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## There Will Be No Need for April 2022 City Council Elections

There will be no need to have a city election in April as there was only a single petition filed in each of the four city council wards as of last Friday's 5PM deadline.

Taking the oath of office at the May regular city council meeting will be current Ward 1 councilman Monte Talkington, continuing to represent Ward 1; former mayor, Clark Sowers, who will represent Ward 2 in the seat that had been held by Annie Reich. Reich was appointed County Auditor late last year. First-time candidate Larry Schmaltz will be representing Ward 3. Incumbent councilman Vern Hintz did not seek reelection. Incumbent Bob Somervold will retain his seat in Ward 4.

## South Dakota Kids Belong Gala Evening



**Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden and 2nd Lady Sandy Rhoden** address the SD Kids Belong Gala attendees at the Countryside Church in Spearfish this past Friday evening. *Beacon Photo*

## South Dakota Kids Belong Gala Biggest Ever

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**SPEARFISH** – The South Dakota chapter of America's Kids Belong held its biggest-ever fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 25, at Countryside Church in Spearfish. The statewide chapter, known as South Dakota Kids Belong (SDKB), was founded by Belle Fourche couple Damen and Kristi Woolsey with inspiration from Spearfish couple Rick and Vicki Furnish.

SDKB is a 501 c (3) organization that helps South Dakota kids in foster care find permanent homes and forever families through adoption and fostering. It also has programs to provide biological parents a way to reunite with their children who had earlier been placed in care.

And through its innovative "wrap around" program it is building a network of volunteers and citizens who help support foster families through church, social and business organizations.

SDKB has recruited more than 150 new and licensed adoptive parents, creating a spike in that number that the state Department of Social Services (DSS) calls "unprecedented" – drawing the praise and support of Gov. Noem during her State of the State address in January.

SDKB promoted the event as the 5th annual "Rise Up for South Dakota Kids" gala and it drew more than 300 people, including South Dakota Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden and DSS

Secretary Laurie Gill, who brought along nearly her entire staff from Pierre.

Damen Woolsey, SDKB President, said the organization set an aggressive fund-raising goal for this year's gala and as of this past weekend, with donations still coming in, they were nearing the mark.

"We are humbled and thankful for everyone's generosity and heart to help kids throughout the state," Woolsey told the Beacon. "And we are just super thankful for the unity in our state, for the leaders of faith, leaders of business, and leaders in state government who have come together to help kids find forever families, adoptive families, and support for those families. We are really blessed as a state."

For Lt. Governor Rhoden and his wife Sandy, they attended this event three years ago and brought a message back to the Governor that they knew would resonate with her. Last May the state launched a public-private initiative led by SDKB and DSS called "Stronger Families Together." It has as a goal to recruit 300 foster families a year for the next three years and has made remarkable progress toward that goal.

"I knew how much this program would touch the heart of our Governor," Rhoden told the Beacon, "With her upbringing having a foster brother and a heart for kids in South Dakota it was a natural fit. And I'm really excited about how this program has grown and taken shape. It is a God thing."

Rhoden says there are several

things unique about the program. He cites the public-private faith-based partnership as being somewhat unique among the states and the wrap around support network that gives those who are not ready to adopt or foster the ability to help support those that do.

"I think that was the most unique part of the Stronger Families Together proposal that they brought forward to us at the capitol, and it has a lot of merit," Rhoden said.

Secretary Gill related to the crowd how Gov. Kristi Noem had invited her into her cabinet as DSS Secretary, a position she accepted as an indication of where she felt God wanted her to be. That's when the wheels were put in motion to begin the initiative.

"And I remember a few years ago when the Lt. Governor came back and was talking about this great organization (SDKB) and it caught the governor's ear," Gill said. "And the Governor came to me and said I want this to be one of my initiatives. And we met the Woolseys and started learning about the structure which is really a three-legged stool between government, faith-based organizations, and businesses. It came together. And you don't see this happening a lot where government and state employees are sitting, rubbing elbows with faith-based organizations and businesses to make something wonderful happen."

Kristi Woolsey, SDKB State Communications Director, says during 2022 SDKB is focused on one particular area that presents the state's greatest need. "For this coming year our focus is really going to be in Pen-

nington County," Woolsey said. "Pennington County has more kids in care than Sioux Falls does, and Sioux Falls has triple the number of available foster parents. We need to recruit more foster parents in the Rapid City area."

SDKB did make progress in 2021 in Pennington County with a net increase in foster families from 73 in July to 91 by the end of December 2021. According to Woolsey many of those foster parents took in more than one child. "Our goal is to someday have more willing foster parents than there are kids who need foster care."

Keynote speaker Tori Petersen told the Beacon she might have benefited from an organization like SDKB had it been around when she was younger. She "aged out" of foster care, meaning she had not been adopted by the age of 18 when the state considered her an adult. She was suddenly on her own.

"I was instantly homeless," she said, noting that 20% of foster youth who age out of foster care when they turn 18 are instantly homeless. "I love that South Dakota Kids Belong gives kids an opportunity to say who they are and what they love through the videos. They can rewrite who they truly are and not what their case files say they are."

Petersen told the crowd she was running track during her teen years in high school and credits "an amazing coach," who told her he thought she could win state and get a scholarship to college. She went on to follow his guidance and became Ohio's first five-time female state champion and got

**SD Kids Belong B5**

## After 5 Years Chief Pomrenke Stepping Down

Marlyn Pomrenke, Belle Fourche Chief of Police, has announced his retirement from the department, effective March 17. Pomrenke handed in his 30-day notice to the mayor and city council who acknowledged it at their regular meeting on Feb. 22.

Pomrenke started with the department in Feb. of 2017 with only four officers on staff. He leaves five years later with a department of 12 officers and staff, great memories, and a desire to spend more time with family.

"I've been thinking about this since last fall," Pomrenke told the Beacon. "I knew this day was going to come and so you slowly build up to it. And I wanted to leave on good terms, on top, and with this place in good shape, as good as I can."

During his tenure in law enforcement Pomrenke says there is one thing he has enjoyed most. "The real joy of this job for me has been watching young officers come along and grow," he said. "Most of the time an officer will start out and they can do traffic, and they're good at that. But you try to

open their eyes to other areas of law enforcement, give them opportunities and build them into something. Sometimes as you watch them develop, you even have to chuckle at their mistakes because you did that 30 years ago."

Pomrenke's law enforcement career spanned more than three and a half decades beginning in 1986 as an Air Force security policeman stationed at Joint Base Randolph in San Antonio, TX. While there he was named Airman of the Year and fell just .2 of a point shy of earn-

ing a trip to the White House to be recognized by President Reagan.

The White, SD, native then returned; crisscrossing his home state looking for a job. He was hired by Butte County Sheriff Dick Davis after having been the final candidate considered from a list of 100. Pomrenke worked as a deputy sheriff for a little more than four years. He and his wife Anna then moved to Utah where he worked for the state prison system in West Jordan for five years. While

**Chief Pomrenke B5**



**Marlyn Pomrenke**

## Whetham Retires from the Farm Service Agency

Dan Whetham began his career with the Farmer's Home Administration (FmHA) in June of 1986 in Aberdeen, SD. In October of 1987 he became the County Supervisor in Leola, SD and held the same position in Ipswich, SD beginning in January of 1990.

Dan was president of the SD Association of Credit Specialists when FmHA and ASCS merged in 1995. On April 1, 1996, Dan became one of the first County Executive Directors with loan approval authority in the country managing both the loan and commodity programs of McPherson County for the newly formed organization that eventually became the Farm Service Agency.

In that capacity, Dan also served on several national and state task forces. In July of 2007, Dan became a District Director overseeing the North Central part of the state ranging from Britton to McIntosh. In October of 2008, he transferred to Belle Fourche eventually



**Dan Whetham**

overseeing the majority of western South Dakota.

In 2016, Dan was selected as a national District Director mentor and has since mentored District Directors in 5 states.

Dan retired at the end of 2021 with 35 1/2 years of service. When asked what he was most proud of during his career, Dan indicated that hands down he is

**Whetham B5**





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Martin Bonato, 76, of Belle Fourche died February 20, 2022 at Garden Hills Assisted Living in Spearfish.

He was born January 4, 1946 in Belle Fourche to Enrico and Ann (Wendt) Bonato. He graduated from Belle Fourche High School and went to the University of Idaho where he took classes in forestry and botany. He loved to plant flowers in the family vegetable gardens.

Martin was a farmer/rancher and worked alongside his parents on the Bonato homestead. The land was homesteaded by his grandmother and his father in the early nineteen hundred's. The ranch was passed on to Martin after his parents passed. He expanded the prop-



erty and continued ranching for some 40 years raising prime beef cattle, hay and other crops.

He is survived by his brother, James of Littleton, CO; sisters, Betty Adler of Anchorage, AK, Sylvia Stolley of Denver, CO and Rena Maxwell of Scotts Valley, CA; aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Enrico and Ann Bonato.

Services will be held at a later date at which time the website and newspapers will be updated.

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



## Doreen “Dodie” McDill 66

Doreen “Dodie” Lee McDill (Larive), age 66, passed away on February 17, 2022 in Belle Fourche, SD; formerly of Spearfish and Hot Springs, SD.

Dodie was born on December 16, 1955 and raised in Hot Springs, SD by Curtis and Kathleen “Lorraine” (Maciejewski) Larive. She grew up playing with her brother and friends in the Black Hills, camping in fire lookout towers with her Grandma Shorty and washing windshields at Curt’s Standard Station.

Dodie graduated from high school in 1974, then traveled through Europe with the 4-H Citizen Ambassador group, visiting several countries including England, where she surely solidified her love for The Beatles.

Dodie attended Stuart’s School of Hairstyling in Sioux Falls, SD and returned to Hot Springs where she started her own salon, The Stylist. In addition to giving her friends and family makeovers, she styled contestants for several Miss South Dakota Pageants and the 1987 Miss America Pageant. Dodie also worked with Redken’s Research and Development Division for hair and skin products. Later, her salon would include an antique store.

On February 16, 1980, Dodie married John McDill Jr. Together they adopted Shelby and Levi. As a family they enjoyed what the Black Hills had to offer, similar to how Dodie and John grew up. Much of their free



time was spent with extended family at the Larive cabin or McDill ranch.

After tragically losing John and Levi in 1999, Dodie and Shelby moved to Spearfish, SD. In 2003, Dodie adopted Chitra from India and fulfilled her dream of raising another child. The following years were made up of dance and piano recitals, tending to rose gardens, cutting hair, coloring books, passing out medals at the annual Levi McDill Memorial Soccer Festival, and sharing home cooked meals with those she loved. Her distinctive cackling laugh will be sorely missed.

Grateful to have shared in her life are her daughters Shelby (Timothy) Leeuw of Dillon, MT, Chitra McDill of Rapid City, SD, brother Michael (Joanna) Larive of Gillette, WY, numerous extended family members and beloved friends.

Dodie was preceded in death by her parents Curt and Lorraine Larive, husband John and son Levi.

Cremation has taken place in the care of Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills. Burial and memorial service will be held in Hot Springs, SD at a later date. The family will be using a CaringBridge website to share memories of Dodie and to keep everyone informed of her upcoming service. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/doreenmcill>

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## Gary Goodvin 70

Gary George Goodvin, 70, passed away February 18, 2022, at his home in the Philippines surrounded by loved ones.

Gary was born June 28, 1951, in Chamberlain, SD to Burton “Bud” and Twila Abernathy Goodvin. Gary spent his younger years in Chamberlain, SD, Gann Valley, SD where he lived with his grandmother Mildred Abernathy for a time, New Mexico, Upton, WY and later Devils Tower, WY where he helped his parents at the Devil’s Gulch store and Café near Devils Tower. He also drove a water truck for his father hauling water to drilling rigs in the oil fields in Wyoming.

In 1968 Gary decided to head for California where he worked as a cook in a restaurant while staying with his family and friends. Later after returning to Wyoming Gary Married Ione Spangler in 1973 and they lived at Devils Gulch running the cafe then later outside Hulett on Moore Hill and in Osage.

In 1984 Gary Married Wylma Ridinger and they moved to the Belle Fourche area where they decided to start a logging business then later a Pawn Shop.

In 2003 Gary was married to Cora De Los Reyes and they extended the pawn business to a second location in Spearfish.



After they separated Gary made the decision to sell his Pawn business and home to retire in a warmer climate in the Philippines. In 2019 Gary Married Almira Balansag.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, metal detecting, artifact hunting and had a great appreciation for the beauty of nature and spent much time gardening. Gary loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, and they have many great memories of sharing the activities he loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Judy Goodvin.

Survivors include his wife Almira Goodvin; three sons, Zack Spangler of Hulett, Wy, Burton “Buddy” (April) Goodvin of Beulah, ND, Tucker (Tricia) Goodvin of Belle Fourche, SD; two daughters, Bethany Goodvin (Mike Richard) of Lewiston ME, Alary Goodvin, Buenavista, Philippines; seven grandchildren, John, Josh, Caleb, Samuel, Isaiah, Lucille, and Piper; four brothers, Terry (Barb) Goodvin, Steven(Andra) Minor, Billy Goodvin, Jim Steward; two Sisters, Penny (Jim) Pudge, Shauna (Ray) Fadden; and multiple nieces and nephews.

## Pastor’s Perspective

*This week’s Pastor’s Perspective is provided by Rev. Sheri Fadley, BF United Methodist Church*

### “Walking into the Unknown”

*“Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.” Exodus 15:22*

“Space, the Final Frontier...” For those who are familiar with Star Trek, those words bring a touch of excitement to mind! But those folks are also perfectly aware that this is science fiction and every episode ends well. In reality anyone who is involved in the space program knows very well that there is a whole lot more that is unknown than known about space. The unknown in this case can mean a great deal of danger and is life-threatening. So, astronauts are walking into the unknown on a grand scale.

But the rest of us... do we feel like we are walking into unknown territory in life right now? Are you going through some kind of wilderness experience?

Some of you may be thinking, “Nope, no wilderness or unknowns in my life right now.” Yet, the wilderness can begin for any of us at any time. Nobody really knows what tomorrow may bring. For those seeking to be faithful to the Lord, we have to include in our understandings that there is always some mystery, some unknowns with God. Afterall, he did tell the prophet Isaiah, “...my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways...As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9)

We can be surprised by the unexpected—which can bring blessings or hard times. We can work hard trying to bring a particular vision to reality and not see it happen. We can take a loved one for granted and suddenly find ourselves in a rocky relationship. One day, you wake up feeling a bit off, only to find out that you need more tests to figure out what exactly is going on inside your body. Farmers and ranchers are wondering about the drought conditions and what this coming ag season is going to hold for them. There is a fair amount of political unrest and conflict involving so many issues. Plus, many churches are going through changes too.

There are lots of factors at play when we consider the complex nature of life. However, we can walk into the unknown with more security than others do. As Christ followers we can turn to the Lord for support. This Lent my congregation is going to explore some of the factors of the unknown that we are facing and turn to Christ to nurture our faith.

Walking into the unknown can create fears and anxieties. For those of you who are faithful disciples to Christ, I want to remind you that for someone

not familiar with congregational life, they are walking into the unknown, when they join us for worship or Bible study or any other activity. Christ can help us to minimize fears and anxieties as we grow in our trust in him and his ways of life. Let’s face it, there are so many changes happening around us so quickly, that life may be feeling as strange to us as the astronauts’ face when they head into space. During this Lenten season many congregations, including my own will welcome newcomers with open arms to offer encouragement, guidance, and support as we all build our faith in Christ, who is the rock, the redeemer, and the way and the truth and the life.

In Christ’s Spirit,  
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## “The Case for Community Newspapers”

Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center's March First Saturday



Kate Meadows

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The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a First Saturday Brunch on Saturday, March 5th.

The presenter will be Humanities Scholar Kate Meadows, speaking on why local newspapers play a significant role in the life and culture of a town.

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## Chamber's Saturday Legislative Cracker Barrel



Members of the SD legislature who represent Butte County and Legislative Districts 28, 28B, and 29 were on hand at **Crossroads Restaurant** for the Chamber of Commerce's legislative cracker barrel to answer area residents questions and update on what is happening at the Capitol in Pierre this session. From left: **State Senator Ryan Maher, State Representatives Sam Marty, Kirk Chaffee, Dean Wink, and State Senator Gary Cammack.** *Courtesy Photo*

## Career Fair 2022



The 2022 BF High School Career Learning and Community Job Fair, hosted by the **BF Chamber of Commerce, BF Economic Development, and the BF Rec Center** was held Feb 17th. There were 67 tables displaying post-secondary schools and business opportunities. All the 8th graders through 12th graders attend this event, along with area citizens interested in employment opportunities. (Above)The floor of the BF Rec Center gymnasium full of booths and curious attendees. *Courtesy photos.*

Photo Below: **Albany Farms**, HR manager, **Angie Besler**, talks with job fair attendees.



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## Thomas McCoy Finishes Third at State Wrestling Tournament

### Kyra Vandenberg 6th in First Girls State Tournament

Thomas McCoy capped as season of improvement and strong competitive matches in taking the third place medal in the Class A 138 pound weight class at the State Wrestling Tournament at the Denny San-

ford Premier Center in Sioux Falls this past weekend. McCoy began the tourney with a first round 15-0 major decision over Douglas wrestler, Kale Crowser. In the second round he fell in the first period to undefeated and eventual 138# State Champion, Alex Mentzer of Brandon Valley. Mentzer, like McCoy,a Junior finished the season a perfect 52-0.

After the loss McCoy moved to the Consolation bracket where he pinned Blessing Taniah Sioux Falls Washington in 5:41; then pinning Madison's Isaac Henry in 35 seconds. He then pinned Wyatt Stuntebeck of Tea Area in 2:19, before besting Carson Hansmann of Watertown, by a 7-6 decision for the 3rd Place medal.

Wrestling in the first ever South Dakota State Girls Wrestling Tournament Kyra Vandenberg brought home the 6th place medal in the 106 pound division for the Broncs.

Kyra started the tournament pinning Lemmon's Darla Barnes in 3:10 before losing her second place match to Akane Metcalfe of Kimball White Lake. In wrestlebacks she pinned Canton's Marin Rhode in 4:50; then decisioned Meredith Ramacher, Hot Springs 11-8. She then lost matches to Trinity Duran RC Stevens, Jett Yaggie, Yankton. to finish 6th. Hailey Rodriguez wrestling at Girls 113# lost matches to Keira Christ, Yankton & Dani Batchelor, Chamberlain.

Alexa Swaney at 132#: lost to Riley Buus SF O Gorman, & Lakota Rodgers, Lakota Tech. on the Boys side at 106# Logan Tyndall lost two matches to Brandon Valley and Mitchell wrestlers. D'Angelo Garduna at 113# to Vermillion & Lennox; Riley Dighton at 126# to Kaden Olson Sturgis & Dylan Sloan, Yankton; Cayden Wolfe at 152# fell to Justin Zirpel West Central &Rollie French Vermillion; Cade Bickerdyke at 195# was downed by Aiden Werlinger Sturgis and Gabriel Gebhard West Central; At 220# Lucas Tonsager lost his matches to Ayden Viox Harrisburg & Samson Flakus,Aberdeen.



Thomas McCoy and Kyra Vandenberg on the Medal podiums during Award Ceremonies at the State Wrestling Tournament in Sioux Falls SDPTV Photos

## Congratulations Coaches & Squad!



Bronc State Wrestling Tourney Squad Audrey Bickerdyke Photo



Final High School Wrestling matches for Seniors D'Angelo Garduna, Cade Bickerdyke, and Cayden Wolfe Audrey Bickerdyke Photos

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# Ward's Clutch Free Throws Send Broncos Girls Basketball to SD 16

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Lady Broncos sophomore forward Mataya Ward calmly dropped in two free throws with two seconds remaining to propel Belle Fourche to a 50-49 victory over Rapid City Christian in Belle Fourche on Saturday night and a berth in the SD 16 super regional game. The Lady Comets blew out to a 17-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Broncos remained cool and cut the deficit to one point 28-27 at halftime. The score was knotted at 38 all at the end of three before the excitement of the final minutes of the game unfolded.



Senior forward Kaylin Garza helped fuel the second quarter run hitting six points with teammates Grace Clooten and Chloe Crago each dropping in four each to get the Broncos to within one point. In the final quarter Garza and junior guard Dylan Stedille each hit big shots from behind the arc before Ward's final heroics. Ward hit a bucket to put Belle up by one late in the quarter but Christian countered and took the lead by one with the clock winding down. Ward was fouled driving to the hoop with two seconds remaining and nailed the two free throws to seal the victory. Ward and Garza led the Ladies with 12 points each and Stedille added 9. "The girls started slow but we hung in there and played hard for four quarters. Once we slowed down on the offensive

end we played better," commented head coach Bill Burr on the win. The Broncos will now face the Hamlin Lady Chargers at a neutral site. Hamlin is 20-2 on the year and beat the Broncos in last year's state tournament. Belle advanced to the Christian game by defeating Lead Deadwood in the first round contest 52-18 on Thursday evening in Belle Fourche. The Broncos bolted out to 25-9 lead at halftime and never looked back. Dylan Stedille and Mataya Ward each notched 11 points to lead the Ladies. Chloe Crago had 8, Lily McCarty 7 and Tia Williamson 6 to add to a balanced Belle attack. "We played good defense and moved the ball well on offense," said coach Burr. "We were also able to get all the girls in for some playing time," he added.

# Broncos BB Goes to 12-7 With Two Wins

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The Belle Fourche Broncos traveled to Mobridge on Friday night for their last regular season contest and completed a 13-7 season record to dispatch the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers by a 69-48 score. Belle busted out of the gates in the first period dropping 25 points in the hoop and led 25-11. Mobridge made up a little ground in the second quarter but Belle went to the lockers with a 35-24 lead. The Tigers would get no closer as the Broncos outscored their opponents 34-24 in the second half for the decisive

21 point victory. The Broncos Aiden Giffin again dominated with his play in the lane and led five double figure scorers for Belle with 21 points. Gabe Heck and Anthony Budmayr each posted 12 points, Anthony Staley had 11 and Ryker Audiss finished with 10. Giffin sank 9-13 from the charity stripe as the Broncos hit 70% of their free tosses. The Broncos bombed in 9 shots from behind the arc with Heck connecting on 4 and Audiss and Budmayr netting two each. Tatin Yackley also hit one shot from deep. The Tigers prepare for their first district game against Chey-

enne Eagle Butte and finished the season 8-10. The Broncos JV team finished their season and lost on a last second shot by Mobridge and fell 63-62 in overtime. Nolan Wahlfeldt poured in 22 points to lead Belle with Jet Jensen hitting for 18 including 3 from downtown and Joshua Hahne chipping in 11. The JV's coached by Kyle Webb end the year with a 13-6 mark. The Broncos started district play on Tuesday as they hosted the Hill City Rangers. Hill City (7-13) defeated Belle 53-50 in January at Hill City so expect a tight entertaining game.



Anthony Staley leaps high to score two. Jamie Hockenberry photo




Aiden Giffen shoots from under the net. Jamie Hockenberry photo



BFHS Student section is there to offer support. Hockenberry photo

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**A clinic will be held at 9:00 am March 19th at the American Legion Post 320 Hitting Shed in Rapid City.**

**If there is enough interest in the Belle Fourche and Spearfish area, a clinic may be held in Belle Fourche.**

You can go to the S.D.U.A.'s website at [www.sdumpires.org](http://www.sdumpires.org) or contact:

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Lily McCarty holds strong. Hockenberry photo





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# Belle Fourche Bronc Seniors Recognized at Basketball Game

Seniors clockwise from top left: Cheerleader Ella Carlson, Ryker Audiss, Cheerleader Neveah Balderas, and Gabe Heck. Hockenbary Photos



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## Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

We have a lot to look forward to in March. Ash Wednesday is today, March 2.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent in the Western church and takes place 46 days before Easter. As the date of Easter is calculated on the cycles of the moon, the date of Ash Wednesday will vary from year to year. The earliest possible date for Ash Wednesday is 4 February and the latest day is March 10.

The name of the day comes from the custom that churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ash to symbolize death and regret for past sins. The priest will accompany the marking with a recital of Genesis 3:19 - "Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return". The tradition of marking with ashes began in the early church as a way for persistent sinners to outwardly show their desire for repentance. By the end of the 10th century, the custom had spread to all the faithful.

Ash Wednesday is observed mainly by the Roman Catho-

lic Church and also by some Protestant denominations such as Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Lutherans.



Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2022 will take place from Tuesday, March 1-Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

Mar 13, 2022 - Daylight Saving Time Starts When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 13, 2022, 3:00:00 am local daylight time

instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 13, 2022 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

Sunday March 13th was supposed to be a candidate's forum for City council races. With only one candidate filing in each ward there is no need for an election so no need for the forum.

Maybe the group that was going to put on the forum should organize a "meet the four 2022 Councilmen event" and give the councilmen opportunity to give their "vision" for Belle their next three years in office?

St. Patrick's Day is officially observed on March 17 each year, though celebrations may not be limited to this date. The significance of March 17 is that it's said to be the date of St. Patrick's death in the late 5th century (circa A.D. 493).

This March, the spring equinox occurs on Sunday, March 20. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the start of the spring season.

It won't be long and Gabby will be bragging about his tomatoes again.



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## Belle Fourche Bronc Seniors Recognized at Basketball Game



Seniors (upper left: Caiden Stores, clockwise from top left: Ella Carlsonaiden Giffin, Dalton Davis, Cole Hockenbary, and Kaylin Garza . Hockenbary Photos



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Brown, Steve Or Kathy, Sturgis SD.....	4.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1498.....	\$88.25
Brown, Steve Or Kathy, Sturgis SD.....	6.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1215.....	\$88.50
Brown, Steve Or Kathy, Sturgis SD.....	32.....	B/R..	Cow.....	1314.....	\$89.25
Brown, Steve Or Kathy, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Red..	Cow.....	1345.....	\$85.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1600.....	\$87.00
Bruch Ranch LLC, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1105.....	\$85.00
Carr, Douglas A, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1125.....	\$65.00
Carr, Douglas A, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1035.....	\$87.00
Carr, Douglas A, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Blk..	Cow.....	987.....	\$71.00
Fager, Darrel, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1625.....	\$73.50
Jones, Howard H & Kristin D, Rozet WY.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1405.....	\$89.00
Levin, Cory, Hereford SD.....	3.....	Blk..	Hfr.....	1091.....	\$131.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	2025.....	\$74.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	3.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1600.....	\$85.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	3.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1443.....	\$86.50
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1440.....	\$68.00
Lewis, Jesse, Black Hawk SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1950.....	\$80.00
Lipp, Jj (Phil), Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Xbrd..	Cow.....	1635.....	\$86.00
Millers Crow Creek LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1345.....	\$82.50
Millers Crow Creek LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1275.....	\$88.00
Millers Crow Creek LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1220.....	\$85.00
Millers Crow Creek LLC, Spearfish SD.....	3.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1141.....	\$95.50
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY.....	4.....	Bbld..	Hfr.....	1208.....	\$116.00
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY.....	2.....	Blk..	Hfr.....	1045.....	\$95.00
Schuldies, Gerald, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk..	Cow.....	1230.....	\$70.50
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Menu Subject to Change													
Chicken & Rice Casserole Roll Steamed Broccoli Pudding	6	Pork Chops Roasted Reds Peas & Carrots Roll Double Chocolate Cookie	7	Meatloaf Stewed Tomatoes Baked Potato Vegetable Medley Oatmeal Cookie	8	Pot Roast Roasted Potato & Vegetables Roll Garden Salad Spice Cake	9	Baked Chicken Thighs Cheesy Rice Brussels Sprouts Raspberry Oat Bars	10	Salmon Patties Wild Rice Green Beans Fruit	11	Open-faced Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	12
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### The Priest and the Rabbi

A priest and a rabbi were sitting next to each other on an airplane.

The priest turned to the rabbi and asked, "Is it still a requirement of your faith that you not eat pork?"

The rabbi responded, "Yes, that is still one of our laws."

The priest then asked, "Have you ever eaten pork?"

To which the rabbi replied, "Yes, on one occasion I did succumb to temptation and tasted a ham sandwich."

The priest nodded in understanding and went on with his reading.

A while later, the rabbi spoke up and asked the priest, "Father, is it still a require-

ment of your church that you remain celibate?"

The priest replied, "Yes, that is still very much a part of our faith"

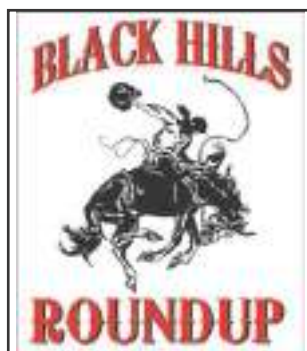
The rabbi then asked him, "Father, have you ever fallen to the temptations of the flesh?"

The priest replied, "Yes, rabbi, on one occasion I was weak and broke my Faith."

The rabbi nodded understandingly and remained silent, and sat thinking, for about five minutes.

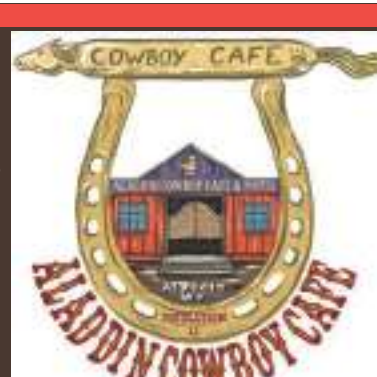
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### Biting Off Less Than I Could Chew

I was walking towards the horse barn and I started takin' a chew;  
Noticed the can was just about dry, but what was I gonna do?

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I caught up the big bay colt. He's such a fool, it made me smile.

Been ridden enough to know better. Last time about two years ago last spring;  
So I knew he was up to the task. Him and me would give it a fling

He was just a touch kind'a humpy. Dang fool acts about only half broke;  
If I was like them old timers, I'd let him soak while I rolled me a smoke

Stepped on and he hogged around a bit. I ain't no colt nor too old to try;  
So I kept his head and rode it out of him, tho' he give it a pretty good try.

We set out at a trot for them cedar breaks, looking for that one last ol' hide;  
Only place I ain't looked for her yet, it's far enough to give him a good ride.

At the gate he blew up with me again, but I ain't no kid to believe his bluff;  
What's he thinking anyway? I ain't lettin' him get away with that kind of stuff.

Through the gate and down the ridge. We start slidin' towards the bottom;  
Darn snowy and kind of icy, and here it's barely just past autumn.

About then the world kind of flipped upside down and we're in a tangled mess;  
Rolling ass over tea kettle down the hill. Ol' pud-ding foot must'a fell I guess.

We end up trapped beside a tree, upside down in a deep ol' cow trail;  
Him on top and me underneath, my face about covered by his tail!

I kick and squirm to get away! Then realize he's layin' plumb still;  
Well damn... I guess he's dead.. I'm wishin' I had some badgers skill.

Maybe I could tunnel out from beneath him. Get out from under this mess;  
Decided I better take a chew, it sure helps calm the nerves I guess.

But dang! The can is about empty! Ain't but a tiny bit;  
About enough to get a taste, but not enough to get a spit.

I calmly assess the situation, yep.... it's just me and the Lord;  
He's plainly saying "You made this mess, now you'll get your just reward."

My leg is numb, under that horse. Sure wish I had put on warmer clothes;  
Sun ain't putting' out too much heat and I gots me a real runny nose!

No cell reception to call for help. No one knows just where I went;  
Not sure of who can send out a tracker. I think my good lucks sure been spent.

As I lay there trying to get free, I sure wish I had me some more chew;  
A feller can stand about anything if he's got Copenhagen to see him through.

No matches to start a fire with. No dry wood close by anyway;  
At least none that I can reach from right here, trapped under this clumsy bay.

I kind of blacked out for a spell. Next thing I know I come awake;  
Layin' in a clean hospital bed, thankin' the Lord for giving me a break.

They tell me a hunter had found me and went and got a rescue crew;  
They packed me out and in to here, just like they're trained to do.

So I am thankful the Lord sent them folks, to help me out of my latest jam;  
And the Bible is dang sure true, that He always looks for that one lost lamb.

I have had time to think and reflect, and learned a tough lesson too;  
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## Capitol News



**KAREN ODELL**

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It has been very cold at Capitol and on Tie Creek. Alvin Cordell had 30 below on Wednesday, and 24 below on Thursday. On Saturday, things were a little warmer, and Alvin and Marlee went to Spearfish for the Black Hills State University basketball game against Denver Metro State University. Black Hills won both the men's and women's games, and the games were great to watch. That puts Black Hills at the top of their conference. On Sunday, Alvin and Marlee went in to Camp Crook for the Little Missouri Pancake Supper at the community hall. They have a few new calves from their two-year old heifers.

Dick and Erma Albert went to the Hills, on Thursday, to do some shopping. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizens' Chicken Dinner, which is always well attended. Erma stayed to play cards afterwards. On Sunday, they went to church at the Catholic Church where there was a special baptism. Father Bryan had awarded confirmation to a class of students at Bison that morning. After church Dick and Erma had

lunch at Saloon Number Three with John Helms.

On Valentine's Day Luke and Jamie Basler went to Deadwood, to spend the night and do a bit of gambling. Oren, Arlie and Konnor stayed with Gramma Ronda Cordell to help do chores, and work on the crossword puzzle. Luke and Jamie were back to Ronda's, before noon on Tuesday, and the crossword puzzle was finished Tuesday afternoon. After finishing the puzzle, they all went for a joy ride through the Long Pines. After breakfast on Wednesday, the Basler's headed to Rapid City for the plane back to Missouri. Ronda went to Belle Fourche to drop tax paper off, on Thursday, and then, went to Spearfish for an eye checkup. This week, on Tuesday evening, Ronda braved the sub-zero, and went to the Bergstrom Place to join Toney and Linda Hannah for supper. She drove into Camp Crook for beef stew at Wolff's Garage, at noon on Wednesday. The thermometer had registered 17.3 degrees below, that morning, but without the wind, it was actually not too bad to be out in the fresh air. From reports from others, some areas had temperatures as low as 39 below.

On Sunday afternoon, Diane Wear came to spend the night at Ronda's, so she could go on to Bowman for a dental appointment the next day. Ronda went into the Little Missouri Church Pancake Supper at the Camp Crook Community Center. There was quite a crowd, as always, good eats, and the silent auction. Ronda has been writing

some articles that she wanted pictures for, so she began sorting years and years of photos and putting DVDs into albums by year.

Lynn Gustafson and Linda Matthews made a trip to Bowman. on Thursday. for hair appointments. Then Lynn did some cooking, to get ready for the pancake supper. On Sunday, Lynn and Bruce went in to Camp Crook for the Little Missouri Church Pancake Supper and silent auctions.

Doug and Julia Davis went to Belle Fourche to spend time with their grandsons. and babysit while Jake and Callie went to the benefit for the Tetrault baby that was held at Cadillac Ranch. They stayed for a birthday breakfast with Callie the next morning, and then hurried home for the Little Missouri Church Pancake Supper in Camp Crook that evening. The wind had ruined the bearings in Doug's weather station, so he hadn't kept track of the week's weather.

Ian and Jenna Flatgard spent Saturday and Sunday in the Hills near Lead. where they took Marla on her first cross country skiing trip. Marla slept on Ian's back for most of the event, but it was fun for everyone. Joe Malecek went along with them for a great break after the cold weather before the snow was gone. Jenna spent one day making pillows.

Donna Lewis went to Baker on Friday to pick up her medicine. She got some groceries, and made herself an nice stew. She went back to town for a baby shower, one day. She

hopes to see granddaughters wrestle in the AA U competition in Huntley, in March.

Shirley Melum made twenty pairs of wool mittens this week. She had been so busy that the week went fast. On Wednesday, Ernie, Rachel and Tommy had an appointment in Baker. They went back to Baker on Sunday, for church, and then went to Rachel's sister's for a birthday party for her mother, Carol Kalbach.

Things are quieting down at the Padden ranch. The only traveling that Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy did was to make a trip to Belle Fourche for a tax appointment on Saturday. Brandon and Ashley's family did the traveling, and made the trip to Sioux Falls for the state wrestling matches. Brandon is a coach for Harding County. Kelly had called to remind Bryce and Dawn about the regional girls' basketball tournament. Since it was not on the computer, Spring used her phone to broadcast the game home. It was great to hear the audience, and see what was happening, until the person holding the phone got too excited. Then the scene quickly changed, and Dawn was wondering what happened. At least on the phone she could yell at them, and get them to show the game and not the ceiling. It turned out to be quite an exciting game.

Charlie Odell made a trip into Camp Crook, on Wednesday, to mail a package, and get some groceries. He went back on Thursday to take garbage to the garbage man. Then, he went in again on Saturday for

some groceries. Karen did some research for her new writing project this week. She cut and stained some wood for ceiling boards, did some sewing, wrote some music, and dried and canned some food. She has to keep up with her physical therapy exercises every day, too. On Sunday, they went to church in McConnell, Iowa at a great little Congregational Church. The service was very good on YouTube. Cody and Kellan Odell had gone from Mitchell to the South Dakota state wrestling tournament in Sioux Falls, and discovered some people that Cody knew. He visited with a previous neighbor, Brandon Padden, who was coaching the Harding County wrestlers. He texted a picture of another neighbor, John Latham, who was one of the referees. Karen watched some of the matches on YouTube, and saw them both there, too. Karen and Charlie enjoyed seeing all the sports pictures that Dawn Padden had taken, and put on Facebook. Karen hadn't been on Facebook for quite some time, because she likes to go to Rumble instead, and she had to catch up with some friends again. A high school friend from Virginia, said she had filled her vehicle with gas, and it cost \$74. Karen then finally posted a little art on her Evans Odell Publishing page.

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**FFA Week -** by Elijah Pomrenke / FFA Reporter

Last week starting Tuesday February 22nd, through Friday the 25th Belle Fourche FFA began celebrating national FFA week. This is an annual tradition that encourages all FFA members to be involved in the organization, advocate for agriculture and share with the community what makes FFA so great. On Tuesday the FFA chapter started penny wars for the high school, where students could donate change to support the local human society, and vote for which teacher they want to kiss an animal. The students vote which teacher should kiss the animal by dropping change into a teacher's respective container. The teacher who has the most change in their

bucket by the end of the week will have to kiss an animal at the schools next assembly. The dress up theme for this day was FFA t-shirts. The second day of the week members made a teacher breakfast to thank the teachers for their support of FFA. The dress up day for Wednesday was flannel. On Thursday members went to the middle school to talk to the kids about agriculture, leadership, and FFA in general. The middle schoolers had the opportunity to participate in a milk mustache contest, mock Leadership and Career development events, and team builder exercises like the human knot. The dress up day for Thursday was cowboys, and country club. On Friday the



week ended with the conclusion of both the penny wars and the chapter's annual fruit sale. The dress up day for Friday was animal print. It was a good week for the Belle Fourche FFA, and the chapter is thankful for all the support they got from the school and community.

**Flashback to 1987**



Belle Fourche's Chris Crago is seen during a photo shoot of November 1987 Texas Monthly magazine, after being named one of Texas' top-10 cowgirls. At the time the Crago's lived in Graham, Texas. "I was a typical country girls. I went to school in a one-room schoolhouse and rode my horse to school. Now I travel all over the country teaching colt breaking and horsemanship," Crago told the magazine.

Chris is married to Cliff Crago and is the mother of current Black Hills Roundup co-Chairman Clay Crago. - Courtesy photo

**BF Soccer Association Hosts Indoor Tournament**

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Belle Fourche was the site of the 11th Annual Center of the Nation Indoor Blast on the weekend of February 11-13th. Teams came from throughout the region to compete in the soccer tournament held at South Park School and the Belle

Fourche Rec Center. Participation was higher than 2021 with more than 50 teams competing in age brackets ranging from U8, which made its return to the tournament for the first time in two years after being dropped due to COVID limitations, to the always-popular Adult bracket. Belle Fourche middle school and high school-aged

teams made a strong showing in the tournament, winning three of their divisions and taking second place in two.

Highlights for Belle Fourche teams included a thriller in the U14 girls division where coach Lars Dunavant's semi-final game ended in a tie with Pink Chaos from Newcastle, resulting in a PK shootout

to determine who would vie for the championship. Belle's keeper Birk Kraft was perfect in the shootout, blocking all three shot attempts sent her way. Dunavant's team moved on to the final after Kailynn Lang scored the winning goal. The championship game would see Belle Fourche in a rematch from Friday night's game

against Sturgis Venom where Belle had lost by a score of 1-10. Four Belle players scored in the first-place game with goals by Mikka Dunavant, Audrey Dingman, Kaylinn Lang, and Addilyn Vansickle, but it would not be enough as Sturgis outscored Belle Fourche 8-4.



Belle Fourche U14 Girls Team -Courtesy Photo



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### From A1 SD Kids Belong

full ride to college, eventually graduating with a degree from Hillsdale College.

"It was the foundation of what was going to change my life because the statistics for foster youth are really terrible," she said.

After meeting her husband at Hillsdale, they soon got married. Originally, they were going to move to South Dakota from Michigan, but Tori's husband got a job in Minnesota. She then went on to start a nonprofit called Bring Beloved,

a Christian-based organization that empowers foster youth to share their stories. She also began writing her memoir with Lifeway Publishing. About that time, they began raising two children of their own and fostering three others.

"We didn't have a wrap-around program like SDKB in our town so it was really challenging for us," she told the Beacon. "I had been in mom sweats for three months fostering and I just wanted to do something fun. I'm not really a person who likes pageants, but I also thought I would not knock

something until I tried it."

Petersen entered and won Mrs. Minnesota and went to Las Vegas where she was crowned Mrs. Universe last July. Using that platform and her non-profit she hopes to share a message to foster youth that the worst parts of their lives can be for good, and helping foster youth know they are beloved children of God, made in his image.

"I thought if I could break a stereotype of beauty queens, then we can break the stereotypes of kids in foster care," she said.

### From A1 Dan Whetham

most proud of the staff that he had the privilege of serving.

He stated that the South Dakota FSA employees are the best and most dedicated staff anywhere. Beyond that, he is proud of the influence he and his staff had on making the livestock programs permanent, promoting necessary changes to the programs affecting western operations and specifically, the concessions that were obtained following Storm Atlas that allowed FSA to help most producers in spite of their inability to document the losses and the absence of program authority due to an expired farm bill.

While the last 15 years of Dan's career has been targeted toward policy implementation, supervision and getting local staff what they needed to properly do the job, the ultimate end goal was always doing what needed to be done to protect

and provide for the producers FSA serves.

Retirement isn't really retirement for Dan. While he looks forward to having a little more time to spend with his family and hobbies (horses), Dan has obtained his associate broker's license.

He hopes his experience in lending, agriculture and govern-

ment programs coupled with his communication, customer service and negotiation skills will assist others looking to both buy and sell real estate.

Dan looks forward to ending his service career in the same way it began, by helping individuals directly on a one-on-one basis in meeting their needs.



Dan Whetham getting plenty of help from grandchildren showing his retirement cake. *Courtesy photo*

### From A1 Chief Pomrenke

there the couple saw the birth of the first of their three children.

The lure of returning to his South Dakota roots brought the family back to the state where Pomrenke served as police chief in Estelline, SD, for 15 years. He then returned to Butte County to work for Sheriff Fred Lamphere in 2015 until being hired as Belle Fourche police chief two years later.

"At first it was a lot of long days and working six days a week with only four officers and myself in the department," he said. "And the first paperwork I signed was to approve a vacation request for one of our officers."

Through building relationships at city hall and a lot of perseverance, Pomrenke was able to bring the department to a full staff of 11 law enforcement officers, including the newly installed School Resource Officer (SRO). While dealing with staff turnover is always a part of the job, when looking at regional hiring data, the Belle Fourche department has been the most stable in terms of staff retention in Northern Hills area.

Through it all Pomrenke says he couldn't have asked for a better partner in his career than his wife Anna who is known locally as the "Meals on Wheels lady" for her work with the elderly. Pomrenke says she has baked thousands of cookies and cupcakes which were sometimes delivered by patrol car to

residents. He says she was also instrumental in providing names of families who needed help during the department's annual Cops 'n Kids Christmas effort.

"She really does not get the credit she deserves for all the behind the scenes work she has done," he said. "Anything from attending functions, making food, cleaning the police department, helping us get ready for special events; she has always been there. She is the epitome of a police chief's wife."

Pomrenke says the Cops 'n Kids program is something he has most enjoyed. Police officers take children shopping for Christmas gifts as part of effort to provide gifts for families who otherwise may not have been able to afford clothes or toys during the holiday.

"That is a really good memory I have," he said. "It is so gratifying to be able to help them at Christmas time and the community should be commended for allowing us and helping us to do that."

Pomrenke says that during his tenure his department has benefitted from the widespread support of the Belle Fourche community. During the past two years police departments nationwide have been under pressure from the far left's Defund the Police movement and many George Soros-backed district attorneys who refuse to prosecute criminals to the full extent of the law, making the job of a police officer more difficult.

"We've been removed from

all that as a community for the most part," he said. "But we did make some policy changes that were actually in place before all that happened."

Pomrenke says that his officers are now trained to get an apprehended suspect up and on their feet as quickly as possible.

"I want them up in 20 seconds," he said. "You get 'em cuffed, I don't care how tired you are, you get them up seated or standing so they can breathe."

Present day challenges to the department include the flow of drugs into the community and an increasing workload brought about by more and more mental health issues.

"That is a big part of our job today, mostly due to drugs, I would say. From marijuana to meth and fentanyl, people get psychotic when they use them and that causes a lot of problems for us," Pomrenke said. "We spend a lot of time on mental health training. And it takes 6-to-8 hours to process someone when we get a mental hold. And it's not just bad here, it's bad all over the place."

Looking ahead, Pomrenke says he will begin a new job working for Scott Peterson Motors on April 1. With a more regular work schedule he hopes to be able to more often visit his 87-year-old father who lives in assisted living in Brookings. He is also looking forward to having more time to spend with family and plans to support the community as much as possible.

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## Looking Back in Belle

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The establishment of the John Burns Memorial Hospital started with the 1922 estate of John Burns, a Nebraska grocery store owner, with our local doctor J. L. Townsend as his executor. Here is the story of HOW Belle Fourche got a first class hospital from the estate of John Burns, who never stepped foot in Belle Fourche! The story was saved by Mortimers and Jim Mortimer shared it with us. This story is written by Dr. J. L. Townsend.

John Burns, lifelong bachelor, had a small grocery in Coleridge, Nebraska with living quarters above and a stock of groceries that likely invoiced \$150.

I was fourteen years old and "ornery", and this trait made trouble for John.

In the back of his store was an ice house. It is his custom at evening meal time to get a couple of boxes (wooden those days) and put his meager supper consisting usually of broken crackers, perhaps a can of sardines, and an apple or two that was partially spoiled with the rotten parts cut out using one of the boxes as a cutting board and the other one for a seat.

It was at this peaceful evening meal that I usually crept up the back of the ice house with a couple of potatoes or heavy soaked corn cobs. It was my ambition to hit John once, and possibly twice, as he ran toward the back door. I seldom succeeded with the second missile, for he learned to be speedy to get through the door.

After a fortnight he appealed to my father, who had a very dim view of my pastime, and after a stormy period in the woodshed I resolved to quit harassing John for good. He told his friends that ultimately would be hanged.

As boy of sixteen, I began to teach in a small country school. Twenty eight dollars a month and ten dollars for my board. I earned one hundred eight dollars in the following months and left the district with one hundred dollars, and a barrel containing a pig that I also earned during the period. This in the winter of 1885-86, a very severe one, not much to eat and hay twisted and burned for fuel in the fight for more schooling for myself.

In the meantime John moved to Laurel, Nebraska, the next town to the south and I lost all track of him until years later in Sioux City, Iowa, where I found him in an emergency bed in Saint Vincent hospital. The recognition was mutual and he called the Sister in to tell her not to have me call again, and also told her of my thoroughly tough boyhood.

I felt embarrassed at his dislike although I knew I deserved it. Some time later I picked him up on the street, he wearing a battered straw hat and shoes which were out at the toe.

He, as well as my parents, were Presbyterians and went to the same church in Sioux City. He was friendly with them but eyed me with profound distaste. I finally persuaded my mother to invite John up to dinner one Sunday after service and this broke the ice somewhat, although he was still suspicious.

One day he asked if I could buy him a horse and buggy that he might canvass for a nursery. I got him rigged out with a not very skittish white horse, which was about what he needed.

I was sorry for him for he seemed so poverty stricken but he plugged along selling fruit trees, although he failed to make expenses and I sold his outfit. Much to his relief he got about what he had invested.

A year went by, and his landlady called me to see him. I went to his meagerly furnished room for which he paid two dollars per week. He had an oil cook stove, one end held up on

bricks, the bed unkempt and uncared for. Because he took care of his room, there was an old trunk and a few old hats and suits in the closet. No more cheerless place could be imagined. I made arrangements for him for a ward at the Samaritan Hospital, guaranteeing the pay for the same.

After a month (he had cancer of prostate and doomed) he called me in and said, I wish you would take my key and go down to the Security Safety Deposit boxes and clip the coupons off bonds that are due. I had an officer go with me and we discovered about \$20,000 dollars in government bonds, deeds for two farms in Nebraska, and a roll of bills. I deposited the coupons to his credit on his savings account and when I saw him the next day, told him of the roll of currency, saying, "John, why not put that in your bank account?" I had not counted the money but told him I thought there were three or four hundred dollars in the roll. His eyes shone and he said, "There is five hundred and sixty dollars in that roll" and I want it left alone."

The bonds came due on different dates but he never forgot when to clip the coupons. I had him transferred to a decent private room, but he bemoaned the expense.

One day a telegram arrived from Arizona where he had a nephew in the hospital, telling of urgent need for funds. I asked John to authorize my sending the boy ( who was suffering from tuberculosis) \$500.00. John nearly died at the thought of parting with any of his money and the boy shot himself.

Soon after John came to the hospital. He asked me to go to his room, pack his trunk, pay the landlady and store the trunk. In the till of the trunk I found a few family pictures and a double handful of pennies. I burned his old hats and gave the woman two dollars to clean up the place. When I reported this to John he refused to be, as he put it, asked about his stuff and said that there was plenty of that for the cleanup job. I said to him "You have a bunch of pennies in the trunk." And he replied, "there are 363 of them and I want them left in the till in the trunk." There was also a moldy loaf of bread, a few spoiled apples, some crackers and bit of cheese. He was angry that these went into the trash can, for he believed he could have eaten them.

He started to go downhill physically and I took up with him the disposal of his property. He rather expected to take it with him, but in lieu of that, to leave it to the Presbyterian Church.

F. A. McCormack, later a member of the hospital board, and Ed Gurney, both friendly with him, were consulted and



by Mary Buchholz

he finally made a will, leaving one nephew and one niece in Ohio, \$7,500 each, and the balance of the estate for the establishment of a hospital, preferably in northeastern Nebraska, if I would promise to look after it for period of ten years.

(I learned later that John's sister—the mother of the two remembered in the will, had gone to Laurel to keep house for John but that after a few months; he decided he did not want her to stay longer. He bought her a ticket to Ohio where her children were, put her up a bit of lunch and gave her a one dollar bill and sent her on her way.)

When informed of the provisions of the will regarding my assuming superintendence etc., I advised that northeast Nebraska had no appeal to me, with a lucrative practice in Sioux City, and it was finally decided that I could take the funds and build where I pleased, providing I agreed the superintendence of the institution.

After the death of John Burns, the will was probated, and the John Burns Memorial Hospital (of Iowa) was incorporated in 1922 to comply with the terms of the will. No decision as to the location of the hospital was made until after I had suffered a serious illness, enough that I suspected it would get progressively worse, and finely brought the fund to Belle Fourche which furnished most of the money for the construction of the first Hospital.

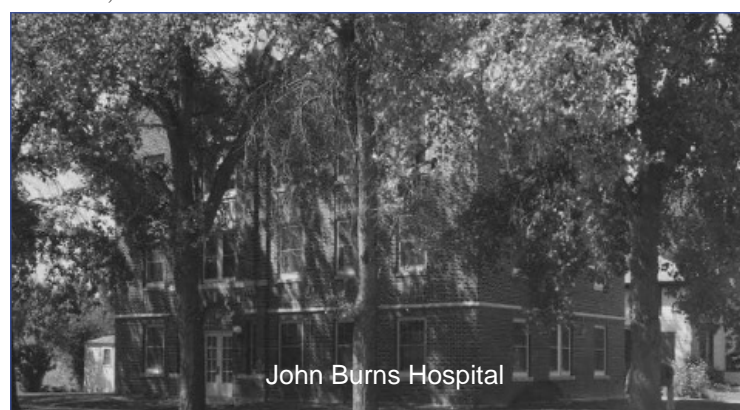
As the land was sold and the fund added to by local subscription, we added the new wing. Doctors Davis, Sherrill, Chassell and myself made up the staff. At the end of ten years I promptly quit practice.

John Burns was a miser, but at the end, worked out a very decent solution for the hospital needs of this locality.

A moral, if there be any, is "Not to throw potatoes, but if you do, make peace with the victim."

-Dr. L. J. Townsend. November 20, 1952

Dr. Townsend practiced in Belle Fourche in 1898 until he left to study medicine and surgery in Europe in 1901. He returned to Belle and practiced in partnership with the other Dr. Townsend. He left Belle in 1909 and began his medicinal practice in Sioux City, where he became reacquainted with his old "friend." As John Burns' estate was settled in 1922, Dr. J. L. Townsend brought his Memorial funds to Belle Fourche where a modern hospital was sorely needed. Funds from the legacy were used to erect and equip the fifty bed modern health plant at the site of the older 2-story house being used as the Belle Fourche hospital.



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.....	94.....	Bwf-Hfr Pc Bv.....	725.....	153.50.....1,113.28 \$
.....	32.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	760.....	149.50.....1,136.90 \$
.....	36.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....	627.....	169.00.....1,059.06 \$
Steve & Rita C Mueller, Gillette WY.....	31.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bv.....	501.....	186.50.....934.60 \$
.....	11.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bv.....	492.....	186.50.....917.24 \$
.....	28.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bv.....	428.....	206.00.....882.12 \$
.....	8.....	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	494.....	221.00.....1,091.18 \$
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.....	7.....	Black-Hfr Pc Bv.....	406.....	193.50.....785.05 \$
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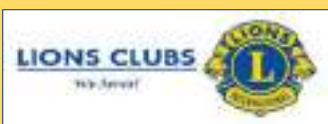
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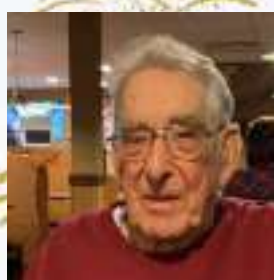
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Breakfast: PANCAKES, EGG PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, BEETS, PEACHES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Tuesday Mar. 8, 2022

Breakfast: OMELET, WHOLE GRAIN TOAST, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: PULLED PORK SANDWICH, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, PACIFIC BLEND VEGETABLES, PINEAPPLE, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

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attention because it narrows the difference between Class 4 soils as either croppable or grassland. “There are no rules for what it [Class 4 soil] is,” said Cammack. That needs to be addressed he added.

Gary Velder asked the legislators about HB1258; a bill that “protects an individual’s conscience from entities requiring the COVID-19 vaccine.” This bill has been amended to include an exemption for certain employees. Sen. Cammack informed the crowd that Governor Noem had also introduced a bill, but neither has been passed.

The significance of SB3, recreational marijuana, was noted by Travis Ismay. He questioned the legislators for their opinion and vote. All agreed that it should not become part of the South Dakota laws.

Rep. Wink has not voted yet as the bill has just been introduced into the House, but he assured the crowd that he would vote no. He sees an increase in crime among other problems.

A member of the audience stood and said that he felt the legislators were wasting a huge amount of money with the bill. Sen. Cammack said that another issue with the bill is Possession of Drug by Ingestion. Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere addressed that briefly by first saying that as sheriff, he is against Recreational Marijuana.

“It’s a mess, socially and economically,” he said. He reminded the audience that it’s a different marijuana today.

With the Possession of Drug by Ingestion law there’s no control, he added. Appropriation of the \$410 million was asked about. Citizens were concerned that even though the money was slated as one-time money, it would be added into the state’s budget.

Sen. Maher pointed out the Appropriations Committee are watching the money closely. There is also \$1 billion from

the Federal government that is available for the State.

Some of the \$410 million will go toward workforce housing, Dakota State University, Lake Area Tech, and most noted for this area, Newell Lake will receive \$1.5 million from the Game, Fish, and Parks.

Much of the money is aimed at water and sewer projects for small towns and rural areas. It is to be used for improving water systems throughout the state.

Mayor Ken Wetz pointed out also that there is funding available for the town of Newell, but to get any funding, he said, there are a lot of “hoops to go through” and steps to take for the town to be able to receive the funding.

Butte County Commissioner Kim Richards tried to verify that the workforce money needed to be matched by the entity receiving it. As he said, there is not enough funds for Butte County to be able to match. Sen. Maher said that the bill had changed and that situation was being addressed.

Sales tax was addressed by Dusta Ismay as she asked why it was being changed. Sen. Cammack explained that the rate would be 4.5% according to HB1240.

“There’s a big hole to cover the corrections system,” he said.

The system needs to be improved and updated. He added that there will also be a Medicaid expansion set for this fall that needs to be funded.

Several voices were heard surrounding HB1039. Bill Kluck, a rancher in the area, said that he was “tired of corn growers telling West River” ag people what land is worth. If the land is taxed in the manner that is before the legislature, some of his grassland would be assessed at \$1500 an acre.

“Get taxes back to the county level,” he implored the legislators.

Rep. Wink said that he totally agreed and informed him that he had an appointment with the Director of Revenue to keep him up to date.



Nearly 50 involved citizens were on hand for the Cracker Barrel co-sponsored by WIT Coalition and the Town of Newell.

Newell Community Club Presents

Chase The Ace



Purchase your ticket for



from any Community Club Member  
or at Newell Area Businesses. Proceeds go to the  
Newell Rodeo Arena Grandstand Fund.



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

One name from the tickets sold each week will be drawn.

That person will win 10% of the week’s ticket sales and draw 1 card from the deck.

If they find the **Ace of Hearts** they will split the jackpot 50/50 with the Newell Community Club.

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

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

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

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

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

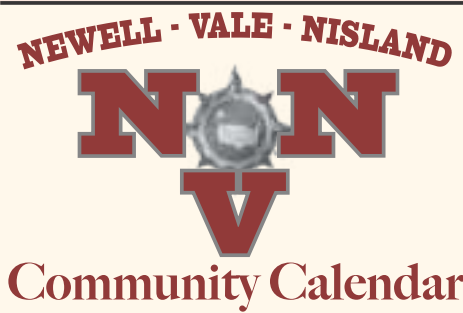
Mar. 2: Final Kids JAM for this session, Nisland Church, 6 p.m. Nisland Church 402 Olin, top of the hill on Highway 212 at Nisland. This session ends Wednesday and will begin again in the fall.

Mar. 3: Convoy for Freedom will roll into Rapid City starting at 4 p.m. If you want to participate you can line any overpass with flags and signs between the Wyoming line and Rapid City. They’ll only be in Rapid for an hour so go early! Donation link is [americantruckersfreedomfund.com](http://americantruckersfreedomfund.com) for financial support for the truckers. Be respectful and kind.

Mar. 4: BBB semi-finals, TBA, MSBBB Lead Cartwright Tourney, 2 p.m.

Mar. 5: MSBBB Lead Cartwright Tourney, 2 p.m.

Mar. 11: Lions Club Pancake Fundraiser, 5-7 p.m. Darryl Gaylor family. Silent/Live Auc-



tion; Newell Mar, 14: School board, 6 pm in MPR; city commission @ admin building, 6 pm.

Mar. 19: Nisland/Arpan Fire Dept. potato topper supper, 5-7 p.m. at fire hall in Nisland.

Mar. 22&24: Parent/Teachers conferences,

Book Fair, 4-7 p.m.

Mar. 23: FFA CDE’s in Newell.

Mar. 30: FFA CDEs in Sturgis.

Mar. 31-HSTR at Belle Fourche, 3 p.m.

Apr 1: No fooling! Spring Fling FREE outreach dinner at Nisland Independent Church, 6 p.m. You must RSVP number attending, contact info (name, phone & email) by 3/21 to 605-645-9976 or to church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Nisland-Church/>

Apr. 5: Feeding SD distribution, 1 p.m. by NVN Center. Line up along Third Street to east and then down Girard to north.



Concerned citizens quizzed the legislators following the Cracker Barrel. Here, Rep. Dean Wink explained some legislature to a citizen. - Betty Bruner photo

Larry Reinholt from Rain-bow Bible Ranch said, “We are being taxed off the land.” Reinholt adamantly indicated several areas that needed addressed, including the shooting range. He believes that the legislators did not do “their homework” when it comes to placing the shooting range. The range would be less than three miles from the area where young people are riding horseback and engaging in a quiet life. He said that there are youngsters

from several parts of the United States. Reinholt wonders if the Game, Fish, and Parks has too much power since they are pushing the shooting range.

“We need your help!” he told the legislators.

“It’s about Meade County paying taxes and Rapid City and Pennington County reaping benefits,” said Rep. Marty.

“It’s the Federal money in the budget,” pointed out Rep. Wink. He added that it is a numbers game.

Members of the audience wondered what would happen if the Federal money was sent back. Sen. Cammack pointed out that it could be sent back, but then the money goes to another state that probably doesn’t use the money as wisely as South Dakota.

The House defeated a House

Joint Resolution 5001 that would apply for a “convention of states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.” Gary Velder applauded the defeat, however, Daniel Rhoden commented that he supported a Constitution Convention of States. He said that it seems to him that there are a lot of games played in committee and bills should be seen by everyone on the floor.

Sen. Cammack agreed that committees do have a lot of sway, but a bill can still go to the floor without going through committee. South Dakota has a good process, he indicated.

Following the formal portion of the Cracker Barrel, many people of the audience met with the legislators for more interchange.

WIT Coalition has plans to continue keeping the citizens of the Newell area informed by holding a Candidate Forum May 10 at Newell City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

WIT continues to support community members and students through various events that include such things as fundraisers, SADD Conference and Day of Excellence Conference. Contact Sabrina Harmon, [sabrina.harmon@k12.sd.us](mailto:sabrina.harmon@k12.sd.us) for more information or to become part of WIT.



Mayor Ken Wetz introduced the five District legislators at a Cracker Barrel co-sponsored by WIT Coalition and the Town of Newell. From the left are Mayor Wetz, Rep. Kirk Chaffee, Sen. Gary Cammack, Rep. Dean Wink, Sen. Ryan Maher, and Rep. Sam Marty. - Betty Bruner Photo



Grand River Roundup

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This week started out really nasty with a snowstorm on Monday and a high of -3 degrees! School was canceled in Bison, Buffalo and Lemmon and it was tough getting through the snowdrifts to get to the chicken coop to take care of my chickens. We also started calving and got our first calf on Monday. I stayed in the house most of the day and actually got a couple letters written.

There was lots of snow on the ground Tuesday morning and schools were called off in Bison, Harding County and Lemmon. We didn't have quilting either, but Dillion Lermeney gave us a good excuse to study some Harding County history while we were staying in the house. He emailed me to ask if I knew where the headquarters of the E6 was located. I thought I knew but both Reub and I read some of my old books, Bob Lee's book "Last Grass Frontier", W.H. Hamilton's book "Dakota - An Autobiography of

a Cowman", Ike Blasingame's book "Dakota Cowboy", Bert Hall's book "Roundup Years", Ed Lemmon's books "Boss Cowman" and "The West As I Lived It", and John O. Bye's book "Back Trailing in the Heart of the Short Grass Country". We found a

lot of interesting stuff we'd forgotten, but John O. Bye's book told exactly where the E6 headquarters were. E6 was located where Bull Creek runs into the South Grand River in what is now the Ludlow Grazing Association northwest of the Slim Buttes.

Bye wrote that the E6 spent less than 10 years on the South Grand River. In the summer of 1886 they were in rather bad circumstances from poor management coupled with a bad summer followed by a bad winter. They had about 10,000 head of acclimated cattle and trailed in about the same number of southern cattle. In the spring of 1887 they rounded up less than 20 head of the southern cattle and less than 2,000 of the acclimated cattle – a 90%

loss after that bad winter. They hung on until 1890 when the Turkey Track outfit took over their E6 location and range. There is a lot of local history in Bye's book and we have the autographed book that Buck got from Johnnie Bye in 1956. It's a really interesting read if you can find a copy in one of the local libraries.

I also found another interesting book that that was written in 1901 that belonged to my German grandmother, Lydia (Schmidt) Wilkinson. It's a Bible study that taught Grandma and her siblings to read and speak in English. Grandma Wilkinson was born in 1894 and had five siblings. Grandma was named after her older sister Lydia that died at birth in 1892. After my mother Lila (Wilkinson) White had a heart attack at 24, my sister and I lived with Grandma for almost a year while Mom was recovering. I was 4 years old and Grandma spoke German to us most of the time, but I forgot most of what those words were. When I was in high school I asked Grandma if she would teach me to speak German because all I could remember was how to count to

ten in German. Grandma said "No, you aren't German, you're American!" and she refused to teach me. Grandma's younger brother, Gustave Schmidt was born in 1895 and when America entered WWI he changed his name to Gus Smith, joined the army and went overseas to fight the Germans. He was no longer German but an American. Gus died in France two days after his 23rd birthday.

Amanda took the kids over to stay with Karli and Cody Holmes and their kids on Friday. They stayed for a couple days while Amanda went to Rapid City to pick Taz up at the airport when he flew home from rodeos down south. Trig came home Friday afternoon to help Missy with chores while Casey had the Harding County wrestlers at the state tournament in Sioux Falls and Taz was gone.

There were two deaths this week: Bonnie Seim Haynes, age 95 of Meadow, passed away on Friday, February 18, at the Western Horizon's Care Center in Hettinger. Bonnie's funeral will be Saturday, March 5, at the Presbyterian Church in Bison with burial in Galloway Cemetery at Meadow.

Our old friend Robert "Buzz" Kriege, 80, of Bowman, passed away at his home on Monday, February 21. Funeral Services for Buzz were Saturday at the Bowman Lutheran Church with burial in the Bowman Cem-

etry. There were a lot of old friends at Buzz's funeral. His sister-in-law Alyce (Loftsgaard) Kriege and I graduated from high school together in Bison and we hadn't seen each other since we were both at Alice Vetter's funeral in Bison because Alice was the mother of another classmate of ours and my Cousin Pat John's wife, Evelyn (Vetter) John.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohn were gone this Sunday and Pastor Jim Johnson from Minnesota was our guest speaker. His late sister was Pastor Michael Brandt's wife and he knows most of Michael's family. We were glad to see that Rosie Hotchkiss made it home from Scotland this week and she is now a legal immigrant!

Reub and I joined Todd and Anna Buer, John and Corinne Erickson, and Gary and Gail Ericsson for a good Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's Sunday evening.

Thoughts to ponder: America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

February 29, 1912  
Wm. Woodworth and H. Paulson have put up a fine hitching rack for the accommodation of the farmers who will undoubtedly show their appreciation by patronizing these gentlemen when in need of meat and groceries. Mr. Woodworth wishes to thank all his old customers for their patronage and will appreciate future orders.

Home surgery with a common jack knife, did not prove successful in the case of the son of John Adolph, a farmer living near here and nearly cost the little fellow his life. The boy was kicked in one knee by one of his school mates and a large fester gathered at the knee joint as a result of the injury. The father, believing he was competent to perform a surgical operation, opened the wound with a jack knife. Blood poisoning resulted and it required the hardest scalpel work on the part of physicians to save the boy's life.

February 23, 1922  
The Mardi Gras masquerade ball given Saturday night was enjoyed by all who attended. Prizes were awarded for the best outfits: First Prize "Shorty" Carlson and Mrs. Rosander, Second Prize Rosander Brothers and Third Prize Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wilcox. Supper was served in the Woodman Hall and everyone departed wishing there would be another masquerade soon.

J.H. Hadwick and Andrew Peppenon finished putting up ice at the L.L. Boe ranch last week. T.F. Johnson is putting up ice this week with a large force. Everyone is preparing for ice cream and cold drinks.

There will be Lutheran services in the lodge hall Sunday, March 5. Rev. Hele Lutheran minister will preach. Rev. Hele

also called a business meeting to be held at the home of Mr. Ed. Retland on Saturday March 4 at 3:00 PM. All members of the church are urged to come to this important meeting.

February 23, 1932  
By buying wood from the Community wood pile at Newell, prices have been reduced to 25 cents per 100 pounds or \$5 per ton. The Relief Committee can not carry on its work unless more wood is sold. At a new low price, this fuel is the cheapest you can buy. See N.E. Pitz at the Anderson Lumber Company for further instructions.

The Newell High Senior Class held several meetings last week to decide on their cards and order their announcements. It has been decided by the Journalism Class that they would like to make an Annual for their project this year. The members of the class are sponsoring candy sales at basketball games now to cover some of the expense of pictures and materials for the Annual.

February 26, 1942  
Gerald Rogers, age 22, son of Ralville Rogers of Newell, is one of the four South Dakotan listed by the US Navy Department last week as "probably taken prisoner" by the Japanese in their raid on Wake and Guam Islands in the western Pacific. Gerald served an enlistment in the CCC and later secured foreign employment, being among the first civilian laborers at Wake Island. Because of broken communications, the Navy announcement said, the exact status of individual men on the raided island is not available. Another South Dakota soldier taken, Steven Yellow Hair of Wounded Knee, a Marine Private, is supposed to also have been taken prisoner with the capture of Wake Island. A brother of Gerald's, Orval Rogers, about 24, is in the military service and is now stationed at Honolulu.

Miss Barbara Wiest accompanied the H.J. Smith family from Rapid City Saturday and spent until Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wiest. Robert Winkler and Francis Eickelman, students at the School of Mines, also spent the week end at their respective homes in Newell. Miss Wiest returned to Rapid City in the compa-

ny with Winkler and Eickelman to resume their studies.

February 28, 1952  
Now in Newell to start anew as did the first Pilgrims, to seek freedom and security, are Doctor & Mrs. Joseph Pokorny and 9 year old son Andrew formerly of Budapest, Hungary. The Dr., wife Eugenia and Andy arrive in Newell Friday, having lived in camps, they moved into their first private home since 1944. The next day Andy, took his place in the 4th grade in the Newell Schools. The Pokorny family moved into the Hemming Strong residence recently vacated by Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Satzinger. Dr. Pokorny will be doing business from modern quarters in the basement of the Hafner Building and Post Office annex, down the stairway next to the corner. Doctors Chassell, C.A. Johnson and George Lindeman of Belle Fourche were Newell visitors, paying a visit to Dr. Pokorny and welcoming him to Butte County and the Belle Fourche Hospital.

Russell Wilson, Neal Dow and Ray Eichler of the local office of the Black Hills Power & Light Company are completing their training for renewal of First Aid Certification by driving to Belle Fourche Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. For such training which was started there last week.

The Vale Beetdiggers we back in stride at Spearfish last Friday and Saturday, winning 3 games by good margins to become the basketball champions of District 32. The Diggers defeated the Newell Irrigators 42-22 on their opening game of the tourney, then dropped the Buffalo Ranchers 43-25 in the same finals and continued to the championship with a 55-43 win over the New Underwood Tigers.

February 22, 1962  
Newell High School debaters tied with Sturgis for 3rd place in "B" Division with Rapid City and Lead for 1st place. Newell's debaters had a 50% record in the "B" Division. In the previous Saturday, when 16 South Dakota and Wyoming schools competed at the Annual Black Hills Teachers College Forensic Tournament at Spearfish. Newell's team tied for 2nd place with 5 wins and 3 losses. Maurice Townsend, Newell, now sophomore at BHTC, was student director of the tournament who selected heads for individual events were Loyce Howard and Shirley Smeenk also sophomores from Newell.

The 3 inches of snow received in Sioux Falls over the past week end failed to daunt Vaun Boyd, brother of Mrs. Ethel Harmon of Newell, in opening





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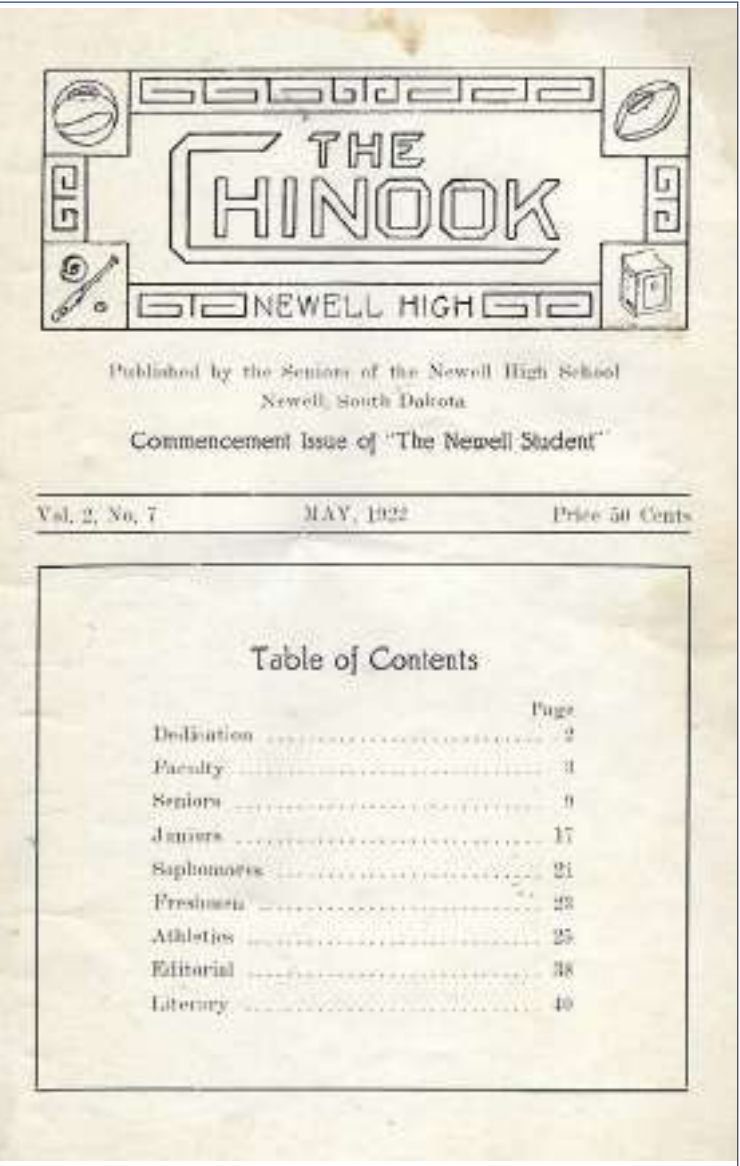
his suburban grocery store in that city. Mounting his horse, Boyd rode the one and half mile to his business establishment, however, it took him 35 minutes via the dependable old time method.

Friday visitors at the Guy and Goldie Livingston home were Mrs. Max Hohenberger

and Mrs. Merrill Hohenberger and son of Mud Butte. Saturday visitors were Mrs. Bob Miles, Mrs. Lorman Lange and Miss Amy McDermant of Fairburn. All visitors came to view Mrs. Livingston's lavish home decorations, her vast tea pot and saucer collection and enjoy a cup of her special tea.



This is a picture of Dr. Joseph Pokorny and his family arriving in Newell 1952. Wife Eugenia and son Andrew.



Is the inside cover of the Newell High School Year book for 1922. The First editions were THE CHINOOK now it is THE LATERAL



NEWELL BOYS BASKETBALL

Boys Clipped by Eagles in Final Home Game

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NEWELL – The final home boys’ basketball game was a disappointment, as the Irrigators. Things were not good for the hometown team from the tip-off as possession went to the Wall Eagles and Brodi Sundall dumped in the first bucket of the game. The Eagles grabbed 14 more points before Newell’s Nate Randolph went to the line and tossed in two on a foul shot. Devon Jones added a field goal for Newell and James Duncan stepped to the three-point line to cache one. That gave the Irrigators seven points for the first quarter. They were out-gunned by Wall which put 18 on the boards.

Jaden Tennis hit twice inside the arch to give Newell four points, while Jones hit from three-point land. That was Newell’s only scoring in the quarter as they added seven more to the first quarter seven for 14 at the half.

In the third quarter things really went down for Newell as they scored just six points in the period. Those came on another tray by Jones and Colton Burtzlaff hit a field goal and went one of two at the charity stripe. That left the Irrigators down 50-20 at the end of three quarters. Tennis came back in the early



Jaden Tennis nailed it from the three-point line for Newell on Friday night in the game against the Wall Eagles. - Brunner photo

seconds of the fourth quarter to toss in a trey, also heading to the line for two good ones on a foul.

But it was all subs on deck for the remainder of the game. That gave Justin Yates his time to shine as he was fed the ball and hit for two ending Newell’s scoring. Wall went on to toss in

11 points in the period, leaving the final on the scoreboard at 61-27.  
Q:N-7, 14, 20, 27. W-18, 34, 50, 61. Duncan 0, 1, 0/0, 3; Yates 1,0, 0/0, 2; Tennis 2, 1, 2/2, 9; Jones 1, 2, 0/2, 8; Randolph 0, 0, 2/2, 2; Burtzlaff 1, 0, 1/2 , 3.

Vale Community Club Pancake Supper

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VALE-The Vale Community Club held a pancake supper with all the fixins’ Sunday evening to a crowd of more than 85 people. It was a welcome event enjoyed by area residents

and benefitted the Community Club’s endeavors to continue maintenance on the hall. The Vale Community Club holds regular meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Beginning in March, Bingo will be held the second and fourth Wednesday.

The Hall is available for rental by contacting their email at valecommunityclub@gmail.com. To check out the latest news and happenings, check out their Facebook page at Vale Community Club.



People enjoyed the camaraderie with each other at the Vale Community Club pancake supper held Sunday evening. - Betty Bruner photo



Dan Dunn was master chef at the pancake grill at the Vale Community Club pancake supper. - Betty Bruner photo



Enjoying themselves, Greg Wetz and Roy Waterland, helped serve the biscuits and gravy. - Betty Bruner photo

Solutions to Puzzles on B7

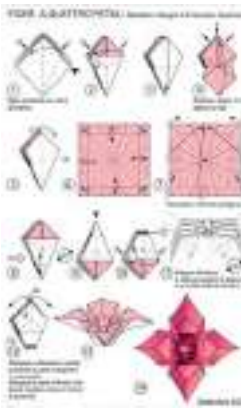


Answer to Sudoku

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6	4	3	5	9	1	2	8	7
9	2	8	6	7	3	4	1	5
1	7	4	2	3	6	5	9	8
3	9	5	7	1	8	6	4	2
8	6	2	9	4	5	7	3	1
5	8	9	4	6	2	1	7	3
2	3	6	1	8	7	9	5	4
4	1	7	3	5	9	8	2	6

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: The puzzle at Belle Fourche Truck City Press, 1000 E. Highway 101, and in the 101st St. E. Jackson River, 101st St.

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SLED	SITA	REE
AAM	NUN	BAT
RAGOUT	RAS	
ABA	CANA	HAAB
ABI	HEAT	AARE
DAN	OLPE	DACE



From C1

Rates

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE, AND IRRIGATION RATES:

WHEREAS, the Common Commissioners of the Town of Newell has determined a need to change water, sewer, garbage, and irrigation rates.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes shall become effective upon passage,  
WATER RATES:  
Minimum water rate-\$17.75 per month for residential and commercial usage. An additional rate of \$3.75 per thousand (1,000) gallons of water will be assessed each month.  
SEWER RATES:  
Minimum sewer rate-\$12.00 per month for residential and commercial usage. An additional rate of \$3.75 per thousand (1,000) gallons of waste water will be assessed each month.  
GARBAGE RATES:  
Residential Tote \$17.77 PER TOTE PER MONTH  
Commercial Totes \$19.73 PER TOTE PER MONTH  
Dumpsters \$ 6.10 PER YARD PER WEEK  
RSI Rental charge\* \$12.92 1 YARD PER MONTH  
\$13.28 1.5 YARD PER MONTH  
\$14.56 2 YARD PER MONTH  
\$17.84 3 YARD PER MONTH  
\$22.12 4 YARD PER MONTH  
\$33.68 6 YARD PER MONTH  
\*RSI rental fees will now be collected by the city and included in the monthly utility billing.  
\$72.00 fees annually per irrigation tap. It can be paid monthly at \$6.00 per month per tap added to the utility bill.  
Dated this 25th day of February 2022.  
Signed by Mayor Wetz

Too Tall’s is Open

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BELLE FOURCHE - The café at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market has been closed for three years, but an enterprising woman has taken on the task of serving the farmers and ranchers of the area while they attend the numerous livestock sales in the Belle Fourche area. Whenever there’s a sale, the café is open. And although the hours are set at 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, it stays open until everyone is done eating.

Lorri Olson, with the nickname Too Tall, took on the enterprise the first of November 2021. “I love it!” she said. It’s one of the best things she’s taken on. Just about everything is made from scratch-from the mashed potatoes to the meatloaf and scalloped potatoes and ham. The soup of the day featuring such tasty rudiments as potato meatball and chicken noodle, is

hot and ready to go every day. The least of amount of processed food is important to Olson as she explained that the burgers are hand-pattied and will soon highlight locally raised beef. “That’s important to me,” said Olson. Olson is joined by Cindy King, Tina Fox, and Becca Ellendorf to complete the workforce of Too Tall’s. Their smiling faces and willingness to help customers makes for a pleasant experience while the sale barn auctioneer can be heard in the background. It doesn’t take them long to remember a name and face, and soon you are family. The newly refurbished eating area is pleasurable place to sit and enjoy lunch or to visit with friends. It has new paint and fixtures and invites patrons to sit a spell. Olson said that although the kitchen has passed inspection, it is still a work in progress. There are several areas she would like

to improve as she works her new domain. It all takes time according to Olson. Breakfast is also served, along with orders to go. Call the sale barn to order, 605-892-2655. “We are open for everyone,” said Olson. They have received several calls from folks who just need a cheeseburger and fries to go. “We take cash, credit cards, and checks,” Olson noted. “But no IOUs,” she added with a grin. The menu consists of burgers, fries, onion rings, tater tots, daily soups and daily specials with cookies and sometimes pie to enjoy. If you need a quick bite or are attending a regular sale at the BF Livestock Market, there’s something outstanding waiting for you at Too Tall’s right next door. Give them a call at 605-892-2655 and lunch or breakfast will be waiting or stop by and have a seat. Take a look at the cookies and enjoy a cup of coffee.



Smiling faces greet customers at Too Tall’s located at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market. From the left are Becca Ellendorf, owner Lorri Olson, Tina Fox, and Cindy King. Too Tall’s is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. - Betty Bruner photo



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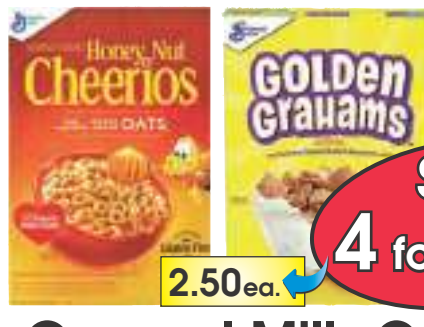
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**Chunky Soup**  
18.6-19 oz.

1.75ea. **4 for \$7**



Campbell's  
**Canned Pasta**  
15.6-15.8 oz.

1.25ea. **4 for \$5**



**General Mills Cereal**  
10.8 oz. Honey Nut Cheerios, 12 oz. Cinnamon Toast Crunch, 10.6 oz. Cookie Crisp, 11.7 oz. Golden Grahams or 10.7 oz. Trix

2.50ea. **4 for \$10**



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Guerrero 20 ct.

**\$4** 2 for



Kraft  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
Select 5.5-7.3 oz.

**3/4.00**

1.34ea.



General Mills  
**Gardetto's, Chex Snack Mix or Bugles**  
7.5-8.75 oz.

**3/5.00**

1.67ea.



Quaker  
**Old Fashioned or Quick Oats**  
42 oz.

**3.99** ea.



Frito Lay  
**Party Size Snacks**  
8.13-17 oz.

**2/8.00**

15-15.5 oz. Lay's Dips or Tostitos Salsa **2/7.00**



Our Family  
**Refried Beans**  
16 oz. asst.

**99¢** ea.



Our Family  
**Bread & Butter Chunks or Dill Spears**  
Select 24 oz.

**2.49** ea.



Our Family ~ 16 oz.  
**Lasagna Noodles**

**2/4.00**



Campbell's  
**Homestyle or Well Yes! Soup**  
16.2-18.7 oz.

**2/4.00**



Old Dutch  
**Ripples or Appetizers On The Go Potato Chips**  
8-8.5 oz.

**2.99** ea.



Our Family  
**Sparkling Water**  
1 Liter asst.

**4/3.00**

75¢ea.



Our Family  
**Pancake Mix**  
28-32 oz.

**1.99** ea.



Our Family  
**Pancake Syrup**  
24 oz. asst.

**2.49** ea.



Our Family  
**Instant Oatmeal**  
Select 8-12 ct.

**2/5.00**



Planters  
**Dry Roasted Peanuts**  
16 oz. asst.

**3.49** ea.



Old Dutch  
**Popcorn**  
6 oz. asst.

**2.99** ea.



Northern  
**Bath Tissue**  
Select 6 Mega Rolls

**6.99** ea.



Brawny  
**Paper Towels**  
Select 6 Rolls

**6.99** ea.



Dawn  
**Dish Liquid**  
Select 10.1-19.4 oz.

**2.99** ea.



Downy  
**Fabric Softener**  
51 oz. asst.

**4.99** ea.



Tide  
**Laundry Detergent**  
92 oz. asst.

**12.99** ea.



## DAIRY...



Chobani  
**Greek Yogurt**  
5.3 oz. asst.

1.25 ea.

**\$5**  
4 for



Crystal Farms ~ 8 oz. Variety Pack  
**Deli Sliced Cheese**

**2.99** ea.



8-16 oz.

**I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!**

**3.29** ea.



Prairie Farms  
**Yogurt**  
24 oz. asst.  
**2.39** ea.



Prairie Farms  
**Drinks**  
1 Gallon asst.  
**1.29** ea.



Land O Lakes  
**Chocolate Milk**  
64 oz. asst.

**\$5**  
2 for



Land O Lakes ~ 1 Pint  
**Half & Half**

**1.99** ea.

## FROZEN...



Our Family  
**Steamable Vegetables**  
10 oz. Cut Green Beans,  
Super Sweet Corn, Green Peas or Mixed

1.25 ea.

**\$5**  
4 for



Banquet ~ 24-32 oz.

**Breaded Chicken**

**3.99** ea.



El Monterey ~ 8 ct. asst.

**Burritos or Chimichangas**

**3.99** ea.



Mr. Dell's  
**Hash Browns**  
24-32 oz.

**\$2.99**  
ea.



Select 40 oz.

**Our Family Fruit**

**7.99** ea.



Our Family  
**Waffles**  
24 ct. asst.  
**3.99** ea.



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

## HOME & HEALTH...



**\$3.59**  
ea.

Jergens  
**Lotion**  
Select 10 oz.



**\$5.99**  
ea.

Pepto  
**Bismol**  
12 oz. Regular Strength



**\$5.99**  
ea.

Head & Shoulders  
**Shampoo  
& Conditioner**  
13.5-14.2 oz.



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**Hot Springs** ~ 605-745-3110 or 800-742-6229  
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**Boneless  
Pork Sirloin Roast**

**\$1.99**  
lb.



Open Acres  
**Boneless Skinless  
Chicken Thighs**

**\$2.49**  
lb.



**Boneless  
Pork Sirloin Chops**  
Valupak

Small Packs  
**2.49** lb.  
**\$2.29**  
lb.



Dakotamart Pride  
**Boneless Beef  
Arm Steak**  
USDA Choice, Valupak

Small Packs  
**4.99** lb.

**4.79** lb.



**Pork  
Cutlets**  
Valupak

Small Packs  
**2.99** lb.

**2.79** lb.



Sheboygan  
**Fresh Brats or  
Italian Sausage**  
16 oz. asst.

**3.99** ea.



Our Family  
**Sliced  
Bacon**  
16 oz. asst.

**5.99** ea.



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

**6.99** ea.



Cloverdale  
**Ham or Tangy  
Summer Sausage**  
8-10 oz. Sliced

**2/7.00**



Bar S ~ 12 oz. asst.  
**Meat Bologna**

**3/4.00**



Bar S ~ 16 oz. asst.  
**Meat Franks**

**2/3.00**



StoneRidge ~ 10 oz. asst.  
**Cheese Curds**

**4.99** ea.



Van de Kamp's  
**Breaded Fish**  
18.1-24.6 oz.

**4.99** ea.



Open Acres ~ 16 oz.  
**Salmon Fillets**

**7.99** ea.



Open Acres ~ 16 oz.  
**Cod Fillets**

**6.99** ea.



Open Acres  
**Cooked  
Tail-On Shrimp**  
16 oz., 16-20 ct.

**12.99** ea.

## PRODUCE...



**Red or Gold Potatoes**  
Locally Grown 5 lb.

**\$5**  
2 for



**Sweet Mini Peppers**  
1 lb.

**\$2.99**  
ea.



Dole  
**Chopped Salad Kits**  
Select 10.2-13.6 oz.

**\$7**  
2 for



10 oz. Matchstix, 16 oz. Chips  
or 12 oz. Baby Supreme  
**Bolthouse Carrots**

**2/4.00**



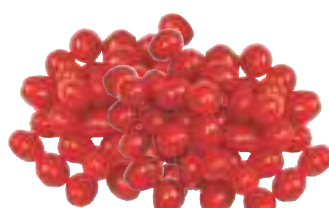
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Fresh  
**Cucumbers**

**3/2.00**



1 lb. Fresh  
**Mighties Kiwi**

**3.99** ea.



10 oz. Fresh  
**Grape Tomatoes**

**1.99** ea.



Fresh  
**Sweet Potatoes**

**99¢** lb.

## BAKERY...



Bakery Fresh ~ 6 ct.  
**Hoagie Buns**

**3.49** ea.



Select 10 oz.  
**Give & Go  
Two-Bite Scones**

**2/7.00**



Open Acres  
or Our Family ~ 10.5 oz.  
**Angel Food  
Bars**

**2.99** ea.

## BEVERAGES...

## DELI...



Kretschmar ~ Sliced  
**Virginia Smoked  
or Honey Ham**

**4.99** lb.



Mrs. Gerry's  
**Sweet Pepper Slaw or  
Cheddar Broccoli Pasta Salad**

**3.99** lb.



Open Acres  
**Pepper Jack  
Cheese**  
Sliced

**4.99** lb.



**Pepsi  
Products**  
.5 Liter 6 pk. asst.

**3/10.00**



**Starbucks Frappuccino  
Iced Coffee**  
13.7 oz. asst.

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16 oz. asst.

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**Coke  
Products**  
12 oz. 12 pk. asst.

**4.99** ea.



**Coke  
Products**  
12 oz. 8 pk. asst.

**2/9.00**