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COPD Awareness brought to Belle Fourche and Newell Schools

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As February is Heart Healthy Month, both Newell and Belle Fourche high schools brought awareness to COPD at basketball games through multiple events hosted at Newell High School on February 12, and Belle Fourche High School on February 16.

COPD stands for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and includes both emphysema and chronic bronchitis, as it refers to a group of diseases that cause airflow blockage and breathing-related problems.

This awareness was brought to students and community

member of both schools by Sandra DeYoe and the Action of the Betterment of our Community of Butte County (ABC). Sandra, and her late husband, Tom DeYoe, were both graduates of Belle Fourche High School, and together they owned a parts and hardware store in Newell and Sandra also ran the Blue Line Café.

After Tom's death on December 23, 2022, from complications of COPD, Sandra decided to do something to educate the youth and community members about the dangers of smoking. Tom had smoked for most of his life; he started smoking while

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COPD Awareness at the Game



Officer Stephen Schmeltzer, Belle Fourche High School YLT students and cheerleaders, and Buster the Bronc lead the crowd in the chicken dance at half time of the girls' basketball game to promote good health by staying active and tobacco free. *Friesbe Photo*

Council Approves 2023 Roundup Parade Route

BELLE FOURCHE – The route for the 2023 Black Hills Roundup Parade will remain unchanged from last year. The city council gave its unanimous approval for the parade route but not without a little discussion.

Ward 3 Council member Clark Sowers expressed his support to approve the route as presented but with a suggestion that the council, Public Works, and the Roundup Parade Committee have a discussion on the future of the parade route after this year.

"I'm going to vote for the resolution to approve the parade route and I'd like to encourage the council to so as well," Sowers said. "But I think after our meeting last week with Public Works that there's a lot that we need to discuss."

Sowers said some of the concerns that were brought forward included highway safety, the rodeo contestants' access to the rodeo grounds and the need for

volunteers.

"And we're also trying to support our downtown businesses," he said.

For several years the parade route went through the heart of downtown on State Street. But during the two-and-half-years of the Eight Avenue Sewer Interceptor project the parade route was changed and has not passed through downtown for several years. Shop owners along that stretch have since lobbied the council and the Roundup committee to reestablish the route through downtown, seeing it as an opportunity to increase retail business and ultimately tax revenue to the city.

The issue with the downtown route has been the need to close part of US Highway 85 as the parade turned the corner toward the south at the intersection with State Street. The police and sheriff's department see this as a safety issue with added vehicle and pedestrian congestion.

on a federal highway and has struggled with the added expense of hiring extra officers to help with traffic flow.

The parade is a signature event for the community and attracts tens of thousands of visitors to Belle Fourche during the July 4th holiday. Trying to reach a compromise on the issue has proved to be a challenge in the past.

"But I think it's important that maybe after the Roundup this year that we get together as a council and have a good discussion on that," Sowers said.

Once again, the parade will lineup along 13th Ave. from Ziebach Street to National Street where the parade will begin. It will proceed east on National and turn north onto Elkhorn Street, onto 10th Ave, turning left on State, then south at 8th Ave. ending at National St.

The parade is scheduled for July 4 at 10:30am. There is a parade map on B5

SD Kids Belong Celebrate Milestones at Annual Gala



South Dakota Kids Belong Ex. Director **Damen Woolsey** of Belle Fourche delivers an emotional address to thank supporters for helping the SDKB and the Stronger Families Together initiative reach its year-one goal of adding 300 new foster parents statewide. The realization of the goal represents a record single year recruitment for the state of South Dakota. *Beacon Photo*

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SPEARFISH – South Dakota Kids Belong (SDKB), directed by Belle Fourche couple Damen and Kristi Woolsey, celebrated milestone achievements during their 2023 fundraising gala held on Friday, Feb. 24, at Country-side Church in Spearfish.

Nearly 300 supporters gathered for the event called "Rise Up for South Dakota Children" to hear inspirational presentations and video addresses from Gov. Kristi Noem and keynote speaker Mandy Litzke, Director of Safe Harbor Orphan Care of Ohio. The event drew attendees from Belle Fourche, Spearfish, Whitewood, Lead-Deadwood, Newell, Sturgis, and other surrounding communities. Since its formation in 2018 the organization has grown to now have separate gala events from this area and another for Rapid City. What started in Belle Fourche now has a statewide reach with support programs in Sioux Falls and Pierre.

In 2021 SDKB entered a partnership with Gov. Noem and the State Department of Social Services to form the Stronger Families Together initiative. The goal was to recruit 300 new

foster families in South Dakota during its first year, ending in August of 2022. During the gala last week attendees learned that SFT not only met that goal but exceeded it. The realization of the goal represents a record single year recruitment for the state of South Dakota.

"That is fantastic news and it's all because of your hard work," Gov. Noem told the crowd. "But we can't stop. Our work is not done as there are still kids who need a loving home. So thank you for everything you have done. I'm confident that together we will be able to change lives and give more South Dakota children the home that they deserve."

"It was truly an amazing year," Damen Woolsey, SDKB Ex. Dir., told the Beacon. "Meeting that goal was huge and then activating more than 100 businesses and getting over 30 churches involved made a huge impact in communities from those who said, 'we're not going to let these kids go without enough foster and adoptive families.' It was just a really good year to see it all working. We have truly remarkable volunteers and dedicated staff that

SDKBelong B6



The color guard marches south up 8th Avenue adjacent Herrmann Park in 2022 July 4th Parade. Parade map on page B5. *Beacon File Photo*

Amended Transient Merchant Ordinance To Take Effect

BELLE FOURCHE – The amended ordinance regulating transient (or visiting) merchants to the city passed its second reading at city council on Feb. 6 and will go into effect early next month. The ordinance is scheduled for publication on Feb. 14 and will take affect 20 days later, on Mar. 6.

The ordinance passed its second reading without public comment and the council vote was unanimous. The goal of the ordinance was to make the city more welcoming of approved transient vendors thus increasing retail business and adding to the tax base. Some have characterized it as making the city more "food truck friendly."

Overall, the ordinance modifies exemptions, eliminates special events by creating approved events, shifts the purchase of permits and bonds from the police department to the city finance office, sets hours of operation, spells out approved public property locations, and extends the duration of the license from 30-days to a calendar year. Fees will be established by resolution of the city council.

The amended ordinance does not apply to nonprofit organizations, traveling salespersons

doing business exclusively to retail merchants, garage sales or children's lemonade stands. It also does not apply to those who sell their own products at farmers' markets and crafts shows as long as they do not own a retail business that sells these products.

A modification of the ordinance states that it does not apply if the transient merchant is doing temporary business at a fixed location after having received permission from an approved event (formerly characterized as a special event).

Here is the text of the amended ordinance:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to amend Belle Fourche City Code, Title 5, Chapter 5.12 – Transient Merchants,

Sections 5.12.020 – Exceptions to chapter;

5.12.025 – Special event exemptions;

5.12.040 – Permit required;

5.12.060 – Bond required;

5.12.070 – Fee and duration of license; and

Section 5.12.080 – Issuance restricted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Belle Fourche City Code, Title 5, Chapter 5.12

– Transient, Sections

5.12.020 – Exceptions to chapter;

5.12.025 – Approved event exemptions;

5.12.040 – Permit required;

5.12.060 – Bond required;

5.12.070 – Fee and duration of license; and

Section 5.12.080 – Issuance restricted, shall be amended as follows: SECTION 5.12.020 shall be amended as follows:

5.12.020 Exemptions to chapter.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following:

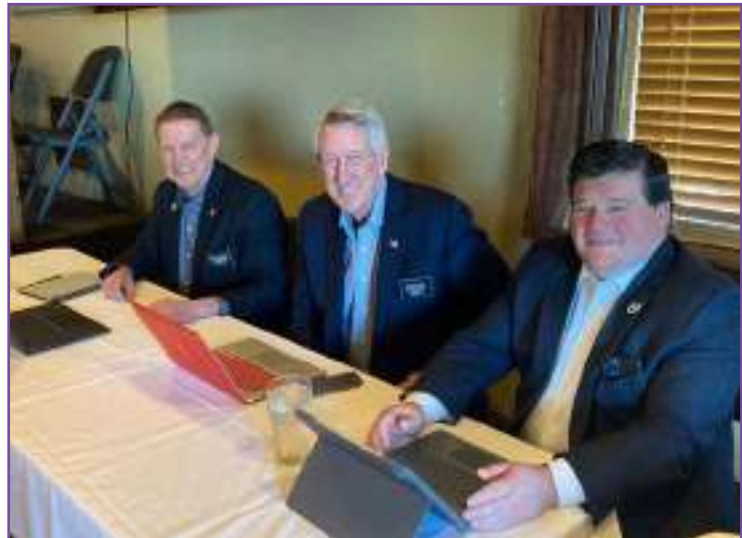
1. Solicitations, sales or distributions made by bona fide nonprofit civic, charitable, educational, or religious organizations;

2. Traveling salespersons doing business exclusively with retail merchants, manufacturers, or public officials;

3. Persons selling jams, jellies, vegetables, fruits, flowers grown or produced or crafts made by them when the items are sold at such places as farmer's markets and craft shows, and provided the person has not purchased such items for resale. This exception, however, shall not apply to entities in the busi

Transient B5

Legislators Update Session Action and answer questions from the Public



These three legislators were on hand at the Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Cracker Barrel" at the Branding Iron this past Saturday. **Rep. Neal Pinnow**, Lemmon; **Sen. Dean Wink**, Howes Corner, and **Sen. Ryan Maher**, Isabell. *Beacon Photo*

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From A1 COPD

he was in high school. According to Sandra, "When it gets bad, it gets really bad," as she went into further detail about how it got to the point where Tom could not even walk across the room. Furthermore, Sandra also talked about how Tom could no longer do the activities he loved because COPD "truly steals your life."

Because smoking is so hard to quit and there are many resources out there to help,

Sandra and her daughter Tracy came to both games with story boards and informational pamphlets.

Fun prizes were awarded to community members who answered questions about the dangers of tobacco and vaping.

At half time of the basketball games, the youth leadership teams of both schools encouraged students, parents, and community members to join in a dance and have fun by being active, with the message

that February is Heart Healthy month and to be tobacco free and stay active.

The student leadership team of Newell and Belle Fourche High School's Youth Leadership Team would like to thank Sandra DeYoe for her contributions to their schools to promote awareness of the dangers of smoking, and for organizing a fun event to bring education to both communities in Butte County.



Sandy DeYoe displays her tobacco awareness booth at Belle Fourche's Heart Healthy night.
-Friesbe Photo



Sandy DeYoe and daughter **Tracy** promote their pamphlets on causes and effects of COPD that took the life of their husband and father, **Tom DeYoe** during Newell's Health Healthy event.
-Friesbe Photo

Pastor's Perspective

*This week's P P is provided by: Pastor Chuck Aurand
Belle Fourche UCC & St. Onge UCC*

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." [Psalm 51:10 NRSV]



This psalm has long been associated with the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a period of forty days (not counting Sundays) leading to and preparing for the Easter celebration. But the larger question is "Why Lent?"

I remember as a youngster climbing into the back of an Olds station wagon with my brother. The seat was set so that we looked out the back of the car, while my three sisters in the middle bench seat, looked forward. Back in the early 60's, I didn't do much packing for Summer trips. I grabbed a single toy from my room and scampered in the car. My mother packed our suitcases and ensured that all was ready for the trip.

I wasn't aware of it at the time, but my parents carefully planned all our trips, including snacks and where we would stop for meals (usually brought with us), and where we would sleep for the night. Everything carefully planned and mapped out.

Our journey through life is an important trip that all of us take. The vehicle of choice really doesn't matter. It could be as eHummer or a busted '66 Ford that barely runs, regardless of your possessions in this life, you will be born and you will die. What is

important is where you are headed. That's where Lent comes in. Lent is an annual season to take stock of where you are now in your relationship with God, and where you want that relationship to be when you die. Lent is the time to ask God to place a "new and right spirit" within you.

Psalm 51, tradition tells us, was written to commemorate King David's sorrow for sins in his life after being confronted by the prophet Nathan. David was crushed that he could sin so easily and boldly. David knew that God was displeased—and indeed his baby died as a sign of God's displeasure. David's spirit was "crushed", so he did the "Lent" thing. He honestly looked at where he was in his relationship with God. He saw where he wanted to go...and he tried his best to walk once more with his Lord. He is counted as Israel's greatest king because he didn't give up. He wasn't perfect. He was far from that! But King David kept working on his relationship with God.

Remember those football players in the Super Bowl. They got there because they didn't give up either. After each play, they dusted themselves off and tried again and again, until they crossed the goal line. This is what Lent is. We sin. We fall down. We aren't where we want to be. So we dust ourselves off, and keep trying.

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SD CEO West Women's Business Center names Bailey Sadowsky as Program Coordinator

Spearfish, SD -- SD CEO West Women's Business Center named Bailey Sadowsky as Program Coordinator. Sadowsky has held the Marketing Specialist position since April of 2022.

SD CEO West Women's Business Center provides training, counseling, and technical assistance to aspiring entrepreneurs and current business owners in South Dakota.

The Program Coordinator manages programming and events and acts as the organization's community development arm. Sadowsky will continue to develop marketing and communication strategies in her new role.

Past Program Coordinator, Carissa Hauck accepted the Director role in December of 2022. SD CEO West will be seeking to add a third person to its team this spring.

"Bailey has been an expert as the Marketing Specialist since joining SD CEO West and brings her creativity and programmatic vision into her new role as Program Coordinator," said Carissa Hauck, Director of SD CEO West, "As an individual dedicated to the community, I am thrilled to work alongside Bailey as she brings fresh ideas and enthusiasm to how SD CEO West can best serve the business owners of South Dakota."

Sadowsky received her bachelor's degree in Mass Communications in Corporate Communications and Mass Communications in Graphic Design from Black Hills State

University in 2017.

Sadowsky brings four years of entrepreneurial experience as the founder of Shadow Sky Creative Co. She brings several years of experience in the small business and economic development industry.

"I believe in the power of a support system and curating meaningful connections with women in business. Building a community has been crucial for my growth, and I want to provide that for others. Moving into this new role, I'm excited to be boots-on-the-ground and identify needs of the workforce and curate impactful resources," said Sadowsky.

SD CEO West is hosted by the Black Hills State University Foundation and partially grant funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

For more information about the services provided by SD CEO West, contact Bailey Sadowsky by email, Bailey.Jo.Sadowsky@BHSU.edu.

About SD CEO

Focused on empowering women and entrepreneurship across South Dakota, SD CEO West Women's Business Center, partially grant funded by the U.S. Small Business Association (SBA), provides those interested in starting or already owning their own businesses with the resources they need to succeed. Free and confidential business consultation, in-person workshops, online training courses, educational seminars, and networking opportunities.



Bailey Sadowsky

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Bytes

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There will be a Butte-Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 6 at First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche.

2023 Pennington County 4-H Shootout will be held Saturday, Mar. 11 at the Walter Taylor 4-H Building, 601 E Centre St. in Rapid City. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Register ahead of time for a guaranteed shoot time. Cost is \$5 per shooter per class. All participants must be

enrolled in a South Dakota 4-H shooting sports program.

Monday Mar. 13 at the Saint Onge Hall will be another opportunity to judge CDM and Horticulture.

Another of these events will be held at the Middle School in Newell on Sunday Mar. 19 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All 4-H members, families, alumni, and supporters are invited to attend 4-H night with the Rapid City Rush on Friday, Mar. 17. Discounted tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo.me/3Xi6MTc>. Help support the 4-H program and fill the rink with green!



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Dan Miller's Cowboy Music Review Thursday March 9 BFRC

Dan Miller's Cowboy Music Review is coming to Belle Fourche on Thursday March 9th.

They will appear on the stage of the Rec Center at 7pm as part of the Center of the Nation Concert Association series.

Miller is joined by his daughter, Hannah, and family friend, Wendy Corr. The trio has entertained thousands in 65 countries in 18 years of touring. They frequently appear on RFD and are invited to perform at conferences, churches, and events throughout Montana and Wyoming.

Their musical style ranges from America to western to blue grass to gospel. The Millers are headquartered out of Cody, WY.

There are two more concerts in the Association series, Take 3 and How Sweet It Is. Take 3 is a classical crossover trio of piano, violin, and cello, scheduled here for March 30th. Their performance of "Stand By Me" is amazing.

The series ends April 24 with How Sweet It Is. Baritone Steve Leslie will present songs made famous by James Taylor including "You've Got A Friend" and "Up On The Roof."

Tickets will be on sale in the Rec Center lobby the evening of concerts. Adult tickets \$40, good for all three concerts. Single concert tickets are not available.

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Broncs Girls Basketball Regional Action

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The Belle Fourche Broncos girls basketball team opened the region 8 class A basketball tournament on Thursday February 14 as the Lady Broncos hosted the Hot Springs Lady Bison. The Broncos come into the tournament as a three seed with a 13-6 record while the Bison are 9-11 and the sixth seed.

The Broncos started out hot as senior Chloe Crago hit a banker from the side that she followed by a hard drive to the basket and a layup by Mataya Ward and the Broncos led 6-2. Both teams hit a drought in the middle of the first quarter but a Grace Clooten's inside bucket followed by a Dylan Stedille three and Reese Larson's jumper from the elbow and the Broncos blew out to a 16-4 lead at the end of one.

Hot Springs hit a basket and a three, but Crago scored from deep and Ward hit on an assist from Lily McCarty to make it 21-9. Belle then went on a 7-0 run fueled by a McCarty breakaway layup and jumpers by Crago and Clooten and the Broncos were cruising 28-9 at halftime.

The Broncos didn't let down to begin the third period. Crago nailed another Belle layup and Ward cleared an offensive board

for a put back hoop and the Broncos were up 32-9. After the Bison hit four straight points Ward was on the boards again with an offensive rebound hoop and Crago repeated yet another steal and basket. Clooten and Crago both netted shots inside before Lily Nore scored in the paint followed by a Stedille steal and hoop and the Broncos were rolling 44-19 after three.

The Broncos played 4 deep into the bench in the fourth quarter as Clooten dropped in two more baskets in the lane and Larson hit a long three as Belle finished the game with a 51-26 victory.

Chloe Crago led the Broncos attack with numerous steals and 18 points. Mataya Ward and Grace Clooten chipped in 8 points each. "We played good defense and were patient on offense," commented coach Bill Burr. "It was a nice win for our five seniors with a last win at home," he added.

The Broncos tangled with second seeded Rapid City Christian Comets on Saturday with the winner heading to the SoDak 16 and a chance to play in the State A Basketball Tournament. The Broncos handed the Comets a loss last year to advance but this year the Comets held the upper hand and home court advantage and defeated the Broncos 66-49.

The Lady Comets employed a full court trap defense for nearly the whole game, which

gave the Broncos some issues getting the ball efficiently in the front court. Christian held the lead 17-9 after one quarter and pushed the lead to 34-20 going to the locker room at half. Belle played Christian fairly even in the second half but exceptional free throw shooting by the Comets proved the difference as they hit 27-34 from the charity stripe for the game, 16 of which came in the second half. Belle actually made two more field goals than the Comets in the contest. The Broncos were 8-14 from the line.

Ward paced the Broncos in scoring as she tallied 14 points, while Clooten and Larson added 8 and 7 points respectively. Olivia Kieffer poured in 27 for the Comets while Alexa Ham added 22 including 15-16 on free tosses. "The pressure definitely got to us but the amount of fouls we had hurt more. We just probably played over aggressive and that got us in foul trouble," said coach Burr.

The Broncos committed 27 fouls and had three ladies foul out of the game. "We had a good season ending 14-7 and will miss our 5 seniors, but will have a good crew coming back next year so I'm excited for that," Burr added. Broncos playing their last game for the purple and white were Lily McCarty, Tia Williamson, Chloe Crago, Dylan Stedille, and Grace Clooten.



Grace Clooten pulls down a rebound against RC Christian. *Laurie Ward Photo*



Chloe Crago drops in a layup. *Laurie Ward Photo*



Bronceteam huddle before RC Christian game. Turned out to be final game of the season. *Laurie Ward Photo*



Belle Fourche
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Event Calendar

March 1st - Chamber Board Meeting 7am - Chamber office
March 3rd - World Day of Prayer - 2pm - St. James Episcopal Church
March 3rd - INP Workshop at Venue 519 Hosted by the Belle Fourche Chamber
March 8th - Chamber Learning Session (Service Animals Rules and Regulations) - 5:30pm - Black Hills Diner
March 10th & 11th - Saturday on State Street
March 11th - Pooter Q BBQ at Black Hills Diner 4:30pm to 7:30pm
March 12th - Daylight Savings Time
March 17th - St. Patrick's Day
March 24th - Belle Fourche Chamber Annual Banquet

More information at:
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WELCOME TO THE TEAM DR. COLTON!

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

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Region 4A Wrestling Results & State Qualifiers

Kandi Tonsager
Special to the Beacon

The Bronc wrestlers had 5 boys and 4 girls qualify for state this year. The state tournament was held in Rapid City at The Monument. Wrestling began on Thursday February 23rd with the preliminary rounds and continued Friday February 24th with placing rounds.

Logan Tyndall wrestled 30-16 for the season at 106lbs. In the first round of the championships, Logan wrestled Aidan Wells of Sioux Falls Jefferson (49-5) with a fall at 3:44. In the consolation first round Logan wrestled Griffin Felder of Harrisburg (22-13) and won by decision 7-0. In the second round consolation, Logan wrestled Korbin Bunch of Sturgis Brown High School (29-8) with a fall at 2:32.

Toarin Humble wrestled 17-18 for the season at 113lbs. In round one of the championships, Toarin wrestled Teryn Zebroski of Sturgis Brown High School (39-9) with a fall at 1:27. In the first round of the consolations, Toarin wrestled Jacob Milliron of Brookings (8-13) with a fall at 3:28.

Riley Dighton wrestled 32-12 for the season at 138lbs. In round one of the championships, Riley won by fall over Tripp Schrempp of Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree (17-21) at 2:39. In the quarterfinal round, Riley won by decision over Thayne Elshere of Sturgis Brown High School (33-11) with a score of 7-5.

In the semifinal round Tristan Spencer of Pierre (38-5) won by tech fall over Riley at 4:1. In the Consolation semifinal round, Ayden Dooley of Sioux Falls Jefferson (42-11) won by decision 6-1. In the finals, Riley wrestled

Thayne Elshere again for a 6th place finish by fall at 1:22.

Thomas McCoy wrestled 29-9 for the season at 152lbs.

In Thomas' first round championship match he was injured and unfortunately was medically forfeit from the tournament. Thomas was later released from the hospital and able to return for the finals rounds as a manager. Thomas had over 150 career wins and finished his senior year as a two-time state qualifier.

Luke Tonsager wrestled 21-20 for the season at 220lbs. In round one of the championships, Luke wrestled Zak Juelfs of Sturgis Brown High School (40-8) with a fall at 3:10.

In the first round consolation round, Luke wrestled Edly Amaro of Yankton (18-20) and won by decision 5-1. In the second round consolation matches, Luke wrestled Elijah Boutchee of Pierre (34-14) with a fall at 2:02.

Kyra Vandenberg wrestled 23-10 for the season at 106lbs. In round one of the championships, Kyra won by fall over Essah Syverson of Custer (19-14) at 1:37. In the quarterfinal round, Kyra wrestled Maraia Kruske of Spearfish (34-3) with a fall at 1:10.

In the consolation round two, Kyra won by sudden victory 10-8 over Eulayla Maynard of Cheyenne Eagle-Butte/Dupree (26-9). In round three of consolations, Olivia Anderson of Watertown (36-14) won by decision over Kyra 5-1. In the finals, Kyra wrestled Frankie Kranz of Mitchell (36-14) for an 8th place finish by major decision 12-2.

Hailey Rodriguez wrestled 25-7 for the season at 113lbs. In round one of the championships, Hailey wrestled Susu Kamara

of Harrisburg (17-19) and won by fall at 5:39. In the quarterfinal round, Hailey wrestled Sara Schroder of Canton (34-1) with a loss by decision 7-1. In the consolation round two, Hailey won by fall over Kenzie Scott of Dakota Valley (12-10) by fall at 3:28. In the consolation round three, Lexie Hillmer of Pierre (36-18) won by decision over Hailey 1-0. In the finals, Hailey wrestled Madelynn Schlup of Spearfish (31-20) for a 7th place win by fall at 2:35.

Alexa Swaney wrestled 17-10 for the season at 126lbs. In round one of the championships, Alexa won by forfeit over Emily Hyde of Rapid City Central. In the quarterfinal round, Alexa wrestled Cateri Yellow Hawk of Sully Buttes (24-6) with a fall at 5:04. In the consolation round two, Alexa won by fall over Mathilde Matsuda of Spearfish (6-7) by fall at 1:35. In the consolation round three, Htee Htoo of Huron (32-12) won by fall over Alexa at 1:57. In the finals, Alexa wrestled Jessica Waln of Lakota Tech (23-8) for an 8th place finish by fall at 1:53.

Izzabella Ramos wrestled 14-16 for the season at 142lbs. In round one of the championships, Izzabella wrestled Abbigail Lewis of Pierre (36-8) with a fall at 3:06. In round one of the consolations, Izzabella wrestled Emerson Skuodas of Harrisburg (18-21) with a loss by decision of 8-6.

The Bronc wrestlers will be hosting off season open mat nights and attending camps to prepare for next season.

Congratulations to all state qualifiers and state placers in the 2023 tournament.



Izzabella Ramos



Kyra Vandenberg



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Alexa Swaney



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March 4th

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Alexa Swaney 126lb 8th place



Kyra Vandenberg 106lb 8th place



Hailey Rodriguez 113lb 7th place



Riley Dighton 138lb 6th place



Bottom 3 photos: Thomas McCoy, who was unable to finish Tourney after an injury.

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March 4, 2023

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Interstate 90 Exit 37 Reconstruction Project Continues

STURGIS, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) says the third phase of a four-phase project to reconstruct the exit 37 interchange on Interstate 90, near Sturgis, will begin Monday, Feb. 27, 2023. The project includes the reconstruction of the exit 37 interchange, eastbound grading and paving on I-90 from west of exit 37 to the Tilford port of entry, drainage structure extensions, installation of pipe culverts, installation of a commercial vehicle electronic screening system, and the construction of a new port of entry building. Beginning Friday, March 3, 2023, nighttime closures

of I-90 will occur at exit 37 between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. for the installation of the new bridge girders and decking. These closures are anticipated to last through the month of March. Traffic will be routed around the closure via the exit 37 ramps. Beginning Wednesday, March 1, 2023, traffic will be limited to the driving lane in each direction near exit 37 as the passing lanes will be closed for work in the median. Work in the median will include construction of temporary exit ramp crossovers at exit 37. Traffic will also be limited to the passing lane in each direction between the railroad underpass

and exit 40 as the westbound on-ramp and eastbound off-ramp are reconstructed and the railroad multiplate is extended. Both exit ramps will be closed on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, with a detour in place utilizing exit 44. In the beginning of April, traffic will be placed in a two-way configuration in the westbound lanes between exit 34 and exit 44 as reconstruction work in the eastbound lanes commences. Phase one of the project included the construction of a center bent for the new bridge at exit 37 and grading of the new exit 37 westbound off-ramp and eastbound on-ramp and off-ramp. Phase two included work in the westbound lanes and median of I-90 to replace drainage culverts, extend box culverts, begin the installation of the commercial vehicle screening system, construction of the exit 37 westbound on-ramp and off-ramp, continue with the construction of the new exit 37 overpass bridge (Pleasant Valley Road), and demolition of the existing port of entry building and beginning construction of the new port of entry building. Phase three is anticipated to be complete by the end of July 2023. Phase four work and final cleanup will occur after the 2023 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally beginning on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023. Phase four work includes grading on Pleasant Valley Road at exit 37, removal of the old bridge at exit 37, and removal of median crossovers. The prime contractor on the \$35 million project is Complete Concrete, Inc. of Rapid City. The project is scheduled for completion by Friday, Oct. 27, 2023.



**Belle Fourche
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**Date: Monday, March 13th
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Location: North Park Elementary**



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The prime contractor on this \$3.9 million project is Heavy Constructors Inc. of Rapid City. The overall completion date for the project is Friday, Oct. 27, 2023.

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Special to the Beacon

For the Bar 69 Ranch, just East of Belle Fourche shearing day is one of the last steps before the lambing season begins. Craig and Deb Kukuchka and their family set aside the entire day for the shearing. Chase (son), Ashton (daughter-in-law) Callie (daughter), Dillion (son-in-law), and their three granddaughters Ellie, Cora, and Ivy all work the day. Cora and Ivy being the younger ones come with their mom to see how dad grandma and grandpa are doing. They watch their big sister do what dad taught her and what his parents taught him.

The day is very organized. Deb calls Mooney Shearing way in advance to schedule the day. “I call in December. Other people might not do that. But I do!” Other preparations start about a week before.

5 shearers 2 fleece throwers, 1 bagger, and 2 skirting, sweepers Ellie, Bailey, Lexi, and Izzy.

Chase, Trevor, and Teagen moved the sheep up the ramp into the trailer from the barn, where the sheep spent the night to keep the sheep dry. The wool needs to be dry when shearing or it will take a lot longer to shear.

What’s your favorite part?
“I like wool, I like handling wool, it’s just fun. Callie (Deb’s

daughter) likes it too. I started her sweeping, and then I moved her to the tables. She was actually on the wool judging team in college”. Deb is a team leader in a local Butte County 4-H club. A lot of the helpers this weekend were either current 4-H members or grew up in 4-H. “Bailey is a 4-H’r, everybody here was in 4-H, Trevor, Teagan is a 4-H’r, all my family are former 4-H members, both Baileys’ are in 4-H, Izzy’s a 4-H member, Cora is a future 4-H’r”. Cora is one of three granddaughters of Craig and Deb.

Craig and Deb are blessed to have both their son Chase, and daughter Callie to live on the ranch with their spouses and children. Chase and Ashton have three daughters who love to raise their sheep, and goats, and love to ride their ponies.

Deb and Craig married in 1984 and Deb taught school in Judith Gap, Montana where she and Craig came to know families that raised sheep. Craig and Deb visited a few of these family ranches and decided to get into the sheep business. They moved to Belle Fourche in 1988. Raising sheep at the “Ruby Place” works really well because Craig and Deb can run 1/3 more livestock on their grass because sheep graze differently than cattle. “They eat different things than the cows,

so it ups our carrying capacity.” You can easily find the Bar 69 Ranch east of Belle Fourche going towards Orman Lake. They also raise performance-tested Angus and their yearly bull sale is Thursday, April 6, 2023, 12 PM, at Belle Fourche Livestock. Like most ranchers in the area lambing and calving season will be in full force soon, so there is no rest or hibernating in the winter. Ranching is a 25/8 job and somehow they find extra time to get it all done.

One way Deb and Craig find more time to get it all done is by finding great partners and people who love their way of life as much as they do. Curtis Mooney, owner of Mooney Shearing is such a partner. He has been around sheep his whole life. Before Curtis owned Mooney Shearing his dad owned it, Matt Mooney. Originally from Australia, Matt came to the USA and was part of an exchange program for two springs, classing wool for Center of the Nation Wool. He came back as a shearer and put down roots in Belle Fourche.

“Allen Youngberg from Newell (who was a world sheep shearing champion) started the crew and then Matt bought it. We first used them in 1989 when Allen owned the business. We used to shear up north. I suppose it was about 2002 or so when we started shearing at the



Handling a fleece. - Courtesy photo

Ruby place”, Debbie continued.

Matt Mooney sold the business to Michael Hagens and this past fall Curtis brought it back to the Mooney family and bought it from Hagens. He has two trailers and subcontracts the shearers and wool help. They shear Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, Colorado, and of course South Dakota. “It is a very busy time of year”, said Jacobie Mooney, Curtis’s wife. Jacobie travels with Curtis and her father-in-law Matt and keeps things moving smoothly. Matt taught his son well. Curtis’s personal sheep shearing record is 407 sheep in one day! If you are needing the services of Mooney Shearing contact Curtis at 308-207-5404.

While the sheep shearers are shearing the sheep, the fleece throwers keep their trailer space clear. Jacobie takes on the task of a fleece thrower. She removes debris, and small clumps of wool and separate it into three different bags; belly wool (sheared first), short wool, and coarse wool. Once the sheep are fully sheared the fleece throwers artfully gather the fleece with the clean side (closest to the sheep skin) up. With it folded in like an accordion, snug to their body, and tightly gripped with fingers as clothespins, they throw the fleece onto the skirting tables.

They throw the fleece as if they were throwing a clean sheet on a bed, only their thumbs and index fingers holding on. Miraculously, for a newbie like myself, the dirty side is revealed and the skirting crew begins their job. The skirting table is a large wheel with spokes like a bicycle that moves freely and easily for the workers. With 550 sheep fleeces shorn and thrown, the wheel movement makes it easy for the skirters to

turn the wheel and process the wool fleece quickly. Smaller pieces fall through the wheel and that is where the sweepers start their job. Sweepers are the youngsters in the family.

It’s the first job they are given, during shearing, and with more experience, they can become skirters and fleece throwers. They sweep debris and clumps of wool together from the large tarps laid down and throw it in either the short wool or course wool bags. On this day four sweepers, Ellie, Bailey, Lexi, and Izzy helped keep the area clean. The sweepers also jump into the loose wool bags and stomp down the wool. During the sheep shearer’s breaks Ellie, Lexi, and Izzy would run around the barns, crawl over fences, play tag, pet the goats, horses, and cats, and build forts. All along the adults watched and yearned to have the energy of their youthful days.

Once the fleece skirter has examined the fleece they would turn the skirting wheel and wrap, or fold the fleece and carry it to the bagger. The bagger is the person who operates the wool compressor. The bagger stuffs the bag with fleece skirts and then compresses it. Once the bag is full the bag is closed, marked, and placed on a flatbed trailer.

After all the bags are full, marked, and placed on a flatbed the wool is hauled to Center of the Nation Wool in Belle Fourche. Most of the wool is exported and used for military clothing and wool socks.

“We will take it to ‘Center of the Nation Wool’ where it will go for export. The fine grade wool will go for Military uniforms, or fine wool socks”, Deb Kukuchka.

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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson



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

When I first came to winter in Arizona I didn't own a pair of shorts nor even a short sleeved shirt. I had been at rodeos each weekend during the summer and had gotten used to the heat. I eventually realized that I'd need those for golf. And I realized that golfing in boots was not a good idea as I got older. But folks I'll tell you this..I don't wear crocs. I'm not sure who gets the credit for this, but it's a good one:

Cowboys Don't Wear Crocs

Although there be some debatin' 'Bout if ol' cowboys wear socks—I can tell you fer a dern fact, That true cowboys don't wear Crocs.

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Sittin' here waiting for a tee time, NOT wearin' crocs, I'm Jim Thompson

Oh, we talk of Old West legends Like our Jesses' and Hickoks— But I hope I never do see Cowboys herdin' in their Crocs!

And when that great cattle Master Lays me low beneath the rocks— Just make sure I'm wearin' my boots And not a pair of them Crocs!



STAT OF THE WEEK

\$11,210

THE AMOUNT EARNED BY KASE HITT BY WINNING THE BRIGHTON FIELD DAYS FESTIVAL DIVISION 1 XTREME BULLS ON FEB. 19 IN OKEECHOBEE, FLA. WITH AN 87.5-POINT RIDE ON PAINTED PONY CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO'S NO. 573.

Bareback Rider R.C. Landingham Captures Win in Jackson

In the iconic Western film "3:10 to Yuma," a train plays a central role in the plot.

R.C. Landingham enjoyed a movie script Saturday night, catching 310 to Yuma in his draw and riding him to victory at the Dixie National Rodeo in Jackson, Miss.

Landingham posted an 87.5-point score on the Brookman Rodeo stock, scooting past multiple competitors by a half point in the bareback riding event at the Playoff Series rodeo.

Rodeo life requires becoming comfortable when uncomfortable. Plans become suggestions. But Landingham followed his to-do list perfectly to produce the impressive score.


"I am kind of learning in my old age that if you plan right, good things can happen," he said with a laugh. "I flew into Texas. I picked up my truck that I left at a buddy's house. I got to Jackson today, and I knew I had a good chance."

Video told Landingham as much. The Hat Creek, Calif., native studied the horse before arriving at the rodeo. The preparation created separation for Landingham, who, after a three-year absence because of myriad of injuries, has qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in back-to-back seasons.

"That's a really good horse. He's solid. He does the same things every time, and I had a good idea of what he would do before I got here," Landingham said. "He has some big moves. And it was really nice how he got out of the chute. I knew he was going to give me a good chance to place or win. He definitely let me show off a little bit."

Landingham earned \$5,006 for his eight-second performance.

For Landingham, these moments never get old. At age



32, he realizes the fickle nature of the sport and health. But after the last two seasons, his resolve has grown along with his appreciation. He finished fifth in the 2022 PRCA | RAM World Standings, earning \$246,696. It has left him wanting more.

"Absolutely, that gold buckle is the one huge goal I haven't achieved," said Landingham, who will compete in the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo this week followed by some time at home. "That's what started this whole thing, to be a world champion. I am training all the time. I have some aging

issues like everybody does. But I feel as healthy as ever."

Other winners at the \$225,757 rodeo were all-around cowboy Connor Murnion (\$4,766, saddle bronc riding and bull riding); steer wrestler Joe Nelson (7.7 seconds on two head); team ropers J.C. Yeahquo/L.J. Yeahquo (3.9 seconds); saddle bronc rider Ben Andersen (90 points on Brookman Rodeo's Ragin' Lunatic); tie-down roper Ryan Jarrett (17.8 seconds on two head); barrel racer Margo Crowther (13.77 seconds); and bull riders JB Mauney (87 points on Dakota Rodeo's Sun Dog); Connor Murnion (87 points on Dakota Rodeo's Cheating Situati) and T Parker (87 points on Harper & Morgan Rodeo Co's No. 676).




WORLD STANDINGS

AA: STETSON WRIGHT	\$88,480
BB: ROCKER STEINER	\$38,237
SW: WILL LUMMUS	\$35,435
TR-HD: ANDREW WARD	\$38,565
TR-HL: BUDDY HAWKINS II	\$38,565
SB: STETSON WRIGHT	\$52,809
TD: WESTYN HUGHES	\$32,933
SR: COLE PATTERSON	\$24,669
BR: STETSON WRIGHT	\$47,629

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BARREL RACING STANDINGS				
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Ranktd	Name <td></td>		Hometowntd	Money World
1	Jackie Ganter	Abilene, TX	\$38,768.10	
2	Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi	Lampasas, TX	\$25,973.96	
3	Sissy Winn	Chapman, TX	\$23,158.33	
4	Ilyssa Riley	Hico, TX	\$20,279.34	
5	Hailey Kinsel	Cotulla, TX	\$17,806.88	
6	Lisa Lockhart (G)	Oelrichs, SD	\$17,650.46	
7	Kelly Allen	Stephenville, TX	\$17,316.43	
8	Margo Crowther	North Fort Myers, FL	\$17,035.15	
9	Erin Wetzel	Plant City, FL	\$16,128.87	
10	Jordan Briggs	Tolar, TX	\$15,967.22	
11	Tiany Schuster	Krum, TX	\$14,848.58	
12	Ivy Hurst	Springer, OK	\$13,325.03	
13	Nicole Love	Morton, MS	\$12,530.57	
14	Emily Beisel	Weatherford, OK	\$12,416.37	
15	Abigail Knight	Charlo, MT	\$11,912.58	

Kase Hitt Snares Okeechobee Division 1 Xtreme Bulls Win

Kase Hitt knows bulls. His family – uncle H.D., grandfather Dillon and mother Shawna – has been raising them for years, stock so special that they have been used in the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Being around them is one thing. Riding them is a different story.

However, inspired by his uncle, Hitt never hesitated to jump on the back of the burly beasts as a young kid.

Only 18, Hitt is starting to gain traction in his career. The Oklahoma native posted an impressive victory at the Brighton Field Days Festival Xtreme Bulls on Sunday, scoring 87.5 points to eclipse the field.

"It was amazing environment," said Hitt of the Okeechobee, Fla., event. "The fans were perfect. The rodeo arena was perfect. It was just a great experience."

Hitt knew he had a chance to score well after getting intel on the bull, Painted Pony Championship Rodeo's No. 573. He



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Legendary ProRodeo Photographer Jim Svoboda Passes Away

Jim Svoboda, a legendary ProRodeo photographer for 66 years, passed away on Feb. 19. He was 88.

“He told me last week he was going out happy and wanted us to be happy,” said son Von, one of Svoboda’s three children.

Svoboda graduated in 1956 from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He worked 33 years for the USDA as County Executive Officer for the Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service serving Garfield, Loup, and Wheeler Counties until he retired in 1989. He also owned a ranch with his wife and family north of Burwell, Neb., prior to his retirement, where they owned a registered Hereford operation.

The sport of rodeo, however, was his passion.

Svoboda spent nearly 20 years as a successful four event all-around rodeo competitor, competing in steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, and bull riding. His best streak was 54 bareback rides in a row. He filled his PRCA permit in 1958 and received his PRCA Gold card in 1984.

A severely broken leg forced Svoboda to become a full-time rodeo photographer.

With more than three million photos shot and nearly 40 cameras worn out, Svoboda was a true legend in the rodeo photography industry. He was recognized as the 2008 PRCA Photographer of the Year. Svoboda retired at his hometown rodeo in Burwell, Neb., in 2021. He first attended Nebraska’s Big Rodeo in Burwell in 1946.

“The one thing about dad is that he was very meticulous on the record keeping aspect of it (his photos),” Von said. “If anybody would say ‘Do you have a picture back at Pendleton in whatever year,’ dad would go back and say ‘Yep, I have that.’ He had a system where he kept track of each of the individual cowboys and to this day if someone would call him, he would have an envelope of all their proofs of everything he took. I don’t know if there is a rodeo he didn’t photograph. He

went from the northwest to the First Frontier Circuit in New Jersey down to Florida.”

Svoboda had this to say when asked how he decided where to put himself to take the best rodeo shots in an article written by Anne Christensen in the Oct. 24, 2008, issue of the ProRodeo Sports News.

“I try to figure out the angle from each chute and where they will end up, then get out in front of the action and not just shoot the bucking horses’ rear end,” Svoboda said. “The most dangerous event to photograph is saddle bronc riding. One time I was standing on the fence, and my feet were at least six feet off the ground. That bronc kicked

and got me right between the shoulder blades. Now I stay out of everyone’s way, I dam sure don’t want to mess up somebody’s run. I’m getting older. I figure out the best place to get run over – and I stand somewhere else. If you’re on the inside, you might be running while you should be taking the picture, so sometimes I stand outside the fence, and I keep my stuff back. First-timers will use their tripods right next to the fence; here comes a guy swinging his loop and he catches the lights or camera.

“Rodeo is the toughest photography there is. The worst thing is dust – I always tell the committees that the audience doesn’t like it either. No one wants a gritty hot dog.”

Svoboda won numerous awards and buckles during his rodeo career including four coveted PRCA award buckles: “Sports News Best Action Photo,” “Best Action Rodeo Photo,” “PRCA Best in Photo Journalism,” and “Las Vegas National Finals Rodeo Official Photographer,” a feat no other photographer has ever accomplished.

“My family is certainly blessed,” said Marilyn, Jim’s wife of 64 years. “Rodeo was one of his loves. Jim was the epitome of the dedication, commitment, and very hard work.”

Svoboda’s decorated resume

also included the following:

- He co-published the book, 50 Years of Nebraska’s Big Rodeo (first 50 years of the Burwell PRCA rodeo)

- He was “Official Photographer” for: Miss Rodeo America Pageant, 100 various PRCA Circuit Finals, National Inter-collegiate Finals, NFR Bronc/Bull Sale, Bill Pickett National Finals, 25 years National Little Britches Rodeo Finals

- Grand Marshall Nebraska’s Big Rodeo

“I would want people to remember my dad as probably the most positive person. He would always have a smile on his face,” Von said. “He never had a bad day. The other thing is that he had a real friendship with other photographers. He was always willing to share ideas. For instance, Alaina Stangle, she was an NFR photographer a couple of years ago. He mentored her and when dad retired, he gave her one of his lenses. He just had an affinity for friendship for the other photographers.

“When he got his leg broke really bad that ruined his ability to compete. That’s when he really hit the road and started doing photos. He was part of a family of 11 children and dad and all his brothers rodeoed. There was a little outdoor arena they built in Burwell, and they all got the rodeo bug. They were just poor farm kids and all they wanted to be cowboys. They wanted to ride bucking horses.”

Svoboda was preceded in death by his parents James, Sr., and Margaret (Walkowiak) Svoboda, one brother and three sisters. Svoboda is survived by his wife Marilyn, three children, Tana Brinkman (Jim), Jason Von Svoboda (Angela), JonBen Svoboda (AnneMarie), seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters.

At Svoboda’s request, he wanted a private graveside service and in lieu of flowers send remembrance memorials to the family which will be collectively donated in his honor to the Nebraska’s Big Rodeo in Burwell.

News & Notes From The Rodeo Trail

Korkow Rodeo’s Queenie, an 11-time National Finals Rodeo horse – nine in saddle bronc riding and two in bareback riding – passed away Jan. 30. “She was never bronc of the year or anything, but she by far was one of our most popular horses,” Brie Korkow of Korkow Rodeo said. Queenie appeared as an NFR bareback horse in 2000 as a 4-year-old, then again in 2001. She then switched to saddle bronc riding and appeared at the NFR in that event in 2002-2009, and 2011.

Queenie placed second twice in bareback riding and led cowboys to the pay window four times in saddle bronc riding, highlighted by Cody DeMoss winning Round 7 on her in 2004.

“She was so photogenic, she was a beautiful paint,” Korkow said. “You could pet on her and love on her. She was a classy horse. Even if you didn’t do your job, she made it to where it still looked good. She just had this quality about her to make cowboys look flashy.”

WISDOM FROM OUT WEST! *The Opinions of Robert Dennis.*

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Givin’ It Up

We have had some interesting weather. Some seem to think Mother Nature has been off her meds! Seems normal to me, looking back at past things I have written down and saved.

Many are calving and fighting the cold and enjoying the warmer temps. As I write this we have a cold south east wind blowing. It doesn’t matter which way the wind comes from, it is always cold out of the south east!

Lent is here. It is supposedly 40 days of fasting almsgiving, and prayer to better reunite Christians with the Lord. I always give up some bad habits. One of them is cussing. It is a terrible habit and usually by Easter I have got it under control. Tho’ I seem to slowly go back to it as the year passes. Seems like I could get over it and just quit, but I am a weak willed person evidently. Sure makes it harder for me when things don’t go as planned! And I am one of those people who likes to burn my bridges before I get to them!

Also, in the world news is all the fuss over east, or perhaps west, depending on which way your looking, with the Ukraine



From A1 Xtreme Bulls

saw the bull Saturday when a friend rode him, and ‘knew he would be good.’ The bull played to Hitt’s strengths, resulting in a \$11,210 first-place check, besting Clayton Sellars (85.5 points, \$8,594) and Cody McElroy (85 points, \$6,352).

“He turned back into my hand, and I really like when a bull turns back into my hand like that. My timing was good. I rode the front side well,” Hitt said. “And I was able to get to the end.”

Hitt is finding his way in the sport he loves. He arrived in Okeechobee after appearances at the 150th Silver Spurs Rodeo in Kissimmee, Fla., and the

Dixie National Rodeo in Jackson, Miss, trying to maximize nearby competitions. He has taken to the rodeo lifestyle, and the flooding rush of adrenaline.

“Just that feeling when you ride one. There’s nothing like it,” said Hitt, whose busy schedule takes him to Nebraska this week. “It’s hard to explain. The crowd is screaming, and it all happens so fast. There’s just no feeling like it.”

Although young, Hitt’s goals remain big. He has attended the NFR multiple times with his family’s stock. He has naturally let his mind wander about competing on rodeo’s biggest stage.

“Yes sir,” Hitt said. “Being there with my family, it’s always been my dream to come out of those chutes.”

BHSU to Host Annual Scrubs Camp

Black Hills State University is set to host “Scrubs Camp” March 17.

Scrubs Camp is an event sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Health and the Office of Rural Health. The camp is held all throughout the state of South Dakota and is designed to help high school students explore healthcare careers while gaining hands-on experience. Admittance to Scrubs Camp is free of charge and food is also provided to students. This will be the 14th year that BHSU has hosted a Scrub Camp session.

This year’s healthcare experience will include sessions about nursing, chemistry, mental health, and medical lab analysis career fields. Scrubs Camp will

also dive into learning about receiving a healthcare education in the Black Hills area at West River Health Science Center (WRHSC), a partnership between BHSU and South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Rapid City.

“This event will give students an opportunity to be educated by medical professionals about all the healthcare careers available to them here in South Dakota,” said Samantha Smith, academic coordinator for WRHSC and one of the organizers of Scrubs Camp.

Scrubs Camp spots are limited to 100-125 9th-12th grade students. Students interested in attending Scrubs Camp can register by March 10 at scrubscamps.sd.gov/camp-locator.

Travel South Dakota’s Tourism Campaign Wins Award



PIERRE, S.D. – Travel South Dakota’s Go Great Places integrated marketing campaign was recently honored with a platinum Adrian Award – being elevated after an additional round of judging of 2022 gold award winning entries.

In November, it was announced that Travel South Dakota was honored with three Adrian Awards, which are international marketing awards from the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMIAI).

After the Go Great Places integrated campaign was designated a gold award winner, a second round of judging deemed it a platinum award winner out of more than 600 entries. Being elevated to a platinum award made it eligible

for the Best in Show award.

The annual Adrian Awards are the world’s most prestigious travel marketing awards, recognizing travel marketing organizations for innovative sales & marketing efforts in advertising, public relations, and digital marketing. The awards ceremony honoring the handful of platinum award winners was held on Thurs., Feb. 23, in Los Angeles, California.

Travel South Dakota’s Go Great Places integrated campaign was developed in partnership with Lawrence & Schiller of Sioux Falls, MMGY Global of Kansas City, Missouri, and Miles Partnership of Denver, Colorado.

The goal of the Go Great Places campaign was to stay top of mind with travelers and reach

people who were ready to safely travel again. The campaign focused on South Dakota’s wide-open spaces and outdoor attractions.

Overall, this campaign led to 13.5 million visitors in 2021, garnered more than 4 million impressions, and saw a return on investment of \$52:\$1.

“It is our department’s mission to create top-notch marketing campaigns that are not only effective, but also engaging,” said James Hagen, Secretary of the Department of Tourism. “Having this award moved to the platinum category and be eligible for Best of Show amongst hundreds of other top notch tourism marketing competitors motivates our team to keep pursuing opportunities to share South Dakota’s story with visitors from across the world.”

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



Mick Harrison

I've always admired anyone who's good with a rope, horseback or on the ground. I was always so-so and mildly surprised whenever said rope found its mark. I like to think I'm better at painting roping scenes but I'll let you be the judge.

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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

Old Man Winter let us know he is still alive and kicking after last week's bitter cold temperatures and additional snow. It made us all appreciate the much more mild weekend with temps reaching 50 degrees by Sunday. While melting took place on Sunday, at certain places where shelter belts captured the snow from our first blizzard, it looks to be white in places until at least April.

The Legislative Session is winding down with two weeks left to go. Now is the time when all of the bills that have survived passage in the House committees as well as the full House make their way over to the Senate for two more rounds of hearings. The same process is the same for bills that began in the Senate. Those bills that are still alive in

the Senate now make their way to the House committees and House floor for full debates. If a bill survives all four steps, it lands on the Governor's desk. If signed by the Governor, it becomes law. If one hasn't had the chance to go to Pierre to see this process and to see your Senator and Representatives in action, it is an interesting day that you'll spend there. This week is a good week and they convene Monday through Thursday. The last week starts on Monday, March 6 through Thursday, March 9. But the last week is not the best week to attend, except possibly Monday.

There will be a Legislative Cracker-barrel In the Commission Room of the Erskine Building from 9 to 11 a.m. in Sturgis on Saturday, March 4.

There was a fun event in Sturgis on Friday evening that involved traveling plays. Those attending had a wonderful time where three businesses offered food and drinks as well as a short play. Sturgis has some great events to offer on occasion.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden spent time with their grands, Ladd, Sully and Bucky Rhoden on Fri-

day night as Larry also took Bill Meirose out for supper. They had a fun time with them and were also able to enjoy their granddaughter, Birkin, on Saturday along with Tristen and Kalen.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden dined with Lorie and Gary Hausmann at Nellie's after church service in Union Center on Sunday. Jack Seller and Darrell Wilcox had lunch there as Monica was the only worker there. Harold Delbridge and the 'after Ston- eville church crew' enjoyed a meal together as well after their church services. Deb and Kevin Vig, Connie Mickelson, Stan and Chris Anders and Marvis Monroe were part of the dinner crew. It also appeared that Mrs. Delbridge may have had a grandson and grand daughter along with them as well.

Floyd and Donna Cammack paid Zora Barry a visit recently and acknowledged her birthday. Zora turned 97 on February 23. She was a long time resident of Central Meade County and lived east of the Hope School for many years where her son Bob & Yvonne live as well as her grandson, Kyle and his family. Zora



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resides in Rapid City and we wish her all the best as she lives out her 97th year here on Earth. On Saturday morning at 8:00 there will be a Women's Prayer Breakfast at the Community Baptist Church. Jack Seller is the main host and all ladies from any denomination are welcome. As a reminder, the second Thursday of the week is Rural Neighbors. So it will take place

on Thursday, March 9 at the Union Center. Bill Meirose continues to pastor at the Community Baptist Church even after the recent passing of his wife, Val. His sermons have been strong and focused as he demonstrates how his faith holds him up in the hardest time in his life. We continue to pray for his comfort and strength through these next difficult months ahead.

Capitol News



Charlie Odell was busy feeding hay and cattle cake, during these four days of very cold weather. Karen did some quilting, practiced music and did some publishing. She now has The Capitol News books on Amazon, for the years 2011, 2012, and 2016. They are in paperback, or ebook form. Their dog and cats were happy to see a sunny day, on Friday, when they could go outside again. Even though it was below ten degrees, the sun felt warm. Charlie took some mail in to Camp Crook, on Saturday, but the mail was scarce, too. He picked up a pizza, at the Corner Bar, for supper. On Sunday, they went to church at the First Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia, on YouTube. Then, they joined in the eighteen day long chapel service, at Asbury University near Lexington, Kentucky. First they listened to the original chapel service that had been on February eighth, and then went to the live chapel, that was still going on eighteen days later. It had not been planned, but just continued, and college students from many other colleges have joined in this revival. People have even come from other countries to join in the continuing service, and other colleges are having revivals, too. Karen watched the chapel at Asbury for much of the afternoon. They learned that Cody in Mitchell had the most snow, Jeff in Iowa had the most ice, and Mollie in Minneapolis had a pile of snow, too. Murphy

in Tacoma had earned a belt in Karate as a first grader, but even though the temperature was way below zero in Montana, it was probably the best weather, and we only got about four inches of snow.

Dick and Erma Albert had a quiet week. They finally got out on Friday, to the Senior Citizen lunch, and had fish sandwiches for Lent. On Sunday, they went to mass at the Catholic Church. They stayed for the pot luck dinner, and then had Bible Study in the afternoon.

Alvin Cordell has started calving with their heifers, and that is keeping him busy. Marlee went to Belle Fourche, on Saturday, to watch grand kids play basketball, and that may be the end of the season. She stayed over, on Sunday, and will go to an appointment in town on Monday. Alvin went in to Camp Crook, to have supper with Terry and Laurie Goehring, at the Over The Edge, on Saturday.

Alvin had talked to Kenny Babb, and learned the sad news that Kay Jean Babb had passed away. Graveside services, at the Camp Crook cemetery, are projected for March eleventh at three o'clock. The plans were, to have funeral services in Broadus, earlier that day. Check the Stevenson Sons website.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson made a trip to town, on Monday, to prepare for the coming bad weather. They stopped in Belle Fourche to have coffee with Dixie Garr. The below zero weather came in, and was so

cold that they needed gloves to touch the doorknob. They were glad for the warmer weather, on Sunday, when they went to church at Little Missouri.

Jake and Callie Davis came out to visit Doug and Julia Davis, on President's Day. It was nice just to relax and have a visit. Julia went to work in Buffalo, on a couple of days this week, but skipped Wednesday, when the temperature stayed way below zero. Her Annie's Ag seminar, on Wednesday, was virtual, and she was glad to stay home for that. By Friday, the sun felt warm, even though the temperature was still quite low.

Rachel Melum and her sister, Sara Livingston, spent time, this week, remodeling their mother's kitchen. They painted cupboards, put up wallpaper, and rearranged everything into a completely new kitchen. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy went to church in Baker, on Sunday, and that evening, they visited at Junior and Shirley's.

Kanyin Padden was one of the wrestlers at the first state girls' wrestling tournament. Her dad is her coach, and that must have worked out good. On Monday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy, went to Buffalo for the Boys' basketball parents' night. Dawn took pictures for the event. Then, on Friday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went back to Buffalo for a Girls' Regional game against Wakpala. A boys' make-up game followed, against Bison. On Saturday night, Bryce and Dawn went to a regional finals

game between Harding County girls and the Faith girls. With that win, the girls will go on to the sixteen divisional teams. Bryce and Dawn are also quite busy with calving, while sports are keeping all the younger generations busy.

Ronda Cordell stayed fairly close to home, this week. She went to Long Pines Veterinary Service, on Tuesday, to pick up a bottle of medicine. The stormy weather was moving in, and caused some icy patches and drifting on Highway 323. She turned onto the Prairiedale Road, and there was considerably more snow, going through the pines, but there was a track to follow. She went on in to Ekalaka, to eat a bite of lunch, before heading home. When she got back, Clint Zolnoski went with her, over east, to bring an early-calving cow home, and into the barn. She held off delivery until Saturday evening, after the temperature had begun to warm up. Clint's weather thermometer showed twenty-seven degrees below zero, one morning, and much of the week stayed at zero or below. It would 've been a bit cold, even in the barn, for a new calf.

Toney and Linda Hannah came to visit Ronda, a couple times, this week. One day, they checked the trailer house that their work crew had used, and found the water was frozen up,

so they came back down to get that problem solved, another day. Clint came by, on Friday, to put new filters in Ronda's water purifier. The water was not tasting good, but it tastes fine now. She stuck a note on the inside of the cupboard door, as a reminder for the next change. On Sunday, Ronda drove up to Bergstrom's to move the horses. One of them had decided the auto-gate was easy to cross, so the easiest cure for that was to move them.

Here is some more history from the Urlachers. The first recorded community school at Capitol, was held in the John Teigen log cabin. John mined in the Black Hills during the winter months, so he allowed his cabin to be used as a school, while he was gone in 1888 and 1889. In 1890, a new school building was built. That building was used until 1921, when a fire destroyed the building. Then, Ben Melum's land office was used for a school, until it was closed in 1978. That office, which had also been used for school, was then moved back to the Ben Melum Ranch, and remodeled as the present home of Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum.

Many shelves are empty in stores, now days, so one store put up a sign to help. "If you see something that isn't there, there may be more in the back."

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4. Bona fide garage, rummage, yard, or moving sales which occur at the same location for no more than three (3) times per year or for no more than three (3) consecutive days;

5. Transient merchants doing temporary business at a fixed location after having received permission from a bona fide nonprofit civic, charitable, educational or religious organization that is hosting an approved special event as provided for in B.F. Ord. 5.12.025. for which a special event exemption from this chapter has been approved by resolution of the Common Council;

6. When invited onto private property.

SECTION 5.12.025 shall be amended as follows:

5.12.025 Special Approved event exemptions.

To qualify for an approved special event exemption under for the purposes of B.F. Ord. Ch. 5.12, 5.12.020(5), a bona fide civic, charitable, educational or religious organization is required to complete an any person or entity may submit an application for an special approved event exemption and that exemption must be approved for consideration by resolution of the Common Council. The Common Council's approval or denial of an application for a special event exception shall be done by resolution. If an application for a special event exception is approved, the applicant shall provide the City Finance Office with information regarding all vendors participating in the approved event.

SECTION 5.12.040 shall be amended as follows:

5.12.040 Permit required.
It is unlawful for any person to engage in business as a transient merchant within this City without first obtaining a permit to do so from the City Police-Department Finance Office.

SECTION 5.12.060 shall be

amended as follows:

5.12.060 Bond required.
Every transient merchant before receiving a license shall file with the City Police-Department Finance Office a bond in the penal sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) conditioned upon the faithful performance and payment of obligations of the transient merchant arising in connection with the business, and for payment of all claims or damages for which the transient merchant may become liable through fraud, deceit or otherwise in the course of business.

SECTION 5.12.070 shall be amended as follows:

5.12.070 Fee and duration of license.
Before any permit shall be issued under the provisions of this article, the applicant shall pay the applicable fee as established by resolution of the common council. Transient merchant permits may be issued for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or on an annual basis for each calendar year (January 1 through December 31).

SECTION 5.12.080 shall be amended as follows:

5.12.080 Issuance restricted.
(A.) No transient merchant's permit shall be issued to a corporation, partnership or other legal entity, unless that entity is operating a temporary business at a fixed location.

(B.) The only public property and/or right-of-ways that Transient Merchants may operate their Transient Merchant business on is: 1) the Tri-State museum parking lot, 2) the Hermann Park parking lot, 3) the Roundup Grounds paved parking lot, 4) on public streets in zoned industrial districts or commercial districts, and 5) pursuant to B.F. Ord. 5.12.25, any location of an Approved Event.

(C.) Transient Merchants are only allowed to operate between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or as set forth for an Approved Event pursuant to B.F. Ord. 5.12.25.

Audio and Visual Plans Could Be in the Future Butte County Commission

Betty Bruner
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BELLE FOURCHE-Discussion on plans for recording and streaming the County Commission took a small step forward at the meeting held February 21.

Keynen Merrell of Stereos and Stuff presented the commissioners with several ideas for the Commission Room. Since he had never been in the room, he said he wasn't sure what was needed, but following some discussion he will come with a proposal for the commissioners.

Chairman Stan Harms and Commissioner James Ager hoped that one mic in the center of the table would be sufficient, which Merrell agreed should work. Ager thought that two cameras would be best to get all angles of the small room. He also asked if there would be a way to shut the audio/visual equipment off during a meeting.

Merrell also agreed that a handheld mic would be beneficial and would add the

equipment to a proposal for the March 7 meeting.

Veteran Service Officer Jasen Saivong presented an activity report that covered disability claims and transportation numbers.

He reminded the commissioners that veterans can call the VA Hotline at 800-316-8387. Veterans can also call his office, 605-723-8387, for more information.

Saivong also gave a report on an update on his Emergency Management Administrator activities.

The commissioners set up a Board of Adjustments which will give guidance when completing sections on variances in the Subdivision Ordinance. The Butte County Commission Board will act as the Board of Adjustments. Recommendations will come from the Planning Committee. A roll call vote was taken with Harms, Age, Walton, and Herman voting aye and Erk voting nay.

The next regular county commission meeting will be March 7 at 6 p.m.

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SDKB launched the Foster Friendly app in 2021 which lists area businesses that provide discounted or free services to families whose parents have chosen to be involved in foster or adoptive care. A milestone was reached this past year with 100 businesses who have chosen to participate. The goal of the coming year is to engage 80 more, according to Woolsey.
In the past year Woolsey says SDKB has begun to focus on recruiting more Native American foster parents. They achieved a breakthrough partnering with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe who has now formed an adoption commit-

tee at Ft. Thompson led by Chairman Peter Lengkeek, to promote foster and adoptive services on the reservation and beyond. Recently the tribe recruited and licensed its first foster parents.
“That was almost a supernatural thing,” Woolsey said. “They have now set out to recruit and retain foster parents along with some culturally sensitive training to help Native American children in foster care to keep in touch with their native culture. I was blessed to be allowed to be on the board but they really did all the work.”
The “I Belong Project (IBP),” part of the broader America’s Kids Belong program, has created more than 135 video profiles of South Dakota children who are legally available for adoption. The vid-

eos are created across the state with the help of a local video production company Western Sky Media and Starhaven Films of Sioux Falls. The I Belong Project had an average placement rate of 67% during the past year.
IBP Program Manager Carly Winterstein shared with the audience that one of those video profiles was of a young girl named Wyland. “Her case worker shared with us that prior to her video being created she had one to two inquiries over five years,” Winterstein said. “Since her video was released, she received one to two per day. And early last year she was adopted.”
As for their hometown of Belle Fourche, Woolsey is grateful for the growing support he’s seen in the local com-

munity. “We’ve been to Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce meetings and in touch with businesses owners who are interested in coming in on the app,” Damen said. “And we’re seeing a lot of momentum growing in the churches for wrap-around teams in the area. We’re just thankful and encouraged by the support we see here in our hometown.”
The organization had their best fundraising year ever last year and has set their most aggressive budget goal for 2023, hoping to raise \$311,000, a 20% increase, to fully fund their new growth initiatives. Those include organizing at least 45 awareness events in churches across the state and forming support groups in at least 10 churches. They also plan to add 80 new businesses to the Foster

Friendly app and continue their partnership with Stronger Families Together to recruit another 300 new foster families this year. SDKB also hopes to complete video profiles on 50 children this year and increase its presence in Pennington County, which has been identified as an area of critical need.
“We feel like strategically if we can win Rapid, we’ll win the state,” Woolsey said. “If we get comfortable, we are not going to be successful. We must keep our eyes on the prize, and that’s Jesus and ensuring these kids have enough families. We have to keep moving forward and not quit.”
If you would like to support South Dakota Kids Belong you can visit AmericasKidsBelong.org, click on Our States and then SD.



Nearly 300 people gathered in support of South Dakota Kids Belong at the organization’s annual gala in Spearfish last week. The South Dakota non-profit that started in Belle Fourche, has spread across the state in its efforts to find forever families for foster and adoptive children. - Beacon photo



This year’s World Day of Prayer will be a truly ecumenical worship. There are 18 Christian women taking parts in the program, representing nine Belle Fourche churches. Women in Taiwan have written the service that will be held on March 3, in 170 countries. St. James Episcopal church is hosting the local service on Friday March 3rd, at 2PM. The theme, I have heard about your faith, is taken from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

The Pickers, a local western gospel musical group, will present a concert beginning at 1:45 and accompany hymns throughout the service.

Taiwan, formerly Formosa, is an island nation. They are amongst the top countries that trade with America, supplying electronics and join us in many research projects.

Prayers, Bible reading, hymns and stories of Women in Taiwan, are all part of the worship. Lunch will follow, featuring Taiwan influenced foods. The buffet will include pineapple, rice, noodles, melons and boba tea.

The public is invited to attend the Pickers concert, the worship and a festive lunch.

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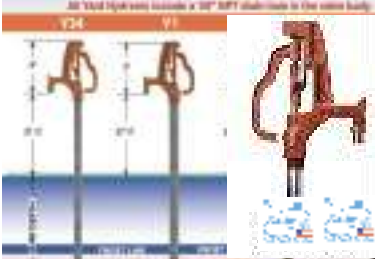
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There are several considerations that should be at the forefront of every community conversation regarding growth, strategy, and the future. The first consideration is the financial impact of various types of retail establishments on the community. A study a few years ago by Tischler & Associates revealed that specialty retail establishments consisting of locally owned small and medium-sized



businesses generate a net yearly return of \$326 per 1,000 square feet of store space. In contrast, big-box stores and fast-food outlets not only generate lower tax revenues but also have higher infrastructure and maintenance costs, costing taxpayers \$468 and \$5,168 per 1,000 square feet, respectively.

The second consideration is the charitable giving by businesses. The research conducted by Oregon State University for the Small Business Administration found that small and mid-sized businesses with fewer than 100 employees give an average of \$789 per employee in cash and in-kind donations to the community. On the other hand, larger businesses with over 500 employees give only \$334 per employee on average, which is nearly 60% less than the amount given by smaller and mid-sized businesses.

The third consideration is the

relationship between locally owned businesses and the economic growth of the community. A study by Pennsylvania State University showed that counties with a greater number of smaller and mid-sized locally owned businesses had a greater per capita income growth. In contrast, counties with a higher proportion of large absentee-owned businesses, such as big-box stores and non-locally owned chains, had lower incomes. This finding is not surprising since big-box stores and chains usually provide wages at the lower end of the income spectrum.

Lastly, there is evidence to suggest that locally owned businesses have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the community. Researchers in the Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society found that counties with a greater proportion of small and mid-sized businesses had lower rates of mortality, obesity, and diabetes. Furthermore, Walter Goldschmidt's study on small agricultural communities in California showed that communities with small and mid-sized owner-operated farms had a

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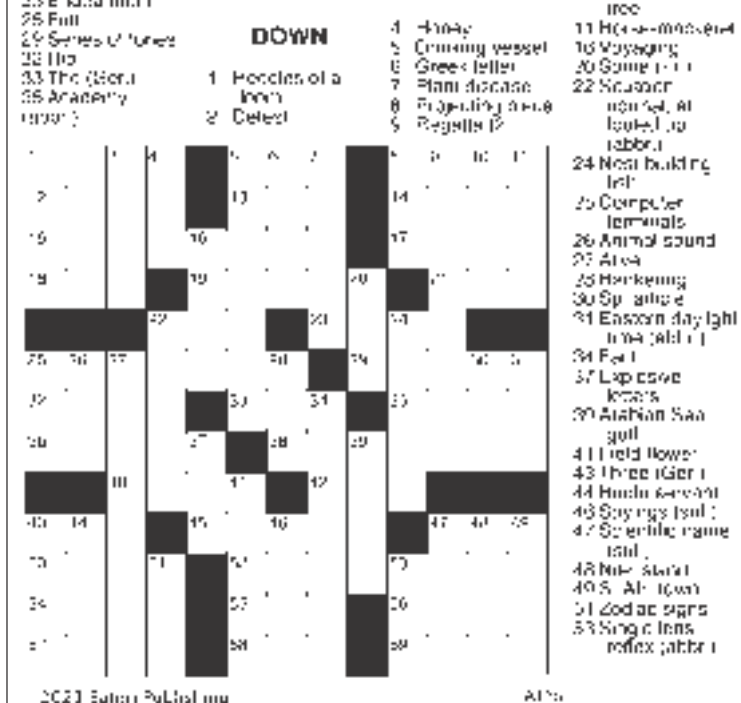
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Puzzle Answers on D4

more vibrant, diverse economy and a higher quality of life.

Considering these findings, it is crucial for smaller and mid-sized communities to prioritize the growth of their local business base. To thrive in a way that benefits future businesses and generations, half of economic development dollars should be directed towards locally owned businesses. Communities and their media companies need to educate the entire community on the advantages of a truly local small business DNA. As the internet continues to drain communities of their much-needed tax dollars, it is increasingly important to create a solid business base to sustain the community.

In conclusion, as Albert Einstein once said and we shared at the beginning of this column, “The world as we have created

it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.” The community’s future depends on its ability to change its thinking and shift its focus to the growth of locally owned businesses. The financial, social, and health benefits of local businesses are clear, and communities must prioritize their growth to ensure a prosperous future for generations to come.

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes a full schedule of fine arts events! But you don’t have to wait for the snow to melt, March has plenty of shows, exhibits, and plays to keep you busy!

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.

EXHIBIT for MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Make sure to check out the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center’s new mini exhibit entitled “Make Some Music: the History of Instruments Around the World.” The exhibit focuses not on typical orchestral instruments, but on unusual instruments from cultures around the world.

BELLE FOURCHE FINE ARTS BOOSTERS TALENT & VARIETY SHOW ADVANCE TICKET SALES - Support our fine arts programs and students: BFHS fine arts students are selling advanced tickets to the show as a fundraiser for their upcoming fine arts trip to Denver. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes pre show activities @ 1 PM - free games for kids, complimentary snacks, live music, cakewalk, silent auction, and more! At 3 PM the main show features local musical, instrumental, and comedic performers. Contact the FINE ARTS BOOSTERS if you are ready to share your talent - and for a good cause! Acts of all kinds can still join the show, so get your act together and contact Belle Fourche FAB at bfhsfab@gmail.com to be part of a FUN community event!

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming Fine Arts Events:**
- **MARCH 5 - First Saturday Brunch at the Tri-State Museum and Visitors Center.**
 - **MARCH 6 - High School Band/Chorus Concert: BFRC 7:00 PM**
 - **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.**



Only 3 weeks away from the middle school performance of the play Pyrite we found a large group working on set in the Rec Center theater. Show dates and times are March 17th and 18th at 7 PM.

Safe Travel on the Greenway Trail

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Normal life without a car is, difficult if not unthinkable in western South Dakota. Places we need to go are often far apart. Weather is a barrier to walking or cycling. Public transportation is limited.

In Europe, the opportunity to be free of car ownership has been a rewarding experiment.

Trains, and busses offer inexpensive, comfortable, and reliable transportation. In the larger cities light rail trains are available every 5-6 minutes. There’s little waiting and travelers can reach destinations quickly and inexpensively.

In Europe, where bicycles and public transportation have always been much more accepted, many cities have moved toward eliminating parking to make more space for green areas.

Although the French love their cars too, a car is not absolutely necessary. They are expensive to drive, maintain, license, and parking space continues to be more limited.

In Europe, bicycles have long been an important means of transportation to work or school. Bicycles are also very popular for recreation and important to tourism.

For this reason, European Governments have invested heavily in Greenways.

Greenways are trails, free of motorized traffic designed for walkers, and cyclists. Electric bicycles are allowed on the Greenway because they are not regarded as motorized.

Apparently, the Greenway movement began in the US in the early 1950s. The purpose was to encourage healthy lifestyles mainly in urban and suburban areas that were beginning to burgeon after WWII.

In Europe, Greenways became popular in the late 1980s and 1990s. It’s apparent that a great deal of expense has gone into the Greenway system. Often they are built on abandoned rail lines or natural corridors of unused roads and tracks.

The Greenways movement in Europe promotes good health, nature conservation, air quality improvement, safe access to work and school, and tourism. Generally, the Greenways are safe, the ground is often smooth concrete, although there are often stretches between estab-

lished Greenways where there is rougher terrain, deep gorges over rivers on narrow bridges.

Both public transportation and the use of bicycles makes sense, but giving up having a car is profoundly daunting initially. Thus far in our travel research, experiencing the options is helpful. Trains are good (most of the time) train stations are not especially pleasant. (nearly always) Buses are comfortable, and so relaxing, it’s hard to stay awake.

Bicycling is my favorite travel

option. It requires physical effort, knowledge and skills. I have learned quite a few things. It is advisable to carry tools on the journey. Helmuts are a must, as is a strong lock, rather than a chain lock (bicycle theft is common and thieves are known to use professional lock cutting equipment), a spare inner tube or two in the event of a puncture, and a variety of tools to change or repair the puncture.

Freedom from car ownership, at least temporarily has been a good ride so far!



Greenways are marked by common signage. Otherwise at times it would be completely possible to take a turn on an unmarked path and end up lost... Note the blue and green sign with icons of a walker and cyclist on the left of this beautiful bridge that serves as an overpass over a busy highway. Meg English Photo



This photo was taken on a Greenway bridge over the Tech River. Note the deep drop to the water. The heights of bridge passageways on the Greenways mountains regions are dramatic, but dizzying. The bridge passages for cyclists are often wide enough to ride down the middle unless there is a lot of traffic, and the cyclist must ride on the appropriate side. In continental Europe, drivers drive on the right side of the road as we do here in America. Sometimes the bridges are narrow, perhaps only 3” wide. Those of us who are less confident prefer to dismount the bike and walk, without looking down if at all possible!. Meg English Photo



Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don’t forget to Show Up!

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Here is a typical “connection passage” between the safer sections of a Greenway trail. Note the narrow trail, the uneven surface, and especially the very, steep, deep drop-off on the right hand side. The word “sauf” on the sign means “except” which I guess means only cycles, not motorized vehicles are free to go through.” In any case, cyclists must be extremely cautious on such passages. Even a tiny slip off the path could result in a disastrous fall. Meg English Photo




Much of the Greenway trails are represented in this photo. Here, surfaces are safe, the route is often as flat as possible, but still offers pleasant scenery as well as a direct route to a destination. Meg English Photo






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John Cunningham addresses the South Dakota Democratic Party State Central Committee Saturday in Oacoma. (Austin Goss/Dakota News Now Photo)

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Longtime Aberdeen City Councilor tapped to lead South Dakota Democratic Party

Slaight-Hansen earns resounding win at State Central Committee meeting

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The South Dakota Democratic Party has elected Brown County's Jennifer Slaight-Hansen to lead the political organization for the next two years.

The former Aberdeen City Councilor defeated John Cunningham of Sioux Falls during the party's annual State Central Committee meeting Saturday in Oacoma, walloping the retired public administrator with 92 percent of the delegate vote.

She succeeds current chairman Randy Seiler, who has filled the position since 2019.

Both candidates told attendees — virtual and in-person

— about the party's fundraising deficiencies, but Slaight-Hansen leaned into her connection with young people. She said too many are registering independent in South Dakota, a trend that needs to be addressed before the Democratic Party can grow in South Dakota.

My primary goal is to cultivate future leaders," she said. "We need to get them under our umbrella, and encourage them to be a Democrat."

Slaight-Hansen has previously served on the executive board of the South Dakota Democratic Party and as chairwoman of the Brown County Democrats. She also served on the Aberdeen

City Council for a decade and helped found the Aberdeen Downtown Association.

Cunningham, who's previously run for Minnehaha County Commission and state treasurer, congratulated his opponent during concession remarks.

"No matter where I'm at, I'll be a phone call away in case you want to just vent about all the frustrations you're going to experience," he said.

Shane Merrill defeated Craig Brown in the contest for vice chair of the South Dakota Democratic Party.

Larry Olsen was re-elected party treasurer and Toni Diamond defeated Lorri May for party secretary.

New terms for party officers begin May 1.



Jennifer Slaight-Hansen addresses the South Dakota Democratic Party State Central Committee Saturday in Oacoma. (Austin Goss/Dakota News Now Photo)



Hello from the Capitol in Pierre

Legislative Report from: Representative Neal Pinnow, District 28B

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The 2023 legislative session is nearing the end with only two weeks left. The last day of session is March 9th and March 27th is reserved for gubernatorial vetoes. We made it through Crossover Day and both the Senate and House continue to address the bills that remain. If you have comments or questions, contact me at neal.pinnow@sdlegislature.gov and please put 28B in the subject line. By doing placing 28B in the subject line, this will draw my attention to your email and I will make sure those are priority over the hundreds of other emails that we receive on a daily basis.

This week, once again, has been filled with many discussions regarding the 2024 revenue and expense budget. The only difference this week were the big three tax reduction bills were in front of House Appropriations for debate. The

first one to arrive, HB 1137, was the sales tax reduction from 4.5% to 4%. This bill was eventually amended to a .3% reduction in the rate therefore landing at 4.2% and passed the House Appropriations committee. This is projected to save the residents of South Dakota \$102,592,908. The next bill to come before the committee was the sales tax reduction on food from 4.5% to 0%. This bill did not fare very well and was defeated in committee. The last big tax reduction bill to be heard was dealing with a \$300 credit per owner occupied property. This bill was also defeated in House Appropriations committee. HB 1137 was heard on the House floor, Wednesday the 22nd, and passed by a 66-3 vote. It is now headed for consideration in the Senate.

HB 1039, revising the payment of tuition for members of the SDNG from 50% to 100% at any in-state institution. The tuition becomes available after the federal tuition program has been exhausted. HB 1200, which require a constitutional amendment to obtain 1/35th of the signatures required from each of the 35 districts within the state, was heard and passed the

House as well. HB 1059, establishing a community paramedic endorsement, was heard and passed the House. This endorsement will expand the duties for paramedics and allow them, especially in rural areas, to assist with other medical related issues.

We are continuing to review appropriation bills as well as tax reduction bills for the next couple weeks. Thank you and please feel free to reach out to me at the email above. If you make it to the Capitol, please send me an email and we will set up a time to visit.



Rep. Neal Pinnow

Primary election recount boards would become partisan under proposed legislation

Measure would also exclude family members of candidates from serving on a recount

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PIERRE – When she went into her primary election recount last June, Rep. Amber Arlint had a 12-vote lead over her closest Republican competitor.

When she walked out of that recount, she had a nine-vote lead. And an idea on how to change recounts.

Arlint, who represents District 12 in Sioux Falls, said Friday that she was surprised to find two Democrats and one Republican on her three-member recount board in a race among

Republicans.

Current law requires county recount boards to be comprised of one member from a political party whose candidate for governor in the last gubernatorial election won that county, as well as one member each of the two largest parties in the county.

Former Democratic state Sen. Billie Sutton won Minnehaha County in the 2018 governor’s race, so that’s why Arlint had two Democrats on her recount board.

She is sponsoring legisla-

tion to change that formula for primary elections, where Republicans vote for Republicans and Democrats vote for Democrats. Under her proposal, recount boards for primary elections would be comprised of members of the political party in which the race is being recounted.

“It makes complete sense,” Sen. Lee Schoenbeck said Friday.

Her bill also includes language barring close family members of candidates, including spouses, parents, siblings and in-laws, from serving on recount boards. And it expands the current oath that members take, which now requires good faith and impartiality, to also include that people on a board meet the qualifications to be on the board.

General Election recounts would remain the same: One member each of the two largest political parties and a member from the party whose candidate had the most votes for governor of that county.

Sen. Reynold Nesiba supported the bill Friday. But he said he thinks the bi-partisan boards have worked well.

The measure will go to the full Senate where it is expected to pass.

The Scouting Report:A weekly digest

Kids consuming sugary drinks, trust in media, wolf rampage, Abdnor & McGovern



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A new study finds alarming, though not surprising, evidence that nutrition among the nation’s youth is in freefall. One in three children between the ages of 1 and 5 did not eat fruit daily in the past week during a survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Half the children in the survey did not consume a daily vegetable in the past week.

But they are consuming sugary drinks. Three in five drank a sugary drink in the past week.

South Dakota ranked below the national average. Thirty-seven percent of children did not eat fruit daily and 53 percent did not eat a vegetable. But 58 percent did consume a sugary beverage.



Louisiana had the fewest number of children who had consumed a vegetable at 64 percent. But 70 percent had consumed at least one sugary beverage.

In additional Louisiana news, the 2023 Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans kicked off on Feb. 21, complete with the usual decadence and debauchery that mark Mardi Gras.

The celebration has its roots in pagan parties for the spring, but Pope Gregory XIII made it a Christian holiday in 1582. The first known celebration of Mardi Gras, in what would become the United States, occurred on March 3, 1699 when French explorers Iberville and Bienville LeMoyne, sent to defend France’s interests in the New World, camped a few miles upstream from the mouth of the Mississippi River. Years later, Bienville established New Orleans, “and people began to celebrate Carnival with private balls and public masked spectacles,” says the U.S. Census Bureau.

Yet this year’s celebration finds New Orleans in decline. In one year, from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022, the city’s population fell by nearly 2 percent. Single men should note, however, that 53 percent of the city’s population is female.



Trust in national media outlets continues sinking, with half of Americans in a recent survey saying those outlets intentionally try to mislead, misinform or persuade the public. Fifty-two percent of respondents do not think national news organizations care about the best interests of their readers, viewers or listeners.

The survey was conducted by Gallup and the Knight Foundation. More Americans of all political affiliations hold an unfavorable opinion of news media now than in late 2019 and early 2020, when a similar survey was conducted.

“The rise is especially pronounced among independents but it is also apparent among

Democrats – who typically hold more favorable views of the media,” the authors conclude.

The numbers for local news outlets were better. Fifty-three percent said they think local news organizations care about how their reporting can affect their community. And 44 percent don’t believe that local outlets intend to mislead. Twenty-five percent did think local outlets tried to mislead, while 29 percent neither agreed nor disagreed.

Nine people were injured after a wolf ventured into the Indian village of Benakanahalli and began attacking villagers who were sleeping, reports The Times of India.

The attack took place late at night as villagers were sleeping on the verandas of their homes.



The wolf also attacked cattle. The nine victims were treated at a hospital and released, but the incident set off a panic. Forestry officials have warned residents to be cautious when leaving their homes at night or in the early hours of the morning. Residents have asked that the wolf be trapped and relocated.

George McGovern and the man who vanquished him from the U.S. Senate, Jim Abdnor, didn’t have their political parties in common, but they did have much beyond politics in common. The two men tacked eerily similar paths in life.

Abdnor, a Republican who beat McGovern in the 1980 Senate race as McGovern ran for a fourth term, would have turned 100 on Feb. 13. McGovern would have turned 100 last summer on July 19. Born just seven months apart, both men served in World War II and grew up in rural South Dakota before being elected to the House of Representatives and then the U.S. Senate.

They also died within a few months of each other. Abdnor departed first on May 16, 2012 and McGovern a few months later on Oct. 21, 2012. Incidentally, then-Vice President Joe Biden delivered the eulogy for McGovern in Sioux Falls.

Of the two, McGovern had the more illustrious political career. Besides those three Senate terms he served twice in the House and was the Democratic nominee for president in 1972. Abdnor served just one Senate term, losing to Tom Daschle in 1986.

But his victory in 1980 coincided with the rise of the Reagan revolution, and his one term arguably did more to nurture a political future. Current South Dakota Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck worked for Abdnor. As did Sen. John Thune and other notable GOP activists. Thune paid homage to his former boss to mark what would have been his 100th birthday.

“He was a public servant driven by a sense of the common good, not ‘good politics’ or personal ambition,” Thune wrote. “And he was a selfless mentor who inspired the people around him to be better.”



Jim Abdnor



Rep. Amber Arlint, R-Sioux Falls

In departure from last year, GOP Senate leadership on board for tax cut

But it won’t necessarily be the proposal adopted by the House

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PIERRE – Last year, lawmakers in the South Dakota House of Representatives were clamoring to cut taxes.

Their counterparts in the Senate, not so much.

But it’s a new year. With it comes more record revenues and a \$104 million sales tax cut passed by the House of Representatives Wednesday.

The Senate’s Republican leadership is singing a new tune this year, signaling that the Senate is on board with a tax cut.

The Senate stayed out of the way while the House whittled down its preferred tax proposals.

Senate Majority Leader Casey Crabtree said Thursday. The House ditched Gov. Kristi’s Noem’s grocery tax repeal and

a bill to reduce the property tax burden.

Instead, the chamber adopted a bill to lower the overall state sales tax rate from 4.5 percent to 4.2 percent.

The House overwhelmingly approved its preferred tax break 63-3.

But that’s not necessarily what the Senate will do, Crabtree said. An across-the-board cut is one option, but it might not be at the same rate adopted by the House. There is also a desire by some in the Senate to consider a property tax reduction.

Crabtree predicted that the governor’s grocery tax repeal will not be part of the conversation. That will appease House leaders who want to retain a broad rate that applies to most items and services in the state.

Regardless, he predicted taxpayers will get a break.

“We do know it’s going to be significant,” he said.

Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck was the biggest hurdle to last year’s efforts to cut taxes. Schoenbeck said he is open to a tax cut this year, but he is still moving cautiously because of concerns about whether the state will have the resources to pay for its programs.

“The appropriators have convinced me that some version of it is possible,” said Schoenbeck, a Watertown Republican.

A compromise between the two chambers will be negotiated in the final two weeks of the session, which started this past Monday.

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COUNTERPOINT: Food tax cut not the relief South Dakotans need

Guest column by Rep. Chris Karr



Rep. Chris Karr

This year we are exploring three different proposals for providing tax relief to South Dakota taxpayers. I have brought House Bill 1137 to reduce the overall sales tax rate from 4.5 to 4.0 percent. There are eight reasons I believe this is the best tax cut for South Dakota.

IT'S THE LAW.

This tax cut addresses the current statute in state law, known as the Partridge Amendment. In 2016, the half-penny sales tax increase was passed by the Legislature and went into statute. At that time, an amendment was added to this legislation that would reduce that half-penny sales tax upon certain criteria being met. This amendment — the Partridge Amendment — said that if we start collecting online sales tax from businesses that do not have a physical presence in South Dakota (known as “remote sellers”), we will reduce the sales tax by .1 percent once we collected \$20 million from those remote sellers. At the time, \$100 million in remote seller tax receipts is what it would have taken to reduce the tax rate back down to 4.0 percent. This amendment is in statute. The amendment was brought to get the final votes needed to increase the sales tax in 2016 from 4.0 to 4.5 percent.

The problem with the Partridge Amendment language that went into statute was that it was ambiguous and not

workable. The language is confusing about when to start counting the money, and how to count the money. For example, if a company was already submitting sales tax prior to the state collecting from remote sellers, should they be counted towards this new formula? Should it be calendar year or fiscal year? If the threshold was not met, would it accumulate or start over every year? These are just a few of the questions that cannot be answered by the Partridge Amendment.

Another problem with the statute is that it focused solely on sales tax collection from remote sellers who don't have nexus in South Dakota. As soon as Amazon opened a return center, such as the location inside of Kohl's in Sioux Falls, they were deemed to have nexus and their tax submissions no longer counted towards our remote sellers calculation in the Partridge Amendment.

The question is, have we collected enough from remote sellers to live up to the intent of the law? As of 2022, internet sales make up roughly 11 percent of all taxable retail sales in South Dakota. This is a large increase since 2016, where the amount was less than 1 percent. Since the Wayfair decision, South Dakota has been able to collect taxes on online sales, and there has been a major increase in the amount of taxable sales since 2016. In 2016, there was \$89 million of online taxable sales, compared to 2022's \$1.896 billion in online taxable sales.

It is clear, that in fiscal year 2023, we are fully realizing brick and mortar and remote seller sales tax collection, and it is time to address the intent of Partridge Amendment.

Despite the ambiguous nature of the amendment, it is time we uphold the intent of the 2016 legislation and roll-back the sales tax accordingly.

FORESEEABLE SURPLUS DOLLARS

We continue to have budget surpluses of hundreds of millions of dollars. The surplus for fiscal year 2023 is estimated to be over \$230 million, and \$320 million for fiscal year 2024. Foreseeable revenues are such that we can afford to implement a tax cut and still take care of the state's obligations, and provide inflationary increases for those obligations going forward.

OUR ECONOMY IS FORESEEABLY STRONG

It is reasonable to take into account the impact of federal stimulus on our economy, however, it is not the only reason our tax revenue has been bullish. If we look at the time frame from 2010 to 2022 and remove outliers where the state received extraordinary stimulus dollars, and other years with outliers, we still have an average rate of sales tax growth of 4.3 percent. In a time when South Dakota's economic metrics are very strong, it is clear that recent growth is not entirely the result of federal intervention. South Dakota has strong organic growth and it is foreseeably reliable. The data and organic growth support this tax relief plan.

INFLATION IMPACTS MORE THAN FOOD

Inflation has hit all areas of life and has now impacted all goods and services that we consume. The overall sales tax reduction would provide relief in a broad spectrum to include: groceries, prepared food, clothing, haircuts, utilities, cell phone, events, transportation, farm machinery/ag equipment, and services, just to name a few.

LESS MARKET DISRUPTION

Food tax is a very reliable source of tax revenue during economic hard times as it is less elastic than the overall sales tax. Removing a tax all together will have larger market disruption than decreasing the tax on all items a little bit.

IT'S A RATE, NOT A DOLLAR AMOUNT

The overall sales tax reduc-

tions adjusts the tax 'rate'. Because it is a rate that is being adjusted, it stays relevant into the future even with the impact of inflation.

Unlike the property tax relief bill that would provide approximately a \$300 credit to single owner-occupied residences. The problem with using a dollar amount in this instance is that the value of that \$300 today will become eroded as time goes by due to inflation and property valuation increases. The relief is diminished quickly with the property tax bill versus the overall sales tax reduction.

EASY TO MODIFY AND IMPLEMENT

The overall sales tax rate is easy for businesses to modify and implement versus the food sales tax plan that creates complications in determining what is a prepared food and what is not. If an item is heated; if a store combines two or more ingredients; if a store provides a utensil; they may not be eligible for the tax cut.

Examples would include meat and cheese tray, relish trays, many items from the meat counter and delis. If the deli makes a sandwich it would be taxed, versus a sandwich that was packaged and prepared by the stores supplier.

Additionally, if our state needs to weather an economic

storm in the future, it is easier to adjust the overall sales tax than to reimplement a tax that has been eliminated.

OVERALL SALES TAX IS ELASTIC

When the overall sales tax was increased from 4.0 to 4.5 percent, mathematically, we should have seen a 12.5 percent growth in sales tax collections. The actual growth was 10.5%. This is because overall sales tax is elastic. Basic economics tells us that a tax increase creates less discretionary dollars, and consumption will decrease. On the flip side, a tax decrease, as is currently being discussed, will incentivize more consumption and spending and could result in more tax receipts than expected. This could potentially have less of an impact on state revenues than projected.

BOTTOM LINE

The overall sales tax cut provides much needed tax relief in all areas of our lives, especially at a time when inflation is hitting our pocketbooks pretty hard. Government shouldn't keep more than it needs to operate — the state needs to give the people of South Dakota their money back. This bill lives up to the intent of what is in statute; it is realistic and it's a more responsible way to look at the surplus dollars and provide meaningful tax relief.



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CITY COMMISSION

Full House at Newell Commission Meeting

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NEWELL-More chairs were added as the crowd at the regular town meeting held Monday, February 20. Most were there to be part of the building permits for the town, while others were there to give their opinions on a variety of issues.

Marian Neumayer informed the commissioners that the city of Belle Fourche was willing to donate their entire inventory of Christmas decorations, including all the light bulbs. The decorations will be stored in Belle Fourche until June when Newell will take possession.

Neumayer also asked the commissioners to put an irrigation tap on the west end of her property. Mayor Ken Wetz instructed her to fill out the paperwork and be prepared to pay the hook-up charge. Although tap fees were increased later in the meeting, Neumayer will be able to pay the previous fees set in February 2022 of \$750.

A nuisance letter sent to Dakota Myers and Donald Jones brought an irate response from Myers. The temporary building permit that was issued November 15, 2021 for the property at 601 E. 6th Street had expired and he received a letter from the town that the Tiny House must be removed by March 1, 2023. In part, the letter reads “By this letter, the town agrees to grant an extension to temporary permit to give you more time to remove the Tiny House. The Tiny House must be removed by March 1st, 2023.” The letter continued to inform Myers and Jones that the Town may abate the issue by removing or demolishing the building and then assessing the cost against the property.

Myers had several questions

City Commission D2

Nisland / Arpan VFD Annual Meeting



Nisland/Arpan Fire Department members include: back row from left-Stephanie Simmons, Maynard Yule, Isaac Wich, Randy Vallery, Bill Noziska, Calvin Fickbohm, Parker Lewis and Ronald Fickbohm. Front row from left-Colleen Brunner, Brian Mills, Fred Wells, Josh Kitzen, Chief Stan Lewis, Jeremy Butcher. - Brunner photo

If You Build It, They Will Come

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NISLAND – The Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary held their annual meeting and dinner on Saturday, February 18 at the fire hall. The group of firefighters, auxiliary and their families gathered in the relatively new fire hall for dinner first and then reports. The meal, consisting of pot luck dishes and beef brisket, smoked by firefighter Maynard Yule, Rhonda Vallery gave the report for the auxiliary.

“We figured that right now we can go by the quote, ‘If you build it, they will come,’” said Vallery, referring to the new fire hall and

the influx of new auxiliary and firefighter members in the past couple years. The department started their fundraiser for a new hall several years ago and finished the hall in the past year.

Vallery and her cohorts in the auxiliary reported on the past year. Items shared included the soup supper in January, baking pies for donation for the Miller Angus bull sale, the potato topper supper in March, Father’s Day Potluck in June, Pie Sale at the Butte/Lawrence Fair, brisket feed in August, selling raffle tickets on large toy firetrucks donated by Kohls, Fire School, also in August and the retirement of Auxiliary Chairperson Cathy Capp. She talked

Nisland/Arpan D2

Shaykett Fundraiser Success

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NEWELL – The High Plains restaurant has been a hive of activity lately, with the Valentines dinner, Jake Elwood in concert on February 17 and the entity hosting a special fundraiser for

a family who lost their home and all belongings to a fire shortly after Christmas.

The Shaykett/Caruso family of Nisland had a house fire in December and, although many people rose to the occasion and supplied for immediate needs, the family had to start


from scratch. They were able to secure a place to live just outside Newell, but the enormity of finding furniture, home goods and basic necessities was daunting.

Not to worry, several people gathered together to plan a fundraiser on February 11 hosted by High Plains, who donated a portion of each meal sold during the evening to the

fundraiser. Also, around 60 people donated items for the silent and live auction which was held in conjunction with the meal fundraiser.

“There was approximately \$7,300 raised, but there are still funds coming in,” said Judy Heisler, one of the organizers of the event. Chutes for Charity will be donating \$1500 and

Shaykett D2



Newell School Honors Faculty / Staff

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NEWELL – “Today we are going to celebrate the hard work and dedication our workers have at the Newell School,” shared Superintendent Andrew Fergen at a morning assembly on Thursday, February 23.

“I believe it takes a team of amazing individuals to positively impact students in every classroom. We received nominations for certified and classified staff member of the year from co-workers, parents, students, and community members.”

This year five teachers received nominations for teacher of the year and a committee of

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Teacher of the year for Newell school was Trev Fiedler, shown here with his parents, Curt and Lori and his wife Erin, and children Isaiah and Elsie. - Brunner photo

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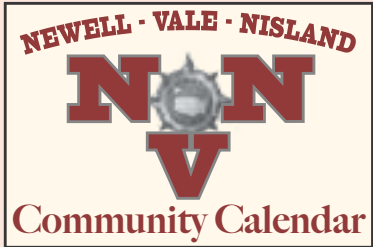


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If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenk-brunner@gmail.com

South Dakota Lions Foundation: Last year the lucky winner of our Buffalo Hunt Raffle from Colorado gifted the prize to his daughter for her 18th birthday - here she is after a successful hunt at #timberlakeelklodge 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/>.

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. 4: Going away party for Dennis, Cathy and Dave Capp, Bowman Hall-Belle Fourche, 1-4 p.m.

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

Mar. 11: Newell school play, 7 p.m.

Mar. 13: School board meeting, 6 p.m. in MPR; Newell commissioners, 5:30 p.m. city admin building.

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

Mar. 24: Lions pancake supper to benefit the NVN Center. 5 p.m.

Mar. 25: Fundraiser for Chance Dennis at High Plains Restaurant-Kenny K Acoustic Concert. 5 p.m.

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about the letter, adding that it seemed to be targeting them. He added he would gladly renew the building permit if that is what is needed.

Mayor Wetz explained that the letter was part of the legal requirements set by the city's attorney.

"I don't foresee any problem," said Wetz when Myers affirmed they would renew the permit. Several building permits were issued including Lynn Koehn and David Swenby. Koehn's permit was for a woven wire fence to be built around his yard at 211 1st St. Swenby is moving in a modular home at 409 E. 1st St. Boom Concrete received approval to build a storage unit at 202 Girard Ave, however, according to Butte County Planner, Cyndi Mayes, all new construction must have digital plans on file at the county before final approval.

In other business, the commissioners approved a number of resolutions centered around drinking water, sewer, and irrigation taps. The project for Water System improvements will cost \$1,142,000. The Waste Water Improvement project comes in at a cost of \$709,000.

Resolution 01-2023 is a resolution giving approval "to certain drinking water facilities improvements". It gives approval to the "issuance and sale of a revenue bond to finance, directly or indirectly, the improvements to the facilities; approving the form of the loan agreement and the revenue bond and pledging project revenues and collateral to secure the payment of the revenue bond; and creating special funds and accounts for the administration of funds for operation of the system and retirement of the

revenue bond and providing for a segregated special charge or surcharge for the payment of the bonds." This is necessary for the use of the grant given to the city to improve water and sewer needs.

Resolution 02-2023 is worded similarly with respect to the sewer work to be done.

Resolution 03-2023 establishing water and sewer rates.

Water rates are set as follows: Minimum water rate: \$17.75 per month for residential and commercial usage.

An additional rate of \$4.00 per thousand (1,000) gallons of water will be assessed each month.

Surcharge: A Water System Improvement Surcharge of \$7.60 will be added to each property that has access to city water. Current Surcharges of \$6.31 and \$3.26 still apply.

Bulk Water Rates: A bulk water rate \$7.00

Sewer Rates: Minimum sewer rate: \$16.90 per month for residential and commercial usage. An additional rate of \$4.00 per thousand (1,000) gallons of waste water will be assessed each month.

Resolution 04-2023 is a resolution establishing water, sewer, and irrigation tap fees. A tapping fee of \$1,500, plus parts required, will be charged for each water, sewer or irrigation tap.

The first reading of Ordinance 01-2023 was approved by the commission. It supplements the budget to meet the obligations of the town and shows the money the town will use for the new water and sewer projects. It doesn't change the budget, but enters the water and sewer into the budget.

Butte County Deputy Jason March gave the Sheriff's report with records pertinent to Newell. During January, 28 records

were exclusive to Newell, ranging from animal complaints to crimes against a person or property.

The plans for demolition of 102 Fisk St. were tabled since the bid was rejected and the commission decided to do more research.

Commissioner Lori Olson said that she would take care of the property at Ash Street. She added that she felt there were properties that seemed to singled out.

"If we do one, we should do everyone," she said. "We need to be consistent."

Mayor Wetz pointed out that the properties that were being "targeted" were the ones that that had gotten complaints.

Several members of the audience added that it was important to get involved in helping others in the community. It's important that everyone begin to reach out and help a neighbor. One member of the audience vocalized her thoughts about the rhetoric of the town's people discouraging new businesses. Don't wish failure on anyone, she added.

The sidewalks must be upgraded to meet disability requirements. A planning committee will meet to begin the process. Mayor Wetz advised the group that the town needs to show progress this year. The committee will meet with Troy VanDerBoom to discuss the work.

The Newell Public Library has received two SD State Park passes that anyone with a library card can check out for a three-day period for free. It is part of a program made available by the SD GFP and State Library to all SD libraries.

The next regular Town of Newell meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 5 p.m.

"Our share of what was raised was right around \$5900.00," said Lewis. "That's a big help. Lewis also thanked Fred Wells for his part in dealing with bureaucracy and the difficulties of applying for grants that help to provided needed tools, supplies and apparatus for the department.

"As a group, we are a good bunch of firefighters," said Lewis. He recognized the newest member of the team,

Stephanie Simmons, who is in the midst of getting her Fire-fighter I and II certification.

"We've grown and changed," said Lewis. "But there's always room for more." Lewis wrapped up the meeting by handing out the traditional rose to auxiliary members and to female firefighters Simmonds and Brunner. He also gave roses to the firefighters to take home to their spouses.



(Above) Back from left up stairs: Amber Wich, Judy Dague, Rhonda Vallery, Addison Wich. Front from left: Barb Garness, Lisa Noziska, Sherry Wells, Sandy Heidrich and Pam Fickbohm. (Left) Chief Stan Lewis hands a rose to Noreen Yule, wife of NAVFR firefighter Maynard Yule. - Brunner photos

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FRIDAY, MAR 3

Breakfast: Apple Frudels, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk

Lunch: Hamburger Soup, Half Ham Sandwich, Apple Crisp, Milk

MONDAY, MAR 6

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk

Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, FF, Peaches, Milk

TUESDAY, MAR 7

Breakfast: Breakfast Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR 8

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Sweet Potatoes, FF, Tropical Fruit, Milk

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Certified staff member of the year for Newell is Jill McTaggart (far right) shown with her husband Lance and children Erin, Katie and McKenzie. -Brunner photo

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administration worked together to decide the winning candidate.

For teacher of the year one of the comments read: "This teacher encourages students to try projects that are challenging and not just easy ones... This teacher believes in the students and they know that. This teacher truly cares about the students, and it shows in how attentive he is to the students and their needs. The winner of the 2022-2023 teacher of the year is Trev Fiedler.

This year, the school also wanted to recognize the classified staff for the commitment they put into helping educating students. Individuals eligible for this award include paraprofessionals, custodians, secretaries,

librarians, kitchen personnel, and business personnel. All these individuals work together with our certified staff to make a difference in students' lives.

This year, four individuals received nominations for classified staff of the year. An excerpt from the winning candidate's nomination form read: "She has been very helpful with the students in my classroom that she services while also being able to assist the students in my classroom that she may not be working with. We have been able to work together and come up with goals for students that we both agree are developmentally appropriate and reachable for students".

The winner of the 2022-2023 classified staff member of the year is Mrs. Jill McTaggart.

Grand River Roundup

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We went to Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's last Sunday night with John and Corinne Erickson, Susan and Vince Gunn, Dawn and Duane Harris, and Jim and Lucy Anderson studying "Fasting with God" by Tammy Hotsenpiller about the names of God.

Monday was Presidents' Day so there was no school or mail, but it was a nice, warm day.

The weather was starting to get bad on Tuesday, so Casey and Missy left for the state wrestling tournament in Rapid City so they could get the wrestlers that qualified for state, Grey Gilbert, Lincoln Wickstrom, Wyatt Head, and Kanyan Padden, down there before the weather got worse. It was only 13 degrees and the tournament didn't start until Thursday, but they wanted to make sure they got down there while they could still travel. There was no school in Harding County that day because of the nasty weather. Taz fed the cows again that afternoon and brought the sheep into the lot across the creek.

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday and Slim Buttes Lutheran

planned to have a potluck supper and communion service that evening but it was canceled because of the weather. The temperature was 13 below zero and school was canceled again.

The temperature was 2 below zero on Thursday, but there wasn't any wind so the Harding County schools started two hours late, but that was the only school all week. The temperature dropped to 30 below zero during that night.

It was really chilly and windy again on Friday with a high of 4 degrees. I hadn't turned my chickens out since the weather got bad Tuesday through Friday and Friday morning I got a frozen egg. That night there was a low of 15 degrees below zero. Grey Gilbert took 5th at state and Casey and Missy came home from the tournament in Rapid City that evening. My Aunt Patsy Wilkinson and my Cousin Lois Eggebo flew down to Arizona on Friday to visit my Aunt Bessie (Wilkinson) Campbell and they plan to come home on Monday.



The weather sure got better on Saturday when the temperature rose to 38 degrees. Veterinarian Lisa Henderson passed away Saturday, February 25, at the hospital in Hettinger at the young age of 53.

Lisa suffered a severe stroke on February 12th at home in Lodgepole. Memorial services are pending with Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Hettinger. Lisa's family has our sympathy.

Sunday was a beautiful day with a temperature of 44 degrees and no wind. Pastor Henry announced that there will be a Lenton potluck supper on Wednesday evening at 6:00 with a worship service to follow to replace the Ash Wednesday service they had to cancel last week.

With the nasty weather we had this week, Reub and I were talking about the way our parents and grandparents survived during cold winters like this. They didn't have any of the wonderful things we have that we take for granted. They didn't have much and had to make it

on their own. Grandma Lydia and Grandpa Harvey Wilkinson ran the ranch store at Glendo until they lost the ranch during the Great Depression when they moved to Grandma's homestead over on Big Nasty Creek. Grandpa Wilkinson passed away when their youngest child of 8 kids was only two years old. Grandma and her kids worked hard to get enough money to buy back the ranch and then they moved back to Glendo.

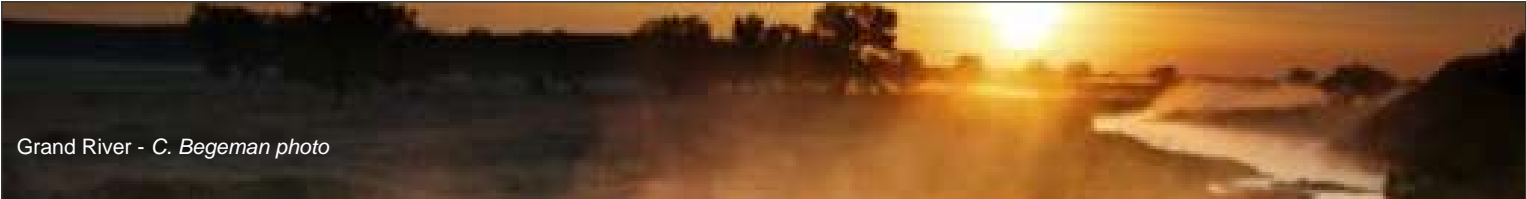
My mother had a heart attack when she was 24 years old and my little sister and I lived with our Grandma Wilkinson for almost a year when I was 4 years old and my sister Judy was 2½ years old, while Dad took care of Mom at our house in Prairie City.

Grandma didn't have electricity, running water, or a bathroom in her house at Glendo. All she had was a well up on the hill behind the house where she got water in the water bucket that we drank out of in the house and used that water to wash our hands, wash dishes, and wash clothes after the water was heated on the cook stove in the kitchen using cow chips, wood and lignite coal. Grandma

washed clothes with a washboard, rinsed them in water and ran them through a wringer before hanging them on the clothesline, no matter what the temperature was outside.

The bathroom was an out-house up on the hill and if you needed to go to the bathroom at night, she kept what we called a "thunder bucket" in the lean-to attached to the kitchen that you could use to go to the bathroom when it was dark outside. Grandma baked homemade bread and would feed Judy and me a treat using a slice of bread spread with lard and sprinkled with sugar. She also fed the dog a treat using a slice of bread with lard and salt that he just loved. Grandma didn't have much, but she taught us how to make do with what we had.

Some Funny Proverbs:
*For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
*Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
*No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
*Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
*Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
*Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
*Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

February 20, 1913

The bills which were presented in the Legislature are for 7 o'clock closing of saloons and the requiring of police officers to at once, under heavy penalty for failure to do so, to report to the states attorney any violations of the present closing law and those officers to immediately prosecute offenders. Also to prohibit, under the penalty of a heavy fine, any transportation company carrying liquor from the state into prohibition territory. Another bill is for require notice of marriage to be published at least 3 weeks in official papers before the ceremony can be performed, with the penalty for failure to do so made a felony.

Castle Rock and Rothford citizens turned out very loyal at the Della Longpre dance where one of the finest times was enjoyed by everyone except Grandpa who remained at home in bed doctoring a severe cold, assisted by Dr. Severston who administered the proper dope. Grandpa is now well, happy and sassy again, thanks to our Doc Severston.

A large 4-horse load of lighting fluid was brought over from Sturgis to Vale Saturday to supply the stores there.

Hal Wheaton and his 2 hounds Belle and Blue and J.C. Seymour's hounds, Rags and Tan succeeded in running down a coyote Sunday after about a 3-mile chase. Hal was at the finish but he says this is going to be his last attempt to run down a coyote afoot.

February 22, 1923

O.T. Phillips reported to the Irrigator that he had received a 20-pound salmon from his son-in-law George Johnson, who now resides at Chinook, Washington. The cold weather of the past week was favorable to the arrival in good condition

of the husky fish.

The Neighborhood Club is getting tired of winter and so they are planning to go on a picnic soon and their friends will be invited to go along and hurry the coming of spring. Among signs of spring we note that George Cook is erecting a garage near the depot. We take it as a sign of spring for the fact that George does not own a car at present.

Contracts were signed by representatives of the Ford Motor Company and the Brattons Mercantile Company, whereby Brattons takes over the local agency of the Ford cars, trucks, etc. It is assured us that in a very short time they would be lined up to handle every phase of the business in connection with the agency, as repairs, service, and sales.

February 23, 1933

The L.L. Erk family of Deers Ears assisted with turkey picking Friday at the Mike Thaler ranch. Miss Irene Thaler was out recently visiting her relatives.

Allen Toomey of the Toomey Milling Company, Spearfish, and a member of the State Game & Fish Commission, was a business visitor in Newell on Tuesday of this week.

A resolution permitting South Dakota to vote in 1934 on repeal of the State's Constitutional prohibition amendment cleared its last legislative obstacle when the House approved it 68 to 33. The repeal of the prohibition would not affect the validity of the state's dry status adopted in 1917, paving the way for legislative repeal or amend of the "bone dry" law.

A delegation of local Odd Fellows visited at the home of Joe Doody Sunday afternoon and presented him with a jewel, designating that he has been a member of the Order for

more than 35 years, he having joined in Canada on Mach 11, 1907. These jewels are given after 25 years of continuous membership and the numerals are changed every 5 years there after. The local Lodge has 5 jeweled members, namely; B.F. Newkirk 40-year jewel, J.H. Lewis, Joe Doody, C.O. Holt and H.J. Christian.

February 25, 1943

Albert Nelson, of Newell, was re-elected one of the directors of the St. Onge Farmers Produce company, at the annual meeting held at St Onge on Tuesday. L.P. Larson was elected President and Treasurer of the company. Butte County Farm Agent Floyd Collins was the principal speaker at the meeting. The company has a cream station at St. Onge and is in good financial condition, paying regular dividends to stockholders.

Charles S. "Sammy" Sundstrom arrived Sunday from Charleston, South Carolina for a visit with his parents Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sundstrom of Twilight. He was over 4 days enroute here, so his 15-day furlough will leave him only a few days at home. He is in the same army camp with Leonard West of Newell. Who is expected to be home some time next month for a short leave.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Gladden, who recently announced their marriage which occurred last October. Mrs. Gladden, who was Patricia Beckham, is employed in the Post Office at Ft. Meade, while her husband is serving with the armed forces somewhere in Africa. A miscellaneous bridal shower will be hosted by Mrs. Paul Oksol at the Neighborhood Club meeting March 3. All are invited.

A bill introduced in the South Dakota House of Representatives Thursday to provide ratification by South Dakota-Wyoming compact, providing for diversion of water of the Belle Fourche River. The proposal is for a 260,000 acre foot dam to be constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation on the Belle Fourche River near Carlile, Wyoming, which would furnish additional water supply for the local irrigation project. A Wyoming Legislature passed the bill ratifying the inter-state compact last Saturday.

February 19, 1953

Plans are complete for the annual "Case Day" for farmers and their families which will be held at the DeGarlais Sales & Service Company in Newell tomorrow, announced this week by Tom and Fred DeGarlais.



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Carol Kiel and Melvin "Junior" Olson sharing cake at their wedding reception February 9, 1963.

The local dealers for J.I. Case Farm Machinery & Equipment will treat all visitors to free coffee and doughnuts in their showrooms and also a representative of the Case Company will be on hand to show and demonstrate new farming equipment and products.

A picture from Butte County during the 1949 blizzard tops the "Handy Devices" page of the February Issue of "Cap-pers Farmer". It shows Ralph Hedrick and Alfred Kayras feeding stock with a tractor and sled. "When snow gets too deep for farm trucks and other transportation equipment, some western stockmen find it a good idea to put snowshoes on their crawler-type tractor, a 3 foot hardwood plank bolted to the tread section. It can pull a big sled loaded with hay to feed marooned livestock in Butte County."

Several hundred dollars in damage were caused by an early morning fire at Butch's Garage, but because of early discovery and quick response by Newell Volunteer Fire Department, it was quickly extinguished. Believed caused by defective wiring, the blaze burned upward on one side of an interior petition owned by O.W. Brennaman & Son. The fire was discovered before 1 AM by Mrs. Frank Hoffmeyer and sounded the alarm. They live on the north-western corner of the business block in which the garage is located.

February 21, 1963

The Newell Post Office will be closed all day and there will be no mail deliveries this Friday, in observance of the Washington birthday holiday it is

announced by Daniel W. Wiest, acting Newell Post Master. Effective this past Saturday, Wiest also advised, Donald Seaman began duties at the Post Office as a substitute clerk succeeding Mrs. Clifford Reichstein.

In a double ring ceremony performed February 9, Miss Carol Jean Keil, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Keil of Zeona became the bride of Melvin James "Junior" Olson, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Olson Mud Butte. The Rev Father James Sheehan performed the ceremony in St Francis of Assisi Church, Sturgis, in the presence of 125 guests. Mrs. Darwin Brink, Sundance was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Shirley Bekken Sturgis and Janet Namanny, of Rapid City. James Orwick, Hoover was best man, groomsmen were Ervin Keil and Jerry Schuelke both of Newell and ushers were Darwin Brink, Sundance and Richard Keil, Newell. The couple will make their home at the ranch of the groom's parents where he is employed.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Janke sold their farm northwest of the Horse Creek School over the week end to Lawrence Miller of Gettysburg, according to an announcement made this week. Mr. Miller is the band instructor at Gettysburg School, but his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Pearl Holms of Avon are expected here this Saturday to live on the farm. Mrs. Holms is a sister of Mrs. Mike Berndt, who lives on the former Marcus Erickson place near there. Mr. & Mrs. Janke have lived almost 24 years on the farm; have purchased the John Neuberger house at 215 2nd Street across from the city park.



Feeding sheep at the Wahlfeldt "Red Star" Sheep Ranch, 30 miles northeast of Newell, early 1940's. Note the addition built over the cab of the truck to haul more hay. Very inventive!

Solutions to Puzzles on C3



Peanut Butter
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CORRECTION

The Irrigator would like to make the following correction to an article in the Feb. 15th paper: The Newell Community Club is not sponsoring the Meat Raffle. It is organized by Lorri Olson who is donating the profits to the Grandstand Fund. We apologize for the error.

Newell Takes on Dupree

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NEWELL – February 16 marked the Newell Lady Irrigators final home game of the season as they hosted the Dupree Tigers and tasted defeat. The girls scored just six points to the Tigers 10 in the first quarter. Those points came from Jaelyn Wendt with two and Kim Johnson with four on field goals.

In the second quarter they remained a bit on the down side as Dupree added 13 points while the Irrigators only managed seven more. This time Taylor Gaer was dominant with one just inside the arc, two at the charity stripe on a foul as she was shooting, and two more at the free throw line on a steal and attempt. She also added one more point on a technical shot to end the half at 23-13, Tigers. Rachel Erk got her name on

the states with one of two at the line and Gaer added a trey. Macy Wendt hit inside the paint and Kim Johnson hit a field goal and went two of two on her next shot attempt at the free throw line. The third period ended with Newell down by 16, 36-20.

The Lady Irrigators worked hard in the fourth, but Dupree was just as tough. Hitting treys and field goals. Although Newell scored 18 points in the period many of the younger girls played a part.

Jaelyn snagged a layup and a free throw and Gaer added a trey. Macey Wendt hit twice from inside the arc. Braylee Freytag hit for three and then went to the line for two of two. Hailey McCann finished things out with two points at the charity stripe for the Irrigators. The final was 57-38.

Girls Basketball Takes on Topa

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NEWELL – Newell girls took on Tio Spaye Topa Thunderhawks on February 11 and dominated 69-47. Newell jumped out to lead with a layup by Jaelyn Wendt in the beginning seconds of the first period. Kim Johnson and Taylor Gaer added two more each before the period was halfway gone. Gaer again hit for two and Macy Wendt added from inside the paint. Older sister Jaelyn came inside again for six more points before the buzzer sounded to end the quarter with the Irrigators up 18-6.

Johnson went to the line for two of two right after the second period began. Wendt again came inside and Rachel Erk dumped in a two-pointer. Gaer again tossed in a field goal. Macy hit for two and Jaelyn had 50 percent at the line. Hailey

McCann added a field goal and turned it into three points with the free throw after putting Newell up 36-17 at the half.

Jaelyn was on fire with four more points right after the half. Gaer added two and Macy also hit a field goal. Kendra Johnson added two points and big sis Kim added two more. Bethany Mahaffy came in to get her name in the states with a field goal and the hometown girls were up 53-32 at the end of three.

Johnson again went two for two right after the fourth quarter began and Macy hit a field goal. Again Johnson went two for two at the charity stripe, while Rachel Stranberg also got her points on the board with two field goals. McCann went 100 percent at the line and Kendra hit for two. Bethany again nailed a field goal to put Newell up 60-47 at the final buzzer.

Newell Girls Basketball

End of the Road for Lady Irrigators

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NEWELL – In a game postponed by weather, and re-located to Newell from Timber Lake, the Newell girls met the end of the road in the Region 8B girls basketball tournament on Friday, February 24. It was also the end of the road for Head Coach Scott Wince for his girls' basketball coaching career as he will retire from both coaching and teaching at the end of the school year. So, it was a bitter-sweet time for the team and the bench.

The girls started the game

with a bit of fire as Jaelyn Wendt headed right to the bucket against the Lemmon Cowgirls. But the Cowgirls were determined and tossed in a trey in the first few minutes. Macey Wendt hit for two points for Newell and then came back for the next bucket as well, keep the Irrigators close. Hailey McCann went one of two at the line to end the first period with Newell down by just one point, 8-7.

Kim Johnson tossed in the first bucket of the second quarter under heavy pressure from Lemmon, putting Newell on top for the first time since

Wendt's first seconds bucket.

But, it didn't take long for Lemmon to respond with a field goal and a point after to tie it at nine apiece. The game tied up again at 11 and 13 as the lead went back and forth Lemmon's Allie Kohn, leader of the pack, dumped in a three-pointer and Karly Riley also nailed a field goal. Although Macey Wendt came back with one of her own, Newell went into the half-time break, down 18-15.

Taylor Gaer scored for the first time in the third period with one from three-point land, and Jaelyn snagged another field goal to tie it up again at 20. The Cowgirls went on a scoring rampage, allowing the Irrigators no points while they scored 10 points. Jaelyn came back with two of two at the charity stripe. Again, Lemmon scored three field goals and a three-pointer. 2:49 was left in the third period. Five more points for the visitors before Kim Johnson hit a field goal followed by Rachel Erk just inside the arc for two. Macey hit twice in the period on field goals, but the Irrigators were down by 17 at the end of three, 47-30.

The girls just seemed to lose their drive coming out in the fourth period while Lemmon just poured on the steam. Erk went one of two at the charity stripe and Jaelyn hit again inside the paint. Rachel Stranberg scored her first points in the game on a field goal. With a little over a minute left in the game Wince subbed the younger girls, as did Lemmon to finish out the game. Hailey McCann added another field goal before time ran out on the game and the season.

Q: N-7 15 30 37. L-8 18 47 52. Erk 1 0 0/0 2, McCann 2 0 0/4 5, Stranberg 1 0 1/2 3, J. Wendt 3 0 2/2 8, Kim Johnson 3 0 0/1 6, M. Wendt 6 0 0/2 10, Gaer 0 1 0/0 3.



Taylor Gaer shoots a three-pointer in her final basketball game as a senior at NHS. - Brunner



(Left) Kim Johnson drives to the bucket to dump in two points for Newell in their regional loss to Lemmon. (Right) Hailey McCann gets inside for two points against Lemmon on Friday night. - Brunner photos



2023 Newell High School Senior Profiles

Editor's Note: The Irrigator continues our series profiling the Class of 2023. This profile by Krystal Tesche.

A senior at Newell school, Sophia Johnston is the daughter of Nicole Gordon and Tim Johnston. Living with her grandparents, Rod and Velva Rezlaff, Sophia has six siblings: Dylan, Elexia, Presleigh, Zain, Dakota and Harley. Her mother and grandmother have been the greatest influences in her life, teaching her how to be an independent woman and always pushing her to do her best. And do her best she did.

Grandma and mom would be proud of how involved she has been with the sports curriculum at NHS, including basketball, track, and field, and rounding out her sports success playing volleyball all four years of high school.

Academically Sophia enjoyed the teaching staff at NHS, stating that she loved the hands-on learning experience of each class along with the individuality of the teaching styles from all teachers. They really cater to students' needs and likes in a way that spoke to Sophia.

The Pierre trip, where seniors



Sophia
Johnston

attend the state legislature and rub shoulders with those involved in setting laws in the state of South Dakota, is a prime example of this. Sophia got the opportunity to meet the governor, and along with her peers, she learned a great deal about how the government inside our great state works.

As Sophia's high school days dwindle, she said that what has stuck with her the most is that she realized that there is always someone to listen. There is always a friend or teacher that is willing to help in any way that they can. She enjoys being that

person with her friends, be it going shopping or just hanging out.

Sophia will be attending Western Dakota Tech in the fall to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and join the workforce for around three years before furthering her education and becoming a traveling nurse. As sleeping a lot is also a huge hobby of Sophia's, it sounds like her dreams and ambitions will be taking a lot of that away so hopefully she gets it in now.



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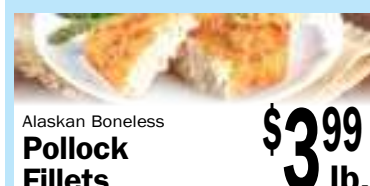


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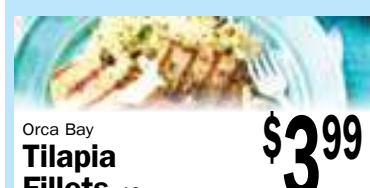
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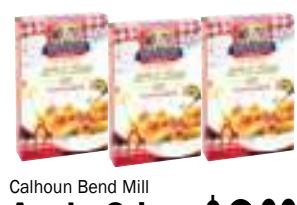
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The guiding principle at Black Hills Honey Farm is that quality is built into our natural products, and not just tested into a finished product. Therefore, the assurance is that the product not only meets the final specifications, but that it has been made by the same procedures under the same conditions each and every time it is made.

Black Hills Honey Farm specializes in producing raw, varietal honey, and each varietal honey is as unique as its floral source. Black Hills Honey Farm harvests this distinction and quality, and hand bottles in glass jars to preserve its purity and taste, at the time of extraction.

The strategy behind Black Hills Honey Farm wax processing is to limit the source of reusable beeswax. We only use wax removed from the upper half of the honey cell during extraction. Once the honey is removed from these cells, the bees have a clean new foundation. Clean foundations help control bee diseases naturally.

Black Hills Honey Farm is a fully integrated Beekeeping operation!



FATHER *Daughter* DANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

COMMUNITY HALL | 508 6TH AVENUE | BELLE FOURCHE
FORMAL ATTIRE | COLT 45 ENTERTAINMENT | DOOR PRIZES
Advance Tickets ONLY. NO tickets sold at the door. | Choice of 2 Entrees: Chicken or Beef

ALL AGES WELCOME!

6PM PHOTOS/SOCIAL HOUR/GAMES
7PM DINNER
8PM DANCE (ENDS AT 10 PM)

\$30 PER TICKET



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MOTHER *Son* DANCE

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MARCH 2023	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining 			1 Shepherd's Pie Garden Salad Rol Fruity Jello Chocolate Chip Cookie	2 Oven-Fried Chicken Potato Salad Veggie Medley Watermelon	3 Salmon Patties Sweet Potatoes Asparagus Cranberry Sauce Lemon Bar	4 Bicuits & Gravy Scrambled Egg Zucchini AuGrc Mixed Berries
	5 Ham AuGratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies Corn Bread Tropical Fruit	6 Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans Mandarine Oranges	7 Pork Chops Wild Rice Broccoli Applesauce Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	8 Country Fried Steak & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Peaches	9 Spagetti & Meat Balls Brussel Sprouts Garden Salad Foccocia Bread Pears	10 Cheese OR Chicken Enchiladas Mexican Slaw Black Beans Mangos Ice Cream	11 Turkey Ala King Egg Noodles Peas & Carrots Plums Snickerdoodle
	12 Breakfast Casserole Leafy Salad Banana Muffins Mixed Fruit	13 Roast Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Cranberry Sauce Dinner Roll	14 Chicken Cordon Bleu Mushroom Rissota Spinach Salad Fruity Jello	15 Deluxe Cheeseburger OR Liver & Onions Roasted Reds Veggie Medley Apples Peanut Butter Bar	16 Tortellini & Italian Sausage Soup Garden Salad French Bread Peaches	17 Corned Beef OR Unbreaded Cod Parsely Potatoes Cabbage Fresh Fruit Salad Grasshopper Pie	18 Cashew Chicki Fried Rice Egg Roll Asian Veggies Pinapple Fortune Cookie
	19 Stuffed Pork Loin Wild Rice Brussel Sprouts Cranberry Sauce	20 Turkey & Stuffing Casserole w/Gravy Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	21 Meatloaf Baked Potato Italian Veggies Mixed Fruit Brownie	22 BBQ Chicken Pasta Salad Zucchini Fries Combread Melons Ice Cream	23 Pork Roast & Gravy Roasted Potatoes Roasted Veggies Dinner Roll Apple Sauce	24 Beef OR Fish Tacos Refried Beans Corn & Red Pepper Salad Mandarine Oranges Lemon Cookie	25 Chicken Noodl Soup Veggie Bars Mixed Berries Yogurt
	26 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Tropical Fruit	27 Smoked Sausage Peppers & Onions Roasted Reds Veggie Medley Apple Salad Cinnamon Muffin	28 Pot Roast & Gravy Roasted Potatoes Roasted Veggies Mixed Fruit	29 Paprika Chicken Egg Noodles Asparagus Garden Salad Pears Chocolate Cake	30 Swiss Steak Cauliflower Rice Green Beans Savory Muffin Peaches Pudding	31 Deluxe BBQ Pork OR Tuna Salad Sandwich Sweet Potato Wedge Seven-Layer Salad Fruity Jello	
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