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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS —

More Comments Concerning Cattle Guards

Betty Bruner

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BELLE FOURCHE-Several Butte County citizens voiced their concerns with the new cattle guard ordinance that is still being analyzed and clarified by Butte County commissioners. The first reading of Ordinance 2023-01 was delayed during the January 17, 2023 meeting with commissioners deciding that more input was needed.

Sue Broadhurst said that the ranchers should not be responsible for the care of cattle guards on their land, but that the county should oversee the maintenance of the guards. She said that there are 225 cattle guards in Butte County.

The current ordinance is not correct according to South Dakota codified law, pointed out Gene Baker. The law states "All livestock guards shall be at least ten feet wide on the ground."

County Commission A8

BFHS Basketball Senior Night



back Row Left to Right: Tia Williamson, Dylan Stedillie, Lily McCarty, Chloe Crago, Grace Clooten, Tatin Yackley, Anthony Staley, Anthony Budmayr, Jayden Sechser, and JT Hahne. Front Row Left to Right: Nicole Kraft, Kiana Tingley, Kalika Nulle, and Ava McLennan- Beacon Photo

City Landfill Size Increases – Soon We’ll Know by How Much

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche landfill is growing and after a survey to be taken in about a month we’ll know by how much.

The city council approved a bid by Brosz Engineering of Bowman, ND, to conduct the annual aerial and topographic survey of the landfill to determine how much life is left in the complex. The approved bid was for \$21,650 and is allocated in the city budget.

Brosz will perform a topographic survey of the property and complete a projection for landfill progression. The survey is required by the state for the facility to maintain its environmental license.

The landfill accommodates more than just Belle Fourche and with economic activity increasing in the area, keeping tabs on its growth is important.

"We are a regional landfill," Brent Hardy, City Engineer, told the Beacon. "We get trash from Spearfish, Sturgis. I know Ryan Reeves (Public Works Dept.) has said we’ve picked up some from northeast Wyoming

as that area is looking for alternative spots. It’s a combination of local customers and those outside adding to the landfill."

Last year the landfill grew by approximately 56,901 cubic yards. That was a slight increase over 2021 and continues an up-

ward trend established over the last decade. To get an idea of scale, a standard-sized washing machine is about 1 cubic yard.

The survey uses high resolution drone survey photos along

Landfill B7



The Belle Fourche Landfill saw a slight uptick in usage in 2022 over 2021. How much life is left in the complex will be determined with a new survey to be conducted this spring. - Beacon photo

BFHS Basketball Senior Night

Alyssa Friese

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On February 2nd, the basketball teams played against the Mobridge Tigers. That night, fourteen seniors from Belle Fourche High School’s girls’ and boys’ basketball teams and the senior cheerleaders were honored between varsity games.

Senior boy basketball players include Anthony Budmayr, JT Hahne, Jayden Sechser, Anthony Staley, and Tatin Yackley, Anthony Budmayr is the son of Brian and Hallie Budmayr, and he plans to earn a degree in Agri-Business. JT Hahne is the son of Jim and Carey Hahne. JT wants to play baseball in college and pursue a career in sports physical therapy. Jayden Sechser is the son of JR and Whitney, and he plans to further both his education and love for sports while in college. Anthony Staley is the son of Jesse and Danielle Staley. While attending college to study business and finance, Anthony Staley eventually plans to start a business in ecommerce to do drop-shipping.

Tatin Yackley is the son of Tera Miller and Tyler Yackley, and he plans to attend Western Welding Academy in Gillette, Wyoming.

Seniors from the girls’ basketball team include Grace Clooten, Chloe Crago, Lily McCarty, Dylan Stedillie, and Tia Williamson. Grace Clooten is the daughter of Steve and Sandi Clooten, and she plans to attend college and major in nursing while minoring in psychology. Chloe Crago is the daughter of Colby and Tanya Crago. While

continuing her love for basketball, Chloe Crago also plans on attending college to get a business degree. Lily McCarty is the daughter of Chad McCarty and Amber and Matt Symonds.

Lily’s plans include attending North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and playing volleyball. Dylan Stedillie is the daughter of Kim Jones and Ryan Stedillie, and she plans to study dental hygiene.

Tia Williamson is the daughter of Todd and Melanie Williamson. She is ninety-eight percent sure she wants to be an elementary school teacher and two percent sure she wants to go into law enforcement.

The senior cheerleaders include Nicole Kraft, Ava McLennan, Kalika Nulle, and Kiana Tingley. Nicole Kraft is the daughter of Doug and Melissa Kraft, and she plans to major in accounting at Black Hills State University. Ava McLennan is the daughter of Jason and Karen McLennan. Ava plans to continue her post-secondary education and become a registered nurse. Kalika Nulle is the daughter of Kelly Nulle, and she plans to go to cosmetology school to become a renowned cosmetologist/stylist. Kiana Tingley is the daughter of Genaveva Rodriguez and the late Moses Tingley. While continuing her passion for cheerleading, Kiana Tingley plans to go into the medical field.

Congratulations to the senior basketball players and cheerleaders, and best of luck to each of them with their exciting future plans.

New Parking Ordinance to Go Into Effect Mar. 6

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BELLE FOURCHE – The city’s new parking ordinance passed its second reading at the Belle Fourche City Council on Monday night Feb. 6 and will go into effect in early March. The major change with the new ordinance is the replacement of the former two-hour parking limit with 24-hour regulated parking zones downtown.

During the reading Council Member Clark Sowers related concerns passed along to him from a Greg Mondello who owns the Don Pratt building and thought the 24-hour zone could cause an issue. Sowers informed him that those concerns should be passed along to Public Works for future study and amendments. Shortly after Stacey Raisanen of the Center of the Nation Business Association, addressed the council relating that Mondello’s specific concerns were that the

24-hour regulated parking zone does not include 7th Ave. from State Street south to Railroad Ave. Mondello felt that tenants elsewhere downtown would use those spots, crowding out parking for his tenants in the Pratt building. Another local resident, Sam Silacci, who also owns apartments downtown, expressed his concern that elderly residents downtown may not be able to move their vehicles every 24 hours. Council member Sowers reiterated that those concerns could be taken to Public Works for further action.

Here is the text of the new ordinance that passed on Feb. 6th:

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2023
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLE FOURCHE CITY ORDINANCE
TITLE 10 VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC
CHAPTER 10.36-STANDING, PARKING AND STOPPING

Parking B5

Belle Fourche Fire Department Honors Members and Friends

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The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards banquet on the evening of Saturday, Feb 11. This year’s event was hosted by retirees of the Belle Fourche Fire Department.

Along with recognizing all of the volunteer firefighters that make up the department, individual awards also were given to members and nonmembers who have gone above and beyond in the past year to be of service to the department.

The most prestigious award of the evening was the title of Firefighter of the Year, awarded to Bob Jonasen. Unfortunately,

ly, due to illness, Jonasen was unable to be present to accept the award.

Truck of the Year was awarded to Company 3, under Captain PJ Sloan, while Vance Patterson, also of Company 3, took home the title of Driver of the Year.

"The Friend of the Fire Department and Business Friend of the Fire Department awards are given to community members who make an extra effort to support the department," says Belle Fourche Fire Department President, Ted Jeitz. Friend of the Fire Department was awarded to Sally Mason and Business Friend of the Fire Department was given to Midwestern Meats.

Two BFVFD members, Nathan Wiedow and Vance Patterson, were awarded Lifetime Status Awards, given to individuals who have been members of the department for 5 years.

The Ball-and-Chain award, given by the previous year’s winner, was given to Ethan Kester and Lane Kester, a cousin duo new to the department. This award is given to members who have shown a great enthusiasm for responding to calls.

As per tradition, the event was opened up to the public for dancing and socializing after wrapping up awards and dinner. Entertainment was provided by 100 PROOF.



Chief Aaron Thramer and Assistant Chiefs Jim Groseclose and Don Ward present the Truck of the Year Award to BFVFD members of Company 3 - Kaiden Zook, Ethan Kester, and Vance Patterson. Courtesy Photo Daisha Ward

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Obituaries

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.

The funeral service will be held 10:30 am Wednesday, February 15, 2022 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place 5 to 7pm Tuesday, at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be held in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Deb's funeral will be available to view live or following the service on her obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.Leverington-FH.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, Abigail 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

Jack Nikodym 72

Jack Nikodym, age 72 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, February 6, 2023 at his home with his loving wife and family by his side.

A memorial service will be held 10 am Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at Black Hills Gospel Assembly in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place in Black Hills National Cemetery, with military honors presented by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.

Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Jack's funeral can be viewed live or following the service from his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.Leverington-FH.com

John Joseph Nikodym was born on October 21st, 1950, in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Hynek and Vera (Kemper) Nikodym. Jack graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1969. After graduating, Jack entered the army. He went on the buddy system with his friend, Gerry Jensen. Jack worked in the office, typing discharge papers. His orders were cut every 90 days, so he never went to Vietnam. Jack was honorably discharged in 1972. After being discharged, he went to School of Mines, where he majored in Math. He was then employed by Cliffs Electric as an apprentice and went to night school at Western Dakota Technical College to further his education. During his continued education he obtained his electrical journeyman, and then his Masters/electrical con-



tractor's license. In October 1988, Jack went to work for Pope & Talbot which was bought out by Neiman Enterprises. He was the head electrician before health conditions forced him to retire.

Jack married the love of his life, Glenda Sorenson, on April 28th, 1990. To this union, they added three sons: Jesse, Ronnie, and Brandon. Jack was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. There are so many words to describe what a wonderful man Jack was. A few of them are humble, compassionate, and selfless. Jack loved riding his motorcycle, camping and traveling including visiting historical sites. Jack had a passion for collecting train sets and beautiful rocks. He also enjoyed visiting with friends and family, playing card games (especially cribbage), and spending time with his grandchildren.

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 sisters, Bonnie Jensen of Rapid City, 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

Dr. James (Jim) Hess 71

Dr. James (Jim) Hess made a lasting impact on his profession and a left a powerful legacy in his community. During his lifetime, he was able to build a secure lifestyle and strong financial base for himself and others, but his life had a far more humble beginning.

Jim was born in Belle Fourche, SD in March of 1951 to a struggling single mother looking for direction and purpose. She met someone to build a life with and married his stepfather, Donald Hess, in 1953. After their marriage, they moved to Ponca City, Oklahoma and raised Jim and 4 more siblings in this community where he graduated high school in 1969.

While he enjoyed his time in Oklahoma, he spent a great portion of his life living in SD with his grandparents Lois and Christie Watts and his aunt and uncle Al and Marie Shaw. This part of his family had a significant impact on his development as he grew into a young man. So, when Christie shot and killed his biological father, it took a heavy toll on his life. He was left uncertain of how to proceed and it was a conversation with his grandfather from prison that gave him a purpose to complete his education that would assist him later in life. Jim had enrolled at Oklahoma State University in the fall of 1969 and then completed a degree in psychology, followed by a master's degree, and ultimately completed a doctoral degree in counseling psychology in 1977.

Education was an important part of Jim's life and his love of SD brought him back there. In 1977 he accepted his first teaching position within the psychology department at Northern State University in Aberdeen. During his 4 years in Aberdeen, he worked as both university faculty and as a therapist with Lutheran Social Services. While he enjoyed his time there, he knew he needed to return to his beloved Black Hills. So, in 1981 he packed up and moved to Spearfish where he began building his dream home, started a private counseling practice, became the CEO of Minitman Corporation, was the entrepreneur behind several successful businesses with the support of Tom and Doris Deis and others,




and a had a long and successful teaching career at Black Hills State University where he ultimately became Chair of School of Behavioral Sciences. Part of his legacy was the development of the Lois Watts' scholarship and the Make a Difference Foundation which provided financial support for many students with the expectation they find ways to give back to the community.

When not working, Jim could be found hoping his Okie State would beat OU, crusing' in his '34 Ford, golfing throughout the Hills, fishing with family and friends, camping in the Hills, spending holidays with his large family, and generally "tinkering" in his workshop. There was usually music playing loudly and whatever music was playing was certainly from the 60's as he always said good music stopped at 1970.

Family was always important to Jim. The love he felt for his daughter Stacey always brought a smile to his face and their relationship was so unique. She gave him a son in the form of her husband Mike Holzer and together they gave Jim 2 wonderful grandsons. He loved spending time with Zachary and Alex and summers would be filled with both work and play when they came to Spearfish and usually included competitive fishing. His love and immense pride in them was apparent when he talked about them to others. The family circle was complete.

When Jim passed away on February 9, 2023 after a lengthy illness, music had to have been playing and it would be his theme song "Please Don't Let Me be Misunderstood." In lieu of cards or flowers, Jim and his family ask others to continue his legacy of giving by making a donation to the Make a Difference Foundation at Black Hills State University or any other organization within your community.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburg-funeralchapels.com

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The Redwater 4-H Council has announced the 2023 Butte-Lawrence County Fair theme and colors. The theme for the fair will be Way Out West with the colors pink and brown.

Meade County 4-H Vet Science Skillathon will be held Thursday, Feb. 16 from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Meade County 4-H Office located at 1029 5th Street in Sturgis. No pre-registration required.

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

Registration/Check-in from 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, with awards following at around 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Applications to attend the National 4-H Conference in Arlington, VA are due to the State 4-H office no later than Friday, Feb. 24.

Obituaries contd.

Robert "Bob" Allen 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 grew up near Boyes, MT and attended country school there until moving to Belle Fourche where he attended school to the 9th grade.

He enlisted in the United States Navy in June 1955 and was honorably discharged in June of 1959.

Bob's family had the Kokomo Kids Band and they traveled all over playing for dances. Bob didn't play in the band but he did enjoy going to the dances and dancing with the girls. He always enjoyed the family gatherings at Christmas and Thanksgiving time and anytime the family got together.

Bob lived in Oregon for awhile where he worked as a roofer with his brother Kenneth. He was also an over the road truck driver and worked for several years as a diesel mechanic.

Bob married Marcia Jo Demos on March 23, 1985 in Belle Fourche. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping and mushrooming.

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.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Wednesday, February 15 at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche with Reverend Chuck Aurand officiating. Inurnment will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with military honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the US Navy Honor Guard. The funeral will be published for viewing at kline-funeralchapel.com live streaming site following the service.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 N Main Street, Chamberlain, SD 57325.

The family extends a special thank you to Fort Meade Doctors, Nurses and the VA Police.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

Kinkadee FUNERAL CHAPEL

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Jean Helmer, Joy Fisher Ministries.

"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He restores my soul." Psalm 23: 1, 3



"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want." These familiar words are often used at funerals where our attention is directed to verse four. "Yea, though I walk through the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." We compare death to a shadow which passes over us, but which cannot take away our eternal life. I find comfort in that metaphor, in those words. However, much is lost when I fail to consider the entire picture as presented when all six verses are read.

The psalmist refers to the geography of his region. The mountains are steep and covered with boulders which often hide dangerous individuals. Streams are white water rapids running through deep ravines that make getting a drink treacherous. Grass is scarce. Our enemies are present, and so is God.

Before he leads us into this scene, the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord is my shepherd (leader) I shall not want."

Most English words have a variety of meanings. We tend to understand the word as it is most frequently used in our era. Today, we use the word "want" to mean "to desire or wish for something." Used in that sense, "I shall not want" seems to say "God will give me everything that I desire." I pretend that I do not think that way, yet I find myself praying "Lord, let that next light turn green," or "I need a parking spot open," or, "Let our kids win this game." Prayers of that nature reveal both how privileged my life is and my tendency to want the world to run for my benefit and convenience.

To understand the first verse, we must return to the classic usage and older definition of "want." "To want" or to be "in want" is to lack the necessities of life. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" means that "God will provide all of my basic human needs." The psalmist is reminding us that God provides what we truly need.

The first verse also refers to God as a shepherd.

That term needs to be considered. Growing up around livestock, I observed that various types of animals require different approaches. To move cattle generally required getting behind them and chasing them in the direction they needed to go. Cattle run to avoid something--running due to fear. When I saw cattle running, I learned to look to see what was chasing them. Not true with sheep.

Sheep run towards whatever catches their attention. Generally, whatever one sheep does, the others rush to follow it. That is why shepherds walk in the direction the sheep should go. Note that the scripture does not say, "The Lord is my herdsman or wrangler." God does not force us to do things. The choice is always ours to make. And, it should be noted, we must make wise choices about what we let catch our attention. Am I the only one who has found myself in a place I did not wish to be because I got curious about something? My teenaged years were filled with several things that aroused my curiosity, that lead me to think, "Well, everybody else doing this so it must be a good idea."

The psalmist says, "the Lord is my shepherd." When we follow the Good Shepherd, we will be led to green pastures and still waters. Why? "For His name's sake." In other words, because that is who God is and what God does. The "rod and thy staff" are the protective boundaries, metaphors for the self-discipline that keeps us on the right path.


Jesus reiterated the message of Psalm 23 by the way that he lived his daily life. We do not have to do something to deserve or to become worthy of those gifts. The gifts are ours because we are each a beloved child of God. God is present with us, in all circumstances, in the here and now. When we recognize that presence, even in dark shadows and in the presence of enemies, then we are dwelling in the house of the Lord.

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Broncs Boys Basketball Roundup

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The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys Basketball team dropped two games recently. The Broncs who are on the road for the rest of their games traveled to Custer on Saturday the 4th and lost in a high scoring close contest 73-67. Belle then travelled to Rapid City Christian on the 7th and were defeated by the Comets by an 87-53 score.

In the Custer game senior Anthony Staley poured in 24 points to lead the Broncs while Jet Jensen contributed 15 and Anthony Budmayr 14 including



four from behind the arc. Staley also led the Broncs on the board with 10 clears giving him a double-double and Jayden Sechser added 7 clears.

The Broncs shot 58% on regular field goals, 33% from long range and were 10-16 from the line for 62%. Jensen had 5 steals and 5 assists but the Broncs as a team committed 27 turnovers which led to more baskets for the Wildcats. Custer also won the JV contest 60-43. Sern Weishaar netted 16 points to pace Belle and Harvey Walding and Payton Dvorak added 7 each.

Rapid City Christian broke out to a 26-18 first quarter

lead and held a 56-33 lead at intermission. The Broncs only managed 20 points in the second half and the Comets cruised to the 87-53 win.

Anthony Staley had his second big night in a row leading the Broncs with 21 points scoring 10 field goals in the paint. Jensen tallied 8 points and Nolan Wahlfeldt and Budmayr six points apiece. Belle shot 14-21 from the line for 67%. The Comets are now 14-1 on the season while the Broncs drop to 6-10. Christian took the JV game 61-38. Rexton Audiss led Belle with 8 points and Emmitt Lipp and Isaak Voyles each chipped in 7.

Broncs Girls Basketball Split Games

Jim Trimble
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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 Moberg-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 Moberg 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.



Event Calendar

February 16th - High School Career Fair
February 23rd - Business Day at the Legislature in Pierre
February 25th - Cracker Barrel @ Branding Iron 1:30



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Tia Williamson and Taya Ward stopping Rapid City Christian offense. Laurie Ward Photo



Grace Clooten getting ready to jumpcenter to start the game. Laurie Ward Photo



Dylan Stedillie looks for a path to penetrate the lane. Tia Williamson readies. Laurie Ward Photo

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4th Grade Girls Braided Ballers Win Gillette Tournament



The 4th grade Girls "Braided Ballers" won their second tournament of the season in Gillette. The girls opened the tournament by blitzing the WYBA-Sky 24-5 and dropping the Daredevils 23-13 in Saturday's games. On Sunday, they met the Daredevils in the semi-final contest and beat them again 14-5 before winning the Championship over the Gillette Sting 11-6. The Ballers are coached by **Jamie Burke and Heidi Nash**. Back Row: **Maya Miller, Emersyn Carmichael, Alayna Norlin, Kyler Schmidt, & Jacey Nash**. Front Row: **Adrianna Bishop, Tierney Kudlock, Adilynn Burke, & Molly Miller**. *Courtesy Photo*

Broncs Compete at Wall Badlands Brawlers Wrestling Tourney

Kendra Swaney
Special to the Beacon

Saturday February 11th the Broncs traveled to Wall for the Badlands Brawlers Wrestling, following a home dual and Senior night on Thursday against Sturgis.

The Broncs tied for 2nd out of 15 teams. At 113lbs, Garet Huston went 2-1 and Toarin Humble went 2-1 placing 3rd and 4th. Owen Schreder took 2nd with

a 2-1 record at 145lbs. At 152, Spencer Bush-Graslie went 2-2 for 4th place, Andy Tonsager went 3-1 for 3rd place at 170lbs. Lucas Green went 3-1 at 182lbs for 3rd place. At 195lbs, Gunnar Geib went 3-0 for 1st place and Mason Nehl was beat out at 195lbs.

The Lady Broncs placed 2nd out of 7 teams. At 106lbs Kyra Vandenberg went 3-1 for 3rd place. Hailey Rodriguez went

3-0 for 1st place at 113lbs. Aleyah Carbajal went 1-1 for 2nd place at 120lbs. At 126lbs, Alexa Swaney went 2-0 for 1st place. Izzabella Ramos went 1-2 for 4th place at 142lbs, Olivia Nehl went 1-2 at 154lbs for 2nd place, and Adelae Grusing went 0-2 for 3rd place at 190lbs.

The Broncs compete next at Regionals in Rapid City on February 18th



Owyn Schreder



Aleyah Carbajal



Kyra Vandenberg



Alexa Swaney



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Courtesy Photos



BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL MENU

Wed, Feb 15th
BRONC Breakfast: Donut
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Taco or Corn Dog
Fruit/Veggie/Milk
Thurs, Feb 16th
BRONC Breakfast: Caramel Roll
*K-4 Breakfast Pizza
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Ranch Pasta or BBQ Rib Sandwich
*K-4 Pizza
Fruit/Veggie/Milk
Mon, Feb 20th
No School - President's Day

Tue, Feb 21st
BRONC Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Stick
*K-4 Cereal
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Popcorn Chicken or Hot Pepperoni Sub
Fruit/Veggie/Milk
Wed, Feb 22nd
BRONC Breakfast: Long John
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup
or Chicken Sandwich
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 - Monday, 3/13 from 5:00-5:40

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

The family cruisers returned Sunday from their relaxing trip to the Caribbean.

By: Doug Cole

The trip included stops at Roatan, Honduras, Puerto Costa Maya, and Cozumel, Mexico.

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We hope to have more details and "tourist" photos in next weeks Beacon.

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From A1 **County Commission**
ground.”

The commissioners discussed the use of “wide” meaning width in the road versus from fence post to fence post. Baker also pointed out that normal ranch liability insurance does not cover people on a county road.

Another local rancher, Richard Greany, also questioned the responsibility of the landowner if someone would “run off the road.”

Butte County landowners are urged to contact Commissioners Walton and Herman with their cattle guard concerns. Herman said that they would like to meet with landowners to work out an agreeable ordinance.

The owner of Redwater Cannabis, Nevada Ellison, informed the commissioners on a product being sold at local convenience stores.

Under the Hemp Bill, CBD products are being sold with at least 10 milligrams of THC

in them. According to Ellison, there are no regulations on these products. Concurrent with several websites, a hemp plant can genetically be grown with very high levels of THC, bringing it very close to marijuana instead of hemp.

There is a fine line of regulation on these plants.

The commissioners discussed the application for occupancy on the Right of Way of a water line on Upper Redwater Road by the Santa Maria Land & Cattle Company.

Commissioner Chad Erk was concerned that problems could arise if there was a water break in the area and what could happen to the county roads.

A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners James Ager and Chad Erk voting Nay and Commissioners Stan Harms, Frank Walton, and Karrol Herman voting Aye.

Lawrence County Juvenile Diversion supervisor Alexandra Lux presented information on

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the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Memorandum of Understanding to the commissioners.

The MOU would help to fill a gap between Teen Court and Probation.

The purpose of the agreement is to help eliminate inappropriate or unnecessary use of a secure detention of juvenile offenders and to minimize the re-arrest and failure to appears of juvenile offenders.

The State had asked for a joint initiative in the Northern Hills with Juvenile Diversion department providing the staffing.

Commissioner Ager asked Auditor Annie Capp to contact individuals to invite them to give ideas on audio/visual needs for the commissioners.

The next regular commission meeting will be Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

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.

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Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	17 Blk.	Hfrs	622	\$177.50	
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Dirks, Michael & Karen E, Hulet WY	21 Bld	Hfrs	668	\$190.00	
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD	75 B/R	Strs	818	\$181.50	
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	31 Blk.	Hfrs	874	\$160.00	
Fruit, Tracy, Broadus MT	19 Bld	Strs	485	\$229.00	
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Gaskill, Roger Or Lisa, Ashland MT	21 Blk.	Strs	497	\$240.00	
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GM Farm, Ekalaka MT	26 R/Ch	Hfrs	679	\$164.00	
Grievess Ranch, Newcastle WY	29 Bld	Hfrs	552	\$199.50	
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Grievess Ranch, Newcastle WY	19 Bld	Hfrs	621	\$194.50	
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Heinrich, Kurt Or Kevin, Bowman ND	23 Blk.	Hfrs	511	\$187.00	
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Horvey, Roy Or Nola, Ralph SD	17 Bld	Strs	641	\$201.00	
Horvey, Roy Or Nola, Ralph SD	12 Bld	Strs	542	\$215.00	
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Johnson, Corey, Vale SD	11 Blk.	Hfrs	541	\$187.00	
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD	16 Herf	Strs	581	\$199.00	
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep WY	46 Blk.	Strs	588	\$223.50	
Lewton, Kent & Ann, Ten Sleep WY	12 Bld	Strs	494	\$226.00	
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Pearson Revoc Trust, Charles W, Aladdin WY	25 Bld	Hfrs	701	\$187.50	
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Weyrich, Keith, Sturgis SD	36 Blk.	Strs	627	\$211.00	
Weyrich, Keith, Sturgis SD	41 Bld	Hfrs	557	\$198.50	
Bailey, Russell, Custer SD	1	Char	Cow	1200	\$79.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	2	Blk	Hfrt	1257	\$97.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1	Blk	Cow	1290	\$79.50
Bauer, Casey, Union Center SD	1	Bld	Hfrt	1235	\$100.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	4	Blk	Cow	1580	\$80.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	4	Blk	Cow	1360	\$80.50
Casteel Livestock LLC, Guy, Newell SD	1	Blk	Cow	1225	\$79.00
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Colgan, Thomas C, Hermosa SD	6	Blk	Cwette	968	\$91.00
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Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1280	\$76.00
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Goodvin, Terry, Hulet WY	1	Blk	Cow	1220	\$72.50
Goodvin, Terry, Hulet WY	2	Blk	Cow	1205	\$71.50
Goodvin, Terry, Hulet WY	1	Blk	Cow	1325	\$70.50
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	1	Blk	Cow	965	\$81.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	2	Blk	Cow	1435	\$76.50
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	1	Blk	Cow	1430	\$72.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD	1	Cow	1505	\$71.00	
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1150	\$72.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	3	Blk	Hfrt	918	\$100.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	3	Blk	Hfrt	855	\$96.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	3	B/R	Cwette	1040	\$89.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	6	B/R	Cwette	1178	\$86.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	13 B/R	Cow	1293	\$82.00	
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	7	B/R	Cow	1237	\$78.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Cow	970	\$75.00
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	1	Bld	Cwette	1075	\$88.00
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	5	Cow	1248	\$78.00	
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	1	Herf	Cow	1075	\$77.00
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	1	Herf	Cow	890	\$77.00
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	1	Herf	Cow	960	\$75.00
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	5	Blk	Cow	1216	\$73.00
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	1	Herf	Cow	1525	\$73.00
Holmes, Philip & Kimberly, Newcastle WY	1	Rbld	Cow	1055	\$70.00
Jenkins, Dean Or Lori, Scranton ND	2	Bld	Cow	1205	\$76.50
Kretschman, Galen, Gillette WY	1	Cow	1270	\$79.50	
Kretschman, Kale Or Kimberly, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Hfrt	1060	\$100.00

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Sheep Report - Thursday, February 9, 2023

Good demand on the lambs today & they sold \$ higher
Slaughter ewes sold \$3 to \$5 higher

Next Sale - February 16th - Bred Ewe Special - 1 PM
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
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Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND	85	Lambs	68	\$198.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND	253	Lambs	91	\$167.00
O'Donnell, Jordan Or Ashley, Ismay MT	9	Lambs	80	\$165.00
O'Donnell, Jordan Or Ashley, Ismay MT	26	Lambs	99	\$150.00
Harrington, Garrett Or Katie, Broadus MT	12	Lambs	58	\$189.00
Olson, Tammy, Culbertson MT	45	Lambs	82	\$180.00
Parks, Leroy & Kelly, Nisland SD	40	Lambs	73	\$193.00
Parks, Leroy & Kelly, Nisland SD	193	Lambs	96	\$157.00
Robinson, Kruse, Ralph SD	102	Lambs	124	\$145.00
Soppe, David, Kaycee WY	113	Lambs	92	\$165.00
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Robinson, Kruse, Ralph SD	17	K Ewe	146	\$86.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND	28	K Ewe	140	\$86.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND	12	K Ewe	130	\$54.00
Hanson, Mike, Nisland SD	5	K Buck	279	\$87.00
McTaggart, Lance, Newell SD	7	K Buck	202	\$87.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

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Bred Ewes

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SD - 320 Ewe Lambs - 110-120# - 4/25
SD - 110 2 To 4 Yr Old Ewes - 4/16 - Wf Bucks
MT - 400 2 To 4 Yr Old Ewes - 4/20 - Wf & Bf Bucks
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March 2nd - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 16th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 23rd - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 30th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 6th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 13th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 20th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 27th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

May 4th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

May 11th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

May 18th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

May 25th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

June 1st - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

June 8th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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2023 CATTLE SALES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2023 SPRING BULL SALE LIST

February 17th - Lewis Brothers Angus Bull Sale

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several questions pertaining to
her leadership roles in our com-



Taya Kirstine

munity, as well as her Super-
vised Agricultural Experience
(SAE).

Taya spoke on her SAE,
"My poultry entrepreneurship
project is anything and every-
thing chickens. I started this
project with only six chickens,
and I now have sixty. In the
beginning I knew nothing about
chickens, but I was very quick
and eager to learn more.

I have learned many different
things through my project. I
have learned the business side
of things such as budgeting
and customer service. I have
also learned about the gener-
al management and health of
chickens. I have learned many
different management practic-
es and techniques, as well as
problem solving. I really enjoy
working with my chickens and
look forward to the future of my
business."

She will be recognized at the
State Convention in Brookings
this April.



Cari Skogberg Eastman

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1992 graduate of Belle Fourche
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Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.

I've been golfing in Arizona each winter...and though we don't use caddies, I've been making notes of the best caddy responses that my friends have heard. These are some doozies:



Top 10 Comments From a Golf Caddy

Number :10

Golfer: "I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long, sir?"

Number : 9

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven sir, you've already moved most of the earth."

Number : 8

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes sir . . . You miss the ball much closer now."

Number : 7

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually, sir."

Number : 6

Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

Caddy: "I don't think so sir . . . That would be too much of a coincidence."

Number : 5

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction...ction."

Caddy: "It's not a watch sir – it's a compass."

Number : 4

Golfer: "How do you like my game?"

Caddy: "It's very good sir – but personally, I prefer golf."

Number : 3

Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"

Caddy: "I'm afraid the way you play sir, it's a sin on any day."

Number : 2

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."

Caddy: "But this isn't the golf course . . . We left that an hour ago sir."

And the Number : 1 . . . Best Caddy Comment:

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

Feeling blessed to not have a caddy, I'm Jim Thompson

Tanner Aus Tops the Bareback Leaderboard in Rapid City

Tanner Aus tops the leaderboard in Rapid City, S.D.

Tanner Aus' day took flight when he literally took flight. The bareback rider caught an early morning flight from Tulsa, Okla., to Rapid City, S.D., hoping to flip the switch when he arrived at the arena.

"There's good parts about it," Aus said. "You just grab a little bit of rest here and there when you can and just hope to show up and turn it on. It worked tonight."

By night's end, Aus captured the win at Rodeo Rapid City (S.D.), collecting the \$5,006 winning check. He topped the leaderboard with an 88-point trip on Muddy Creek Pro Rodeo's Hot Mocha. The cowboy anticipated his matchup would present him a path to victory.

"Well, it was a horse I'd never been on but seen a time or two and knew I had a really good chance. She was just sweet," said the 32-year-old. "She just bucked right out in front of the chutes. She hung in the air, and it was great. It's everything a bareback rider wants."

It marks the first win for Aus at Rodeo Rapid City, a stop he admitted to "always being a tough rodeo." The Minnesota native was ecstatic about breaking through, noting his pride in capturing a win close to home.

"Oh yeah, it's just great. I've been coming here for a long

time and it's the first time I've won it," Aus explained. "This is one that I try to make it to every year and it being only one state away from my home state, it feels really good to pull up here, ride well, and get the win."

The seven-time Wrangler NFR qualifier recently finished his fourth-consecutive stint in Las Vegas, finishing eighth in the world standings. Even as a seasoned veteran, Aus still believes the NFR can provide him with more knowledge and a jump-start into the following season.

"There's no better opportunity to test your metal than at the NFR. It presents every type of horse and it's good to leave there feeling stronger and more experienced," said Aus. "It makes a difference during the regular season."

Despite the six top-10 finishes and a successful ProRodeo career, Aus is keeping his eye on a gold buckle. For him, it would mean everything.

"That's everything right now. I've had years where I've been closer than others but that's ultimately the goal," Aus said. "That's the one that everyone sets out on the horizon. As long as I'm healthy and still able to go out there, I'm going to keep trying."



Other winners at the \$166,886 rodeo were all-around cowboy Jase Staudt (\$2,599, tie-down roping and team roping); steer wrestler Billy Boldon (4.1 seconds); team ropers J.C. Yeahquo/L.J. Yeahquo (4.6 seconds); saddle bronc rider Shorty Garrett (89.5 points on Sutton Rodeos' South Point); tie-down ropers Britt Bedke and Roy Lee (7.7 seconds each); barrel racers Kelly Allen and Bobbi Olson (13.08 seconds each); and bull rider Chance Schott (87.5 points on Sutton Rodeos' One Chance).

NEWS AND NOTES

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association® and Las Vegas Events announced the 2023 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo® presented by Teton Ridge will see an increase in the payout for the third consecutive year.

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

Between 2015 and 2020, the NFR paid out a total of \$10 million – \$8.8 million in competition prize money and



STAT OF THE WEEK

\$41,427

THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED BY STETSON WRIGHT IN SADDLE BRONC RIDING AND BULL RIDING AT THE 2023 FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO. THE PLAYOFF SERIES RODEO ENDED FEB. 4.




WORLD STANDINGS

AA: STETSON WRIGHT	\$74,627
BB: ROCKER STEINER	\$33,237
SW: WILL LUMMUS	\$30,028
TR-HD: ANDREW WARD	\$35,065
TR-HL: BUDDY HAWKINS II	\$35,065
SB: STETSON WRIGHT	\$46,309
TD: TREVOR HALE	\$27,683
SR: COLE PATTERSON	\$24,669
BR: STETSON WRIGHT	\$34,046

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Bull Rider Josh Frost Wins in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas – Josh Frost was not to be denied. The standout bull rider had never won the storied Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and that changed Saturday night.

The Randlett, Utah, cowboy had a 90.5-point ride on Rafter G Rodeo's High Brow Cat to win the finals at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 9,300 at Dickies Arena.


"This feels amazing," Frost said. "I actually got hurt here in 2021 and it feels good to get back out here and get four bulls rode through this rodeo and come out on top. I had never been on that bull before. I had seen that bull a bunch and Rafter G just barely bought him, he's new to their string, but he has been around for a while, and he's known to do some wild, crazy stuff. I

knew I just needed to be a cowboy and go jump for jump and it worked out pretty good."

Frost, who finished second in the 2022 PRCA | RAM World Standings, earned \$20,000 for his finals ride. Reigning PRCA Bull Riding World Champion Stetson Wright finished second with an 87.5-point ride on 4L & Diamond S Rodeo's Dances with Monsters and earned \$16,000.

Frost and Wright were the only bull riders out of the eight in the finals to make the whistle. Frost left town after earning \$23,787.

"It was just bull riding, but it got pretty scrappy," said Frost about his winning ride. "Once he turned back, he was getting it. I just had to kick loose and bear down. Getting a win like this (early in the season) means



Frost B3

round winners take home \$30,706 per round and average winners earn \$78,747. Each go-round will pay a total of \$99,053, while the average total will pay \$297,159 per event.



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Frost

a lot. These big winter rodeos are very important. We all saw it last year with Sage Kimzey. He won \$100,000 by going to like eight rodeos. That was my big goal coming into this year to make these winter rodeos count and take a little better

care of my body and be focused and have fun.”

Other winners at the Playoff Series rodeo were bareback rider Rocker Steiner (90 points on Calgary Stampede’s Yipee Kibitz); steer wrestler Will Lummus (4.1 seconds); team ropers Andrew Ward/Buddy Hawkins II (3.9 seconds);

saddle bronc riders Dawson Hay (90.5 points on Calgary Stampede’s Tokyo Bubbles) and Stetson Wright (90.5 points on Calgary Stampede’s Xena Warrior); tie-down roper Westyn Hughes (7.4 seconds); break-away roper Cheyenne Guillory (1.9 seconds); and barrel racer Jackie Ganter (16.30 seconds).

NFR Bareback Horse Hostage of Cervi Championship Rodeo Passes Away

Former standout Cervi Championship Rodeo’s bareback horse F42 Hostage, a multi-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier, passed away Saturday at the Cervi’s ranch in Stoneham, Colo.

“She wasn’t necessarily the best horse, but she was the most consistent,” Binion Cervi said. “She was one that cowboys could win money on every time. Cowboys knew when they drew her, they may win first and if not, they will place. She was so easy to ride.”

F42 Hostage was born in 1997 on Cervi’s ranch in Stone-

ham and retired from rodeo in 2016. She was a multiple-time competitor at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Bobby Mote won Round 4 of the 2007 NFR with 85.5-point ride on the way to winning the world championship that year.

“I had that horse in San Antonio this year,” Mote said moments after his ride. “I didn’t get along with him as good then. I just didn’t bring it and didn’t make as good a ride as I could have. I had a little better game plan today. I just tried to stay as aggressive as I could and fortunately, they rewarded

me for it.”

At the 2004 NFR in Round 1, Larry Sandvick split second with an 86-point ride on Hostage. In 2005 at the NFR, Wes Stevenson won Round 1 with an 87.5-point ride on Hostage.

F42 Hostage has had 17 foals. Many of which have made NFR appearances, including P16 Hell’s Fire Hostage and W30 Guardian Angel.

“Hostage is one of those horses that if you had a trailer load of them, you would never have to stress being in the rodeo business,” Cervi said.

BARREL RACING STANDINGS			
2023 Standings Updated 1/26/2023 @ 4:20 PM For more information visit wora.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

GFP Commission Holds January Meeting

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission held their January meeting at Pierre’s Matthew’s Training Center.

WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Archery Antelope

The Commission continued to discuss proposed changes to the archery antelope season. They are as follows:

Unlimited number of nonresident one-tag archery antelope licenses valid on private land not leased by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks for public hunting; and,

No more than 450 nonresident one-tag archery antelope licenses valid on public and private land.

Resident one-tag archery licenses valid on public and

private land would remain unlimited.

Archery Deer

The Commission continued their discussions on the proposed several changes to the archery deer season. They are as follows:

Unlimited nonresident “any deer” licenses (limit of one per hunter) may be issued statewide valid on private land not leased by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks for public hunting;

No more than 2,200 nonresident “any deer” licenses may be issued statewide on public and private lands;

With the proposed limit of 2,200 nonresident “any deer” licenses valid on public and private lands, the Commission

proposed to eliminate the April 1 application deadline for those licenses that will be issued by a lottery drawing; and,

Unlimited resident and nonresident antlerless whitetail deer licenses (limit of one per hunter) may be issued for unit ARD-LMI.

Unlimited resident “any deer” licenses remain unchanged, and residents may be issued one statewide license valid on public and private land. In lieu of a statewide “any deer” license, a resident may purchase one East River “any deer” license and one West River “any deer” license valid on public and private land.

Mountain Goat

The Commission proposed the closing of the mountain goat

WISDOM FROM OUT WEST!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.
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Too Many Lies

Lies, and damned lies.

I have always hated a liar. I am not talking about someone who is good at BS’ing, but a liar. I always said, I hate a liar worse than a thief. At least with a thief you know they are going to try and steal from you. But you never know if a liar is lying until you catch them in one. And I live by that old motto, “fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me”. So when I catch someone in a lie I never trust them again.

I have had several pretty good arguments with people who say that when I have found out someone was lying, that they weren’t really lying. They were just not aware. BS! If they were just not aware they should say so. But they never do until that appendage under their shirt pocket is caught in the wringer.

It irks me when I watch a movie or TV show where they tell obvious lies. I am sure they can rationalize and say that no one will know or that it really doesn’t matter.

I watch most any western movie or TV show and see all the blatant lies they tell. And of course they and we rationalize it by telling ourselves that most really won’t know and it really doesn’t matter. But it can. When they show people riding the same horse from Texas to Montana while trailing a herd, those of us who live the life know it is bunk. Same as when they show someone loping their horses everywhere they go. Nope, it don’t work that way. Especially when the horses show no sweat.

I used to watch things on the Discovery channel. I even took part in a show they made about the Comancheros, back in 2005. I thought it was pretty cool that they tried to get things as close to history as they could. But in the end, it wasn’t all true. And I have seen other shows they purport as being historically accurate, and I know better. It was on a subject I am well versed in. So now I doubt anything they say. Kind of like the little boy who cried wolf.

Guns and how they use them on TV and movies drive me crazy. They are always showing people shooting pistols and rifles and there is no kick. Sure with a lighter caliber but as someone who has put many rounds thru’ 9 mm, 357 and 45 caliber pistols, both wheel guns and auto, I know different.

Ever notice how they are always shooting someone in a car or other close space? And they show no effects from the sound. Believe me, if you do such a thing with out protective gear for your ears, it ain’t so. Go ahead, ask me why I now wear hearing aids!

Yup, lies and damned lies. Too many do it and we allow it.

Maybe that is why so many things in this country are the way they are. Because we allow it.

Sorry for the rant, didn’t mean to be when I started this writing. I guess we need to all remember another old adage, “only believe half of what you see and nothing you hear.”

Check Out More than Books at Your Local Library

Check Out State Park Passes from Your Local Library

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakotans can check out state park passes from many public and academic libraries across the state through the new Check Out South Dakota State Parks program. The program is made possible through a partnership between South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) and the South Dakota State Library.

“Your local library is the perfect gateway to explore the world around you,” said George Seamon, state librarian. “The Check Out South Dakota State Parks program gives library patrons a great opportunity to enjoy the natural wonders all over our state.”

Library patrons can check out a state park pass from a participating library, free of charge, for up to three days. Access a

list of participating libraries on the State Library’s website at library.sd.gov/sdstateparks/participating.aspx.

“South Dakota State Parks offer a variety of activities for families to enjoy,” said Al Nedved, state park deputy director. “We are excited to partner with libraries across the state in a new way to expand these outdoor opportunities to new people.”

Learn more and find your local South Dakota state parks on the GFP website at gfp.sd.gov/parks.

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hunting season.

During the 2022 helicopter survey, 42 mountain goats were counted in the survey area near Crazy Horse Memorial, Battle Creek Road, and Black Elk Peak. Based on the mountain goat action plan, Objective 3, Strategy B states “When the minimum number counted reaches less than 50 individuals the season will be closed.” Included in this proposal would be the discontinuance of the sale of preference points for

mountain goat hunting.

No Boating Zone


The Commission proposed to change the “no boating zone” on Angostura from 100 to 300 feet fronting the dam which includes the 5 control gates and the canal siphon.


PARKS PROPOSALS


Firearms Changes to State Parks and Recreation Areas

The Commission proposed to make a change to provide the

GFP Meeting B8







Mick Harrison

“Cowboy Communion”
Oil

This was actually a self-portrait of myself on my horse, Cowboy, on the Cheyenne River back in about 1981. I placed us in a sort of surreal setting. I thought the title was fitting.

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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

Dick and Erma Albert made their way to the Hills, on Wednesday. They did some shopping, and got groceries. On Friday, they went to the Senior Center for the Senior Citizen dinner. It was Fern’s birthday, this week, and they had cake and ice cream, to celebrate. On Sunday, Father Brian was back, at the Catholic Church, and another student was confirmed during the service. Father Brian had brought the bad news that his sister had passed away. The church members had a pot luck dinner after church, and many people stayed for that.

Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche, on Tuesday, to watch her grandson, Gavin Pearson, play basketball. Alvin had spent the week working on a new well house. He got the news that Darlene Davis Rose had also passed away. Her funeral will be on Friday in Ekalaka. Ryan and Tawni had taken the kids to basketball tournaments in the Hills, this weekend, so Alvin was doing the extra chores while they were gone.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had a quiet week, with the exception of Wednesday. That day, they both had dentist appointments. The good part of the day was that they got to visit at Dixie Garr’s, and have coffee with her, while they had a good visit. They went to church at Little Missouri, on Sunday. Julia Davis got out, one day this week. She rode along with Tammy White to the Hills, for the ‘Annie’s Project’ meeting. These meetings are especially for the Women’s Ag Program, and include lots of help with agricultural book work, law, the Farm Bill, and information. There are a couple of in-house meetings, along with some virtual ones, on various subjects. There many who attended the meeting, including people of a wide variety of ages, and interests. Tammy, Ester Ole-son’s daughter, feels that Ester is doing quite well, now, and we are glad to hear it. Doug Davis took a few head of cattle to the St. Onge sale, this week.

Junior and Shirley Melum are busy with regular chores. They got a call from their daughter, Bertha, on Sunday. Ernie, Rachel, and Tommy Melum got to have a special trip, this week. The Huff Hills Ski Area near Bismark, North Dakota, had a special day for all home-school-ers, so they spent one day skiing. It happened to also be Ernie and Rachel’s anniversary, so they got to celebrate their

fifteenth anniversary on the ski slopes. There were so many home-schoolers there, that it was difficult for a beginner to feel they wouldn’t to run over someone else. The kids picked-up skiing abilities really fast, but Rachel felt she should have started on an easier slope. Still, by the end of the day, everyone was having a great time.

Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to two nights of girls’ basketball at Buffalo, this week. Tuesday, was Parents’ Night, and the little girls teams had a special line-up for the older players, as they came on to the floor. The parents were honored by the players. The last home game for the girls was on Friday, against New England, North Dakota. Then on Sunday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy made another trip to Buffalo for the AAU wrestling competition. Dawn tried her best to get pictures of all the kids, but with so many matches going on at once, hazards like a referee, or another person walking past, some of her pictures got blocked. That evening, Bryce stopped at the Corner Bar, to see the end of the Super Bowl, while Dawn took Dorothy home, and then worked on her pictures. Later, she went back to get Bryce, and got there just in time to see the very end of a close game

Karen Odell drove, and Charlie rode along to Baker, so he could get his driver’s license renewed, on Tuesday. They went north, through Marmarth, and hoped that any icy roads would be melted by the time they reached pavement. It seemed strange to see a new long bridge across creek, on the North Camp Crook Road, when we were used to the old iron girder bridge for so many years. The roads were good. Karen did a little shopping, while Charlie was at the Court House. To make one purchase, she was expected to mark a box beside one of about eight, or more, heritage descriptions; latino, hispanic, native, black, etc. Being just an American, and not specifically fitting any of the descriptions given, and feeling that these divisions are only forced upon people as a way of causing conflict, she was told she had to mark a box or they would not sell to her. Rather than let them dictate what she could buy, she closed her eyes and marked one of the eight boxes. Then she made the purchase without any problem. The good thing is that she is still an American. Charlie succeeded in getting his driver’s

license renewed, and they came home through Ekalaka. They stopped at the Wagon Wheel for lunch, and their ‘special’ was delicious. They got to visit with some friends, while they were there, and when they were finished, someone had already paid for their lunch. Karen suspected that a baby, with the most beautiful eyes, had bought their lunch. She was at the next table, and so beautiful that you could not miss her. Anyway, thank you to those kind people. Karen’s dog had been barking in the night, this week, and she went out to see if she could hear coyotes. What she heard to the north sounded more like a siren, so Alvin Cordell suggested that it was coyote hunters, instead. Karen got another book formatted for publishing as an ebook, and she has been working on her quilt. Charlie and Karen got to watch Kellan and Carson Odell in wrestling matches on youtube, again this week. They saw that Kyia Smith was in a swim competition, and that Murphy Hindes had learned to roller skate. Jeff and Amanda were on the beach in Florida, Kylie was beside the Eiffel Tower, and Cody had gathered lots of antler sheds. Karen’s brother, Ron Evans called to tell that he had another newborn grandson, and her brother, Jim Evans, down in Kansas City, was happy that his team won the Super Bowl.

We send our condolences to Father Brian and his family and to the Davis, Carter, and Rose families. Friends from Bowman, Dave and Teresa Urlacher, keep track of the Capitol News. This week, they sent some very interesting historical happenings in our area, so I will add some of it each week. Thank you, Dave and Teresa.

Capitol, Montana had been named for Capitol Rock, which is now a National Natural Landmark Historical Site, in the Long Pine Hills. The white limestone rock stood out among the pines, and Inger Melum, wife of Bernt Martin Melum, one of Capitol’s first settlers, could see the white rock as she looked out her kitchen window at Capitol. The shape of the rock looked like the Capitol building in Washington, D. C., and so, it was called Capitol Rock, and was easily described when giving directions to a newcomer, or visitor, to know that they had entered Montana Territory.



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By Sandy Rhoden

Central Meade County had a nice warm up over the weekend. While some parts of our gravel driveways have dried out, others are soft and wet due to melting of ice and snow. We didn’t get the strong winds that were forecast last week while further north schools had late starts and weather was an issue.

There was a nice turnout for Darrel and Monica Wilcox’s 50th wedding anniversary celebration. It was held at the Central Meade County Community Center. Not all parents are around to witness their child’s 50th anniversary, but Margit Wilcox was. They had a soup bar with about 5 kinds of soup, and games for the kids. They finished off with a dance and a live band. It was a great family and community celebration.

Don’t forget about this Saturday at Red Owl where they will have their special Valentines Dinner. Cost is \$20 per plate. Call Georgi Ann Cobb for reservations at 605-985-5914. It might be worth seeing the Studs ‘R Us - Maitre’ Ds serve folks their roast beef dinners.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Pastor Bill Meirose’s wife, Val. She passed away quietly last Tuesday, February 7 in hospice care in Sturgis. Valerie had worked on staff at Believers Fellowship and was a teacher at Believers Fellowship Academy. She also was self-employed in the area of home décor items. She retired from working outside of the home in 2011 and devoted

ed herself to being a full time Grandmother. Her pride and joy were her 8 grandchildren, her 3 children, and their spouses. Family was the most important thing in her life outside of her personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Valerie enjoyed the study of her Bible and Scriptures. She was studying Hebrew in order to gain a better understanding of God’s Word. Valerie developed many personal relationships over the years that were centered on how to apply the Scriptures to our daily lives. She enjoyed mentoring and developing relationships with other women.

She was a lady of wisdom and support for her husband, Bill of 44 years, who has and will continue to pastor the Community Baptist Church of Union Center. He will also share in Val’s memorial service along with her brother.

A memorial service will be this Wednesday, February 15 from 11:00 – 12:00 at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. A lunch is being served afterward. The family dearly misses her. We continue to pray for strength and comfort for Bill and the Meirose family.

We celebrate Valentines Day this week. It is typically set aside to show love and appreciation for that special someone. We know there are many this year who are separated from their sweethearts, and some are separated for good. If you know of someone who is without his or her sweetheart this year, please send them a special card, drop off some chocolates or cookies, take them flowers or whatever is possible to make someone in need feel special this week, even if it’s a day or two late. May you all have a Happy Valentines Day!

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This map highlights the downtown streets that will part of the city's proposed 24-hour restricted parking districts. The amended city ordinance will take effect Mar. 6th. - *Beacon Graphic*

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Parking

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B. Citations in addition to court costs, rather than parking tickets, will be issued for Items #1 and #5. This will involve a court cost of \$33.00: (Ords. 1-1984 (part), 10-2002)

SECTION 10.40.090 shall be adopted as follows:

10.40.090 Nonpayment of fines.

If the herein stated fines without citations are not paid within seventy-two (72) hours per each separate violation, then the fine shall be raised to twenty (\$20.00) dollars per violation. The City Finance Officer shall send out a notice advising the registered owner of the ticketed vehicle of an increase in the fine because of failure to pay

the original envelope violation notice. If the increased fine is not received by the City Finance Officer within ten (10) days, then a summons and complaint shall be signed before a Magistrate Judge by a member of the Belle Fourche Police Department charging the owner of the vehicle with a violation of this section and the owner shall, upon conviction, be fined no less than one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars nor more than two one hundred (\$200.00) dollars plus court costs, and the owner's vehicle may be towed at the expense of the owner. (Ords. 1-1984 (part), 8-1984, 4-1985 § 5 (part))

SECTION 10.40.100 shall be adopted as follows:

10.40.100 – Use of fines – Establishment of fund – Repealed

10.40.100 – Use of fines – Establishment of fund:

The fines collected as herein provided shall be placed in a fund and used to defray the cost of regulating, controlling, supervising and inspecting parking and traffic and the cost of placing and maintaining lines, designating parking spaces and installing signs and such other expense necessary to enforcement of this chapter. (Ord. 1-1984 (part))





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.

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From A1 Landfill

with the topographical data and the number of scale tickets to verify inflow of rubbish and determine the volume of garbage added each year.

Even with the slight increases Hardy says the landfill still has a ways to go.

"We have about 1.6 million cubic yards of volume remaining," Hardy said. "That works out to about 28 years of life

remaining."

Even though there is just under three decades of life remaining, provisions for the closure of landfill are underway. Per EPA regulations the city must maintain a fund for the closure of the site and reclamation of the land. Thus a small portion of each scale ticket is set aside into a fund dedicated for this purpose, according to Hardy.

Jason Hanson, PE, Brosz Engineer, says the final report should be completed by the end

of June. "We propose to have the field survey and modeling completed and submitted by the end of May with an overall completion date of June 30."

The landfill recently completed upgrades to the entrance with a new scale, a new approach road and stop light to help facilitate traffic flow coming into the facility. Hardy says the improvements seem to be working very well.



The new scale house at the Belle Fourche public landfill opened on January 5th. It is located about 200 yards north of where the old scale was. -Courtesy Photo

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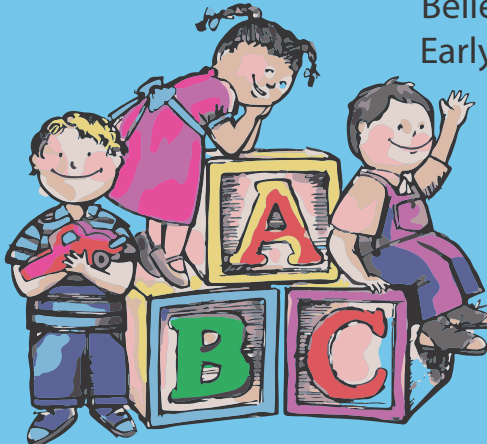
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From B3 GFP Meeting

Department the option to open up portions of state parks and recreation areas to hunting during the months of September and May by means of posting, signage, and other designations. This change would provide additional public hunting acres in some state parks for early fall seasons such as mourning dove, archery deer, and youth seasons in addition to spring turkey seasons. The proposal will allow hunters to hunt park lands at Oahe Downstream Recreation Area west of SD Hwy 1806. Park lands include: OHV and land outside the fenced shooting complex perimeter. It would also help clarify Revheim Bay Recreation Area as archery only and designate Newtown Hills State Park, Rocky Point Recreation Area, and Lake Poinsett Recreation Area to archery hunting and shotgun with shot shells only,

but with options to post certain areas for open hunting. Public Comments Currently Being Accepted If you would like to comment on any of these proposals, visit gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions. Comments can also be mailed to 523 E. Capitol Ave Pierre, SD. To hear the discussion on these proposals, audio from the meeting is available through South Dakota Public Broadcasting and will soon be available on the GFP website as part of the meeting archive. To see these proposals in their entirety, visit gfp.sd.gov/commission/information. To be included in the public record and to be considered by the commission, comments must include a full name and city of residence and be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CST on March 5. The next GFP Commission meeting will be held in Pierre, March 9-10.

This Week in 4-H

Vet Science will be held in Meade County on Thursday February 16th. Certificates will be given for this event.

- This weekend, February 17-18 will be the Bob Fox Shoot.

- Coming Soon
- Feb. 23 - Public Presentations- CDM-Horticulture Judging 3:30PM First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche- sponsored by Young Riders
 - Feb. 24 - National 4-H Conference Applications due to State 4-H Office
 - Feb. 28 - Butte and Lawrence County Leaders meet at 6:00 pm followed by Redwater 4-H Council meeting at 7:00. All at the UCC in Belle Fourche. Use the door on the west side of the building.

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- rison- 1st place;
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- Senior Team of Morgan Mackaben, Aliceson Stranberg and Bennett Main- 4th place.
- Bristol Bachman- Junior placed first as an Individual.
- Livestockology Teams- Junior Team of Bristol Bachman, Clay Mackaben, Ellie Kukuchka and Kate Blair- 1st place.
- Senior team of Morgan Mackaben, Aliceson Stranberg, Karlie Kammerer and EC Blair- 3rd place.

We had Individuals place really close to the top in many areas. We had 3 Junior girls compete in Hippology, Remi Crago, Ella and Ainsley Roberts. Great job everyone!!

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Jeff & Chris Jensen, Newell SD	100	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	590	234.00.....1,381.65 \$
Kuhbacher Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	80	Black-Str Pc Ni	633	219.00.....1,385.31 \$
	44	Black-Str Pc Ni	547	237.50.....1,300.04 \$
	80	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	597	201.00.....1,200.72 \$
	18	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	521	204.00.....1,063.63 \$
Ben & Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD	78	Black-Str Ni, Pc	659	207.50.....1,368.03 \$
	46	Black-Str Ni, Pc	580	224.50.....1,302.10 \$
	90	Black-Hfr Ni, Pc	651	195.25.....1,270.10 \$
	78	Black-Hfr Ni, Pc	586	195.50.....1,146.05 \$
	49	Black-Str Ni, Pc	658	205.00.....1,348.81 \$
	48	Black-Hfr Ni, Pc	649	181.00.....1,174.23 \$
Garman Ranch, Alzada MT	74	Black-Str Ni, Pc	665	204.50.....1,359.51 \$
	30	Black-Str Ni, Pc	552	234.00.....1,290.90 \$
	73	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Ni, Pc	635	188.50.....1,196.20 \$
	28	Black-Hfr Ni, Pc	536	198.50.....1,063.39 \$
Dave & Trevor Garman, Belle Fourche SD	83	Blk/Bwf-Str Ni, Pc	672	203.00.....1,364.01 \$
	85	Blk/Bwf-Str Ni, Pc	684	203.00.....1,388.16 \$
	88	Blk/Bwf-Str Ni, Pc	548	230.50.....1,262.38 \$
	80	Black-Hfr Ni, Pc	685	185.00.....1,266.67 \$
	81	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Ni, Pc	640	188.50.....1,206.16 \$
	75	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Ni, Pc	532	200.50.....1,065.85 \$
Brian & Hallie Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	53	Blk/Bwf-Str Hr, Df	680	200.50.....1,364.15 \$
Todd Meccage, Baker MT	68	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	699	201.25.....1,407.71 \$
	25	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	606	221.00.....1,338.81 \$
	54	Black-Hfr Pc Nhk	652	203.00.....1,322.88 \$
	14	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Nhk	594	199.00.....1,181.91 \$
	18	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Nhk	578	197.00.....1,139.31 \$
Rauth Ranch Inc, Alva WY	89	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	638	186.00.....1,186.63 \$
	20	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc Ni	491	200.00.....981.50 \$
Than Brengle, Buffalo SD	86	Blk/Bwf-Str Ni, Pc	584	219.00.....1,279.74 \$
	14	Rd/Blk-Str Ni, Pc	587	207.00.....1,214.64 \$
Travis H Byrne, Vale SD	10	Black-Str Pc Ni	707	182.50.....1,289.36 \$
	8	Black-Hfr Pc Bv, Ni	702	174.00.....1,221.26 \$
4W Ranch, Newcastle WY	13	Char/Red-Str Ni	671	184.50.....1,238.27 \$
	18	Char/Red-Str Ni	542	219.00.....1,186.25 \$
Mac Tooke, Ekalaka MT	61	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	585	227.00.....1,328.13 \$
	17	Black-Str Pc Ni	485	221.00.....1,072.50 \$
	7	Red-Str Pc Ni	551	215.00.....1,185.57 \$
Dennis Gregersen, Gillette WY	10	Red-Str	719	181.00.....1,300.48 \$
MT Consignment	87	Red-Str Ni, Pc	559	224.00.....1,251.69 \$
	7	Red-Str Ni, Pc	480	224.00.....1,075.20 \$
Clint Stinson, Miles City MT	53	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	476	210.50.....1,001.86 \$
Steve Bossman, Moorcroft WY	7	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc Bv	613	181.50.....1,112.33 \$
Cliff Conry, Belle Fourche SD	13	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	707	190.50.....1,345.95 \$
Wes Butts, Sundance WY	21	Black-Hfr Pc Ni, Bv	469	214.50.....1,005.08 \$
Sam & Wacey Otmann, Wolf Point MT	10	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	729	180.50.....1,314.94 \$
	14	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	640	171.00.....1,094.40 \$
	10	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	542	182.00.....986.44 \$
U Three Ranch, Aladdin WY	7	Black-Str	588	205.00.....1,205.10 \$
SC Livestock Llc, Volborg MT	12	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	476	222.00.....1,057.27 \$
	35	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	430	202.00.....869.17 \$
Chris Kling, Belle Fourche SD	9	Black-Str	424	241.00.....1,021.57 \$

COWS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
Joe Gantz, Alva WY	1	Black-Cow	1575	83.50.....1,315.12 \$
	1	Black-Hfr	1350	81.00.....1,093.50 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1680	86.00.....1,444.80 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1525	79.00.....1,204.75 \$
Tyler Carroll, Fairburn SD	1	Black-Cowette	1265	84.50.....1,068.92 \$
Jaxson Tronstad, Baker MT	1	Black-Cow	1520	81.00.....1,231.20 \$
	1	Bwf-Cow	1610	84.00.....1,352.40 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1490	81.50.....1,214.35 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1715	77.00.....1,320.55 \$
Than Brengle, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Hfr	1115	94.00.....1,048.10 \$
Brian Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Hfr	1180	93.00.....1,097.40 \$
Capitol Llc, Capitol MT	1	Black-Hfr	1035	90.00.....931.50 \$
James McGinnis, Capitol MT	1	Black-Hfr	1135	95.00.....1,078.25 \$
Semont Llc, Capitol MT	1	Black-Cow	1520	79.00.....1,200.80 \$

CJR Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Red-Cow	1255	78.00.....978.90 \$
	1	Red-Cow <td>1455<th>79.00.....1,149.45 \$</th></td>	1455 <th>79.00.....1,149.45 \$</th>	79.00.....1,149.45 \$
	2	Red-Hfr	1313 <th>84.00.....1,233.75 \$</th>	84.00.....1,233.75 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1410 <th>88.50.....1,247.85 \$</th>	88.50.....1,247.85 \$
	1	Red-Cow <td>1195<th>78.00.....932.10 \$</th></td>	1195 <th>78.00.....932.10 \$</th>	78.00.....932.10 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1405 <th>82.50.....1,159.12 \$</th>	82.50.....1,159.12 \$
	1	Red-Cowette	1150 <th>87.00.....1,000.50 \$</th>	87.00.....1,000.50 \$
	1	Black-Hfr	1165 <th>93.00.....1,083.45 \$</th>	93.00.....1,083.45 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1325 <th>73.00.....967.25 \$</th>	73.00.....967.25 \$
	1	Red-Cowette	1235 <th>92.00.....1,136.20 \$</th>	92.00.....1,136.20 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1310 <th>75.00.....982.50 \$</th>	75.00.....982.50 \$
CJR Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cowette	1220 <th>93.00.....1,134.60 \$</th>	93.00.....1,134.60 \$
U Three Ranch, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1465 <th>75.50.....1,106.07 \$</th>	75.50.....1,106.07 \$
David Marshall, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1220 <th>73.50.....896.70 \$</th>	73.50.....896.70 \$
	3	Red-Cowette	1418 <th>80.50.....1,141.75 \$</th>	80.50.....1,141.75 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1675 <th>79.00.....1,323.25 \$</th>	79.00.....1,323.25 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1410 <th>77.00.....1,085.70 \$</th>	77.00.....1,085.70 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1330 <th>83.50.....1,110.55 \$</th>	83.50.....1,110.55 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1620 <th>80.50.....1,304.10 \$</th>	80.50.....1,304.10 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1490 <th>79.00.....1,177.10 \$</th>	79.00.....1,177.10 \$
	1	Bwf-Cow	1530 <th>77.00.....1,178.10 \$</th>	77.00.....1,178.10 \$
	1	Bwf-Cow	1535 <th>85.00.....1,304.75 \$</th>	85.00.....1,304.75 \$
Gary Marlan, Buffalo SD	7	Black-Hfr	1125 <th>130.00.....1,462.50 \$</th>	130.00.....1,462.50 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1255 <th>94.00.....1,179.70 \$</th>	94.00.....1,179.70 \$
LJ Green, Volborg MT	2	Black-Cow	1505 <th>76.50.....1,151.32 \$</th>	76.50.....1,151.32 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1713 <th>70.50.....1,207.31 \$</th>	70.50.....1,207.31 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1520 <th>83.00.....1,261.60 \$</th>	83.00.....1,261.60 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1470 <th>77.00.....1,131.90 \$</th>	77.00.....1,131.90 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1358 <th>77.00.....1,045.27 \$</th>	77.00.....1,045.27 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1260 <th>72.00.....907.20 \$</th>	72.00.....907.20 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1165 <th>95.00.....1,106.75 \$</th>	95.00.....1,106.75 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1495 <th>78.00.....1,166.10 \$</th>	78.00.....1,166.10 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1275 <th>74.00.....943.50 \$</th>	74.00.....943.50 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1680 <th>83.00.....1,394.40 \$</th>	83.00.....1,394.40 \$
Dan Taylor, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1330 <th>76.00.....1,010.80 \$</th>	76.00.....1,010.80 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1470 <th>76.00.....1,117.20 \$</th>	76.00.....1,117.20 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1440 <th>77.50.....1,116.00 \$</th>	77.50.....1,116.00 \$
	7	Black-Hfr	1049 <th>108.00.....1,132.45 \$</th>	108.00.....1,132.45 \$
	1	Black-Hfr	1185 <th>92.00.....1,090.20 \$</th>	92.00.....1,090.20 \$
Chad Harrington, Hammond MT	1	Black-Cowette	1275 <th>86.00.....1,096.50 \$</th>	86.00.....1,096.50 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1340 <th>75.00.....1,005.00 \$</th>	75.00.....1,005.00 \$
Tyler Hicks, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Hfr	790	123.00.....971.70 \$
	1	Black-Hfr	940	130.00.....1,222.00 \$
Bryce Sigman, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1365 <th>74.50.....1,016.92 \$</th>	74.50.....1,016.92 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1280 <th>80.50.....1,030.40 \$</th>	80.50.....1,030.40 \$
Dean Jenkins, Scranton ND	4	Rd/Blk-Hfr	955	102.00.....974.10 \$
	5	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	1049 <th>93.00.....975.57 \$</th>	93.00.....975.57 \$
Capitol Llc, Capitol MT	8	Black-Cow	1311 <th>77.50.....1,016.21 \$</th>	77.50.....1,016.21 \$
	7	Black-Cow	1229 <th>76.50.....940.40 \$</th>	76.50.....940.40 \$
	1	Black-Hfr	910	104.00.....946.40 \$
Leroy Tronstad, Baker MT	1	Black-Cow	1530 <th>80.50.....1,231.65 \$</th>	80.50.....1,231.65 \$
Elva Belle Carr, Prairie City SD	2	Black-Hfr	885 <th>103.00.....911.55 \$</th>	103.00.....911.55 \$
	5	Black-Hfr	870 <th>115.00.....1,000.50 \$</th>	115.00.....1,000.50 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1055 <th>85.00.....896.75 \$</th>	85.00.....896.75 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1450 <th>80.50.....1,167.25 \$</th>	80.50.....1,167.25 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1555 <th>78.00.....1,212.90 \$</th>	78.00.....1,212.90 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1225 <th>78.00.....955.50 \$</th>	78.00.....955.50 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1310 <th>81.50.....1,067.65 \$</th>	81.50.....1,067.65 \$
Dean Jenkins, Scranton ND	1	Rwf-Cow	1535 <th>77.50.....1,189.62 \$</th>	77.50.....1,189.62 \$
Joe Gantz, Alva WY	1	Black-Cow	1415 <th>75.00.....1,061.25 \$</th>	75.00.....1,061.25 \$

BULLS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
CJR Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	1	Black-Bull	2050	107.00.....2,193.50 \$
	1	Black-Bull	1815	108.50.....1,969.27 \$
Chad Shepherd, Baker MT	1	Black-Bull	2035	105.50.....2,146.92 \$
	1	Black-Bull	1965	107.00.....2,102.55 \$
	1	Black-Bull	1845	108.50.....2,001.82 \$
Gary Marlan, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Bull	1795	107.50.....1,929.62 \$
Mike Pittman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Df	1210	101.00.....1,222.10 \$
Neal Mcozy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Df	1670	112.00.....1,870.40 \$
Robert Bruner, Newell SD	1	Bwf-Bull Df	2220	116.00.....2,575.20 \$

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APRIL 6TH.....BAR 69 ANGUS RANCH

APRIL 13TH.....REICH CHAROLAIS RANCH

APRIL 20TH.....CS ANGUS

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Competing tax cuts: South Dakotans still don’t know what relief package they’re getting

Lawmakers waiting on final revenue estimates before acting on relief packages

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All signs indicate a tax cut is coming for South Dakotans. But the halfway mark of the winter lawmaking session has passed with little clarity about what that’ll look like.

That’s because three competing proposals aimed at keeping more money in the pockets of South Dakota taxpayers remain on the table — a food tax cut, an overall sales tax rate reduction and a property tax relief package.

Gov. Kristi Noem’s administration continues to work toward eliminating taxes on groceries, a campaign promise the Republican governor says is needed for struggling families dealing with soaring food expenses.

However, she’s finding resistance from some of her fellow Republicans in both the House and Senate who prefer either a cut in the general sales tax from 4.5 percent to 4 percent or a cut aimed directly at South Dakota homeowners.

Each proposal would come at varying costs to state revenues, either in direct reductions in tax dollars flowing into the state or, in the event of property tax cuts, through reimbursements to other governmental jurisdictions.

But until final revenue pro-

jections are released later this month, the Legislature’s budget specialists say there likely won’t be any movement or formal recommendations.

“I think a tax cut of some significant size is a good idea and is something that we can support within the budget,” Rep. Tony Venhuizen told The Dakota Scout this week.

The Sioux Falls Republican heads a subcommittee of the Legislature’s appropriations board studying potential tax cuts. “We are not recommending which one to do, we are collecting the facts. . . . We’ll report back to the committee and our caucuses with that information.”

Noem this week used latest revenue reports coming from her Bureau of Finance and Management to again tout South Dakota’s strong economy and make the case for a food tax cut.

With revenues up \$165 million through seven months of the fiscal year, the second-term governor said “our economic growth is permanent.”

“We need to let hard-working South Dakotans keep more dollars in their pockets (and) repeal the grocery sales tax,” Noem posted on social media Tuesday.

Some lawmakers, though, aren’t as bullish as the governor that future revenues can sustain



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a permanent elimination of a significant revenue source like the food tax, estimated to cost the state between \$102 and \$113 million annually.

Senate leaders, including Majority Leader Casey Crabtree and President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck, have voiced hesitation about cutting the food tax, preferring a property tax cut that would send relief to homeowners. That option would also be less of a burden on state coffers.

Formally proposed by a summer work group on property tax relief, a bill sitting in the House of Representatives would exempt \$100,000 from the taxable value of a single-family home. And because the measure’s language limits the relief to only owner-occupied homes, all of those savings would be realized by only

South Dakotans. Renters and out-of-state owners of South Dakota properties wouldn’t directly benefit from the property tax cut laid out in House Bill 1043.

Those savings for homeowners would come from the state’s public education property tax levy. However, the state would use general funds to offset those reductions and hold the school districts harmless, costing the state about \$72 million a year.

But with rising home valuations and soaring inflation, a contingent of lawmakers prefer an overall cut to the sales tax rate — the most expensive of the three competing proposals — rather than cutting the food tax or passing the proposed property tax relief bill.

Rep. Chris Karr said eliminating a half-penny from the current 4.5 percent rate would

be more impactful than the property tax cut in the long run.

Right now, the proposed property tax cut would average about \$350 per homeowner. But as county assessors continue to place higher tax valuations on homes, those savings will be a distant memory within a few years, Karr said.

But reducing the sales tax rate to 4 percent would leave an estimated \$171 million in the pockets of South Dakotans and visitors who spend their dollars here.

“It’s not meaningful property tax relief,” he said. “But our sales and use tax impacts everything we buy.”

The Joint Committee on Appropriations is expected to consider all three proposals and begin making recommendations after it adopts final revenue projections on Feb. 15.

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122 years ago
Belle Fourche TIMES
February 24, 1898
TWO PROPOSED The Belle Fourche Smelter co. to Begin Operations in March 250-TON PLANT ASSURED Another Syndicate Will Build a 200-Stamp Mill Here

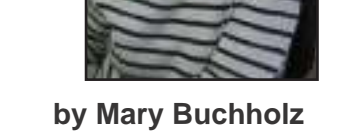
Before leaving the Hills last week, Messrs. F. L. Langan and C. W. Sexton, members of the Belle Fourche Smelting & Refining company announced that active work on the Belle Fourche smelter would begin early in March and pushed to completion as early in the year as possible. The plant will be of at least 250 tons capacity, of the latest design, and equipped with the most modern appliances for the extraction of the precious metals. Messrs. Bishop and Homan, two of the principal stockholders in the company, will be here to inaugurate the work, and with favorable weather operations will be well under way by April 1st. The smelter will be used to reduce ores from the Gunnison mine at Portland, this mine being a recent acquisition by this company along with the Bullock farm near town. Custom work will also be solicited. In connection with the above, the following Lead City special, dated Feb. 17 is pertinent: "There is good reason to believe that the plat of mining ground lying west of the Homestake ground, just north of this city, all embraced in what is known as the "Pierce deal," will be purchased by a big eastern syndicate within the next week. The proposition will include 300-acres of ground – all of which includes free milling ore that is capped with silicon ore – also the erection at once of a 200-stamp mill at Belle Fourche, the building of a spur of the Elkhorn road through the ground and eventually the erection of a smelter, and will involve an outlay of fully \$2,000,000. The Northwestern road is without question back of the deal. Well known promoters from Minneapolis and Denver arrived last evening and are ready to do business."

100 years ago
Northwest Post
February 15, 1923
MARRIED IN RAPID CITY
Miss Catherine Lefors of Belle Fourche and Earl W. Trenkle of Casper, Wyo., were united in marriage at Rapid City last Thursday, the ceremony being witnessed by the bride's mother and a few intimate friends of the young couple. After a brief honeymoon in the Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Trenkle will go to the future home in

Casper. The bride is the only daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Arthur Lefors of Belle Fourche and has lived here most of her life, being very popular among the young people. The groom was formerly a resident of Lead where his parents reside, and was employed in this city for several months by the Consolidated Power and Light company. He now has a good position with the Natrone Power and Light company at Casper. Numerous friends will extend sincere congratulations and best wishes.

WILL MOVE TO RAPID CITY
Manager D. P. Roberts of the Iris theatre has made arrangements to move to Rapid City, where he is interested in another theatre, and will leave for that place this week. Mrs. Roberts will remain here for a few weeks, until her husband finds a suitable house, and will then join him in their new home. Dan Roberts' removal from Belle Fourche will be sincerely regretted by many, as he is one of the city's pioneer businessmen and has always taken an active part in the city. He is a live wire and his progressive spirit will be felt in Rapid City. Mr. Roberts retains his business interests in Belle Fourche and the numerous friends of both himself and his estimable wife hope that some day they may again become permanent residents of this city. During Mr. Roberts' absence the Iris theatre will be managed by Sam McMaster, a most capable young man, who has been employed as assistant at that popular play house for several years.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
February 19, 1948
Commissioners Reject Plan to Change District Boundaries
A proposal to change the boundaries of Butte county's commissioner districts was defeated by a 3-2 vote yesterday at a special meeting of the county board. The matter of cutting off a section of district four, now represented by Henry Jacobsen, has been under consideration for more than a month, but final action was delayed until all members of the board could be present. Yesterday Henry Jacobson made a motion, seconded by R. D. Long, that the proposed change of commissioner district boundaries as take up by the board Jan. 13 be advertised and a date set for a hearing on the change. Long and Jacobsen voted yes. Thronby, Stoughton and Spencer opposed the motion. Major change, as proposed in the original motion,



by Mary Buchholz

would have been in district four. The revision sought to remove from Jacobsen's district the Horse Creek precinct which lies between districts two and three. The change would turn over the Horse Creek district to district two – Clarke Spencer's district. A vote was taken Jan. 13 when two favored the plan, one voted against and one abstained. An opinion then was sought from the attorney general, who advised the group to hold off a final decision until the entire board could be present. One member was absent at the Feb. 3 meeting, so the final decision was delayed until yesterday. *Senate Hacks Two Billion Off President's Budget*
Washington, Feb. 18 – The senate has voted to cut President Truman's 1949 fiscal year budget by 2.5 billion. This would leave about \$10 million for tax cuts and debt reduction. The proposal was adopted by a unanimous voice vote after less than two hours' debate. Republicans feel increasingly confident that a tax cut up to five billion dollars can be enacted. Democrats make no effort to block the proposed spending cut, which had been recommended by the house-senate budget committee. It still requires house adoption, and even then, it is not binding, but merely sets up a congressional goal. The vote on the budget came after several important developments. First, Chairman Styles Bridges of the joint budget committee said congress could cut taxes this year only if government spending is pared to the bone.

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will become affiliated with North Central Wool Marketing Corporation of Minneapolis, it was announced this week by President Don Pollin of North Central and W. W. Hafner, president of Hafner Wool Co., Inc. Sale of the warehouses on Roundup Street in Belle Fourche and the main warehouse in Newell was accomplished at a special meeting of the directors of North Central and Hafner brothers in Belle Fourche on Monday, Feb.5. The Hafner brothers – W.W., Don and Vern- will continue as operators of the facilities in Belle Fourche and Newell and express their confidence that the growers will now have the benefit of becoming a part of the largest wool marketing agency in the United States. The agency has been particularly successful in a new method of sealed bid selling in large volumes from

time to time at Boston, garnering strong competitive bidding from all the major mills and top makers, it was pointed out. Sales are made on descriptions cataloged without visual examination at the warehouse, thus underling the confidence the marketing agency has established with mills that deliveries will be made as described. Walt and Bob O'Donnell, who have served North Central as warehouse managers and fieldmen for the past 30 years, expressed this opinion" "With the competition in the wool industry and the need to serve the wool producers at the most efficient leve, this merger should produce the most efficient operation in the western states." Walt and Bob O'Donnell will continue as fieldmen for North Central Wool and will be buying both at Belle Fourche and Newell with the Hafner brothers.

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“Building Main Street, not Wall Street” by John Newby

Success is Measured by the Lives We Impact

The world lost a great man a couple years ago in Clayton Christensen. The Harvard School of Business professor authored some of the finest business books that have impacted hundreds of thousands of business executives and others. I well remember chatting with him years ago at a conference. He was a genuine gentleman and is missed. One of his greatest pieces of business advice was very simple and profound. Paraphrased, he said, “*Success is measured by the lives you touch and impact*”. It was no secret that this was his guiding philosophy regardless whether it was in his business or his personal life.

One might ask, while that might be great advice, what does that have to do with my community or business? When I look at our community, I believe how we positively impact the lives of those in our community is the ulti-



mate measurement of success. As Newton’s third law of motion tells us, “*For every action, there is an opposite and equal reaction*”. Every supportive action we take in our community makes an impact. Every dime we spend at a local establishment makes an impact. Casting a vote in a local election makes an impact. Every volunteer hour we spend helping or lifting people up in our community makes an impact. Every time we say a kind word to others impacts our community. When you view it through this lens, we can all have a great impact in our community and in the lives of those in our community.

We have all heard the term “unintended consequences” used, usually in a negative light. But let me share a positive economic “intended consequence” of our actions we can have control over.

While the community size

impacts the final numbers, the following example remains the same. Let’s say you live in a community of 20,000 residents. For this example, let’s assume the residents will travel to other nearby communities or cities to do some of their shopping, dining, and entertainment. Let’s also assume like most, many in your community are starting to shop online more and more each year.

What would be the impact if each resident were to make a conscious effort to spend \$25 more each month at a locally owned and operated business, they might have otherwise spent out-of-town or online? That small commitment to the local community would be enormous. That would equate to five hundred thousand dollars each month or six million dollars a year circulating throughout your small community. This “intended consequence” becomes a game changer in many communities.

How would an additional six million dollars impact the locally owned and operated business community? How many local jobs might that help create? How many more tax dollars

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are an excellent brain game. They are a type of word puzzle where you are given a word, and you have to figure out the word. Each letter is replaced by another letter. Here is an example:

"RMCQMG WFUXF KY JYV VMSXF ZMJ
JMW BJK ZYRUJI VCPVFG KY JYV
KMGMCNM VY HM CMSK."

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "That your mind as you would your own beloved sons and they will follow you into the deepest valley." — Sun Tzu

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1. Ketchup
2. Greeting
3. Legal document
4. Fruit
5. Bystander
6. Code
7. Bathhouse
8. Limited labor
9. Stage
10. River which
11. Youngster
12. Blue hole
13. Ancient land
14. Police
15. Developing powder
16. Hula
17. Ocean with (Fr)
18. World
19. Power
20. Ho
21. Fire
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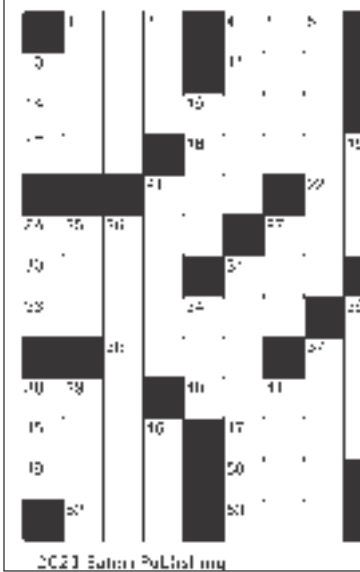
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MARIFSIERN
ATALANTA DEAD
YOMSCATARIA
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2. Fuel
3. Demon
4. Baltic island
5. Team of 7
6. Kind of music
7. Wife of Sator
8. Pyramidal (2 words)
9. Camp
10. Adjective forming (2 words)
11. Mics per
12. 64-140 faggot
13. Lava
14. Down
15. Pouch of corn
16. Water nymph
17. Sheep's cry
18. Wave back
19. Austral island
20. Irishman
21. 102 (Roman numeral)
22. Possessed
23. High (2 words)
24. California base on foot
25. Brokers
26. Small (2 words)
27. Tight spot
28. Passageway
29. Fall short
30. Fr. month
31. Eight days after local
32. Chin
33. Help
34. Ultimate degree

DOWN

1. Passover



Puzzle Answers on D4

would be available to assist with local roads, infrastructure and so forth? How would it feel to intentionally assist with the paving of your own roads in lieu of paving the roads of some far-off corporate headquarters?

Yes, we can surely impact so many lives in our community by our small and intentional actions. Not only how we treat people, but how we choose to spend our money can make a significant positive impact. When we look at our friends, co-workers, and neighbors, we can have a greater impact on their lives right here and right now more than we can imagine. We are all in this epic economic struggle together, local communities need to not only think truly local, but act that way as well.

I'll close with the quote I shared at the beginning by

Clayton Christensen with a slight modification, “Our local community’s success is measured by the lives we touch and impact.” Are we measuring up to that challenge or do we need to evaluate our lives and rededicate and commit to our local community? You can’t go wrong in thinking local, in fact, when it comes to measuring impact – it may very well be the only right thing to do.

John Newby is a nationally recognized Columnist, Publisher, Community, Business, Media, Strategic Consultant & Speaker. His “Building Main Street, not Wall Street,” column is enjoyed by 60+ communities around the country. As founder of Truly-Local, he assists community and business leaders in building synergies that create vibrant communities. He can be reached at: info@Truly-Localllc.com.

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

I am happy to report that this past weekend featured a very successful photography contest and reception - and many community members showed up to vote and celebrate the all the local photographers. Seeing the beautiful, humorous, emotional, and breathtaking photos was a real treat!

Now I encourage all to check out all the upcoming fine arts events these next few months as we pull ourselves closer to spring.

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.

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.

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**



Success capturing ‘Rural Life’

Mary Buchholz
news@bellefourchebeacon.com
The Belle Fourche Arts Council’s “Rural Life” photography contest was a joyous success, sharing photographs of our exciting and beautiful area. There were 18 contestants who entered a total of 63 photos. Each of the photographs submitted seemed to tell a story to the viewer.

These rural life stories are unique, and the majority of our urban nation never is able to experience these treasures abounding in western South Dakota. You could virtually experience the solitude of a lone cabin amid the myriad of night stars, enjoy autumn’s bright leaves cloaking a tree gently curved by the elements, or feel the satisfaction of viewing a day’s work well done from the tractor at the Tri State Museum’s reception held Saturday evening, after the judging was completed and winners announced.

Area photographer Hunter Anderson and BHSU professor of photography Scott Chandler did the judging, with the crowd

agreeing with their choices. The winners of the People’s Choice youth landscape were Tayler Duncan and Mark Carroll, youth wildlife Taylor Duncan and youth people category winner Duncan Carroll. For the People’s Choice in the adult’s categories were Landscape Sentel Schrier, Wildlife Bob Newland and People was Sentel Schrier

These photographs captured coyotes feasting on their prey, the grandeur of mountain peaks, a pristine view of a single bird on a branch, a mountain forest, prairie dogs embracing, and sheep nuzzling noses. A wide variety of our rural life was displayed. You could enjoy bright autumn golden leaves cloaking a tree bent by the elements, or feel the muscles straining during a hard day’s work and end with a glorious sunset above the trees while distant geese fly south.

Winners in the 1st Art Council’s Rural Life Expressions were Youth Wildlife had one entry by Taylor Duncan, called Butterfly; youth landscape winners were Mark Carroll

with his “Meadowbrook Golf course” for 1st; 2nd was Taylor Duncan with her “Foggy Day in Spearfish Canyon” and 3rd for Mark Carroll’s “Landscape Layers”. The winners in the youth category of People were 1st Tayler Duncan/Title: ‘My Younger Sister on a Snowy Day’;2nd Tayler Duncan/Title: ‘My Friend’;3rd - Mark Carroll/Title: ‘Dusk In A Wheat Field’

In the adult category Landscape, 1st place went to Sentel Schrier’s Rustic Rake, 2nd to Jamie Hockenbary for “Hayfield Near Fruitdale, and 3rd goes to Kaden Kirk for “Little House near St. Onge. In People category, 1st place went to Sentel Scheir for her “Chipping Ice”; 2nd to Jamie Hocekn-bary’s “Family Near Spearfish Falls”;and 3rd to Hope Lund. The winners in the wildlife category were 1st Ron Raber with his “Angus in The Mist”; 2nd Leith Sandness’s “Tree Sparrow near Belle Fourche” Sental Schier’s “Cold Snap” was the 3rd place in wildlife. All the prize-winning entries will be on display at the Tri-State Museum.



Area photographer Hunter Anderson and BHSU professor of photography Scott Chandler did the judging, with the crowd agreeing with their choices. *Hunter Anderrson Photo*



Mike Reade’ and Hillary Anderson study the photos as the choose their “peoples choice selections. *Hunter Anderrson Photo*

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Can't Go Wrong Getting Strong

At this time of year, many people are focused on fitness so it's worth looking at what fitness really means. The dictionary defines fit as "sound physically and mentally, healthy." Using that definition, many "fitness" routines fall short of the goal.

If you don't enjoy running and dread every workout, you're falling short of the "sound mentally" portion. Exercise should be enjoyable, reduce stress, and leave you feeling better, not worse.

Losing weight, getting to the gym more often or getting into "better shape" are all common new year goals. These all require increasing your amount of physical activity.

More activity is great for your health, energy levels, sleep, and mood. However, ramping up your activity level too quickly after a holiday season of eating, drinking and being merry can lead to pain, injury, and disappointment if your body isn't ready for it.

NO PAIN, NO GAIN? HOW ABOUT, SORE BUT SAFE.

Exercise should also leave you feeling better physically. If you can run a fast time in a 5k, but have aches and pains for days after, you're not "sound physically."

If you are increasing your PR in the squat rack, but your joint pain is increasing right along with it, you're not "sound physically" either. Sure, some muscle soreness and fatigue after a hard workout is normal. But if you're having pain that doesn't go away, sore joints or trouble moving after exercise, you're developing movement dysfunction along with your fitness.

Go back to the dictionary and you'll find that dysfunction is "impaired or abnormal functioning." So, movement dysfunction is impaired or abnormal movement.

When someone has a movement problem like a sore joint, limited range of motion or strength loss, the brain finds a

way to get the body to do what it wants. That usually means moving in a way that is less than optimal. For a while, it works. But eventually it leads to injury.

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Most common injuries from new fitness routines are caused by underlying weakness, range of motion deficits, or compensatory movement patterns. Your PT will find these during your assessment. They can then prescribe exercises or movements to address the issues found and get you safely moving into the new year!

The other common way people get injured working towards their resolution is with overtraining or doing too much too soon. Physical therapists are also experts in exercise prescription and program design. Your PT can help you create a routine specific to your needs and goals that will progress appropriately and keep you out of trouble.

So, stop only thinking of your PT after you're injured. In this case, it's true that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Seeing your Physical Therapist before you start on your resolution can keep you on track, injury free, and help you reach your goals for the new year!

You know exercise is important to your health. It helps you feel better physically, gives you energy, and helps you deal with the stress of your busy life. But

what do you do when life gets too busy to take an exercise class, go for a run, or go to the gym?

It's easy to start skipping exercise when life gets busy, but that leads to less energy, and aches and pains cropping up. This makes you want to exercise even less and leads to a downward spiral. That means that finding time to exercise when life is busy is even more important.

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Landowners look to ‘level the playing field’ in eminent domain struggle against pipelines

Bill limits land seizure powers to pipelines transporting commodities

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PIERRE — A pair of pipeline companies planning projects in South Dakota would have to prove that they are transporting a commodity in order to be granted eminent domain powers, under legislation that inched forward Monday.

Navigator CO2 Ventures and Summit Carbon Solutions intend to pump carbon dioxide from regional ethanol plants to underground storage locations using pipelines stretching across South Dakota. But landowners along the proposed routes who say the companies shouldn’t be entitled to compulsory land acquisition powers typically reserved for the building of utilities are finding sympathy in the Legislature.

“I think it’s OK if this company goes out and continues to voluntarily negotiate with landowners,” House Majority Leader Will Mortenson said during a four hour proceeding where a series of eminent domain reform bills were

consider in the House State Affairs Committee. “But eminent domain is no small thing.”

Mortenson’s remarks came before the committee recommended passage of legislation stipulating that landowners cannot be forced to grant access to their property for pipelines if the final destination of the materials, products or goods being transported is for “geological storage” or for the purpose of obtaining a tax credit.

And because that’s what both Navigator and Summit plan to do, the measure would have major implications on their eminent domain powers should it end up earning the governor’s signature.

“If all you’re doing is putting (carbon) into permanent sequestration in exchange for the tax credits, it’s not a commodity, and this updates our code to make that clarification,” Mortenson said.

Navigator and Summit representatives say that while their initial plans are to store the carbon underground, new uses for carbon are emerging in the market that will eventually be utilized.

Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Navigator’s vice-president of government and public affairs, said right now, commercial uses for carbon include dry ice, food and

beverage and livestock processing. But demand for those products are dwarfed by the amount of carbon being produced. But that could change, she said.

“We see this infrastructure fulfilling the need of both sequestration but also utilization, commercialization down the road, so it fits both of those buckets,” she said. “(That’s) what we are looking to develop.”

The committee also approved House Bill 1230, which says that a party seeking condemnation in an eminent domain case must make its best offer before initiating a lawsuit.

Right now, if a last, best offer to a landowner is found by a jury to be 20 percent less than fair market value, the initiating party has to pay the land owner’s attorney fees.

The measure’s prime sponsor, Rep. Marty Overweg, said current law allows the party seeking condemnation to make its last offer just before trial.

“This means that a landowner could incur substantial attorney fees and costs only to have the first decent offer dropped on them before the trial starts,” he said.

No member for the State Affairs Committee voted against HB-1233.



Debate over eminent domain reform filled a fourth-floor committee room at the state Capitol to capacity Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. (Austin Goss/Dakota News Now Photo)

Don’t single carbon pipelines out of eminent domain

Ethanol producer says uniform process brings fairness, good for state

Dear Editor,

Recently, Representative Mortenson (R-Pierre) wrote an editorial outlining his thoughts regarding eminent domain and carbon pipelines. Rep. Mortenson believes the legislature should look at changing decades old policies to pick and choose which projects should have the right to use eminent domain, despite the harm such changes may bring to our state’s number one industry. While I appreciate the House Majority Leader’s self-professed warmth for ethanol, I find his premises don’t meet the facts and his conclusions to be missing some accurate considerations.

The proposed Carbon Capture pipelines are common carriers under the law. They are transportation entities which have contracted with others to transport goods for a fee. They conduct open seasons and maintain capacity for walk up

shippers with goods to transport, which meet the specifications of the pipeline. In all respects, the proposed pipelines are organized and proposed like the many other pipelines which transport gas and oil for a fee. Why would we apply different rules to these pipelines which compete with them and support our most significant industry? We wouldn’t.

Rep. Mortenson professes to be for eminent domain for other uses but against the use of eminent domain for the carbon capture pipelines. South Dakota has had laws on the books for the use of eminent domain for more than 100 years. The laws are critical for the viability of such projects and for the fair treatment of landowners. The South Dakota House of Representatives wouldn’t function well if each member had a complete veto over legislation. Pipelines can’t be constructed in that situation either.

The ethanol industry is important to South Dakota, and I’m glad to agree with him in that respect. More than one of every two rows of corn grown in this state is sold for use in renewable fuels. Corn prices and land prices have been built upon and depend upon this market.

Yet the ethanol industry is under tremendous pressure going forward. Fuel markets worldwide are demanding a less carbon intensive product. And renewable fuels produced elsewhere are seeking to meet that demand squarely. Carbon capture and sequestration represent the most economical way, by far, to lower carbon scores and meet the developing demand. Without carbon capture and sequestration, our state’s renewable fuel industry is at a disadvantage and future opportunities at risk. One can’t be for ethanol and be against carbon capture at the same time. That is a position which doesn’t exist in the real world.

Sincerely,

Walt Wendland, CEO

Ringneck Energy



Ringneck Ethanol Power Plant President and CEO Walt Wendland points to where carbon emissions are exhausted from the 80-million-gallon ethanol production facility in Onida, S.D. Summit Carbon Solution plans to capture the carbon and transport it to North Dakota, where it would be placed underground as early as 2024. (Joe Sneve / The Dakota Scout)

Are RV’ers welcome in South Dakota?

Full-time ‘nomad’ says South Dakota should embrace RV citizens

Dear Editor: South Dakota is a prime state for tourism and goes out of the way to cater not only to tourists, but also citizens such as ourselves.

No. We do not have a permanent house, home, apartment or own land in South Dakota. Our residency exists in the way of a mail box service. We qualify as having a Federal Government address for U.S. citizenship and South Dakota citizenship.

So why South Dakota? The question takes many avenues to explain and can become extremely verbiage loaded, but we want to stick mainly to why South Dakota is so great. We fear for changes to the state and local governing rules, regulations, laws and licensing, which could put an end to what we enjoy as a lifestyle.

Most nomads such as ourselves are independent and conservative in how we live, think and vote. Being citizens of South Dakota for almost four years has been a struggle in how to find out about the political process and on going legislation which pertains to us living our lifestyle.

Next would be our local governing changes that put curbs on RV’ers living the independent life. For example, using Pennington County for a Concealed Carry Permit comes with a requirement that one must spend 30 days in the county. The Sheriff’s Department does a background check and proof is given that a Conceal Carry Class has been completed. State legislation bars someone from purchasing a handgun if they do not have a physical address within South Dakota.

These are just a couple of restraints curbing the lifestyle we have chosen. We have seen this when trying to purchase a handgun in another state, but why should it be in your domicile state. Yes, we have been told then choose another state. That would be the easy way out, rather than finding a way to be represented as a group of citizens in a state that we love and choose to represent.

With a South Dakota meeting on Jan. 14, 2023, to either keep GOP precinct individuals who worked tirelessly to elect conservatives to our legislature or to drop them and turn the entire state into California, New York, or Minnesota.

Having lived in Minnesota and Wisconsin for 30-plus years apiece and see these states crumble into crime ridden slews is heartbreaking. The change that could take place would basically make the nomad’s unrepresented vote irrelevant, but also make most South Dakota’s represented voters void. Going from a conservative state to a cesspool of crime like the three states mentioned above.

Being an unrepresented voter block in the state of South Dakota may seem like a petty gripe, but let us look at the possible repression of our voices.

Having done some research there are approximately 30,000 full-time nomads registered in Pennington County, based on phone interviews. Now Sioux Falls also has some mail services available for full-time nomads mail service and license registration. For agencies that would give information, the total was about 10,000. Several other mailbox services are available throughout the state come with an estimated 5,000 nomads. Based on those figures, my total estimate, on the low end, would be 45,000 RVers legally registered as South Dakota citizens. Now given about two-thirds are married or have a companion with them, the estimate could be as high as 74,000 living our lifestyle.

South Dakota has 597,000 registered voters, with 355,000 voting in the last election. The unrepresented voter block of nomad’s being 21 percent of those who actually voted, or 12 percent of total registered voters.

Before the nay-sayers impute, yes, some of the nomad’s voted. We were among them. However, this voter block could upturn any election if we organized and banded together.

Despite our influence and desire to keep South Dakota as it is, several candidates running for the last election totally rejected our effort to help them get elected. This is what happened in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and several other states as well. Now look where these states are.

The workforce in Missouri, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California on this Snowbird trip has proven to be lacking. Drive-ins do not have enough help. Getting repairs done on vehicles proves time consuming just to find a place with enough help, and then if they can get the parts. Most business’s hire mature seniors because they show up and work, but what happens when we can longer work or die? The legalizing of Marijuana, Gummy’s and other THC products has caused a detriment to the workforce. Seeing vans in New Mexico selling legal drugs from closed abandoned businesses for a couple of hours and then moving along to another spot to sell more. They put out banners advertising their wares so you stop by and purchase from them.

South Dakota citizens, please consider keeping our state pure and clean. The wrong people in office who conform opposite to Vince Foster’s book, “Money, Sex and Power” — and I add “fame” — could completely ruin the state of South Dakota and change it into a cesspool of corruption. Take the time to regurgitate our verbiage and think what it would be like to be a citizen of a state and not be represented.

Justin Mallmann
Full-time RVers & Pennington County voter

Lobbying of Frye-Mueller’s husband under scrutiny

More accusations fly between censured senator and colleagues

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PIERRE — The lobbying activities of state Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller’s husband have spurred a bill barring lawmaker spouses from lobbying. But sponsors of the measure say it is unrelated to what led to her censure this week.

Senate Bill 197 went live on the Senate’s public bill log hours before senators voted to discipline the Rapid City lawmaker for workplace harassment.

“When will the attacks end?” Frye-Mueller asked in a statement issued Wednesday evening, noting the proposed ban on lawmaker spouses doubling as lobbyists.

But the bill’s prime sponsor, Sen. Mike Rohl, told The Dakota Scout this week that the measure is not related to the incident that got Frye-Mueller suspended. However, it does

have its origins in the activities of the Pennington County couple.

That’s because Mueller is a register lobbyist for the ultra-conservative special interest group Citizens for Liberty, and reportedly distributed lobbying materials to legislators’ during times when Senate and House chambers are closed to lobbyists.

“Are you a spouse or a lobbyists? Because it was hard to tell,” Rohl said. “My bill is to start a conversation related to the appropriateness, and conflicts of interest of having the ability to claim both spousal and lobbyists privileges simultaneously.”

While multiple senators who spoke with The Scout confirmed Mueller distributed his organizational materials during the first week of the Legislative Session and that the Sargent in Arms had to address the matter.

Point

This past Sunday, tens of millions of dollars was wagered on Super Bowl LVII in South Dakota. Unfortunately, about 99 percent will be wagered illegally, or South Dakota residents will cross state lines into Iowa, Wyoming and North Dakota.

In November 2020, voters passed Amendment B by a 58 percent YES vote to “...allow sports betting within the city limits of Deadwood.” Then in September 2021, the South Dakota Commission on Gaming began allowing retail-walk-



Garrett Gross

South Dakota sports betting — an untapped resource

Guest column by Garrett Gross, Dakota Gaming Group president & co-founder

up sports betting only within the physical boundaries of the brick-and-mortar casinos in Deadwood.

Over the past 16 months, approximately \$10 million has been wagered in Deadwood, yielding about \$80 thousand in taxes. In comparison to Iowa, in just December 2022 alone, \$230 million was wagered with \$1.3 million collected in taxes. In Wyoming, for December 2022, \$15 million was wagered with \$135 thousand in taxes generated for that month alone.

To say sports betting in South Dakota has been a success, simply is not true. The approximately \$80 thousand in taxes generated the past 15 months might pay the annual salary of a single state employee. There are literally millions in tax dollars being left on the table based on the current system. There are now more than 30 states that allow sports betting, and South Dakota is in last place for Handle, Hold and Taxes Generated. This remains true per capita, or

any adjusted measure examined, and it is not close. With the current model in South Dakota, only the illegal operators and neighboring states are the winners. They avoid taxes and siphon off tax dollars from the state.

Fortunately, there are two bills to improve this in front of the legislature this session. Both of which will do just that, and both should be passed. First, Senate Bill 209 is a solution that involves the states’ licensed bars as affiliate locations that will have kiosks where patrons can place wagers. This is a logical first step that is in compliance with the Constitutional Amendment in 2020; as all bets will be placed “...within the city limits of Deadwood”, through a licensed sportsbook provider with servers located within a licensed Deadwood casino.

This will enable proprietors of bars to have an additional revenue stream via affiliate royalties from licensed

sportsbooks and they will have substantial secondary revenue increases in food/beverage sales due to this opportunity. More state sportsbook taxes will be paid as will more local sales taxes. There will be more money kept in towns like Milbank and Vermillion whereas currently only Deadwood businesses benefit from sports betting. These retailers have experience in gaming via Video Lottery and have staff trained to ensure only patrons over 21 years of age participate.

Secondly, House Joint Resolution 5006 has been introduced with the goal of putting “Mobile Sports Betting” on the ballot for 2024. This is a constitutional amendment approach to have the voters change the constitution to specifically state that “Mobile Sport Betting” be permitted though providers who are licensed by the State and partner with a Deadwood casino.

Both SB 209 and HJR 5006 don’t expand gaming; what

they do is convert a black-market into a licensed, regulated and taxed market. This is better for the taxpayer, the sportsbook-casino operator and the state.

Opponents to these bills argue that problem gamblers will now have more access to these activities. This is not true. Currently, gamblers can access an illegal website or operator anytime, anyplace in the state. If someone has a gambling problem there is no way they can be prevented from playing. In a licensed, regulated and taxed system the player needs to prove who they are and if they are on a No-Play List, they cannot participate. It’s that simple, the current system turns a blind eye to these people, and that is worse than not addressing the issue.

Garrett Gross is the president and co-founder of Harrisburg-based Dakota Gaming Group, Inc. and BETKOTA, one of fewer than 30 nationally-licensed sportsbooks operators.

Counterpoint

This year the legislature will be looking again at the topic of online sports betting. House Joint Resolution 5006 seeks to expand the constitution’s language on sports betting to include mobile platforms. The change would enable casinos in Deadwood to receive bets from a mobile device anywhere in the state, which is a dramatic expansion from what voters passed previously — the ability to place a bet inside a Deadwood casino.

The current laws allow for someone to place a bet inside a casino in Deadwood. This barely passed the House of Representatives, after failing the previous year.

The legislature generally defeats expansions of gambling because they see the harmful effects of addiction. But this didn’t appear too harmful. Sitting with your friends and betting on a game while you enjoy a burger didn’t seem like a harmful thing. Definitely not something you could compulsively spend your paycheck

Expanding sports gaming a bad bet for S. Dakota

Guest column by Norman Woods, Family Heritage Alliance

on without anyone noticing. Definitely not something with a high risk of addiction.

Talk to any counselor, any pastor, any therapist, any addiction specialist and they will tell you that isolation is a key ingredient in any addiction. The addicted person will always seek isolation. As one former addict explained, “If you are a compulsive gambler, you will not win on willpower alone. You will go deeper and darker than you ever imagined, and it takes a community of people to overcome this.”

What does HJR5006 remove? Community.

HJR5006 would take something that’s currently done in community, and transform it into something done in isolation. It would transform sports betting into something with high potential for addiction.

It’s no secret that in America we love sports. Passions run high as we cheer for our favorite teams and discuss their odds. Fans talk about each player as

if they know them. Friends playfully argue and debate as if they had inside knowledge of what’s really going to happen.

When we look at on-demand mobile sports betting, all of this playful energy works to convince the gambler that their bets are safe. That they can trust their team.

You can’t predict a slot machine, but you can place trust in a team or a player. This feeling of control and sense of trust, paired with the playful energy of competition, is driving people into financial ruin. CNN Business reported only days ago of a young man who lost over \$100,000 due to his addiction.

Here in South Dakota we have a gambling problem. We have addicts across the state. We have families suffering, and state coffers profiting. An estimated 20 percent of addicts will attempt suicide. An estimated 60 percent of addicts will commit some sort of crime because of their addiction.



Norman Woods

burger is one thing — placing unlimited bets on your phone in isolation is another.

The answer is clear. We should avoid turning something that’s currently done in community into something that is done in isolation. Even the South Dakota Department of Social Services and Department of Revenue agree with us that this is a bad move for our state.

We should tell the big out-of-state corporations like FanDuel and DraftKings to go somewhere else. In South Dakota, we do life in community.

Counties could join forces to borrow for new jails, public safety operations

Regional jail authorities would have taxing powers

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Cash-strapped South Dakota counties that band together to pay for new jails could get new taxing powers under legislation advancing through the state Legislature this week.

The cost of housing or transporting inmates — sometimes both — has rural counties in crises.

Faced with aging jails, no jails at all or exorbitant costs of renting beds in other jurisdictions, counties have for years pled for help from the state. And while additional revenues have been hard to come by, Senate Bill 74 would allow counties to levy a new property tax if they join a regional jail

authority.

Right now, counties can form compacts and collaborate on capital projects, including jails. But state law does not allow for counties to bond for projects together, nor can they implement any taxes beyond the existing property tax levies they already collect.

Under the measure, a regional jail authority of two or more counties could create a new property tax of 90 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable valuation on properties within the authority.

“The basic premise is to allow them to bond over multiple counties so that they can spread the cost,” Sen. Jim Stalzer said. “And it also reduces the risk to

the bond holder because there is a broader base to pay this off.”

Should the bill pass, regional jail authorities could set different tax rates within its jurisdiction, meaning some partnering counties could contribute more or less to building and operating a jail than others within the same authority.

That could be based on population or use and control of the facility.

“The overarching theme here is flexibility,” said Sen. Helene Duhamel, an employee of the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office.

“It can be a group of equal partners or one heavy user and then counties that don’t use the jail a lot.”

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem calls out education lobby after death of ‘educational freedom’ initiative

Lawmakers rejected \$15M request to fund home-schooling, private school students

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PIERRE — A panel of South Dakota senators this week said no to a pilot program that would have granted families with foster children to receive educational scholarships of up to \$4,000.

But it’s the South Dakota education lobby that should be blamed for killing the \$15-million initiative coming from the governor’s office.

That’s according to Gov. Kristi Noem, who Friday released a scathing op-ed accusing the state’s teachers union and others public education advocacy groups of lying to the Senate Education Committee before it voted 4-2 to reject the creation of the “Stronger Families Scholarship” fund.

Lobbyists with the teachers’ union and other establishment organizations killed the bill by lying about what it did,” wrote Noem, who says foster families often have additional expenses related to their foster children’s school as many require specialized education plans.

Groups like the Associated School Board of South Dakota, School Administrators of South Dakota, South Dakota Unified Schools Association and the South Dakota Education Association voiced opposition to the bill, saying the funding of what are often referred to as “vouchers” would bleed resources from the public school education system.

During opposition testimony,

some of those groups testified that public schools provide those specialized education plans to all students who need them at no additional charge to families.

Noem, though, says that isn’t true.

“The fact is that public schools do deny education to students on ‘individual education plans,’ or IEPs, in certain circumstances,” she wrote. “They also claimed that private schools don’t accept kids on these plans, but a foster parent who testified in support of the bill has three children with IEPs who all attend private school right now.

When reached for comment, the South Dakota Education Association did not directly address the specific accusations laid out in Noem’s op-ed, but a spokesperson for the organization said foster family assistance should not be under the umbrella of the Department of Education.

“The South Dakota Education Association agrees that the state must do everything we can to help children who have endured the trauma of abuse and neglect,” said Sandra Waltman, SDEA’s director of government relations and communications. “We just disagree that (Senate Bill) 100 is the best approach. Instead we believe those dollars should be targeted at the Department of Social Services, which is responsible for making the custodial decisions for children in foster care.”

Constitutional amendment would open up South Dakota primaries to all voters

State political parties right now limit who can participate in biennial primary elections

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A group of political activists want all South Dakotans to be able to participate in partisan primary elections.

A campaign committee calling itself South Dakota Open Primaries filed paperwork with the South Dakota Legislative Research Council Wednesday that seeks to place a constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot. It would force the state’s political parties to allow any registered voter to participate in biennial primary elections.

“We believe that primary elections in South Dakota should be open to all voters regardless of political affiliation,” said Joe Kirby, a registered Republican chairing the campaign committee. “Under our current system, too many South Dakotans are excluded from the primary process. It’s time to let all voters vote.”

State law right now allows political parties to exclude

non-members from participating in primaries. The South Dakota Democratic Party allows Democrats and independents to vote in the nomination process that precedes general elections. However, the state GOP does not allow non-Republicans to participate in its primaries.

The proposed ballot initiative seeks to establish a top-two open primary system for candidates running for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, governor, state Legislature and county elective offices. If successfully placed on the 2024 ballot and adopted by voters, all the candidates would compete in a single primary open to all South Dakota voters. The two candidates that receive the most votes would advance to the general election. Party affiliation of candidates, or lack thereof, would be indicated on the ballot, according to the organization.

Others involved in South Dakota Open Primaries are De Knudson, a former member of

the Sioux Falls City Council, and Thomas Dempster, a Republican who served in the state Legislature and on the Minnehaha County Commission.

The board of directors of South Dakota Open Primaries is composed of Kirby, Knudson, Dempster, and Drey Samuelson, former chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson.

The South Dakota Legislative Research Council has 15 work days to review the text of the proposed constitutional amendment and provide comments to the sponsors. After that, the sponsors must file their final initiative text with the South Dakota Attorney General and the South Dakota Legislative Research Council in order to receive a ballot title, a ballot explanation, and, if necessary, a fiscal note.

To qualify for the November 2024 ballot, South Dakota Open Primaries would need to collect signatures from about 35,000 registered South Dakota voters.

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Mr. Wyatt Vander Vorst along with 28 of his junior and senior students and para, Roxie Castillo left for Pierre, SD, bright and early at 5:00am on Wednesday morning, Feb. 8. They pulled into Pierre around 9:30 a.m. CST. The group split up and sat in on different morning meetings with the legislature. With this they learned how committees met and discussed bills before they were sent to the Senate or House floors for discussion. They met at the rotunda steps to take a picture with Governor Kristi Noem and Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden. The Whatever It Takes Coalition hosted a luncheon with the help of Donna Wetz, Suzanne Wetz and Aileen Brunner for the students and elected officials at the Matthew’s Training Center conference room. Each of the elected official explained to the student about what their job is in Pierre, SD and answered any questions the students had. The elected officials that took time out of their busy schedule to stop by were Representative Kirk Chaffee, Representative Gary Cammack, Senator Dean Wink, Public Lands Director Brock Greenfield, Public Utility Commissioners Gary Hanson, Kristie Feigen and Chris Nelson, Attorney General Marty Jackley, and Secretary of State Monae Johnson.

Sec. Johnson gave each of the students a South Dakota Constitution book to take home with them. There was a brief time for questions and answers. Among questions asked by the students were regarding what kind of education you need to be a congressman and, more simply, do you like your job?

“We had a very informational lunch with many legislators, where they talked to us about the importance of their jobs and how they came to find themselves in the position they are in,” said Newell student

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A Visit to the Capital



The Newell Whatever It Takes Coalition helped sponsor a trip to the state capital on February 8th for several Newell High School students. They spent the day learning about how government works and meeting their elected officials. The story is at left.

Pictured: Front row L to R: Governor Kristi Noem, Mr. Wyatt Vander Vorst, Vinne Lewis, Liv Loehner, Mary Mahaffy, Kelsi Clements, Rylee Nelson, Sophia Johnston, Alanna Neely, Roxie Castillo, Sabrina Harmon, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden. 2nd Row: Josie Raisanen, Seth White, Abrym Heinert, William Juelfs, Kim Johnson, Rachel Erk, Kaylee Gatzke, Asiah Schaefer. 3rd Row: Justin Yates, Megan Jackson, Charles Clements, Jealyn Wendt, James Duncan, Aundra Stark, Conor Kenny Back Row: Gavin Tesch, Colton Niles, Austin Wise, Eli Myers, Hunter Boury, Peyton Carter.

The W.I.T. Coalition will be hosting a Legislative Cracker Barrel in the Newell City Hall on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 9:30 am. Students are encouraged to attend and will further their political knowledge with their attendance and bringing along their parents, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. - Courtesy Photo

Another Newell Science Fair in the Books

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NEWELL – The annual Newell science fair and 8th grade business fair are in the books. The morning started early, with vendor booths opening at 7:45 for those students who worked out a product, created a business plan and created that product for sale at the annual 8th grade business fair at Newell school. Students lined up their tables as other students, parents and friends meandered along, purchasing a host of home-made items, some quite unique. It ended at 11:30 after items that included homemade

crosses, bracelets, necklaces, sugar candy, dream catchers and tons of other items.

“This helps support the learning process as you purchase unique homemade items,” said organizer Luaine Shaykett.

Then it was on to viewing the science fair booths and attend the awards program at 12:15 in the middle school gym.

Overall grand champion was William Erk with his “Can Sheep Recognize Faces,” entry.

This is an appropriate entry for this young sheepherder.

Reserve champion went to OE Schoch with an entry titled “Run Away from the Frying Pan.”

Evelyn Ahart wone first in the chemistry division while Jackson Duncan took first in physical science. Nevada Donehey took the top spot in animal science and Jenna Yule grabbed first in behavioral/social science. Jasper Gardener took K-2

Science fair winner.

Paul Raisanen took first place in engineering/electricity and Bristol Bachmann took the top spot in biology/botany as well as the Butte County Conservation Award.

Honorable mentions went to Jerome Fergen, Cora Fergen and Oscar Gardner.

Also recognized at the awards was Khloe Rivera, the middle school student of the month for February.

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Newell science fair winners included: (back from left) Evelyn Ahart, Jenna Yule, Paul Raisanen, Jackson Duncan, William Erk. (front from left) OE Schoch, Nevada Donehey and Bristol Bachmann. - Brunner photo

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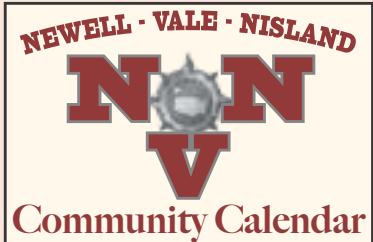


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South Dakota Lions Foundation: Last year the lucky winner of our Buffalo Hunt Raffle from Colorado gifted the prize to his daughter for her 18th birthday - here she is after a successful hunt at #timberlakeelkodge this past fall. The drawing for our 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. 16: BBB/GBB vs Dupree at Newell, 3 p.m.; Junior Class Chili Cookoff during the game. 5:30-7:30.

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. 18: Meat Raffle at Outlaw Bar in Belle Fourche-to support the Butte Co. Fire Protection Assn. 2-4 p.m.

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.

Feb. 27: BBB-Regions, see school website for time/place.

Feb. 28: BBB-1/4 finals, see school website for time/place.

Mar. 2: GBB-SoDak16, see school website for time/place.

Mar. 3: BBB-Semi-finals, see school website for time/place.

Mar. 4: Whistle Stop Market, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. NVN Senior Center. Call 605-641-5510 for more info or to register.

Mar. 7: Feeding SD distribution, 1 p.m. at NVN Senior center

Mar. 18: Spring vendor event-Vale Country Church 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

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MONDAY, FEB 20

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

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Applesauce, Milk, Applesauce, Milk

TUESDAY, FEB 21

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Milk

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WEDNESDAY, FEB 22

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Lunch: Tangerine Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Tropical Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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Newell February Student of the Month



Khloe Rivera was recognized as the February Student of the Month for the Newell school.
- Brunner photo

Meat Raffle for Rodeo Grounds Grandstands

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NEWELL – A new way to fundraise that is becoming popular is a “meat raffle.” Meat is either donated or purchased and raffle tickets are sold for an opportunity to win a set amount of packaged meat, the amount which will be determined by the Newell Community Club. You might think of it a bit like sitting on a pile of beef, pork, chicken, etc. when you sit on the new Newell rodeo grandstands in the future.

The community club is following the latest trend and providing a great opportunity for the public to support the endeavor that the club has been working toward for some time. Anyone who has ever attended

an event at the Newell Rodeo grounds understands the deteriorated condition of the grandstands and the desire of the club to replace them with a safer solution.

“Come and join us for a chance to win different cuts and kinds of meat,” said one of the organizers, Lorri Olson. “There will be multiple rounds where you have the chance to win.”

You must be present to purchase tickets, win and select your meat. And, you must e 21 to play.

A little about the way the event works remains to be seen as at press time few details about just how the raffle will work are not defined. All that is known is there will be several rounds.

The meat raffle has evolved

from a small gathering of people at a local bar in Wisconsin to 300 person events in the Buffalo, New York region. In Buffalo, the meat raffle is a form of fundraiser for whatever non-profit organization is throwing it. The meat raffle has gained popularity, partly because of the scarcity of meat products that are affordable. The chance to “win” a large amount for the purchase of a fairly inexpensive ticket and support a local non-profit like the Newell Community Club at the same time is appealing.

This first drawing was held on February 11 at 4 p.m. at the Newell Bar. And yes, once again, you must be present to win. For more information, call 605-801-0272.

From D1

Capital

Megan Jackson. “Most of them emphasized the steppingstones that they took to get there, even when they didn’t expect this to be where they ended up.”

Following the luncheon, they went back to the Capital Building for a tour.

“I like the architecture of the Capitol building,” said student Elisha Meyer. “If we go next year I’d like to get a picture with one of the senators.”

The students were then able to sit in on the Senate side of the afternoon sessions. Senator

Wink introduced us by asking for a personal privilege from the speaker of the senate. After listening and watching the senate in session the students moved over to the House of Representative side.

The group was able to observe a debate going on regarding a bill which would allow licensing golf carts to be driven on roads.

“What I liked about the trip was learning how a new law is made in a legal court, and in my opinion, I would recommend doing this trip next year,” said student Justin Yate.

Senator Wink asked for the

personal privilege to introduce us and shortly after that it was time to leave. The students took the time to stop at the Pizza Ranch buffet in Ft. Pierre before heading home.

“The legislative trip was enjoyable and educational for students as well as myself,” said Vander Vorst. “I think the highlight for many kids was getting to see the state capitol for the first time. Sitting in committee hearings and getting to see the legislative process at work was also good. Students came to school the next day with many questions and comments on the previous day’s events.”

Gods and Goddesses—Say What?

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NEWELL – Wyatt Vander Vorst teaches social sciences at Newell school. And he uses some methods that are a bit on the unique side. And, based on the fact that he has a packed out class for an elective class like Ancient History, that says a lot.

On Wednesday, January 25, these students that range from freshmen through seniors, were working on trading cards of the 11 Egyptian gods and goddesses complete with pictures and information the students had learned throughout the last two weeks.

“Ladies and gentlemen, you need to also give the significance of the god or goddess,” Vander Vorst said as he gave instructions.

The eleven gods and goddesses included: Osiris, Isis, Horus, Set, Ptah, Re, Hathor, Anubis, Thoth, Bastet, and Amon.

Some students worked digitally on their computers, accessing information on the internet and plugging it into a photoshop style program. Others worked with index cards or just pieces of paper.

“I didn’t know I was so good at cats,” said Charlie Clements of his drawing of

Egyptian god Bastet. “This is really, really good.”

The students recently created mummies and sarcophaguses as part of the Egyptian assignment. Most of the students worked hard during the class hour but did not finish. When Vander Vorst realized that none of the students would get finished

with the total number of gods and goddesses he said he would give them the next class period to finish.

“They let me know by how hard they work how much they enjoy it,” said the popular teacher. Next up is Greek and Romans.



Taylor Gaer, Rylee Nelson and Mary Mahaffy work on getting cards of information filled out before working on their pictures of the god or goddess. - Brunner photo

Grand River Roundup

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We had another mostly nice warm week with the exception of Thursday when it was only 34 degrees.

There's a new baby! Little Abigail Amanda was born to Ethan and Tessah Anderson in Dickinson on Tuesday, February 7th, and weighing 6lbs and 9oz. Congratulations!

The guys here spent Tuesday moving snow and cleaning the shed up west of the place to get it ready for moving the cows and their calves up there after they calve. Missy rode into Buffalo with Casey that afternoon to help Amanda with the little people at the girls' basketball game with Dupree that evening.

There are more deaths to report this week. Dan Penn, age 75, of Buffalo, passed away Friday, February 2, at Monument Health in Spearfish after a long illness. A celebration of Dan's life will be held in the spring.

Myna (VanSlooten) Tescher, 102, passed away on February 3, at the Rolling Hills Care Center in Belle Fourche. Her funeral was Friday at the Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis with

burial next to her husband John Tescher at the Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis.

Trish (Reitz) Jeske's husband, Jim Jeske passed away peacefully at home in Bismarck at the age of 55, on February 8. Jim courageously battled cancer for over two years and leaves a legacy of leadership and service, and a positive approach to life with gratitude.

Olaf "Bud" Bjerke passed away peacefully on February 9th at the Western Horizons Care Center at the age of 93. Bud was born at the Bjerke farm located near Ralph and is survived by sisters Lorraine Gunderson of Hettinger and June Drolc of Ralph.

Wednesday was a beautiful day when Reub and I went to Hettinger to get stuff from Runnings and White Drug. We stopped and had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers on our way home through Reeder and had some delicious brownies and ice cream. Yummy!

It was pretty chilly when I went down to the church Thursday morning to quilt with Patsy



Wilkinson, Linda Mohagen, and Connie Weishaar. That morning we got an ambulance call for a guy over at the junction of 20 and 79 south of the Catholic Church. Pastor Henry Mohagen hauled Linda and me to help him. A lot of other EMTs showed up and took care of him until the ambulance showed up and hauled him to Hettinger. We're pretty isolated out here, but if you need medical help the EMTs show up really quick.

I left the quilting early to pick up Reub do go to our grandsons' basketball game in Spearfish. Cass is Guy and Megan's youngest son. He's in the eighth grade and plays with the Warriors from Gillette, Wyoming and it was fun to watch him play!

Missy brought Lanie and Matt's kids down here on Friday so Lanie could get some painting done up at their place at South Heart.

I had a good visit with Stu Cvrk Friday afternoon. Stu is the Bon Homme Republican County Chairman and also writes for The Epoch Times newspaper, a wonderful newspaper that June Hotchkiss gets and hands on to me. Stu Cvrk retired as a captain after serving 30 years in the U.S. Navy in a variety of active and reserve

capacities, with considerable operational experience in the Middle East and the Western Pacific. Through education and experience as an oceanographer and systems analyst, Cvrk is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he received a classical liberal education that serves as the key foundation for his political commentary. Stu is concerned about what some of the Republicans in Pierre are doing.

Reub and I went into Buffalo Saturday afternoon for the Cracker Barrel at the Lions Club Civic Center to hear what Sen. Ryan Maher and Rep. Neal Pinnow could tell us about what is going on in the legislature in Pierre this session. Lots of people had questions and it was an interesting afternoon.

Casey went to Buffalo Sunday morning to join Scott Besler, Brock Besler, Brad Johnson, John Latham, Pete Odell and Brad Mackaben as referees at the AAU wrestling tournament. Sunday was movie night at Slim Buttes Lutheran and we got to watch "Remember the Goal", a great movie for all ages and especially teens. It was about a Christian cross country coach doing what she knew best regardless of what other people told her and it all ended very well.

Pastor Brad Burkhalter, the cross country coach in Bison gave me this:

As a guitarist, I play many

gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

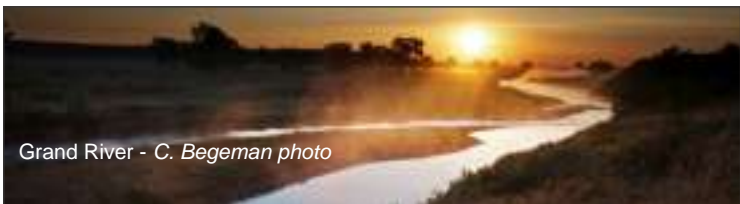
I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for the homeless man.

And I played 'Amazing Grace' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my guitar and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost....



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

February 6, 1913
A farmer came up from Kansas City is now looking for the owner of a couple of fingers he has in his possession. He came to market with a load of potatoes and started to sleep in his wagon until the market opened in the morning. He was disturbed by the moving of the canvas over the load and looking saw a hand slip beneath the canvass and abstract a couple of the tubers. The operation was repeated so many times that he could foresee nothing but the disappearance of the entire load unless he took sumonary action. Raising a sharp hatchet he had with him, the farmer smote the hand next time it appeared and the next morning he found 2 gauntly fingers in the wagon. The remainder of the potatoes was not molested.

By a recent order of the Department of the Interior hereafter all water right, building and operation and maintenance charges under the Belle Fourche irrigation Project will have to be paid to the fiscal agent at Newell. If remittance is made by mail it should be by bank draft (of issued by banks in town on or near the project), express or postal orders, the latter preferred when possible,

however, payment should be in lawful money.

February 8, 1923
The ground hog saw his shadow again this year. We have been having little touch of winter again, the thermometer going as low as 20 below zero on Friday. The basket social at the Mule Creek school house was not as well attended as anticipated on account of the cold weather. Six baskets were sold, bringing in a total of \$18.

The Alcazar Quintet has just finished a successful season on the Pacific Coast. They are entertainers that cannot be beaten. At the Newell High School auditorium on Tuesday the Alcazar Quartette is the 4th number of the lecture course. It is the big number of the season you cannot afford to miss it. If you miss the Alcazars, you will miss something worth taken.

February 9, 1933
Dr Clark reports 2 new cases of small pox during the past week. Miss Sylvia Peters, teacher in the Newell Schools and Art Thompson, Clerk in the E. Muotka Store, are both down with the disease. Einard Muotka left last week for Rochester, Minn, for medical examination

and to secure treatment of an eye ailment.

On account of the lack of electric power Wednesday morning which interfered with the heating system at the school house, classes were dismissed at noon and no school held during the afternoon. Bus drivers' experienced considerable difficulty that day and some did not made the trip at all. So the afternoon vacation was a solution to what would have been a most disagreeable session.

February 11, 1943
A proposed anti-rustling law was introduced in the House of Representatives on Saturday. The Bill sets up a livestock ownership inspection area on the western half of the state and gives the Brand Board power to regulate the movement and sale of livestock within in the area. The anti-rustling bill places west-river counties and a designated few in East River, in the ownership inspection area and would permit other areas to be attached upon petition by a majority of stockmen. It prohibits transportation, sale or slaughter of livestock unless inspected for ownership. Forgery of ownership inspection certificates would be punishable by 1 to 7 years in the state prison.

Dozens of Newellittes are regularly attending dances in nearby towns. People need some recreation and no such entertainment is offered here at home. With the finest kind of a dancing place, there is no earthly reason why Newell should fold up entirely.

General Ladies aid, with an attendance of about 40, met at the G.W. Austin home last Thursday afternoon. The time was spent with regular business, the main feature of which was a discussion regarding bids on the Jr-Sr Banquet. Following business session, a tastily prepared lunch was served by the Hostesses; Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Edgar Anderson, Mrs. Govern Van derBoom and Mrs. Hazel Arpan.

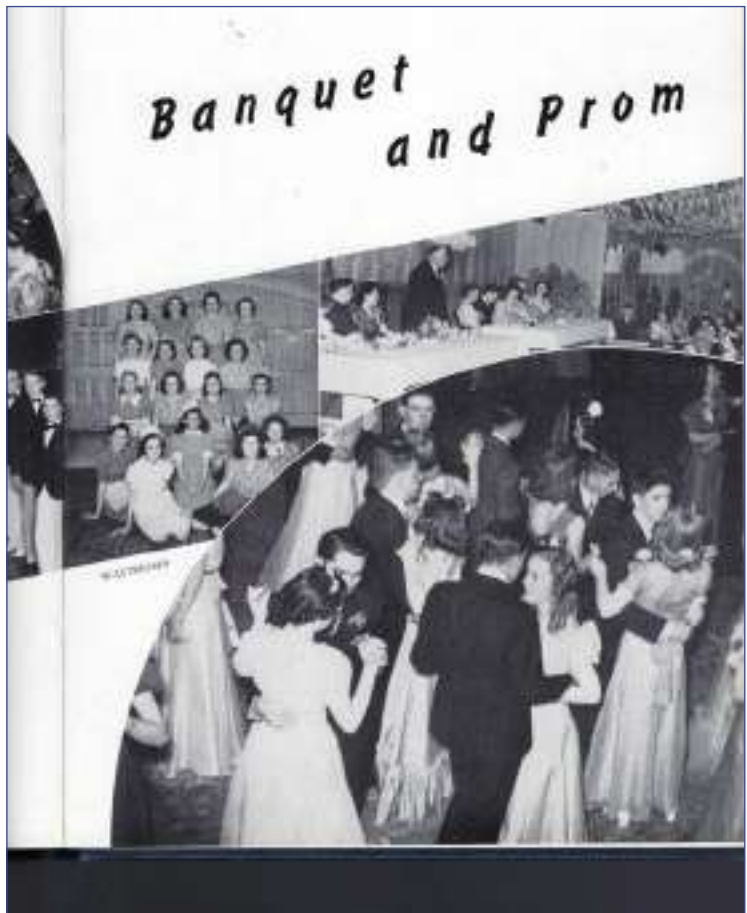
February 5, 1953
Jack Hunt, rancher from somewhere south of Eagle Butte, was booked over to the April term of Circuit Court at a preliminary hearing January 26. Hunt was charged with butchering without displaying the hide when he put 2 quarters of beef in a locker plant at Eagle Butte and refused to produce the hide for inspection which is obligatory under state law.

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This is from the Newell HS Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet in 1940.

met Monday evening at the Joe Klein home with 10 members present. Ralph Milberg is the leader. Donald Breidenbach and Arthur Persche each gave a report on their trip to the Denver Stock Show. A demonstration was given on "Wool". Lunch was served at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be March 29 at the Ralph Milberg home.

February 7, 1963
Doug Lange, Newell won a unanimous decision over Lowell Weisz of Igloo in a 3-round match included on a 13-bout card at Rapid City auditorium last Wednesday evening, which 4 other promising Newell youth lost their matches. The card represented the first appearance of the beginning Newell boxers on any card this year, but coaches Donald Moore and Lorman Lange declared they made a creditable showing and lost only because they tired rapidly. Other beginning boxers are: Jack McDermott, Owen McDermott, Gary Phillips and John Cram.

Darrell Anderson, Newell farmer, plans to display a

hydraulic wool stacker at the 2nd Annual South Dakota Inventor's Congress being held Friday through Sunday at Aberdeen. Anderson worked out the details of his invention at his farm southwest of Newell, has already manufactured and sold 4 of his hydrologic wool sackers and has orders for others. Also expecting to attend the event in Aberdeen is Daryld Williamson, Vale, who displayed his hydraulic bale stack moved there last year.



Inside cover of 1943 state of SD brand book.



Here is a photo of a couple of entertainers from a 1940's era Broadway show.

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Lady Irrigators Grab Another Win

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NEWELL – Tuesday night, February 7, was a good night for Irrigator basketball. The ladies started things off right pushing to a 25-4 first quarter lead over the Oelrichs Tigers. Jaelyn Wendt went crazy under the bucket with six field goals. Teammates Taylor Gaer with five points, Kim Johnson added six and Hailey McCann tossed in two more.

The Tigers struggled with their ball-handling skills and numerous times the Irrigators snagged a steal for a conversion to points. In the second quarter Newell put only ten points on the boards but it still doubled Oelrichs at five. Newell's points came with two more field goals by Wendt, and one each by Johnson, Rachel Erk and Braylee Freytag. That gave the

Irrigators a 35-9 lead at the half. Newell relaxed a bit and coach Scott Wince subbed four at a time to give the younger girls playing time. Gaer still grabbed a three-pointer while she was in the game and Johnson hit two points on a field goal. McCann scored another two while Rachel Stranberg came in to steal the ball and drive down for a layup. Newell was up 44-16 at the end of three.

The younger girls played most of the final period with Kendra Johnson nailing four points, Stranberg putting in two and Bethany Mahaffy getting her name in the stats with a field goal. The final score was 52-21.

Q: N-25 35 44 52. O-4 9 16 21. Wendt 8 0 0/0 16, Gaer 2 1 1/1 8, Kim Johnson 4 0 2/2 10, McCann 2 0 0/0 4, Erk 1 0 0/0 2, Freytag 1 0 0/0 2, Stranberg 2 0 0/0 4, B. Mahaffy 1 0 0/0 2.



Jaelyn Wendt tosses in two of her 16 game-high points against Oelrichs Tuesday night. - Brunner photo



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Newell Boys Basketball

Irrigators Vanquish Tigers

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NEWELL – The Newell Irrigators grabbed their first at-home win against the Oelrichs Tigers in Austin Auditorium on Tuesday, February 7. They trailed the Tigers at the end of the first quarter after Walking hit for two treys and Fills Pipe tossed in three field goals and three for three at the line to push Oelrichs out to a 15-11 lead. Newell's points came from two in the paint by Will Juelfs, and one each by Jameson Duncan, Devon Jones and Colton Burtzloff who also cashed a free throw.

Oelrichs fell apart in the second quarter with just three points by Walking. Meanwhile, the Irrigators picked up the pace with Duncan and Burtzloff leading the pack. Duncan hit twice inside the arc and once outside, while Burtzloff nailed a trey, and hit four times on field goals. He added four of four at the line. Jones came in with two field goals to give the home team 25 points in the period and a 36-18 lead at the half.

The two teams were pretty even in the third quarter with Newell putting up 12 on two field goals from 8th-grader Orin Youngberg and one each from

Duncan, Darren Lewis, Juelfs and Burtzloff. That gave Newell a 48-33 lead going into the final period.

The Irrigators were clicking on all cylinders through the first three periods but ran out of gas in the fourth, scoring just eight points, as Burtzloff hit two field goals, Jones and Juelfs added

one each. But it was enough to stay ahead of the Tiger's 12 points and give Newell the victory, 56-45.

Q: N-11 36 48 56. O-15 18 33 45. Duncan 4 1 0/0 11, Lewis 1 0 0/1 2, Jones 4 0 0/2 8, Youngberg 2 0 0/0 4, Juelfs 4 0 0/1 8, Burtzloff 8 1 4/5 23



Colton Burtzloff puts in two of his 23 game-high points Tuesday night at home. - Brunner photo

Newell Girls Basketball

Newell Girls Pound Goldiggers

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NEWELL – Saturday, February 4, the Newell Lady Irrigators hosted the Lead/Deadwood Goldiggers in Austin Auditorium in a girls' and boys' double header. The ladies played first, and the Diggers were no match for the Irrigators. However, the Lead/Deadwood varsity team

was made up of freshmen, sophomores and one junior.

In the first quarter Newell outscored the Diggers 21-4. Jae-lynn Wendt was on fire, putting 11 points on the board. Kim Johnson added six of her own on two field goals and two free throws. Hailey McCann and Taylor Gaer came in with a field goal each.

The second period was

more of the same, with Lead/Deadwood seeing a little better action as they scored 9 in the quarter. Payton Rogers was their go-to. Gaer got busy at the three-point line, as well as adding one from inside the arc. Wendt again put up six points, while little sis Macey Wendt scored three on a field goal and one of two at the line. Johnson added a field goal while Rachel Stranberg added another. Rachel Erk went one of two at the line as did Mary Mahaffy for Newell's 20 points as they outscored the Diggers by 11. At the half the score stood at 41-13.

Newell really slowed things in the third period, managing just four points on a field goal each from Johnson and Gaer. Lead/Deadwood was keeping pace with only six in the quarter, leaving the Irrigators ahead 45-19 at the end of three.

Again in the final period the home team relaxed with the only scoring by Kendra Johnson as she hit four of four at the line. Even though Newell managed only the four points, Lead/Deadwood was only able to muster three, with the final score 49-22.

Q: N-21 41 45 49. L/D 4, 13, 19, 22. Erk 0 0 1/2 1, McCann 1 0 0/0 2, Stranberg 1 0 0/2 2, J. Wendt 8 0 1/1 17, M. Mahaffy 0 0 1/2 1, Kim Johnson 4 0 2/2 10, Kendra Johnson 0 0 4/4 4, Gaer 3 1 0/0 9, M. Wendt 1 0 1/2 3.



Newell's Hailey McCann goes up for an easy two points Saturday afternoon, February 4, in Newell against Lead/Deadwood. The Lady Irrigators handily won the game 49-22. - Nancy Haigh photo

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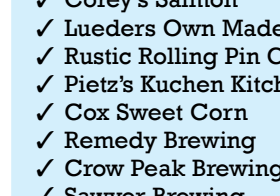
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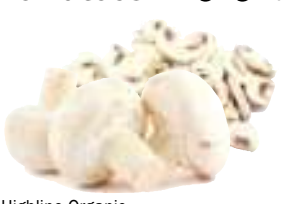
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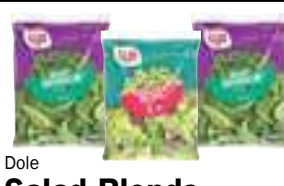
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