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## Parking Ordinance Changes Passes First Reading

Amendments include repeal of two-hour downtown parking zones.

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BELLE FOURCHE – The first reading of the amended city parking ordinance passed without comment through the city council at its regular meeting on Jan. 17. The ordinance must have a second reading at an upcoming council meeting and if that reading passes without objections the changes will become part of city code 20 days after publication.

A major feature of the amended parking ordinance is the elimination of the designated two-hour parking zones and replacing them with regulated parking districts. The amended ordinance is designed to strike a balance between downtown

shoppers and the increasing number of residents who live in apartments in the downtown area.

In November several downtown retailers expressed concerns that the two-hour parking zones limited visitors from completing shopping and other tasks.

At the time, Cheri Tripp, who owns Budget Appliance on State St. downtown, expressed concern that the two-hour parking limitation would have a negative impact on downtown businesses.

“As a business owner downtown, I understand that parking is an issue, but I also feel very strongly that when you limit the amount of time that people can be in the businesses that you are hurting the businesses,” Tripp said. “Do we really want

**Parking A8**

## Regulated Parking District MAP



This map highlights the downtown streets that will part of the city’s proposed 24-hour restricted parking districts. The amended city ordinance must still pass a second reading on Feb. 6 before taking affect. - *Beacon Photo*

## Six Roundup Sports Ball Fields to Get New Lighting

Work to be done this year – total cost around \$1.5 million

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche City Council has given the go-ahead on Resolution No. 5-2023 giving the city approval to finance, purchase and install new lighting at six ball fields at the Roundup Grounds Sports Complex.

The total cost on the project will be around \$1.5 million dollars paid in monthly installments over the next ten years. A down payment of \$70,000 is required with monthly payments of around \$13,500, with a net finance of \$1.47 million, according to documents issued last November. Funds for this year’s payments have been budgeted by the city. The project will be financed by Capital One Public Funding, LLC.

The resolution, moved by Council Member Randy Sowers and seconded by Council member Monte Talkington was approved unanimously. Construction and installation of the

new LED sports lighting system is expected to take place this year.

According to city officials the outdated lighting has become a safety hazard for night games. Not only is the illumination insufficient but some of the light poles are becoming unstable and some lights are

mounted on wires. Without an upgrade play would have to be limited to daytime only. The new lights will significantly improve nighttime visibility for players, providing an average of 50 foot candles in the infield and 30 in the outfield, according to data provided by Musco Lighting.

**Lighting A8**



Six Roundup Sports Complex ball fields will get new lighting in 2023. The project, at a cost of \$1.5 million, will be financed by the city over the next ten years. Musco Lighting of Iowa, an industry leader in LED athletic lighting technology, will provide the equipment and installation this summer. *Beacon Photo*

## City Continues to Shape Employee Residency Requirements

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Legal and Finance Sub-Committee of the Belle Fourche City Council is nearing completion of modifications to the city employee residency and response time requirements.

During their meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, the committee considered the latest changes in the language of City Policy 5.19 dealing with residency requirements for city employee department heads and response time for same.

The new language would do away with a residency requirement map and institute a simpler five-mile radius requirement. The proposal reads “The City Administrator and all department heads must reside within a five-mile radius of the City’s corporate limits

and within Butte County, unless an exemption is granted by a majority vote of the Common Council.”

With regard to response time the proposed language would require all regular full-time employees to physically report to work, under normal driving conditions, within a maximum 35-minute time frame. Previously the regulation required a 25-minute response time.

It further states that it would be up to the city department head to determine if their employees meet the response-time criteria. If employees are in a health and safety position, such as police officers, there is a provision for specific residency requirements which would be set forth in their job description.

During debate over the proposal City Attorney Kellen Willert recommended removal of

the exemption language in the residency requirement section. Instead he suggested adding the residency requirement to each specific job description or to approve exemptions by City Council resolution on a case-by-case basis.

The committee moved (Randy Sowers) and seconded (Derrick Erhart) to approve policy 5.19- Residency Requirement/ Response Time with the removal of the exemptions language and addition of listing all department heads individually.

A directive was given to City Attorney Willert to draft a resolution pertaining to department heads residing outside corporate boundaries for council consideration. The proposed city policy changes still must go before the full city council prior to taking effect.

## City Joins Effort in Establishing Expanded Housing Trust Fund

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BELLE FOURCHE – The need for additional housing is a hot topic in the community these days. And Belle Fourche Economic Development and the Belle Fourche City Council and Mayor have jointly signed a letter to State Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds along with US Rep. Dusty Johnson expressing their support for the expansion of a housing trust fund in the Black Hills Region.

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation along with the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority are asking for broad support in their efforts to expand the housing trust funds to include more communities in the area.

With the announcement of the B-21 Raider mission coming to Ellsworth Air Force Base the need for additional housing will have ripple effects throughout the Black Hills. An additional 4,000 airmen with their families are expected to move in during the coming decade, according to Col. Joseph Sheffield, 20th Bomb Wing Commander. Projects are currently underway in Box Elder and Pennington County but as support personnel and additional businesses move

in, the expansion of the housing trust fund would allow for an efficient accommodation of housing needs in communities like Belle Fourche.

“Access to quality housing is bedrock of continued economic growth and workforce development for any community. These funds will give Belle Fourche, and the surrounding area in Butte County, a tool to help alleviate this crisis now and for generations into the future,” the letter states. “A housing trust fund for our community would be an extremely helpful tool to add to our development toolbox and help us to gain the units needed for our folks here in Belle Fourche and the surrounding area.”

The full text of the letter reads as follows:

Dear Sen. John Thune, Sen. Mike Rounds and Rep. Dusty Johnson,

We are writing to express our fullest support for the Black Hills Area Community Foundation and South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority’s efforts to create housing trust funds in communities across the Black Hills. This is a much-needed initiative that will help address the housing crisis in our region and ensure that

**Housing B6**

## PooterQ Barbeque, The Dave Pruitt Story

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David Pruitt is not a man to question the possibility of missed opportunities. He sees all events as fortuitous in one way or another. Even his unlikely childhood nickname has come in handy. For whatever reason, Dave’s dad gifted him with the nomenclature “Pooter”. David doesn’t know exactly how the nickname came to be, but it has stuck.

Perhaps “Pooter” is a linguistic alteration of “computer”? That fits. David is a systems management expert by profession. He has always been tech savvy. Back in the early 90s, David poured his energy into discovering the potential of that “new internet thing”. He recalls his dad’s doleful admonishment, “Son, I can’t believe how much time you waste on

the computer.”

David has made a good living in computer technology. However, as he is fond of pointing out, “There is more to life than making stockholders rich.” These days, David specializes in systems management for non-profit organizations such as The American Heart Association and various others.

He sets his own schedule that gives him time to cook. David loves to feed people. He loves Barbeque. He loves people who love barbeque.

In 2021, David and his wife Audrey started a barbeque catering business that they eventually hope to pass down to their three sons.

When it came time to name his new business, it was easy. Audrey suggested “PooterQ” The Q stands for Barbeque.

**PooterQ B5**



New Business owners, Audrey and David Pruitt, at the Belle Fourche Economic Development Corporation annual meeting. *Courtesy Photo*

## 2nd Annual Edition of Destination Belle Fourche to Be Published For The 2023-2024 Tourism Season

Produced in Belle Fourche Benefitting Local Business

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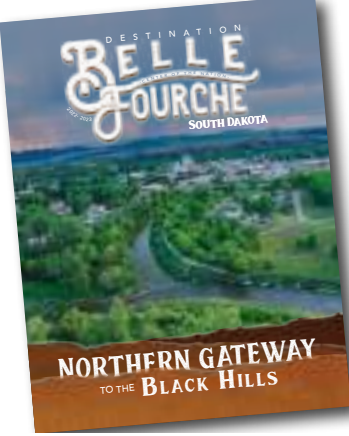
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Following a very successful first year the Beacon wishes to thank the community for their strong support of the Destination Belle Fourche Visitors Guide. The goal of producing of the magazine locally for the direct benefit of our local businesses and business organizations was achieved and will be continued this year and into the future.

15,000 copies were printed of the Magazine and distributed to tourist destinations across multiple states, including South

Dakota, Wyoming, North Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, and Idaho.

The guide is used by the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp, and Visit Belle Fourche as the



official guide for Belle Fourche visitor’s information. A digital edition was also available on all of their websites.

The magazine’s content was made of local community members sharing their events, stories, hopes, and dreams for Belle Fourche’s thriving future. The 2nd Annual Edition again will be designed by Bailey Sadowsky, owner of Shadow Sky Creative, and the project will again be managed by the Belle Fourche Beacon Team.

In this year’s edition of the guide, 15,000 copies will be printed and distributed throughout the region. In addition to the two tourist information distribution agencies (Certified Folder & Road Run-

**Destination B6**





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### Glenn E. Riley 90



Glenn Riley, age 90 of Belle Fourche, passed away Sunday, January 29th, 2023 at the Monument Health Spearfish Hospital. The funeral service will be held 10:30am Friday, February 3, 2023 at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Thursday, at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be held in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Glenn's funeral can be viewed live or following the service, from his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)

Glenn and his late wife Ardis were local Beulah area ranchers for the past 40 years. He was born on Owl Creek outside of Belle Fourche, SD on May 5th, 1932. Growing up he was the fifth of six boys and attended school in Belle Fourche graduating in 1951. After graduating he worked for his Dad for two years driving truck making approximately \$1830 a year. He also worked at the Hafner Wool Warehouse in his first few years of ranching. He married his high school sweetheart, Ardis Fishel Riley, in November 1952.

Known to many as the ambassador of Belle Fourche, his life time aspiration was always to be a cattle rancher. In 1964 Glenn and Ardis bought the Hay Creek ranch on highway 34. In addition to operating their own ranch, he worked for Bob McKay on the 2Y ranch. In 1983 they bought the present-day ranch located on Red Water River near Beulah, Wyoming. The family ranch is now operated and managed by their son Brent and grandson Bryan. In 2008 Glenn and Ardis were named as Agricultural couple of the year.

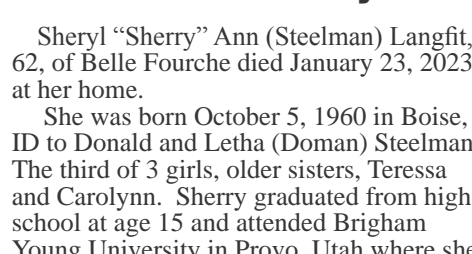
Along with raising cattle, they raised 5 kids. All of their children attended and graduated from Belle Fourche High School. For many, many years they faithfully attended high school football and girls and boys basketball games; summers they attended their children's countless softball and baseball games. They also encouraged their children to be in 4-H and to attend church camp each summer. Along with providing an education and encouraging independence, they modeled and instilled a strong work ethic and faith in God in their children. Every Sunday the family of 7 was a regular at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche where he was a deacon.

Glenn was well known for his "ranch tours" or as his kids affectionately called it "the grand tour", and his bag of jokes and tricks. Glenn and Ardis enjoyed traveling, staying active in their church of 60 plus years, and enjoyed many friends and relatives that came out to visit the ranch. They both had a strong sense of values and good sense of humor and enjoyed being around people hosting a wide variety of groups and visitors to the ranch. They went out of their way to be friendly to everyone they came in contact with.

Glenn is survived by sons Bruce of San Marcos, TX., Roger of Spearfish, Brent (Cindy) of Spearfish and daughters, Kate of San Luis Obispo, CA., and Lorri of Spearfish. In addition to their 5 children, Glenn and Ardis had 5 grandchildren; Bryan (Jess), Carmen (Nate), Adele (Kaleb), Cole, and Hannah, and 7 great grandchildren Neriaah, Abigail, Liza, Sarah, Gavin, Riley, and Nora. He was preceded in death by his wife Ardis; parents John and Gertie Riley, and brothers Buster, Willard, Gilbert, Dale, and Harold and an infant sister.

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### Sheryl "Sherry" Langfit 62




Sheryl "Sherry" Ann (Steelman) Langfit, 62, of Belle Fourche died January 23, 2023 at her home.

She was born October 5, 1960 in Boise, ID to Donald and Letha (Doman) Steelman. The third of 3 girls, older sisters, Teressa and Carolynn. Sherry graduated from high school at age 15 and attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where she graduated with a Bachelor in general studies.

Sherry met her eternal companion Larry Langfitt in Lake Elsinor, CA in July 1979 while home for the summer from the university. After a short time they were sealed in the Provo Utah Temple for time and ALL eternity. They enjoyed 43 years as a couple united in faith and bound in love. From this union 5 children were born, Joshua James, Megan Rene, Sarah Liane, Rebecca Lynn and Ximinie Rose and to these children 21 grandchildren blessed their life.

The 7 words that encompass Sherry are a loving heart, fierce mind, courageous spirit, she loved to bake, enjoyed music, gardening and Reading.



Her true passions were family, quilting and her faith in the redeeming love of the Savior. May she walk with him forever more.

Grateful for sharing her life are her husband, Larry Langfitt of Belle Fourche; children, Joshua (Leslie) Langfitt of Virginia, Megan (Randall) Curtis of Georgia, Sarah Marrow of Kentucky, Rebecca (Jamie) Jex of Kentucky and Ximinie Langfitt of Kentucky; two sisters, Teresa Richmond of Idaho and Carolynn Steelman of New Mexico; 19 grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Letha Steelman and a grandchild, TJ.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

An online guest book is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)

### Pastor's Perspective

*Pastor's Perspective is from Rev. Kari Webb St. James Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche*

#### "Awe and Wonder"



Last week, I watched four glowing moons orbit the dusky red planet Jupiter. Three spheres looked like they might fly away into the darkness of space at any moment. One moon hovered close to the striped planet, like a baby with her mama. I learned later that these four moons have names: Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. They were known even to Galileo, way back in the 1600's. The four moons are beyond beautiful, silent, and majestic—and I was seeing them up close for the very first time. I was awestruck.

My friend has a new telescope. He says it is the best Christmas present that he has ever received. I believe him. Jonathan set the telescope up under the dark night sky and invited us, "Come and see!" But it was cold. Like, very cold. Windy, too. I thought about declining Jonathan's invitation, preferring the comfort of the couch and the warmth of the fireplace. I had seen the moon and stars before, after all.

Still, I eventually said yes to his invitation, moved by politeness and a mild curiosity. When it was my turn, I leaned forward to position my face next to the eyepiece, careful not to bump the huge telescope tube mounted on a tripod. I blinked and shifted a bit to line myself up with the starlight bouncing from the reflecting mirror. Just like that, I was gazing at Jupiter across the vastness of space from my perch on the third planet from the sun. On a cold winter night in a little town on the western edge of South Dakota, I was surprised by wonder.

There is a deep human longing for wonder and awe. When we catch our breath because of beauty encountered in nature, art, or worship—we are stepping outside of our own small, ego-driven story. Jesus called his first disciples by telling them that "the kingdom of heaven has come near" (John 4:17) and then inviting them to "Come and see" (John 1:39). They put down their nets and followed. And oh! There was plenty of awe and wonder waiting for them in the years ahead.

What if Jesus' invitation to "Come and see" is for us, too? We could even start to think about our call to discipleship as a call to experience the wonder of God in our day-to-day lives. What would that look like for you? For me, I think it's a decision to get off the couch. I want to be willing to step away from the captivating coziness of the safe and familiar campfire to be awestruck by the blazing fire of the Spirit!

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven was near, so I guess we don't even need a big fancy telescope to see it. That's the good news of the Gospel, right? We might even find ourselves stepping into a whole new way of being. For the first disciples, those who answered "Yes!" to Jesus' invitation, it happened like this: "Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today! (Luke 5: 26)."

Today, you are invited to "Come and see." You are invited to awe and wonder. No matter the cold, no matter the wind, no matter the darkness, my advice is to say "Yes!" You'll be amazed at what God is doing all around you.

### Romans 8:18

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."





## First Saturday Brunch February 4th

### The History of Valentine's Day

Kristi Thielen presents on the origins and growth of the holiday, the birth of valentine cards and how "vinegar valentines" almost killed this celebration.

Take a quiz on famous romantic couples!



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Belle Fourche Arts Council website or at its Facebook page or visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche



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January 13th | 20th | 27th | Feb 3rd | 10th - Entrepreneur Class  
February 7th - Taste of Belle Fourche  
February 8th - Chamber Lunch & Learn -TBD  
February 10th & 11th - Saturday on State Market  
February 16th - High School Career Fair  
February 23rd - Business Day at the Legislature in Pierre

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**Soup: Tomato Bisque**

**Tues 2/7: John Wayne Casserole**

**Soup: Broccoli Cheese**

**Wed 2/8: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes**

**Soup: Wisconsin Cheese**

## Alyssa Frisbie is BF Beacon Intern

**Alyssa Frisbie**

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For the last nineteen years, Belle Fourche High School has implemented an internship class to help students gain experience in a career field of their choosing. The Belle Fourche High School Youth Internship Class is instructed by Mary Day; she teaches several classes in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) building.

This internship course is designed to provide hands-on, real-world experiences to the students at Belle Fourche High School. Such an opportunity is designed to be short termed to allow students to decide if they are actually interested in the career field of their choosing.

Because many businesses in the Black Hills area have so graciously allowed student interns into their place of business, internships are able to help the future of youth by providing

both connections and relationships to students with future potential employers.

The youth internship program has helped students discover career interests, and some students have continued their education to become employed in their career of choice later on.

Furthermore, Belle Fourche High School's Youth Internship class is offered as an elective for academic credit to both juniors and seniors.

My name is Alyssa Frisbie, and I am a senior at Belle Fourche High School. I am interning at the Belle Fourche Beacon and hope to find a passion in a career field through this internship.

This opportunity is being presented to me by both Mary Day and the Belle Fourche Beacon. "I would also like to personally thank Doug Cole for allowing me to be his student intern this semester."



**Alyssa Frisbie** will be serving as an intern for the Beacon this semester. *Courtesy Photo*



The "Lemonade Girls" proved they can also raise money for the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Dept. by holding a hot chocolate stand instead of the usual summertime lemonade stand. Cookies were provided by the Mason Jar Kitchen & hot chocolate was donated by Coca Cola Bottling Company High Country for the December fundraiser. The "Lemonade Girls" were happy to present **Assistant Fire Chief Jim Groseclose** with three checks totaling \$1650. Pictured (left to right) are **Olivia Sutter**, **Lainey Anderson** (Lemonade Girl In-Training), **Jim Groseclose** & **Kierra Blomberg**. This donation truly represents the compassion and generosity of our community. *Courtesy Photo*

## BFHS has German Exchange Student

Fiona Krug is our exchange student at Belle Fourche High School. She arrived here in August and is living with Chris and Kim Brill and family. Her hometown of Wolfsburg, Germany is home to a major Volkswagen manufacturing plant. She's here with the Education First program, which oversees around 3,000 students across the country.

Krug quickly immersed herself in sports like cheerleading and wrestling. She said that Germany has block scheduling with 15-20 minutes between classes. They take just a six-week break during the summer with other breaks throughout the year. Classes there are more difficult than here, and students dress up each day. She is happy with our four-day week compared to five days in Germany.

Almost all of Fiona's classmates know English (and have

since they were five years old), and frequently another language such as Spanish. In their spare time, they enjoy visiting local restaurants and movies. Video games are also popular.

A few other observations: German people do not have middle names. And no surprise, they do not celebrate Thanksgiving. She had not tasted tur-

key before her holiday in Belle Fourche. Also, she was surprised by the free soda refills at fast-food restaurants, as well as the free bathrooms. In Germany, toilets cost around \$1.

Fiona's impression of Belle Fourche has been positive. "I like that Belle Fourche is a small community. The people have all been so friendly."



## Butte/Lawrence 4-H Bytes

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Black Hills Stock Show will hold Youth Day on Saturday, February 4. Bring the whole family for a great day supporting our teams in Livestock Judging, Livestockology, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, and the Beef Cookoff!



Jr. Leaders will meet this Sunday, February 5 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. All 4-H members ages 13-18 are encouraged to join Jr. Leaders.

The Butte-Lawrence County Fairboard meeting will be held Monday, February 6 at First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche.



## Broncs Boys Basketball Split 2

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The Belle Fourche Broncs boys varsity basketball team split in games played last week in Belle Fourche. On Tuesday the Broncs hosted the Cowboys from Lemmon and came out on top 54-47. On Thursday the Harding County Ranchers came to town and defeated the Broncs 62-48 in overtime.

Against Lemmon, junior forward Nolan Wahlfeldt and senior guard Anthony Budmayr dropped in three's and staked the Broncs to a 12-9 first quarter lead. The Broncs showed good movement without the ball as sophomore guard Jet Jensen hit senior forward Anthony Staley with two nice dishes for baskets and Wahlfeldt hit Staley with another good pass and the Broncs led 20-15. Jensen then hit Wahlfeldt with a backdoor pass near the end of the half and the Broncs went to the lockers nursing a 22-19 lead.

Belle came out in the third quarter with Staley assisting Wahlfeldt for a bucket, before both teams turned cold shooting the ball. Broncs junior guard Payton Dvorak broke the drought nailing a three followed by a deep bomb by Budmayr from the corner giving the Broncs a 32-24 edge. Tatin Yackley then put a dime on another backdoor feed to Wahlfeldt and the quarter ended with Belle in control 34-25.

Staley opened the fourth quarter with a 15 foot jumper followed by a long court pass by Budmayr to Wahlfeldt for a lay in and Belle stretched the lead to 13. Staley hit two free throws and another bucket inside and the Broncs led 42-27 with about 4 minutes left. Lemmon then went on a tear from behind the arc. Lemmon's first three was followed by a Budmayr turn around jumper in the lane making it 44-30. Lemmon nailed another three but Belle answered with a nice glider in the lane by Dvorak. The Cowboys threw down 3 more from deep down the stretch but an inside hoop by Staley and a steal and lay-up by Jensen put out the fire and the Broncs held on for the 52-47 win.

The Broncs had three score in double figures with Staley leading the charge with 16, with Wahlfeldt scoring 15 and Budmayr 14. Lemmon sophomore Blair Ham led all scores

with 23 points including 4 from deep and Saywer Thompson added 11 with three treys. "We had a good balanced team win tonight," said Broncs coach Clay Pottorff. "We moved well without the ball and found the open man," he added. In the JV game Belle defeated Lemmon 45-32. Rance Bowden and Jordan Sandoval paced Belle with nine points each and Carter McKenna chipped in 7.

In the Harding County contest, both teams played good defense in the first quarter but cold shooting by the Broncs found them down 13-3 at the quarter break. In the second quarter the Ranchers stretched the lead to 18-3 until senior Tatin Yackley hit a three from the wing making it 18-6. The Broncs continued to battle back with Jensen nailing two from the line and one from deep and the Ranchers held the 22-12 lead at intermission.

Both teams came out of the lockers employing a half court trap defense and the Broncs made some good shots to get back in the game. After a Staley basket inside, Wahlfeldt hit a drive and Staley dropped in another cutting the lead to 24-18.

The Ranchers extended the lead to ten again at 30-20 before the Broncs went on a 10-3 run highlighted by a Jensen steal and a three pointer followed by Yackley nailing a long three at the buzzer and the Broncs only trailed 33-30. Harding County netted a three to start the 4th quarter before Jensen had another steal for a basket and Yackley blistered another from

behind the arc and it was 38-35. Harding hit two free tosses before Budmayr answered with a trey and a free throw and the Broncs trailed 40-39 with 3:38 left.

The Ranchers took a 42-41 lead before Jensen swished another shot from downtown to give the Broncs their first lead of the game. The Ranchers came back to go ahead 46-44 before Staley made a drive from deep in the corner along the baseline with eight seconds left to send the game to overtime. In the overtime period Harding County outscored the Broncs 16-2 mainly off a number of steals and good free throw shooting down the stretch. Jensen led the way for the Broncs with 15 points, Staley had 10 and Budmayr and Yackley 9 points apiece.

Ranchers senior Gage Gilbert was hard to stop all night tallying a game high 24 points. He was followed by Keegan Hett with 19 counters and Kelby Hett netting 9. "We couldn't get any rhythm against their changing defenses. We need to find a way to play consistently for 32 minutes", commented coach Pottorff about the game.

The Ranchers are now 9-3 on the season while the Broncs are 6-6.

In the JV game Harding County scratched out a 58-53 win over Belle. Rance Bowden poured in 18 for the Broncs with Peyton Dvorak dropping in 14 and Carter McKenna 13. Harding's Nayati Bickerdyke led all scorers with 20 points and Cohen Smith added 16.



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Double the coverage with Double Anthony's(**Staley and Budmayr**) against a tough Harding County Team in overtime. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



**Jet Jensen** takes to the air to get 2 points. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



**Tatin Yackley** is taking care of the ball. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



**JT Hahne** defends. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



**Payton Dvorak** shoots for 3. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



**Rance Bowden** drives over and up to score two. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*





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

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## Bronc Wrestlers at Home

**Kandi Tonsager**  
Special to the Beacon

Friday January 27th and Saturday January 28th the Broncos hosted their home invitational. Earlier in the week on Tuesday January 24th they dualled in Lead against Custer and Lead/Deadwood. They Came out ahead of Lead/Deadwood and fell short to Custer.

The Lady Broncos wrestled against fifteen other teams and placed eleventh in team standings. Kyra Vandenberg went 2-2 and placed fourth at 106lbs, Hailey Rodriguez went 2-2 and placed fourth at 113lbs, Alexa Swaney went 2-2 at 126lbs, Olivia Nehl was beat out at 142lbs, and Izzabella Ramos went 1-2 at 142lbs.

On the men's side, the Broncos competed against nineteen other teams and placed fifth in team standings. Logan Tyndall went 3-1 and placed second at 106lbs, Toarin Humble went 2-2 at 113lbs, Garett Huston went 1-2 at 113lbs, Riggin Lutter was beat out at 113lbs, Alex Norlin went 2-2 at 120lbs, Jory Olson was beat out at 132lbs, Riley Dighton went 4-1 and placed third at 138lbs, Keagan Walker was beat out at 138lbs, Spencer Bush-Graslie went 1-2 at 145lbs, Thomas McCoy went 4-1 and placed third at 152lbs, Andy Tonsager went 1-2 at 160lbs, Owyn Schreder went 2-2 at 160lbs, Dausen Davis went 2-2 at 170lbs, Lucas Green went 1-2 at 182lbs, Caleb Dosch was beat

out at 182lbs, Gunner Geib went 2-3 and placed sixth at 195lbs, Mason Nehl was beat out at 195lbs, Haydon Nickerson was beat out at 195lbs, and Luke Tonsager went 3-2 for fourth place at 220lbs.

The Broncos compete next in Hot Springs on Thursday, February 2nd, followed by the Hill City Invite on Saturday, February 4th. Senior night will be Thursday, February 9th at the home dual vs Sturgis set to begin at 5:30pm in the Belle Fourche High School gym. The last regular season competition recently added to the Broncos' schedule is, The Badlands Brawl, on Saturday, February 11th in Kadoka, SD.



Olivia Nehl



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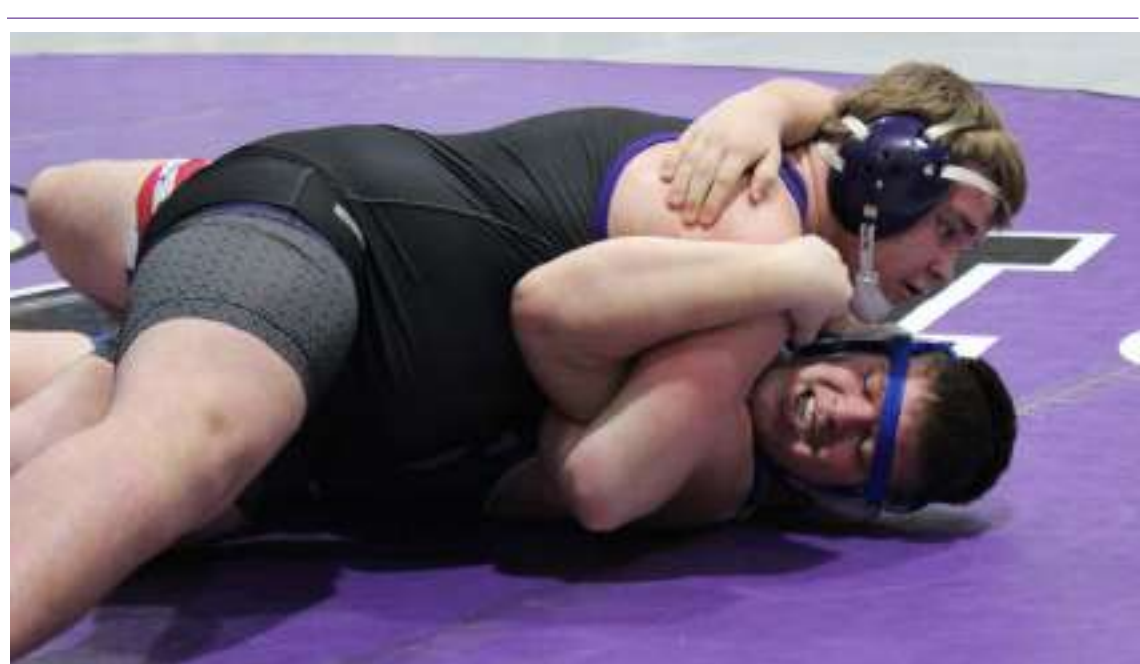


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Feb. 2 | Wrestling JV/V Dual @ Hot Springs  
Feb. 4 | Wrestling Varsity Invite @ Hill City  
Feb. 4 | Boys BBall @ Custer  
Feb. 4 | Girls BBall @ Custer  
Feb. 7 | Boys BBall @ Rapid City Christian  
Feb. 7 | Girls BBall @ Rapid City Christian



The girls team( from top left to top right: **Coach Lars Dunavant, Irie McQueen, Ambree Kirstine, Audri Dingmon, Birk Kraft, Mikka Dunavant, Addilyn Vansickle, Madisyn Vansickle**; Bottom row left to right: **Kailynn Lang, Tenley Neuharth, & Abbey Clendenning**.  
The Ravens, the U14 Girls, faced off against teams from Spearfish, Rapid City, and Nebraska to take home the 2nd place medal. The team played some remarkable games with the highlight being a goal scored against the Black Hill Rapids, deep from the goal box by goalie Addilyn Vansickle. We'd like to thank our sponsors Hersruds of Belle Fourche and Roy's Custom Works of Belle Fourche.  
The Furious 8, the U8 boys team (from left to right: **Bridger Lynch, Reten Mailloux, Theo Grosz, Mackade Rakow, Ronin Dunavant, Rory Mailloux, Jackson Tope, & Jack Dick**.  
For the U8 boys it was their first tournament of the season. The boys played teams from Pierre, Nebraska, and Spearfish. They came out, played hard, and finished their tournament with a win coming in 5th overall.



Luke Tonsager



Toarin Humble



Gunnar Geib



Alex Norlin



Riley Dighton

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By: Doug Cole  
ments to join the association.


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Belle Fourche boys took first place in the Spearfish indoor soccer tournament over this past weekend. (l. to r) **Coach John Baxendale, Issac Voyles, Harley Riveraa, Cody Foos, Aiden Voyles, Ethan Staley, Kyren Nulle, and Brayden Carbahal.** *Courtesy Photo*



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**From A1 Parking**  
come to a point where people don't feel like they're welcome to shop?"

The issue came to light late last year with the delivery of new two-hour parking limit signs that were scheduled to be posted downtown. City Administrator Bob Nelson said the signs had been ordered prior to him taking the position of City Administrator.

When it came time to post them, the Public Works Department did not know where to place them since the ordinance was vague, simply stating that the regulated parking areas were State St, Grant St., 6th Ave., 7th Ave and Railroad St.

Nelson said the changes to the ordinance were needed to clarify the areas where regulated parking zones would be established.

"There were some things in the (existing) ordinance that weren't clear and didn't match up," he said. "The changes that needed to be made were just to make it enforceable."

The proposed amendments to the ordinance establish regulated parking districts in the following areas: State Street – from 5th Ave to 8th Ave; Sixth Ave. from Grant St. to Railroad

St; Railroad St. from 5th Ave. to 6th Ave; Grant St. from 5th Ave. to 7th Ave; and 7th Ave. from Grant St. to State St.

According to the proposed revisions if a vehicle is left parked within a regulated parking district for 24 hours or longer it shall be deemed as a public nuisance and the police department is authorized to impound the vehicle. The owner would then be liable for the cost of towing and storage and the associated fine.

The amended ordinance will also require citations instead of parking tickets to be issues for illegally parking in a handi-

capped spot or a fire zone. The fines for parking tickets will be raised to \$10 for all other offenses which include double parking, parking in an alley, parking in a prohibited space, improper parking and blocking a driveway.

If fines are not paid within 72 hours the fine increases to \$20. If no payment is received after ten days a summons will be ordered and the fine will be between \$100 and \$200 plus associated court costs.

The next scheduled regular city council meetings will be Feb. 6 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



An amended city parking ordinance eliminates two-hour parking limits on most streets downtown replacing them with 24-hour regulated parking districts. Beacon Photo

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Musco expects to begin delivery of equipment to the sports complex at the Roundup Grounds later this spring with construction beginning shortly thereafter. There are plans for 26 light poles and 147 aimed and assembled luminaires. The light poles will be between 60 and 70 feet high and able to withstand winds in excess of 100 mph. The lights can be controlled with the use of a smart phone and with the LED technology, they can be adjusted for brightness at the touch of a button. The company's warranty says 100% of maintenance costs will be eliminated for 25 years.

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Harris, Bonita, Custer SD.....	1.....	Bld.....	Cow.....	1030.....	\$73.00
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	5.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	1096.....	\$102.00
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	4.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	930.....	\$99.00
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	6.....	Blk.....	Cwette	1192.....	\$87.00
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	8.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1405.....	\$71.50
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1440.....	\$71.00
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1700.....	\$70.50
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	10Bld.....	Cow.....		1356.....	\$70.50
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1195.....	\$68.00
Lightning Ridge Inc, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1220.....	\$67.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	1100.....	\$93.50
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Bld.....	Cwette	1100.....	\$82.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Bld.....	Cow.....	1195.....	\$72.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	26B/R.....	Cow.....		1433.....	\$71.75
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1185.....	\$70.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	14B/R.....	Cow.....		1267.....	\$69.50
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	3.....	B/R.....	Cow.....	1266.....	\$69.50
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1212.....	\$68.50
Meyer, Mac, Rapid City SD.....	8.....	Blk.....	Cwette	918.....	\$85.00
Meyer, Mac, Rapid City SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1440.....	\$67.50
Powder River Angus LLC, Neal, Arvada WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1400.....	\$72.50
Powder River Angus LLC, Neal, Arvada WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1387.....	\$72.50
Renaas, Doyle, Nunda SD.....	1.....	Red.....	Cow.....	1040.....	\$73.00
Renaas, Doyle, Nunda SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1305.....	\$70.00
Renaas, Doyle, Nunda SD.....	2.....	Mix.....	Cow.....	1225.....	\$69.00

Renaas, Doyle, Nunda SD.....

1.....

Bld.....

Cow.....

1465.....

\$67.50

Schmidt, Rocky, Buffalo SD.....

2.....

Red.....

Cow.....

1717.....

\$74.50

Shober Joint Revocable Trust, Gillette WY.....

19.....

Cow.....

1441.....

\$75.25

Shober Joint Revocable Trust, Gillette WY.....

14Blk.....

Cow.....

1510.....

\$75.25

Shober Joint Revocable Trust, Gillette WY.....

1.....

Blk.....

Cow.....

1225.....

\$72.00

Shober Joint Revocable Trust, Gillette WY.....

2.....

Blk.....

Cow.....

1295.....

\$67.00

Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD.....

1.....

Red.....

Cow.....

1440.....

\$68.50

Turbville, Brian, Belle Fourche SD.....

1.....

Xbrd.....

Cow.....

1240.....

\$68.50

Weigh Up Bulls

Beckman, Dan, Prairie City SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1847.....	\$110.00
Beckman, Dan, Prairie City SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1677.....	\$90.00
Dowdy, Carla, Ekalaka MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1875.....	\$112.00
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1775.....	\$100.00
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1980.....	\$94.00
Fortner, Joe, Biddle MT.....	3.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1795.....	\$97.00
Fortner, Joe, Biddle MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1640.....	\$104.00
Fortner, Tim, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1825.....	\$94.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1610.....	\$100.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Bull.....		1645.....	\$94.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1960.....	\$99.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	3.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1771.....	\$99.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1590.....	\$92.50
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1310.....	\$94.00
Meyer, Mac, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	2155.....	\$90.50
Meyer, Mac, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1780.....	\$101.00
Meyer, Mac, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Bull.....	1730.....	\$95.00

Friday, February 3, 2023

NO SALE

Go & Enjoy the Black Hills Stock Show

2023 CATTLE SALES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sheep Report - Thursday, January 26, 2023

Lamb market was mostly steady  
Slaughter ewes sold \$2 to \$3 lower

No Sale February 2nd  
Next Sale - February 9th - Regular Sale - 1 PM  
Animals Should Be Here By Noon So They Can Be Weighed Before The Sale  
Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Braun, Elizabeth, Newell SD.....	8.....	Lamb.....	63.....	\$171.00
Bucklin Ranches, Redstone MT.....	11.....	Lamb.....	51.....	\$171.00
Bucklin Ranches, Redstone MT.....	37.....	Lamb.....	65.....	\$164.00
Bucklin, John, Scooby MT.....	14.....	Lamb.....	70.....	\$164.00
Bucklin, John, Scooby MT.....	35.....	Lamb.....	82.....	\$148.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD.....	58.....	Lamb.....	59.....	\$171.00
Foerderer, Cody, Hanover SD.....	6.....	Lamb.....	71.....	\$151.00
Grate, Zane, Isabel SD.....	23.....	Lamb.....	58.....	\$163.00
Grate, Zane, Isabel SD.....	28.....	Lamb.....	72.....	\$158.00
Page, Ben Or Fran, Faith SD.....	47.....	Lamb.....	85.....	\$145.00
Paul, Iver & Everett, Faith SD.....	12.....	Lamb.....	107.....	\$116.00
Phipps Livestock Inc, Brusett MT.....	12.....	Lamb.....	58.....	\$171.00
Phipps Livestock Inc, Brusett MT.....	74.....	Lamb.....	69.....	\$165.00
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD.....	16.....	Lamb.....	87.....	\$143.00
Stranberg, Reid Or Stacy, Newell SD.....	9.....	Lamb.....	77.....	\$151.00
Swan, Tj, Buffalo SD.....	11.....	Lamb.....	112.....	\$111.00

Slaughter Ewes

Bucklin, John, Scooby MT.....	5.....	K Ewe.....	183.....	\$63.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD.....	19.....	K Ewe.....	146.....	\$58.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD.....	21.....	K Ewe.....	126.....	\$45.00
Moeuen, Levi, Broadus MT.....	11.....	K Ewe.....	145.....	\$63.00
Moeuen, Levi, Broadus MT.....	6.....	K Ewe.....	153.....	\$58.00
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD.....	8.....	K Ewe.....	156.....	\$63.00

Slaughter Bucks

Horman, Jeff, Belle Fourche SD.....	3.....	Kbuck.....	250.....	\$58.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD.....	2.....	Kbuck.....	192.....	\$58.00
Williams, Charlie, Alzada MT.....	6.....	Kbuck.....	180.....	\$58.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, February 2, 2023

No Sale

Check Out The Black Hills Stock Show

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Regular Sale 1:00 PM

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

Goats

10 Alpine/ Nubian Cross Nanny Goats - Preg Checked for 2/20

2023 SHEEP SALES

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

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

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

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

## Strategic Feedlot Bedding

**Warren Rusche**  
Assistant Professor & SDSU Extension Feedlot Specialist

**Key Takeaways**

- Group of mixed feedlot cattle resting in straw bedding during winter weather.
- Bedding cattle during extreme cold conditions dramatically reduces maintenance energy costs and improves gain and feed efficiency with potential carryover effects to the end of the feeding period.
- Bedding during more moderate weather conditions also improved cattle performance, but to a lesser degree.
- Providing bedding is a viable management strategy to mitigate the impacts of winter on cattle performance, especially under severe conditions.
- Priority groups should be light-weight new arrivals and cattle nearly ready for slaughter.
- Feeding cattle in the winter is not for the faint of heart, especially in South Dakota. Frigid temperatures combined with wind, snow and ice test every aspect of animal husbandry in the quest to provide the best care for livestock and maintain performance and profits.
- Providing bedding is one of the time-tested strategies for dealing with winter weather. But how does bedding affect the bottom-line? Providing bedding does increase costs, but only from material costs, but also the additional labor requirements.

**Examining Bedding Impacts**

Research recently conducted at SDSU by Dr. Zach Smith and his graduate student Dathan Smerchek examined the effects of bedding on efficiency and estimated maintenance requirements during different weather conditions. They conducted two different experiments during two time periods in 2019:

- Experiment 1, January – July 2019: Finishing study
- Experiment 2, October – December 2019: Receiving study

The early months of 2019 were remarkable for the extreme winter weather conditions experienced.

The average temperature and wind chill during the first 36 day of the experiment were 5.2° and 0.3° F, respectively with average values of 39.8° and 37.3° F for the entire feeding period. The second experiment was conducted under more moderate weather conditions with average temperatures and wind chill values of 26.5° and 22.8° F, respectively.

The researchers compared no bedding vs. putting out sufficient wheat straw so that each steer had a dry area to lay down. All pens were concrete surfaced. In Experiment 1 the bedded steers were provided 4 lbs. per head per day of wheat straw, on average while in Experiment 2 the bedded steers received 2 lbs. per head per day of wheat straw.

During the first 36 days of the Experiment 1, bedding had a dramatic effect on cattle performance. Bedded steers gained 1.08 pounds per day faster on the same amount of feed resulting in a 49% improvement in feed efficiency. Benefits from bedding were partially maintained even after winter stress ended as shown by improved ADG and feed efficiency for the entire period. Steers that were not bedded required 35 more days on feed to reach a similar fat endpoint as the bedded steers.

Bedding also improved performance in the second experiment conducted under less severe conditions, although not to the same degree. There was a 5.6% improvement in feed efficiency when calves were provided bedding during the receiving phase in that study.

**Economic Benefits**

The economic benefits to bedding are clear under severe winter conditions. If we assumed 24 pounds of dry matter intake of a diet costing \$300/T of dry matter plus 45 cents per day yardage, the additional 35 days on feed required for the non-bedded steers cost \$141.75. If straw or corn stalks cost \$120/T and bedding increased labor and machine costs by 10 cents per head per day, the net result would be approximately \$93 per head cost reductions over a 143 day feeding

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period. Under less extreme conditions such as those in Experiment 2, bedding is closer to a breakeven proposition.

Health effects were not measured in these small-pen studies, so there is not accounting for any animal health benefits related to bedding. Cattle most likely to benefit from bedding are light-weight, newly arrived calves, and cattle that are the closest to slaughter weight.

Cattle feeders in the northern plains should look at bedding as effective risk mitigation strategy. Using tools, such as the SD Mesonet Livestock Stress Tool along with precipitation forecasts can provide additional guidance when livestock bedding will be most effective.







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## The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson



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

We all have heard the negatives about what we eat. Wally McRae could put it all in perspective. Here's a good example



### An Ounce of Prevention

Eggs'll give you fatty heart.  
Beef'll plug your veins.  
Booze'll make your liver hard.  
'N give you kidney pains.

Pop'll make our teeth rot out.  
Same with sweets and gum.  
Chocolate'll give you pimples  
which makes your love life glum.

Coffee'll make you nervous.  
Beans'll give you gas.  
Pot'll curdle up your genes  
Or cook your pancreas.

Snoose'll rot you lower lip  
Or make your teeth fall out.  
Drink some beer? Eat rich food?  
You're sure to get the gout.

Smokes'll cause lung cancer.  
Cheese'll constipate.

But prunes'll make you scour some  
And make your tum gyrate.

Saccharin'll give you tumors.  
Cyclamates'll too  
Red dye'll stain your innards  
And give you Green Gomboo.

Salt'll boost blood pressure up.  
Pepper makes you sneeze.  
Florides freckle up your teeth,  
And knobby-up your knees

Pork'll give trichinosis  
Which makes your muscles balk.  
Rabbit'll "tootleream" you  
Or cause your jaws to lock.

So don't partake of nothin'  
And you won't die..... I guess.  
Everything is dangerous.  
Some more and some less.

*Ignoring the news, I'm Jim Thompson*

## 2023 Rodeo Rapid City

### Jan. 27 - Feb. 4 Schedule

<p><b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST</b></p> <p>10:00 am WPRA Barrel Racing Slack (Free Admission)</p> <p>3:30-6:00 pm Girls in Spurs "Ladies Night"-Rodeo Zone</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bucking Horse &amp; Bull Sale ~ Preview &amp; Social Hour (Free Admission)</p> <p>11:00 am Bucking Horse &amp; Bull Sale (Free Admission)</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND</b></p> <p>10:00 am PRCA Team Roping Slack (Free Admission)</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH</b></p> <p>10:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)</p> <p>1:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p> <p>7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo</p>

## Clay Smith/Jake Long Strike Paydirt at National Western Stock Show and Rodeo

DENVER – The National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver has become like a second home for team ropers Clay Smith/Jake Long.

The duo didn't have the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo they wanted in December, but fast forward just a month and the veteran team ropers are already putting their stamp on the 2023 season.

As the second to last team out, they knew exactly what they had to do and delivered. They stopped the clock in 3.9 seconds to take home the title in the winner-take-all finals inside the Denver Coliseum.

It marks the third time Smith has won the NWSSR and the fourth for Long. They knew they would have to be fast after reigning PRCA World Champions Kaleb Driggers/Junior Nogueira put together a 4.1-second run before them.

"We knew that there were some tough teams up (Sunday) and we knew it could really go anybody's way," said Smith, an eight-time Wrangler NFR qualifier. "That's where position means a lot.

"As far down as we were we

kind of got to decide what we wanted to do. I knew what he (Long) was going to do and that's heel them fast. We had to decide what to do, we make a clean run and place third or fourth or go for it and try to win. So, we decided let's try to put together a good one."

Long echoed a similar statement as his partner. He said he's most comfortable roping when they have to be fast to reach the pay window.

"Truthfully, going fast is when I'm most comfortable," said Long, 38. "He (Smith) set him up really good, so it really wasn't a risk on my end to take my shot. It was all Clay setting him and getting him turned. My part was pretty easy after that."

Smith and Long failed to place in either of the first two rounds but struck paydirt when it mattered most. They won the semifinal round with a 4.3-second run to advance to Sunday's finals. In total, they each pocketed \$6,821 over four

runs in the Mile High City. They are excited to see what the 2023 season has in store after a key early season win.

"We were sure excited about a clean slate after last year. Me being halfway healthy most the season and not roping good for most the year was tough," Smith said. "It feels good to finally be getting healthy and roping good. There's always room for improvement, but I feel like we are getting closer to where we want to be."

Other winners at the \$533,215 rodeo were bareback rider Garrett Shadbolt (89.5 points on Cervi Brothers Rodeo's On Second Thought); steer wrestler Jace Melvin (4.2 seconds); saddle bronc rider Stetson Wright (90 points on Cervi Brothers Rodeo's Ed Bishop); tie-down roper Riley Webb (7.2 seconds); barrel racer Jimmie Smith-Tew (14.83 seconds); and bull rider Bryce Burnell (91 points on Cervi Championship Rodeo's White Trash).



## Wrangler NFR Payout Rises Again

### Now \$14.9 million

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Jan. 23) –The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association® and Las Vegas Events announced the 2023 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo® presented by Teton Ridge will see an increase in the payout for the third consecutive year.

The Wrangler NFR, which is at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas Dec. 7-16, will have a record-setting payout of more than \$11.5 million. This amount includes guaranteed prize money of \$1.2 million for NFR qualifiers.

Between 2015 and 2020, the NFR paid out a total of \$10 million – \$8.8 million in competition prize money and \$1.2 million in guaranteed prize money to qualifiers. The total purse increased to \$10,257,048 in 2021 and \$10,900,098 in 2022.

Based on the updated purse in 2023, the increase will see round winners take home \$30,706 per round and average winners earn \$78,747. Each go-round will pay a total of \$99,053, while the average total

will pay \$297,159 per event.

The stock contractor pay – which is 30% of the contestant payout – increased to \$3,450,451.

Known as the richest and most prestigious rodeo in the world, the Wrangler NFR attracts the Top 15 contestants in bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, barrel racing and bull riding to compete for a share of the increased purse and the coveted PRCA World Champion Gold Buckle. In 2022, the event had a total attendance of 173,350 over the 10 days of competition at the Thomas & Mack Center and has sold out more than 350 consecutive performances in Las Vegas.

For more information on the Wrangler NFR, please visit NFRexperience.com or through social media @LasVegasNFR and use #WranglerNFR. For the latest ProRodeo news and Wrangler NFR coverage, please visit prorodeo.com or through social media @PRCA\_ProRodeo.





## STAT OF THE WEEK

# \$18,321

THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED BY STETSON WRIGHT IN SADDLE BRONC RIDING AND BULL RIDING AT THE 2023 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW AND RODEO IN DENVER, WHICH CONCLUDED JAN. 22.



## WORLD STANDINGS

AA: STETSON WRIGHT	\$33,043
BB: GARRETT SHADBOLT	\$23,528
SW: JOSHUA HEFNER	\$13,219
TR-HD: HAGEN PETERSON	\$14,360
TR-HL: COLEBY PAYNE	\$14,248
SB: SHORTY GARRETT	\$26,191
TD: RILEY MASON WEBB	\$18,978
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## Chase Brooks Claims Extreme Bronc Match Title in Rapid City

It's been a slow-start to the season for Deer Lodge, Montana, bronc rider Chase Brooks. The 23-year old has qualified for the NFR five times and even won a round last year in Las Vegas. But this year he failed to make it Ft. Worth and was looking for a paycheck. He found it last Saturday night in Rapid City at the Black Hills Stock Show's PRCA Extreme Bronc Match. Brooks rode Burch Rodeo's Professional Lunatic to 84.5 points to take top honors. Eagle Butte's Shorty Garrett and Rapid City's Ty Manke also finished in the money. Garrett has been on yet another early-season roll in the PRCA as he won all three rounds of the Badlands Circuit Finals in Monot and had a round one win

in Denver at the National Western. He came into the weekend as the top rider in the PRCA national standings. There were 40 riders in the field, 11 of them from South Dakota. Here is how the top five came in at Rapid City Saturday night:

- Rapid City, SD
1. Chase Brooks 84.5pts  
Professional Lunatic  
Burch Rodeo
  2. Weston Patterson 84.0pts  
Facebook  
Sutton Rodeo
  3. Shorty Garrett 82.5
  4. Wyatt Casper 82.0  
Dawson Hay
  5. Ty Manke 81.5

PRCA Extreme Bronc Match

High School 20X

Sunday Jan. 29, 2023

Rapid City

Jadon and Jet Jensen of Belle Fourche took first place in team roping with a time of 8.49 seconds.

Congratulations!

## Bronc Rider Tanner Butner Sets Arena Record in Ft. Worth

Saddle bronc rider Tanner Butner had a ride he will likely never forget on Jan. 25 at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. Butner set the arena record at the storied FWSSR with a 94-point ride on Andrews Rodeo Company's All or Nothin' at Dickies Arena. The previous record of 92 points was set by Stetson Wright in last year's semifinal on Calgary Stampede's Y U R Friskey. "I had a lot going through my mind on that ride," said Butner, 25, about his first trip on All or Nothin'. "I honestly thought it was supposed to be a hopper and the sucker went out there and had me puckered up the whole time. I felt good the whole ride, and I did not want to screw anything up because it would not have worked out very well." Butner failed to visit the pay widow on Tuesday in Fort Worth as he had an 84-point ride on Dakota Rodeo's Witchcraft. Butner, however, earned \$1,760 to advance out of Bracket 3 and into the semifinals with his 8-second ride on



Tanner Butner's 94-pt ride in Ft. Worth last week. - PRCA Photo James Phifer

All or Nothin'. Butner was euphoric when he saw 94 points come up on the scoreboard, which was the highest-scored ride of his career. Logan Hay has the saddle bronc riding world record with a 95.5-point ride on Calgary Stampede's Xplosive Skies in Pollockville, Alberta, last summer. "It was pretty friggin awesome to break the arena record, especially at that rodeo," Butner said. "I'm honored to be able to

do it and I still don't even know what the heck I did. It worked out just right and it is pretty dang cool." Butner made his Wrangler National Finals Rodeo debut in December in Las Vegas. He finished 14th in the PRCA | RAM World Standings with \$133,481. He earned \$29,742 in Vegas, placing in two rounds. "I'm ready to go back this year and try and get the whole thing won," Butner said.

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1	Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi	Lampasas, TX	\$24,653.96
2	Ilyssa Riley	Hico, TX	\$18,502.74
3	Lisa Lockhart (G)	Oelrichs, SD	\$15,450.46
4	Erin Watzel	Plant City, FL	\$14,795.94
5	Tiary Schuster	Krum, TX	\$13,529.16
6	Ivy Hurst	Springer, OK	\$13,325.03
7	Jackie Ganter	Abilene, TX	\$11,508.10
8	Stephanie Fryar	Waco, TX	\$10,572.25
9	Sara Winkelman	Big Lake, MN	\$10,480.04
10	Darby Fox	King Hill, ID	\$10,241.87
11	Kelly Allen	Stephenville, TX	\$10,177.14
12	Fonda Melby	Backus, MN	\$10,156.70
13	Abigail Knight	Charlo, MT	\$9,904.09
14	Christina Mulford	Franklinville, NJ	\$9,573.48
15	Kalli McCall (R)	Lufkin, TX	\$9,570.53

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

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

## WISDOM FROM OUT WEST!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.



A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver. [rdennis@gwtc.net](mailto:rdennis@gwtc.net)

## Count Your Blessings 2

Well, as I told you, our son had broken both wrists last week. This is the saga, continued.

We took him back to the Hills and they did surgery. Wow, to look at the x rays they sure used a lot of screws or nails or what ever! The one wrist, looks like a board some little kid had and got into his dads nails and went to driving nails in! I've seen rafters with less screws in them!

But after the initial pain of the surgery was over he has been much better and even had his first physical therapy session. His daughter, who is a whiz in school, stayed home that week to help and nurse him. He has gotten pretty independent and can about fully dress himself and with hands covered, gave himself a shower the other day. We had to saran wrap up his hands and arms, but did a good enough job there was no water leakage. And his son shampooed his head form previous to that.

Some neighbors got together and are advertising a benefit to be done for him and people have been sending money and items to be auctioned off at the benefit. It sure revives your thoughts in mankind!

I decided as a way to help out I would put up a kissing booth and charge 1 dollar for a kiss from me and 5 dollars if you don't want me to kiss you. That ought to help! Heck, I even plan on spitting out my chew, before the kisses. Cindy said I ought to brush my teeth too. You know what, for a deal like this I decided I would go ahead and do it!

A good neighbor came over the other day and brought him a "feel better soon " bale of hay. His older brothers was out the other day and seeing as it is a big square bale, I decided I needed to get it fed. I loaded it on the back of my one ton dually with a flat bed and had the older brother drive. This is the brother who is a Catholic priest and most of his driving these days is up and down pretty fair roads. He must be good at it as to get to all his churches on the weekend he makes about a 250 mile round trip. He had helped me as a child, so no big deal, piece of cake.

He drove out to the pasture and I told him to just put it in 4 low and idle along. I guess he misunderstood me as it seemed like he was driving like he was at the Indy 500! I am getting thrown around because of the frozen cow pie and hollering at him to slow it down, slow it down! He hollered back and said he was. So I said, slower, slower! "Then I said, Just at a crawl!" So he slid to a stop, slewing us sideways, cow chips flying and if there had been any dust, it would've been rolling! But I ain't no greenhorn, I rode out the storm. Finally, after much excitement, I got it all flaked off.

I always thought that if a man had a good broke team and a good way to load them big bales, feeding them would probably be lots of fun. I hate to say I was wrong as I am never wrong, but I dang sure was mistaken!

Watch out for ice and don't fall down!



## Jordon Briggs' Horse Rollo Named PRCA | AQHA Horse of the Year


Jordon Briggs and Famous Lil Jet "Rollo" have taken the Pro-Rodeo world by storm the past two seasons. Rollo was named the Nutrena Barrel Racing Horse of the Year presented by AQHA in both 2021 and 2022. Now in 2023, the dominant duo can add another impressive title to their resume. After a vote by fans, Rollo was named the overall winner for PRCA | AQHA Horse of the Year. The voting included all seven of the 2022 Horse of the Year winners by event. Riding Rollo, Briggs captured the 2021 PRCA World Championship. Over the past two seasons she earned \$571,980 aboard the nine-year-old horse. Briggs said she never imagined Rollo would be able to accomplish what he has in his short career. "It's truly an honor, especially given that we didn't have the Finals we exactly hoped for," said Briggs, a three-time NFR qualifier. "There were definitely


some other horses of the year that did have great NFRs. So, I just appreciate so much that people saw how hard he still tried and that he's still an amazing horse no matter what. "He has done amazing things the last three years that I didn't even think were possible to accomplish in that short amount of time. For him to be the soul income of my family right now and to just enjoy that process while we can has been a huge blessing." Briggs and Rollo will hit the rodeo road again this winter with their sights set on their third consecutive trip to Las Vegas next December. "He's only nine years old, so he still has a lot of his career ahead of him hopefully," she said. "We are just getting ready for the winter rodeos and hoping we can do good at those. So, that we can have an easy year and I can take care of Rollo the way he deserves to be taken care of."

## Ellensburg Council Approves 40' Rodeo Mural

The Ellensburg (Wash.) City Council recently unanimously approved the creation of a rodeo-themed mural to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Ellensburg Rodeo. The mural will go on the west-facing section Craig's Hill Reservoir water tower and will have approximate dimensions of 40 feet by 40 feet. It will overlook the Kittitas Valley Event Center Arena. The city's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee voted unanimously Dec. 13 to recommend the City Council approve \$25,000 from the city's Lodging Tax Fund for the mural.








Mick Harrison

**"Rangeland Still Life"**

Oil

Still life isn't just a bunch of fruit and bowls on a table, it comes in many forms. I prefer the outdoor kind.



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## Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

Dick and Erma Albert had a quiet week. Erma played cards at the Senior Center, on Tuesday. On Friday, they both went to the Senior Citizen Dinner. There were fewer people there this week. The icy streets and sidewalks may have kept some people home. Erma stayed to play North Dakota Rummy after the meal. On Sunday, they went to St Anthony's Catholic Church, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three, with Father Brian and his friend, Dr. Dominick.

Clint Zolnoski took their hydro-bed pickup to Bowman, to leave for repairs, on Monday. Ronda received word, that evening, that Justin Kerr had been taken by ambulance to the Miles City Hospital with a bad case of pneumonia. Later in the week, he was air lifted to a Billings Hospital. On Sunday, Ronda received word that he is improving. We are all hoping that Justin will recover quickly and be home again soon. On Wednesday, Ronda Cordell drove in to Camp Crook, for Darla Hamel's taco lunch at Wolffy's, and visited with several others who were there. Gene Secrest came out from Spearfish, to Zolnoski's, this week. He came up to Ronda's with Clint, on Friday, to do some cleaning in the barn. He also disked out the piles of manure and hay that Alvin Cordell and Clint had dumped on the meadow, when they did corral cleaning last week. Ross Phelps stopped briefly, that morning, while he was on his way to the Buck Ranch. Ronda joined Linda Hannah for supper at Bergtrom's, in the evening. Jack Ovitiz called, on Saturday evening, to check on Justin's progress. He invited Ronda to church and lunch at the Camp

Crook Area Community Center. Ronda watched David Jeremiah's church on TV, before doing chores, and then, she made it in time for church and lunch in Camp Crook. It was the service for the entire parish, and quite a group of people had gathered.

Bryce and Dawn Padden picked Dorothy Padden up, and headed down to Belle Fourche, on Friday, for the wrestling meet that included Harding County's team. They decided on the gravel, and took the Norwegian Cut Off. It had been a good decision, because when they got to the pavement, the highway was icy. They got to the gym on time, and enjoyed the competition. There was another day of wrestling, on Saturday, so they picked up Dorothy, again, and went back down, again that day. It was extra fun, when they got to visit with people they used to see at their own kid's matches, and it was great to visit with them again. By evening, the weather had turned cold.

Doug took Julia Davis over to her physical therapy, on Tuesday of this week. On Wednesday, they worked sheep, and McKenzie, Mattie, and Morgan Buck came out to help. McKenzie rode along, when Doug hauled a load of sheep to Newell, that afternoon. The sheep sale was on Thursday. Julia has been working on taxes, to keep herself warm, and stay inside. She hopes to have that done soon.

Junior Melum is staying close to home, but gets out to visit a few calves each day. Shirley has begun work on another quilt. This is one she had started before, but it got interrupted when she was working on her recently finished wool quilt. They are keeping warm by the fire on these cold days.

Alvin Cordell saw eighteen below zero on his thermometer, on Sunday evening. The Little Missouri River is sometimes colder that the land away from the river. Karen Odell noted that her thermometer said only eight below. Alvin had gone to the Corner Bar in Camp Crook, on Wednesday, for the pool tournament. On Thursday, Alvin had an eye appointment in Belle Fourche, so he and Marlee went in to town. They had a tax appointment on Friday. The Harding County boys' basketball team was playing Belle Fourche, that day, so they also got to see those games. Marlee stayed overnight, and got to see Ryan and Tawni Cordell's kids play basketball, on Saturday. She also got to see Wade and Ashley Pearson's kids play, so it was a weekend of lots of grand-kids, and lots of basketball. Terry and Tammy Cordell were coming out to Camp Crook from Sturgis, on Sunday, so Marlee got a ride home with them.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had supper with Pete Anderson and Dixie Garr at the Over The Edge, on Friday night. On Sunday, they went to the parish combined church service at the Camp Crook Community Center. There was a large gathering, and a pot luck after the service. The Little Missouri Church had their annual meeting after lunch, that day.

Donna Lewis has been staying close to home this week. She is staying warm and watching lots of old VCR movies, that were given to her because she is one of the few who still has a VCR player. Those old movies, that had an actual plot, and heroes and heroines for main characters, seem to be out of style in recent years.



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It was a moderate week for January at Capitol and on Tie Creek. On Saturday, it turned cold, and reached below zero, on Saturday night. We are hoping that next week warms up a little, again. Charlie and Karen Odell were among those who stayed home most of the week. Charlie inspected cows for Billy Roadifer, on Monday. On Tuesday, he made a trip to the Hills, for supplies. He fed hay and cake to cows, each day. Karen is now working on the ebook format of her twelve books, and she is doing some research for another fiction book. She visited with a high school friend from Chicago, Ron Williams, and learned where some of his classmates were, and how they were. It is good to keep track of old friends. Karen and Charlie got to see grandson, Kellan Odell, wrestle for Mitchell. He has had some tough matches, and it makes Karen very nervous to watch those matches. Charlie and Karen went to church at the Marietta, Georgia's Presbyteri-

an Church on YouTube, on Sunday. Then Charlie herded cattle until noon. Karen is usually not interested in professional sports, but this week was of special interest, when Cincinnati played Kansas City. She knew her brother, Jim Evans in Kansas City, would be cheering for the Chiefs, but they had grown up in Ohio, so Karen was sort of cheering for both teams. Well, she was right, one of them won. It was a hard fought battle of a bunch of injured players, but it made a very exciting game, and Kansas City won in the last few seconds by kicking a field goal. She felt that this game was better than watching the Super Bowl; even if she didn't care who won. Please remember Justin Kerr and Donna Lewis in your prayers, this week, and maybe throw in a prayer for anybody else you happen to think of. Seems like we all could use the help. Did you know you can compare a cat to a dust rag? Try it sometime.

## Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

We have more of the white stuff now than we had last week. We got a few inches on Saturday to add to our outside décor. The good thing is that it does translate into moisture in the end. Sunday brought a sub zero morning but hopefully by the end of this week them temperatures will be well into normal ranges at least.

Larry Rhoden made it home for the first time in three weeks, but was in Rapid doing some visits at the Stock Show on Friday. He

cut the ribbon which marked the official beginning of the Annual Stock Show that morning. After being home for one full day on Saturday, in the shop, he had to leave on Sunday morning to speak at the Annual Hour of Reflection in Pierre in the early afternoon. This week will be a full five day week at the legislature, which happens once during session. And it will be a full week in many other ways as well as there has been much to deal with in these early weeks of the legislative session.

Last Thursday, the senior government class of Deanna Fischbach's visited the Capitol. They met with Lt. Governor, Larry Rhoden, and I (Sandy Rhoden) was able to sit in on that meeting. It went far to fast as I didn't get a chance to ask my many questions of this class whom I taught in 5th grade. The class was double

the size as they were in 5th grade so there were many new faces. I was able to pass around to them a picture that we took with Lt. Governor Matt Michels and Gov. Dennis Daugaard at the time. I also brought the book each one helped write called "Our 5th Grade Adventure". The class was able to get a picture with Governor Noem and Lt. Governor Rhoden on the marble stair case as well as my original 5th graders, the Governor and Lt. Governor. Son #3, Reggie Rhoden, was there at the Capitol that day as well.

Connie Mickelson will not be posting from Downtown Enning on her FB posts any more as she has moved to Sturgis. We will miss seeing her around but she is only a click away and we still can communicate with her as much as ever. She is to be commended as someone who worked hard as

a teacher and yet was a full time caregiver to her mother-in-law, Doris Mickelson some years back and more recently her own mother and her husband Darrell who battled illness as well. Serving is in her DNA and I would not be surprised if she continues serving many others in a variety of ways. Thank you to Connie, for her great example of compassion, service and sacrifice.

On Saturday, Feb.4 there will be a legislative Cracker Barrel for Dist. 29 in Sturgis at the Erskine Building, Commission Room, 1300 Sherman St.

The Valentines Day Dinner put on at the Red Owl Hall is getting closer to reality. The Studs-R-Us Maître' D's will be serving guests a delicious roast beef dinner with all the fixings on Saturday, February 18. The cost is \$20 per person and you can call for reservations at 605-985- 5914 to Georgi Ann Cobb. Cliff Matt, Delbert Cobb, Dean Andrews, Quint More-

land, Tom Miller, Glenn Long and Robert Dennis will be your Maître Ds for the evening. For those in Central Meade County, this is a great way to provide a night out in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Don't forget that on Saturday, Feb.11 there will be a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Darrell and Monica Wilcox at the CMC Community Center from 4:00 – 10:00 pm. There will be a soup supper with cake and refreshments followed by Chelsey Dee and Company playing later that evening. Everyone is welcome!

Wishing the best to those from our area who are participating in this week's rodeo and livestock events. I hope those who are looking forward to attending the Stock Show and Rodeos this week have a great time and safe travels.



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Access to quality housing is bedrock of continued economic growth and workforce development for any community. These funds will give Belle Fourche, and the surrounding area in Butte County, a tool to help alleviate this crisis now and for generations into the future.

In the fall of 2020, Belle Fourche completed an update to their housing study. The need for housing was noted in several key areas of the community for single and multi-family units.

Our community approved the housing study in January of 2021 and began work to put a housing plan in place. By March of 2021, the housing activity in the market went through the roof, as did the pricing, not just in Belle Fourche, but across the region and state. As people chose to make South Dakota their new home, the available inventory was consumed and the demand even higher, which created a greater housing deficit with a high price tag on anything for sale in the market.

The new folks are a welcome addition to the community, and our work to improve housing conditions became much more important.

In the fall of 2021, a ramen noodle manufacturer chose Belle Fourche to start their company, growing to several hundred workers over the course of 5 years. In addition, other local business development and expansion has taken place.

This drove our housing needs even more and drove the need to add to our toolbox to help more housing development to happen. Our unified work between the economic development office, the city of Belle Fourche and Butte County created redevelopment districts and adopted measures in our tax discretionary formula as another tool for business and housing development.

A housing trust fund for our community would be an extremely helpful tool to add to our development toolbox and help us to gain the units needed for our folks here in Belle Fourche and the surrounding area.

We appreciate the flexible nature of these proposed housing trust funds. While all communities across Black Hills have a severe need for housing, the type and rate of housing needed varies widely across our region.

By approving this Congressionally Directed Funding request, you will provide much-needed resources to help ensure that communities across the Black Hills thrive economically. With the revolving nature of these funds, a one-time allocation can create generations of positive impact for our community.

Thank you for your consideration on this vital issue.

*Signatories to the letter included all officers of Belle Fourche Economic Development, Mayor Randy Schmidt, and the entire Belle Fourche City Council.*

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We will continue reaching out to local business owners and

community members for your unique stories to illustrate our thriving community and all that it has to offer travelers and new residents.

This years magazine will have and additional 16 pages of information about the the Belle Fourche area.

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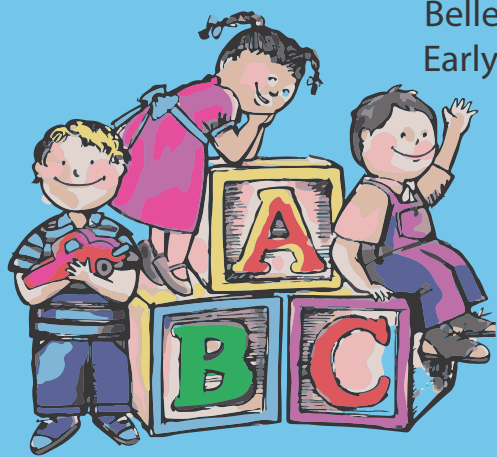
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Vegetable-based soups are mixtures of low-acid ingredients, and they **MUST BE** pressure canned to control for botulism food poisoning. There is only one version of pressure canning directions for home canned soups available on the National Center for Home Food Preservation website. Consumers should follow these directions exactly as written: [https://nchfp.uga.edu/how/can\\_04/soups.html](https://nchfp.uga.edu/how/can_04/soups.html). If additional ingredients or thickening is desired, the soup should be canned as described in the recipe, and those additional ingredients should be added when the jar is opened for serving.

The NCHFP procedure is not an exact recipe; it allows you to have some choice of vegetables, dried beans or peas, meat, poultry, or seafood. It does NOT

allow you to include noodles or other pasta, rice, flour, cream, milk or other thickening or dairy ingredients.

If dried beans or peas are used, they must first be fully rehydrated. To rehydrate each cup of dried beans or peas add 3 cups of water, boil 2 minutes, remove from heat, soak 1 hour, heat to boiling, and drain.

Meats recommended for canning should be covered with water and cooked until tender, then cooled and the bones removed. Next, all the prepared ingredients should be cooked together with hot water, broth or tomatoes, and boiled for 5 minutes. Salt can be added to taste, if desired. Do not fully cook the soup before filling jars; the canning process completes the cooking at the same time it eliminates harmful microorganisms.

A very important step in these procedures is that jars should only be filled halfway with the mixture of solids. The rest of the jar is filled with the hot liquid, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Process the jars in a pressure canner according to instructions provided in the recipe and based on your altitude and type of pressure canner.

# Adryana Hovland Enlists in US Air Force

**Michelle Evans**  
Special to the Beacon

With the last chapter of Belle Fourche High School to close this May for Adryana Hovland, she will start a whole new novel in her young adult years in the United States Air Force.

Last Saturday, January 28th, at the beginning of the 17th Snowcross in Deadwood, SD, Adryana took the Oath of Enlistment into the United States Air Force.

Adryana and four other young adults stood in the Days of '76 arena while Snowcross competitors, fans, but most of all, her close friends and family watched with beaming pride. With frozen fingers and toes due to the -4 winter South Dakota conditions, Adryana Hovland repeated her Oath of Enlistment.

She will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that she will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that she will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over her, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help her God.

Brigadier General Lisa M. Craig - the Deputy Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, led the Oath of Enlistment.

In the 17-year history of Deadwood hosting Snowcross, Saturday was the 15th Air Force Oath of Enlistment ceremony. The Air Force has been a proud sponsor for the past 15 years.

"I've wanted to go into the military since I was a little kid. I did research on each of the branches and decided that the Air Force was for me when I was around 16 years old. And I first met Sgt. Thomas on July 21, 2022, when I went into the

Air Force building in Rapid City to start the process of being approved for the Air Force.

The first recruiter I talked to was Sgt. Robinson. She came to our house and talked to me about the Air Force and how everything worked and she helped out a lot too!"

When asked to describe her feelings on Saturday this is what Adryana had to say; "I was thinking to myself; No way this is actually happening! I finally get to do what I have always wanted to do!"

I am making this happen and am so excited to peruse the Air Force and give it my all, keep pushing myself past my limits, and get to serve my country as a proud member of the Air Force.

And although I know that basic training is going to be hard I am so ready to take on that challenge and really put everything I've been working for mentally and physically to the test.

I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to take the Oath of Enlistment Saturday, January 28th at the Snowcross event. I am so thankful that I had so many people there for me that are supportive of me and were right by my side during it.

I am very grateful for my mom (Stacey Besler) who has always been supportive of my dreams even when she doesn't want me to leave or put myself in danger. She is always so supportive and encouraging to what I have always wanted to do".

Adryana doesn't know the exact date when she will start boot camp. After her high school graduation, she will expect a call to head down to San Antonio, where she will call Lackland Air Force Base home for at least 3 months.

Chief Master Sergeant Stan D. Franklin Jr. (stationed in Texas) was asked "What is your #1 piece of advice to give Adry for boot camp. (Let's face it, boot camp is where you battle

with yourself and see what you truly are made of) His reply was "That is a great question. I would say 'Show up'. Come and show up and give your all. Lay it all out. Adry can go as far as she wants to in the Air Force. It is up to her how far she can

go".

"I'm committed for 4 years, and I have not decided on a career path. I would like to go into medical or security forces. I am leaning more towards medical because I can take that with me with almost any job and it is

good information to know. My goal in the Air Force is to just push myself and aim high and get knowledgeable about the job that I am given and give it my all".



**Adryana Hovland** is third from the left - taking the Oath of Enlistment at the 17th Snowcross in Deadwood, SD - Days of '76 Arena Saturday January 28th. *Michelle Evans Photo*



The Air Force airmen who attend the Snowcross. Adryana is in the front row with a big smile, black jacket, jeans, and white sneakers. After they took this photo they entered into the Days of '76 arena for the Oath of Enlistment. *Michelle Evans Photo*







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## Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs in most cases are from the Tri-State Museum.

125 years ago  
The Times  
February 3, 1898  
*Notice*

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the TIMES Publishing Co., on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of settling the outstanding claims due and any other business that may come up. By order of the president. S.W.P. Sellers, Secretary

The Ragged Top Shaft says, "the Hay creek coal lands, located near Belle Fourche, are attracting some attention again. A coal expert claims to have discovered a method whereby coke can be made of this coal at a very small expense. The indications are that somebody is preparing to put up smelters and is casting about for a liberal supply of coke."

The Deadwood Pioneer Times says the contract has been let by the Belle Fourche Smelting & Refining Co., to build a 500-ton smelter at Belle Fourche and the building of the same will be commenced as soon as possible.

100 years  
The Belle Fourche Bee  
February 8, 1923  
*To Illinois for a Bride*

Assistant Postmaster Richard Kirkham was an outgoing passenger on Saturday evening's train, bound for Streeter, Illinois, where on Monday he was united in marriage to Miss Dollie Mae Henry, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Farrar at the Episcopal church in that city. Mr and Mrs. Kirkham will spend two weeks visiting in Chicago, St. Pual and Minneapolis, after which they will return to Belle Fourche to make their home in the Jack O'Connor cottage in the southeast part of town. The groom is the only son of Editor and Mrs. B. L. Kirkham, publishers of the Northwest Post, and is one of the Belle Fourche boys every resident of the town has reason to be proud of. For the past seven or eight years he has been employed in the post office when the United States entered the war he was among the first to offer his services to his country, enlisting in Co. I.S.D.N.G., when that organization was stationed at Ft. Meade, and later went with them to France where he served until after the armistice, returning home to again take up his position at the post office, and when Assistant Postmaster Townsend resigned, Postmaster Mortimer selected Dick for this important position. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry of Streeter, Ills. She spent last summer in Belle Fourche visiting with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mert Fowler, and for a short time was employed as operator at the local telephone exchange. She is an attractive young lady, and

during her stay in Belle Fourche made many friends. The many friends of these young people extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

*Signing Beet Contracts*

J. Fred Steck, fieldman for the Great Western Sugar Co. is this district, informs us that he is now signing up beet acreage, and has been meeting with success, although in some cases the renters have not signed leases for this year, and this is causing a little delay. He also states that the Sugar Company has placed no limit on the number of acres on which they will accept contracts this year, but will take all land that is available for the crop.

75 years ago  
The Belle Fourche Bee  
February 5, 1948  
*Production of Bentonite Gets Under Way At New Plant of Bariod Sales Division Located 19 Miles Northwest of Belle Fourche Operation are Now Carried On Twenty-Four Hours by Three Shifts*

The new bentonite plant of the Bariod Sales Division, which has been constructed out near Colony, Wyoming, is now operating three shifts of workmen, for the full twenty-four hours of the day. The plant operations, were started on Monday of last week. Present operations are at present using only one dryer. The use of the other two dryers is expected to start within the next sixty or ninety days, all depending upon the availability of some of the needed material for their completion. Each working shift at present comprises from 9 to 10 men, which will be augmented as soon as the other two dryers start operating. The construction of the new plant, which was started some time last June, was by the Vianell Company of Los Angeles, California. This company has already completed its operations done in the way of finishing and other new construction operations will be taken care of by the Bariod labor staff. The company will build three residences out at the plant, which will be used as homes for its plant supervisors. Two of these residences are now nearly completed. The other workers will make their home in Belle Fourche. The company has also put in its own water supply system, needed for the operation of the plant. A Pomona deep well pumping system has been installed. Transportation of men from Belle Fourche to the plant and return will be provided by the company. When fully completed, the new plant will be the largest of its kind in this part of the country. Until the railroad extension is built, the mined bentonite will be sacked out at the plant and brought into Belle Fourche by truck for shipment



by Mary Buchholz

by rail. As to when the railroad extension will be started, the local Chicago & North Western office reports that it has not received any official announcement from headquarters.

*Schuft is Director of Wool Handler's Group*

At the annual convention of the National Wool Growers association, held last week at Salt Lake City, Utah, Max Schuft of Belle Fourche was elected as a member of the board of directors for the Western Wool Handlers Association. Matt Hafner of Newell was also elected to the board. "The slogan of the Western Wool Handlers Assn. is Westward Ho With the Wool Industry! And it is no idle dream. The movement to the west has started and mainly for just one reason: The west is where the wool is. Fifteen million pounds of wool are processed annually in Portland, Oregon, and the amount is growing. The industry found out it is much more efficient to bring a 200-pound wool buyer 2,000 miles west to look at 2 million pounds of wool than it is to ship 2 million pounds of wool east for a 200-pound buyer to look at." Western wool industries have no divided allegiance because they handle no foreign wool.

*Cowboy Band Committee Report for the Year 1947*

The community Cowboy Band Committee met last Tuesday to report on last year's activities and make plans for 1948. The committee consists of a representative from each, the City Council, Black Hills Roundup, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and the School Board. Each of these organizations contributes to the support of the band. During 1947, total expenditures were \$1,057.22 (\$13,706 by 2023 dollars), which included uniforms, meals for the band on tours, music and equipment, insurance, some car expense, and two new French horns. Band services during 1947 included city concerts each Wednesday night through the summer; Memorial Day, Belle Fourche; Editors Convention, Spearfish; Barbecue, Belle Fourche; Round-up, July 3-4-5; Range Days, Rapid City; Broadus Roundup, Broadus, Montana; Days of '76, Deadwood; County Fair, Nisland; Sturgis Rodeo, Sturgis; Labor Day, Buffalo. Because there are more country people in town on Thursdays, the committee voted to hold the weekly band concerts this coming summer on Thursday nights. The band is directed by Robert Bartelt, who is also band instructor at the Belle Fourche schools.



Indian Winter Count, an example from Smithsonian Natural Museum of American Indian printed on muslin. - Courtesy photo



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50 years ago  
The Belle Fourche Bee  
February 5, 1974  
*Historical Group Hears About Indian Winter Count*

Action on a by-law, discussion of the storm of '88, special music and a program on Indian Winter Count were part of the program and activities at the Sunday afternoon winter membership meeting of the Butte County Historical Society at the Corral Room. By unanimous vote, the group voted to extend the membership to counties bordering Butte county, in the state and in neighboring states – as long as membership comes from bordering areas. Mrs. Ione Watson introduced Mrs. Millicent Henderson of Black Hills State College faculty who presented the program. Mrs. Henderson captivated the full house with her presentation of the authentic Dakota Winter Count. Mrs. Henderson has a Lakota calendar dating from 1862-99, which is the traditional "winter count" using special events in the year as records of time periods. "The characters of a winter count were always decided by the tribal council," she said. "At first they were made on hides but when muslin cloth was introduced to the Indians they loved it. Painting was done

in red, depicting death, black, and blue which meant iron. The count she exhibited was made on muslin with a 1771-72 showing "a boy who was killed because he lied." The 1766-67 year revealed, she said, a severe red bug infestation; 1777-78, a year of ice and many broken legs; 1802-03, the first time the Indians saw curly and shod horses, and 1855-56, General Harney. White men, Mrs. Henderson said, were always drawn wearing a hat; smallpox and measles were pictured with the same numerous red dots. The year 1833 counts always depicted a meteor fall. No Dakota Winter Count, she said, records the Battle of the Little Big Horn, but the 1884-85 symbol represents Indians giving up their freedom and going onto reservations. Sitting Bull was part of the 1890-91 sketching.

**FUN FACTS**

The **geographic** center of the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska) is a point 20 miles north of Belle Fourche.

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## “Trends Are Great – Till They Aren’t”

Eleanor Roosevelt said, “*In times of rapid change, experience could be your worst enemy*”. That has never been truer than it is today. In today’s rapidly changing economic environment, trends we have followed for years will only get us in trouble. When you couple that observation with a fundamental truth regarding change, you have real problems. That truth is, people generally hate change.

Saving your local community or your business must be a passion. This can only be accomplished when your local community and its business base are able to work together and form common synergies. They must be willing to balance traditional strengths with new strategies through true transformational disruption. Rules that use to drive your community and business survival have changed. What was once stability is now a rapid change. What was once tradition has become enhanced innovation. What was once consistency is now creativity, vision, and sheer determination. Incremental change is



dead on arrival, only those changing through highly disruptive innovation will thrive. Are we really willing to change?

Your communities, your chambers, and your business base will be unable to thrive in the future without working together and creating a truly local mindset. That is plain and simple. The sum of a team working together will always exceed the individual efforts, however great they may be.

Time is of the essence; working together is vital. This is accomplished by coupling the local community’s current initiatives and goals with building a more cohesive communitywide team capable of success. While creating the roadmap and building the synergies may not always be easy, it is imperative that it be done. In most cases, this is very difficult without outside assistance due to local agendas and personalities. But when done, these newly found synergies increase the strength of the underlying foundation which will spark your transformation.

As I have traveled the country,

I am constantly amazed at the innovation, creativity, pride, and local spirit evident in many local communities.

In nearly every instance, I experience these elements and see the vast potential. Yet despite these ingredients, most local communities are failing to attain their full potential. Ideas usually aren’t the problem; it is the execution of those great ideas that need some refining. But when you build your community army of support on the backs of new and effective communitywide synergy, nothing is impossible nor unattainable. That synergy is created through innovative communication, team building, and innovation.

Here is a catch that I see very often, many communities believe they are doing the right things. In most cases, that notion could not be further from the truth. Yes, they are doing the comfortable things, they are doing the traditional things, they are keeping busy, but they are far from meeting their potential. Don’t confuse meetings, action, and movement with productivity, those are two entirely different things.

There is nothing more debilitating for a community or business than continuing to work hard on a path that leads nowhere, yet far too many insist upon doing this. To achieve their full potential, your community, business base, and residents must be doing very uncomfortable things. They must be

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## ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are an excellent logic puzzle and a great way to sharpen the word. Each letter stands for another letter. Use the clues to solve the puzzle.

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willing to cast aside their differences and their traditional thinking. In essence, they will be leaping into the unknown.

Acceptance will always fall on the heels of awareness. Often, we don’t know what we don’t know. Not knowing however is never an adequate excuse. Much like observing and forecasting the weather, it is the community, the chamber, and the business community’s task to monitor the storm clouds on the horizon. But, not only observe them but attempt to harness the winds and rain to their advantage as they occur.

Your community and business base are staring in the mirror at what Clayton Christiansen referred to as the “innova-

tors dilemma”. We must ask ourselves, can we overcome the traditional culture in our business or community? Thus, the real question becomes, what is looking back at us in that mirror?

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# Show Up by Belle LaVenue

The BFHS ONE ACT was onstage last week, performing their dramatic one act play, We are the Sea, for the public in Belle Fourche and at the Regional One Act Contest in Custer. Nyomi Woltkamp and Maggie McCord received acting awards at the regional contest. Coming up soon: The deadline to **submit your photographs** for the **BELLE FOURCHE ARTS COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST** is **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th**. And add this to your to-do list: Contact the FINE ARTS BOOSTERS if you are ready to share your talent - and for a good cause! Sign up for the **2023 Community Variety Show: Sunday, April 30th**, at the Community Hall. This show benefits the fine arts students in our schools with fine arts opportunities including camp scholarships, travel to events, and activity support. Acts of all kinds are needed for the show: singers, instrumentalists, bands, comedy acts, and other performance artists! So get your act together and contact Belle Fourche FAB at [bfhsfab@gmail.com](mailto:bfhsfab@gmail.com) to be part of a FUN community event!

**Time to plan your THEATER NIGHTS OUT!!**



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

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming Fine Arts Events:**

- JANUARY 21 - Belle Fourche Writers regular meeting from 10 am to noon at the library.
- JANUARY 14 - BFACT ANNUAL MEETING from 7-8 PM at VENUE 519.
- JANUARY 16 - BFMS Winter Band Concert, BELLE FOURCHE REC CENTER THEATER.
- JANUARY 23 - BFHS Competitive ONE ACT PERFORMANCE - 7 PM. This is the public performance of the show that will compete at Regional One Act on January 25th.
- MARCH 9 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: DAN MILLER’S COWBOY MUSIC REVIEW Best of Cowboy and American at the Rec Center 7pm
- MARCH 17 & 18 - BFMS PLAY - A 3-ACT Travel Through Time.
- MARCH 30, 2023 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: TAKE 3 - High Energy w/Violin, Piano & Cello at the rec center 7pm.
- APRIL 24 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: HOW SWEET IT IS! Tribute to James Taylor at the rec center 7pm.
- MAY 6 - GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER - for the FINE ARTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL COMMUNITY VARIETY SHOW!
- MAY 12, 13, & 14 - Pride and Prejudice, Belle Fourche Area Community Theater



The cast & crew of BFHS One Act, *We are the Sea*: (back) Director Michael Kane, Wyatt Lesmeister, Sophia Thompson, Maggie McCord, Brodie McNeese, Nyomi Woltkamp, Joselyn Shockey, Elizabeth Ann McCord, Alejah Carbajal, Carston Sechser, (front) Hunter Brown, Julie Swanson, Tres Cazer, Jordan McCulloch, Khya Trainor, Ari Richter, Carlie Reeves, and Tyce Hostetter. *Courtesy Photo*



Mandy Litzke family.

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## Lawmakers want pro-America Civics Curriculum developed at BHSU

*Center for American Exceptionalism would develop curriculum that could be used in K-12 schools & public colleges across South Dakota.*

**Jonathan Ellis**

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PIERRE — A South Dakota lawmaker wants to establish a new center at Black Hills State University to develop a pro-America civics curriculum

that would be made available to the state’s K-12 schools.

The Center for American Exceptionalism at BHSU would also develop two courses that would be taught in the state’s public colleges: One that compares the politics of communist and socialist countries with Western-style democracies, and another that compares free market economies with centrally planned economies.

A bill appropriating \$150,000 to that end received a do-pass recommendation by a vote of 9-6 Monday. But rather than sending the bill to the full House, the House Education Committee passed it on to the Joint Appropriation Committee to explore how much such a center would cost in future years.

Rep. Scott Odenbach, R-Spear-

fish, told lawmakers that developing such a center would be the culmination of a dream he’s had for three decades since studying comparative politics and economics in college.

But members of the state’s K-12 lobby worked Monday to keep it a dream and not a reality.

“An important question to ask is, is our curriculum broken? I don’t think so,” said Wade Pogany, the executive director of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

Odenbach argued that a curriculum developed in South Dakota would be better for state students, although that curriculum would not be required to be used by schools, which is the domain of local school boards.

Currently, most curricula are developed by out-of-state companies.

“There’s a few big dogs in the business that almost have a near monopoly,” he said.

The curriculum developed at the Center for American Exceptionalism would explain why the founding of the United States was unique in world history, Odenbach said. It would also explore the “warts” of American history, and it would include components in American Indian history.

The curriculum would be based on the We the People program, which promotes the understanding of the Constitution and civics education.

Nicholas Drummond, a professor of political science at Black Hills State, said he supports the idea.

Students should get an understanding of why the United States is exceptional, he said, which would serve as an antidote to culture war politics and atomized individualism that are undermining the country.

“I spend far too much of my time studying the decline of this country,” he said.

The We the People curriculum is in use in Spearfish. Patrick Gainey, a 31-year social studies teacher who teaches at Spearfish High School, said the program would benefit other students in the state.

“It exposes kids to the genius of the Founders,” he said.

But Dianna Miller, who was representing large school districts, said the South Dakota Board of Education Standards creates broad standards that schools should meet, and it’s up to school boards to find curriculum that meet those standards, a system that works.

The Board of Regents, she added, could create the center without the Legislature.

Mitch Richter, a former lawmaker representing the South Dakota Unified Schools Association, said lawmakers don’t typically put the names of individual organizations into state code, which Odenbach’s bill does with We the People.

Richter predicted that other groups would come to the Legislature to lobby for their curriculum to be added to state law.

“It’s really a slippery slope to go down this path,” he said.

In his rebuttal, Odenbach referred to the school lobbyists as “the parade of horrors” that want schools to operate as they always have. He reiterated that school districts would still be able to pick their own curricula, but he hoped they would consider using one developed in South Dakota.

Rep. Bethany Soye, R-Sioux Falls, noted that the state’s ongoing efforts to redo social studies standards had been heavily criticized for relying on the expertise of an out-of-state college.

“Here’s an opportunity to do something in our own state,” she said.



BHSU Campus -Dakota Scout Photo

## LG Rhoden tells Corn Growers to Get on Board with China-inspired Ag Land Panel

*Ag industry ‘deeply concerned’ about panel which may prevent purchases of South Dakota farm land by China and other foreign governments*

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SIoux FALLS — The South Dakota agriculture industry groups aren’t sold on Gov. Kristi Noem’s idea of having a government board sign off on land transfers

involving foreign governments.

But her administration isn’t backing down despite opposition from the influential ag lobby. And this weekend, it made the pitch directly to one of the groups opposing the proposal.

“It’s also our duty to protect South Dakota ag land from national security threats. And the greatest external threat facing our nation is the Chinese Communist Party,” Lt.

Gov. Larry Rhoden said Saturday while addressing the 37th Annual South Dakota Corn Conference. “Unfortunately, foreign countries now own over 40 million acres of ag land in the United States, and that number is increasing every year as hostile countries like China step up their game.”

The South Dakota Corn Grower’s Association is among 12 organizations listed in an email sent to the governor’s office opposing the creation of a Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) — South Dakota, the proposed board that Noem wants vetting ag land purchases by foreign entities.

In the Jan. 13 email authored by South Dakota Association of Cooperatives Director Brenda Forman, ag groups are “deeply concerned

about the legality and constitutionality of the proposal.”

The email was obtained by The Dakota Scout.

The other organizations listed are the South Dakota Farm Bureau, South Dakota Farmers Union, the AgriBusiness Association, South Dakota Cattlemen’s Association, South Dakota Dairy Producers, South Dakota Pork Producers, South Dakota Soybean Association, South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, South Dakota Wheat Growers Association and the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts.

Forman did not respond to a request for comment from The Dakota Scout Monday.

Right now, South Dakota statute prohibits foreign citizens from owning more than 160 acres of ground in the state, a law that’s been on the books since the late 1970s.

During his weekend remarks, Rhoden said that while South Dakota does not have a high amount of ag land in the hands of foreigners, it needs to be proactive to ensure it stays that way. And with the highly-anticipated arrival of the U.S. Air Force’s B-21 Bomber on the horizon, the time is now to shore up protections for America’s interests, he said.

“That’s huge for our state’s economy, but also for our nation’s security,” Rhoden said of the nuclear-capable stealth bomber that will operate out of Ellsworth Air Force Base in the Black Hills starting in 2027. “But it also means that we have a bigger target on our back.”

## Should South Dakota Teens Be Able to Drop out of School When They’re 16?

*Bill aims to let ‘in-school truants’ stay home, enter the workforce before they turn 18.*

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PIERRE — South Dakota requires juveniles stay in school until they reach the age of 18.

But that law coupled with juvenile justice reforms adopted in 2015 have educators more than ever dealing with disruptive students who don’t want to be in the classroom instead of teaching the kids who do.

That’s according to proponents of Senate Bill 65, legislation introduced in the state Legislature last week that would reinstitute 16 as the age at which South Dakota teens can legally drop out of school.

“You had 10 years to get them to want to be educated and ... now you have the power to say go, to police your building,” Sen. Lee Schoenbeck told The Dakota Scout from his Senate office while referring to what SB-65’s passage would mean for school administrators.

But educators and their lobbyists at the state Capitol aren’t ready to lower the bar for compulsory age of school attendance, instead preferring to examine other means to bring troubled students along in their education.

Those could include additional funding for school districts to establish alternative schools and bolster career and technical edu-

cation programs for students who don’t excel in traditional classroom settings, said Ryan Rolfs, executive director of the South Dakota Education Association.

And letting kids drop out at 16 would also come with long-term societal costs, he said, citing National Center for Education statistics showing the average high school dropout ends up costing \$272,000 over their lifetime.

That figure stems from dropouts having a higher reliance on welfare programs and higher incarceration rates.

“Lowering the dropout age may seem like a simple solution to the challenges schools face after the juvenile justice reforms of 2015, but it will come with a steep cost to the state, and more importantly, it will be devastating for too many students who already have the deck stacked against them,” Rolfs said. “We must not give up on them.”

SDEA supports a separate measure establishing a task force to find alternative pathways for at-risk students.

Schoenbeck, though, said educators need to focus on educating while not being forced to double as social workers.

“If the Legislature says those kids don’t have to be in your building, it’s not your job to say, ‘I wish I could reach these others,’” he said. “We don’t do world peace.”

## Should Able-bodied Medicaid Enrollees Have to Work to Get Federal Health Insurance?

*SD Lawmakers want to tweak constitutional amendment adopted in November*

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PIERRE — South Dakota voters could see the topic of Medicaid expansion on their ballots again in 2024.

When they adopted Constitutional Amendment D in November and added an estimated 42,000 able-bodied adults to the federal health insurance program, they also approved language that prohibits the state from adding work requirements to Medicaid eligibilities.

But a proposed ballot measure aims to repeal that provision of South Dakota’s Medicaid program.

“Is the Medicaid program meant to be a way of life, a program to give government health care coverage over a long period of time, a step to maybe even a larger program in time? Or is it meant to be a hand up for people when they need it, when they’re in a tough time they need to get through?” said Rep. Tony Venhuizen, testifying in favor of House Concurrent Resolution 5004. “I personally believe it should be the latter.”

Right now, the federal government bars states from placing eligibility requirements on its Medicaid expansion populations that go beyond requirements for traditional Medicaid enrollees — children, elderly, people with disabilities and new or pregnant mothers.

Venhuizen, though, told the House State Affairs Committee Monday that under the Trump administration, 13 states required able-bodied adults to work in order to be eligible for Medicaid expansion.

But with the existing language in the state Constitution, South Dakota couldn’t join those states even if future administrations revert to that

standard, he said.

“This resolution doesn’t establish a work requirement in Medicaid and it does not require the state establish a work requirement in Medicaid,” Venhuizen said. “It just lets us consider it.”

The lines of support and opposition for HCR 5004 mirror those drawn in the lead up to last fall’s vote on Constitutional Amendment D, which cruised to passage with a 12-point margin. The majority of South Dakota’s GOP dominated Legislature opposed Medicaid expansion and is likely to support Venhuizen’s resolution, as all 11 Republicans on the House State Affairs Committee recommended the resolution pass Monday morning.

And many of the same social service and health care organizations that celebrated Medicaid expansion in South Dakota aren’t pleased legislators are trying to alter the program already.

Opponents say work requirements will be difficult for the state to enforce, will create staffing challenges and complicate eligibility standards that would cause lapses in coverage for individuals Medicaid expansion is meant for.

Deb Fischer-Clemens represents Avera Health, the American Heart Association and the Stroke Association as a registered lobbyist. She said 60 percent of the Medicaid expansion population is already working.

“Why do you think the other 40 percent isn’t working?” she asked while speaking against the resolution. “And remember why we have Medicaid.”

If HCR 5004 earns passage, the question would be voted on in November 2024.

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## Hello from the Capitol in Pierre

*Legislative Report from: Representative Neal Pinnow, District 28B*

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As I am writing to you this week, we are nearing the end of week three with today being the completion of Legislative Day 11.

If you have comments or questions, contact me at neal.pinnow@sdlegislature.gov and please put 28B in the subject line. By doing placing 28B in the subject line, this will draw my attention to your email and I will make sure those are priority over the hundreds of other emails that we receive on a daily basis.

This has been a busy week for the introduction of new bills on both the House (145) and Senate (130) chambers plus another 25 commemorations and resolutions. I'm sure by the time you see this

article there will be many more in the hopper as Thursday, January 26th, is the last day for unlimited bill and resolution introduction.

Senate bill 41, the housing infrastructure bill, was signed by the Speaker of the House on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, and will be sent to the Governor's desk. There seems to be some confusion regarding this bill in that it is a welfare bill that builds houses for people.

That is not true. The housing infrastructure bill has two main parts: 1) it provides \$50 million in ARPA funds along with \$50 million in general funds in one time grants up to 30% of an approved project; 2) it provides \$100 million in that will be placed into a revolving loan fund to provide loan interest loan to approved projects.

These projects are only for the replacement, upgrade or installation of new water and sewer lines, sidewalks, curb, electrical, etc. These funds are split with 30% available for communities of 50,000 or more population and 70% of the funds going to the smaller communities. This infrastructure bill is good for rural South Dakota and will be administered through the South Dakota Housing Administration. It is time to start having conversations in your community about how these

funds can benefit the improvement of housing in your area.

Thursday, January 26th, HB1075, food tax reduction bill, is going to be heard in committee. You will know the results of this before you read this article, but, if you didn't hear about it, I wanted to bring it to your attentions. There are many, many bills out there so I won't bore you with all of them here.

Thank you and please feel free to reach out to me at the email above. If you make it to the Capitol, please send me an email and we will set up a time to visit.



Rep. Neal Pinnow

## Senate showdown between Lt. Gov. Rhoden, Sen. Schoenbeck ends in Frye-Mueller's suspension

*Senate votes to suspend rules and Sen. Julie Frey-Mueller*

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PIERRE — The South Dakota Senate voted to suspend Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller from office Thursday afternoon following a showdown on the Senate floor with Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden.

The vote suspended the rules in place for lawmakers, which Rhoden criticized for depriving Frye-Mueller of her due-process rights. Suspending the rules allowed the Senate to suspend Frye-Mueller while it crafts a select committee to investigate her conduct.

“We were made aware of serious personal allegations,” Senate Majority Leader Casey Crabtree said in a statement following the dramatic Senate showdown and vote. “Based on the nature of the allegation we needed to act quickly and prudently to protect the person involved. We will have due process in public with a goal to complete the process early next week.”

The lead up to the vote, and its aftermath, was historic and baffling to longtime observers.

After the motion was introduced to suspend the rules, Rhoden questioned what law authorized Frye-Mueller to be suspended. Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck responded that the Senate was within its legal rights.

“I don’t have a statute in front of me. I don’t need one,” he replied.

Schoenbeck said that Frye-Mueller wasn’t being removed from office, but only being suspended. He said the motion was appropriate while an accusation against Frye-Mueller was investigated. He likened the suspension to a workplace human resources investigation.

The lieutenant governor serves as president of the Senate. But the president pro tempore acts as the Senate’s operations chief and has authority

over membership and committees.

Sen. Tom Pischke, R-Dell Rapids, gave an impassioned speech on the floor imploring his fellow senators not to suspend the rules. Pischke, an ally of Frye-Mueller, said lawmakers voted for the rules and that they should be followed.

Under the adopted rules, Frye-Mueller would have retained her voting rights and privileges while an investigation was conducted. Only after an investigation and a committee vote could she be stripped of her privileges.

By suspending the rules, she could be suspended before the usual disciplinary process played out.

“When that occurs, your bias toward a certain senator is going to come into play,” Pischke said.

Though Republicans, Frye-Mueller and Pischke are outliers in the caucus, at times leaning more libertarian and earning them some disdain for their positions on certain issues.

Pischke called the situation Frye-Mueller faces a “she said, she said” scenario that should be investigated before the senator is suspended. And though an outcast of sorts in his own caucus, he said he would make the same speech for any other member faced with a similar situation.

“When I say each and every one of you, I truly do mean that. Each and every one of you,” he said.

Frye-Mueller spoke next, saying she had not been presented with any evidence against her. Before the Senate session started, senators debated in a closed-door caucus meeting about how to proceed, but Frye-Mueller had been expelled from caucus on Wednesday.

“I don’t see how this is right or fair,” she said on the Senate floor.

When no other Senator stood to speak, the time to vote arrived. Rhoden then stepped in: “I have to say, the rules that govern us in this chamber and the House are written very

deliberately and meticulously to keep us within the boundaries of the laws that are on the books and our Constitution,” he said.

He conceded that rules are suspended at times when chambers are running out of time to finish their work, but never for a reason of this gravity. By suspending Frye-Mueller before she had been investigated, they would be denying her due process.

Rhoden then ruled that the motion was out of order.

The ruling was challenged by Schoenbeck, and Rhoden asked the Senate if Schoenbeck was supported. A two-thirds majority of senators stood to support Schoenbeck.

“His is supported,” Rhoden declared.

The Senate needed a two-thirds majority to suspend the rules and eject Frye-Mueller. Twenty-seven of the 35 members supported the motion. Frye-Mueller stood up from her desk and walked off the floor.

Outside of the Senate chambers, she had tears in her eyes, and she apologized to reporters.

“It’s serious to me,” she said. She deferred questions to the speech she had made on the floor.

A few moments later, while the Senate was conducting its regular business, she returned to the floor and motioned to Rhoden. The two spoke briefly. Rhoden then asked something of Schoenbeck. Rhoden walked back to Frye-Mueller, whispered something to her, and she walked off the floor again.

Following the conclusion of the session, the mood was somber among senators.

Sen. Jim Bolin, R-Canton, said the senators had been given a small amount of evidence prior to the session. He declined to comment further.

Sen. Arch Beal, R-Sioux Falls, voted against suspending the rules.

“I’ve always believed due process is a firm part of the law,” he said. “I don’t think she knew what hit her.”

### OPINION



## Open Primaries Let All Voters Vote

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Joe Kirby

In a top-two, open primary system, all candidates for an office compete against each other in a wide-open primary election. The two candidates who get the most votes advance to the general election.

With open primaries all voters get to vote. Everyone gets an equal chance to participate. It is a more democratic electoral system.

Candidates in an open primary quickly learn that to do well they must appeal to a broad range of voters. They can no longer thrive by focusing on the most partisan voters in their party. In fact, politicians with broad public appeal will no longer need to worry what the extremists in their party think of them.

They will have the freedom to follow their own moral compass and do the right thing from time to time. Wouldn't that be shocking!

Another type of election reform I like entails giving voters the chance to express their preferences more fully.

**Ranked Choice Voting and Approval Voting Give Voters More Input**

Ranked choice voting and approval voting give voters the opportunity to respond to each candidate when there are several running. Voters can rank the candidates or indicate which candidates they approve of, depending on which system is used. Either approach more accurately reflects voter intent than plurality voting which forces them to pick one, and only one favorite in sometimes crowded fields of candidates.

Both systems eliminate the spoiler effect, avoid the need for expensive runoff elections and promise to produce winners who reflect the will of the people.

Election reforms like open primaries and ranked choice voting don't necessarily change who runs or who gets elected. But they improve candidate messaging and motivation.

Who Resists Election Reform?

Just like the rules in sports, election systems would benefit from periodic updating. But not everyone is open to it.

Most of those who oppose election reform proposals fall into one or more of three categories. The first, and perhaps the most obvious, is people who have used the current system to acquire positions of power. The second is hyper partisans from both political parties who put party ahead of state and of voters. The third, and it is not an insignificant group, is unimaginative traditionalists. I hope we can somehow work around those folks and eventually bring about necessary change.

**The Promise of Election Reform**

Sports stay current by regularly reviewing and improving their rules. Our election systems deserve the same attention.

The promise of election reforms like open primaries and ranked choice voting is results more in sync with the wishes of voters.

All voters get to vote. Candidates are motivated to appeal to a broad group of voters. Those with broad appeal no longer need to compromise their principles to please partisans.

Issues will matter more, and party will matter less. Government has a chance to function properly.

## Frye-Mueller Says Female Staffer Sought Advice for an Issue as a Young Mother

*Suspended senator addresses accusation that her behavior was inappropriate*

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Suspended state Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller addressed supporters in her home town of Rapid City on Saturday, telling them that a private conversation she had with another woman should not have led to her suspension.

“I wish I were not in this situation at all,” she said. “I think this is a serious moment in our history.”

Frye-Mueller addressed a press release issued Friday by Senate Majority Leader Casey Crabtree that outlined the subjects of a conversation she had with a Legislative Research Council staffer. The subjects included childhood vaccines and breastfeeding, and the staffer reported the conversation as inappropriate.

Frye-Mueller acknowledged that she had a conversation with a young mother whom she considered a friend. She said the staffer came to her with her concerns, and Frye-Mueller offered her advice, the same advice she says she received as a young mother.

“It’s unfortunate that any misunderstanding that she may have had from my advice, and my intention to help her with her situation in a private and confidential conversation between women,” Frye-Mueller said. “I did not previously discuss that aspect of our conversation publicly as it was in confidence, and I will continue to respect that confidence and

her privacy regarding the details of that issue.”

With regard to vaccines, she said she has always encouraged people to make their own decisions.

“However, this does not condone the extreme and egregious actions that the South Dakota Senate has taken against me and disenfranchising the great people of District 30 and their right to representation in the Senate,” she said.

Senate leadership received a complaint Jan. 25 of an inappropriate conversation Frye-Mueller had with a staff member on the Legislative Research Council.

Frye-Mueller has been a vocal critic of the COVID-19 vaccines and mandates.

Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck moved to strip her of her committee assignments on the same day he received the complaint. And the full Senate voted to suspend her from office the next day, pending the results of an investigation by the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion. The nine-member committee will begin meeting next week and could issue a report by the end of next week.

While under suspension, Frye-Mueller has been stripped of her voting privileges, and she said Saturday that her legislative email address had been disabled.

Her speech to supporters was posted on Facebook.

## Frye-Mueller complaint involves ‘childhood vaccines and breastfeeding’

*Select committee named to investigate complaint*

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The workplace harassment complaint that led to the suspension of a Rapid City lawmaker this week alleges inappropriate behavior, involving a legislative staffer, childhood vaccines and breastfeeding, according to leadership in the South Dakota Senate.

The office of Senate Majority Leader Casey Crabtree, R-Madison, released more details into what led to the suspension Friday afternoon.

“Senate Republicans received a detailed report from an (Legislative Research Council) staff member alleging inappropriate behavior and harassment

related to private maternal matters, including childhood vaccines and breastfeeding, which took place in the LRC office inside the State Capitol Building,” the release says.

The release also named the members of a select committee that will investigate the allegation. A report will be made available before the end of the fourth week of the session. The fourth week ends Feb. 3.

The release also says the Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion’s meetings will be open to the public, except as provided by South Dakota law. That’s no guarantee the meetings will be open.

South Dakota law allows public bodies to go into closed-

door sessions for an array of topics, including receiving legal advice.

For example, the committee that reviewed evidence into former Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg’s fatal accident spent hours meeting behind closed doors.

Sen. David Wheeler, a Huron Republican and lawyer, will chair the committee.

The other members are: Sens. Jim Bolin, R-Canton, Sydney Davis, R-Burbank, Helene Duhamel, R-Rapid City, Red Dawn Foster, D-Pine Ridge, Brent Hoffman, R-Sioux Falls, Liz Larson, D-Sioux Falls, Tim Reed, R-Brookings, and Dean Wink, R-Howes.

The release also outlined

more details into the timing of how the incident played out.

On Jan. 25, Senate leadership received notice of the employee complaint. Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck moved that day to strip Frye-Mueller of her committee assignments, something Schoenbeck has the power to do unilaterally given his position.

The next day, Thursday, following a tense closed-door caucus session, Republicans emerged on the Senate floor and voted to suspend the rules and also suspend Frye-Mueller. The move to suspend the rules

was blocked by Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden, but the Senate overrode him.

The select committee’s report will be made public.

“We thank the state employee for bringing this matter to our attention,” Crabtree said in the release. “Our goal is to create a safe work environment for staff and legislators, and an environment where employees feel safe bringing concerns forward. All allegations of harassment must be taken seriously. There will be due process afforded to all parties as this matter moves forward.”



"Long-established principles of due-process, fairness and plain-old South Dakota common sense teach us that it's neither wise nor acceptable to ever put the proverbial cart before the horse," he said. "Elected state representatives – of any party, Republican, Democrat or other – are elected by and for the people of this great state and it's flat out wrong for other senators to try to target any such persons in order to strip away the citizens' right to be heard."



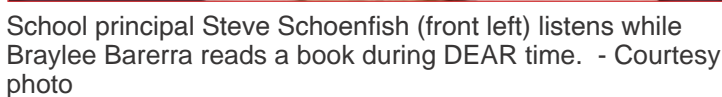
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## FRACTAL ART D2

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DEAR D2



The Vale Volunteer Fire Department team took top honors in the annual dodge ball tournament fund raiser for the newly organized Butte County Fire Department. They will be the keeper of the traveling trophy, the coveted silver "wrench" which will have the team name engraved. From left: Matt VanAsma, Tucker Gaer, Charley Casteel, Payton Bahe, Sidney Leber, Roy Casteel, Tye Davis and Kenny Casteel. - Brunner photo

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Three NAVFR team members go after a Belle Fourche team member. From left: Caleb Wyrick, Chief Stan Lewis and Brian Mills, hammer away. - Brunner photo

stated.

First place went to Vale, 2nd to Castle Rock, 3rd Belle Fourche #1, 4th Nisland/Arpan, 5th Belle Fourche #2, 6th

All the money placed in boots for each team was put together at the end with the winning team receiving 50 percent. Two tickets were drawn with each person receiving 25 percent. Those lucky winners were Justin Kolb and Travis Ismay, who both turned the money back. That meant that the BCFD received the remainder of the money. There will soon be an article in the Belle Fourche

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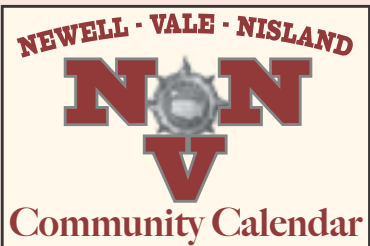
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Feb. 1: Storytime with Miss Patti at Newell Library, 11 a.m.

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

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

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

Feb. 4: Whistle Stop Market, NVN Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and see the new vendors.Call Patti at 605-641-5510 for more

information or to secure a vendor spot.

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

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

Feb. 7: Feeding SD distribution, NVN Center, 1 p.m.

Feb. 10: BBB/BBB at Newell vs Timberlake, 3 p.m.

Feb. 11: Shaykett/Caruso Benefit at High Plains Restaurant-105 Dartmouth, Newell, 2-6 p.m. Live auction 3 p.m., Silent Auction closes at 5:30. If you have items for the silent or live auction they can be dropped off at Belle Fourche Irrigation District, or call Judy at 605-210-2586 for pickup.

Feb 12/13: Pickup home baked Valentine pies, Vale Community Country Church. Order by calling 605-210-0512. Cherry and Chocolate Cream pie-\$15.00 or Cherry Cheesecake \$18.00. Chocolate covered strawberries: 6 for \$10 or 12 for \$20. Strawberries come in fancy box.

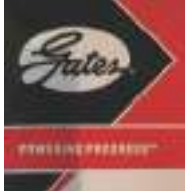
Feb. 13: Newell Commissioner meeting, 5 p.m. at city admin offices; Newell school board 6 p.m. at MPR.

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Lunch: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Carrots, Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

#### FRIDAY, FEB 3

Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Mixed Veggies, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

#### MONDAY, FEB 6

Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Lunch: Corn Dogs, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Peaches, Milk

#### TUESDAY, FEB 7

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

Lunch: Chicken Quesadillas, Green Beans, FF, Apple-sauce, Milk

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB 8

Breakfast: Croissant Egg Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Lunch: Chicken & Noodles, Sweet Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Tropical Fruit, Milk

#### THURSDAY, FEB 9

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

Lunch: Meal in a Peel-Stuffed Potato, Broccoli, Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Milk



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### From D1 Dodgeball

Beacon about the formation of the new fire department.

Following the regular tournament most of the firefighters dressed in turnout/bunker gear

and took on the community, which ended up being mostly very young people who loved the thought of smacking the soft balls into a firefighter. It was a great sense of community, and the event was well-attended.



(Left) Newell firefighter Daryl Gaylor gets ready to smash the ball across the center line.(Right) NAVFR Chief Stan Lewis, organizer of the dodgeball tournament, explains the rules and shows the coveted silver "wrench." - Brunner photo

### Newell Irrigator Varsity Boys Fall to Tigers

Colleen Brunner

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NEWELL – Parent's night recognition was held on Tuesday, January 24 in Austin Auditorium. The two seniors recognized were Devon Jones and Colton Burtzlaff, who, along with their parents, took their spot at center court. That was a positive.

Much of the game that followed wasn't the best, but the Irrigators worked hard all the

way through the game, even though they fell to defeat to the New Underwood Tigers. ]

Burtzlaff held the team up with his 17 points, but even though Jones came through with eight total, the combined efforts wasn't enough.

The first period saw the Irrigators stick right with their opponents, going into the second quarter down by just one point. Burtzlaff hit for two field goals and two of four at the line

for six, while Jones and Will Jeulfs each put in a field goal. The score was 11-10.

The Tigers started gaining some momentum in the second with Cash Albers and Linkin Ballard teaming up for 12 points. Meanwhile, Burtzlaff was able to score on two layups and Jones managed one for the Irrigators six points, leaving them down 27-16 at the half.

A trey from James Duncan in

**Basketball D4**

### From D1 Fractal Art

somewhere engraved within your fractal burning.

Some of the products that are for sale both online and at the vendor fairs the couple attends include: jewelry boxes, frames, cribbage boards, crosses, dog leash holders, kitchen items, bowls, coat rack, silhouettes, wall art, charcuterie boards and lazy susan's.

Special order items can be created and the couple gives each child that attends a fair a free laser cut wooden animal.

You can find more information at the couple's website at [www.frackedoutwoodcraft.com](http://www.frackedoutwoodcraft.com) or on their Fracked Out Woodcraft Facebook page. They plan to return to the area soon.

Local vendors who have supported the Whistle Stop Market since it's first event include Dorothy Pitts and Anita Stolnack show up most every



Christopher and Michelle Verbeck of Custer brought their "fracked out" wood products to the most recent Whistle Stop Market in Newell. They will be back. - Brunner photo

month with something special. Dorothy reads a lot and always has books to sell.

Stolnack is selling some of her mother's fabric that she had in her shop in Newell years ago. So if you want some vintage, but still in great shape fabric designs from the past this is

the place to go. The Whistle Stop has brought in many new vendors to the area that have brought some unique products. Come and see on February 4 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. And don't forget to buy a door prize ticket and see what treasure you win!

### From D1 DEAR

require on a regular basis. But this was different. As parents, grandparents, friends and school staff were involved with the program which ran from 5:30 to 6:30.

The program was part of the Newell Title program at the school and invited families for

a quick and easy meal followed by DEAR time.

There were special readers who brought their favorite books, and along with those people came high school helpers, community members and administration. The program coordinators shared information for parents about the Title program, and educational materials on how to help children find

success as a reader.

The school has had surveys submitted that show that parents would like to have a more active role and involvement in their child's life at school.

"Thank you for hosting this," said parent Morgan Wulf. "It was so fun and a great turn out. I look forward to more events."



School board member and parent, Sarah Brunner (front left) watches as those representing the Title program at the school DEAR program. - Courtesy photo



## Grand River Roundup

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The week started out nice and warm, with a high of 44 degrees last Sunday, but it sure got over it by Saturday.

Trig left to take a job up on the oil fields in North Dakota on Monday and the rest of the guys took a bunch of heifer calves to the sale barn in Faith that morning. Taz got the shed set up to start calving when they got home that afternoon and he didn't get done until after dark.

Taz got up real early Tuesday morning and drove on icy roads to the airport to fly to Texas for the rodeo in Fort Worth that night. Casey and Missy went to Lemmon for the wrestling match late that afternoon.

I drove down on those icy roads to go quilting at the church Wednesday morning with Patsy Wilkinson, Lori Besler, Connie Weishaar and Linda Hathaway. Linda Mohagen couldn't be there because their car had broken down and Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen hauled it up to North Dakota to get it fixed. Connie Weishaar had to leave early because she had to go home and pack so she and Lynn could make it down to the Stock Show

in Rapid City. Dennis Hathaway dropped Linda Hathaway off to quilt with us while he was on his way to Buffalo and he started giggling when he saw me. In my column last week I mentioned that our friend Shirley Floden had passed away and she and her LAST husband Jennings ranched near Zeona. I need to have someone proof read this column before I send it off because Jennings was her LATE and only husband! Not the first time I've goofed up and probably won't be the last time either.

River Lu was sick Thursday morning so I stayed with her and Knox while Amanda took Copper to school. Reub and I went to Hettinger Thursday afternoon and we were wondering how wise that was when it started snowing hard on the way to town and the roads were getting slippery. We weren't in town very long, but on the way home it had stopped snowing, the sun was shining brightly, the snow and ice had turned to water, and the temperature was 40 degrees. When we got home

River Lu was playing over at the shop and feeling fine. Taz got home from Fort Worth that afternoon.

After getting chores done Friday morning Casey left for the wrestling tournament in Belle Fourche and Jace Jenson and Taz took a trip to Winner. Missy fed the calves that afternoon and checked the cows. She is one handy girl to have around!

It snowed hard in the night and we woke up Saturday morning to see the ground was buried in the white stuff and it sure cooled off. The temperature hit a high of 6 degrees and my chickens wouldn't leave the chicken coop. Casey was still in Belle Fourche with the wrestlers and it was nice and warm in the gym. Jace Jenson came down to visit Taz and Amanda early that afternoon.

It snowed a little more Saturday night and I couldn't see my tracks to the chicken coops Sunday morning when we woke up to a temperature of 9 degrees below zero. Brrrr... The highway was icy on the way



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

People in Dakota drive with the windows down.  
\*40 above zero: Georgians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, and wool hats.  
People in Dakota throw on a flannel shirt.  
\*35 above zero: New York landlords finally turn up the heat.  
People in Dakota have the last cookout before it gets cold.  
\*20 above Zero: People in Miami all die. Dakotans close the windows.  
\*Zero: Californians fly away to Mexico.  
People in Dakota get out their winter coats.  
\*10 below zero: Hollywood disintegrates. The Girl Scouts in Dakota are selling cookies door to door.  
\*20 below zero: Washington DC runs out of hot air.  
People in Dakota let the dogs sleep indoors.  
\*30 below zero: Santa Claus abandons the North Pole.  
Dakotans get upset because they can't start the Snow-mobile.  
\*40 below zero: ALL atomic motion stops. People in Dakota start saying... 'Cold enough fer ya?'  
\*50 below zero: Hell freezes over. Dakota public schools will open 2 hours late.

## Then and Now *in Newell*

### “Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

January 23, 1913  
Both the Senate and the House decided by a large vote to submit women's suffrage at the next general election. This question has been voted upon now 3 times and each time defeated by large majorities.

Chicken thieves have been working the roosts in the area for the past month with a marked degree of success and some valuable birds, which were being groomed for the coming poultry show, were removed from their perches. Recently after a hen roost had been profitably cleaned up, Scott's bloodhounds were placed on the track of the parties and 2 local characters, Tom Vandrey and Ewing Donohue were placed under arrest charged with the theft, the dogs following the scent to their place. They pleaded guilty in police court and Vandrey got a sentence of 25 days and Donohue got 21 days.

When Banker M.W. Read returned from visiting his father in Massachusetts recently, he brought back a 44-60 caliber revolver, a present from his father, which he prizes very highly. The revolver was the one "Curley Bill" held up a Santa Fe train with, single handed in 1889 and after Bill's capture, Mr. Read's father secured the weapon from the Sheriff at Nogales, New Mexico.

January 25, 1923  
The big production "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" will be shown at Liberty Theater Wednesday evening, January 31. Two machines are now installed at the Liberty. This will do away with the long wait between reel changes.

Mr. & Mrs. B.J.E. Smith of Piedmont are expected to arrive tomorrow. Mr. Smith taught last year at Newell and his wife, nee Eccles, taught last term at Horse

Creek. Mr. Smith is bringing his basketball team along with hopes of "putting it all over" Horse Creek. No doubt they will remain long enough to renew old acquaintances.

"Now children" beamed the Sunday school teacher, "who can suggest the lesson we are taught by the downfall of Sampson?" Little Johnny raised his hand; very well Johnnie, tell us what's the lesson?" Don't patronize women barbers, ma'am".

Sheriff Lafors of Belle Fourche and Peace Officers from Meade County spent several days in the Vale vicinity investigating a report that some of the merchandise stolen from a store at Faith could be found in that locality. A young man named Richie was taken under arrest to Sturgis on the charge of having a stolen saddle in his possession, and an overcoat stolen from the store at Faith. He pled guilty and bond was set at \$1000 which he furnished.

While in the Vale country, the officers searched Peter Rosander's place where they found 3 overcoats, silk mufflers, silk handkerchiefs, etc. that are alleged to have been taken from the Faith Store. Several arrests will possibly be made this week.

January 25, 2023  
Judge E.M. Sayles conducted an unusual wedding Wednesday there just before noon. which took a few extra minutes? Clinton s. Tope and Mrs. Christine M. Johnson of Nisland applied for a marriage license at the office of Clerk of Courts which took a few extra minutes. As Mr. Tope is deaf, the ceremony was conducted in an unusual manner. It was the first deaf person that Judge Sayles had ever married. Clerk of Courts Preston and Arthur Theil were the witnesses.

The county has finished re-planking the bridge over the Belle Fourche River south of Nisland. This is one of the relief projects for this vicinity. They are now opening the gravel pit west of the town on Highway 212, preparatory to graveling the road to the Arpan District known as the Beet Road.

Jesse Varland suffered severe injuries in a car wreck late Saturday night when the car he was driving left the road south of Newell and crashed into a Black Hills Power & Light pole. Jesse sustained cuts about the head, causing concussion of the brain and also extensive bruises. Orrin Tysdal was a passenger received only slight cuts and did not require hospital treatment. Varland was brought to the Newell Hospital where he was confined until Wednesday afternoon. The car belonged to Ole Tysdal, was driven to Newell under its own power, but considerably damaged.

January 28, 1943  
Word received here from Miss Blanch Olson of Santa Anna, California who spent the past summer with her brother, Winston Olson, near Twilight says she cannot say much for such frosty weather that the smudge pots are all very busy and the atmosphere is so dense with that terrible oil smell that it is almost like dusk outside, but it most necessary so they must put up with it to save crops.

Graduation exercises for 44 School of Mines Seniors will be held January 29. Ordinarily this class would have graduated in June, but their course was speeded up under the war-time accelerated program. The class includes Edwin E. Jukkola, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Jukkola, of Newell, and Gordon L. Rice son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. H.R. Wilkinson also Newell. 38 of these seniors have accepted en-



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Unwelcome visitor or a Chicken Thief? Note the chickens in the yard and on the right side of the picture and what could be a man laying on the ground. The photographer might know!

gineering positions with prominent firms in this country, while others are still pondering which of several offers to accept.

January 22, 1953  
Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Pickard, Newell and occupants of another vehicle, escaped without injury in a 2-car crash about 19 miles north of Broadus, Montana last Thursday. According to Mr. Pickard, the mishap occurred as they were returning from a business trip and visit with Tom Pickard. A car driven by Larry Leatherberry was coming toward them on the wrong side of the road from the opposite direction. It was too late to avoid the crash, when Pickard's 1951 Buick sedan, hit the left side of Leatherberry's 1951 Chevrolet suburban. Both cars were heavily damaged; both went into the barrow pits but remained upright. Mr. & Mrs. Pickard were brought to Newell following the mishap by Marion Michelson.

The Newell Jaycees were officially organized May 1940. They were promoters of obtaining the new city hall in April 1940. They visualized such a place as offering much for the community and to utilize it for various community events, such activities as dances, shows, etc. on the new in-laid wood floor.

Mrs. Benson teacher of Castle Rock School, Mrs. Keffler teacher at O'Bryan school and Mrs. Walter Harman attended the teacher's visitation day at the Crow Butte School on Monday. Other teachers who were to be present were unable to attend because of weather and road conditions. Mrs. Gladys Longpre is the teacher at the Crow Butte School. Mrs. George Hafner is teaching Plainview School this week in place of Mrs. Clair Lemaster, who is ill.

January 23, 1963  
Fire Chiefs and Mayors from western South Dakota communities have been invited to visit Ellsworth Air Force Base January 30 for a tour of the Strategic Air Command installation. Colonel Michael J. Galer, base commander, invited officials from the communities located near Air Force Missiles sites in the area. They will see a fire-fighting demonstration and will hear Air Force officials describe the role communities can play in contributing to the Nation's defense. Minuteman facilities, which are soon to be operational, call for establishment of a good working relationship between community officials and the Air Force, a base spokesman said.

City Foreman Ed Lesselyoung and Charles Lawell, local Civil Defense worker drove to Rapid City Monday where they attended a school conducted by the State Civil Defense Administration on operation of fall-out shelters. They were advised that under a new rating system, additional buildings to be surveyed at Newell would probably be designated as fall-out shelters. Last month the basement of Bratton's Inc. Store, which had been surveyed earlier, was marked as such a facility.

Considerable moral legislation is being considered by the Legislature in Pierre this year. Rep. Clifford Hanson of Milbank proposes a 3-day waiting period for marrying couples. Hanson says instances are reported where intoxicated couples have offered reluctant ministers as much as \$150 to tie the knot. Lawyers have told him that in a large majority of divorce cases the marriage had been a hasty affair. An attempt also is being made to raise the age limit from 18 to 21 for sale of beer to minors.



“Going for the jump ball”. Is the Horse Creek boys’ basket ball game between them and Newell. Note referee Rev. Fr. Klein in the left background to the left (check out their uniforms!).



## Solutions to Puzzles on C3

Answer to Sudoku



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3	2	6	4	5	8	9	1	7
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. — Albert Schweitzer

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## From D2 Basketball

the early minutes of the third period, along with another by Burtzloff and a field goal by Jones, gave Newell only 8 points in the third quarter. They went into the final period down 46-24 and things didn't look good.

Assistant Coach Dana Youngberg was getting a little help on the sidelines from girls' basketball coach Scott Wince, as she was alone with coaching duties due to an absent Paul McLaughlin.

The final period saw New Underwood put a total of 20 points on the boards and it came from nearly every player on the floor, making it difficult for the Newell boys to guard. Meanwhile Burtzloff continued to drive inside for four total points, with one field goal each by Jones and Darin Lewis, a sophomore, was all the home team could muster. The final was 66-32.

Q: N-10 16 24 32. NU-11 27 46 66. Duncan 0 1 0/0 3, Lewis 1 0 0/0 2, Jones 4 0 0/2 8, Juelfs 1 0 0/1 2, Burtzloff 6 1 2/4 17.

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NEWELL – That most romantic date night of the year is fast approaching and people start looking for a special place to take their significant other to a special dinner. Now it's possible to stay right in the NVN community and have a very special evening to celebrate Valentine's Day.

"I was a real foodie and enjoyed all the different types of foods I got to try," said Chef Clade Schuelke, who now mans the kitchen at the High Plains Restaurant in Newell. Although he has no professional training in the culinary arts, he has a great deal of experience and he and his fiancée Shelby Stiles have put together a great menu for Valentines night at High Plains.

The restaurant will close to the public at 2 p.m. on February 14, and people must make a reservation for the two seatings that will be available. The first seating will be at 5 p.m. and the

second at 7 p.m. The window is now open to call for the opportunity to reserve a spot for two. The seatings are limited to 12 couples, or 24 total people.

The meal will be a five-course dinner with wine to be paired with each course that accents the flavor profile and the region that inspired the dish. Courses include: Pork Belly Thai Salad, Lobster Risotto Milanese, Pan Roasted Cornish Hen, Beef Wellington and wrapped up with a delicious Panna Cotta Alla Valentine dish for dessert.

Stiles said there are four main regional themes which include Asian, French, Italian and Spanish that will be highlighted.

"You will want to eat every delicious bite," said Stiles.

Added to the excellent meal will be romantic live music by Humbletown of Rapid City, throughout the dining experience. The staff providing wait-service during the evening will be trained to discuss the course options and deal with any allergy-related issues. The lights will be dimmed, there

## Thank You

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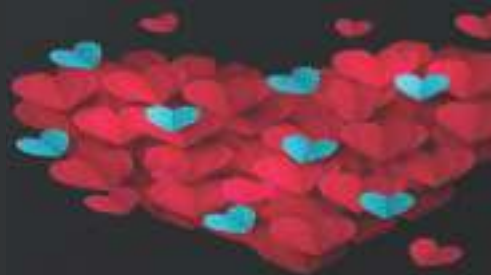
For the Newell Festival of Trees Committee Members - Your hard work getting donations and helping with the event was remarkable.



Please note the following corrections to the Dec 7th, 2022 Newell Festival of Trees Story: Grossenburg Implement made a generous donation of \$500; Hubbard Feeds of Whitewood donated the Crystalyx horse feed tubs; Meatballs were provided by Deadwood Cadillac Jack's, and New Mart of Newell was a sponsor for the event.

**Newell Festival of Trees**

## High Plains Valentine's Day Dinner



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## High-class Dining Experience in Newell



Owner Shelby Stiles and Chef Clade Schuelke show off the delicious beef wellington that will be one course of the five offered during the first Valentines high-class dining experience in Newell. - Brunner photo

will be linen table cloths and a romantic atmosphere to highlight the Valentines theme. This couple spends a lot of time "eating out" to sample the offerings regionally and intends to bring some of those meal options to High Plains in the near future.

"We enjoy the science behind the food, the color and texture," said Stiles. Some of the recipes for the night's offering have been created by Schuelke, such as the Panna Cotta Alla Valentine, which features a pistachio infused crust, and the delicious cream layer topped with raspberry gelee.

"It's my own creation," said Schuelke of the dessert.

The couple plans more events down the line, with possible quarterly "special" nights to come. In the meantime, they are

in the "giving back" mode of being involved in the community, including the upcoming fundraiser for the Shaykett/Caruso family, which recently lost their home and all possessions to a fire. This event, where High Plains will donate a portion of sales for the evening will be held on February 11 from 2-6 p.m. There will be a silent and live auction as well.

Also, on February 17, starting at 8 p.m. will be live music by Jake Ellwood. The restaurant continues to offer a variety of music on an ongoing basis.

As far as the special Valentine's Dinner is concerned you may want to call and make reservations sooner than later as spots are very limited and are by reservation only. Please call 605-456-3333 to reserve.



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All Varieties • 12 oz.

**\$3.49**



Hormel's  
"Always Tender"  
Boneless

**Center Cut Pork Chops**  
**\$2.99**  
lb.



USDA Choice  
"Certified Angus Beef"  
Boneless

**English Roast**  
**\$4.99**  
lb.



Bob Evans  
**Side Dishes**  
All Varieties • 12-24 oz.

**\$3.49**





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Hormel's  
"Natural Choice"  
Whole in the Bag  
**Pork Butts**  
**\$1.99** lb.

Sanderson Farms  
**Whole Frying Chicken**  
**\$1.49** lb.

Sheboygan  
**Smokies**  
Regular or Cheese  
12-14 oz.  
**\$3.29**

Supreme Choice  
**Salmon Fillets**  
16 oz.  
**\$6.99**

Aquastar  
**Breaded Butterfly Shrimp**  
Breaded or Coconut  
1.5 lb. bag  
**\$9.99**

85% Lean  
**Ground Round**  
**\$3.99**

Clear Pack  
Boneless Skinless  
**Chicken Breast**  
**\$1.99** lb.

**Deli**  
  
**Rotisserie Chicken**  
Extra Large 56 oz. Pre-Cooked Weight  
Call To Order!  
**642-8181**  
or **892-6375**  
or Grab & Go  
after 3 p.m.!  
**\$7.99**

# Grocery



## GROCERY

Manwich  
**Sloppy Joe Sauce**  
All Varieties • 15-16 oz.  
**\$1.39**

Rich & Crisp  
**Crackers**  
Rich & Crisp or Golden  
13.7 oz.  
**\$3.99**

Best Choice  
**Salsa or Picante**  
All Varieties  
15.5-16 oz.  
**2/\$5**  
or **\$2.50**

Pearl Milling Co.  
**Syrup**  
Two Varieties  
24 oz.  
**\$3.99**

Pillsbury  
**Mixes**  
Brownie or Cake  
All Varieties  
15.25-18.4 oz.  
**2/\$4**  
or **\$2.00**

Best Choice  
**Kettle Chips**  
All Varieties • 8 oz.  
**2/\$5**  
or **\$2.50**

Old Dutch  
**Potato Chips**  
Original or  
Ripple  
All Varieties  
8.5-10 oz.  
**2/\$6**  
or **\$3.00**

Best Choice  
**Bath Tissue**  
12 ct. Mega Roll  
**\$8.99**

Best Choice  
**Party Cups**  
20 ct. • 16-18 oz.  
**\$2.49**

Best Choice  
**Mixes**  
Seasoning or Gravy  
Select Varieties  
0.87-1.5 oz.  
**79¢**

Pearl Milling Co.  
**Pancake & Waffle Mix**  
All Varieties • 32 oz.  
**\$3.49**

Pillsbury  
**Frosting**  
All Varieties  
16 oz.  
**2/\$4**  
or **\$2.00**

Swiss Miss  
**Hot Cocoa Mix**  
All Varieties • 6-8 ct.  
**\$2.49**

Best Choice  
**Beans**  
All Varieties  
15-15.5 oz.  
**4/\$5**  
or **\$1.25**

Best Choice  
**Ketchup**  
32 oz.  
**\$2.69**

Best Choice  
**Specialty Mustard**  
All Varieties  
12 oz. Jar or Squeeze  
**\$1.49**

Knorr  
**Sides**  
Rice or Pasta  
All Varieties • 4-5.7 oz.  
**3/\$5**  
or **\$1.67**

Prego  
**Pasta Sauce**  
All Varieties  
23.5-24 oz.  
**\$2.99**

Swanson  
**Broth or Cocking Stock**  
All Varieties • 32 oz. box  
**\$2.79**

Old Dutch  
Restaurante  
Style  
**Tostitos**  
All Varieties  
13 oz.  
**\$3.69**

Best Choice  
**Deluxe Shells & Cheese or Mac & Cheese Dinner**  
12-14 oz.  
**2/\$4**  
or **\$2.00**

Best Choice  
**Designer Series Paper Plates**  
7", 9" or 10.25"  
24-48 ct.  
**\$3.99**

Best Choice  
**Tomatoes**  
All Varieties • 10-15 oz.  
**4/\$5**  
or **\$1.25**

Campbell's  
**Soup**  
Chicken Noodle or  
Tomato • 10.75 oz.  
**3/\$4**  
or **\$1.33**

Snack Pack  
**Pudding or Juicy Gels**  
All Varieties • 4 pk.  
**2/\$3**  
or **\$1.50**

Starbucks  
**Coffee**  
12 oz. ground or  
10 ct. K-Cups  
**\$8.99**

Campbell's  
**Chunky Soups**  
All Varieties  
18.6-19 oz.  
**2/\$4**  
or **\$2.00**

Betty Crocker  
**Helper Dinners**  
Hamburger, Tuna or Chicken  
All Varieties • 4.7-8.7 oz.  
**4/\$5**  
or **\$1.25**

- ✓ Woonsocket Melons
- ✓ April Johnson's Fresh Dill
- ✓ Dimock Cheese & Butter
- ✓ Wooden Shoe Cheese
- ✓ Black Hills Honey
- ✓ Ol' West BBQ Sauce
- ✓ Owl Creek Jams, Jellies, & Eggs
- ✓ Honke's BBQ & Mustard
- ✓ Albany Farm Noodles
- ✓ Dakota Gold Mustard & Jam
- ✓ AJ Farms Fresh Eggs
- ✓ Kimball Popcorn Balls
- ✓ Wild Dutchmen Sunflower Seeds
- ✓ Purity Seeds & Flaxseed
- ✓ Wooden Knife Indian Fry Bread
- ✓ Dakota Pure Buffalo
- ✓ Hillcrest Meats
- ✓ Corey's Salmon
- ✓ Lueders Own Made Bratwurst
- ✓ Rustic Rolling Pin Carmel Rolls
- ✓ Pietz's Kuchen Kitchen & Pizza
- ✓ Cox Sweet Corn
- ✓ Remedy Brewing
- ✓ Crow Peak Brewing
- ✓ Sawyer Brewing
- ✓ Firehouse Brewing & Wine
- ✓ Rushmore Brewing
- ✓ Valiant Vineyards





# Fresh Produce



## PRODUCE



Fresh  
**Blueberries** **\$1.99**  
1 pint ea.



California  
**Navel Oranges** **\$4.99**  
4 lb. ea.



Dole  
**Salad Mixes** **\$2.59**  
Classic Romaine, Greener Selections & Teen Spinach • 8-12 oz. ea.



Idaho  
**Red Potatoes** **\$3.69**  
5 lb. ea.



Texas Rio Star  
**Grapefruit** **\$4.99**  
5 lb. ea.



Jumbo  
**Red & White Onions** **\$1.29**  
1 lb.



Vine Ripe  
**Tomatoes** **\$1.49**  
1 lb.



Imported  
**Cherries** **\$3.49**  
lb.



Fresh  
**Broccoli** **\$2.99**  
ea.



Fresh  
**Cauliflower** **\$3.49**  
ea.

## DAIRY



Coffee Mate  
**Flavored Creamer** **\$3.49**  
All Varieties • 32 oz.



Best Choice  
**Cheese Cubes** **\$7.99**  
Cheddar or Colby Jack 32 oz.



Daisy  
**Sour Cream** **\$2.49**  
16 oz.



Best Choice  
**Cream Cheese** **\$1.99**  
Regular or Light • 8 oz.



Simply  
**Orange Juice** **\$3.99**  
All Varieties • 52 oz.



Best Choice  
**Shredded Cheese** **\$7.99**  
All Varieties • 32 oz.



Prairie Farms  
**Dips** **\$2.39**  
All Varieties • 16 oz.

## FROZEN



Tombstone  
**Pizza** **2/\$8**  
All Varieties 19.3-27 oz. or \$4.00



Banquet  
**Pot Pies** **3/\$4**  
All Varieties • 7 oz. or \$1.33



Stouffer's  
**Large Family Size Entrees** **\$11.99**  
Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo 57 oz.



Best Choice  
**Pizza Bites** **\$7.99**  
Pepperoni or Combo 45 oz.



Kemps  
**Ice Cream Sandwiches** **\$4.49**  
All Varieties • 12 ct.



Pictsweet Farms  
**Vegetables** **3/\$5**  
Corn, Peas, Mixed or Broccoli • 10-12 oz. or \$1.67

## BEER & WINE



**Budweiser & Bud Light**  
24 pk. cans  
**\$22.99**



**Busch & Busch Light**  
12 pk. cans  
**\$11.99**



**Michelob Ultra**  
24 pk. cans  
**\$26.99**



**Ultra Pure Gold**  
12 pk. cans  
**\$16.99**



**Coors & Coors Light**  
12 pk. bottles  
**\$12.29**



**Miller Lite**  
12 pk. cans  
**\$12.29**



**Pabst Blue Ribbon**  
6 pk. 16 oz. cans  
**\$5.79**



**Barefoot**  
750 ml.  
**\$5.69**



**Beringer**  
750 ml.  
**\$4.99**



**Starling Castle**  
750 ml.  
**\$9.39**



**19 Crimes**  
750 ml.  
**\$10.29**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	30	31	1 Beef Barley Soup Garden Salad Cheddar Biscuit Fruit Cocktail, Rice Krispy Treat	2 BBQ Chicken Sweet Potato Wedges, Roasted Cauliflower Banana	3 Tuna Salad on Croissant Tomatoe Soup Apple Sauce Choc Chip Cookie	4 Beef & Broccoli Steamed Rice Egg Roll Orange Sections Fortune Cookie
5 Chicken Pot Pie Garden Salad, Peaches, Jello Jewels	6 Stuffed Peppers Baked Potaotes Green Beans Pears Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	7 Pork Chops in Mushroom Gravy Wild Rice Veggie Medley Spiced Apples	8 Turkey Noodle Soup Veggie & Cheese Sandwich Mixed Fruit Molasses Cookie	9 Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans Mexicali Corn Fruit Cocktail, Sour Cream Raisin Bar	10 Pork Roast & Gravy Roasted Potatoes & Veggies, Grapes	11 Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Broccoli French Bread Peaches
12 Tater Tot Pizza, Garden Salad Mised Berries Chocolate Pudding	13 Roast Turkey, Mashed Potaoes, Maple Roasted Brussel Sprouts Cranberry Sauce	14 Lasagna Cali Veggies Garden Salad Garlic Knot, Pears Valentine Cookie	15 Chicken Parm Linguini, Italian Blend Veggies Peaches	16 Taco Salad Black Beans & Corn, Pineapple Key Lime Pie Bar	17 Deluxe Cheeseburger Potatoe Wedges Cole Slaw Watermelon	18 Bacon Mac & Cheese Broccoli Apple Sauce Peanut Butter Bar
19 Chicken Chili Garden Salad Corn Muffin Pears	20 Baked Ham Sweet Potatoes Asparagus Dinner Roll Apple Crisp	21 Meatloaf Baked Potato Stewed Tomatoes Spinach Pineapple	22 Turkey & Rice Bake Asparagus Biscuit Peaches Lemon Torte	23 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Mixed Fruit	24 BBQ Pork Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Green Beans, Oranges Poke Cake	25 Beef Stew, Garden Salad, Foccocia Bread Fruit Cocktail
26 Spilt Pea & Ham Soup, Grilled Cheese Sand. Winter Spinach Salad with Cranberries	27 Deluxe Chicken Patty Sandwich Broccoli Cheese Soup Pears Snickerdoodle	28 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Apple Salad	<div> <div>           Look What's Cooking at            Belle Silver Lining            Come Join Us for Lunch Every Day 11:00am - 1:00pm            828 Kingsbury Street, Belle Fourche, SD         </div> <div>  </div> </div>			



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MARCH 17 & 18, 2023

**DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS & BUSINESS SPONSORS -**  
 Our annual Father Daughter Dance and Mother Son Dance will be held March 17 and 18, 2023! Last year we started this event, and were met with an overwhelming response that brought families from all over the region. We want to continue this great tradition, and highlight a special night for the community.

This event is not only loads of fun for all involved, but this is a fundraiser for the Belle Silver Lining Activity and Support Center. A center that offers activities, meals, resources, and support for our seniors, their families and other organizations that serve our senior community.

We are looking for table sponsors for our event. One table is \$250 each night to sponsor.

- With your sponsorship that includes:
- Advertising on each table
- Facebook posts
- Logo or listing on printed materials and on our website
- Mentioned throughout the event

Each table sponsor will be able to bring center pieces for each night as door prizes.

Contact Mary Riley, 605-892-3411, Office Emporium to sponsor and sign up.  
 Thank you for your generous support of our community!

- BELLE SILVER LINING BOARD





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February 7 | 7 PM

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