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Beacon Testifies for Change at State Senate Local Government Hearing

Bill Deferred to 41st Legislative Day

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Testimony of Belle Fourche Beacon at Senate Local Government committee hearing last week Tuesday.

The legislation was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day, a motion that in effect kills the bill, by a 4-3 vote.

It provided for newspapers that provide free distribution (such as the Beacon) to be able to publish legal notices.

The Beacon testified before the committee. The text of that testimony is as follows: Senate Bill 80 is before the legislature because of a need for change. A change in support of the need to continue to print, where needed, a permanent, unalterable, record of legal proceedings.

It will allow online subscriptions to satisfy the requirement for number of subscribers to

qualify legal newspaper status. It doesn't change subscription requirements but adds an additional way a consumer may subscribe and meet the requirement.

Change necessary to allow the newspaper industry to embrace and use what is available with current technology.

Secondly, Senate Bill 80 allows for the free distribution of a print edition of a newspaper. The current law states that for every one subscriber a newspaper has they can give away on free copy to be a legal newspaper.

That part of the law governing the requirements to be a "legal" newspaper was adopted in 1986. The reason for the legislation in 1986 was then, like now, a need for change.

Because at the time it was needed to protect our state's newspapers and its newspaper association.

Legals A8

20 X Rodeo Showcase Contestants



The 2023 20X High School Rodeo Showcase was held on Sunday January 29th in the Summit Arena as the Monument. This is an invite only rodeo and Belle Fourche High School had 8 participants. There is specific criteria that must be met in order to get invited such as; place in the top three of the event at the end of the 2022 SDHRA season and competed at the State Finals Rodeo. The rodeo began in 2003 as Steve Sutton wanted to showcase the young talent and has continued since. The Athletes competed for scholarships, matching funds from Farm Credit Service and a Ralph Maynard Trophy Buckle. BFHS Rodeo Showcase Contestants: **Jet Jensen**-Team Roping, **Jadon Jensen**-Team Roping, **Reece Reder**-BareBack(4th place), **Rance Bowden**-Tie Down, **Shaine Weishaar**-Team Roping, **Chloe Crago**-Pole Bending, **Mataya Ward**-Breakaway. Not pictured: **Charlie Henwood**-Breakaway. - *Courtesy Photo*

Gear Up Scandal, Murders Cast Long Shadow

As lawmakers debate whether legislative watch dog committee should have unbridled power to subpoena, Gear Up investigation recalled.

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PIERRE – On Sept. 17, 2015, firefighters were called out to a burning home near Platte, South Dakota. They found six charred, unidentifiable bodies.

Days later, the Attorney General's Office stunned the community when it announced that the six had been victims of a murder-suicide. Scott Westerhuis, the family father, had shot his wife and four children to death with a shotgun before setting fire to the home and then killing himself.

It was the start of one of the most notorious scandals in state history. Known as the Gear Up scandal for the program it was named after, Westerhuis, the business manager at a public education cooperative, was at the center of a complex scheme that diverted millions of dollars to himself and a network of nonprofits. The money for the Gear Up program was supposed to have gone to enhance education for Native Americans.

The complex financial scandal took three years to unravel. Today, the legacy of that scandal is at the heart of a debate in

the Legislature about whether the Government Operations and Audit Committee, GOAC, deserves the power to subpoena witnesses. GOAC, which was created in state law, is supposed to serve as the Legislature's watch dog.

It's a debate that crosses political party lines. The 10 members of GOAC, five representatives and five senators, have all endorsed legislation that would give the committee unbridled subpoena power.

In 2016, the first legislative session following the murder-suicide, GOAC had the

power in state law to "summon" witnesses. Some members who wanted to investigate the scandal thought that "summon" had the same power as "subpoena." Under law, it did not, and GOAC was unable to force some witnesses to testify.

"We couldn't get those people to the table," said Sen. Jean Hunhoff, a Yankton Republican who was vice chair of GOAC at the time. She remains on the committee today.

Hunhoff is one of the few lawmakers left who was in the Legislature then. Out of the 105 legislators, fewer than 20 were in the body in 2016. She said the challenges of the GOAC scandal are lost on newer members.

"You look at those of us that were on the committee, most of us are no longer in the Legislature," Hunhoff said. "The institutional memory is gone."

The Gear Up scandal showed the limitations of the investigative body, and in 2018, lawmakers passed a law giving GOAC the power to subpoena witnesses. But there was a caveat: The subpoenas needed the approval of the Executive Board, a

Gear Up A8



Fiery French Whiskey earns AQHA Championship at Black Hills Stock Show

Fiery French Whiskey, a 2017 stallion owned by Dan and Brenda Whetham of Belle Fourche, SD, earned his first AQHA Championship title at the AQHA Winter Classic held in conjunction with the Black Hills Stock Show. He and trainer, Luke Jones, earned 6.5 points in Senior Ranch Riding on the first day of the show to

secure the 5 points needed in a separate performance category.

FFW earned 3 points in Performance Halter on the second day of the show and secured the championship on January 23, 2023 when an additional 3 points were earned in same event.

A highlight of the week was when 11 year-old Lane Jones,

son of trainer Luke Jones, took over the reins in Senior Ranch Riding. They laid down an extremely nice run placing 3rd, 4th and 5th against a field of 21 seasoned veterans. This was Lane's first time competing in Ranch Riding and FFW's second time competing in this event.

Overall, Fiery French Whiskey earned 9.5 points in Senior Ranch Riding. He scored 3 wins, 7 points, a Grand and 2 Reserve Championships in Performance Halter. He received 2.5 points in Senior Tie-Down. He earned 10.5 points in Senior Heading securing his Superior Heading Award.

He and Luke also placed third in the Best of the West Heading Futurity earning \$1,268. Fiery French Whiskey is now qualified for the 2023 AQHA world show in Ranch Riding, Performance Halter, Senior Tie-Down and Senior Heading.

Fiery French Whiskey has a total of 161 points with 9.5 in Ranch Riding, 16 in Performance Halter, 1.5 in Halter, 29.5 in Tie-Down, 55.5 in Heading and 49 in Heeling.

He is currently standing at High Plains Genetics in Piedmont. Dan and Brenda want to thank everyone who cheered on FFW in the show or came out and visited with them while on Stallion Row.



Lane Jones on Fiery French Whiskey

Belle Welcomes New Business

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In The Black Bookkeeping & Payroll Services, formerly of Spearfish, began the new year with a new location.

Business owners Megan Erk and Cassie Richardson opened the doors to the new office, located on 5th Avenue, on Jan. 1.

Erk began working for the company in 2004, with Richardson joining in 2009. The pair seized the opportunity to buy the business when it became available just over a year ago.

"The prior owners decided to sell the business in December of 2021, so we purchased the bookkeeping and payroll side of the business in '21 and ran the business out of that location," says Richardson. "We both live

in Belle so we decided to move the business to Belle."

Prior to the change in ownership, In The Black offered income tax return services along with payroll and bookkeeping services.

While income tax returns are no longer available through the business, Richardson explains the services currently offered, "We offer payroll services, sales tax and excise tax reports, we offer quarterly payroll reports. We also do year end tax documents, like W-2s and 1099s."

In The Black Bookkeeping & Payroll Services is open in their new office at 1113 5th Avenue, Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Owners Megan Erk and Cassie Richardson relocated In The Black Bookkeeping & Payroll Services to Belle Fourche in January 2023. *Jeitz photo*

Marmot begs "no shadow at Center of the Nation"

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February 2nd has been celebrated as Ground Hog Day since the early days of our country.

The Pennsylvania Dutch tradition gained notoriety when it appeared in literature in Victor Hugo's, "Les Misérables."

The Beacon had opportunity to discuss the reliability of the predictions with a Black Hills Marmot last fall.

In the tradition, the Groundhog, an eastern cousin of the marmot, if it emerges from its burrows on February 2nd and sees its shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early.

The infamous Puxatawney Phil saw a shadow and said six more weeks of winter.

The marmots were skeptical.

We had hoped to schedule an interview for this year, February 2nd, but it could not be arranged because "Milo" Marmot said, "any self-respecting marmot, or marmot relative

wouldn't be out of their burrow in the middle of hibernation!"

He claimed his "eastern cousins" broke family tradition and commercialized the affair."

His ancestors moved west to the Black Hills and Rocky Mountain region years ago and said we should do what is practiced in the Canadian Rockies.

There, local celebrants use a toy animal likeness of the marmot and observe if a shadow is cast. Let the marmot sleep.

That is what took place Feb. 2nd at the Center of the Nation Monument. Stuffed animal marmot. No shadow, early spring!



The truth is, no shadow at the center of nation, and to expect an early spring. - *Beacon Photo*



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Michael Mitchell 73

Michael Mitchell, age 73 of Belle Fourche, died Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis. Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. For updated funeral times and date please visit the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Michael Melvin Mitchell was born February 8, 1949 in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Royal and Charla (Estes) Mitchell. Michael graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1967 and was

a 1979 graduate of Black Hills State University. For many years he lived on the family ranch near Aladdin WY. He served in the U.S. Army for 3 years during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1971. Michael is survived by his daughters, Jasmine Alexander of San Diego CA, Vanessa Mitchell of Ft. Worth Texas; 2 sisters; and 2 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Royal and Charla Mitchell.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Anthony "Pete" Fuller

Anthony "Pete" Fuller of Lead, South Dakota. February 17, 1943 - January 31, 2023

Anthony "Pete" Fuller left the beautiful Black Hills and is not expected to return.

Memorial services will take place at a later date.

Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service

Daniel K. Penn 75

Daniel K. Penn, 75 of Buffalo, SD passed away Friday, February 2, 2023 at Monument Health in Spearfish. A celebration of Dan's life will be held in the Spring of 2023. Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg

Funeral Chapel & Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com

Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service

Robert "Bob" Richards 84

Robert "Bob" Allen Richards, 84, of Spearfish died February 4, 2023 at the Department of Veterans Ft. Meade Hospital, Ft. Meade, SD. Bob was born June 21, 1938 in Ekalaka, MT to Charles and Era (Hopkins) Richards. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, CE "Buster" Richards and Dale Ray Richards; sisters, Kathryn Richardson, Virginia Portwood and Margie Richards. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Jo Richards of Spearfish; children, Julie Reynolds of Georgetown, IL, Timothy (Tammy) Hawkins of Belle Fourche and Larry Hawkins of Spearfish; brothers, Kenneth Richards of Spearfish and Charles

"Chuck" (Robin) Richards of Belle Fourche; sister, Juanita "Pete" Apland of Belle Fourche; 7 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews; a special friend, Peggy Whitney of Spearfish and special Day Care friends. Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche. Celebration of Life Services are pending and as soon as the date is set the website will be updated. A complete obituary will be forthcoming. An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

KLINE FUNERAL CHAPEL

Daniel K. Penn 75

Jack Nikodym, age 72 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, February 6, 2023 at his home with his loving wife and family by his side. Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. For current service time and dates, please visit the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Jack is survived by his wife, Glenda of Belle Fourche; sons, Jesse of Belle Fourche, Ronnie



of Belle Fourche, Brandon (Tiera) of Belle Fourche; grandchildren, Maekin, Elizabeth, Matthew, and Jackson; brothers, Robert (Kathy) Nikodym of Denver CO, Duane "Dewey" Nikodym of Oklahoma; and sister, Nancy Patterson of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Barbara Stinson, and brother, Norman Nikodym.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Debra Mitchell 68

Debra Mitchell, age 68 of Belle Fourche, died Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver, WA. Services are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. For current times and date of her services, please visit the funeral home's website at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Debra Jo Reid was born October 12, 1954 in Belle Fourche. She was the daughter of Donald and Johanna (Polzin) Reid. Deb grew up in Newell, where she graduated from high school in 1972. In 1973, she graduated from Karl John's Beauty School in Rapid City. Deb was united in marriage to Kenneth Mitchell at the Congregational Church in Newell, on June 4, 1977. To this union four children were born: Scottie, James, Katie, and Thomas. Deb worked at several beauty shops in the area before purchasing "The Head Shed" in Belle Fourche. She owned and operated that for many years. In 2005 she was forced to retire due to health issues, and as a result she sold the business. Cosmetology was a career that Deb loved and



enjoyed very much. She was meticulous in the details of hair styling. The most important aspect of her career was the many friendships that she enjoyed. She loved being a part of people's lives, and she truly cared about all her customers. Debra had a life that was not easy, due to the physical limitations of rheumatoid arthritis. Deb was a very vibrant woman and she was never afraid to speak her mind and opinion. She was always keeping busy with something, and was a very detailed and organized person. She was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a sister and everyone will greatly miss her in their lives. Debra is survived by her husband, Kenneth of Belle Fourche; daughters, Scottie (Carl Hollman) Mitchell of Woodland WA, Katie Schmidt of Belle Fourche; son, Thomas Mitchell of Belle Fourche; grandchildren, Kai Marshall, Mandi Mitchell, Abigale Schmidt, Hayden Mitchell, Gabriel Mitchell; and brother, Bruce (Debbie) Reid of North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, James Lynn; and brother, Jerry Reid.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Pastor's Perspective

"The Great Physician"

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

When we think of all that Jesus did when He came into the world, we could sum up His work as the work of the Great Physician. As the best Doctor of all, He comes to cure people of the worst of all diseases, sin, and give us eternal life. How then do we get ready for the Great Physician? How do you get ready for any doctor? You just go to the doctor when you need him or her. But why do you need a doctor? Obviously, because you are sick. What if a person is sick, but does not go to the doctor and their disease is serious? They might not get over it on their own. They will get sicker and sicker until they are dead. All people are sick by nature. Our disease is called sin. It is the worst of all diseases. It is far worse than any earthly disease because this has to do with eternity. If we die in our sins, we are condemned to eternal damnation in hell with no chance

of a cure. (Revelation 20:15) But Jesus has the cure. His death on the cross has paid for all of our sins, and He gives the promise of forgiveness and eternal life in heaven for all who repent of their sins, and put all their trust in Jesus alone. Just as we keep going to a doctor to keep us in good health, so also we keep going to Him by hearing His Word in church, reading His Word at home and praying. The Apostle Paul wrote, "But grow in the grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ." Psalm 103:2-3 says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases." Psalms 107:19-21 says, "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He sent out His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!"



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Pharmacy will be closed Friday February 17th, Saturday February 18th and will be open for business on state st on Monday February 20th.
Hours will remain the same. 8-6 M-F and 8-1 Sat.
Phone stays the same: 723-5920.

Grand Re-Opening and ribbon cutting will be at a later

Tri-State Museum seeks loans of unusual instruments for "Make Some Music" exhibit.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will open a new mini exhibit entitled "Make Some Music: the History of Instruments Around the World," on Saturday, February 25.

The exhibit will focus not on typical orchestral instruments, but on unusual instruments from cultures around the world.

The museum has some such instruments in their collection but is seeking more.

Loans to the museum for exhibits such as this always go back to the owner after the exhibit has closed.

"We're hoping that some of the people in the Black Hills may have an instrument they acquired while on vacation internationally, or during a time they worked overseas," said Museum Director Kristi Thielen.

"The exhibit space for a mini exhibit is not large, but it can be a very popular one and we think this topic will be appealing."

To discuss loaning an instrument to the museum, call Jada Udager at 605-723-1200.

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Butte/Lawrence 4-H Bytes

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Feb 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The 12th annual Bob Fox Memorial 4-H Shooting Sports Match will be held Friday, Feb 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 at 608 5th Ave. in Belle Fourche.



Meg English & new Bike



Check-in will be from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

Fee is \$5 per event and pre registration is requested by Monday Feb. 13.

The Extension Office is accepting donations of pet supplies for the South Dakota 4-H Paws for a Cause Pet Supply Donation and Community Service Project. Those interested in volunteering at a local animal shelter should contact the Extension Office to discuss volunteer options.

South Dakota 4-H is asking for opinions of 4-H and non 4-H youth in an effort to expand bison programming across the state. A survey is available at the following link tinyurl.com/sdbison until Feb. 19.

4-H youth ages 16-18 interested in attending the National 4-H Conference in Arlington, VA scheduled for April 14-19, 2023 should submit applications by to their 4-H Youth Program Advisor to be reviewed and mailed by Feb. 24.

From France:
Hope all is well in Belle Fourche! Would you like a "travel" story or two? I am learning how to travel via bicycle, train and bus.

Visited the "Palace of the Popes" in Avignon last week. The structure is absolutely infested with gargoyles. No end of interesting stories!

Weather has finally improved here enough to stop shivering! There is a bitter cold January wind called the "Mistral".

Apparently, it's really good for the grapes, but not for arthritis.

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WOMEN'S BOOTS

Broncs Lose to Red Cloud and Mobridge

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The Bronc boys lost two tough games this past week. The Broncs travelled to Red Cloud on Tuesday evening to take on the Crusaders and fell in a hard-fought contest 67-59 before returning home for senior night and losing a heartbreaking 58-57 game to Mobridge-Pollock on Thursday.

At Red Cloud, the homestanding Crusaders jumped out to a 15-12 first quarter lead but the Broncs cut the lead to one at halftime 29-28. Red Cloud was able to keep the Broncs just at arm's length the rest of the distance coming away with the 8-point victory.

The Broncs outshot the Crusaders 46%-42% but Red Cloud outrebounded Belle 36-22 with 17 coming on the offensive glass. Broncs sophomore guard Jet Jensen led all scorers with 21 points including six from behind the arc. He was followed by Jayden Sechser's 12 counters and Anthony Budmayr with 11. The Crusaders had

good balance as Adriano Rama led the way with 15, Hayden Haas and Josiah Cottier 14 each and Monty Montileaux 11. Nolan Wahlfeldt grabbed 6 rebounds for Belle and Sechser added 5 clears. In the JV game Red Cloud prevailed in a low scoring contest 38-31. Carter McKenna knocked in 15 to lead Belle and Peyton Dvorak chipped in 7.

On Thursday evening the Broncs hosted the Tigers from Mobridge-Pollock. The Tigers hit consistent shots through the first quarter and the Broncs senior Anthony Budmayr hit a three pointer in transition near the end of the quarter and M-P led 10-9 after one. The Broncs took the lead on a Budmayr pass to Jensen followed by a Jensen trey and Belle led 14-10. Mobridge again stayed consistent taking a 24-19 lead until Budmayr was fouled shooting a three at the buzzer and he proceeded to knock down all three free throws and it was 24-22 going to the lockers.

The third quarter started with a bang as M-P hit two from deep and Broncs seniors Tatin Yackley and Budmayr

answered from downtown and it was 30-28. The Tigers pushed the lead to 35-29 before Jensen hit a driving layup followed by another Budmayr trey making it 35-34. The Broncs finished the quarter with a flourish as Staley hit Wahlfeldt with a fast break bucket before Wahlfeldt hit a bucket and one to put Belle ahead 41-37 at the end of three. The fourth stanza found Belle beginning to stretch the lead as Budmayr hit two three's and Jensen scored on a hard drive to hoop and Belle led 49-43, but the Tigers kept getting to the line and hitting their free throws. Sechser hit two hoops inside and Jensen hit a long bomb and Belle was up 57-49 with about 3 minutes left in the game. However, the Broncs couldn't buy a bucket down the stretch and the Tigers hit 9-10 from the charity stripe to snatch away the 58-57 win.

The Broncs are now 6-8 on the season and M-P is 6-6. Final six games are all on the road. Senior Broncs honored during senior night were Anthony Budmayr, Anthony Staley, Tatin Yackley, JT Hahne, and Jayden Sechser.



Tatin Yackley, Jayden Sescher, Anthony Staley, Jet Jensen, and Anthony Budmayr take a breather while they get plays from their coach. Hockenbary Photo

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- February 8th - SD Kid Belong @ Branding Iron 5:30-6:30
- February 10th & 11th - Saturday on State Market
- February 16th - High School Career Fair
- February 23rd - Business Day at the Legislature in Pierre
- February 25th - Cracker Barrel @ Branding Iron 1:30

More information at:
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Jayden Sechser goes high for two. Jamie Hockenbary Photo



Anthony Budmayr looks for a lane. Jamie Hockenbary Photo



Anthony Staley tries to fight of the block. Jamie Hockenbary Photo



Jet Jensen sprints the court for two. Jamie Hockenbary Photo



Payton Dvorak feeds the ball in to Jayden Sechser. 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!**

DR. COLTON IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!

Broncs Girls Basketball Split Games

Jim Trimble
 news@bellefourchebeacon.com

The Belle Fourche Lady Broncs Basketball team split in games played last week. On Tuesday the Ladies travelled to Red Cloud to take on the Lady Crusaders and fell by a 61-46 score before returning home for senior night where they dropped Moberidge-Pollock 62-34.

Red Cloud came out on fire dropping in four treys while Belle was stone cold shooting and the Crusaders led 19-2 after one. The Broncs got busy on defense and Sloan Young and Mataya Ward provided the offensive spark as Belle closed the gap to 26-19 at halftime.

Both teams played evenly during the third stanza and Red Cloud led 41-34 at the end of the period before Red Cloud went on another run outscoring the Broncs 20-12 in the fourth quarter for the win.

The Broncs were led by Ward's game high 21 points and Young tallied 8. Maikole Carlow paced Red Cloud with 18 points including 5 from deep. Belle had

a good night at the line hitting 11-13 for 85%. Red Cloud is now undefeated at 15-0. Belle won the JV game 49-26. Lily Nore had a big night scoring 22 points for the Broncs and Sarah Juelfs and Sloan Young had 8 and 7 points respectively.

On Thursday's senior night the Broncs honored a group of seniors who have been playing together on varsity for nearly four years. Lily McCarty, Tia Williamson, Chloe Crago, Dylan Stedille, and Grace Clooten were recognized for their efforts for the Ladies.

The Broncs started out much better against the Tigers as McCarty and Stedille both nailed threes and Belle led 14-7 at the end of the quarter. After a Crago fast break basket made it 18-10 M-P battled back with the next 6 points before Stedille's 3 and a Young break away and Belle led 23-17. Lily Nore hit two buckets inside but Moberidge tried to keep it close with good free throw shooting as Belle led 29-20 at the break.

Crago opened the third period

with a floater in the lane followed by three hoops by Ward including a traditional three-point score and Belle led 40-24. Stedille and Ward each hit inside shots before Ward made a nice assist to Nore for the basket and Belle was in control 47-29 after three periods. After Clooten made a nice reverse lay up the Broncs had a great three pass assist to McCarty who made the lay-up which she followed up with trey and the Broncs led 55-29. Clooten dropped in two free tosses and Stedille canned another 3 and Belle coasted to the 62-34 victory. Ward and Stedille each notched 13 points for the Ladies while McCarty scored 12 and Crago 9. Williamson and Clooten did a good job on the boards for Belle.

With the win the Broncs go to 9-3 on the year while the Tigers drop to 9-4. The Broncs JV team won a tight one against the Tigers 54-50. Lily Nore paced Belle with 18 points as Sloan Young added 11 and Anika Main and Reese Larson putting in 9 apiece.



Grace Clooten fjumping center for the Broncs. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



Tia Williamson stretches out for an easy bucket. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



Tia Williamson and Mataya Ward apply trap defense on Custer. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



Chloe Crago fights for the ball. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



Lily McCarty almost flying after the ball. *Jamie Hockenbary Photo*



Lily McCarty bring ball upcourt agains tough Red Cloud press. *Laurie Ward Photo*

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 Feb. 9 | Wrestling JV/V Dual vs Sturgis (Senior Night) - 5:30 pm
 Feb. 10 | GBB Varsity Dakota Wesleyan Classic @ Mitchell
 Feb. 11 | Wrestling Badlands Brawlers Invite (Kadoka, SD)
 Feb. 11 | BBB C team Festival @ Spearfish
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 Feb. 11 | GBB JV/V @ Florence-Henry - 10:00/11:00am
 Feb. 11 | BBB JV/V @ Sturgis - 5:30/7:00 pm
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 Lunch: Chicken Alfredo or Pork Fritter
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Tue, Feb 14th
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By: Doug Cole

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The pair have the week off to attend a family gathering. Mrs. Cole's siblings are all to be in attendance.

As I am unable to take these eight day duration away from the Beacon, Lucy took my place.

8 days may seem like a long time for a reunion, but the gathering is

to take place on a cruise ship.

The pair flew from Rapid City to Houston last Friday. Took a shuttle to Galveston, and are on a cruise ship bound for various destinations in the Carribean.

I certainly was asked to join, but aside from the obligations of the Beacon, I have a bit of the same outlook I had heard from friend, Dr. O.J. Jewett.

Once when asked about traveling on a vacation, Dr. Jewett replied, "No. I haven't seen all of Butte County yet."

I somewhat resemble that remark and have little desire for exotic travel.



(Above) Mrs. Cole and sisters boarding ship. Siblings on deck as cruise ship departs Galveston. Lucy Cole Photos

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From A1 Gear Up

Board, a separate body of lawmakers that is responsible for legislative operations.

Today, GOAC wants that caveat removed. That's because, members say, another scandal shows its weakness.

The committee wanted to issue a subpoena during its investigation into whether Gov. Kristi Noem engaged in a conflict of interest when she intervened on behalf of her daughter to question why her daughter didn't receive an enhanced property appraiser license.

The director of the licensing program, Sherry Bren, received a \$200,000 payout after she alleged she was forced to retire.

It was the first time that GOAC had tried to subpoena a witness since the Gear Up days. The Executive Board approved the request in November of 2021 but limited the scope of the subpoena.

Rep. Will Mortenson, the Republican majority leader in

the House and a member of the Executive Board, said the Executive Board received GOAC's request for a subpoena on Nov. 15 and voted to approve the request on Nov. 17.

"That doesn't sound like us being derelict in our duties," he said on the House floor during recent debate. "That doesn't sound like the system is broken."

But Rep. Linda Duba, a GOAC member and Sioux Falls Democrat, said the Executive Board initially denied GOAC's request in October 2021 when speed was important to the committee.

"You need to know the whole story," she told her fellow House members. "We take this very seriously."

Legislation to give GOAC discretion on issuing subpoenas was killed by the House State Affairs Committee, which Mortenson chairs. But in a procedural move, the full House revived the bill and voted to

JANUARY 2023 BELLE FOURCHE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Clara Schmeusser, Ellyja-James Rose, Miranda Hudson, Michael Rainbow III, Zander Vice, Mary-Jane Rose, Reagan Eck, Sven Tanninen, Claire Fickbohm and Jessa Johnson

From A1 Legals

You see the early and mid 1980s in the newspaper industry it was the advent and growth of shoppers and advertiser publications. Printed publications that were distributed at no cost and in some cases had no or little connection to the "legal" newspapers that provided news and information across our state. There was a fear that these advertisers would be able to obtain "legal" status and bypass our state's newspapers.

Our state laws have several other requirements to being a legal newspaper as well: length of time of continuous publication without interruption; % age of news content to ads allowed; and the minimum # of subscribers; etc.

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send it to the Senate.

There, it faces a hostile future. Some senators say Executive Board oversight is appropriate because it offers a

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The SD Newspaper Association testified against the bill, along with the Garrick Moritz, Publisher of the Garretson Gazette, and Mark Watson from the Black Hills Pioneer.

times of scandal.

"When the statute gives GOAC the right to audit, you have to give them the tools do that," Hunhoff said.

check and balance on GOAC.

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The teams consisted of 4 team members that had to complete 3 tasks within a 5 minute time limit. The tasks were: Steer Loading, Range Doctoring, and Stray Gathering.

These events are not unheard of to any of the cowboys; most often, these are daily to-dos of ranching. Though a competition the cow-

boys enjoy the comradery amongst each other.

The top 11 teams with the fastest accumulated times moved onto the finals to repeat the 3 tasks that night.

A bronc ride was an additional task for the evening performance.

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- Top Hand - Corn Creek Bandits - Easton West



Steer loading portion of event underway. *Beacon Photo*



Contestant **Tyrel Bonnet**, Newell, was part of the Butte County Equipment team prepares to rope at the Kjerstad Events Center. *Beacon Photo*

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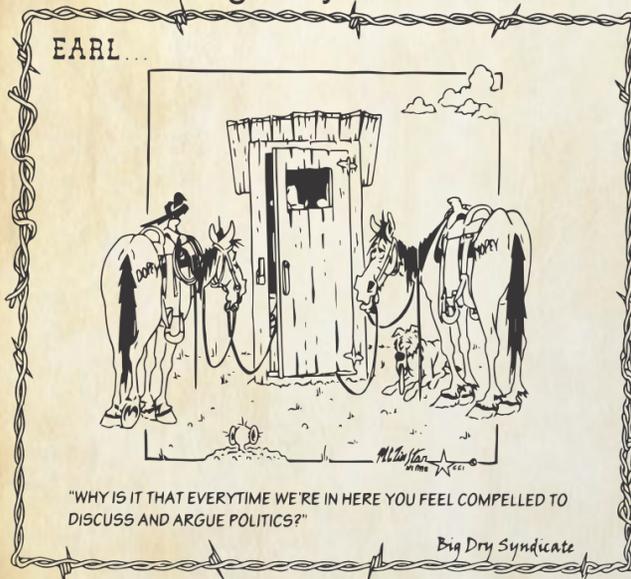
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Honestly, no one in crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. You heard statements such as:

'Oh, WAY too diffic...ult!!'

'They will NEVER make it to the top.'

or:

'Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!'

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one.... Except for those, who in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher....

The crowd continued to yell, 'It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!'

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up....But

With my ears plugged and continuing to plug away to the finish line, I'm Jim Thompson.

ONE continued higher and higher and higher. This one wouldn't give up! At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog who, after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top!

THEN all of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it? A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach the goal?

It turned out....That the winner was DEAF!!!!

The wisdom of this story is: "Never listen to other people's tendencies to be negative or pessimistic. Because they take your most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you — the ones you have in your heart! Always think of the power words have. Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions!

Therefore: ALWAYS be POSITIVE! And above all: Be DEAF when people tell YOU that you cannot fulfil your dreams!

Longtime Rodeo Announcer Dr. Charles 'Bud' Townsend Passes Away

Longtime award-winning rodeo announcer Dr. Charles "Bud" Townsend of Canyon, Texas, passed away Jan. 21, 2023. He was 93.

Townsend was born Nov. 5, 1929 in Nocona, Texas, and grew up on his grandfather's farm. In his youth he and his friends rode steers, but he only won second one time. His rodeo competition was brief. Townsend enjoyed mimicking the rodeo announcers to his young friends. When an announcer did not show up at a Ringgold, Texas rodeo his friends urged him to volunteer. He announced on a crystal microphone which would stop working if it got too hot.

His professional rodeo announcing career began in 1946 when he was 16. For the next 50 years he announced rodeos for Bobby Estes, Homer Todd, Cotton Rosser, Beutler Brothers, Everett Colborn, the Steiners, and Walt Alsbaugh. At Rodeo Cowboy Association conventions, he booked rodeos from Fort Worth, Texas to Omak, Wash.; Greeley, Colo., to Belle Fourche, S.D.; Ponca City, Okla., to North Carolina and the Deep South.

He attended Midwestern State at Wichita Falls, Texas, Baylor University and received his PhD in history from the University of Wisconsin. He became a professor of history at West Texas A&M in Canyon, as well as Texas Tech University and Hardin Simmons. He spent 27 years at West Texas A&M, and retired Professor Emeritus. He always said he learned to teach history in such a way his students enjoyed learning, from his time spent in rodeo during summers.

He married Mary Smith before she graduated from high school, but she never quit learning. Mary received her master's degree and taught school. They had three children, Bill, Mary and Charles. When Bud and Mary retired, they traveled the world, including horse races at Saratoga, N.Y.

Townsend was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Fort Worth; received an American Cowboy Culture 'Lifetime Achievement Award' and 'All Around Cowboy Award' in Lubbock; Rodeo Historical Society's Rodeo Hall of Fame at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum,

Townsend continued his ed-

Townsend B3

Shorty Garrett Takes Saddle Bronc Title at Rodeo Rapid City

RAPID CITY - Eagle Butte's Shorty Garrett continued his strong start to the 2023 rodeo season by taking the title at Rodeo Rapid City last weekend.

Garrett rode Sutton Rodeo's famous bronc South Point to an

89.5 score and outpaced Brady Hill and Cash Wilson who tallied 84.5 to finish tied for second.

With the win Garrett cashed a \$4,625 pay day. The win will bolster his spot at the top of the

2023 PRCA World Standings.

Here are results from the event Feb. 2-4 in Rapid City which had a stotal purse of \$166,886..



All-around cowboy: Jase Staudt, \$2,599, tie-down roping and team roping.

Bareback riding: 1. Tanner Aus, 88 points on Muddy Creek Pro Rodeo's Hot Mocha, \$5,006; 2. Keenan Hayes, 86, \$3,838; 3. Tyler Berghuis, 83.5, \$2,836; 4. Ty Owens, 82, \$1,835; 5. Richmond Champion, 81.5, \$1,168; 6. Steven DeWolfe-Shedeed, 80, \$834; 7. (tie) Jacek Frost, Ben Kramer and Bobby Reynolds, 79, \$389 each. Steer wrestling: 1. Billy Boldon, 4.1 seconds, \$3,594; 2. Justice Johnson, 4.3, \$3,216; 3. (tie) Trell Etbauer, Nick Guy and Jake Kraupie, 4.5, \$2,459 each; 6. Shane Frey, 4.6, \$1,703; 7. (tie) Riley Duvall, Gage Hesse and Scott Kleeman, 4.8, \$946 each; 10. (tie) Austin Anderson and Reed Kraeger, 4.9, \$95 each.

Team roping: 1. J.C. Yeahquo/L.J. Yeahquo, 4.6 seconds, \$4,376 each; 2. Austin Crist/Cullen Teller, 4.7, \$3,915; 3. Cooper White/Tucker White, 4.9, \$3,455; 4. Clayton Van Aken/T.J. Watts, 5.0, \$2,994; 5. Bodie Mattson/Cash Hetzel, 5.1, \$2,533; 6. Wyatt Murray/Jared Fillmore, 5.4, \$2,073; 7. Wyatt Bice/Drew Gartner, 5.9, \$1,612; 8. Tanner Pallesen/Wes Miller, 6.0, \$1,152; 9. Jase Staudt/Jhett Trenary, 6.3, \$691; 10. Guy Howell/Riley Curuchet, 7.9, \$230.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Shorty Garrett, 89.5 points on Sutton Rodeos' South Point, \$4,625; 2. (tie) Brady Hill and Cash Wilson, 84.5, \$3,083 each; 4. Kolby Wanchuk, 84, \$1,696; 5. Jade Blackwell, 83.5, \$1,079; 6. Q Taylor, 82.5, \$771; 7. Lucas Macza, 81.9, \$617; 8. (tie) Houston Brown and Lefty Marvel Holman, 81, \$231 each.

Tie-down roping: 1. (tie) Britt Bedke and Roy Lee, 7.7 seconds, \$4,907 each; 3. Trevor Hale, 7.9, \$4,089; 4. Trent Creager, 8.3, \$3,544; 5. Hunter Herrin, 8.5, \$2,999; 6. Ben Robinson, 8.6, \$2,453;

7. Jase Staudt, 9.2, \$1,908; 8. J.D. McCuiston, 9.3, \$1,363; 9. Reid Zapalac, 9.4, \$818; 10. J.C. Crowley, 9.5, \$273.

Barrel racing: 1. (tie) Kelly Allen and Bobbi Olson, 13.08 seconds, \$4,191 each; 3. Ellie Bard, 13.14, \$3,027; 4. Taylor Hanson, 13.16, \$2,328; 5. Shali Lord, 13.22, \$1,863; 6. Jessica Routier, 13.28, \$1,397; 7. Abigail Knight, 13.32, \$1,164; 8. Jennifer Kalafatic, 13.39, \$1,048; 9. (tie) Nicole Bice and Tiany Schuster, 13.42, \$873 each; 11. (tie) Melissa Brandt and Rachel Werkmen, 13.43, \$640 each; 13. (tie) Cindy Baltezare and Alyssa Gabrielson, 13.44, \$407 each; 15. Tisha Larsen, 13.51, \$233.

Bull riding: 1. Chance Schott, 87.5 points on Sutton Rodeos' One Chance, \$4,399; 2. Levi Schonebaum, 84.5, \$3,373; 3. (tie) Parker Breeding and Clayton Savage, 84, \$2,053 each; 5. T Parker, 82.5, \$1,026; 6. Denton Fugate, 82, \$733; 7. Lukasey Morris, 81.5, \$587; 8. Chauk Dees, 80.5, \$440.

Total payoff: \$166,886. Stock contractors: Summit Pro Rodeo, Burch Rodeo, Sutton Rodeos, 4L & Diamond S Rodeo and Muddy Creek Pro Rodeo. Rodeo secretary: Jackie Northrop. Officials: Wade Berry, Bruce Keller and Craig Miller. Timers: Kim Sutton and Amy Muller. Announcers: Wayne Brooks, Kory Keeth and Garrison Allen. Specialty acts: Maddie MacDonald and Haley Procto Proctor. Bullfighters: Tate Rhoads and Nathan Janktes. Clown/barrelman: Justin Rumford. Festivities: Eric Jensen, Brice Sutton, Rooster Finnell and Chancy Wilson. Chute boss: Matt Scott. Pickup men: Donnie Moore and Brent Sutton. Music director: Jersey Jake Ostrum III. Photographer: Clay Guardipee.

STAT OF THE WEEK

\$414,222

THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED BY STETSON WRIGHT IN SADDLE BRONC RIDING AND BULL RIDING AT THE 2022 WRANGLER NATIONAL FINALS RODEO PRESENTED BY TETON RIDGE IN DECEMBER IN LAS VEGAS, WHICH IS A PRCA RECORD.

WORLD STANDINGS

AA: STETSON WRIGHT	\$33,200
BB: GARRETT SHADBOLT	\$23,528
SW: JOSHUA HEFNER	\$14,777
TR-HD: LIGHTNING AGUILERA	\$16,452
TR-HL: COLEBY PAYNE	\$16,452
SB: SHORTY GARRETT	\$26,191
TD: RILEY MASON WEBB	\$18,978
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From B2 Townsend

Oklahoma City; and The Cowboy Hall of Fame in Fort Worth. He also received Canyon's Man of the Year honor in 2019.

He won the 1975 Wrangler Book Award at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum for his book, "San Antonio Rose, The Life and Music of Bob Wills." He also won a Grammy for his album

notes, "Bob Wills & His Texas Playboys: For the Last Time". Townsend continued to interview western musicians and collecting their stories. He also announced at the Lubbock Cowboy Symposium for years. His memory of his rodeo experiences never failed him, and his speaking engagements never ceased.

Townsend was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and his son, Charles 'Buddy' Townsend

Jr. He is survived by his son, Dr. Bill Townsend (Dr. Janet Townsend); daughter Dr. Mary Townsend (Dr. Michael Guttenplan); and Cindy Townsend Aycock, surviving wife of Charles 'Buddy' Townsend; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Memorials can be made to the Charles R. and Mary Townsend Scholarship at West Texas A&M University, WTAMU Foundation, WTAMU Box 766, Canyon, Texas, 79016-0001.

Rodeo Rapid City Extreme Bulls Results

Rapid City, S.D., Jan. 27

1. Chance Schott, 86.5 points on New Frontier Rodeo's No. F24, \$4,089; 2. Cole Hould, 85.5, \$3,135; 3. (tie) Maverick Potter and TJ Schmidt, 83.5, \$1,908 each; 5. Ty Bertrand, 81.5, \$954; 6. Kase Hitt, 81, \$682; 7. Connor Murnion, 78.5, \$545; 8. (tie) Coy Pollmeier and Dalton Wright, 78, \$204 each. Total payoff: \$13,630. Stock contractors: Sutton Rodeos, Burch Rodeo and 4L & Diamond S Rodeo. Rodeo secretary: Jackie

Northrop. Officials: Wade Berry, Bruce Keller and Craig Miller. Timers: Kim Sutton and Amy Muller. Announcer: Will Rasmussen. Specialty acts: Justin Rumford and Maddie MacDonald. Bullfighters: Nathan Jestes, Tate Rhoads and Ezra Coleman. Clown/barrelman: Justin Rumford. Flankmen: Eric Jensen and Rooster Finnell. Chute boss: Matt Scott. Pickup men: Donnie Moore and Brent Sutton. Music director: Jersey Jake Ostrum III. Photographer: Clay Guardipee.

BF Jensens Win Team Roping at 20X HS Rodeo

Congratulations to Jadon and Jet Jensen of Belle Fourche, winners of the team roping competition at the Rodeo Rapid City Wrangler 20X High School Rodeo Showcase! Their winning time was a blazing 8.49 seconds to easily outdistance the competition.

The Rodeo Rapid City Wrangler 20X High School Rodeo Showcase features the top three high school rodeo competitors in 10 events from all four regions of the state, held Jan. 30, 2022 at the Black Hills Stock Show, The Monument. The event was presented by Rodeo Rapid City, produced by Sutton Rodeo, Inc.

Bareback Score
1 Kashton Ford Sturgis 74
2 Devon Moore Clear Lake 69
3 Lucas Yellowhawk Blunt 57
4 Reece Reder Fruitdale 55
Breakaway Roping Time
1-2 Taylor Burgee Onida 3.6

1-2 Josie Mousel Colman 3.6
3 Breezy Amiotte Interior 11.9
4 Jessica Caspers New Underwood 12.6

Tie Down Roping Time
1 Tegan Fite Hermosa 10.5
2 Royce Bruns Plankinton 18.4
3 Mathew Heathershaw Quinn 19.1
4 Dalton Porch Kadoka 20.2

Goat Tying Time
1 Michaela McCormick Salem 8.58
2 Brylee Grubb Spearfish 8.69
3 Bailey Verhulst Reva 11.36
4 Josie Menzel Quinn 12.70

Saddle Bronc Score
No Rides

Steer Wrestling Time
1 Taten Hill White River 25.01
Barrel Race Time
1 Landry Haugen Sturgis 13.575
2 Gabi Irving Pierre 13.731
3 Raylee Fagerhaug Wessington

Springs 14.060
4 Megan Marone Pukwana 14.097

Pole Bending Time
1 Kennedy Mclellan Dupree 20.05
2 Sophia Meyer Rapid City 20.79
3 Katie Sheridan Faith 20.94
4 Kylie Wittnebel Castlewood 21.12

Team Roping Time
1 Jadon Jensen, Belle Fourche and Jet Jensen, Belle Fourche 8.49
2 Blair Blasius, Wall and Kale Crowser, New Underwood 13.18
3 Ryle Millar, Sturgis and Carson Sabers, Whitewood 13.49
4 Kaden Tekrony, Clear Lake and Tigh Gaikowski, Waubay 14.47

Bull Riding
1 Jesse Kline Hartford 66
2 Tate Meyer Huron 63

WISDOM FROM OUT WEST!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.



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

That Time of Year

Stockshow time! Of course, by the time you read this, it will be over.

When I was young, the Denver Stockshow was the place to be this time of the year. Dad and I talked of going, so we could see the bull sales and the rodeo. Of course, we never did. But, some friends and I did go one year, right after we graduated high school. One buddy had a sister who lived there and she allowed us to stay at their house and sleep on her couches. She and her husband took us around one day and one evening. I remember going up to see the lights of the city, but it was foggy and we just saw a glow.

We drove my pickup down with a borrowed topper on the back. I guess to put our suitcases in, tho' being 19 year olds, we sure didn't pack too much. As we got into the hustle and bustle of the city traffic my friends were a great help. "Turn here!" They would holler, right when I couldn't because of traffic and then laugh at me, the rube, who had never driven in that kind of traffic. I fell for it several times! But we did eventually navigate the roads and made it. I suppose it was good for me, but at the time I sure hated it.

Not too many years ago two of our sons and Cindy and I drove down past Denver on our way south. I hated it. Even just on the hi way! People drive crazy down there, far as I could see.

A year or so later I rode with a friend to a poetry gig in Durango. His then girlfriend, now wife, flew in from Texas and we had to pick her up at the airport. Man, I was glad to not be driving. And we had pure hell trying to figure out which gate to go to. We'd circle and ask directions and then find out we had gone wrong and circle and go again. Finally my friend pulled in to a place he was sure that would work, all the time talking to the lady

on the phone. He left me in the pickup in a marked "no parking spot", telling me to make sure we weren't towed! A gentleman of a different heritage than mine came out and started shouting at me. I was pretty sure why, but I played dumb. Not too much of a stretch. Finally my buddy and his future bride showed up and we got out of there, tho' I was envisioning driving thru' barricades in a hail of bullets from whom ever was in charge!

I don't usually get down to see much of our local Stockshow anymore. It used to be fun to walk around and look at all the stuff they had there, but anymore most of it is things I am not at all interested in. And it has gotten to where you need a bus to drive you from where you park to where you need to walk around.

Cindy and I did get to the bronc match at the new part last year. Never again! We were seated so high that it was like watching ants out in the arena. And also I was afraid of getting a nose bleed. And steep? Why those seats are steeper than a cows face! Nope, I guess they are all set up for the younger generation.

I do like to get to Broncs For Breakfast at the Event center. Usually, if I go early enough, I can get a pretty good seat and it's always good watching. Heck, they even give you biscuits and gravy! And the building is small enough you don't need a side by side to get around in it. I hope they don't mess that up!

If you went, I hope you enjoyed it. If I saw you and didn't wave, it's because I didn't see you or recognize you. I am not sure why so many of the people my age and that I know, have turned into old geezers!!!!



BARREL RACING STANDINGS

2023 Standings
Updated 1/26/2023 @ 4:20 PM
For more information visit wpra.com

Rank	Name	Hometown	Money Won
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 Wetzel	Plant City, FL	\$14,795.94
5	Tiany 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



Rodeo Rapid City Wrangler 20X High School Rodeo Showcase winners: **Jadon Jensen**, Senior & **Jet Jensen** Sophomore-Team Roping. 1st place, 8.49 sec. - Courtesy Photo

Tanner Butner sets arena record in Fort Worth with 94-point ride

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 the Dickies Arena. The previous record of 92 points was set by Stetson Wright in last year's semifinal on Calgary Stam-

pede's Y U R Friskey. 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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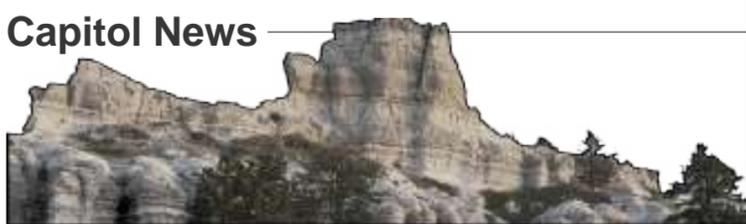
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Some paintings come together in a matter of days, some stretch out over years. A painting finished in 2023 may have begun in 2013. Working on more than one at a time eliminates most downtime.



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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

The temperature on Monday morning at Ronda Cordell's was ten below zero, but farther east it was nineteen below and twenty-three below. Friday was quite a relief as the beginning of three warm days in a row, and water was beginning to run. It was birthday week for Ronda. First, on Tuesday, Ronda called Darby Zolnoski to wish her a 'Happy sixth Birthday'. Then she headed to Buffalo for her Medicare Wellness exam. She hadn't been able to eat breakfast before having blood work done, so next, she went to Blossom N Brew for an early lunch, and had a good visit with a few Harding County friends. On Wednesday, Ronda's phone began ringing at 6:30 a.m. with birthday wishes. Linda Hannah joined Ronda in going to Camp Crook, for Darla Hamel's lunch special at Wolffy's. The Zolnoski family came in the late afternoon, to bring birthday goodies, and Darby was anxious to get her birthday gift.

On Friday morning, Diane Wear met Ronda at Highway 323, for a trip to Belle Fourche and Spearfish. Ronda had a chiropractor appointment, and Diane had an eye appointment. Two dogs were left at Belle Fourche Vet Clinic for a checkup. Diane treated Ronda to a birthday lunch at the Pizza Ranch.

Sunday was such a beautiful day, and Ronda decided to drive over to Nellie Howell's in the afternoon. There was still quite a covering of snow, both east and west of the Chalk Buttes. She stopped several times to take pictures. There is some beautiful territory over that way, and such a variety of terrain.

At Nellie's there was water running, and some mud.

Erma Albert made a trip to the chiropractor, on Wednesday. On Thursday, Dick and Erma went to Spearfish for some supplies. They needed some food for the bird feeder. Erma is sure that the deer sneak in to steal from her bird feeder. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizen Dinner, and helped celebrate Sandra Lyons's birthday. Erma stayed to play cards, but many people were at the school for the basketball games. They both went to the Catholic Church on Sunday, where Father Gary was the substitute priest.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell have been carefully moving over the ice, every time they go outside. They still have ice and drifts around the house. On Tuesday, they went over to Ekalaka, and met Tracy Walker, so they could ride to the Ekalaka basketball games at Baker. On Wednesday evening, Alvin went in to the Corner Bar, in Camp Crook, for the last night of the pool tournament. They both went to Ekalaka on Friday, for the Jeanne Tauck funeral. On Saturday, they went to Buffalo for the boys' basketball conference games. Marlee went to church at the Methodist Church. Then on Sunday, Marlee's cousin, Judy Hanson from Arizona, visited them, and spent the night with them.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson finally got out on the four-wheeler to look at the horses. They got to town, one day, to pick up some groceries. On Sunday, they went to the Little Missouri Church. It was a special Sunday, with the baptism of Dawsyn Wilcox. The Little

Missouri Church will be having Bible study on Thursday, at six-thirty. They went to Pete Anderson's for a visit in the afternoon.

Doug Davis got to see his grandsons, Kellan and Keaton, play basketball, this week. The little boys played at Belle Fourche. It is fun to see them learn the little things, like alternately lining up beside the basket for a free-throw. They learn so much, so fast. On Sunday, Laurice Calihan and Laura Tauck came to visit Julia, and to fix her hair for her. It is nice to have school classmates that are beauticians. They had brought Melissa along with them, and dropped her off at George and Linda Davis's, so that she could visit while the girls were here.

Shirley Melum has already gotten another quilt top nearly finished. She has given away so many quilts that they are spread all across the country. Her next project will probably be more wool mittens, and many of those are sold at her daughter's craft store near Kansas City. Shirley had a good visit with Ester Oleson on the phone, on Sunday.

Dorothy, Dawn and Bryce Padden have been concentrating on basketball, this week. On Thursday, Bryce took Dawn and Dorothy to the high school conference games in Buffalo. On Friday, Dawn and Dorothy went back to Buffalo, again, for more of the conference games. Dawn spent much of the time taking pictures of the action. Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy were back for the Saturday final game, too. Next week, there will be a parent's night for the girls' basketball teams, on Tuesday.



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Charlie Odell saw the temperature at twenty below zero, on Monday. He went to the Fort Meade V A Hospital, on Tuesday, for a rehab appointment. On Thursday, he went to look for the garbage man, and visited a little in Camp Crook. He went to Buffalo for cattle cake, on Friday. Doug Steig and Justin brought gas on Saturday, and Charlie got to visit with them for a while.

Karen and Charlie Odell got to see Carson Odell in wrestling, for the first time, this week. Carson is in Mitchell Middle School, and is a sixth grader. He and his brother, Kellan, who is on Mitchell's varsity team, wrestled on YouTube, so their Grandma and Grandpa got to watch at home. They got to see Murphy, in Washington, at his skiing lesson, and Kyia, in Minnesota, on her snowshoes, too. Karen finally got started on another quilt. It is good that

Shirley Melum gave her some ideas, and some wool to begin with. Karen needed a distraction from her writing. Shirley, also, already had some piecework done, that Karen could start with, so Karen is now in the habit of quilting. She still has time to catch up on her writing, too. Karen arranged another gospel song for church, and printed it off for the Sunday service. On Sunday, Charlie and Karen went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, and Karen accompanied the congregation in three of the gospel songs that she has arranged for them. Pastor Dinsmore had another good sermon, and the weather was nicer and warmer than in past weeks. Logically, education will be educational only if what's being taught will improve the life of the learner, and if it is not educational, why is it being taught?

Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

It was like a breath of fresh air to enjoy temperatures in the 40s this weekend after what felt like many very cold winter days in a row. While many areas are drying out, it will be some time before our yard and residence will be melted and dried here at Larry and Sandy Rhoden's.

Reed Cammack and his wife, Amber, are excited to announce that they are the new owners of Cammack Ranch Supply as of this month. They are thankful to Gary and Amy Cammack for the opportunity. They have accomplished so much in their 50 years

of business and Reed and Amber hope to continue the good work Gary and Amy began. So, if you are driving through Union Center you can stop in and see what both tradition and new ownership looks like.

A correction I need to make is that Connie Mickelson is still here in Central Meade County and will not plan to move to Sturgis until this fall some time.

This 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!

As a reminder the Studs-R-U's Maître D's will be serving guests a delicious roast beef Valentines 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 Moreland, 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.

On Sunday there was a pot luck dinner at the Community Baptist Church after church services. It was Larry Rhoden and Lorie Rhoden Hausmann's birthday that day. Sons Reggie, Cody and Jesse Rhoden and families attended church, pot luck dinner, and spent some good family time at home with Larry and Sandy Rhoden. Lorie and Gary Hausmann stopped in for a time as well. Family sang happy birthday and candles were blown out from their birthday cookie. Later in the afternoon Larry headed to Pierre and the boys headed home.

South Dakota EPSCoR Names New Director

The South Dakota Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) has named Dr. Kinchel C. Doerner as director of the program beginning August 15, 2022. Doerner replaces Dr. Mel Ustad, who has served as director since 2019.

EPSCoR, originally developed by the NSF, is designed to expand research opportunities in states that have traditionally received less funding in federal support for university research. SD EPSCoR helps build partnerships between K-12, higher education, state government, and the private sector to enrich research, education and economic development throughout the state. SD EPSCoR is supported by NSF/EPSCoR Award OIA-1849206 and by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Ustad will remain the lead Principal Investigator (PI) on the current five-year NSF

EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Track-1 award that involves six South Dakota public universities, two private universities, three tribal colleges, and state agencies. The project's objective is to develop South Dakota's research infrastructure, support STEM education and technology-based economic development.

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South Dakota's Second Century Habitat Fund Launches "Winter Storm Initiative"

Sioux Falls, SD — South Dakota's Second Century Habitat Fund (SCHF), in partnership with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), is increasing awareness of the devastating impacts of this winter's storms to wildlife across South Dakota. These efforts include raising financial resources to help mitigate these effects.

This winter, South Dakota has been stricken with heavy snowfalls across the state and

record-setting temperatures, in some cases reaching as low as negative 50 degrees. These are the harshest conditions put on South Dakota's wildlife. Due to the deep snow cover, much of South Dakota's quality animal habitat has become unusable, and food sources have been covered up for months making it extremely difficult for the wildlife to survive the remaining winter months.

"Quality habitat is the key

ingredient for abundant wildlife populations, especially during severe winters," said Kevin Robling, GFP Secretary. "The availability of woody habitat, food plots, and other thermal cover are essential for wildlife in harsh winters and greatly influence overwinter survival."

"This winter has been brutal across the state. If we want thousands of South Dakotans and non-residents alike to enjoy pheasant hunting in the fall,

we've got to make sure we take care of these birds during tough winters. Proper cover and accessible food sources, especially in the late winter months, are paramount for wildlife survival," said SCHF President Adam Bender.

Second Century Habitat Fund Inc. estimates providing up to \$300,000 in project cost for the campaign. SCHF will be putting forward \$100,000 to start the initiative. SCHF will then

match up to \$100,000 of private donor contributions in 2023. If you would like to support this initiative and are looking to make a significant impact on South Dakota's wildlife, you can make contributions at Second Century Habitat Fund Winter Initiative. Donations over \$50 will receive a Limited-Edition Second Century Habitat Fund hat.

World Day of Prayer

Plans are progressing for the World Day of Prayer observance in Belle Fourche.

The annual world wide worship will be held on Friday, March 3rd at St. James Episcopal Church, beginning at 2PM with music by The Pickers, local western gospel group.

Christian women of Taiwan have written this year's service, based on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, with the theme I Have Heard About Your Faith.

Planning meetings are being held each Friday at 2PM at the church. Women from all denominations are invited to attend and assist in arranging the program of prayer, Bible reading, hymns, and closing with lunch of ethnic Taiwan inspired foods.

Although prepared by women, the service is open to everyone. Participants are representing many of the local churches and urging their congregations to be involved and to attend the March 3 event.

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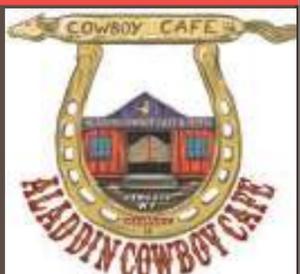
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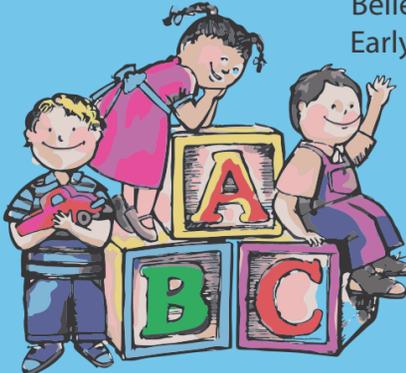
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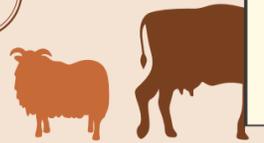
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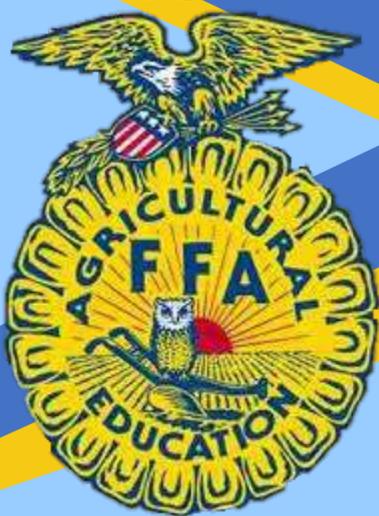
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First Saturday Brunch Presents "The History of Valentine's Day"



Kristi Thielen presents "The History of Valentine's Day" at February's First Saturday Brunch. *Jeitz Photo*

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Love was in the air at Tri-State Museum's First Saturday Brunch for February. Kristi Thielen presented "The History of Valentine's Day" to nearly 50 attendees.

Beginning with the origins of the holiday, which dates back to 3rd Century Rome, Thielen led listeners through the evolution of the holiday.

From the sassy and insulting vinegar valentines of the 1840s and the invention of the first heart shaped box of chocolates by Richard Cadbury in 1868, to the highly commercialized version of Valentine's Day we celebrate today.

Valentine's Day around the world was the next topic of discussion. Thielen gave a brief overview of how Valentine's Day is celebrated in places such as the United Kingdom,

Scandinavia, and France. Some countries, such as Muslim countries, are more hesitant to embrace the holiday, with urban areas only recently beginning to celebrate, while rural areas continue to reject it.

Thielen wrapped up the presentation with a quick look at some more recent and unusual Valentine's Day traditions, specifically the Bronx Zoo's Name a Roach promotion.

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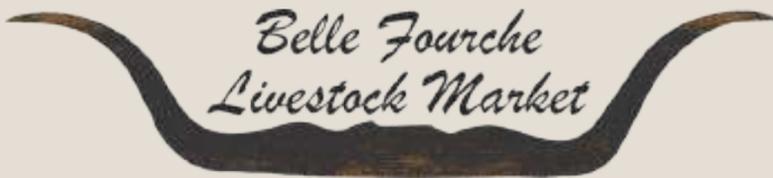
Before saying goodbye, attendees participated in a famous couples matching quiz and seven lucky winners went home with a box of Valentine's chocolates to enjoy!

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and Norcutt won the Two-Rein at the Idaho Futurity and Horse Show. Ty showed Champ himself in 2021 and through most of 2022. He had some success on a more local level. "It's a challenge to show, ride, and learn." Fowler stated, "But by taking on this discipline we are making better sale horses for our own horse program." They occasionally sell ranch and trail geldings to buyers from across the US and Canada. Melissa has seen her share of competition as well. She started showing horses competitively in 2017. Just last month Melissa and Smart Stevie (a Stevie Rey Von son) competed in AQHA events at the BH Stock Show. She has also shown her horse Smart Cutting Cat RG at various Cowhorse shows, including Rapid City, SD, Douglas, Wyo., and Reno, NV, where she has consistently placed well, on

the 2014 gelding. (The couple attends what shows they can while maintaining their ranch near Buffalo, SD.) They are very happy and grateful of the local opportunities that Rapid City is able to offer them. "We are always proud to represent South Dakota when participating in the Reined Cowhorse portion of the event. We really appreciate that we get that chance." The couple never thought they would be competing throughout the states but are happy and excited to see where it continues to take them. Fowler's plan to attend the Stallion Stakes late March in Las Vegas, and a few other shows this year. If all goes well their trainer Darrel Norcutt will be competing in the Worlds Greatest Horseman on their horse Champ next year.



Melissa Fowler and Smart Cutting Cat RG. Courtesy Photo



Ty Fowler and "Champ" in competition. Courtesy Photo

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by Mary Buchholz

122 years ago
Belle Fourche TIMES
February 17, 1898
A Change
On Monday of this week THE TIMES was purchased by Messrs. A. S. Shockley and C. T. Martin. Neither of the new proprietors are strangers to the citizens of Belle Fourche nor to the readers of this paper; Mr. Shockley having been publishing THE TIMES under a lease for the past eight months, and Mr. Martin having been one of the original promoters of the paper, they both feel acquainted with the newspaper field and are naturally at home in the TIMES office. Further than that we shall strive to give a little more than value received in all our dealings with patrons, we shall make no idle promises. THE TIMES is a business proposition, same as a store or factory; its wares are the copies of the paper, the circulation, and the job printing. We are ready for business; call and see us.

General Notes
Last Saturday evening the old red barn in Minnesela was entirely consumed by fire. It was being used by W. Clare as a private stable. When discovered the flames were eating their way through the roof, and all efforts at controlling the fire proved futile. The building and nearly all contents were a total loss. Mr. Clare lost three head of horses, three head of calves, three sets of harness, buggy, tow road carts, numerous implements and other articles which were stored there. The buildig was owned by Chouteau & Ewing. It is said that this is the first destructive fire in the history of Minnesela. It is said also, that a town never amounts to anything until it has a fire, so Minnesela residents have renewal their hopes.

100 years ago
Northwest Post
February 8, 1923
One-hundred-four-years-old; Grandma Stevens, in the Full Enjoyment of Health, Today Is Celebrating Birthday
Today, February 8, 1923, is the one hundred fourth birthday anniversary of Grandma Stevens, Butte county's much beloved centerarian, and the day finds this grand old lady in the full enjoyment of splendid health and a vitality equal to that of many people half her age. As has been the custom for the past several years, Grandma Stevens will hold a reception during the day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, at Minnesela, and many old friends will call

to personally greet and congratulate this very remarkable woman. Catherine Sophia Grady was born in Greensboro, Nova Scotia, February 8, 1819, where she grew to womanhood, and in 1835 was married to John Stevens, who passed away many years ago. Mrs. Stevens, who passed away many years ago. Mrs. Stevens resided in various parts of Canada until 1883, when she was induced to make her permanent home in this country, where she could be with her children. Since coming here, however, Mrs. Stevens has made three trips back to her old home, besides spending a portion of her time with her children in various parts of this country. Grandma Stevens takes an active interest in all matters and is a keen, intelligent observer of current events. She goes about unassisted and during the late war was one of the most efficient workers in the Red Cross, her knitting being among the best of any. The living children of Mrs. Stevens are: Mrs. Sadie Ferris, Sandborn, N.Y.; Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, Minnesela; C. H. Stevens, Lead; Thomas B. Stevens, Galena, Wis.; Harriett Woodward, Adrain, Mich.; Mrs. Agens McLeod, Van Couver, B.C.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
February 17, 1948
Currency, Narcotics Stolen from Drug Store Here Sunday
About \$75 in currency and some narcotics were stolen from the Western Drug store here when someone broke into the establishment Sunday night. Jack Chaussee, owner-operator of the drug store, reported entrance was gained by removing the screen from a window in the rear of the building. Chaussee declared the thief took only paper money, ignoring all other currency.

Group Okays Rent Control Extension
Washington, Feb. 16 – The senate banking committee has approved a 14-month extension of the rent control law which expires on Feb. 29. After strenuous debate, two provisions which would have greatly weakened the new measure were knocked out. One would have decontrolled housing in areas with a vacancy rate of at least one per cent. The second would have allowed landlords a 15 per cent increase if their operating costs had gone up 30 per cent. As the bill now stands, it continues the existing provision permitting 15 per cent voluntary increases, if the new leases run

through the end of next year. The house banking committee also approved a 30-day extension of the present law today, and the supreme court ruled that rent controls are constitutional.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
February 6, 1973
New Owners Take Over Fister's
Joe and Kathryn Fister, owners of Fister's Department Store for the past 15 years, have turned over ownership and operation of the store to the Christianson Mercantile Company. Sale of the store was announced two months ago, but the transfer of ownership took place this month. Gordon Christianson, principal officer of the firm, has moved to Belle Fourche to manage the local store. The Christianson Mercantile Company operates stores at Broadus and Miles City. The firm was founded by Gordon Christianson's father, who at Broadus where he was originally associated with G. D. McMahon of Buffalo, S.D. O. G. Christianson, founder of the firm, is no longer active in the business but still functions as president of the corporation. Gordon and Joyce Christianson have purchases the Lem Overpeck home at 1208 Eighth Avenue. The Christiansons have three children – Dean, a freshman at Belle Fourche High School; Brenda and Gary, junior and freshman respectively at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. The Christianson are members of the St. James Lutheran church.

Mortimer Named To Air Hunting Sub-Committee
Rep. G. F. Mortimer (R-Belle Fourche), said in a telephone conversation Monday that he feels the aerial hunting legislation can be worked out to the satisfaction of most persons involved. Following a senate hearing last week, a joint house-senate sub-committee was named to amend the aerial hunting bill so it would be satisfactory to both houses before it is reported out of the senate committee. Whatever solution is reached, it would seem that hunters will be required to ask permission to hunt over a man's place, much as they do if they are hunting on the ground, Mortimer said.

The World 75 Years Ago This Week

Politics & Government
Franklin D. Roosevelt was the president, and Harry S. Truman was his vice president.
The first peacetime draft occurred in September.
Winston Churchill became Britain's Prime Minister.
Hitler invaded Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, and Luxembourg.

Media
"Rebecca," directed by Alfred Hitchcock, won the Best Film Oscar.
The first "Green Lantern" comic book hit the stands in July.
Hattie McDaniel became the first African American actor to win an Academy Award for her supporting role in "Gone with the Wind."
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"Horton Hatches the Egg," by Dr. Seuss.
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Number one singles included "Only Forever" and "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby, and "Blueberry Hill" and "Moonlight Cocktail" by Glenn Miller.
Sports
The 1940 Olympic Games were canceled due to the war, along with many other championships.
The World Series Champions were the Cincinnati Reds.
The NFL Champions were the Chicago Bears.
Basketball players were not affected by the draft because their height made them ineligible to serve.
The Green Bay Packers become 1st NFL team to travel by plane.
NY Rangers won the Stanley Cup.
Jackie Robinson won the 1940 NCAA Men's Track and Field Championships in the Long Jump.
Business and Economics
The Paper Mate Company was founded.
Top industries were manufacturing, totaling 23.4% of Americans, and agriculture,

totaling 18.5%.
Minimum wage was \$.30 per hour.
Igor Sikorsky made the first practical helicopter in Stratford.
A gallon of milk was \$.34, while a gallon of gas was \$.18.
The first Social Security benefit checks were paid out.
The average car cost \$800.
The average urban monthly rate was \$30.83.
Frank Mars and Bruce Murrie created candy-coated chocolate pieces in six different colors- red, green, yellow, brown, and violet- later known as M&M's.
Demographics & Lifestyle
New York had the largest state population of 13.4 million.
The life expectancy was 68 for females and 61 for males.
Benjamin Oliver Davis, Sr. is appointed the first African American General in the U.S. Army.
There were 48 US States.
Popular children's names included James, Robert, Mary and Barbara.
The US Census resident population totaled 132,164,569 people.
John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Nancy Sinatra, Frankie Avalon, Bruce Lee, and Chuck Norris were born.



Grandma Stevens lived to be 106 years old, during the pioneering days in Minnesela

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

Check out all the upcoming fine arts events these next few months as we pull ourselves closer to spring! This week I am featuring three events from the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center.

FAMILY FUN with CATS & CRAFTS: Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center's Feb. 19 Family Fun Day is "Crafty Cats".

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.



FIRST SATURDAY BRUNCH MARCH 4th: March First Saturday Brunch is about Dig at Soap Suds Row. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a First Saturday Brunch on March 4 entitled "The Archaeological Dig at Soap Suds Row." The presentation will be provided by Belle Fourche native and archaeologist Katie Anderson, who participated in the dig for artifacts left by the laundresses who were once employed at Ft. Meade. Brunch at 10 a.m. is \$5 per person or free with membership; presentation at 10:30 is free to all. Reservations are required. Call 605-723-1200.

ATTENTION MUSICAL INSTRUMENT COLLECTORS: Tri-State Museum seeks loans of unusual instruments for "Make Some Music" exhibit. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will open a new mini exhibit entitled "Make Some Music: the History of Instruments Around the World," on Saturday, February 25. The exhibit will focus not on typical orchestral instruments, but on unusual instruments from cultures around the world. The museum has some such instruments in their collection but is seeking more. Loans to the museum for exhibits such as this always go back to the owner after the exhibit has closed.

"We're hoping that some of the people in the Black Hills may have an instrument they acquired while on vacation internationally, or during a time they worked overseas," said Museum Director Kristi Thielen. "The exhibit space for a mini exhibit is not large, but it can be a very popular one and we think this topic will be appealing." To discuss loaning an instrument to the museum, call Jada Udager at 605-723-1200

SIGN UP FOR A VARIETY SHOW AUDITION: 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 to be part of a FUN community event!

ADVANCE TICKET SALES: BFHS fine arts students are selling advanced tickets to the show as a fundraiser for their upcoming fine arts trip to Denver.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming Fine Arts Events:

- April 30th - GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER - for the FINE ARTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL COMMUNITY VARIETY SHOW!
 - 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 12, 13, & 14 - Pride and Prejudice, Belle Fourche Area Community Theater
- Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!

BFHS One Act Play is 4th at Regionals

Alyssa Frisbie

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On January 25, the one act cast of Belle Fourche High School performed Laura Lundgren's *We Are The Sea* at the regional competition held in Custer, South Dakota.

We Are The Sea is a drama about the dangerous voyage people made to escape the hun-

ger that was experienced from famine in Ireland.

Being full of illness, hunger, thirst, and grief, the passengers solely relied on one another and the comfort of their own memories to survive.

During this voyage many people lost their lives, and their bodies were thrown into the water; therefore, the sea knows

everything about these fallen peoples' lives.

This play tells the stories of the voyagers' lives and even murders that occurred on the ships.

The students in this production beautifully portrayed the feelings the passengers experienced, and they worked really hard to put this one act together

with the help of their director Michael Kane.

While also being a history teacher at Belle Fourche High School, Michael Kane is the director of Belle Fourche's one act performances.

This year's one act was full of emotion and was very impactful to both of its audiences, as the cast also performed

for the student body of Belle Fourche High School.

Because of their wonderful performance, the one act cast placed fourth at regionals, and both Nyomi Woltkamp and Maggie McCord received acting awards for their phenomenal performances.



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. Frisbie Photo

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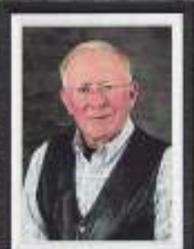


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JJ Kent Entertains at 519 State Street

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Special to the Beacon

519 State Street in Belle Fourche had a first, Friday night. Inside the Hitching Post Tap House, JJ Kent played his passion for country music for three hours, with no break.

JJ started playing at 6:00 PM and didn't stop performing until 9:00 PM.

While enjoying a choice of beverages and appetizers, patrons of the Hitching Post got to listen to music they grew up with. One of the favorites was Willy Nelson, if you closed your eyes you would have thought Willy was a stone's throw away from you. It was

amazing to hear JJ play his guitar and pick the strings with such clarity and passion.

Slade Hansen, owner of the tap house sat with his patrons and enjoyed the music. Peedee, Slade's wife and co-owner weren't able to attend because of a prior engagement. Slade gave Peedee updates all evening while planning their next invitation to their patrons to hear JJ again.

Along with Willy Nelson, JJ played his guitar and harmonica to the iconic song by Johnny Cash "Folsom Prison Blues". His talent goes way back to his youth when he started playing the guitar, for which he has no formal training. JJ learned

how to play the guitar all on his own. Dan Seals was a very close friend of JJ's and he played many times with Dan. He sang a song sung by Dan Seals, "I really want to see you tonight", a well-known song and the crowd sang along.

There were many George Strait songs sung and the crowd sang along and cheered JJ on. A few couples came up and danced to JJ's music and left with bright smiles.

Slade and Peedee of the Hitching Post are talking with JJ for more opportunities to have JJ play. One thing is for certain, JJ will be a friend of State Street and the Hitching Post with his music.



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Gov. Kristi Noem’s tax cut on groceries moving along in Pierre

Measure would be the largest tax cut in state history

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PIERRE – The opening salvo in what is expected to be a protracted fight over taxes was made in a small, stuffy room overflowing with people and opinions on a Thursday evening.

Gov. Kristi Noem’s legislative ambassadors, Rep. Mary Fitzgerald and Sen. John Wiik, introduced legislation to cut the state sales tax on groceries, a key campaign pledge the governor made to voters last fall. The measure would save taxpayers about \$102 million a year.

“I am proud to introduce to you today the largest tax break in South Dakota history,” Fitzgerald told lawmakers on the House Taxation Committee, where the bill landed for its first hearing.

Following more than an hour and a half of testimony and questioning, that committee voted 12-1 to refer the bill to the House Appropriations Committee with a do-pass recommendation.

But between Fitzgerald’s introduction of the bill and that vote, there was no shortage of talk about numbers, budgets and what those mean to real people and state government responsibilities.

Wiik told lawmakers they would hear a million reasons to kill the bill. But he said there were 900,000 reasons to support the bill – the taxpayers of the state.

“They don’t have anyone in a badge to come to Pierre to make their pitch,” he said, referring to lobbyist badges. “They just pay.”

Jim Terwilliger, Noem’s commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management, spent the most time at the microphone. Even without the \$102 million in grocery tax money, the state would still see \$208 million in revenue beyond expectations, he said.

The growth in revenue is being

driven by population increase, he said. The state’s population is growing at about 2 percent while the national population is growing at half a percent.

“These new revenues are here to stay,” he said.

But Nathan Sanderson, the executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association, questioned the administration’s assumptions. He handed out a spreadsheet showing how much federal money the state has received in the last decade. The entire state budget doubled over that timeframe, with federal funding ballooning over the last few years because of Covid stimulus moneys.

Federal spending is also driving up inflation, which in turn increases sales tax revenues. With federal spending expected to go down sharply, and uncertainty in the economy, Sanderson said: “We also believe this is poor tax policy.”

The Retailers were joined by the Chamber, the trade association for gas stations and a host of other industries. But the education industry also went hard after the proposal, with several groups represented Friday.

Mitch Richter, a former lawmaker and a lobbyist for South Dakota United School Association, told lawmakers that the state was adding new programs while contemplating spending cuts. At the same time, South Dakota teacher pay is among the lowest in the nation.

“This bill is bad public policy,” he said.

Representatives of two reservations, the Rosebud and Cheyenne River, testified that they were concerned about what the tax cuts meant to sales tax compacts that the state has with reservations.

Terwilliger said that issue had only come up in the last couple of days, and his office was still checking into the details. But he said the state has compacts with five reservations, and he estimated they might lose \$2 million in revenue.

Rep. Roger DeGroot, a retired educator from Brookings, was the only member to vote no.

Rep. Kirk Chaffee, the committee chairman, told the committee that they would see many more tax proposals in the coming days. But he said he likes the grocery tax bill.

“It takes the whole tax to zero,” he said. “I think that’s a win.”



Jim Terwilliger, the commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management, defended Gov. Kristi Noem’s food tax cut proposal before the House Taxation Committee on Jan. 26, 2023.. (Jonathan Ellis/The Dakota Scout)

Overdose deaths are soaring; Lawmakers moving to legalize fentanyl strips

Many overdoses occurring in people who had no idea drugs were laced with fentanyl

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South Dakota lawmakers took the first step a week ago Wednesday to decriminalizing strips that can be used to detect fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that is causing a wave of overdose deaths across the country.

Currently, fentanyl strips could be construed as drug paraphernalia

under state law, but Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt has introduced legislation to specifically exempt them. Rehfeldt, a Sioux Falls Republican and a nurse anesthetist, said the availability of fentanyl strips will save lives.

Fentanyl is produced in China, and record amounts have been pouring across the Southern Border with Mexico, leading to sharp

increases in overdose deaths.

The drug, developed to treat pain in cancer patients, is 50 to 100 times stronger than morphine. Fentanyl is being laced in other drugs, and often people who overdose had no idea they were taking something with fentanyl.

Rep. David Kull, the former police chief of Brandon, said that methamphetamine and marijuana are being laced with fentanyl.

“Obviously, they are taking drugs,” he said of the overdose victims. “They just want the meth. They don’t want the fentanyl.”

Rehfeldt predicted that the strips would be available through counseling and treatment centers. The strips could reduce overall drug use, because people who use them and detect fentanyl are less likely to take that drug.

“The takeaway is, they will prevent deaths in the long run,” Rehfeldt said.

Justin Bell, a lobbyist for the South Dakota State Medical Association, said overdose deaths nationally surpassed 100,000 for the first time in 2021. States are responding to the crisis, and one of those responses has been legalizing fentanyl strips. Twenty-two states have done so.

“Criminalizing a life-saving tool is not the answer,” Bell said.



Northeast view of Capitol building with reflection in Capitol Lake Photo from Dakota Scout

Reflecting women empowerment in statutes, Constitution advances in South Dakota Legislature

Voters have final say over removing gender-specific references from Constitution

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PIERRE — Gov. Kristi Noem’s push to rid South Dakota’s Constitution and state statutes of antiquated, gender-specific references to elected

office holders and judicial officers cleared its first hurdles at the state Capitol this week.

Throughout the state’s legal codes and Constitution are dozens of provisions that assume elected and officials will be male, a product of a different era when females holding positions of power was a rarity — if not illegal.

But a pair of measures aimed at changing that earned preliminary approval from committees in both the Senate and House on Friday morning with no resistance. And while that’s an indication both House Bill 1175 and Senate Joint Resolution 505 will earn final passage in the coming weeks, voters will have the final say over the updates to the male-specific references in the state Constitution.

“It’s a terrific resolution and I do hope the people vote for it. And I’m sure they will,” Senate Tim Reed said before the Local Government Committee he chairs unanimously recommended approval of the measure to put the proposed changes on the November 2024 ballot.

While the governor’s distinction as South Dakota’s first female

governor has brought attention to gender-specific references on the state’s books, supporters of both measures say the number of women holding office here in recent decades should have necessitated this change a long time ago.

That’s because South Dakota politics and government has enjoyed influence for women for the last century.

Giving her colleagues a history lesson on powerful women in state history, Sen. Erin Tobin noted that 17 women have served as Secretary of State, four have been Supreme Court justices and dozens more have served in the Legislature, 29 of which served for at least 10 years.

Right now, 31 female legislators hold office at the state Capitol, the most ever.

Gladys Pyle of Huron was the first woman to serve in the South Dakota state legislature. She was elected to the State House in 1922 and re-elected in 1924. Pyle’s mother, Mamie, was a leading suffragist in South Dakota, Tobin said. Pyle was also the first woman to serve in statewide office as Secretary of State.

“For people like Stephanie Herseth (Sandlin), Kristi Noem and myself, we’ve reached milestones in public service thanks to the passion and hard work of past generations,” she said. “I want to continue to step forward so my own daughter will one day join that long list serving the great people of South Dakota.”



Sen. Erin Tobin, Winner, who represents Dist. 21 Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp speaks to Sen Joint Resolution 505 in Senate Local Government committee. Photo from Dakota Scout

‘Bastard stepchild of local government’ denied new taxation authority — again

Cash-strapped counties had hoped to get new revenue ‘tool’

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PIERRE — For the second time in the less than a year, the state Legislature has said no to the idea of giving South Dakota counties more taxation authority.

The South Dakota Senate resoundingly rejected Senate Bill 99, a proposal to allow counties to collect a half penny sales tax — with approval of cash-strapped county voters. The dollars, should the bill have passed, could have been used on jails and criminal justice facilities.

The cost of public safety services has counties facing straits, and no lawmaker opposing the legislation denied the disproportionate load counties bear with only two taxing options to increase tax revenues: bonds and opt-outs.

But 28 senators torpedoed the legislation anyway, criticizing the bill as a tax increase, an implementation headache for the state revenue office, and a reward to a systematic problem.

“The last thing we want to do is come up with new and creative ways to tax our citizens when they’ve already said no previously,” Sen. Brent Hoffman said, calling the bill “just plain awful.”

Proponents, though, say cre-

ating a new “tool” for counties to find new revenue sources is desperately needed for local governments with disproportionate constitutional service obligations than they’re school district, city and township counterparts.

“There are several counties out there that are unique and have their own issues. And they can solve their problems given the right tools,” said Sen. Randy Delbert, a former Lawrence County Commissioner. “This is the right tool for some counties, not for all. But we need to give the counties the tools to succeed.”

But others said financial challenges facing counties are deeper than a half-penny sales tax would fill, and instead suggested a complete overhaul of the county systems is necessary.

Sen. Lee Schoenbeck said that will need to include consolidation of counties.

“They are the bastard stepchild of local government in the state of South Dakota. They just are,” he said. “External boundaries for counties that were designed the century before the last century might not be the ones that you should have today.”

“It’s an antiquated system,” he added, noting the administrative-heavy structure of county governments.

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I am writing to you on the eve of the 16th Legislative Day and reflecting that the 2023 Legislative session reached the midway point on Tuesday, February 7th, the 19th day. 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 again for the introduction of new bills on both the House (240) and Senate (209) chambers. 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. The total new bills is down just over 100 from the 2022 session.

The appropriations committees and the House Taxation committee remains to be very busy this session as we continue to look at various tax cut bills. On Tuesday, January 31st, the House taxation committee heard another version of sales tax to be cut from 4.5% to 4%. This bill would lower the sales tax on all items as opposed to only food items. The bill was referred to the House appropriations committee with a do pass recommendation. This bill remain there along with the sales tax reduction on food bill until the 2024 budget is finalized. This Friday, we will hear HB 1043 in taxation which is the property tax reduction bill. I am remaining optimistic that we will get some form of tax relief passed during this session.

HB 1046 was passed by the House, which is a bill that will provide free tuition at Board of Technical Education institutions for children or spouses of members of the South Dakota National Guard

permanently/100% disabled or deceased in the line of duty. HB 1090, Ag Preservation Act, which provides safeguards for farmers from frivolous lawsuits that will disrupt agricultural production and helps to ensure that South Dakota's #1 industry remains strong, passed the House. These bills are now on the way to the Senate for hearings.

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

From One Legislator to Another

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."
Ronald Reagan

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The author, Brent "B.R." Hoffman, served a career in the military, surviving the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. He's a published author and occasional newspaper columnist. He currently serves as a state senator for District 9, which includes western Sioux Falls, Hartford and Wall Lake.

It has been said most politicians have two favorite topics: politics and themselves. It's a fair critique, but I've also found politicians are a reflection of ourselves, of our society, and you can learn a few things if you actually talk with one.

This past summer, I set out to have coffee with each of my new colleagues (34) in the state senate, thinking I might learn something. And I did. What I

learned is that your state senators are a decent, caring bunch with a wide range of experiences. They were generous with their advice, and so I'll share a few nuggets that other legislators, and voters, might find interesting.

First, "Maintain a good relationship with your colleagues and try not to take things personally." A legislator who is "your greatest opponent on a bill today may be your greatest supporter on a bill tomorrow." Listen to your heart and speak for what you think is right, but "be prepared to lose with grace and make some friends along the way."

Second, every day in session can prove "exhilarating or frustrating," and it's often a little of each.

Learn to embrace the stress as God's way of reminding you it's important. Stay grounded, learn to "cherish the experience, and you'll be a better person for it."

Third, "Speeches should be succinct, and where in disagreement, respectful." No-one, I mean no-one, agrees with anyone on everything or everyone on anything. Where possible,

avoid the use of cliches such as "drinking from a firehose" and resist the urge to "jump up like a jack-in-the-box at every opportunity." A "little originality goes a long way" in a chamber full of redundancy.

Fourth, "Trust is crucial," and the best way to build it is to simply prove yourself trustworthy. "Your word, your handshake should never be taken lightly," as they are a reflection of you, of your character. It can take a long time to build trust, but it only takes a moment to break it.

Fifth, "There are many competing demands for your time," so prioritize your family, faith and physical fitness. Sure, our work is important, and it demands personal sacrifices, but don't sacrifice your family or your health upon the altar of public service.

And lastly, "Guard your vote jealously," as that vote represents the collective voice of thousands of your constituents. Remember who and Whom you serve. "There are always rational reasons to vote Yes or No," but in the end, your vote is between you and God, and you are alone with Him.

Nuclear power on the move in state Legislature

New generation of technology has lawmakers willing to study prospects

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PIERRE — In the 1960s, South Dakota had a brief moment when it entered the nuclear power age.

Northern States Power Co. opened the Pathfinder Nuclear Generating Station between Sioux Falls and Brandon. And though the plant was converted to a fossil fuel electricity station after the nuclear reactor was shut down in 1967, Pathfinder served as a valuable test piece for the creation of future nuclear plants.

Since then, South Dakota has been a recipient of nuclear power, but not a contributor.

A Senate resolution would take the first step to change that. Sen. Brent Hoffman is sponsoring a resolution that would allow lawmakers to study nuclear power. The Sioux Falls Republican admits it's a long climb from study to production.

But all journeys start somewhere. The measure passed the full Senate 34-0.

The resolution asks the Legislature's Executive Board to appoint a summer study on nuclear energy. Summer studies

typically lead to legislation, and Hoffman's measure has moved through the Senate without drawing a vote against it.

South Dakota is already an energy producer, a feat for a state without much in regard to proven oil reserves. But there's ethanol and, in the world of electricity generation, the state has seen a sharp increase in wind power while also relying on hydroelectricity from the post-World War II Missouri River dam system.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the state consumes less electricity than four-fifths of its peers, but its per-capita retail sales are more than two-thirds of all states.

Hoffman said there is room for nuclear. It's a carbon-free energy source. It's efficient — one uranium pellet has the ability to produce the same energy as a ton of coal.

"Nuclear energy offers a great potential for our state," he told lawmakers.

But Hoffman isn't talking about large-scale nuclear plants. A new technology known as Advanced Small Modular Reactors are under development in

the United States.

"These advanced reactors, envisioned to vary in size from tens of megawatts up to hundreds of megawatts, can be used for power generation, process heat, desalination, or other industrial uses," according to the U.S. Energy Department's Office of Nuclear Energy.

"Advanced SMRs offer many advantages, such as relatively small physical footprints, reduced capital investment, ability to be sited in locations not possible for larger nuclear plants, and provisions for incremental power additions. SMRs also offer distinct safeguards, security and nonproliferation advantages."

Steve Willard, a lobbyist for the South Dakota Electric Utility Companies, told lawmakers that nuclear power has always been an attractive prospect, but nuclear power plants have been cost prohibitive. The smaller, new-generation units offer promise to the industry.

There is definitely an appetite among lawmakers.

"I've always been an all-of-the-above person when it comes to energy policy," Sen. David Wheeler, R-Huron, said.

Nuclear Power Generation



OPINION

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Too Many Governments in S. Dakota

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We like to think our state is a great example of small, conservative government at its best, with minimal wasteful spending. But I suspect we may be fooling ourselves. By historical accident, we now have too many governments in South Dakota. And they aren't laid out in a way that makes sense today.

Population Growth Was Expected

South Dakota was expected to be a well-populated, rural state just like the states east of the Dakotas. At least that is what early leaders and promoters assumed as they created an extensive statewide system of local governments to serve all those rural citizens.

They blanketed the state with 66 counties, each designed so that the county seat would be a day's horse ride away. They also created an extensive network of cities, towns, townships, villages and school districts.

For a while, it looked like they might be right. At the beginning of the 20th century 90% of South Dakotans lived in rural areas. But over the following decades, the total population of the state stagnated as the rural numbers decreased. In 2010 only 43% lived in rural areas. And according to the US Census Bureau, most South Dakota residents now live in urban areas.



Joe Kirby



Rural Populations Evaporated

The world changed in the 20th century. Innovations in communication, transportation and especially agriculture altered the way we all live, and where we live.

The population of several South Dakota counties evaporated. In 2010, 11 met the traditional Census Bureau designation of "unsettled" or frontier territory having two or fewer persons per square mile. Five more have fewer than three and they are continuing to lose residents.

South Dakota leads the nation in the number of counties with a population of under 5,000. It also has the nation's poorest county, Buffalo, and its smallest county seat, Gann Valley, with a 2010 census count of 14.

Urban Areas Grew and Spread Out

The number of urban areas in South Dakota has grown, and some have spread out over boundary lines set long ago. For instance, the Sioux Falls metropolitan area has stretched to the point that we now have seven separate school districts.

Sioux Falls is divided by school district boundaries, separating neighborhoods and neighbors. Presumably, there could be different school start dates, holiday schedules, and all sorts of other things that don't make sense for our one community.

Our city is also needlessly divided between Minnehaha and Lincoln counties. Many Sioux Falls residents must leave the city to drive to Canton for various county services. These artificial old boundaries have to inhibit building a shared sense of community in our city.

Too Many Governments

After so much time has passed, South Dakota has a bunch of unnecessary and presumably costly local governments. According to Governing magazine, there are 1,916 total local government units in the state. This includes counties, cities, towns, townships, villages and school districts. In fact, South Dakota has the second most governmental units per capita in the country.

I suspect our number of remaining cities, towns and townships is probably not out of line. I assume they may be mostly necessary and reasonable as is. But our number of school districts seems excessive. We still have over 150 school districts remaining, even after some consolidation efforts decades ago. That's a lot of superintendent and administrator salaries to pay.

Start from Scratch

South Dakota has an enormous opportunity to reinvent its system of government. Imagine starting from scratch, with a clean map of our state, and laying out a logical new structure for delivering government services based on today's communication and transportation realities. Such a plan would bear little resemblance to what is currently in place. We would undoubtedly have fewer counties and school districts, but not necessarily fewer schools.

A streamlined local government system in South Dakota could improve transparency, efficiency and consistency. It might also free up limited resources for other pressing needs in our state like education, health care and prisons. And logical boundaries could produce other benefits as well.

A single metro government and single school district for Sioux Falls would seem to be more efficient, equitable and logical. Maybe in some other metro areas like Rapid City and Aberdeen too. Unfortunately, I don't know much about their unique situations.

Time to Study the Opportunity

I believe this opportunity deserves serious study in our state. I certainly don't pretend to have all the facts, let alone any of the answers. At this point, no one knows how much could be saved annually, but it may be significant.

We don't know how many "extra" school administrators and county officials we might have. We also don't know what the "right number" of counties or school districts might be for a state like ours, with a small population spread over a geographically huge space. We can't know until someone takes the time to study it. But of course, there's always a political risk when proposing a disruption to the status quo.

Some brave politicians have asked tough questions about consolidation in the past. In the 1990s Representative Bill Peterson talked about cutting the number of counties and school districts in the state. He wondered if South Dakota should have only forty counties and eighty school districts. Or twenty of each. He proposed a dozen of each. Unfortunately, it didn't generate much serious discussion in Pierre.

In a similar vein, in the mid-1980s Governor Janklow recognized the ridiculousness of our state maintaining seven universities. He turned one of them into a prison. That was an impressive example of leadership. But it only went so far.

I suppose one could argue that the current system provides much needed jobs around rural South Dakota. It probably does, but at a price. A study might help us understand the costs and benefits of such a rural welfare system. And maybe there is a more efficient and equitable way to help our rural areas.

Pinching Pennies While Wasting Dollars

In the meantime, I believe it is important to recognize that we are likely not operating our state as efficiently and cost-effectively as we like to think. While we are busy in Pierre pinching pennies on education, healthcare and prisons, we are spending significant sums to sustain an unnecessarily large governmental infrastructure around the state.

Next time someone suggests to you that our state is well-run fiscally, ask them when we last studied the potential cost savings from consolidation.

Joe Kirby is a 4th generation South Dakotan.

"I am a fourth generation Sioux Falls resident. I live downtown with my wife Jenny and my two dogs. I have kids and grandkids in town and in California. I attended Augie and USD law school and became a CPA and lawyer. I then led Western Surety Company, our multigenerational family business, until we sold it."

"Since then, I have stayed busy golfing, traveling, volunteering and giving. I also enjoy facilitating planning sessions for nonprofits lacking strategic plans. But mostly, I am a government reform advocate. As one of the leaders of a successful 1990s effort to modernize our city government, I witnessed firsthand the remarkable benefits resulting from the change. Our community is thriving due in no small way to the change. So now I'm hooked."

"In my experience, government tends to resist in no small way the continuous improvement needed for survival in business and non-profits. That's why I am a fan of consolidation, open primaries, ranked choice voting, local control, home rule and government modernization. I encourage the adoption of better approaches and systems for government, both election systems and structural improvements. It's a slow, upstream process."

Sen. Rounds brings bill to ban hostile nations from buying into American agriculture

Measure bars China, Russia, Iran and North Korea from investing in ag land and business

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U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds introduced legislation on Capitol Hill Wednesday that would blacklist China, Russia, Iran and North Korea from investing in, purchasing or otherwise acquiring land or businesses involved in American agriculture. Beyond that, the Promoting Agriculture Safeguards and Security (PASS) Act of 2023 would also add the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture as a standing member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

They consider American agriculture needs, requires the White House to alert Congress anytime a prohibited country is granted a waiver to the proposed ban and when making determinations affecting national security, and directs the ag secretary to issue a report on the risk of foreign purchases of agriculture companies.

“Protecting American farmland is critical to maintaining our national security,” Rounds said in a statement sent to The Dakota Scout.

“In my travels around South Dakota, I have heard from many farmers and ranchers who

are concerned about foreign adversaries owning American farmland. This legislation makes certain American interests are protected by blacklisting foreign adversaries from purchasing land or businesses involved in agriculture.”

Sen. John Thune has also signed onto the bill.

While South Dakota agriculture groups oppose in-state efforts coming from Gov. Kristi Noem’s office to give her authority to block ag land transfers involving foreign governments, the PASS Act — which entails not just land purchases but also ag businesses — has support from some of those same groups, including the South Dakota Farmers Union (SDFU) and the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association.

“While I feel securing agriculture land owned by family farmers and ranchers is best served by ensuring they are profitable from the goods they produce and sell at the market place, Sen. Rounds’ PASS bill can be a good second position for food and national security for all American families both consumers and producers alike,” said Doug Sombke, president of South Dakota Farmers Union.

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Julie Frye-Mueller reclaims Senate seat following week-long suspension

Rapid City lawmaker censured following workplace harassment

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PIERRE — The South Dakota Senate has allowed Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller back into its chamber after a rebuke last week amid workplace harassment allegations.

But the 33-1 vote Wednesday on the Senate floor also came with a censure of the Rapid City lawmaker for conduct “unbecoming the Senate,” according to a report issued by the Senate Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion earlier in the day.

“We’re here today to do a job that none of us care to do or want to do: To sit in judgment of one of our peers. But it is our duty when the time arises,” said Sen. David Wheeler, who chaired the Select Committee.

Frye-Mueller’s week-long suspension ends following three days of proceedings in which the Select Committee heard testimony from her and two

others who were in a closed-door meeting on Jan. 24 where she allegedly made remarks to an unnamed legislative staffer regarding childhood vaccines and breastfeeding.

Frye-Mueller’s husband was also in the room where the allegations originated.

The couple testified during an open hearing Tuesday that the complainant, who also testified but behind closed doors, misrepresented what took place during the encounter.

While the public isn’t privy to the staffers testimony, Wheeler said the committee, which unanimously recommended the report that the full Senate adopted, found validity in the allegations.

“Those of us there could feel the emotional turmoil it caused for her,” he said. “We believe misconduct happened and some sort of discipline is appropriate.”

Discipline outlined in the report and the censure entails access restrictions for Frye-Mueller in regard to Legislative Research Council support staff.

Through the duration of this year’s lawmaking session, she will be required to work only through the LRC director or his designees.

Sen. Tom Pischke was among a contingent of Republicans in both the Senate and House who’ve been voicing opposition to the Senate’s handling of the allegation, asserting due process rights were violated by suspending Frye-Mueller prior to any formal investigation. And the Dell Rapids Republican was the lone no vote against censuring his seat-mate in the legislative chamber.

“I don’t agree that Senator Frye-Mueller engaged in harassment,” he said.

Following the vote, Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden instructed the Sargent in Arms to alert Frye-Mueller her suspension has been lifted.

Frye-Mueller told The Dakota Scout she disagrees with the censure and remains steadfast that she did not make inappropriate comments to the staffer.

“I’m only going back in to be a voice for District 30,” she said.

Lame duck legislator travel rules won’t be changing

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PIERRE — An effort to reform a taxpayer-funded travel policy for lame duck lawmakers ran into a buzzsaw in the SD House of Representatives Wednesday.

After cruising through a pair of legislative committees and the state Senate, Senate Bill 68 found its demise when 60 of 70 members of the state House voted against the measure.

The bill sought to give the power of authorizing legislative travel for outgoing lawmakers to the Legislature’s Executive

Board instead of allowing the presiding officers in the House and Senate to approve or deny legislative travel requests.

The measure arose after former House Speaker Spencer Gosch and former House Minority Leader Jamie Smith participated in a junket to Hawaii weeks before departing the Legislature. Smith chose not to seek re-election, instead unsuccessfully running for governor. Gosch lost a primary election in June.

They both traveled to Hawaii in December for a legislative

convention, knowing they would not be returning to the Capitol as legislators in 2023.

As presiding officer in the House, Gosch approved the trip.

But House members criticized the bill as unnecessary, saying one questionable travel approval doesn’t merit a change in statute. That the Executive Board has the ability after the travel approval process through policy and without a change in statute also motivated legislators to oppose the bill.

“Let’s let our leadership handle this,” Rep. Liz May,

respond to a request for comment.

The draft report will be formally considered during what’s anticipated to be the committee’s final hearing Wednesday at noon. If adopted and sent to the Senate floor, the censure and discipline — restrictions to LRC access - will require three-fifths of the Senate to affirm.

Neither Frye-Mueller nor her attorney, commented following the proceeding, but they indicated they would be releasing a statement.

ership with a vendetta against Frye-Mueller.

Jack Hieb, a private attorney representing the unnamed legislative staffer, told The Dakota Scout that his client never discussed the incident with Senate leadership, going only to her immediate supervisors to report the incident.

“She didn’t demand anything. She wrote up what happened,” he said.

Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck did not re-



South Dakota crop land

Senate committee recommended censuring and reinstating Sen. Frye-Mueller

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PIERRE — A Senate panel probing conduct of a state senator accused of workplace harassment recommended the suspended lawmaker be censured and then reinstated to her office.

While nearly four hours of testimony from the three people who were in a closed-door meeting that led to Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller’s suspension brought little clarity to what actually occurred, the nine-member Senate Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion closed its second day of proceedings by directing staff to draft a report recommending the Rapid City lawmaker be reprimanded and have access restricted to Capitol support staff offices where she allegedly made inappropriate remarks to a legislative staffer about breastfeeding and childhood vaccinations.

“I feel that the committee has at this point appropriately balanced the need to resolve this quickly yet allowing a public process to occur,” Committee chairman David Wheeler said after taking testimony from an employee of the Legislative Research Council, Frye-Mueller and Mike Mueller — the senator’s husband.

All testified under oath Tuesday, recounting their versions of what was said in a brief encounter in the staffer’s Capitol Building office on Jan. 24.

The employee, who has not been named publicly, testified before the committee during an executive session closed to the public. A redacted transcript is expected to be made available to the public Wednesday.

The Rapid City lawmaker and her husband, during their testimony made in public, disputed allegations that were documented in a formal complaint saying that Frye-Mueller made



Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller was accompanied by attorneys Stephanie Trask and Steve Hugaard while testifying before the Senate Select Committee on Discipline and Expulsion Tuesday. (Joe Sneve / The Dakota Scout)

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Annual Newell Ambulance Awards

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NEWELL- "You are an important part of the community. Keep up the good work," said Mayor Ken Wetz as he opened the evening's award ceremony for the Newell Ambulance crew. He added that they are available day and night and are appreciated for all they do.

Director Sherry Hocking began the awards portion of the evening following a delicious meal cooked and served by several members.

Hocking pointed out that there are times when it is difficult to make a "save" because of the distance the ambulance crew must cover. However, in November of 2022, there was a "huge moment" when they responded to a CPR in progress and were able to implement the new Lucas Device that had recently been purchased by the department. Funds from the Festival of Trees made the purchase possible.

David Morrell was given CPR by his wife Paula Reedy while she waited for ambulance crew members to arrive. According to Hocking, response time was good but without the Lucas Device a save would have been very difficult.

The Heart Saver Awards were given to Paula Reedy, Stanley Lewis, Sherry Hocking, Don Tishmack, Ryan Stark, Casey Baker, Maxwell Hannah, and Keith Morrell. The American Heart Association certificates recognizes the heroes of saving a life.

Paula Reedy said that she learned CPR at school and thanked a former school principal for insisting everyone learn the technique. She also encouraged visitors to learn CPR.

During her remarks, Hocking, continued to say that she was thankful to the board members who served including former

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Always Ready to Respond



The Newell Ambulance Crew members gathered for the annual awards banquet recently at the NVN Center in Newell. From the left is Calvin Fickbohm, Don Tishmack, Ambulance Director Sherry Hocking, Kurt Hocking, Ashley Fickbohm, Ryan Stark, and Stan Lewis. - Bruner photo

CSI in Newell

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NEWELL – Nope, this is not a crime scene investigation group. When Superintendent Andrew Fergen talks about Newell High School being identified as a comprehensive support and improvement school (CSI) he isn't talking dead bodies or investigative practices.

"We were identified as a CSI school by the South Dakota Department of Education at the beginning of the school year based on our graduation rate for our 2022 cohort of seniors," said Fergen. And that isn't

necessarily a good thing but can result in a change of protocol to better support students.

The CSI label is given to schools in the state of South Dakota based on standards of the Every Student Succeeds Act or ESSA. Currently Bobbi Maher and Scott Phares, from the South Dakota Department of Education who are retired educators from South Dakota are helping the local school manage the new protocols.

"On Dec. 10, 2015, President Obama signed into law the reauthorization of the Elementary

and Secondary Education Act. This reauthorization, known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), replaces the previous version of the law enacted in 2002, the No Child Left Behind Act.

The ESSA requires all states to have a plan for education that addresses major federal requirements. South Dakota's state plan was developed over the course of more than a year, with input from stakeholders across the state, including educators, parents, students, legislators, tribal representatives, represen-

tatives of higher education, and others. The U.S. Department of Education approved South Dakota's state plan on Jan. 16, 2018." - resource-<https://doe.sd.gov/essa/>

"In ESSA, schools have to have a graduation rate of 67 percent," said Fergen. "In the 2022 school cohort, we had a graduation rate of 66.6 percent."

Since the designation of a CSI school, Newell School District has created a team of adminis-

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Newell's Newest Kitchen Crew Rates a 100%

NEWELL - The Newell Schools kitchen staff has received a 100% rating after a recent health inspection from the State. Even though a perfect has been part of the norm for the kitchen, this crew is relatively new to the kitchen and is excited that they were recognized for their hard work.

"We have put into practice what we have learned and built on the reputation of the past kitchen workers," said head cook Betty Bruner.

The school kitchen must meet stringent requirements set down by the South Dakota Department of Health, including recordkeeping, cleanliness, and proper procedures.



Cathy Miller, left, and head cook Betty Bruner show off the certificate from the recent health inspection showing 100%.

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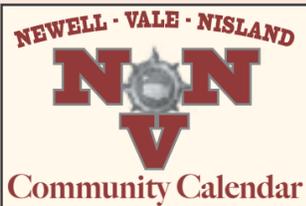
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If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenbrunner@gmail.com

South Dakota Lions Foundation: Last year the lucky winner of our Buffalo Hunt Raffle from Colorado gifted the prize to his daughter for her 18th birthday - here she is after a successful hunt at #timberlakeelkodge this past fall. The drawing for our second annual hunt is coming up February 15th so get your ticket today! To learn more and buy tickets visit <https://sdlions.org/get-involved/buffalo-hunt/>.

Feb. 8: 8th grade business fair at Newell school middle school gym. 7:45-11:30. Enter through west doors to middle school. Also—Newell Science Fair—see the entries and watch the awards at 12:30.

Feb. 9: Book Fair at Newell school, 4-7. Come buy some books!

Feb. 10: BBB/GBB 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.

Feb. 14: High Plains Restaurant special Valentines dinner. RSVP to secure your spot at one of two seating times on 2/14. 605-456-3333

Feb. 14: Nisland/Arpan FD meeting, 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Feb. 16: BBB/GBB vs Dupree at Newell, 3 p.m.

Feb. 17: Music by Jake Ellwood, 8 p.m. at High Plains Restaurant.

Feb. 18: Sip n Paint, to Support NVN Center. 9-12. Call Lynette Culver at 605-645-9960 for more information. Open to the public.

Feb. 21: Newell school Child Find vision, hearing and speech screening for all children 0-6 years old. Free to the public. Contact 605-456-0102 for more information, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enter through the north doors of the elementary wing.

Feb. 23: Beginners gardening class, AJ Farms 605, Starts at the farm at 5:30. Call or email for more information or to register. 605-569-0687, E: ajfarms605@gmail.com

Feb. 24: Family formal at the Newell school. 6-8 p.m. Sponsored by the PTO.

Feb. 25: Legislative Crackerbarrel, 9:30 a.m. at Newell city hall, 108 3rd.

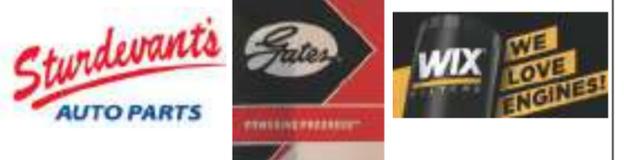
Feb. 26: 5-7 p.m. Vale Pancake Supper. Vale Community Hall.

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

MONDAY, FEB 13

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

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit, Apple-sauce, Milk

TUESDAY, FEB 14

Breakfast: Chocolate Strawberry Oats, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Valentine Special- Lunch: Meatball Subs, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

WEDNESDAY, FEB 15

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

Lunch: Burrito Bowl, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Pears, Milk

THURSDAY, FEB 16

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

Lunch: Hamburgers, French Fries, Fresh Fruit, Tropical Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY, FEB 17

Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Beef Vegetable Soup, ½ Sandwich, Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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Calvin Fickbohm was given recognition by Director Sherry Hocking for his 25 years of service. - Betty Bruner photo

From D1 CSI

tration, educators, and support staff to address ways to improve our graduation rate. Individuals on the team include administrators Andrew Fergen, Steve Schoenfish, Cara Muckridge, teachers Betsy Burtslaff, Trev Fiedler, Donald Decker, and paraprofessional Noreen Yule. “We have met once and will meet a couple more times throughout the year to create a plan to improve our graduation rate. Along with creating a plan, the Newell School District will receive state funds called 1003 funds to help with this process. We will be a CSI school for four school years and will be able to use 1003 funds to help during this time frame. The amount of money that we receive for 1003 funds can vary from year to year and we have to provide proper justification

From D1 AWARDS

Butte County Commissioner Kim Richards and Newell Commissioner Allen Youngberg. She

for the funds in order to receive them.”

Fergen said there are many avenues the school can pursue to meet the demands of the ESSA program and provide the best learning environment possible for the students. He said one of the things that might help meet that need is something called a “Family-Friendly Walkthrough,” which the school held last year while participating in the Title Review for the South Dakota Department of Education (SDDE). One of the many areas of concern that was identified through that review was family engagement.

“In order to improve family engagement, the family-friendly walkthrough will help to give direction to the school,” said Fergen. “Steve (Principal Schoenfish) opened up our school to people for the SDDE, along with parents and educators to get positive and negative

views of our school. The report on that event has been shared with the administration, school board, staff and now the community.” Fergen said they are actively seeking comments and advice on what the school can do to improve.

For now, part of the plan includes offering many electives, and different types of classes to meet the needs, including things like a youth internship where students can actually leave school, work at a local business and get high school credits for doing so. That creates life-long skills.

“We want kids to see value in wanting to graduate,” said Fergen. “We want to give opportunities, support and involve the parents and guardians. We’ve got good kids here; I can’t emphasize that enough. Let’s do this for the kids.”

added that the crew had been on 213 calls during 2022, a 18.3% increase over 2021.

Members were acknowledged for years of service. Tom Lewis, Calvin Fickbohm, and Sherry

Hocking received recognition for 25 years and Kurt Hocking for 5 years of service.

“We are going forward,” said Hocking as she concluded the evening.



Paula Reedy received a Heart Saver Award for doing CPR on her husband David Morrell. The award was presented by Mayor Ken Wetz, left, and ambulance board member Kim Richards. - Betty Bruner photo



(Left) Kurt Hocking received recognition for his five years of service on the Newell Ambulance crew. (Center) Casey Baker was recognized for being part of the crew that responded to the call for David Morrell. She was among those that received the Heart Saver Award presented by Mayor Ken Wetz and Kim Richards. (right) Ryan Stark was presented with the Heart Saver Award by Mayor Ken Wetz and Kim Richards. - Betty Bruner photos



Grand River Roundup

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This week started out really cold on Monday. It was 20 below zero when we got up and Taz said it was 27 below zero when he crossed the South Grand River on his way to the rodeo in Rapid City early that morning. It only made it up to 9 degrees that day.

It warmed up to 23 degrees on Tuesday, and two of my six surviving old hens finally decided to lay some eggs! Amanda went to Buffalo that afternoon while Missy kept Knox and River Lu at her house and Brandon Padden, Dave Wickstrom and Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Newell that evening.

Taz left at 3:00am Wednesday morning to fly to the rodeo in Fort Worth, Texas. I left home later that morning to go to the strategy meeting with the Innovative NonProfit group and the rest of the board members at the High Plains Western Heritage Center in Spearfish. If you haven't been to the High Plains Western Heritage Center you are really missing out. There are some fantastic things on display down there that depict the

western way of life from years ago to the present and they have some really entertaining music shows. There are a lot of rodeo stuff, chuck wagons, sheep wagons, hats, and Indian artifacts donated by a lot of people.

A lot of old saddles are there on display. Terry Matson is on the board and he is related to Reub. One of the old saddles on display belonged to Terry's grandfather, Claude Olson, who was Reub's uncle and president of the South Dakota Stockgrowers from 1943 to 1946. One of the other saddles on display was Terry Matson's late uncle, Sam Olson, who was Reub's cousin. Sam won a saddle from the Northwest Cowboys Association, now the Northwest Ranch Cowboys Association, when he was only 17 years old. He finally won that saddle at the last rodeo of the year, the Labor Day rodeo in Buffalo when he rode a bronc called Overhaul Charley. Sam died of leukemia when he was only 26 years old. Sam and Elaine had three

boys, Tom, Tim and Dan, and he passed away just a couple months before their youngest child and only daughter Sami was born. His wife, Elaine Doll, is writing a book about him so their children will get to know more about their father.



I missed quilting at the church on both Wednesday and Thursday, but Patsy Wilkinson, Margareta Hanson, Linda Mohagen and Linda Hathaway showed up and got a lot done.

Casey and the other coaches left on Friday to take the Harding County wrestlers to the tournament in Fort Pierre that started at 9:00 Saturday morning. Amanda left on Friday for a ZIYA conference in Rapid City over the weekend and Missy left that afternoon to meet up with some of her friends and classmates in Lemmon over the weekend.

Billy Clanton called to let us know that there will be a Cracker Barrel in Buffalo at the Lions Club Civic Center at 3:00 on Saturday, February 11, so come and find out what our area

legislators have been working on in Pierre. Hope to see you there.

We started calving so I had the little people come up and play at our house on Saturday while Taz was checking the cows and then had Taz and the kids eat lunch with us. Fun day!

There is a new baby in the neighborhood. Ty and Rosie Hotchkiss had a baby girl on Saturday, February 4th. Little Ziva Rose weighed in at 8lbs. and is 19 inches long. Rosie's mother, Alexandra Douglas, came over here from Straraer, Scotland to wait until Rosie had her baby. We plan to have a baby shower for Ziva Rose at the church soon, hopefully before Ziva's Grandma Alexandra goes back home to Scotland.

Next Sunday, February 12th will be Movie night at 6:00 at Slim Buttes Lutheran. That is always a fun evening and you are all invited.

The weather sure warmed up this week with 48 degrees on Friday, 49 degrees on Saturday and 50 degrees on Sunday. It sounds like it will continue to stay warm for a while, but the wind is supposed to start blowing again, dang it.

With the weather warming up,

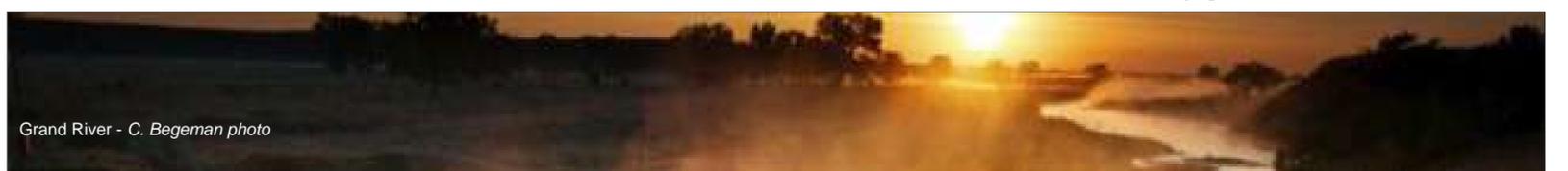
I'll leave you with these global warming jokes about Al Gore:

"Al Gore has a hit movie called 'An Inconvenient Truth.' I have an inconvenient truth for him: you're still not the president. ... This past weekend, Al Gore's movie, 'An Inconvenient Truth,' earned more per screen than any film in the country. ... I dare say Gore's movie is the highest grossing PowerPoint presentation in history. ... Global warming: Can we live with it? ... It is time we did something, namely resign ourselves to doing nothing [on screen: Follow Congress' Lead]. ... For instance, when sea levels rise, we'll just build levees [on screen: Worked for New Orleans]" -Stephen Colbert

"Al Gore said over the weekend that global warming is more serious than terrorism. Unless the terrorist is on your plane, then that extra half a degree doesn't bother you so much."

-Jay Leno

"Al Gore announced he is finishing up a new book about global warming and the environment. Yeah, the first chapter talks about how you shouldn't chop down trees to make a book that no one will read." -Conan O'Brien



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder



A view down Broadway Street in Marcus, SD. Marcus is a town that gained a bank and other businesses when White Owl ceased.

January 30, 1913

The little town of White Owl which lies 60 miles east of Newell is about to join the has-beens. The bank, newspaper, the commissioner office and the butcher shop are being moved to Marcus which lies on the state's right-of-way of the northwestern. The Post Office, which has been established 18 years, is to be moved to the claim of the Postmistress south of town. The recent fire there is the cause of its undoing.

Postmaster Bratton received word Monday from Washington that the Newell Post Office was to be located in the west end of the Northwestern State Bank building. The government is to pay a rental of \$29 per month and the owners to furnish heat, lights, water and all of the fixtures of the office. It will probably take until March 1, before everything can be in readiness to move in. The location and the building are both first-class and will add to the appearance to the town.

The Pure Food Department has obtained a signed agreement from all the local grocers not to sell or cause to be sold from their places of business, eggs that have not previously been candled by them.

February 1, 1923

Madge Long returned home after a 10 days' visit with Mary Jamison, Butte County Superintendent of Education, visiting rural schools and also visiting at the Jamison home at Newell.

The home talent play put on Friday night at Liberty Hall drew a good sized crowd, who apparently enjoyed the performance. Anyway, the cast feels mighty thankful toward the merchants of the city for closing their places of business at 6:00 PM, as no fruit or eggs were in evidence. The committee in charge of the play report that the undertaking was a success financially also.

At a special meeting of the Butte County Commission held for the purpose of a Proposition

of forming an Irrigation District of the lands now embraced in the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project. Several requests from individual water users for the land to be excluded from the district due to lack of showing. The commission did not act on this phase of the matter leaving such action to the local board of control, when and if that body is organized. Several carloads of interested parties were in attendance at the hearing.

February 2, 1933

An order to stop all games of chance Lawrence County has been issued by the Office of Sheriff Arthur Helmer; this includes all games played in lodge club rooms as well as other places and becomes effective at once. It covers all gambling games, but particularly lowball, forms of poker and others.

Thieves recently broke into the ranch home of Henry Barnett near Nisland and carried off his furniture and radio. A night or two later, he caught 2 boys taking grain from his granary.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Newell Golf Club was held Monday evening at which time the President and Secretary were authorized to transfer title of the lake on the club grounds to the City of Newell. The lake is being built through RFC funds and is expected to be completed before spring.

M.E. Hafner, Butte County Representative left for Pierre Tuesday morning after having spent the recess at his home in Newell. Among the bills introduced in the State Legislature is one by Hafner in the House. The bill, House No. 50, would include pasture and grazing lands in definition of agriculture lands for taxing purposes and reduces from \$27 to \$17 an acre the limit on which an 8 mill levy may be made for school purposes.

February 4, 1943

Sidney Albertson came in from the North Country this

week and dragged a sack into the Post Office. The sack weighed just 25 pounds 7 ounces an unofficial estimate put it at 3,745 pennies. Counting them proved that there were 20 less than that, but that is only 25 cents short of a \$50 Bond. Sidney says he has been accumulating them for a long time, but even surprised that he had so many of them. That is a 2-way slap at the Japs. The government is interested in getting that much copper besides selling the War Bonds.

Fifteen members of Neighborhood club met at the home of Mrs. Henry Wilson Wednesday afternoon. After a short business meeting the afternoon was spent socially. Highlight of the afternoon was the display and discussion of wedding pictures brought by the members. The oldest picture was of Grandpa & Grandma C.E. Livingston, taken in 1887 and the latest picture was of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Wilson taken in 1942. The hostess served a delightful lunch at the close of the afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Glover and daughter arrived this week from Leadville, Colorado, where Mr. Glover has been employed in the mines. They are back to stay for awhile, at least. Tommy says he prefers Butte County over any place he has seen and will take up farm employment for the present.



The wedding picture of newly weds, Howard & Constance Wilson, which she shared with members of the Neighborhood Club in 1943

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January 29, 1953

The Trustees of the Congregational Church voted Tuesday night to apply for a registered cattle brand to be used in conjunction with a plan to solicit contributions for church remodeling in the form of livestock as well as cash. Livestock donated now will be cared for on the ranches until fall when the animals contributed will be sold at auction. Anyone wishing to suggest a brand for this project is asked to submit his design to the church committee by Sunday. The committee consisting of Virgil Van derBoom, Ralph Millberg and William Smeenk will pick the brand suitable to be registered.

Willard Warren had the misfortune in having his John Deere "Cat" drop through the ice on a dam where he was removing snow in preparation to watering stock. Luckily the pond was shallow and with the aid of Morell's Caterpillar, it was soon drawn out and Willard didn't even get his feet wet.

The Vale High School "Beet Diggers" was one of nine school papers in South Dakota recently selected for consideration in the National contest for articles published concerning tuberculosis, it was recently announced. One of the topics used in this year's contest was "What TB Means to Me" to which James Smith, Helen Dell and Janice Williamson contributed the winning articles. Also the school wishes to mention; Helen Dell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Dell is finishing her High School career in under 3 years and 6 weeks.

Neighborhood Club met on January 21 at the home of Mrs. John Barber with 8 members present. It was voted to send \$3 to the March of Dimes. Several Thank You cards were read. A game of "Look 'n Learn" was played. The hostess served a delicious lunch of parfait Jell-O with whipped cream, cookies and coffee. Club will meet on February 4 at the home of Mrs. Wm Youngberg with Mrs. Robert Getty assisting. Members are asked to bring a home-made paper Valentine for exchange.

January 3, 1963

Plans have been completed for the Annual Old Friends of Vale potluck supper and



This Valentine was sent on February 14, 1916 was sent for only a penny to Suselia Sturgis at Marcus from Dannel

entertainment program at the Vale Community Hall, beginning at 6:30 PM this Saturday. Mrs. Guy Tucker, Nisland is secretary of the organization and revealed R.D. Long will be Master of Ceremonies for the event. The 6 family stories to be presented following the supper are; Felion, Holdren, Holst, Wyman, Richards and Boe families. Following the program will be an old time dance with music furnished by a live band.

Kathleen Wilson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howard K. Wilson, is Newell's 1963 DAR nominee and among 3 seniors in County who was considered for the annual Butte County "Good Citizen Award". Marcia Crago of Belle Fourche was named Wednesday as the County winner. Selection of nominees is on the basis of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism.

Legislative comments from District Representative Harold Millett: one bill that drew considerable fire was Senate Bill 3 which prohibits sale of new automobiles without seat belts. Mr. Millett voted against that one, not because he does not recognize the value of seat belts, but because he does not believe in compulsory legislation. They can make them put in, but how will you make people fasten them. He hopes that Governor Archie Gubbrud has the courage to veto this one. In addition; he would like to say, if there is anything he might be able to do for you down at Pierre, please feel free to call him.

Solutions to Puzzles on C3

Answer to Sudoku



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Newell Wrestlers Host Round Robin

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NEWELL – In the first chance most locals have had to watch the Newell grapplers work their magic this season, that opportunity came in the annual Round Robin meet with 8 teams in attendance on January 31 in Austin Auditorium. The gym looked like the inside of an ant farm, with wrestlers in singlets running everywhere prior to the meet. The bleachers were filled with parents, grandparents and friends at the meet which began at 4:30 on two mats.

At 106A Bodie VanDerBoom placed second and scored three team points. VanDerBoom had a 8-9 record going into the meet. He took on Blake Butler of Lemmon/McIntosh and lost by fall in 3:58. In round three VanDerBoom won by major decision over Charlie Bowles of Newcastle/Upton, 15-2.

At 113 pounds, Joe Eaton had a very good night, placing first and scoring 8.5 team points. He wrestled Luke Harris of Lead/Deadwood and won by fall in 5:46. In round three he took on Emmett Edwards of St. Thomas More and won by tech fall.

At 120 pounds, Charlie Clements ran into some tough stuff after winning his first match by fall over Quan Harper of St. Thomas More in 1:28. Then he lost the next two matches, the second round against Karter Mayberry of Sundance by fall in 1:28 and in round three against Drew Janke of Lead/Deadwood by fall in 1:18. Clements scored 9 team points and had a 15-13 record going into the meet.

Jayden Tesch wrestled at 126 and placed third, scoring 9 team points. He had a 6-12 record. In round one he lost by fall in 1:34 to Cash Schiley of Lemmon/McIntosh. In his second round he also lost, this time to Scott Larson of Newcastle/Upton by fall in 1:06. He finally found success in his third round as he won by fall over Henry Simonds of St. Thomas More in 5:52.

Tesch's older brother Gavin wrestled at 160 pounds, and grabbed first place and 20 team points. Tesch took his 7-12 record and set it on its head, by winning his first match over Cruz Mollman of Lead/Deadwood by fall in 1:47. In his second match he was successful over Isaiah Quasney of St. Thomas More, winning by fall in 1:40. His third round was another win, this time over Liam Holt of Sundance by fall in 1:35.

Jorey Clements wrestles at 220 pounds and with a 2-16 record took a third place slot. His first round went to his opponent, Jacob Comer of Sundance, by fall in :48. He lost his second round to Grey Gilbert of Harding County by fall in 1:58.

Colton Niles weighs in at 285 and brought the Irrigators a second place win and 14 team points.

In his first round he lost to Christian Reilly of Hulett by fall in 1:21. He beat Liam McCartney of Lemmon/McIntosh by fall in 1:51 in his second round and also wiped out Heath Henkle of Newcastle/Upton by fall in 1:53.

That gave Newell 63.5 points in their own Round Robin.

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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.

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(Clockwise from top left) Charlie Clements puts the hurt on Harper of St. Thomas More in the Newell round robin on Tuesday night. Gavin Tesch pins Cruz Mollman of Lead/Deadwood in the Newell round robin on Tuesday. Christian Reilly of Hulett got the better of Colton Niles in this match, but Niles took his next two by fall. Joe Eaton had a very successful night, winning both his matches, grabbing a first place finish and 8.5 team points. He pinned Luke Harris of Lead/Deadwood. - Brunner photos

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Ketchup
38 oz.
\$4.99



General Mills
Chex Cereal
Wheat, Corn or Rice
12-14 oz.
2/\$7
or
\$3.50



Coke Products 3/**\$13**
All Varieties
12 pk. Cans
or
\$4.33



Kraft
Miracle Whip
All Varieties
30 oz. Jar • 19 oz. Squeeze
\$4.49



Coke Products
All Varieties
2 liters
\$1.99



Old Dutch
Pretzels
All Varieties • 12-15 oz.
\$3.29

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Dakota Gold Mustard & Jam
- ✓ AJ Farms Fresh Eggs
- ✓ Albany Farm Noodles
- ✓ 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



Chex Mix,
Gardetto's, or Bugles
Snacks
All Varieties • 6-8.75 oz.
\$3.29



**Pepsi
Products**
All Varieties • 24 pk. cans
\$6.99



Pace
**Picante Sauce
or Salsa**
All Varieties • 16 oz.
\$2.99



Old Dutch
Restaurante Style
Tostitos
All Varieties • 10-13 oz.
\$3.69

GROCERY



Kraft
Mayo
All Varieties
30 oz. jar • 22 oz. squeeze

\$3.99



Folger's
Coffee
All Varieties
22.6-25.9 oz.

\$7.99



Jolly Time
Popcorn
All Varieties
3 ct.

2/\$5
or
\$2.50



Best Choice
Taco Shells
12 ct.

\$1.99



Best Choice
Lasagna Noodles
All Varieties • 12-16 oz.

\$1.99



Best Choice
Croutons
All Varieties
5 oz.

\$1.49



Buffalo Wild Wings
Sauce
All Varieties • 12 oz.

\$3.49



Best Choice
Chopped Green Chiles
4 oz.

99¢



Vlasic
Pickles
Spears, Stackers, Sweet or Snack'mm
All Varieties • 16-24 oz.

\$2.99



McCormick
Taco Seasoning
All Varieties • 1-1.25 oz.

99¢



Armour
Chili with Beans
14 oz.

\$1.99



Ro-Tel
Diced Tomatoes
All Varieties • 10 oz.

4/\$5
or
\$1.25



Frank's
Red Hot Sauce
All Varieties • 12-14 oz.

\$3.99



Hershey's Party Pack
Candy
All Varieties • 31.5-35.9 oz.

\$11.99



Duncan Hines
Family Size
Brownie Mix
18.3 oz.

\$1.99



Bubbl'r
Sparkling Water
All Varieties • 6 pk. cans

\$5.79



La Choy
Yum Yum Sauce 16 oz.

\$3.99



Bush's Best
Chili Beans
All Varieties
15.5-16 oz.

2/\$3
or
\$1.50



Hefty
Foam Plates or Bowls
Select Varieties
18-54 ct.

\$2.99



Hefty
Cups
Clear or Red
28-30 ct.

\$4.49



Pringles
Potato Chips
All Varieties
4.5-5.57 oz.

3/\$5
or
\$1.67

PRODUCE



Jumbo
Hass Avocados
3/\$2
or
67¢



Fresh
Blueberries
1 pint

\$2.99
ea.



California
Jumbo Navel Oranges

99¢
lb.



Cauliflower

\$2.99
ea.



Fresh
Raspberries & Blackberries

\$2.99
ea.



Fiesta
Salsa
All Varieties • 16 oz.

\$3.99
ea.



Yellow Onions

\$2.79
ea.



Sunkist
Large Lemons

2/\$1
or
50¢



Taylor Farms
Large Veggie Tray 36 oz.

\$6.99
ea.



Jalapeño Peppers

\$1.99
lb.



Fresh
Cilantro

79¢
ea.



Stop & Go
Peppers

\$4.99
ea.



Fresh
Grape Tomatoes

\$1.99
ea.



Fresh
Red Radishes

\$1.79
ea.



Fresh
Celery Sleeve

\$2.99
ea.



Broccoli

\$2.99
ea.



Gurley's
In-shell Peanuts
Salted or Unsalted

\$2.49
lb.



Marzetti
Veggie Dip
All Varieties
14 oz.

\$4.99
ea.



Wholly
Guacamole

\$2.99
ea.

BEER & WINE



Budweiser & Bud Light
12 pk. bottles

\$11.99



Busch & Busch Light
30 pk. cans

\$23.99



Michelob Ultra
12 pk. cans or bottles

\$15.99



Goose Island IPA
15 pk. cans

\$16.49



Coors & Coors Light
18 pk. cans

\$18.99



Miller Lite
12 pk. bottles

\$11.99



Keystone Light
30 pk. cans

\$19.99



White Claw Hard Seltzer
All Varieties
12 pk. cans

\$17.99



Beringer
750 ml.

\$4.99



Barefoot
750 ml.

\$5.69



Uptown Cocktails
1.5 L.

\$11.99



Cupcake
750 ml.

\$7.49

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