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Beacon Looks Back on the News in 2020

A week by week review of the past year:

January 2, 2020

Teacher pay was to be #1 topic in upcoming State Legislative session.

The Butte County Commission had on the agenda another visit with Steve Clouten and the potential Mono-fill Tire Disposal site east of Fruitdale. They took no action.

Profiled Deputy Sheriff Miles Burhenn, a 4 ½ year veteran of the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

January 9, 2020

Paul Higbee, author did a booksigning for "First Strike" at the Tri-State Museum's First Saturday brunch. Paul spoke about the man, the mission, and the memories of this home town WWII hero, Don Smith.

The Booth Society Inc. has received a grant for \$172,597 in support of its recent acquisition of 64.62 acres of vacant land adjoining the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery.

January 16, 2020

Lee and Sheila Hodge are the owners of Pete's Clothing.

The store has been under the guiding hand of Sheila and capable assistant Shannon Davis until this past week when Lee returned from his job as construction manager in Slupsk, Poland, donned a cowboy hat, and pitched in to help.

Keith Anderson is 2020 Black Hills Roundup Chairman. In that capacity he will be head of the Executive Committee and at the helm for the 101st Roundup activities.

January 22, 20

Belle Fourche Economic Development recognizes fifteen Belle businesses: American Ag Video Auction; Belle Boutique; Belle Fourche Flight Center; Belle Fourche Beacon; Denim & Opal; Designs by Daphne; Highmark Federal Credit Union; Kindsfater Massie-Keller Williams Real Estate; Leaky Pot Café; Moxie Marketing; Pines Edge Mini Barns (Old Hickory Sheds); Prairie Hills Pharmacy; Red Sun Studio; State Home Services; and Venue 519 Business Complex.

January 29, 2020

Questions arise over City Liquor Store.

A group of Belle Fourche people are organizing efforts to bring HGTV's Ben and Erin Napier series 'Home Town' on the Road to Belle.

City enters discussions with County over location of 911 Call Center

February 5, 2020

Belle's Chris Riley named South Dakota Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year. State Senator Ryan Maher introduces plan asking Regents to consider combining BHSU and School of Mines leaders.

February 12, 2020

Belle high school Junior Saddle bronc rider Eli Satzinger won a \$500 scholarship at the Powder River Rodeo's "Battle of the Scholars in Miles City."

Kelby Olson signs letter of intent to play football for BHSU.

2020 Wk. by Wk. B4



Probably the biggest surprise of 2020 was a visit to Belle Fourche in November by Governor Kristi Noem and Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden. *Courtesy Photo*

Fund Started For Holiday Lighting for Coming Years



A Christmas view of the business district in Gallipolis, Ohio this Christmas Season. It is just one example of the kind of Holiday possibilities that exist for Belle Fourche. *Facebook photo*

Long time Belle businessman LaVern Bills is setting up a an account at Pioneer Bank & Trust for fund raising to provide city wide Christmas lighting in Belle Fourche for 2021 and years to follow.

"The idea of having a grand Holiday lighting plan has been talked about for the last several years," said Bills. "I felt if it is going to go from talk to action to step forward and get the ball rolling."

Bills commented, "Not only restoring some of the tradition of Holiday lights from decades past, but to turn a new page for the future of Belle Fourche."

"Christmas is a time of year we can all enjoy and present in a fashion that the community can be proud of and others will want to come and see."

Bills said observing this year's "Light Up the Night" and Pa-

rade of Lights" and the subsequent Chamber "Polar Express" rides to see the Christmas lights, he recognized that there is opportunity to build on having those one night events and create something that can last for the whole Holiday Season.

"The town can be the place "to be and see, not just one night but every night of the Holiday Season." Bills said, "Exact plans and the associated costs are still in the works, but will begin in earnest soon to be ready for next year." Details will be forthcoming.

He added, "This is something the whole town can be a part of: our city entrances; 5th Avenue; State Street; city parks, and city streets."

An announcement on how everyone can be involved will be made soon.

City of Belle Fourche to Get a Website Redesign

BELLE FOURCHE - The city of Belle Fourche will be getting a new website which is expected to go live sometime during the first half of 2021.

During the city council's special year-end meeting on December 30th, council members gave unanimous consent to appropriate \$9,350 to GovOffice LLC for the new website. One third of the cost will be covered by a CARES act grant which the city received as part of the COVID stimulus package approved by congress in April of 2020.

GovOffice LLC is a Minneapolis based company that,

according to the company website, is a unique public-private partnership that brings website technologies to cities across America. The company says it has served more than 1400 local governments, like Belle Fourche, in 44 states.

The GovOffice contract allocates \$8,700 for a mobile responsive website design and the additional \$650 for section rebuild and rehabilitation. Because the website contains both live and static emergency information it qualifies for the CARES Act grant, according Krysti Weed, City Engineer. "Since we have emergency

information put into the website 33% of the cost can be covered by the grant," Weed told the Beacon.

Weed says it has been about five years since the last website redesign and the site is in need of a few upgrades. "We have received some feedback that the site could be more user friendly," she said. "We want to do a complete revamp to make it more organized and ADA compliant."

According to Weed, there will be a small group of city employees tasked with collecting the feedback and deciding

what the city wants to keep on the site, what it will delete and what it may possibly add. That group, comprised of Weed, Jason LaFayette, Assistant City Finance Officer, and CharLee Bachman, Human Resources Manager, were scheduled to meet this week to begin the process. Once recommendations are made and approved they will be sent to GovOffice where two drafts and up to three rounds of revisions can be made. Weed says the process will take at least two months before the final design work is wrapped up.

Council Hears First Reading of Supplemental Expenses for 2020

BELLE FOURCHE - The city of Belle Fourche is requesting an additional \$1 million to supplement the 2020 budget. Ordinance 17-2020 had its first reading during the city council's special year-end meeting held via Zoom on December 30th.

The additional funds will cover unanticipated operating expenses in some of the city's funds and departments.

The appropriation request totals \$1,033,455. Nearly half the amount is accounted for by a request from the Day Street Lift Station fund. The amount of \$440,000 is to be applied toward the fund with the source of that revenue coming from the city's cash balance. The Day Street Lift Station went online last fall and was the final phase of the city's 3-year multi-million dollar sewer interceptor rebuild along Eighth Avenue.

The city's liquor store fund requested \$250,000 that will be paid for by increased sales. Of that total \$130,000 is directed toward beer resale and \$90,000 for liquor resale. A \$22,000 supplemental for computer and software upgrades was included in that request as well.

A total of \$110,000 was requested for principal in the city's debt service account. Funds for that will come from the city's cash balance.

Other departments with supplemental funding requests include the police department (\$43,000), custodial maintenance (\$32,000), fire department (\$25,000), cemetery (\$20,800), airport improvement project (\$20,000), snow removal (\$17,500), human resources (\$16,000), library (\$12,000), and West Nile spraying (\$11,000), among others. These supplemental expenses will be covered by the city's cash balance with the exception of the library, which will be a combination of the city's cash fund and grants.

The council approved changes in meeting dates due to holidays in 2021. These include from Jan. 18th to Jan. 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day; from Feb. 15th to Feb. 16th for President's Day; from July 5th to July 6th due to observance of Independence Day; and from Sept. 6th to Sept. 7th due to Labor Day.

Supplemental budget requests are common. The 2020 budget was prepared in September 2019 and it is often necessary to supplement the annual appropriation due to unanticipated expenses.

"Belle Fourche, My Hometown"

The Beacon has had occasion and opportunity to write about people who have comprised the fabric of Belle Fourche throughout its history.

We have decided to periodically publish profiles on these individuals.

They may be a historical figures, long time residents, high school graduates, brand new to town, or somewhere in between.

This week is the story of a newly retired Attorney:

Richard A. Pluimer ("Dick") was born on January 7, 1951



in Belle Fourche at the John Burns Memorial Hospital. Dick attended all 12 grade levels in the Belle Fourche school systems, graduating in 1969. He attended and graduated from Black Hills State College (now University) with a BS degree in 1976. Thereafter, he was pleased to be admitted to Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska.

He returned to Belle Fourche in 1979 following law school graduation.

Dick and his 6 siblings all attended school in the Belle Fourche School District before graduating. Dick's parents, Wayne and June Pluimer, owned and operated Wayne's

Service Truck Stop (now Mid America), located north of Belle Fourche at the intersection of Highways 85 and 212. All of the Pluimer children were expected to work, either at the truck stop, or to find their own job. No one was allowed to spend a summer having fun! Wayne served several terms on the Belle Fourche School District Board of Education and, later, the Butte County Commission.

Dick was offered high school debate experience while still in junior high, which helped to trigger his interest in law. His father's commitment to public service was an additional factor. There may have been a little competition involved as well as older brother, Ed, became a trial lawyer/partner in one of the largest Minneapolis law firms.

When Dick returned to Belle Fourche in 1979 after law school graduation he joined the law firm of Stephens, Quinn, Carr, Tschetter & Buckmaster where he worked until 1982. Dick was especially pleased to be a part of that firm and to practice law in Belle Fourche.

His good friend and legal secretary, Donna Bradley, was a key part of his practice until 1997. Donna was born and raised in Belle Fourche and is a key officer of Pioneer Bank in Belle Fourche.

At the time of his entry into the practice of law in Belle Fourche, there were many good lawyers in Belle Fourche. Belle Fourche had a great legal reputation and most firms in town represented clients throughout the Northern Hills

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Obituaries

Billie Jane Hamblin 95



On Friday morning, January 1, 2021 Billie Jane (Clute) Hamblin died in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. In her career as a nurse, she wished many newborn babies "a good long life". Billie Jane did indeed have "a good long life" of 95 years!

Billie Jane will be remembered by many as a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, a loving daughter and sister, a compassionate nurse, a smart and fun-loving friend and a devout Catholic, having converted to that denomination at age 21 after being treated so well by the nuns at St Martin's Boarding School in Sturgis where she attended grade school and then by the Benedictine Sisters at St Joseph's School of Nursing in Sioux City, IA, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1946.

Billie Jane reveled in South Dakota's sunsets, California's ocean waves and Montana's majesty; she was a dedicated correspondent and an equally dedicated baseball fan; she loved good food, good music and most any funny joke. Billie loved to laugh!

Born to William Waldo "Bill" and Edna Byers Clute (later Huntington) in Blackfoot, Idaho on December 20, 1925, Billie Jane joined older sisters, Jean (later Sorensen) and Pauline (later Brewer). The family had traveled from Nisland to Blackfoot to visit Edna's parents for Christmas at the time of Billie Jane's birth.

She spent her early life in the Nisland area, often living with other families during the week while her mother taught in various country schools after Bill and Edna divorced. She attended St. Martin's for four years before joining her mother in Belle Fourche where Edna had become the County Welfare worker. These challenging early years surely influenced Billie's lifelong capacity for optimism in difficult times.

Billie Jane Clute graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1943 where she enjoyed being a cheerleader, a good student and a friend to many, including several good friends from nearby towns. Her goal to be an Army nurse led her to attend nursing school in Sioux City where she excelled and made many lifelong friends. Because the war ended, her services were not needed in the military, and she returned to Belle Fourche, the town she loved all her life. She reconnected with Larry Martin Hamblin, whom she met when they were children; following his return home after serving in the Army. They were married April 30, 1947. Larry's education as an attorney took them to Vermillion for the next six years, with summers spent living and working in Belle Fourche. Their children Chris Martin, Jean Claire, Martin Mayes, and Julia Anne were all born in Belle Fourche as Larry practiced law and Billie Jane occasionally worked as a Registered Nurse while being a full-time mother.

Billie Jane and Larry volunteered with the Jaycees, raising money for the municipal swimming pool and other civic improvements. She worked at the Black Hills Roundup and sometimes accompanied patients to Rochester in a small airplane.

During one of her hundreds of hours volunteering in the church basement with Altar Society's Band 5, Billie Jane met a young Sky Ranch boy peeking over the counter who stole her heart. Tony Kelly eventually

moved to Wingspread in town where he excelled in school, sports, and social arenas. Tony lived with the Hamblins in 1968 for a time and became an honorary member of the family.

In 1972 the Hamblins headed for San Diego to "work for a few years and retire". These were full and busy years for Billie Jane as she served as Director of Nursing at various nursing homes, became a realtor and cheered for the Padres, eventually serving as president of the Madres, their auxiliary. This resulted in many more new friends, opportunities to support Little League and to be personally acquainted with some of the Padres players. As in Belle Fourche, Billie Jane always found time to play bridge, to be involved with Republican Women and to knit miles and miles of yarn. Then in 1987, lured back to Belle Fourche by the presence of grandchildren and retirement, Larry and Billie Jane returned to their original hometown. They were pleased to find many good friends ready to resume their activities.

Billie Jane's commitment to promoting peace through acts of service and to preserving the historical record culminated in a compilation of WWII stories from local vets. Sales from this book funded the Peace Memorial statue at the Tri-State Museum. Years earlier, Billie and Larry raised money for the Bucking Bronco statue at the other end of 5th Avenue and contributed to the time capsule contained there.

Larry died in July 2004. Billie remained in their home until requiring nursing home care in 2017. She is fondly remembered by the members of the Thursday morning Prayer Group which met at her home for 27 years, and her PEO sisters, yet other ways she connected with people in her community. An inveterate crossword puzzle enthusiast, Jeopardy watcher and reader, Billie's mind stayed active even as her memory began to fail. She was proud to proclaim that she held her last paying job at age 83, enjoying being a bailiff for the Circuit Court.

During the last years in her home Billie Jane showered her cherished grandchildren with oodles of love through phone calls, visits, cards, gifts and hand-knit creations, always adding more joy to every life event. Her memory is a blessing and the echoes of her love will reverberate in many good long lives.

Billie is survived by her four children, Chris Martin (Laura) Hamblin of Prescott, AZ, Jean-Claire Hamblin (Jack Dugan) of Rapid City, SD, Martin Mayes Hamblin of Reno, NV and Julia Anne Hamblin (Todd) Pinsky of Santa Cruz, CA; her grandchildren, Michael James (Cassandra) Hamblin, Tami (Jim) Aboud, Moira Jane (Steve) Terry, Molly Anne Malone (Guido Cesare), Alexandra Mayes Hamblin, Emmett Pinsky, Stella Marie Pinsky; great-grandchildren, Kennedy Anne Polovich and Kieran Martin Cesare.

Special prayers for her will be offered at the 12:15 PM Mass at St Paul Catholic Church Wednesday, January 6, 2021. When it is safe for people to travel, hopefully around the 4th of July, her favorite holiday, there will be a party to celebrate her long and fruitful life.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Mary Ann Smith 74



Mary Ann Smith, age 74 of Belle Fourche, and formerly Buffalo, died Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

A memorial service will be held 3pm Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will be done privately. There will be no visitation.

The service will be live streamed on the funeral home's website, located on Mary's obituary page at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Mary Ann Lopez was born August 27, 1946 in Belle Fourche. She was the daughter of Vincent and Mary (Cordova) Lopez. Mary Ann was married to George Raefield Smith in 1968, in Sturgis. To this union was born three children: daughter, Leann and twin boys, Glen and George Jr. For many years, the family lived in Reeder ND where George worked for Reeder Equity. Later they moved to Poplar MT, but eventually they retired in Buffalo. Following George's death in 2008, Mary moved to Belle Fourche where she has lived

since.

For several years, Mary Ann worked at Leone Moncur's private nursing home as a nurses aid and custodian. She was known for her independent spirit, being a great cook, and her gift of hospitality. She loved her family very much, and she will be greatly missed.

Mary Ann is survived by her sons, George Jr. of Belle Fourche, Glen (Dorinda) of Gillette WY; daughter, Leann (Robert) Camirand of Christmas Valley OR; grandchildren, Shayde, Taten, Tucker, Glen Jr. "Paco", C'era, Echo, Saunda, Shalayna, Hailey, Kaden, George III, Nicholas, and Brett; 1 great granddaughter, Madalynn; 5 great grandsons, Stace, Kodak John, Brody, Chase, Peyton; 5 sisters, Janet (Homer) Collins of Fruitdale, Clara Perez of Belle Fourche, Josephine Millis of Belle Fourche, Nellie Brown of Gillette WY, Nikki Rodriguez of CA; 2 brothers, Art (Roseanne) Lopez of Belle Fourche, Tony Lopez of NV; and several other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, Tyrel; and brothers, Alfred and Robert Lopez.

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Mark Travis Kreager 45



Mark Travis Kreager, age 45, was born on December 6, 1975, to Robert and Carol Kreager in Sioux Falls, SD, and died on December 23, 2020, at Monument Health in Rapid City, SD, of natural causes. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls and from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, both as an honor student. He was currently an Account Executive with Home Slice Group in Rapid City, SD, and lived in Belle Fourche, SD. He married Jaime Harrison and they had one son. At the time of his death, he was a single dad co-parenting his 16 year old son who resided with him. Their bond was one unlike any seen. His whole life centered around him.

There was not an activity that Elliot was involved in that Mark was not there to cheer him on. From taekwondo, band, high school plays he was there to support his best friend. He was also his mentor and loved to actively engage with him in intellectual conversations. He loved challenging him, and even more, loved when he challenged him back. Quite often, Mark would post on facebook some of the more interesting and humorous conversations they had. He had a love for children.

Like many Generation X'ers, Mark loved music, movies, history, reading, and anything pop culture related. From an early age Mark loved oldies music, was involved in competitive swimming, junior and senior high chorus and choral groups, class plays and enjoyed collecting comic books. One thing that stayed consis-

tent from a young age, and he passed on to his son, was his love for WWF/WWE wrestling which they watched on television and they would attend whenever professional wrestling was in the area. They also attended live concerts. He was an avid reader and once wrote a story entitled, "The Silverware Drawer". He always wanted to publish a book but didn't realize that dream.

He is survived by his parents, Carol and Robert Kreager, Sioux Falls, SD; son, Elliot; step-daughters Alix and Autumn, siblings Sandra (Robert) McGill and David Kreager; Grandmother Bernice Nelson, aunts and uncle, cousins, their cat, Snowball; special friends Layla, his goddaughter and Raylea and a whole host of friends – all special in their own way.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Elmer Nelson, grandparents Florence and Robert Kreager, Uncle Greg and several furry friends.

A Celebration of Life Memorial for Mark will be a live webcast via Zoom on Saturday, January 16, 2021, at 1:00 PM (CST). Please contact Rev. Amanda Simons (cousin) at a.simons@gachurch.org for the zoom link. We will have a private family burial at a later date and he will be buried at East Calvary Cemetery in Hendricks, Minnesota.

A Mark Kreager memorial fund has been established at Sioux Falls Federal Credit Union as an education fund for his son, Elliot. Family requests no flowers.

Thi Thu Slutz 71



Thi Thu Slutz, age 71 of Belle Fourche, died Thursday, December 31, 2020 at her home.

Services will be held 9:30 A.M. Friday, January 8, 2021 at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. There will be no visitation. Friends may leave condolences online at: www.Leverington-FH.com

Thi Thu Slutz was born in Vietnam on May 10, 1949. Thi escaped Vietnam and in 1974 she became an American citizen. She was united in marriage to Jimmy Slutz on November 2, 1977. Following their marriage they lived in Yakima WA. In 1980 they moved to Belle Fourche. They had a wonderful marriage, and Thi loved her freedom and her life in America. Thu worked at the Dorset Nursing Home and the Belle Fourche

Nursing Home and she also drove semi for Habeck Trucking for a time. She enjoyed fishing, and cooking. Her specialty was egg rolls and chow mien. She was kind and sweet, a meticulous person, and a very wise woman. Jimmy died December 1, 2004 and since then Thu has continued to live at home in Belle Fourche.

Thu is survived by her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pam (Kent) Popham of Belle Fourche, Phil (Denise) Slutz of Belle Fourche, Tim (Stephanie) Slutz of Everett WA, Dan Slutz, Becky Slutz of Belle Fourche; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband James Slutz in 2004, and her mother-in-law, Ethel Slutz.

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Letter to the Editor

Editor: Here is a letter regarding the dispatch center contract:

I read with interest the recent Black Hills Pioneer article and the Dec. 23 Beacon article about the dispatch agreement/contract between Butte Co. and the city of Belle Fourche. I believe Butte Co has a population of about 10,430 residents of which about 5,700 are residents of Belle Fourche. Newell, Nisland and Vale make up about 960 residents with the remainder of the county residents being rural.

Belle Fourche has one council person currently serving who is also a County commissioner. His county district is made up of both city and rural residents.

When votes on these types of issues happen they certainly need to be by roll call vote for both organizations. I would guess he will abstain.

Here is what I got out of these articles and I believe they have done a good job reporting.

This looks to me like on Dec.1 the mayor goes to the County and wants a contract signed then, so she could go to the City council meeting 6 six days later Dec. 7. Dec 15 County had tweaked that contract and approved it.

Then in the hands of the city expecting their approval. Dec. 18 City has a special meeting all executive session. No action taken. Dec. 31 no agreement in place. So now what???

Ed & DeEtte Goss phone 605-210-3018, or email eddeegoss@gmail.com

Pete Bonnicksen Volunteer of the Month

RAPID CITY: The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Peter Bonnicksen has been named the December 2020 Volunteer of the Month. Peter was nominated by Black Hills Health Care Fort Meade VA.

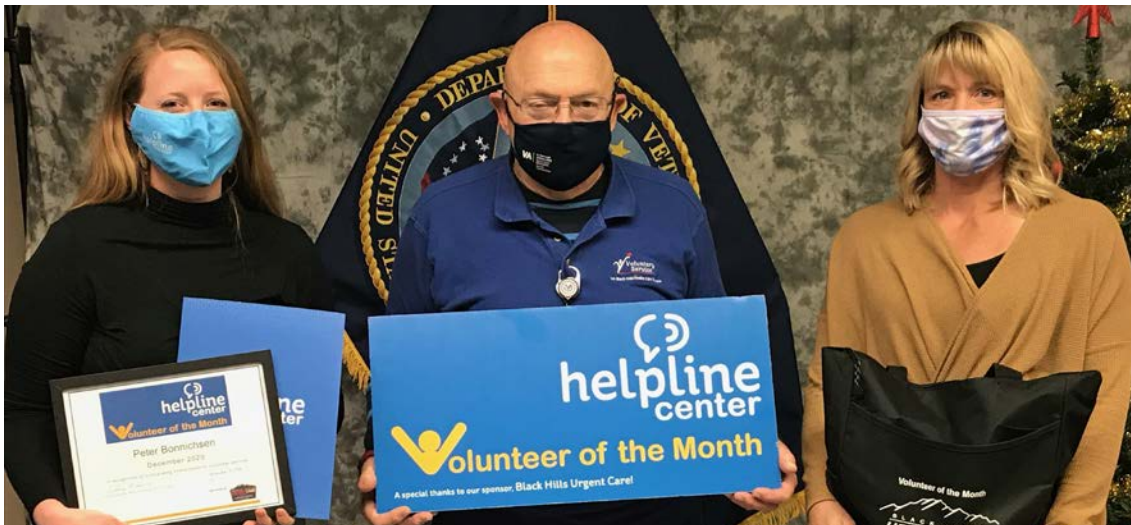
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Peter has been volunteering since 2013, 2-3 days a week at Black Hills Health Care Fort Meade VA, even through COVID19. Peter works the information desks, and Hospice at the VA Hospital. Melody from Black Hills Health Care says, "We have many first time Veterans that are unfamiliar with our facility and with his knowledge of the VA, this makes their first visit pleasant."

Peter has been volunteering for 7 years in Hospice. He jumped in to lend a helping hand when the hospital was short on volunteers. He is the first face the Veterans and their families see when entering the hospital, always smiling and beyond helpful.

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Peter with a framed certificate, a letter from Mayor Allender, and gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care and Surgical Hospital.

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Pictured left to right: **Audrey Nordine** of Helpline Center, **Peter Bonnicksen** December Volunteer of the Month, and **Kathy Minnick** of Black Hills Urgent Care and Surgical Hospital *Courtesy photo*

Bronc Wrestlers Have Four Firsts at Harding County Invite



Thomas McCoy in control on the way to winning the Championship at 138pounds at the Harding County Invitational *Bickerdyke Courtesy photo*

The Bronc Wrestling team finished 4th over the weekend in the Harding County Invitational in Buffalo.

Hettinger/Scranton, ND won the event followed by Bowman County/Beach, ND in second and Sturgis Brown 3rd. The fourth place Broncos were only on team point behind the Scoopers.

The Broncos had three champions in Thomas McCoy, 138#, Levi Melanson, 195#, and Aiken Crowley 285#, as well as Hailey Rodriguez taking 1st place in the girls division.

Results and matches by weight:

106 Riley Dighton (6-10) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Teryn Zebroski (Sturgis Brown) 3-4 won by tech fall over Riley Dighton (Belle Fourche) 6-10 (TF-1.5 5:23 (18-2)) Cons. Round 1 - Riley Dighton (Belle Fourche) 6-10 won by fall over Cash Schiley (Lemmon/McIntosh) 1-2 (Fall 2:08) Cons. Semi - Riley Dighton (Belle Fourche) 6-10 won by decision over Tyler Schalesky (Hettinger/Scranton) 5-8 (Dec 9-4) 3rd Place Match - Teryn Zebroski (Sturgis Brown) 3-4 won by tech fall over Riley Dighton (Belle Fourche) 6-10 (TF-1.5 4:13 (16-0))

120 Colton Shelley (3-8) placed 7th and scored 4.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Cade Martian (Harding County) 9-8 won by fall over Colton Shelley (Belle Fourche) 3-8 (Fall 1:32) Cons. Round 1 - Tell Trohkimoinen (Sturgis Brown) 4-9 won by fall over Colton Shelley (Belle Fourche) 3-8 (Fall 1:33) 7th Place Match - Colton Shelley (Belle Fourche) 3-8 won by fall over Blaise McGregor (Newell) 0-9 (Fall 1:24)

126 Lane Longbrake (7-6) placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Lane Longbrake (Belle Fourche) 7-6 won by major decision over Lincoln Wickstrom (Harding County) 1-10 (MD 13-1) Semifinal - Emery Noll (Bowman County/Beach) 6-1 won by fall over Lane Longbrake (Belle Fourche) 7-6 (Fall 3:14) Cons. Semi - Lane Longbrake (Belle Fourche) 7-6 won by fall over Elijah Ramos (Killdeer) 1-3 (Fall 0:42) 3rd Place Match - Jeran Frank (Hettinger/Scranton) 11-2 won by decision over Lane Longbrake (Belle Fourche) 7-6 (Dec 8-4)

126 Elijah Braning (0-2) placed 7th. Quarterfinal - Jeran Frank (Hettinger/Scranton) 11-2 won by decision over Elijah Braning (Belle Fourche) 0-2 (Dec 4-2) Cons. Round 1 - Elijah Ramos (Killdeer) 1-3 won in sudden victory - 1 over Elijah Braning (Belle Fourche) 0-2 (SV-1 8-6)

7th Place Match - Elijah Braning (Belle Fourche) 0-2 received a bye () (Bye)

132 Zach Tonsager (0-3) placed 6th. Quarterfinal - Kolby Sperry (Bowman County/Beach) 7-3 won by fall over Zach Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 (Fall 0:43) Cons. Round 1 - Zach Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Semi - Hunter Way (Hill City) 5-4 won by fall over Zach Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 (Fall 0:18) 5th Place Match - Hunter Quenzer (Belle Fourche) 3-8 won by fall over Zach Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 (Fall 1:16)

132 Hunter Quenzer (3-8) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Hunter Way (Hill City) 5-4 won by fall over Hunter Quenzer (Belle Fourche) 3-8 (Fall 5:34) Cons. Round 1 - Hunter Quenzer (Belle Fourche) 3-8 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Semi - Kolby Sperry (Bowman County/Beach) 7-3 won by fall over Hunter Quenzer (Belle Fourche) 3-8 (Fall 1:25) 5th Place Match - Hunter Quenzer (Belle Fourche) 3-8 won by fall over Zach Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 (Fall 1:16)

138 Thomas McCoy (15-4) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Thomas McCoy (Belle Fourche) 15-4 won by fall over Ryne Bostrom (Sturgis Brown) 6-6 (Fall 2:52) Semifinal - Thomas McCoy (Belle Fourche) 15-4 won by decision over Gavin Dalley (Hettinger/Scranton) 9-3 (Dec 5-2) 1st Place Match - Thomas McCoy (Belle Fourche) 15-4 won by decision over Tucker Strand (Bowman County/Beach) 6-2 (Dec 6-4)

152 Andy Tonsager (0-3) placed 8th. Quarterfinal - Caydon Wolbaum (Bowman County/Beach) 5-3 won by fall over Andy Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 (Fall 1:33) Cons. Round 1 - Preston Ray (Sturgis Brown) 7-3 won by fall over Andy Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 (Fall 1:51) 7th Place Match - Weston LaPierre (Killdeer) 4-6 won by fall over Andy Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 0-3 (Fall 2:57)

152 Devin Nowowiejski (4-9) placed 6th and scored 4.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Tanner Gillespie (Sturgis Brown) 9-5 won by fall over Devin Nowowiejski (Belle Fourche) 4-9 (Fall 5:03) Cons. Round 1 - Devin Nowowiejski (Belle Fourche) 4-9 won by decision over Weston LaPierre (Killdeer) 4-6 (Dec 9-8) Cons. Semi - Caydon Wolbaum (Bowman County/Beach) 5-3 won by fall over Devin Nowowiejski (Belle Fourche) 4-9 (Fall 0:38) 5th Place Match - Tanner Gillespie (Sturgis Brown) 9-5 won by fall over Devin Nowowiejski (Belle Fourche) 4-9 (Fall 4:16)

160 Isaac McKenney (3-6) placed 3rd and scored 13.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Landon Stang (Hettinger/Scranton) 4-8 won by decision over Isaac McKenney (Belle Fourche) 3-6 (Dec 5-3) Cons. Round 1 - Isaac McKenney (Belle Fourche) 3-6 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Semi - Isaac McKenney (Belle Fourche) 3-6 won by fall over Brody Bachman (Faith) 2-9 (Fall 1:57) 3rd Place Match - Isaac McKenney (Belle Fourche) 3-6 won by decision over Landon Stang (Hettinger/Scranton) 4-8 (Dec 3-1)

170 Gunner Geib (3-8) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Gunner Geib (Belle Fourche) 3-8 won by fall over Austin Atyeo (Sturgis Brown) 2-6 (Fall 5:31) Semifinal - Noah Jepson (Killdeer) 5-2 won by fall over Gunner Geib (Belle Fourche) 3-8 (Fall 3:29) Cons. Semi - Gunner Geib (Belle Fourche) 3-8 received a bye () (Bye) 3rd Place Match - Shayde Lemmel (Faith) 6-4 won by decision over Gunner Geib (Belle Fourche) 3-8 (Dec 7-6)

182 Cade Bickerdyke (9-9) placed 3rd and scored 0.0 team points. Round 1 - Zack Andersen (Killdeer) 9-0 won by fall over Cade Bickerdyke (Belle Fourche) 9-9 (Fall 0:44) Round 3 - Tristan Pekas (Hettinger/Scranton) 8-4 won by injury default over Cade Bickerdyke (Belle Fourche) 9-9 (Inj. 4:33) **195 Levi Melanson** (4-5) placed 1st and scored 9.0 team points. Round 1 - Levi Melanson (Belle Fourche) 4-5 won by fall over Kollby Houdek (Hill City) 2-4 (Fall 3:13) Round 3 - Levi Melanson (Belle Fourche) 4-5 won by fall over Ashtin Gerbracht (Hettinger/Scranton) 7-3 (Fall 1:32)

220 Sean Wahlfeldt (1-2) placed 5th. Quarterfinal - Bowden Hasbrouck (Hettinger/Scranton) 5-7 won by fall over Sean Wahlfeldt (Belle Fourche) 1-2 (Fall 2:43) Cons. Round 1 - Sean Wahlfeldt (Belle Fourche) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye) Cons. Semi - Mace Stuber (Bowman County/Beach) 7-1 won by fall over Sean Wahlfeldt (Belle Fourche) 1-2 (Fall 2:04) 5th Place Match - Sean Wahlfeldt (Belle Fourche) 1-2 won by fall over Herman Frisvald (Lemmon/McIntosh) 0-6 (Fall 2:30)

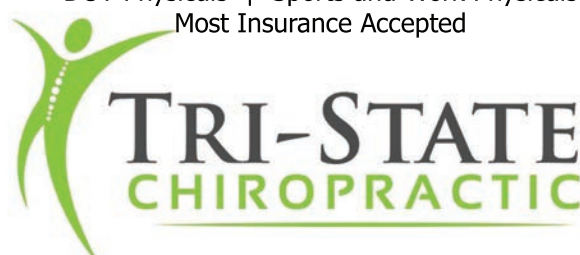
220 Brooks Clooten (3-5) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Brooks Clooten (Belle Fourche) 3-5 won by fall over Herman Frisvald (Lemmon/McIntosh) 0-6 (Fall 1:59) Semifinal - Brooks Clooten (Belle Fourche) 3-5 won by decision over Mace Stuber (Bowman County/Beach) 7-1 (Dec 8-6) 1st Place Match - Grey Gilbert (Harding County) 13-3 won by decision over Brooks Clooten (Belle Fourche) 3-5 (Dec 7-1)

285 Aiken Crowley (10-3) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Aiken Crowley (Belle Fourche) 10-3 received a bye () (Bye) Semifinal - Aiken Crowley (Belle Fourche) 10-3 won by fall over Buck Fickbohm (Sturgis Brown) 4-6 (Fall 0:25) 1st Place Match - Aiken Crowley (Belle Fourche) 10-3 won by fall over Madessi Stedman (Hill City) 3-2 (Fall 3:41) **Girls #1 Hailey Rodriguez** (6-6) placed 1st and scored 7.0 team points. Round 2 - Quinn Butler (Lemmon/McIntosh) 2-2 won in sudden victory - 1 over Hailey Rodriguez (Belle Fourche) 6-6 (SV-1 3-1) Round 3 - Hailey Rodriguez (Belle Fourche) 6-6 won by fall over Jennifer Verdin (Hettinger/Scranton) 5-5 (Fall 3:41)

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Ryker Audiss gets fouled as he tries to field the ball. Belle lost to Lemmon 33-46 over the weekend. *Hockenbary Courtesy Photo*



Bryton Odeokoven prepares to rebound the ball *Hockenbary Courtesy Photo*



Gabe Heck hauls in the pass from way down the court - *Hockenbary Courtesy Photo*



In what looks like it should be a wrestling photo **Cole Hockenbary** attempts to keep a ball he stole from Lemmon opponent *Hockenbary Courtesy Photo*



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Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

I started the 1-1-2021 off early receiving "Happy New Year" phone texts at 6:44 am.

I had retired early on the celebrated eve, so by the time they started had already had a restful nights sleep and was ready to face all comers.

We have only watched the clock strike "XII" less than a handful of times out of the 60 plus we have been around for.

I never felt my presence at a specific time of day (or night) on New Year's Eve was to have any lasting effect, nor change any possible outcome of the dawning of a new year.

As a person who had for years pursued an active social life on any given evening, year in and year out, I resolved to make New Years Eve the one night I promised myself to stay home.

If feeling any need to observe the Eve I could always watch the ball drop at Times Square, and watch over a million people party with wild outfits and "year" glasses waiting for the perennial countdown to the new year and the ball dropping.

This year I had enough in reserve the last night of 2020 to turn on the TV and see everything was as normal, except no million plus crowd.

Nil, Zilch, No one. It may only be me, but when TV networks, promoters, personalities, bands, & entertainers try to put on the show for millions and no is there, it just isn't worth neglecting a pillow for.

Now back to the early morning text: the friend's "Happy New Year" got me to thinking about all the people I've been in contact with over the years. Family, friends, employees, customers, political contacts, school mates,

everyone who for one reason or another is in what is known as "My Contacts".

I resolved to make it a 2021 New Years resolution to go through my entire list of contacts and send out a short encouraging note of "New Years" optimism.

A resolution I intend to reenact each year going forward.

Trying to keep it short, as texts should be, I simply wrote, "Happy New Year! "More Fun in '21"

I recollected how a year ago when 2020 began we began to hear all the "optic" references. 2020: the Year to See Your Way Clear"; Vision 2020"; 2020 The Year of Greater Vision; and others.

Well I don't have to remind anyone that 2020 was the year that everything we knew as seeing clearly went out of focus. It went from blurred visions to squinting to try to understand things: Health, Schools, Events, Church, and sometimes even the Home became almost unrecognizable images.


Politicians have pretty much all went completely blind during this election year, and the ability to regain sight at this point is slow to come.

As one optician friend of mine texted me, "Hind sight is now officially 2020"

It is with a prejudice toward optimism that we will try enter into the new year.

Before Christmas, Chuck Millar of rural St. Onge stop in the office, paid his subscription and dropped off a book titled "A Treasury of Reader's Digest Wit and Humor" for me to read.

The title page shows it as a 1949 First Edition. It starts out with



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What's Funny by J. P. McEvoy. He was an American writer whose stories were published during the 1920s and 1930s in popular magazines.

We will try to work in some of these stories as time and space allow.

There is a section on the wit and humor of Calvin Coolidge. With his summer White House in the Black Hills and visit to Belle its seems appropriate to start the year off with him.

When Coolidge was in the Massachusetts Legislature he was asked if people where he came from said, "A hen lays an egg, or a hen lies?"

Coolidge replied, "The people where I come from lift her to see."

Coolidge had humor and sense enough to escape that exaggeration of the ego which affects a good many of our Presidents. I once intercepted him taking a cat nap in the middle of the Presidential executive day.

When he opened his eyes he grinned and asked: "Is the country still here?"

President Coolidge invited some Vermont friends to dine at the White House. They were worried about their table manners, so decided to do every thing Coolidge did. The meal went smoothly until coffee was served and Coolidge poured his into a saucer. The guests followed suit. He then added sugar and cream. The visitors did likewise. Then Coolidge leaned over and served his to the cat.

Shortly after Coolidge left the White House he was called upon to fill out a card to accompany the payment of annual dues to the National Press Club.

Mr. Coolidge filled in his name and address, and then on the line provided for "Occupation" wrote simply "Retired."

In the space headed "Remarks" the ex-President added the terse comment: "Glad of it"

Not Coolidge but worth repeating: Seems a young man had been making the rounds of businesses vainly looking for a sum-

mer job. After a day of frustration he decided to give on more a try. He met the owner of the business and proceeded to portray himself as the live wire; oozed confidence and vitality, talked fast and assuredly; and closed his delivery with, "Do you have an opening for an enterprising young man?" "Yes I do!" said the owner, "and close it gently as you go out!"

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Pastor's Perspective

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

"We Will Serve the LORD"

"Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15 [NRSV]

Colonel James Irwin was an American astronaut who walked on the moon in 1971 on the fourth human expedition as part of the Apollo 15 mission. Irwin was a devout Christian who talked often of the profound mark that space travel had left on his faith in Jesus. Sometime after walking on the moon, Irwin made this statement, "God walking on the earth is more important than man walking on the moon."

What an incredibly insightful statement! What we celebrate at Christmas is so deeply profound that we as humans can't fully grasp the magnitude of it! Yet what we can comprehend is often lost in the frenzy of the Christmas season. Christmas isn't about presents or family or friends or anything else. We are thankful for those things and God's provision. But Christmas is about God putting on flesh! It is about the long-awaited Messiah that was prophesied so precisely and so perfectly in the Old Testament Scriptures.

The prophet Isaiah foretold Jesus' birth and His suffering over seven centuries before Jesus would be born.



The prophet Micah prophesied Jesus' birthplace of Bethlehem, also over seven centuries before it would happen. And there are so many other wonderfully accurate prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus' entry into the world as that baby born in Bethlehem.

Ultimately, we know that though Jesus was born in time, He existed before time....for all of eternity (Micah 5:2) And Jesus came into the world on a mission, to reconcile man to Himself. Like the Christmas hymn we sing states, "Hark, the herald angel sing, Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled." Christ came to save His people from their sin! He came to reconcile sinners (all of us) who had no way to save themselves. His birth and later His death and resurrection secured salvation for anyone who would trust in Him alone for their salvation.

This Christmas season, contemplate in a sense of wonder the incarnation of Jesus. And consider your relationship with Him. Have you made Jesus the Lord of your life? Have you placed your faith in Christ and what He did in your place on the cross? Have you bowed yourself before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Live this Christmas season in a spirit of wonder and amazement at the grace of God that is seen and offered through Jesus.

Trusting in God's love, goodness, and wisdom can be a great source of strength. The following verse was quoted above, but I quote it again: "I will say of the LORD, he is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in him I will trust." (Psalm 91:2) John W. Peterson wrote a wonderful hymn about trusting in God. It is called "Teach Me To Trust." The first verse says, "Teach me to trust when there is cause to fear, when trials come and tempests sore appear; help me to know that thou, O God, art near." The chorus simply says, "Teach me to trust, teach me to trust." The fact is, when circumstances are out of our control, we can easily let fear overtake us. We might face such circumstances in the new year. It is at that time that we must pray what John W. Peterson prayed: "Teach me to trust when there is cause to fear, when trials come and tempests sore appear; help me to know that thou, O God, art near. Teach me to trust, teach me to trust."

Strength For the New Year

By Pastor Bruce K. Oyen, First Baptist Church, Spearfish, SD

Perhaps most of us will be glad to say "Good riddance!" to the year 2020. It was a source of heartaches, trials, and troubles for millions of individuals. But we don't know what the new year will bring, either. God alone knows what will happen, whether good or bad, or a combination of the two. What follows are some sources of strength for a new year. I hope they are a blessing to you.

The Bible, God's holy word, can give us strength like no other book can. Many books are good. But the Bible is the best of books. It alone is truly "The Good Book." Consider some of its strength-giving statements, which are quoted from the New King James Version: "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." (Deuteronomy 33:27) "In the day of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me." (Psalm 86:7) "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God." (Psalm 90:1 and 2) "I will say of the LORD, he is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in him I will trust." (Psalm 91:2) The Bible has many other strength-giving statements. And the Bible's Book of Psalms is full of them. I hope you will read the Psalms in the new year.

Hymns and other Christian music are great sources of strength. One old Christian song is a favorite of many. Maybe it's because it reminds us what to do in times



of heartaches, troubles and trials. That song is titled "Count Your Blessings." It was written long ago by Johnson Oatman. Here's the first verse and chorus: "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings - name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." The chorus says, "Count your blessings - name them one by one; count your many blessings - see what God has done."

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United Way of the Black Hills Close to Meeting Goal

Rapid City, S.D. — The hours are counting down for United Way of the Black Hills (UWBH) 2020-2021 fundraising campaign season, which is set to end at midnight on December 31st, 2020. UWBH still has \$227,420 remaining to raise and matching funds still available. Sturgis region has hit their goal of \$90,000.

UWBH is currently at 89% of their overall 2020-2021 fundraising campaign goal of \$2,052,000. This campaign fundraising will benefit nearly 50 nonprofits throughout the Black Hills.

The breakdown of goals by region are as follows:
Rapid City
Goal: \$1,750,000.00
Raised: \$1,522,874 (88%)
Left to Raise: \$208,023.00

Sturgis
Goal: \$90,000.00
Raised: \$90,000.00 (100%)
Northern Hills
Goal: \$125,000.00
Raised: \$110,616.00 (90%)
Left to Raise: \$12,384.00
Southern Hills
Goal: \$87,000
Raised: \$76,174 (92%)
Left to Raise: \$6,926.00

UWBH will be accepting campaign packets and donations until December 31st, 2020. If you are unable to deliver your campaign packet or pledge, please contact UWBH at (605) 343-5872 to coordinate a donation pick-up.

Those interested in learning more or making an individual donation to UWBH may do so by mailing a check to United Way of the Black Hills, 621

6th St, Ste 100, Rapid City, SD 57701; call (605) 343-5872 to make a donation over the phone; text "UWBH" to 40403 to donate; or visit www.united-wayblackhills.org/donate.

About United Way of the Black Hills

United Way of the Black Hills unites people and resources to improve lives in the Black Hills by delivering measurable long-term solutions to community issues in education, financial stability, and health. Our initiatives include Black Hills Reads, an education initiative, and our recently adopted Mental Health initiative. We collaborate with nonprofit organizations and programs that serve the greatest needs in our community. Northern Hills (Belle Fourche, Deadwood/Lead and Spearfish)



Lady Broncs 5-0 After 36-34 Win over Wall Lady Eagles



Lady Bronc Starters are introduced to start the wall game
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Lady Broncs get last minute in structions from Coach Bill Burr before breaking the huddle to start contest. *Courtesy photo*



Lady Broncs on the floor to start the 2nd half of the closely contested game. Broncs won 36-34. *Courtesy photo*

Silver Linings Senior Center Weekly Menu

January 7th	January 8th	January 9th	January 10th	January 11th	January 12th	January 13th
Chicken Enchiladas Refried Beans Chuckwagon Corn Fruit	Meatloaf Baked Potato Glazed Carrots Plums	Potato Soup Chef Salad Bar Bread & Butter Dessert	Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Coleslaw w/Apples Ice Cream	BBQ Chicken Macaroni Salad Fried Green Beans Fruit	Spaghetti French Bread Veggie Medley Dessert	Roast Beef Mixed Vegetables Potatoes & Gravy Dessert

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January 29th – Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 5th – No Sale – Go Visit The Black Hills Stock Show
February 12th – Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 19th – Bred Cow & Heifer Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 26th – Feeder Cattle Special Featuring Replacement Heifers–
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Feb 4th – No Sale – Visit The Black Hills Stock Show
Feb 11th – Feeder Lamb Special– Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Feb 18th – Regular Sale– Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
Feb 25th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 4th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 11th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 18th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 25th – New Crop Lamb Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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10 a.m. Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service

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Morning Worship - 10:30am
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Gray Wolf Removed from Federal Endangered Species List

PIERRE, S.D. – On January 4, 2021, the gray wolf will be delisted as a federally protected species following 45 years of protection under the Endangered Species Act. This action allows South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) to manage wolves as a predator as defined in state law.

Under GFP’s management authority, trappers, sportsmen and women, landowners and livestock producers will have the ability to harvest gray wolves across the state beginning on January 4, 2021. The same license requirements needed for coyotes are needed to harvest a wolf. These include a predator/varmint license, fur-bearer license or any resident or nonresident hunting license. To trap a wolf, a furbearer license is required. Landowners on their own land and youth under the age of 16 are exempt from the license requirement.

“Over the past several decades, South Dakota has had a handful of gray wolves killed on both sides of the Missouri River,” said Keith Fisk, program administrator with GFP. “The department suspects the gray wolves that have been present in South Dakota are likely transient animals that have dispersed from populations east and west of the state.”

To gather further information and a DNA sample, the department is requesting anyone who harvests a wolf in South Dakota notify a wildlife conservation officer within 24 hours and that the inspection and sampling by a GFP representative occur within 48 hours. GFP does not support gray wolf expansion in South Dakota.

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Leo Camarillo Passes Away**

ProRodeo Hall of Famer Leo Camarillo passed away Dec. 30 at the age of 74 in Chandler, Ariz.

Camarillo, a five-time world champion – team roping in 1972-73, 1975 and 1983, and all-around in 1975 – was inducted with the inaugural 1979 ProRodeo Hall of Fame class in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Camarillo and his younger brother Jerold, also a ProRodeo Hall of Famer, learned to rope from their father, Ralph, a champion roper in California rodeos before he turned to raising stock. They grew up in California's scenic Santa Ynez Valley.

"I've never seen a man who loved that sport so much," said Jerold, 73, in a phone interview with ProRodeo Sports News. "He dedicated himself to go to rodeos and learn new things. Then, we would come home and try it here, and he loved the whole sport, and he loved all the cowboys."

When the boys were youngsters, their father required that the pair spend an hour each day practicing with their ropes.

One of the first targets was a pop bottle, brought into the living room when the weather was cold. From the bottle, they graduated to roping chickens and finally calves.

"We were raised on a ranch and found a way to win money (roping) without having a job," Jerold said. "We were raised roping. We roped all day long and we loved it, and it was a way out for us."

Leo and Jerold revolutionized team roping as heelers. Leo

qualified for the National Finals Rodeo 20 times (1968-86 and 1988), while Jerold qualified for the NFR 17 times (1968-83, 1985-86) and won a world title in 1969.



Leo won the NFR team roping average a PR-CA-record six times – 1968-71, 1980 and 1982. He also was a star in the PRCA circuit system. He won the all-around title in the California Circuit in 1976-77, 1980-82, team roping in 1976-77, 1982 and tie-down

roping in 1976. In 1983, he was the Texas Circuit team roping champ.

An intense competitor, Leo created and perfected a polished style of heeling steers. An excellent horseman, Camarillo, born Jan. 25, 1946, in Santa Ana, Calif., roped off his horse named Super Stick, which many pros thought unsuitable for professional competition. Camarillo was also an excellent tie-down roper and steer wrestler.

"We both dedicated ourselves to be the greatest ever," Jerold said. "We were so fortunate to learn from our dad, and from then on we changed the style of roping and changed the style of heeling the steers in the air. We worked at it really hard, and when we went out on the road people were amazed with the way we were roping."

Leo is survived by his wife, Sue; sons Wade and Trey; and daughter, Cassie.

To read more about Leo Camarillo, check out the Jan. 8 digital edition of ProRodeo Sports News.

The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson. He takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years. The Beacon is the only newspaper tin which it appears. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00



New Years Resolutions? how about a prayer for the New Year instead.

A Prayer for the New Year

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains.

Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday.

We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone forever.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens,

its large promise and its poor performance; Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet to be born.

This leaves only one day, Today. Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities Yesterday and Tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of Today that drives a person mad, it is the remorse or bitterness of something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, Live but one day at a time.

Good Advice folks. Happy New Year

Conservation Reserve Program Enrollment Options Available

PIERRE, S.D. – Starting this week, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened its general signup period for producers and landowners to enroll environmentally sensitive agricultural land into perennial cover for 10 to 15 years through the federally funded Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"CRP is a great alternative for producers," said Kevin Robling, Interim Secretary for South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. "Enrolling land in CRP creates quality wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities which,

in turn, strengthens our local economies as well as our state's deep-rooted hunting heritage."

Participants receive annual rental payments and 50 percent cost share to establish the perennial cover, which can be grasses or forbs to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. There are options for haying and grazing in accordance with a conservation plan, but it could adjust payment amount.

"CRP has a proven track record of benefitting long-term soil health and improving water quality by reducing soil erosion

and runoff. It can also increase profitability on marginal lands," said Hunter Roberts, Interim Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. "It's good for producers and for South Dakota's natural resources."

A cropping history of four out of six years from 2012 to 2017 is required to enroll cropland. Land currently enrolled, but expiring on Sept. 30, 2021, is also eligible to be re-enrolled this year. The signup period runs from Jan. 4 through Feb. 12, 2021 and accepted offers will begin Oct. 1, 2021.

"This is a very short window of time for South Dakota

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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

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Dick and Erma Albert went to town on New Years Eve day to get some groceries and supplies. They went to visit through the window with Clara Braun, but Clara was busy and they didn't see her. There was a New Years Day Mass at the Catholic church in the morning and a good number of people attended. On Sunday, they went to church, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three with John and Carol Helms. Then they were brought a cheesecake with a candle for Erma, because it was her birthday. Erma talked to Alfreda Davis on her birthday, too.

Laurice Callahan came down from Ekalaka to visit Doug and Julia Davis on New Years Day. On Saturday, Julia's brother Bob Latham stopped by to visit. Alfreda Davis's birthday was on the first, and Doug went down to visit her on Sunday, to take her some ice cream for her birthday. He had been working on a valve to the water tank. The good thing is that the leak had settled down the dust around the tank by the time Doug got a new valve put in. Justin Kerr got to celebrate Christmas three times this year. The last time was this week with Krista Huntley and her sister and dad.

Shirley Melum has been doing some quilting. She and Junior did not stay up to see the new year come in. Ian and Jenna Flatgard have been sorting cattle. They will sell some soon. Joe Malecek, Jenna's brother, went home to Iowa for Christmas and came back out to the ranch for the new year. They will have some help for a few weeks when Jenna's dad and brother-in-law come in the next few weeks.

Dorothy Padden, Brandon, Ashley, Brenton, Kanyn, and Brylen had guests on Christmas Eve. Bryce, Dawn, BJ, Michelle, Brayden, Kamry, Kala, Kelly, Spring, Kalynn and Kadi were all there that evening. On Christmas Day, Bryce and Dawn went to Michelle and Mac Tooke's. The theme for their Christmas gathering this year was 'Christmas Movie Characters', so they dressed like their favorite character. It was a beautiful day, and they had a great time. This week Bryce, Dawn, and Dorothy went to watch the girls basketball game at Buffalo. Then on Saturday, they all went to the high school wrestling match in Buffalo.

Curt Zolnoski's family and Jayda Westling, came to Clint and Denise Zolnoski's on Tuesday before Christmas. Debby and Roudy Zolnoski came the next day. On Thursday Jon Hamilton and Cristen Westling came to Ronda Cordell's and Chad Zolnoski came that evening. Ronda had a soup supper for all the family at her house before they opened presents.

They had just finished eating when they heard the jingle of bells, and a knock at the door. Much to their wondering eye, St. Nick was standing there. He caused quite a commotion for a while as Santa handed out presents to the grandkids who stood in amazement. They took pictures, and then gave Santa cookies before he headed out of sight. Ronda, Jon, and Cristen went to Clint and Denise's for breakfast the next day. Chad, Debby, Roudy, Curt, Krista, Caden and Carsen Zolnoski and Jayda Westling had spent the night at Clint and Denise's. Kim and Gene Secrest came later for dinner. Ronda went home to do chores, and then Chad's and Curt's families stopped by Ronda's as they were headed home. On Saturday, Ronda picked up supplies from Buffalo Hardware in Camp Crook, and had supper at the Corner Cafe.

Well, of course, Charlie and Karen Odell got beat by a grandson Rowan, in Fantasy Football. Oh well, there's always next year. These kids don't realize that grandparents never give up. Charlie went to town on a great warm first day of winter. They talked to all the kids during Christmas. Last Monday, Charlie inspected cows for Paddens, and then he and Karen visited and had lunch at Jack and Kay Ovitz's. Karen took her piano tuning tools so she could tune a couple of strings of the piano. Then on Monday, Becky had a piano recital for her students who used that piano at Jack and Kay's. Charlie and Karen went to the candle-lighting service in Camp Crook on Christmas Eve. Karen played violin and sang her special number for the year. The service was beautiful with all the candles and decorations and everyone singing the carols. Thanks to the Smith family for helping them carry their electronic equipment. There was no place for the pastor and his wife to get supper on the way back to Rapid City on Christmas Eve, but they had some Welsh cakes to tide them over.

Santa came, but he had sent most of the things by UPS, and there were lots of gifts under the tree. Hywel was a good boy, too and got a few presents. Charlie went to Capitol on Saturday, and stopped to visit with Ernie Melum on the way back. Karen and Charlie went to church on Sunday for the children's Christmas program, and then had a great meal at the church afterward.

This Sunday, after church, they stopped at the Over The Edge for a delicious prime-rib sandwich. Karen got to watch Ohio State play in the Sugar Bowl. It was too bad that the band was not there. It is usually a disgrace that the program managers have to show somebody telling us what we just saw, instead of seeing the best 'darn' band in the land. It gets a little tiring when some announcer asks a player dumb questions like, "How good does it make you feel that you won?" Do you say, "It was about a 6, comparatively." Oh well, the game was much better after we turned the volume down until we couldn't hear the commentators. The picture was great.

Happy New Year.

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From B2 CRP Program

producers and landowners to enroll. The time to reach out to your local FSA offices is now to see if any of these CRP programs will work on your farm or ranch operation. Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity and for being stew-

ards of South Dakota's water, land and wildlife resources." Robling concluded.

The non-competitive continuous CRP program is also an option for landowners and producers. It allows for the enrollment of buffer strips, wetland restoration, duck nesting habitat, pollinator habitat, prairie strips, windbreaks, shelter-

belts and marginal pastureland buffers.

For more information or to enroll your land in CRP, contact your local USDA Service Center or your Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist with any questions you may have about how CRP could work for you.

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Governor Kristi Noem and BFM Release Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

PIERRE, S.D. – Today, Governor Kristi Noem and the Bureau of Finance and Management (BFM) released the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2020. The CAFR is the audited financial statements for the state government.

"2020 presented unique challenges for everyone, including our state government. In South Dakota, we saw this challenge as an opportunity to maintain our fiscal integrity," said

Governor Noem. "Our culture of financial stability has proven once again that South Dakota is prepared for the best and worst of times."

Once again, BFM, the Department of Legislative Audit, and other state agencies succeeded in issuing the CAFR by the end of the year. Highlights from the fiscal year 2020 CAFR include: The State's total net position (net worth) is \$7.4 billion – an increase of \$371.9 million. The combined ending balance

of the Budget Reserve and the General Revenue Replacement Fund was \$215.9 million, an increase of \$26.8 million. The State has maintained its AAA public issuer rating from Standard & Poor's, Fitch Ratings, and Moody's for the past four fiscal years. This represents the highest rating possible from all three bond rating agencies. The CAFR can be viewed online at bfm.sd.gov/cafr, or for printed copies, contact the Bureau of Finance and Management at 605-773-3411.

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This is the view from the top of Terry peak looking northwest. Skiers enjoyed the Holidays on the slopes. Kelo Sky cam photo



Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis; self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.
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Keep it Comin'

Our good winter weather just keeps hanging in there. Wonderful stuff. I have a buddy who ranches up in North Dakota. He is older than me and he and his little woman decided to head south for the winter. Been hanging out in Texas. He called me this morning and told me if I would send money he would stay down south and assure us of good weather as the cold and snow had followed him down there! Man, wish I had some money to send him! Might be worth having a fund raiser.. tho' I suppose we would have no way to prove it was just him, causing it..

For New Years eve, Cindy and I and a neighbor couple went to Rapid to watch the Rorey Lemmel Buckers ring in the New Year with broncs and bulls and

some steer wrestling. We had a great time and sure looked like a good crowd. Not a lot of empty seats. And it was a good show. The music and announcer were not too loud, the broncs bucked good, the riders rode good.. just a real good time had by all. I guess they had a band after, but we are old folks so we headed home.

We took a couple grand daughters, what I call my runt cowpunchers, as they help Grampa when we need to move or work cows. All I have to do is provide horse, saddle and spurs and chaps.. they do the rest... oh, and instructions! I have to provide instructions... and seems like they might be a little deaf, like Gramps, as if I don't provide the instructions pretty loud, seems like they don't hear me. That's

ok, I talk kind of loud anyway, seeing as I am pretty deaf. Anyway, we took them with us and got them each a set of snow/mud boots. Sounds like they are tickled with them. I am kind of selfish, I want them to be prepared as we might have to do some cattle work when it is snowy or muddy and I don't want any excuses they ain't got the right equipment to do so.

They both set in the back seat of ol' Teddy Blue, my pickup, and read books going to and coming home from town. Tickles me. Cindy and I are big readers. We have lots of books and seems like I will read about anything to pass the time. Glad to see these kids following suit. If you can read and do so, there is a whole world out there, just waiting for you to explore. I sure hope this nice weather sticks around for a few months. This is an awful good time to have a drought and a heat wave!



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FEBRUARY 2021

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Saturday, January 9, 2021
Midwest @ Hulett Boys & Girls at 1:30PM & 4PM
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
West River Tourney Upton vs. Moorcroft Boys & Girls

Thursday, January 14, 2021
West River Tourney Moorcroft vs Upton Boys & Girls

Saturday, January 16, 2021
Wright @ Belle Fourche Boys & Girls at 2:30PM & 4PM

Friday, January 22, 2021
Wright @ Sundance Boys & Girls at 3:30PM & 6PM

From A1 Week by Week

February 19, 2020

Jada Udager is hired as architect at the Tri-State Museum, Craig and Tara Knapp to build new Subway at 1819 5th Avenue.

Clark and Cathy Sowers, Belle Laundry and Dry Cleaners 711 State Street will celebrate 20 years in business March 6th.

February 26, 2020

Nathan Velander is new director at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center.

SD Kids Belong held their 3rd Annual Partner Event Friday evening at the Barn at Aspen Acres.

March 4, 2020

Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere was sworn in as President of the Western States Sheriff's Association at the Associations Annual Conference Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 in Reno, Nevada.

March 11, 2020

The UCC Church hosted the 2020 World Day of Prayer program of worship and hymns. This year's program was written by Christian women from Zimbabwe.

Belle native Lawrence Schmaltz was awarded the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

March 18, 2020

Nehl Dental, that has been located at 605 Railroad Street since the 1980's is relocating to its newly constructed facility at 19026 US Hwy 85.

Business owners on State Street are trying to work with the City on the final paving of the section of the street at the

corner of 7th.

March 25, 2020

The Belle Fourche School District called a special school board meeting on Monday evening, March 16th, primarily to discuss plans of action related to the nation's COVID-19 outbreak.

Store shelves continue to look bare this week as shoppers stock up on items required by the pandemic.

April 1, 2020

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has awarded a \$1.9 million grant to be used for the expansion of the rail siding and trans loading facility at the Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park.

The State Street Team announced the start of a working group to begin planning for developing a Downtown Business Association.

Butte County reported its first case of Covid-19 as South Dakota reported its 100th case.

April 8, 2020

Butte County Commissioners have authorized an extension to the temporary closure of its administrative offices through April 30th. The public will not be able to enter the buildings through this period.

Pipeline Plastics, LLC, based in Westlake, Texas, but with a plant located on the west side of Belle Fourche, has announced that the company is currently certified as an "Essential Business" by the federal government and will stay open.

April 15, 2020

The Belle Fourche City Council gave first reading to an ordinance designed to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus, after City Attorney Dwight

Gubbrud tweaked the original measure because of opposition to its wording.

In spite of Covid, ranching goes on as Reich's Charolais Ranch 63rd Annual Bull Sale was held at Belle Fourche Livestock

April 22, 2020

Zach Westberg, New Generation's Vice President of Operations commented, "the 7,200 square foot 60' x 120' addition is scheduled to be completed the beginning of June."

The Belle Fourche School Board has settled on Saturday, August 1st as the date for some form of a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020.

April 29, 2020

EZ Fabrication and Welding's erection of red iron framework; stairs, platform; and production equipment in the addition on the south end of the IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals production facility is moving along on projected schedule.

Governor Kristi Noem announced that Blair Brothers Angus has been selected for the South Dakota Leopold Conservation Award®.

May 6, 2020

In a short special meeting via Zoom the Butte County commission decided to extend the shutdown of county administrative offices to the end of May.

It is still full-steam ahead for the 101st Black Hills Roundup. Committee Chairman Keith Anderson says they will proceed with planning with an eye to public safety and taking in PRCA guidelines.

May 13, 2020

The Belle Fourche City Council worked through the

Covid-19 pandemic, with virtual meetings and recently elected new leadership for the body.

Vern Hintz was chosen as new Council President and Annie Reich, Vice President.

They started the Zoom meeting as the "State Street Team" and ended as the "Belle Fourche Downtown Business District". The group's mission statement is "To Preserve, Promote, and Restore the Historic Downtown Business District".

May 20, 2020

Planning for the 101st Black Hills Roundup is moving "full steam ahead" according to Roundup Committee Chairman Keith Anderson.

The Belle Fourche School District for FYE 2021 the district has set a budget of a little more than \$10 million, a 2.7 percent increase over last year's budget total of \$9.7 million.

May 27, 2020

Belle Fourche Schools presented the Teacher of the Year honors to 6th grade Social Studies teacher Jordan Esmay.

Employee of the Year honors were given to 7th-grade Special Education Instructor Angie Garza-Hunsley.

June 3, 2020

Silver Lining Thrift store benefits the programs and services of Belle Silver Lining Senior Citizens Center has opened a Thrift Store at its 828 Kingsbury Street location.

The Belle Fourche FFA is holding the group's 2nd Annual Burger Bash on State Street on July 3.

Belle Chamber advertises for an Executive Director. The chief executive and administrative person is

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What Could 2021 Mean for the Housing Market?

2020 has been nonstop uncertainty. The coronavirus pandemic led to shutdowns and major changes to our everyday lives. Those changes are likely to continue as we head into winter. Cities have been hard-hit, not only in terms of public health, but also economically.

Despite everything, the housing market is one thing that's been consistently strong this year. So, what do experts think next year will bring? Will that positivity hold steady, or are we in for a bust?

Rising Prices

If inventory remains low into early 2021, it's possible that home prices will continue to go up. The median asking price for properties in September 2020, according to Realtor.com, was \$350,000. That's up 11% compared to last year. Inventory has declined 39% year-over-year, despite a quick burst of new listings in August. Increased demand and a dwindling supply are great for sellers but not so much for buyers.

Sprawling out in 2021

There has been a shift in interest away from urban areas, as many people are packing up to find homes with more space and less proximity to others. Some of the most popular areas in 2020 have included Colorado Springs, CO; Reynoldsburg, OH; and Rochester, NY. We could see continued flight from urban areas to suburbs in 2021.

Builder Confidence

Despite all of the headwinds and what feels like a barrage of negative information, there is some optimism in housing starts. Consumer confidence was high in September, and builder sentiment similarly seems to be at an all-time high.

Could There Be Downsides?

While there are some indicators of positivity, there are also potential negatives that could come into play. Unemployment numbers are still high, and rolling lockdowns throughout the winter could cause those numbers to rise. Some predict that foreclosures could also rise as a result.

When facing uncertainty and anxiety, there's a tendency among consumers and would-be homebuyers to hoard their cash. Personal savings rates have actually gone up recently, but that means there may be less spending going on, particularly on bigger items like houses.

Finally, while there are some unnerving indicators, we do know with almost certainty that record-low mortgage rates will hold. The fed has signaled their intention to keep rates low for the foreseeable future.

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all throughout the tri-state area. Everything (well almost everything) was cordial and civil. "We saw other lawyers as worthy adversaries, not as enemies."

He also pointed to the benefit of excellent judges including Judges Brandenburg, Tschetter, Bastian, Macy and Day, all of whom were based in Belle Fourche, and most of whom were Belle Fourche "home-grown" lawyers.

Belle Fourche continued to be a thriving community when Dick returned from law school. He cites not only the legal community, but thriving retail businesses, great schools, and a great medical community.

In 1982, Dick left the Stephens Law Firm and with Tom Carr and Larry Zastrow formed what would become the Carr & Pluimer Law Firm. Larry Zastrow left the firm to take a position with the South Dakota Bar Association.

Carr & Pluimer continued their practice in Belle Fourche for approximately 16 years, when Tom Carr then left the firm to start the Pioneer Bank & Trust - Trust Department in Spearfish in approximately 1997. Michelle Schmidt joined the firm in 1988, and with a couple of minor excused absences, has played a key role in Dick's practice for 25 years. During that time, Michelle became a certified paralegal, with advanced specialty certifications in real estate, discovery and real estate principals. Michelle also has extensive experience in the probate practice, Michelle has been a Belle Fourche resident for 30 years. Any law firm or lawyer would well advised to hire her!

Dick continued his solo Belle Fourche practice until the year 2000 when he and Tom Brady formed a new partnership located in Spearfish. Dick and his family continued to reside in Belle Fourche so that their youngest son could gradu-

ate from Belle Fourche High School. Dick and Gloria moved to Spearfish in 2004 where they continue to reside. His sons and step-son reside in Santa Barbra, North Hollywood. Minneapolis and Spearfish, with 3 grandchildren between them.

Dick and Gloria just celebrated their 31st Anniversary. Dick describes Gloria as "the best partner I have ever had".

Dick practiced law with the Brady Pluimer Law firm until 2016 and has continued his solo practice in Spearfish from 2016 until his retirement on December 31, 2020.

During his legal career Dick was appointed to several committees of the State Bar Association including the Committees on Gaming, Paralegal and more recently Educational Law. Dick also served a term as a Butte County Commissioner. Dick holds the highest rating from Martindale Hubbell, the A+ rating for strong legal ability and high ethical standards. When asked about his most significant memory, Dick was quick to respond, "The clients. Many of them have been with me from 25-40 years. With some families, I'm working with the third generation. Over that time, many of those 'attorney/client' relationships turned into long-term friendships. Belle Fourche was both my inspiration to practice law and my business location for 21 years. Practicing in your hometown, at least in the beginning, was a mixed blessing. More than a few people remembered my high school days. I was fortunate to be a partner with Tom Carr. I benefited immensely from his credibility and skill set.

Dick Pluimer still claims Belle Fourche as, "my hometown!"



Dick Pluimer and Tom Carr started the law firm Carr & Pluimer in 1982 - Courtesy photo

From B4 Week by Week

responsible for the general management and administration of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce within the policies, guidelines and direction approved by the Board of Directors.

June 10, 2020

On Monday, June 1, the Butte/Lawrence County Fair board made the decision to cancel this year's fair. due to COVID.

Cub Scout Pack 19 is organizing and will do a presentation on Flag Etiquette as part of a Sunday June 14th, Flag Day ceremony at the Center of the Nation Monument.

June 17, 2020

Dr. James and Mary Myers have been named as July 4th, 2020 101st Black Hills Round-up Parade Grand Marshall.

The 11th Annual BH Round-up Cattle Drive will take place on June 30th in part because of the support and encouragement of the Belle Fourche Historic Downtown Business District.

June 24, 2020

The Belle Fourche School District has begun a pre-planning phase aimed at re-opening schools this fall.

A Ward 1 City Council seat was vacated by Troy Shockey for violation of the City's meeting attendance ordinance.

July 1, 2020

The Belle Fourche Roundup 4th of July community celebration and rodeo is underway. The opening round of the PRCA rodeo, beginning at 7pm at the Roundup Grounds.

South Dakota Commission on Gaming unanimously elected Karen Wagner of Belle Fourche and as its Madam Chairman.

July 8, 2020

The Black Hills Roundup celebrated its 101st year with a record number of competitors,

Lions Club and Downtown Business District sponsored a "Cowboy Breakfast" on State Street to start the July 4th morning off.

July 15, 2020

The 101st Black Hills Round-up's Parade featured 104 entries in the Black Hills area's longest

parade.

The Butte County Youth Rodeo was held Sunday July 12 at the Belle Fourche Roundup grounds.

July 22, 2020

Belle 9-1 School District Business Manager Susan Proefrock swore in new school board member Scott Reder and incumbent Tammy Clem on July 13th. Clem was reappointed board president and Reder was named Vice President.

The Belle Fourche City Council approved a \$190,000 emergency repair to a pipeline that supplies about two-thirds of the city's potable water needs.

July 29, 2020

Construction of the new Subway at 1819 5th Avenue is complete and they opened for business today. The new facility includes a drive through, spacious indoor dining seating area, and will have a large spacious outdoor patio area. Owner Craig Knapp says a "Grand Opening" will take place later on.

Butte County Commission meeting was held on Tuesday, July 21st in the Belle Fourche Courthouse and the commission voted to close two more bridges.

August 5, 2020

At a special school board meeting on Monday, July 27th, the Belle Fourche School Board unanimously approved a plan to reopen schools on Monday, August 31st.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce has hired Miranda Gallagher as the new Executive Director. She will begin those duties on August 17.

August 12, 2020

Rancho Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant it set to open soon.

State Street business Cow-boys Too! received the Belle Fourche FFA Chapter's 2020 Honorary Chapter Degree in recognition of their efforts, involvement, promotion, and support of the chapter.

August 19, 2020

Highmark is pleased to welcome Dallerie Neff as the new Market Manager for its Belle

Fourche branch.

Fan attendance at Belle Fourche High School football and volleyball games this fall will be limited in an effort to better manage the potential spread of COVID-19.

August 26, 2020

A new member of the City Council was sworn in. LuAnn Trudo petitioned for the vacant Ward 1 Council position.

Duane "Gabby" Bush, with the able assistance of Kurt Manke, won the traveling trophy and immeasurable bragging rights this past Saturday on State Street at the Downtown Business District's Corn Cooking Contest.

September 2, 2020

The Jackson Dental 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament raised \$5,899.00. Jackson Dental matched the funds raised to be able to donate \$11,798.00 to South Dakota Kids Belong.

The Bronco football team, although on the short end of a 35-0 loss to Vermilion High School, had the opportunity to play a game in the Dakota Dome last Friday.

September 9, 2020

Four recent Saddle Bronc World Champions and the current PRCA 2020 leader are featured in an all-star lineup of riders that will gather for the inaugural "Broncs in the Black Hills" match ride this Saturday night, Sept. 12, at the Roundup Grounds.

Indian Creek Enterprises & Westland Auction Service hosted an action-packed weekend in Belle Fourche September 4th-6th 2020. The Northern Premier Invitational Horse Sale; Two days of Slope Circuit rodeo; and a Super Horse Challenge.

September 16, 2020

Sheriff Fred Lamphere introduced his three new deputies to the Butte County Commissioners. The three are: James Hahne, Michael DeBoer, and Jason March.

A good crowd was on hand for the first-ever Broncs in the Black Hills saddle bronc match ride on Saturday night.

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Belle Fourche Community Calendar

HS Boys Basketball
Jan. 8 Chadron 7pm
Jan. 9 Sturgis 1:30pm
Jan. 14 Spearfish 7pm
Jan. 16 Red Cloud 7:30pm
Jan. 22 Hot Springs 5:30pm
(All games at BFHS)

HS Girls Basketball
Jan. 8 Chadron 5:30pm
Jan. 14 Spearfish 5:30pm
Jan. 16 Red Cloud 6:00PM
Jan. 22 Hot Springs 7:00PM
(All games at BFHS)

HS Wrestling
Jan. 7 JV/V Quad at Spearfish (Hill City, St Thomas More and Spearfish) 4:00pm
Jan. 16 BH Conf Invitational 10:00AM at Belle Fourche

First Saturday Brunch
Sat. Jan. 9th 10am - 11:30am
Tri-State Museum
Wayne Gilbert presents on Francis Townsend, a one-time Belle Fourche physician and the man whose "Old Age insurance" was the inspiration for Social Security.
Limited seating for 36; reservations required. Call 605-723-1200. Admission is \$5 per person or free with membership.
First Saturday Brunches provide an opportunity to eat a meal prepared by museum volunteers, see friends from the surrounding communities and hear an educational program.
Admission to First Saturday Brunch is \$5 per person or free with museum membership. Reservations are not required.

Saturday on State
Fri. Jan. 8 and Sat. Jan. 9

Boost Belle Fourche
Fri. Jan 15th
12 Noon
Council Chambers at City Hall

Family Fun Day
Jan. 17th 2-4pm
Tri-State Museum
Learn about the science of electricity and make an "electrical" flower as a unique craft. Film, craft, book-drawing, free take-home packet. Refreshments served; \$2 per person or free with membership.

Meals Program Ongoing
11:30am – 12:00 pm
Pick up Point: John Burns Apartments; 836 Kingsbury Street. For pickup Please call Bonnie at 892-5472 in the mornings for Meals on Wheels Program for either delivered meals or if you want to just get out of the house and pick up a meal to go.

Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program
Every day of the week
11:00 am – 1:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center; 828 Kingsbury St 605-892-6285
Chuck Wagon Café is open so come and enjoy a different lunch menu everyday of the week. \$5 suggested donation.

Belle Silver Lining Thrift Store
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Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm
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Looking Back in Belle

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

124 years ago
Northwest Times
Jan. 4, 1897
State News Taylor Investigation

The legislature should take measures to determine the exact status of the Taylor settlement. The appointment of a legislative investigating committees to sit sixty days during which time witnesses could be spirited out of the state would be futile, but a commission of competent business men should be selected to thoroughly sift the whole matter and report to the next legislature as to the value of the property turned over to the state, the encumbrances thereon and action necessary to protect the state's interest. Before concluding I desire to call your attention to the fact that in the range country west of the Missouri river there is a vast amount of property which annually escapes taxation.

Commissioners' Proceedings
Commissioners met in regular session, the followings bonds were approved: S.W. P. Sellers, bond as county auditor in the sum of \$2,000, with J. S. Brion, B. F. Brion, C. Cardinal, and A. Giles as sureties, was approved. T. W. LaFleiche, state's attorney, in the sum of \$1,000 with A. Giles, and J.M. Eaton as sureties. W. S. Hamilton, county assessor, with W. B. Hamilton, James Tason and Julius M. Shaykett as sureties. M.W. Butts, sheriff, with D. J. Arnold, F. E. Bennett and W. R. Glassie as sureties in the sum of \$1,500. H. E. Thompson, clerk of court, with C. A. Dana, J. Miller, Wm. Woolburn and A. S. Gay as sureties for \$1,020. J. I. Woolston, county judge, with S. W. P. Sellers and D. H. Collins as sureties in the sum of \$500. H. M. Champney, coroner, C. R. Wells and A. Giles as sureties in the sum of \$300.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
Jan. 6, 1921
Butte County Has 1920 Cars
Butte county is evidently in the midst of the motor age, for motor vehicle licenses for the year show that during the past year there was on an average more than enough cars to make one for every five people that live in the county. During the year of 1920, over 1200 automobiles were licensed by N. P. Lang, county treasurer. Each year there is a big increase in the motor vehicle lines, and new dealers and new makes of cars are coming on the market gradually.
Will Stop Rustling of Live Stock; Stockmen of This Section Expect to Put a Damper on Rustlers of Live Stock
An organization, to be known as the Tri-State Live Stock Protective Association, has been perfected, and if the proposed plans are carried out this organization will prove a very effective instrument in stamping out the wholesale rustling of live stock that has been carried on over this section of the northwest for the past two or three years. The organization meeting, which was held at Belle Fourche on December 1, resulted in the selection of an executive committee of twenty stockmen, as well as the appointment of a committee of there on membership. This latter committee has been working faithfully, and now have several thousand dollars pledged to prosecute the work of the organization. Livestock men interested in joining the organization

may send their \$5 dues to the membership committee.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
Jan. 10, 1946
Memorial Project For Pioneer Miller Accepted By Council Will Comprise New Band Shell in Herrmann Park in Honor of Late Hans Quarnberg

A memorial project in memory of Belle Fourche's pioneer miller, the late Hans Quarnberg, was tendered by the city council at its meeting Monday night by Carl Quarnberg, son, Lon Newell, F. J. Coughlin and others representing officials and employees of the Tri-State Milling Company and Black Hills Clay Products Company. The project, as proposed, would be in a nature of a new modern shell to be constructed in Herrmann Park. Carl in presenting the proposal to the council stated that \$1,000 would be available from these two firms, with another \$1,000 in a few months. The proposal was accepted. It was brought out at the meeting that inasmuch as nearly \$3,000 were in the present Herrmann Park trust fund, the city would be in position to five some financial assistance to the project since this fund can oly be used for permanent improvements to this park.
Frey's Hardware Plans Modern Store Quarters

John Frey, manager and proprietor of Frey's Hardware & Furniture, announces that his present store quarters will be enlarged to occupy the portion of the building now occupied by Lancaster's Mercantile, which firm is holding a closing out sale after being in business in Belle Fourche for over forty-eight years. Mr. Frey says that plans are in the making and that he expects to go into Minneapolis shortly to confer with experts in store remodeling and planning work. "We have plenty of ideas in mind right now," remarked John, "but some of them have to be gone over with those who are acquainted with such details, and some of our remodeling dreams may be affected by whether or not necessary materials are available. But we do expect to have our present store and that now occupied by Lancasters completely remodeled and rearranged, the front considerably changed in order to make our business headquarters modern in every respect."

Bob's Lunch Sold To Lovell and Hantz
Bob Carey, who has operated Bob's Lunch on Fifth Avenue North since 1931, disposed of



Bob Helmer, later Mayor and Brigadier General



by Mary Buchholz

his business last week to Henry Hantz and Fred Lovell, the new owners taking charge the first of the year. Mr. Carey says his future plans are as yet undetermined. The two new managers and owners are well known to the Tri-State folks. Mr. Lovell was at one time interested in Bob's Lunch, but sold out several years ago to enter war defense work on the west coast. Shortly after returning he entered the employ of the Safeway Store of this city, in its meat department. Henry Hantz was discharged from the Army several months ago, after serving more than four years, most of which time was spent overseas in the North African, Sicilian and Italian sectors. The new owners state that the name of the cafe will remain the same for the present.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
Jan. 1, 1971
Helmer Named Director of Old West Trail
Bob Helmer, Belle Fourche, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Old West Trail Foundation to replace Don Howe of Spearfish. Helmer was notified of his appointment by Gov. Frank Farrar in a letter Tuesday from the governor. The Old West Trail Foundation is a travel promotion organization whose activities have been growing steadily of late.
Over 200 Turn Out For Youth-Adult Talks

If you judge it by the number of people who turned out, it was a definite success. If you judge Tuesday night's youth-adult dialogue at St. Paul's Catholic church basement by the intensity and the understanding of the speakers, it was a success. Tuesdaynight's meeting was the result of a challenge by four Belle Fourche youths who said they felt, as did the president's commission on compus unrest that "students must accept the responsibility of presenting their ideas in a reasonable and persuasive manner. They must recognizethey are citizens of a nationwhich was foundedon tolerance and diversity, and they must become more understanding of those with whom they differ."

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "Q" = "D"

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WVFDTVJVMVIW."

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house." — Henry Ward Beecher

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Man's name: abbr.
- 4 Wings
- 8 Indian lady
- 12 Dance company (abbr.)
- 13 Celtic
- 14 Black
- 15 Bureau of Indian Affairs (abbr.)
- 16 Small (2 words)
- 18 Rom. ruler
- 20 Sayings (suf.)
- 21 Cash
- 23 Crafty
- 25 Frenzied
- 26 Jap. pit viper
- 27 Ram
- 30 New (Ger.)
- 31 Eagle's nest
- 32 Recommended daily allowance (abbr.)
- 33 Office holders
- 34 Norse tale

DOWN

- 1 Poke
- 2 Fetish
- 3 Containing tin
- 4 Pantry
- 5 New sugarcane shoot
- 6 S.A. herb
- 7 Devon river

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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AMAH TIER ABA
PYROMANIC MIA
LOLO NEVI
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SOP EMYD NICE
CLILARES AHA
ULNA MOLE REH
MANES LEVI
ICAL ELBE
ZIP SOVEREIGN
ADE IBIS ASIA
NOD NESS DELE

- 8 Hold fast: naut. cry
- 9 Dayak people
- 10 Beerlike Arab drink
- 11 Immigration and Naturalization Service (abbr.)
- 17 Medieval fiddle
- 19 Mouse-spotter's
- 21 Peanut
- 22 Presage
- 23 Load
- 24 Son of Samuel
- 26 Heed
- 27 Send
- 28 N. Caucasian language
- 29 Way
- 31 Amer. Standard Code for Information Interchange (abbr.)

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Puzzle Answers on C4

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Creating Truly-Local DNA!

I will start off 2021 with a quote I have used before. I want to double down on it due to the nature and impact of the quote. Gen. Shinseki said, "If you don't like change, you are going to enjoy irrelevance even less." Additionally, this column reinforces many issues we have discussed over the past year, but bear repeating due to their importance.

When we ask readers, what does truly-local actually mean, we get varied responses. Invariably, most will say it is shopping and spending money locally. While shopping local is certainly a component of being local, I will suggest being truly-local is so much more than just shopping local. In fact, the shopping component only makes up 10-20% of the truly-local DNA of which I refer to. The effective truly-local DNA needed in a community to become an economic force from which the community

can prosper is much broader in scope and nature.

Yes, shopping local is part of the truly-local DNA, but understand not all shopping local is created equal. When one shops at a locally-owned and operated business, its local impact is 3-7X greater than shopping at a Big Box, Chain or non-locally owned business. Those truly-local dollars will be recirculated throughout the community 3-7 times helps to save jobs, boosts vital or essential services, paves roads, spurs new business, strengthens the local tax base and the list goes on. Understand locally-owned and operated businesses have the ability to impact your economy greater than most will ever imagine.

Do we realize not all-economic development has the same impact on our communities? There are certain types of economic development that not only return a far greater ROI, but will spur outside and

private investment dollars at a much higher rate than any other economic investment. When we invest our local tax dollars on our downtowns and local business expansion and development, our tax dollars compound in similar fashion as shopping local.

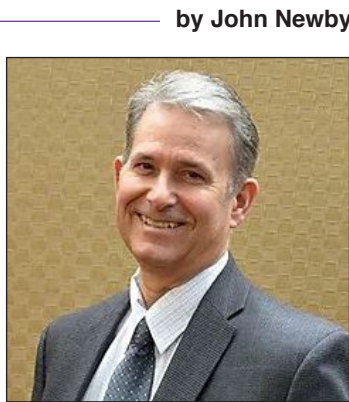
Do we understand the devastating impact when a community loses its media base? Your local newspaper is your community's ambassador to the outside world. If it were to disappear, who would tell your story and promote your town to the world? A recent Notre Dame study shows that where newspapers have gone out of business, the cost of local government grows in excess of 30% within five years. Not only that, but when communities become what is referred to as 'news deserts' (those without a newspaper or voice), businesses begin to decline, fewer people vote, civic club involvement dwindles, volunteering slows, and the communities begin to stagnate.

Regardless of the size of your potential tourism base, we need to find ways to double down on this base. Nearly every town can create tourism and those with ample tourism can grow that substantially with simple tactics and strategies.

Most community governments agree a truly-local mentality is critical to local growth. However, did you know most governments, while with great intentions, have laws, regulations and procedures that harm their community's efforts? Local governments making minor procedural adjustments can stimulate their economy without spending a dime.

Communities are losing the younger generations due to stagnant or no job growth. What are you doing as a community to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, job growth and an enhanced quality of life? Enhancing each of those four items is a proven truly-local community homerun.

While we intuitively understand the arts, music and entertainment are vital to a truly-local mentality, what are you doing to enhance those? This column has shown and will continue to show examples of many communities that have taken the arts, music and entertainment to the next level without spending money they really don't have. It is no secret that 2020



by John Newby

brought about many challenges to each of us and our communities. As we move into 2021, it is the goal of this author to tackle these challenges head-on, and by taking the right steps, turning these 2020 challenges into 2021 strengths. This weekly column is about vision, leadership and excitement. I am excited to bring you weekly ideas on how your community can build synergies from within, utilizing the various resources at your disposal. Let 2021 be the year of invention, innovation, entrepreneurship and success!

John A. Newby, author of the weekly "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to assisting communities and local media companies combine synergies allowing them to not just survive, but thrive in a world where their identity is being lost to Amazon, Wall Street chains and others. His email is: john@360MediaAlliance.net.



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From B5 Week by Week

September 23, 2020

Homecoming for Belle Fourche High School has been officially moved from this coming weekend to Friday, Oct. 9th.

The Belle Fourche School District is the recipient of a \$600,000 grant courtesy the state of South Dakota's \$1.2 billion federal Coronavirus Relief Fund.

September 30, 2020

Timothy Flaskamp, Meat Dept. Manager at Lueders Food Center, Belle Fourche was named recipient of Great Western Bank's Great Gifts of Gratitude "Hero" Award.

The last key piece of infrastructure needed to make the new Day Street lift station operational is in place. Work crews on Sept. 22nd set in place the backup generator needed to power that pump in the event of a power failure.

October 7, 2020

Senior Alex Voyles signed a letter of intent to join the Midland Warrior sporting clay/trap shoot team at Midland University in Fremont, Neb. Alex plans to major in business.

The Butte County Commission, at a special meeting on September 29, approved both the 2021 budget and the latest 5-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan for Butte County.

October 14, 2020

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Midnight Madness" and a chili cooking contest.

Crowned 2020 Homecoming King & Queen were Conrad Schreier and Addeline Shocky.

October 21, 2020

As of September 30, Orsted, the parent company which owns the Willow Creek Wind Project northeast of Newell, has noted that the project is fully operational.

At their regular school board meeting on Oct. 12th the Belle Fourche School Board voted unanimously to opt out of a new rapid testing program for COVID-19.

October 28, 2020

The Wild Magnolia Coffee Bar & Eatery is the new name of the Green Bean under the ownership of Danielle Voyles

and her partner Troy Jensen.

Grap's Burgers & Brews won 1st place in the Chamber's Chili Cooking Contest.

November 4, 2020

The Country Twins, KBFS 1450 AM and KYDT 103.1 FM owner Karl Grimmelman announces stations for sale.

Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department introduced a new Engine #3, emblazoned in Purple Pride, to the community.

November 11, 2020

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem paid a surprise visit to

for \$3,159 that represented the proceeds from the 3rd Annual "When the Works All Done" fundraising event on Oct. 23rd.

December 2, 2020

A large contingent of area citizens gathered on State Street awaiting the 6pm start of the Chamber of Commerce organized "Parade of Lights".

The Belle Fourche Ministerial Association is sponsoring Belle Ringing stations around town to raise funds for their benevolent fund.

Chip Conner was recently named the new Service Manager at Hersruds of Belle Fourche.

December 9, 2020

For the third year in a row the Black Hills Roundup has won a Rodeo of the Year award from the PRCA.

Scott Peterson Motors has announced the appointment of Paul Wareing as its new managing owner and operator of the automotive sales and service group.

Headline: FireFly Purchases Shopko Building

December 16, 2020

An agreement has been reached between Ultimate Caps, Inc and Tri State Communications, LLC for the sale of Radio Stations KBFS-AM 1450, Belle Fourche and KYDT-FM, Pine Haven. The agreement was signed on Monday, December 7.

Morgan Mackaben placed first in FFA Prepared Public Speaking State competition and qualified for nationals.

December 23, 2020

Melling & Roseland Law, PC, expanded their Hettinger, ND law practice to include Belle Fourche.

The city of Belle Fourche is poised to see one of its biggest years ever in terms of sales tax revenue, despite a year that saw the emergence of the coronavirus on the national scene.

December 23, 2020

The city of Belle Fourche was notified last week that it was recipient of a \$15,000 South Dakota Historic Preservation Grant to renovate the Belle Fourche Band shell located in Herrmann Park.

The Belle Fourche City Council declined to take action on an offer by Dr. Mike Nehl, of Nehl Dental, to purchase the empty lots adjacent to his former business location downtown.



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February 11, 2021FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

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Feeder Cattle - 12:00 pm

FEEDER CATTLE

Hamilton's Inc-WY

330 mxd clvs

500-600#

PC, NI, weaned, on hay & lick tubs, 130 hfrs, 200 str

Lyman Ranch-WY

300 blk str

575-650#

PC, weaned, poured, bunk broke

American Ranches

200 blk mxd clvs

575-625#

PC, NI, weaned, 130 str, 70 hfrs

Ben Garman-SD

200 blk mxd clvs

600-700#

PC, NI, weaned, 100 str, 100 hfrs

MT Consignment

200 tested open hfrs

800#

Wayne & Chad Nelson-SD

200 blk hfrs

550-625#

BV, PC, NI, poured, weaned, no brands

6 Creek Farms-MT

180 blk str

700-800#

NI

Paul Palczewski-SD

160 blk str

550-625#

BT, PC, NI, no brands

Bruce Hoagland-MT

150 blk mxd clvs

550-600#

PC, poured, weaned

Lamoine & Clint Sell-WY

130 blk mxd clvs

500-600#

BT, PC, NI, BV, weaned 80 days, boosted

Frank Nies-MT

110 blk hfrs

550#

PC, NI, weaned 2 mos

Dennis Denson-MT

100 blk hfrs

520#

BT, PC, NI, weaned 2 mos

Brian Birkley-WY

95 blk hfrs

575#

BT, NI, PC, HR

TJ & Layton Steele-SD

80 blk/red mxd clvs

500-600#

PC

Goehring Routier Ranch-SD

70 blk str

500-550#

PC, weaned

Rod & Zack Steele

70 red/blk str

500-600#

BT, PC

Ellsbury Ranch-WY

65 blk str

575#

PC, weaned

X Heart Ranch-WY

60 blk hfrs

550-600#

PC, NI, BV, weaned

Willy Gergen – MT

50 blk str

575-600#

PC, NI, DF, weaned

Mike Pittman-SD

45 blk/bwf mxd clvs

550-600#

PC, NI, weaned

Antelope Springs Ranch-WY

40 blk hfrs

500-550#

PC, weaned

Gary Bischoff-MT

35 red angus hfrs

400#

PC, NI, weaned, poured, 3 rounds of shots

Jenson Ranch-SD

20 blk/bwf hfrs

650-700#

NI, HR, PC, BV, poured

Waite Ranch-SD

12 1st cross blk bldy hfrs

550#

PC, NI, DF, poured, no brands, weaned 8 wks

Dan Oedekeoven-SD

10 blk str

700-800#

BT, PC, weaned 3.5 mos

IVN Ranch-WY

5 blk str

700-750#

PC, weaned 45 days

Protecting and Preserving South Dakota’s Agriculture and Natural Resources

By Governor Kristi Noem

South Dakota’s values and beliefs are rooted in our agricultural heritage and our boundless natural resources. Together they drive our economy, feed our families, and provide world class outdoor recreational opportunities. We all have a vested interest in protecting and preserving South Dakota’s agriculture and natural resources for our kids and grandkids.

In August, I announced my plan to merge the Department of Agriculture (SDDA) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) into one department – the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR). The goal is to better serve the citizens of South Dakota while taking advantage of synergies in state government.

I believe a diverse agricultural industry and a healthy environment are crucial to the health

and well-being of our families. In fact, I know this firsthand, as a third generation farmer and rancher, and with an extended family where more of us farm than don’t. Along with Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden, a rancher himself, South Dakota is the only state in the country led by a farmer-rancher duo who personally understand every facet of this industry. My passion for strengthening agriculture in this state, paired with smart conservation of our natural resources, is part of my DNA.

The new department will continue to implement South Dakota’s long-standing agriculture and environmental regulatory programs while taking advantage of opportunities for our producers, conservationists, and environmentalists to work together towards our common goal: protecting and preserving agriculture and natural resources.

es. By having our agriculture and environmental experts in one department, we will achieve the best outcomes for South Dakota.

Agriculture, conservation, and natural resource protection go hand-in-hand, and this new structure streamlines these functions in one department. For example, DANR will have a Livestock Services Program managing CAFO permitting, inspections, manure management planning, and dairy and egg licensing. These functions used to be split between two departments. Now, we will have a one-stop shop for producers, providing consistent regulatory oversight and assistance with permitting, engineering, compliance, and waste management. It also allows us to cross-train inspectors and field staff, which would result in eliminating redundant inspections from multiple departments. By

providing more effective and efficient services, we can help our producers focus less on government requirements and more on getting their work done.

We all know conservation is critical to successful agriculture and natural resource protection. It makes logical sense for SDDA Conservation staff to work with DENR’s Watershed Protection Program. Both programs provide on-the-ground resources for ag producers to protect our state’s environment. Also, by merging portions of the two agencies, we can create efficiencies and streamline the regulatory process. Combining inspectors and spill response resources from both departments makes DANR more responsive to environmental emergencies and complaints while also reducing redundancies.

Lastly, the merger will save taxpayers money. By reducing duplication of services, we can

eliminate five full-time positions including a high-paying cabinet secretary position.

As you know, I’ve asked DENR Secretary Hunter Roberts to lead the new department. Hunter is a fifth generation South Dakota farmer and rancher. He loves South Dakota, understands the value of our natural resources, and knows our producers are the best conservationists.

This merger is good for South Dakota, our families, and our future. It puts us in the best position to protect and preserve South Dakota’s agriculture, environment, and natural resources, today and tomorrow.



1950’s Roundup Quadrille

Newell Commission Finalizes 2020

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NEWELL- Newell commissioners made a few final decisions at a special meeting December 29, 2020. Ordinance 03-2020 was read for the second time and approved to supplement several areas in the budget. It was decided to purchase a Bobcat skid-steer to replace the existing skid-steer.

The Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance added funds to the General Fund, approximately \$167,000, and the Liquor Fund, approximately \$43,000, along with other funds.

The present Bobcat owned by the city is 14 years old with more than one issue that needs attention, according to Public Works Foreman Larry Parker. He told the commissioners that the hydraulics were not adequate and that the source of difficulty was with the hydraulic pump that could cost more than \$14,000 to fix.

Mayor Ken Wetz stated that he is concerned about the value of the present machine and that it will decrease in the near future. Wetz added that thinking in the long term city employees will be using a skid-steer more because of the gutter brush that

Commission C2

Showing their support



Sydnee Kjellson gets the girls basketball players fired up in support of their counterparts with a cheer during the boys basketball game Saturday night in Newell. Newell sports stories on C2 and C4. - Kjellson photo

Grass Fire North of Nisland Burns 20 Acres

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NISLAND – The call came at 15:57 (3:57 p.m.) to the Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue squad.

“I called for mutual aid right away,” said NAVFR Chief Stan Lewis. “You could see it (the fire) from a long way away.”

The fire event Lewis referred to was a last-day-of-the-year grass fire just north of the town of Nisland on the ridge between Riley and Stonelake Road. The location is in the NAVFR district but Lewis knew as soon as he saw it that they would need lots of help to control the fire blazing away through waist-high dry grass.

“It would have been a whole different story if it was 80 degrees and summer time,” said Lewis. “It was not as aggressive as it would have been. But we had some huge flame length.”

As it was, along with three units from the NAVFR department, there were also four from Belle Fourche, three from Vale and one from Newell. The Butte County Sheriff’s office also had a unit on site to direct firefighters to the best entrance to this



The Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue was first on the scene of this grassland blaze just north of Nisland, on December 31 about 3:40 p.m. In all 12 units responded, including Butte County Sheriff’s office deputies to direct fire control traffic. - Colette Fickbohm photo

Grass Fire C2

LEPC is More Than Another Meeting

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BUTTE COUNTY – The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meets quarterly in Belle Fourche to analyze risks of hazardous materials being used in or passing through the county. The members work to develop an effective emergency plan and make that plan readily available to first responders and the public. It also gives a framework for the local communities of Butte County to discuss hazardous materials in the area.

One member of the committee, Fred Wells, has gathered

existing facility plans and aided the committee in developing an emergency response plan. The plan is reviewed annually and submitted to DENR. He encourages any new business to contact DENR to be sure the business is included in the report.

Area businesses that handle hazardous materials are flagged in CAD for dispatch so that the information is available for fire chiefs and emergency personnel. The fire chiefs of Newell, Vale, Nisland, and Belle Fourche have a copy of the plans and must know what is in their area, according to Wells.

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Wed. January 6

Lunch: Pulled pork sandwich, whole grain bun, roasted broccoli, apricots, fresh fruit, milk

Thurs. January 7

Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Patty, Fresh Fruit

Lunch: Lunch: Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Fruit

Mon. January 11

Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait or cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Meatball Sandwich, Whole grain bun, Peas, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Tues. January 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich or cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Fajita, Tortilla/Black Beans, Fajita Vegetables, Peaches, Fresh Fruit

Wed. January 13

Breakfast: Pizza bagel or cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Cereal



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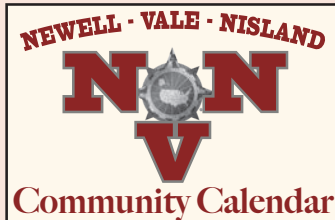
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required for Livestock Judging as well as other events.

Jan. 16: GBB/BBB-West River Tourney @ Civic Center 9:30 a.m. (Newell game times depend on win/loss)

Jan. 19: MSBB-at Sturgis 4 p.m.

Jan. 20: One-Act Play @ Pierre, all day

Jan. 21: GBB/BBB at home with Custer. JV begins at 3 p.m.

Jan. 22: Third Annual Dodgeball fundraiser for all EMS services in Butte County. Hosted by Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue at Austin Auditorium at 6 p.m. Come watch the fun and donate to your favorite (or all of them) EMS services. Includes NAVFR, Newell, Vale, Castle Rock and Belle Fourche Fire Departments, Newell and Belle Fourche Ambulance, Belle Fourche Police Department and Butte County Sheriff/Dispatch Office. Concessions will be available.

Jan. 23: MSBB-Belle Fourche/Harding Co Triangular at Newell, 9 a.m. HSWR-Chadron Tourney 10 a.m.

Jan. 6: Newell Improvement Corporation meeting, 6 p.m. at the home of Colleen Brunner, 18344 SD Hwy 79, Newell

Jan. 7: BBB, Sundance (A) 5:30; ACT Test Registration

Jan. 8: No school-in-service

Jan. 11: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. in Multipurpose Room; Newell city commission, 6 p.m. in city admin offices.

Jan. 12: GBB-West River Tourney (H) 6 p.m.

Jan. 14: BBB-West River Tourney (H) 6 p.m.

Jan. 15: HSWR-Lusk Tourney 8 a.m.; GBB/BBB-West River Tourney (H) 3 p.m.; Registration for Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day deadline for 4-H activities. Pre-registration

From C1 Commission

has been recently purchased.

"The [bid from Jenner Equipment] is a good price," said Wetz.

Commissioners voted to accept

the bid from Jenner Equipment quote for a Bobcat at \$48,864 with no trade in. Since it will take three months for delivery of the new machine, the old skid-steer will be kept in service. Following delivery, the

old machine will be declared surplus and be sold at auction.

A bid was also received from John Deere in Rapid City.

The commission went into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Strong to the Hoop



Ryan Hohenberger was a ball of fire against Hill City on Wednesday tossing in 14 points and grabbing numerous rebounds to keep the Irrigators in the game right till the end. - Brunner photo

From C1 Grass Fire

Even where they were first on scene. That was a catastrophic blaze, killing many head of sheep which were confined to the barn and about to give birth. Even though the department and other mutual aid responded quickly, there was not much they could do.

But that, in the opinion of local volunteers, who drop everything to respond to help their friends and neighbors, sometimes happens. They contain the fire and unfortunately have to watch as there's little more that can be done. And it gets a little personal as the EMS responders come to the aid of their friends and neighbors.

With local volunteer departments, like Nisland/Arpan, funding is always an issue. Trying to keep equipment current, providing needed supplies, trucks and materials, as well as ongoing training, is difficult. The departments lean heavily on county assistance, but that doesn't amount to a large sum. So, they hold fundraisers and glean opportunities for individual donations to keep going.



Numerous volunteer firefighter units respond to the 20+ acre grassfire northeast of Nisland on New Year's Eve.

- Stan Lewis photo

The NAVFR will be hosting a Dodgeball Fundraiser on January 22 at 6 p.m. at Austin Auditorium in Newell. This will involve all the local volunteer fire departments including, NAVFR, Newell, Vale, Belle Fourche and Castle Rock, as well as other EMS First Responders such as the Newell Ambulance, Belle Fourche Ambulance, Belle Fourche Police Department and Butte County Sheriff/Dispatch. Many of the same volunteer firefighters serve in the capacity of first responders as EMT's and EVOC drivers as well as serving on fire calls and traffic

accidents.

The local volunteers ask the community to participate by coming to cheer them on, and drop donations in the buckets provided that represent their EMS service, which may be more than one depending on where the individual lives.

When people living in Butte County have a need, the first responders, including fire, police and sheriff's office, dispatch and ambulance services respond at a call. As a volunteer in most cases. Please be generous as you think of these departments.

Newell Wrestling

Newell Grapplers Enjoy Success at Harding County



Garett Winkler takes down his opponent on his way to a first-place finish at the Harding County Invitational over the weekend. - Courtesy photo

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BUFFALO – The Newell wrestling squad attended the Harding County Invitational wrestling meet over the weekend and came away with success, in the form of three Newell mat men placing. The team started 2021 on the right foot.

Wrestling at 145-pounds, Garrett Winkler came away with a first-place finish and scored 24 team points. He wrestled Riggs Rotenberger of Bowman County/Beach in the first round, winning by fall in 2:13. In semi-final action he took on Miles Weichmann of Hettinger/Scranton and won by decision, 8-4. This sent him on to the championship bracket.

There he took on Jaxon Johnson of Hill City where he won by fall in 48 seconds, giving Winkler the first-place nod.

At 106-pounds, Charlie Clements has been having a good year and gaining a lot of experience, under the coaching direction of former Newell High School wrestler, Dylan VanDerBoom. Clements placed eighth at the weekend meet and scored one team point.

He lost by fall to Kyler Schalesky of Hettinger/Scranton in the quarterfinals and headed to the consolation round. Here, he lost by fall to Roy Antrim of Faith. This sent him into the seventh/eighth-place match against Cash Schiley of Lemmon/McIntosh where he lost by fall. Blaise McGregor wrestles at 120-pounds. He placed eighth and scored one team point at the meet with our neighboring county at Buffalo. He lost his first match by fall to Peyton Tuhy of Hettinger/Scranton. In

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Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

January 12, 1911

J.W. Van Horn, Newell has leased the sand & gravel pits on the Belle Fourche River on the J.T. Craig ranch. All persons wanting same should confer with him.

Newell was startled and shocked as never before when at about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon word passed from mouth to mouth that Walter Gay, son of Frank Gay, Belle Fourche, had been found dead in his room. Undertaker Harry Frost accompanied by Jack Casey came over from Belle Fourche to prepare and take back the remains of Walter Gay.

Mr. Humphrey with some of the other citizens of Vale are investigating a movement to have the cemetery changed to a more desirable location owing to the seepage of water caused by irrigating.

Maurice MaKesev who was mislocated on the NE part of Owl Butte Township has changed his filing and moved his house to NE¼ of Section 13.

January 13, 1921

M.E. Kiser autoed to Fruitdale the latter part of the week, looking to the purchase of an ice box for his new meat market. A carload of saw dust for Kiser's new ice house is on the way. There will be some to spare. If you need any, contact Kiser

A basket social and dance was given by Vale School teacher Miss Erickson in the school room Saturday night. The baskets were sold and a neat little sum was raised. There was a spicy little program first and then the crowd danced 'till nearly 2 o'clock AM. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the evening and great praise is given the teacher for her efforts in getting it up.

January 8, 1931

This week saw the completion of operations at the Black Hills Sugar Plant, ending the campaign of converting the 1930 beet crop into sugar. Beet slicing was completed earlier this week and was expected to finish the sugar run by Saturday. This season lasted nearly 100 days and approximately 120 tons of beets were handled at the plant. A number of workmen are being kept for several days to clean up around the plant.

Mrs. Amial Flaigg has been quite ill the past week and is being cared for by Mrs. J.S. Flaigg at the home of the formers brother, Ernest Gardner in Newell. Dr. Hills, of Newell was called to the home of Mrs. Nick Fink on Tuesday, she also having been reported as very ill.

The Montana-Dakota Power Company installed an odorizing plant in Lead Saturday, which is said to be the first in the Middle West. The plant permeates the gas with a strong foul odor; so that anyone can detect leaks in the gas lines. In half an hour after the odorizes had been turned on all the gas in the Lead area had been odorized.

January 9, 1941

Ferne Slaughter, proprietor of the Mystic Beauty Shop, this week announced the arrival of a new operator, Esther Anderson, who started work as her assistant Monday. Miss Anderson, who is from Newell, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl A. Anderson, has been employed in beauty shops in Pierre and at Lemmon and is rated an expert operator.

A new regular patented bleached wheat flour, enriched with Vitamin B-1 will be available to the public in Newell this Friday, Tri-State Milling Company officials revealed this week. The new Tri-State product will be known as "Bee Flour" and is the answer to a general public demand of white wheat flour fortified with 500 Units of the vitamin B-1 per pound, also called Thiamin.

Betty Joe, Lorraine & Leroy Hill are staying this week with Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Munroe to finish out the current semester at Newell School before joining their parents Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Hill, at their new home in Belle Fourche. Elmer, former Newell Post master, dairy operator and garage owner, was sworn in as Butte County sheriff and is getting settled in the 5-room county sheriff's quarters.

January 11, 1951

Marlene Palmer, Nettie Orwick and Jack Holt were special guests at the January meeting of the Newell Community Club last Wednesday at the Stockmen's Café, each giving interesting reports respectively in the Make It Yourself With Wool Contest, Girl's and Boys' State. Also M.N. Holmes, Secretary of Newell Civil Defense, advised that the Civil Defense Program was soon to be in operation here and would be an important factor in possible future emergencies.

Tony Kulisich and Louis Papousek returned here Sunday from California where they had spent a month visiting relatives and working at different jobs. Things are beginning to boom on the west coast states Tony reported but this country especially with the present mild weather is still the better. Claiming there are too many people and too many cars there and everyone is

Grand River Roundup

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Here we go again, we're starting a brand new year and praying that 2021 is a lot better than the fiasco of 2020. With the China virus pandemic, the lockdowns of small businesses and schools because of it, and the chaos in the presidential election I'm more than ready to move on! Congress passed that so-called stimulus bill that was supposed to help our citizens cope with the pandemic and instead gave billions of dollars of our money to foreign governments, putting us almost 28 trillion dollars in debt. Go to <https://usdebtclock.org/> to see how deeply in debt we are.

Reub and I started this week by going to Rapid City on Monday to get a checkup for Reub before he can get his hip replaced next week. He passed the checkup and will have one more with his doctor in Hettinger on Thursday. If he passes that one he's good to go. While we were gone, Taz and Trig went up to help Sage work on Polly Markegard's shed again.

We got the exciting news Wednesday morning that we have another great grandbaby! Our grandson Till and Kelsey Olson are the parents of a beautiful little girl. Hattie Rae Olson was born December 30 in Rapid City, weighing 5lbs 14oz and is 17½ inches long. It's interesting that Reub's Grandma Olson was also named Hattie. We are going to give little Hattie Grandma Hattie's Bible that was given to her in 1897 by her husband Delos Olson's mother, Mary Olson, while they were living in the Black Hills at the ghost town of Redfern.

Sadly, we are more deaths to report. Arthur Christman, age 97, longtime Meadow, SD, area farmer and rancher passed away on Sunday morning, December 27 at the Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon. Memorial services are pending with the

Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Lemmon.

Joe McTighe, 92, lifelong Meade and Perkins County Rancher/Cowboy, passed away peacefully at the Hospice

House in Rapid City, SD on Tuesday, December 29. Visitation for Joe will be at Evanson-Jensen Funeral Home in Faith from 3 - 6 PM on Thursday, January 7th, followed by a family service at 6:00. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 8th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Faith. A military burial service for Joe will take place that afternoon at the Black Hills National Cemetery outside of Sturgis.

Mary Ann Smith, age 74 of Belle Fourche, and formerly from Buffalo, died Tuesday, December 29, at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche. A memorial service was held on Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will be done privately.

We were shocked when Russell Beld called us early Thursday morning to let us know that Kevin Van Slooten had passed away at his home Wednesday evening, December 30th. Kevin was 67 and is survived by his brother Ron Van Slooten and his sister Lois Steiner. His inurnment will be at the Holland Center Cemetery near Lodgepole.

Taz was up at the rodeo in Rapid City New Years Eve. Amanda went with him after they took the little people up to RonE and Starla Jenson to spend the night. They had trouble with the pickup pulling the horse trailer on the way home the next morning so Wade Engle loaned Taz his pickup and flatbed to haul the pickup to Reeder to get fixed. Bryn Brown was coming behind Taz and Amanda and she hooked her pickup to the horse trailer and brought it and Amanda to Reva where Casey met her to bring them home. We sure have

wonderful people around here!

Trig and Elyssa Walloch came to spend New Years Day with Casey and Missy. Casey left early Saturday morning for the big wrestling tournament in Buffalo and Taz took Wade's pickup back to Sturgis that morning. When Taz got back home, Reub and I and Trig and Elyssa helped him cut and wrap the hams from the hog they butchered a couple weeks ago.

Slim Buttes Lutheran will have their annual meeting after church on Sunday, January 10 with AFLC president Lyndon Korhonen coming. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen are providing us dinner as their Christmas gift and the meeting will follow in the afternoon. Casey has spent a lot of time working on the addition to the church. Dalyn and Dalton McCann came to dig in the new sewer and a lot is getting done while the weather is so good.

We haven't had our Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's for a long time, but they invited us over Sunday evening for prayer and fellowship with several of our friends. Dick and Joie Woll sent me this about how the government deals with money:

100 Dollars

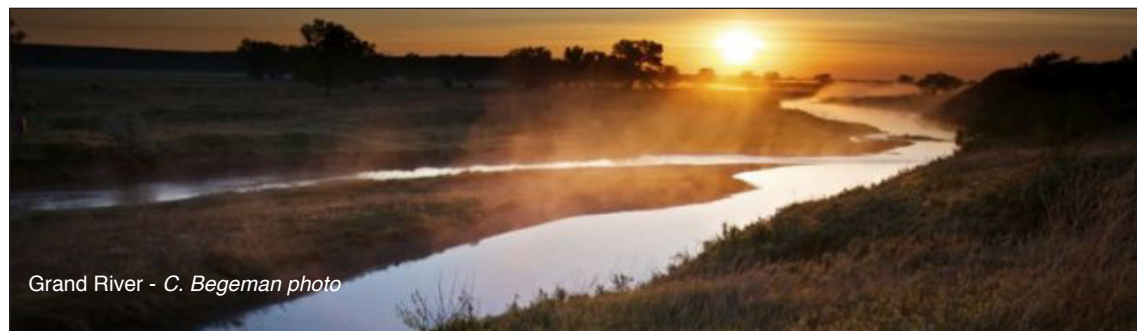
A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00.

When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to God, USA, they decided to send it to the President.

The president was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill. The president thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 bill and sat down and wrote a thankyou note to God, which read:

Dear God,
Thank you so very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington, DC. Do you know those bureaucrats deducted \$95.00 in taxes!



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then 'n' Now in Newell

from the Newell Museum



This is a photo of the Beals Cemetery located west of Vale also referred to Vale #1 which was established in 1887. It was decided to start a new cemetery closer to Vale; it is located just south of the town of Vale, referred to as Vale #2.

suspicious of everyone else, it is good to be back.

January 12, 1961

All 1961 self-listing personal

property assessment blanks, were mailed this week by City Assessor Mrs. June Bonestell, must be returned no later than Wednesday February 1 as is directed by the Newell City Commission. Such blanks may either be mailed to the City Assessor, or left at Fizzer's Furniture Store where the assessor will be on duty January 17-24 inclusive. All blanks must be completed in duplicate, after which the necessary extensions will be made. If you have not received blanks, same can be obtained from Mrs. Bonestell.

Mr. & Mrs. Neil Dimick & sons returned to Rapid City, Fri-

day after spending the holidays with relatives in Platte. Their 7-year son Craig was ill over the holidays and on Tuesday underwent an extensive medical check-up in Rapid City. He is now confined to his home with rheumatic fever.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Burke were: their daughter Marjorie Burke of Fresno, Calif, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Devereaux of Rapid City, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Burke of Castle Rock, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Burke Redig. Miss Burke began her duties as a Registered Nurse at the Fresno Hospital on January 1.

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

From C3 Wrestling

consolation action he lost by decision, 6-2, to Dean Dumas of Killdeer.

In his final time on the mat, he lost by fall to Colton Shelley of Belle Fourche, giving McGregor an eighth-place finish for the invite.



NHS mat men had a successful meet at the Harding County Invitational over the first weekend of the year. From left: Charlie Clements (8th place), Blaise McGregor (8th place) and Garrett Winkler (1st place). - Courtesy photo

Showing Their Support



The Newell Lady Irrigators cross fingers for the boys team as they play the McIntosh Tigers on Saturday night. They include from left: Kass Weeldryer, Lexa Burtzlauff, Kayden Steele, and Sydnee Kjellson. - Kjellson photo

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Newell Girls Basketball

Lady Irrigators Grab a Home Victory

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NEWELL – The Lady Irrigators have been on a roll and Saturday was no exception when they took home the McIntosh Tigers and grabbed a 69-20 win. Newell started the game with 24 points from five different players, nearly half of which came from Kayden Steele with five field goals. Jaelyn Wendt added four more with one each from Kassidy Weeldreyer, Sydnee Kjellson and Taylor Gaer. Meanwhile the Tigers man-

aged to put just seven points on the boards. The rest of the game was more of the same.

The second quarter saw Steele put up four more field goals, along with one each by Wendt, Kim Johnson, Kjellson and Lexa Burtzlauff who also hit a trey. The trey was matched by Mary Mahaffy, and Gaer who also hit from the arch. At the half Newell was up 49-16. McIntosh did not score in the third period, while Coach Scott Wince started subbing in the other team members like Mahaffy who stepped up to do

a good job. Wendt continued to score from the field with six points. Two more each by Gaer and Rachel Erk brought the Irrigators to a 61-16-point lead.

While McIntosh managed just four more points in the final period, Newell doubled that with eight, four each from Wendt and Johnson. The final was 69-20. Q: N-24, 49, 61, 69. M-7, 16, 16, 20. Burtzlauff-1/1/2-2/5, Erk-1/0/0-0/2, Wendt-10/0/0-0/20, Mahaffy-0/1/0-0/3, Weeldreyer-1/0/0-1/2, Johnson-4/0/0-0/8, Kjellson-2/0/0-0/4, Gaer-2/1/0-0/7, Steele-9/0/0-0/18.



(Left) Mary Mahaffy cashes one from the three-point arc for her contribution to the 69-20 win over McIntosh Saturday night. (Right) Kassidy Weeldreyer goes up for a layup in the Irrigator victory over the Tigers Saturday. - Brunner photos

Newell Boys Basketball

Irrigators Hang Tough with McIntosh

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Colton Burtzlauff hits two of his 20 points against McIntosh on Saturday night. - Brunner photo

NEWELL – With their continued six men on the bench, Newell started and played another game where they just didn't quite manage to get to the end of a victory.

Newell once more hung in there for three periods of play and even into the fourth, losing by just four points, 56-52.

Ryan Hohenberger and Colton Burtzlauff led the pack with 19 and 20 points respectively. In the first quarter Hohenberger nailed three field goals and a trey, along with one of two at the line. Burtzlauff hit from the arc and David Morell added a field goal. Kobe Shaykett also had a trey, giving Newell 20 points to leave them ahead 20-18 at the buzzer.

McIntosh came back to post 16 points on the boards in the

second period, while Newell tossed in only five points, on a field goal each by Morell and Burtzlauff. The score at the end of the half was 34-25.

Hohenberger got amped up in the third period again with a trey and a field goal, going two of three at the line. Unfortunately, there were only two other field goals, one by Burtzlauff and one by Jamin Davidson to leave Newell down 43-38 at the end of three periods of play. Burtzlauff hit five times from in the paint in the fourth period, while Davidson added two of three at the free throw line. Morell added one of two at the charity stripe, but it just wasn't quite enough as the home team went down 56-52.

Q: N-20, 25, 38, 52. M-18, 34, 43, 56. Shaykett 0/1/0-0/3, Hohenberger 5/2/3-6/19, Morell 2/0/0-2/6, Burtzlauff 7/1/3-6/20, Davidson 1/0/2-2/4.

Irrigators Take on Hot Springs in Final Game of 2020

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NEWELL – With the final boys' basketball game of 2020, the Newell Irrigators gave the crowd a heck of a contest. With just six guys on the bench, and two of them eighth-graders, there were three who played the entire game against the Hill City Rangers on Wednesday night. Ryan Hohenberger, Colton Burtzlauff and David Morell never got to sit down except during time-outs or quarter breaks. Kobe Shaykett only got to sit down for a few minutes in the final quarter of play.

The Irrigators never gave up and the game was close all the way into the fourth quarter when the hometown boys started to wear out.

Newell's Hohenberger tied the game the first time in the initial period at two points and they continued to fire away matching it up numerous times, through the quarter, which ended with the Irrigators up 16-13.

It was more of the same as Coach Steve Schoenfish subbed his two eighth-graders, Jamin Davidson and Josh Stomprud in and out for each other. The others just kept on trucking. Through the second quarter the Newell boys hung tough and at the end of the half, the score stood tied at 28 for both teams. Some strategy was worked



(Left) David Morell has such a smooth layup, no matter where he is under the bucket. He knows where he is and can get the height needed to dump it in. He had 21 points against Hill City on Wednesday. (Right) Ryan Hohenberger was a ball of fire against Hill City on Wednesday tossing in 14 points and grabbing numerous rebounds to keep the Irrigators in the game right till the end. - Brunner photos



out in the locker room during the half and even though they were visibly tiring, the Irrigators did not give up in the third period. A spin-around jump shot by Morell, just two of his 21 points in the game, looked nice and smooth. The game was again tied numerous times, until the buzzer rang on a Ranger lead, 48-41 at the end of three.

The consistent playing time finally started taking a toll, as Hohenberger, who was grabbing nearly every defensive rebound, started to miss a few. Morell saw a couple times when he could fire it inside to Burtzlauff for two and then take a shot himself inside, going up head and shoulders above his opponents.

Hill City started to pull away as several defensive rebounds were fired far down-court to a lone player for the bucket. The Newell guys just weren't keeping up as well as the first three periods. With just less than a minute on the clock, Hohenberger nailed one of two at the line. The Rangers had gotten themselves in foul trouble, sending three Irrigators to the line consistently. Unfortunately, Newell was only able to dump in three of seven at the line. The score started to widen and the final buzzer told the tale, 70-52.

Q: N-16, 28, 43, 52. HC-13, 28, 48, 70. Shaykett 1/0/0-0/2, Hohenberger 5/0/4-5/14, Morell 10/0/1-5/21, Davidson 0/0/0-1/0, Burtzlauff 5/1/2-6/15.

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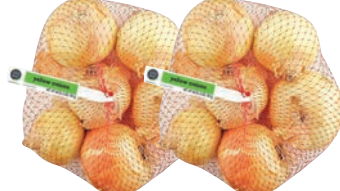
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