	205.50.....	922.04 \$
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT.....	54.....	Black-Str Pc.....	531.....	208.00.....	1,104.71 \$
.....	16.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	430.....	223.00.....	958.90 \$
.....	124.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	551.....	173.00.....	952.61 \$
.....	21.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	444.....	193.00.....	857.47 \$
William & Gary Clanton, Buffalo SD.....	15.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	636.....	177.50.....	1,128.30 \$
.....	9.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	694.....	170.00.....	1,179.61 \$
Tooke Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT.....	10.....	Black-Str Pc.....	533.....	202.00.....	1,075.66 \$
.....	11.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	497.....	179.00.....	890.11 \$
Rafter Star Ranch Llc, Banner WY.....	19.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	686.....	153.00.....	1,049.25 \$
Dennis Denson, Ashland MT.....	13.....	Black-Str Pc.....	674.....	169.00.....	1,139.45 \$
.....	9.....	Black-Str Pc.....	535.....	184.00.....	984.40 \$
Clayton Patten, Broadus MT.....	13.....	Black-Str Pc.....	584.....	181.00.....	1,056.76 \$
.....	14.....	Black-Str Pc.....	494.....	207.00.....	1,021.69 \$
.....	8.....	Char/Blk-Str Pc.....	370.....	220.00.....	814.00 \$
Puptown Cattle, Ekalaka MT.....	22.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	450.....	220.00.....	990.50 \$
.....	11.....	Black-Str Pc.....	380.....	217.50.....	825.51 \$
.....	19.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	361.....	177.50.....	641.33 \$
Todd Barkley, Baker MT.....	14.....	Blk/BwF-Str.....	489.....	208.00.....	1,016.97 \$
.....	9.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr.....	453.....	187.00.....	846.69 \$
MT Consignment.....	20.....	Blk/BwF-Str.....	700.....	168.00.....	1,176.00 \$
.....	4.....	Blk/BwF-Str Bulls.....	739.....	130.00.....	960.37 \$
Jacob Fenster, Gillette WY.....	19.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr.....	651.....	150.50.....	979.43 \$
.....	27.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	603.....	160.00.....	965.33 \$
.....	8.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	527.....	166.00.....	874.61 \$
John Johnson, Belle Fourche SD.....	12.....	Blk/BwF-Str Bt.....	530.....	203.00.....	1,075.90 \$
.....	9.....	Blk/BwF-Str Bt.....	541.....	203.00.....	1,097.32 \$
.....	30.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Bt.....	535.....	161.00.....	861.88 \$
.....	11.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Bt.....	424.....	186.00.....	787.96 \$
Stieber Cattle Co, Hardin MT.....	41.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Bv.....	710.....	155.00.....	1,099.93 \$
.....	34.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Bv.....	597.....	155.00.....	925.21 \$
.....	5.....	Red/RwF-Hfr Pc Bv.....	644.....	145.00.....	933.80 \$
Kurt Kling, Belle Fourche SD.....	8.....	Black-Str.....	776.....	163.00.....	1,264.26 \$
.....	6.....	Black-Hfr.....	670.....	153.00.....	1,025.10 \$
Gene Loder, Scranton Nd.....	14.....	Black-Str Pc.....	661.....	165.50.....	1,094.07 \$

BULLS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD	
Dale A/ Kathy Hogen, Newell SD.....	1.....	Black-Bull Df.....	1705.....	97.00.....	1,653.85 \$
Black Thunder, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull Df.....	1775.....	95.00.....	1,686.25 \$
Frontier Cattle Co Llc, Kaycee WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1680.....	96.50.....	1,621.20 \$
Tim Perry, Rozet WY.....	1.....	Herf-Bull Df.....	2130.....	88.00.....	1,874.40 \$
Frontier Cattle Co Llc, Kaycee WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1640.....	94.00.....	1,541.60 \$
John Vassar, Billings MT.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2015.....	97.50.....	1,964.62 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2055.....	98.00.....	2,013.90 \$

BRED STOCK SPECIAL & LOOSE HORSE SALE

JANUARY 27, 2022

SALES TIMES

WEIGH UPS- 9:00 AM

BRED STOCK W/ HORSES TO FOLLOW- 12:00 PM

BRED HEIFERS

Tony Rathbun-WY

70 blk/bwF bred hfrs

bred wagyu, calve 3/1 in 20 day groups

Brian Budmayr-SD

35 blk bred hfrs

bred blk, calve 3/10

K Diamond Ranch-MT

31 blk bred hfrs

bred lbw blk, calve 4/8 for 45 days

52 Ranch-MT

25 blk bred hfrs

bred lbw blk, calve 4/1 for 20 days

Larry Ellsbury-WY

12 bwf bred hfrs

bred lbw blk to Pyramid bulls, calve 3/1 for 20 days, HR, 1100#

PRODUCTIONS & DISPERSIONS

K Diamond Ranch-MT

136 blk running age cows

bred blk/hereford, calve 5/1 for 50 days, HR, shots, poured, blueprint mineral program, complete dispersion

Paul Van Dyke-WY

106 blk running age cows

bred blk, calve 4/25 for 50 days, repro shots, poured, complete dispersion

STOCK COWS

Steve Bruski-MT

25 blk mxd age cows

bred blk to Ellingson Angus bulls, calve 3/15 for 60 days, shots

Johna Rovere-SD

17 blk 3-7 y/o cows

bred blk, calve 3/31

Kyle Bruski-MT

10 blk mxd age cows

bred blk to Ellingson Angus bulls, calve 3/15 for 60 days, shots

SM/BM COWS

Sheridan Burgess-WY

42 blk SM/BM cows

bred blk, calve 3/21 for 45 days

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

February 3, 2022 ..... NO SALE – BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW

February 10, 2022 .... FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

February 17, 2022 .... BRED STOCK SPECIAL

February 24, 2022 .... FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

March 3, 2022 ..... BRED STOCK SPECIAL

March 10, 2022 ..... FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

March 17, 2022 ..... BRED STOCK SPECIAL

March 24, 2022 ..... FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

March 31, 2022 ..... BRED STOCK SPECIAL

April 7, 2022 ..... FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

UPCOMING BULL SALE SCHEDULE

February 24, 2022 .... CACTUS CATTLE CO

March 17, 2022 ..... NEIMAN CATTLE CO.

April 7, 2022 ..... BAR 69 ANGUS RANCH

April 14, 2022 ..... REICH CHAROLAIS RANCH

April 21, 2022 ..... CS ANGUS

April 28, 2022 ..... MANGEN ANGUS RANCH

May 5, 2022 ..... J SPEAR CATTLE CO

May 26, 2022 ..... ANNUAL TURN-OUT TIMES ALL

..... BREEDS BULL SALE

RECEIVING STATIONS

Broadus, MT

Rod Schaffer

406-436-2235

(home)

406-672-5546 (cell)

Miles City, MT

Jason Twitcheall

406-480-2345

WYoming

Mike Greenough

307-620-2597

Lodge Grass, MT

Justin Hecker

307-752-3718

.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2325.....	94.00.....	2,185.50 \$
Dennis Denson, Ashland MT.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1925.....	94.00.....	1,809.50 \$
Consignment From WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1865.....	97.00.....	1,809.05 \$
Neiman Cattle Co Llc, Alva WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1970.....	100.50.....	1,979.85 \$
Consignment From MT.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1840.....	101.00.....	1,858.40 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1710.....	97.00.....	1,658.70 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2045.....	98.00.....	2,004.10 \$
James Burley, Broadus MT.....	2.....	Black-Bull.....	1853.....	93.00.....	1,722.82 \$
James Or Gay Murphy, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1185.....	112.00.....	1,327.20 \$
Leroy Curren, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Red-Bull.....	1925.....	94.00.....	1,809.50 \$
Will Johnson, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2240.....	82.00.....	1,836.80 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1885.....	83.00.....	1,564.55 \$



NEWELL SCHOOLS

Newell School News Roundup

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NEWELL – Lot’s going on in the Newell school district, much of it away from home where most people don’t get to travel and watch the students excel. In the past couple of weeks there have been, or will be some great things happening.

Please take note, if you have children that are between 0-6 years of age, they are invited to attend the Newell Child Find screening on February 22 in the Newell lower elementary building. This is a ways out but time fills up quickly so people interested in having their child screened should contact the school at 605-456-0102. Special Education director Tonya Mullaney and teacher Kylee Sandgren will be in charge of the screenings. Children who may have developmental delay/disability, but not in a permanent program are encouraged to come in. Also, those that are four and five-years-old that are registered to attend school for the first time this fall, and three and four-year-old’s who are interested in attending school, but are not yet registered should also be screened.

Once a screening time is arranged parents are asked to enter the lower elementary doors on the north side between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for their child’s screening.

Newell wrestlers have been having a good couple of weeks. Here’s the chance to catch up on their success.

January 14 saw the wrestlers at Newcastle, Wyo. Chase VanDerBoom brought home a first-place finish, Charlie Clements grabbed third, Joe Eaton took fifth and Bodie VanDerBoom snagged a sixth-place finish.

On the 15th they traveled to Potter County and once more came home with some hardware. Chase brought home a second-place medal, Charlie 6th, and in JV Bodie came away with third, Joe bumped up to third-place and Jorey Clements snagged first place.

On January 22 the matmen headed to Chadron where they once again placed. Charlie and Chase both brought home second place finishes while Abrym Heinert and Colton Niles both came away with a fourth-place finish.

The Newell Drama Club is pleased to announce the cast of the spring production, Dakota Jones.

Those students include: Dakota-McKenzie Rans, Carolina-Addie Wich, Arizona-Rylan Gross, Montana-Bailee Yule,

Newell Schools C4

Climbing the Walls



First graders climb the rock wall under the careful eye of teacher Scott Wince, left. This is part of this age P.E. program. More school news at left and additional school photos on C4. - Courtesy photos

Newell City Commission Holds First Meeting of 2022

BETTY BRUNER  
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NEWELL-Friday evening’s meeting for Newell City Commissioners began with a discussion of removal of the mobile home located at Block 36, Lot 7 & 8 of Newell, east of the Blue Line Diner. The owner of the mobile home and lot is unknown at this time since the transfer of the land has not been recorded recently.

According to a citizen’s complaint by Ken Ballou, the “trailer is uninhabitable, no power, no water. The addition is protruding into the alley at least 4’, making the turn difficult...” He filed a written complaint with the city December 17, 2021 following the last regular meeting of the 2021.

Mayor Wetz asked for recommendations from council members. City Foreman Larry Parker had checked the site and had confirmed that the mobile home was in the alley right of way.

Commissioner Youngberg said that he thought it should be taken out of there since it was a fire hazard. The other commissioners agreed with his

assessment and stated that the city should notify the owner to remove the mobile home.

“In order to dig a water line,” Parker said, “the entry way needs to be removed.”

He went on to explain that the water valve was located in the alley and he would not be able to replace it if needed, because of the lack of room to maneuver.

“The valve is all of 50 years old,” he said.

The commissioners decided that a letter should be sent to the last owner of record stating that the entry way be removed within 30 days and the mobile home be removed by April 15, 2022.

The city is looking at options for the COVID money that is scheduled to come. Mayor Wetz explained that the money is slated to be used for water and sewer development and repair.

“We either could just let the town rust away or grow the town by moving to the east,” he said as he encouraged the commissioners to look at ways to improve the east side of the town.

The COVID money would work well to begin those improvements.



Newell Commissioners voted to have the mobile home located on Block 36, Lots 7 & 8 removed because it is in the alley right-of-way. The owner is unknown at this time. - Betty Bruner photo

During the discussion of designation of the official newspaper, the commissioners questioned the reasoning of not using the Belle Fourche Beacon to print official notices. As it was explained, an official newspaper must have a

paid circulation of at least 200 paid subscriptions, along with editorial requirements. The commissioners stated that it should be important to everyone to pay for a subscription to the

City Commission C2

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Newell School Menu Jan. 31 - Feb. 3

Wednesday Jan. 26, 2022

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

Lunch: TACO BURGER, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, CORN, PEACHES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thursday Jan. 27, 2022

Breakfast: DUTCH WAFFLES OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT, OR JUICE MILK

Lunch: FISH STICKS, BEETS, PINEAPPLE, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Monday Jan. 31, 2022

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

Lunch: HAMBURGER DELUXE, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, MIXED VEGETABLES, MIXED FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Tuesday Feb. 1, 2022

Breakfast: CINNAMON ROLL OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN DRUMSTICK, MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY, APRICOTS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Wednesday Feb. 2, 2022

Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: SPAGHETTI PIZZA, CORN, PEARS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thursday Feb. 3, 2022

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

Lunch: CORN DOG, BAKED BEANS, MANDARIN OR-ANGES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK



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From C1  
City Commission

Beacon so that a local paper would be available for official city business. Salaries for 2022 were discussed and set for city employees. Sheila Smith, Acting Finance Officer, will be reevaluated when she is officially named Finance Officer and will move from an hourly wage to an annual salary. Verle Tift will get a raise once he has completed his CDL. Remaining salaries are as

follows:  
Barney Barnes \$36,230.09,  
Candy Flanagan \$9.95/hr.,  
Olivia Luna \$9.95/hr., Dennis  
Myrice \$12/hr., Lyle Nelson  
\$13/hr., Lawrence Parker  
\$46,000, Josie Richardson  
\$9.95/hr., Sheila Smith \$34,000  
with a review when changed to  
Finance Officer, Arlene Sund-  
strum \$14/hr., Verl Tift \$15.05/  
hr., Linda Velder \$13.18/hr.,  
Lisa Wonderly \$11.67/hr., Li-  
brary Subs \$9.95/hr.  
The next regular meeting of  
the Newell Commissioners will  
be February 14, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Farm Bureau Members  
Take in Conference

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DEADWOOD – Farm Bureau members from around Butte County, the state, surrounding states and even as far away as California, dropped in for part or all of the annual Farm Bureau Farm & Ranch Conference held this year at the Lodge in Deadwood. The theme of the conference was “Building Bridges & Growing Generations.”

The two-day event kicked off Friday morning with check-in and tours of McNenny Fish Hatcher and Spearfish Brewing. Following registration, where attendees pickup up bags full of goodies and were greeted by officers from both South Dakota Farm Bureau and Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. Those included South Dakota Young Farmers & Ranchers chairs: Bryan & Sarah Moes, Vice-chairs Tyrel & Kassidy Eisenbraun, Secretaries Greg & Christiana Ostrem. From Wyoming Federation officers were: Chair-Kelli Chouinard, Vice-chair-Quade Palm, Secretary-Aletta Ziehl.

Around 150 people attended the first session where the presenter was Elaine Froese, author of Canada’s Farm Whisperer.” Froese is a certified coach for helping families find harmony

Farm Bureau C4



Elaine Froese, Canada’s Farm Whisperer, was the opening speaker for the annual SD Farm Bureau and Wy. Farm Federation conference held at The Lodge in Deadwood on Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 22. - Brunner photo



A Round Pen Beef discussion Q&A, facilitated by Clay Conry, left, included Heather Maude, Luke Kovarik, Justin Tupper and Ken Olson. - Brunner photo

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Tuesday night: 7:00 pm Drawing at the Newell Bar.

One name from the tickets sold each week will be drawn. That person will win 10% of the week’s ticket sales and draw 1 card from the deck. If they find the **Ace of Hearts** they will split the jackpot 50/50 with the Newell Community Club.

If they find another card, the game continues next week as the Jackpot grows with ticket sales. **Other Aces will pay \$100 and Jokers are \$25.**

The Deck is reduced by 1 card increasing your chance to find the **Ace of Hearts.**

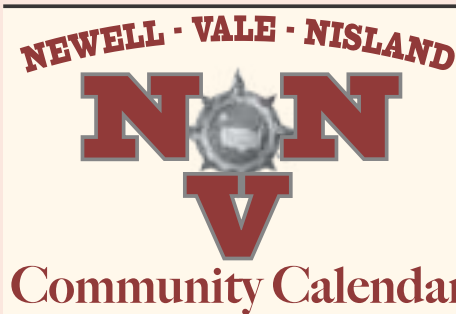


Tickets can be purchased on line @ [newellcommunityclub.com](http://newellcommunityclub.com)



**Must be 18 years or older to participate. Must be a South Dakota resident.**

If you have events for the calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at [colleenbrunner@gmail.com](mailto:colleenbrunner@gmail.com).



Jan. 27: MSBBB vs Douglas at home, 4:30 p.m.; Newell Improvement Corporation meeting, 6 p.m. at 18344 SD Hwy 79, Newell (1.5 m north of 4-way stop) at the home of Colleen Brunner. Please join us and bring new ideas to the table.

Jan. 28/29: HSWR @ Belle Fourche Tournament, 12 p.m.

Jan. 28: GBB/BBB JV & V vs. Faith, 3 p.m.

Jan. 29: MSBB-LMC Tournament @ Timberlake, 10 a.m.; GBB/BBB vs Philip at home, JV, V 1 p.m.;

Jan. 28/29: HSWR at Belle Fourche Tournament 9 a.m.

Jan. 30: Kids JAM (age K-6th) at Nisland Independent church, 402 Olin, 6 p.m.; Adult Bible study during same time frame. Check the Nisland church website at <https://nislandchurch.wixsite.com/nislandchurch> for more information.

Jan. 31: MSBBB vs. Faith away, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 31: Kids JAM (age K-6th) at Nisland Independent church, 402 Olin, 6 p.m.; Adult Bible study during same time frame. Check the Nisland church website at <https://nislandchurch.wixsite.com/nislandchurch> for more information.

Feb. 1: HSWR Round Robin, 5 p.m.

Feb. 3: State One-Act Play; GBB/BBB vs. Hill City away, 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 4: GBB/BBB vs Edgemont at home, 1 p.m.

Feb. 5: HSWR BH Classic at Hill City, 9 a.m.; Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Dept. annual meeting and dinner at the firehall. 6 p.m. If you have ever wanted to volunteer service for your community this would be a great time to come and visit.

Feb. 14: Newell city commission meeting at city office, 6 p.m.; Newell school board at MPR, 6 p.m.

Feb. 14: Valentines day! Let your sweetheart know you are thinking of them!

Feb. 18: Deadline for Butte Electric senior scholarship by members children. A total of 5 \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to recognize and encourage the achievements of the members and their dependent children. Find an application here: [www.butteelectric.com/scholarships](http://www.butteelectric.com/scholarships).

Newell High School Senior Profiles

Editor's Note: Reporter Colleen Brunner continues her series profiling the Class of 2022 at Newell High School.

NEWELL – Bailee Yule is a senior at Newell High School and has a mercurial lifestyle which includes many activities both in and out of school.

She is the daughter of Maynard and Noreen Yule of Nisland, and has two siblings. Tyler, who also graduated from NHS, is 11 years older. Jenna is five years younger and attends Newell.

“I was born in Spearfish and have lived in South Dakota all my life,” said Yule.

Yule, who has a family with a musical background, has been in band for eight years, attending All-State band as a 7th grader and 8th grader. Her father plays bass guitar for many different functions and older brother Tyler was well-known at NHS for his drum-playing abilities.

Yule will be attending the Chadron Honors band and SDSU Honors band during her senior year.

“I’ve been involved in drama for five years, doing the sound system (which her family has provided for a number of years for the program),” said Yule. “The last two years I’ve been on stage acting. As well as fine arts, I’ve managed basketball all four years.”

Once Yule graduates from NHS she plans to attend an EMT Bootcamp at Western Dakota Technical Institute.

“It’s a one-month program of intensive classroom and practical learning before my certification at the beginning of July,” said the young lady. “I’ll start at WDT in the fall,



Bailee  
Yule

obtaining my Paramedic in the spring of 2023. Hopefully, after working in the field a couple of years, I’ll go back to school for a degree in Emergency Medicine or a Flight Paramedic position.”

Yule credits Lori Johnston as a teacher who taught her “how to fail in a way that’s productive.”

“She pushed me academically and showed me how to truly learn. I’ll never forget her ability to help and push limits so that everyone was as far as they wanted to be.”

Currently Yule notes Mr. Trev Fiedler, her welding and advanced welding instructor as the most fun.

“Mr. Fiedler taught me my

freshman year, coming into welding with little to no experience and now it is something I enjoy doing even outside of school.”

One of Yules most interesting memories from NHS is when a group of four friends got a car stuck in a snow bank at the school.

“I don’t think I could pick one person or things that has influenced me the most, the people and things I’ve chosen to surround myself with have all impacted me in some way,” she notes.



## Grand River Roundup

**BETTY OLSON**  
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Monday was a warm, beautiful day when Reub and I went to Hettinger that morning. We took some of Reub’s shearing tools up to the Hettinger Research center to have Chris Schauer sharpen them for him so the guys can wool blind the sheep soon. After Chris got the tools sharpened, we went up to the clinic to find out that Reub’s COVID test came back negative so he was able to have his medical procedure Tuesday morning.

We had to be at the hospital by 6:30 Tuesday morning so we had to get up even earlier than we usually do, but everything went really well and I was able to bring him home before lunch where he was finally able to eat solid food again. I was also able to go into Buffalo that evening for the pipeline safety training for the pipeline safety training for first responders at the REC Center.



There were four more deaths to report this week. On Wednesday, Jan. 5, Helen (Smith) Brengle, 81, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Gillette. A celebration of her life will be held during the summer when the weather is warmer and all her loved ones can be there.

Becky Holt’s brother, Duane Perfett, passed away at the hospital in Missoula, MT, from a long, life-threatening illness. Duane’s funeral will be at a later date.

John Johnson, age 90, of Lemmon, passed away January 17, at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger. Funeral services for John were held on Saturday at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon with burial at the Rosebud Lutheran Cemetery south of White Butte.

Willanore “Willie” (Dunn) Ruby, age 94 of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, January 19, at the Rolling Hills Health-

care Center in Belle Fourche. Willanore Louise Dunn was born September 13, 1927 on the Dunn family ranch in Harding County. Willie’s funeral service was Tuesday at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche with interment in the Rosehill Cemetery in Spearfish.

These families have our sympathy.

Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to a quad wrestling meet in Killdeer Friday night and a wrestling tournament in Killdeer on Saturday. Taz left this week for rodeos in Denver and Fort Worth, so Trig came home from student teaching in Sundance to help Missy and Reub with chores on Saturday. Trig had to leave for Sundance on Saturday night to get ready for his classes on Monday, but Casey was home to do chores Sunday morning before church.

I called Marie Donohue this week and got her new mailing address so I can send her the article that Fred Jennewein wrote in the Bison Courier on September 5, 1940 about Mrs. Otis Tye who died in a blizzard on the

north side of the Slim Buttes in 1888. Fred Jennewein was a 1902 cowboy and my hero who ran the museum in Bison when I was just a little kid. My great grandfather, Carl Hallan, built the old museum that used to be just east of the courthouse. I’m also sending Marie the pictures she loaned me of her husband James Donohue, Ray Escherich and Darrell Lee setting a marker on Mrs. Tye’s grave in 1961. There was also a picture of the grave marker they put up after taking down the pile of rocks that were marking the grave.

Slim Buttes Lutheran Church had their annual meeting on Sunday. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen provided a delicious dinner for us after church that morning and the annual meeting was held after lunch. Iver Heier’s sister Dawn passed away in Albuquerque, New Mexico this week, but I haven’t heard when and where her funeral will be. Ty Hotchkiss was there, but his wife Rosie is back in Scotland waiting for her interview and physical so she will be allowed to live back in this country. At the annual meeting Kent Wilkinson and Daron Tenold were elected to the board to replace Tom Holt and Eric Schuchard who were termed out. We will be attending the Hymn Sing at the Presbyterian Church in Bison next Sunday at 7:00. Our pianist, Teddi Carlson, has the COVID and hopefully she will be healed up

by then.

I haven’t shared a Norwegian joke with you for a long time because I usually get in trouble for them, but since I have a lot of both Norwegian and German ancestors, I’ll share this one with you that Mark Holty sent me a long time ago:

A Norwegian and a German entered a chocolate store. As they were busy looking, the German stole 3 chocolate bars.

As they left the store, the German said to the Norwegian, “Man I’m the best thief, I stole 3 chocolate bars and no one saw me. You can’t beat that.”

The Norwegian replied, “You want to see something better? Let’s go back to the shop and I’ll show you real stealing.”

So they went to the counter and the Norwegian said to the shopkeeper, “Do you want to see magic?”

The shopkeeper replied, “Yes.”

The Norwegian said, “Give me one chocolate bar.” The shopkeeper gave him one, and he ate it.

The Norwegian asked for a second bar, and he ate that as well. He asked for the third, and finished that one too.

The shopkeeper asked, “But where’s the magic?”

The Norwegian replied, “Check in my friend’s pocket, and you’ll find all three bars of chocolate.”

You just CAN’T beat a Norwegian!



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

## Then and Now *in Newell*

### “Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

January 25, 1912

J.W. Bobier came in to Newell from the Midway vicinity Tuesday on business accompanied by H.S. Wagoner. Wagoner hauled a large load of freight out for Bobier. Wagoner also reported Rev. Fr. O’Hora will have Mass again at the John P. Wagoner ranch Friday at 10:00 AM.

The Engineering and Contracting outfit says, there is a rumor that a stock company will soon organize to build an electric line from Rapid City by way of Sturgis to Newell.

January 19, 1922

Tomorrow the committee from the local town basketball team will canvass the city with tickets for their coming carnival ball which is set for Friday, January 17. Extensive arrangements are already made to give the local dancers “something entirely different”. Watch for the upcoming bills.

Judge McNenny was in Belle Fourche Thursday of last week to hear a few motions and take up other court matters. Beebe vs Fowler suit for settlement on shipment of hay that Mr. Fowler refused to accept on account of its poor condition. Case was dismissed. Robert Armstrong was brought before the court by the Sheriff to show cause of contempt of court. The contempt consisted of neglecting to pay alimony to his former wife from who he had been granted a divorce. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail which he is gladly now serving.

January 28, 1932

Crashing through 12 inches of ice on the Missouri River near the Oak Creek, 120 head of cattle belonging to O.G. Noldvold were drowned last week. The cattle composed the entire herd owned by Mr. Noldvold with exception of a few milk cows. The river had risen slightly, covering the ice, thus attracting the cattle to water. 17 head were pulled from the river following the accident. Other livestock incidents of minor importance were reported from the range country following the heaviest snows in many years.

A soap making demonstration will be held in Belle Fourche on Wednesday February 3 at the High School Economics Department and Newell Thursday February 4 at 1:30 PM at the Lodge Hall. Mrs. Spencer Godfrey and Mrs. A.B. Clark, both of Vale, spent Friday in Newell to receive additional training and instructions in the demonstrations to be given in the Extension Club work.

January 22, 1942

Word received the past week from Earl Kumpula, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gust Kumpula of Newell, as to the effect that he accepted a position January 15 in the Curtis-Wright Aircraft factory in Columbus, Ohio. Earl is a graduate of Newell High School in 1940 and is also a graduate of the Lincoln Aeronautical School of Lincoln, Nebraska.

All Newell grocery stores will co-operate in the sale of defense stamps during the defense sav-

ings campaign, Sam H. Bober, defense Bond & Stamp staff, revealed this week. Bonds & Stamps, as in the past will be on sale at the local Post Office and Bank, but stamps only will be available in the stores and in additional places which have agreed to co-operate in the Nation-wide drive, including local PCA office, Bill’s Barber Shop and Stoick’s Lunch & Fountain.

January 24, 1952

Harlan Palo of the Westerners Range Management 4-H Club recently purchased a pure-bred registered heifer calf from the Harney Peak Hereford Ranch at Rapid City, for his upcoming 4-H project.

Monday’s wintry blast, worst of the season, effected the cancellation of the regular livestock sale at the Newell Livestock Exchange Monday of this week; however, buyers were ready should there have been any offerings. Secretary Chris Arpan reported buyers called in Monday morning to see if a sale would be held. The storm, it was pointed out, might have been a break for lamb feeders in this territory as prices that date were reported generally lower or about 50 cents off at most Midwest markets. Weather permitting; there should be a sale next week.

Two fires reported Monday morning, one each at Castle Rock and Vale community. The former at the Paul Deschamps ranch was reported to have badly damaged the farm electric light plant and power house. The other at Vale, was





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In 1942 all Newell grocery stores took part in the sale of US defense bond stamps to help fund the WWII effort.

reported to have been subdued in time to cancel the call for the fire department there. It was in an interior wall at the Mark Hubbard farm about 6 miles east of Vale.

January 25, 1962

Karen Hill, a Junior Art Major Student, is one of 9 students at South Dakota State College selected to decorate the walls of the recreation room in Wecota Annex, women’s dormitory. Walls will be covered with mural paintings representing different phases of college life; included sports, religion, fine arts, students and teachers. Each

student is designing his own 7’ panel, which vary from 7’ to 2’ in length. Miss Hill is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Preston Hill, of Newell.

David DeGarlais, Thomas Fabricius, Louis Sprague and Tommy Stapp are leaving Monday for Omaha, Nebraska to take their physical examinations in preparation to join the US Navy. Richard Fabricius, a student at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, came home Wednesday to spend time with his parents and to see his brother Tom off to the Navy.



This is a photo of a typical freight wagon which most settlers used to haul their good to their homesteads. Or Freighters hauled from the larger cities to the rural area towns and homesites. Sometimes they were covered with a canvass-type tarp.



From C1  
Newell School

Texas-Evelyn Ahart, Tennessee-Autumn Oaks, Voice-Jacey Larson, Unicorn Guy-Conor Kenny, Pizza Guy-Eli Meyer and Teacher-Nakayla Kleinhek-sel. Congratulations go out to Newell students Orrin Youngberg who took second place and McKenzie McTaggart who took third in the annual Patriots Pen essay contest. The two advanced to the District level from the local level and brought home the hardware. “The part of my essay that

means the most to me is respect,” said Kenzie McTaggart. “Building not only my reputation but America’s reputation. It says that being respectful can make an impact on how people view you as well as America.” It’s been a fun couple of weeks in Scott Wince’s P.E. classes. He recently started the kindergarten class out on their strider bike unit. The bikes were donated several years ago and are used each year for this age student. He also started the first grade climbing the rock wall in the middle school gym. The Newell school district is looking for a paraprofession-

al to service students. If you have interest, you can go to the school website, click on documents, and send it to Andrew Fergen at the Newell school at andrew.fergen@k12.sd.us. The school is also seeking nominations for Newell school district classified employee of the year. The staff member can be a paraprofessional, secretary, kitchen personnel, custodian, bus driver, or librarian. If they have made a difference in your child’s life, please log on to the school website, click on documents, and submit your nomination to the district by February 1.



(Left) Charlie Clements, right, shows off his medal for second place at the Chadron wrestling tournament. (Right) Chase VanDerBoom, left grabbed a second place at the Chadron wrestling tournament. - Courtesy photos



Kindergartners a learning how to zip and zoom around the middle school gym on the Strider bikes. This is part of this age P.E. program. - Courtesy photo



Kenzie McTaggart (second from left) and Orrin Youngberg (second from right) stand with members of the local VFW. They won a trip to the district level in the annual Patriot’s Pen essay contest. - Courtesy photo

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From C2  
Farm Bureau

through understanding and to discuss the Undiscussabull.” For several hours she shared simple, practical and actionable tools for attendees to take home and put into practice. Her presentation included a packet for people to take home and utilize during “transitioning” from one generation to another. “Don’t pre-judge outcomes, play with possibilities, cultivate trust, respect, fairness, and work at a commitment to act,” said Froese. “How are you building bridges?” The day wrapped up with dinner and networking. Bright and early Saturday morning Steve Kenyon of Alberta, Canada, who owns a business called Greener Pastures Ranching, Ltd., talked to the group about Healthy Soil and unusual practices he utilizes. “These practices repair water cycle, regulate temperature, shelter for underground organisms,” said Kenyon. “The acronym is GRASS and stands for graze, rest, animal impact, stock density, and soil armor.” He said it’s all about regenerative agriculture.

During the same time frame attendees could participate in a “Sip and Paint” activity in the room next door. Those two events were followed by a lunch of roast beef. Afternoon break-out sessions included: Heather Maude and her topic “Diversifying into Direct-to-Consumer Meat Sales; Justin Fruechte and Jared Knock with Millborn Seeds, talking about soil health, cover crop mixes and practical experiences. The second set of sessions included: Natalie Kovarik sharing information about Social Media Influencing: A New Way to Market Online; and Ken Olson, SDSU Extension speaking on Beef Cattle Education. During the hour mid-afternoon Olson, Justin Tupper, Maude and Luke Kovarik, along with host Clay Conry from Working Cows Podcast, shared a Round Pen Beef Discussion where they held a Q&A session. A dinner of prime rib was held at 5:30 p.m. following a networking mixer. This was followed by Director Randy Dwyer of Advocacy & Grassroots Development for the American Farm Bureau. He talked about how, as farmers and ranchers,

we need to be strong politically and be a voice for agriculture to congress. “Population is shifting from rural to urban,” said Dwyer. “That means people from urban areas are increasingly making more and more decisions for the rural population.” He share that

in South Dakota in the past ten years 17 percent of the population in South Dakota has shifted to a more urban setting. “We have to be efficient and effective at getting our message across to congress.” The evening and conference wrapped up with a group in-

cluding Scott VanderWal, SDFB President, Todd Fornstrom, WyFB President discussing testifying before congress. Next year the conference is planned to be held in Puerto Rico.



(Above left) Millborn Seeds representatives (from left) Justin Fruechte, and Jared Knock, along with Steve Kenyon and moderator Clay Conry of Working Cows Podcast, shared a discussion on soil health and cover crops. (Above right) Ken Olson, SDSU West River Beef Specialist, spoke to Farm Bureau attendees, about educating themselves on beef production. - Brunner photos


**Solutions to Puzzles on B7**

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: “Two things indicate weakness: to be silent when you should speak, and to speak when you should be silent.” — Persian proverb

**Answer to Sudoku**

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## Newell Child Find


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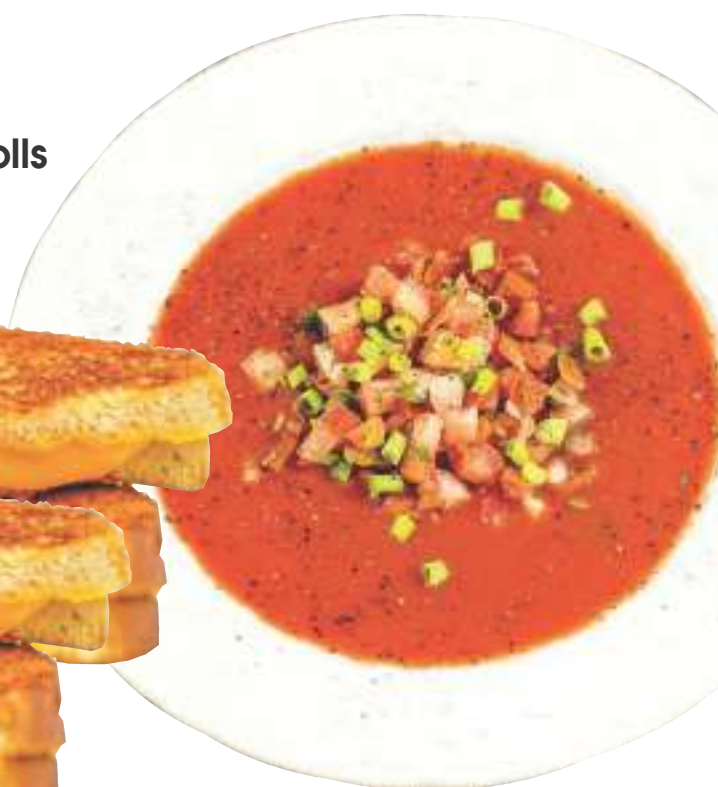
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**Drumstick Sundae Cones**  
Select 8 ct.  
**5.99** ea.



Land O Lakes  
**Ice Cream**  
48 oz. asst.  
**3.59** ea.



Banquet  
**Pot Pies**  
7 oz. asst.  
**5/5.00**  
1.00 ea.

## HOME & HEALTH...



**\$3.99**  
ea.  
**Cold & Flu Relief**  
TopCare Select 8 oz.



**\$4.59**  
ea.  
Axe  
**Body Wash**  
Select 16 oz.



**\$3.99**  
ea.  
TRESemmé  
**Shampoo & Conditioner**  
28 oz. asst.



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**Hot Springs** ~ 605-745-3110 or 800-742-6229  
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We do prescription **MAIL-OUTS** and curbside pickup (or drive-thru where available.)

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**Call or stop in today!**



## MEAT...



Small Packs  
9.99 lb.

**\$9.79**  
lb.

**Boneless Beef  
New York Strip Steak**  
Dakotamart Pride, USDA Choice, Valupak



Small Packs  
1.99 lb.

**\$1.79**  
lb.

**Bone-In  
Center Cut Pork Chops**  
Valupak



**\$1.49**  
lb.

**Chicken  
Thighs or Drumsticks**  
Family Pack



Small Packs  
4.99 lb.

Dakotamart Pride  
**Boneless Bottom  
Round Steak**  
USDA Choice, Valupak  
**4.79** lb.



**Bacon Wrapped  
Stuffed Chicken  
Entrees**  
Family Farms 14 oz. asst.  
**6.99** ea.



Bar S  
**Meat Franks**  
16 oz. asst.  
**2/3.00**



Bar S  
**Meat Bologna**  
12 oz. asst.  
**3/4.00**

1.34 ea.



Our Family  
**Shaved Meats**  
7-9 oz.  
**3.99** ea.



Fresh  
**Bone-In  
Ham Roast**  
Uncured  
**1.79** lb.



Fresh  
**Bone-In  
Ham Steak**  
Uncured  
**1.99** lb.

Small Packs  
3.49 lb.



Midwest Pride  
**Pork Links**  
Valupak  
**3.29** lb.



Midwest Pride  
**Sliced Bacon**  
20 oz.  
**6.49** ea.



Hillshire Farm  
**Thin Sliced  
Meats**  
7-9 oz.  
**3.99** ea.



Royal Tiger  
**Cooked Tail  
Off Shrimp**  
16 oz., 21-25 ct.  
**9.49** ea.



Open Acres  
**Catfish or  
Perch Fillets**  
16 oz.  
**6.99** ea.



**Walleye  
Fillets**  
16 oz. Frozen  
**9.99** ea.

## PRODUCE...



15 oz. asst. Jimmy's  
Salad Dressings  
3.99 ea.

**\$1.49**  
ea.

Dole  
**Iceberg Lettuce**



The Little Potato Co.  
**Potatoes**  
1 lb. asst.



**\$7**  
2 for



**Salad Blends**  
Dole Select 5-12 oz.



**\$5**  
2 for



1 lb.  
**Sweet Mini Peppers**  
**2.99** ea.



Bartlett or Anjou  
**Washington Pears**  
**1.79** lb.



10 oz. Fresh  
**Grape Tomatoes**  
**1.99** ea.



Sweet  
**Yellow Onions**  
**99¢** lb.



Highline ~ 8 oz. Whole or Sliced  
**White Mushrooms**  
**2/4.00**

## BAKERY...



La Brea  
**Take & Bake  
Garlic Bread**  
12 oz.  
**2.99** ea.



Bakery Fresh ~ 6 ct.  
**Hoagie Buns**  
**2/7.00**



Bakery Fresh ~ Select 6 ct.  
**Cake Donuts**  
**2.99** ea.



Café Valley  
**Coffeecake  
Bites**  
Select 10-11.6 oz.  
**3.99** ea.

## BEVERAGES...



**Pepsi  
Products**  
24 oz. 6 pk. asst.  
**2/9.00**



**Rockstar  
Energy Drink**  
16 oz. asst.  
**4/5.00**

1.25 ea.



**Frappuccino  
Iced Coffee**  
Starbucks 4 pk. asst.  
**4.99** ea.



**Coke  
Products**  
12 oz. 12 pk. asst.  
**2/10.00**



**Coke  
Products**  
12 oz. 8 pk. asst.  
**2/10.00**

## DELI...



Whole  
**Rotisserie Chicken**  
**8.99** ea.



Mrs. Gerry's  
**Taco Pasta  
Salad**  
**3.99** lb.



Mrs. Gerry's  
**Deviled Egg  
Potato Salad**  
**3.99** lb.

Mrs. Gerry's  
**Supreme  
Seafood Salad**  
**5.99** lb.