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High School Rodeo Team Event Fills Community Hall



A capacity crowd was on hand Saturday evening for the Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Team Dinner & Auction. The club is led by President **Rance Bowden**, Vice-President **Jet Jensen**, Secretary **Anika Main**, and Treasurer **Mataya Ward**. - Michelle Evans Courtesy Photo

Contract Signed for New City Water Well Design

BELLE FOURCHE – The city of Belle Fourche has signed a contract with Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services (AE2S), with offices in Spearfish and Rapid City, for design and construction administration of a new city water well. The well will be known as Hat Ranch Well #3 and will enhance the supply of freshwater to the city's south side and beyond. It will be located west of Hat Ranch Road in the southwest part of the development.

"This will be another water source for the city, it will serve more than Hat Ranch," Brent Hardy, City Engineer, told the Beacon. "We have two existing wells, one off Water Tank Road and the other off Summit Street on the hill. So this will be a third."

The cost of the project is estimated at \$1.7 million and is a 2023 budgeted item,

according to Jason LaFayette, City Finance Officer. It will be financed with a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund which is distributed through the South Dakota Conservancy District. It will be paid for with a revenue bond that was approved last November. Users who benefit from the project will see a surcharge on their water bill to pay back the bond. According to figures presented to the city last June by Lysann Zeller of the Black Hills Council of Local Governments, with 2,400 water users in Belle Fourche this would mean a "worst-case scenario" \$3.04 per month increase in resident's water bills, if the project cannot be totally funded through grants or loan forgiveness.

Indeed, plans for the well have been in works for quite some time. There are two reasons, Hardy says, the new well

is needed. The first is to supply the growing water demands on the city's south side. The second involves needed upgrades to five miles of the city's main springline from Camp Comfort Road north to the Redwater River.

"And this new well will let us supply water for the south side of town when that line goes down for repairs and upgrades," he said.

Hardy says there is no timeline for the replacement of the five miles of pipeline, which will be a major undertaking. Some sections of the line are already more than 100 years old. An emergency repair was conducted in 2019 on a stretch of the pipe along Old Belle Road. Hardy says smaller repairs had to be made last year. And, he says, when the full reconstruction takes place critical phases

Well B5

Filling in the Gaps



MJ's Market is located at 105 Ziebach Street in Belle Fourche and is open MON - FRI 8 AM - 7 PM; SAT 9 AM - 7 PM; SUN 10 AM - 6 PM . - Courtesy Photo

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As Molly Blair prepared to open a variety store in Belle Fourche, advice from the SD CEO Women's Business Center proved to be a game changer.

At their suggestion, she created a chart of product categories and specific brands she might want to stock. She listed local businesses that potentially sold those products, then visited each store to see what was available. Gaps in the grid helped her successfully narrow her product categories and brands to those unavailable locally. Following that plan, toys became her top seller.

Other key categories are stationery, CBD products, skin care and electronics.

From the start, she has invited customers to request items. After a local resident complained she had to drive to Beulah, Wyoming for her favorite lotion, Blair added that line and it became her best-selling lotion brand.

Keeping shoppers in town is important to her. If she doesn't have what a customer wants, she calls other local stores to see who has it, and they reciprocate.

When a new dollar store opened in town, Blair's sales actually increased. One reason, she believes, is that people know if one store doesn't carry

something the other likely will – and they no longer feel they have to drive out of town to find what they want.

Offering convenience is another way she keeps shoppers at home. Using back-to-school class requirement lists, she creates a separate bin for each grade, containing every item needed for students in that grade. Customers can just grab the bin for their child's grade and buy everything in it, or use a laminated list she provides to go through the store, pick up items and check them off.

"It's a bit labor intensive, but people are so happy to have it laid out for them and easy," Blair says. "People got done so fast they would then shop around the store."

Radio provides her most effective marketing. Weekly live interviews on two area radio stations generate attention and traffic.

She welcomes local food makers and custom crafters to market their products in her store. While those items make up a small portion of her sales, people appreciate seeing local brands in the business.

"A lot of people say I have a neat store, with many fun, unique things," she indicated. "Filling those gaps and adding those different pieces is important for me to compete with giant stores – to do the same thing they do, but differently in order to make me relevant."



The soon to be constructed Hat Ranch Well #3 will be located near the existing Hat Ranch water storage tank off of Hat Ranch Road in the southwest part of the development. At a cost of \$1.7 million it is expected to be 2,000 feet deep and provide additional fresh water to city residents beginning in early 2024. *Beacon File Photo*

Task Force Created to Study City Employee Wages

BELLE FOURCHE – A plan that was talked about during last year's city budget sessions is now being put in place. Mayor Randy Schmidt has formed a city wage and benefit task force that will look at how competitive the city's wage and benefits package is with surrounding communities and what adjustments, if any, should be recommended to the city council.

The task force will be comprised of the Mayor Schmidt, Bob Nelson, City Administrator, Jason LaFayette, City Finance Officer, Gina Carpenter, City

Human Resources Director, and three council members. Mayor Schmidt contacted the three city council members to sit on the task force last week.

The task force will look at the city's current pay scale, research similar pay scales in surrounding communities and review and make recommendations for updates to any job descriptions.

Rebecca Larson, Ward 4 Councilmember, who is chairperson of the city's Legal and Finance Committee, said this is something her committee

has already begun looking at. The issue of city employee pay came up a bit late during last year's budget hearings in October. At that time Larson proposed what came to be known as the 15/5 compromise plan. It proposed giving 15% across the board raises on Jan. 1, 2023, with a 5% merit-based increase to come in July after employee evaluations by city department heads. The 15/5 was proposed in lieu of a 20% across the board pay increase at the beginning of the year.

"The 15/5 was to give everybody the ability to hopefully make it through this next year with us and to be able to give us time to make a more educated look at the city's pay structure in the future. We need to look at the situation closely," Larson said at the time.

Larry Schmaltz, Ward 3 Councilmember, proposed the idea of a task force as the appropriate vehicle to resolve the issue during a budget work session on Oct 24.

"We really can't go through a process of revamping our entire pay structure as part of our budget process. This should have been done prior to our budget process," Schmaltz said

Wages B5



Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt has created a wage and benefits task force to study how Belle Fourche stacks up against surrounding communities in terms of city employee pay and benefits. The task force will meet twice a month at city hall with recommendations expected by mid-July.

- Beacon file photo

Fans of SDSU Jackrabbit Athletics



Local businessmen, and SDSU alumni, Dr. Jim Trimble and Ron Ens were in Sioux Falls attending the Summit League Basketball Tournament this past weekend. They had the opportunity to meet up with SDSU's National Championship football coach, John Stiegelmeier and root for SDSU!

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Lawrence Schaub 87



Lawrence Schaub, 87, peacefully passed in his home on February 25th, 2023.

Lawrence was born on September 24th, 1935 in Fruitdale, South Dakota to George and Emma Schaub. The Schaub family moved to a farm on the outskirts of Belle Fourche when he was 5, where he found his passion for farming that grew his entire life. By age 10 he was working the land with a team of horses, but really fell in love with farming when the family started to buy tractors. He had a passion for all things mechanical and worked on tractors and cars up until his passing.

Lawrence attended school in Belle Fourche and graduated May of 1954. After graduation he started working at Frey's Hardware where he learned how to install carpet and furthered his education by attending a service school to service appliances. He would continue to work for Frey's for the next sixteen years until they closed in 1970. He then opened his own business, Larry's Appliance & Carpet where he sold and installed carpet and sold and repaired appliances. Even after he closed his business in 1994, he continued to install carpet for the rest of his life.

On February 3rd, 1956 he married the love of his life, Janet Schulze, and together they had six children: Joy, Larry, Kay, Deline, Sheryl and Rodney whom they raised in Belle Fourche, S.D. They were married 65 years until she passed February 13th, 2021.


He loved the Lord, his family and the land. He will be missed by those who truly loved and cared about him.

He is survived by his children: Joy (John) Sabo, Larry (Debbie) Schaub, Kay (Bob) Dvorak, Deline (Brad) Henderson, Sheryl (Jamie) Hale, Rodney (Rachel) Schaub, 22 Grandchildren, 31 Great Grandchildren; his brother, Wilfred Schaub; and sisters, Evelyn Shipley and Elenor Hall.


He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Schaub and parents, George and Emma Schaub.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Black Hills Gospel Assembly Church in Belle Fourche, SD.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



Velma Collins 94



Velma Collins, age 94 of Belle Fourche, died Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, WY.

The funeral service will be held 11am Saturday, March 11, 2023 at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Velma's funeral can be viewed live or following, by clicking on the weblink below.

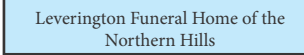
Velma Ione Proctor was born February 20, 1929 near Interior South Dakota. She was the daughter of Oscar and Alta (Shirts) Proctor. Velma grew up on a family ranch near Interior and attended a country grade school. She graduated from Kadoka High School in 1947. In 1948 she was united in marriage to Ralph Evans. To this union three children were born: Glen "Oogie", Linda, and Neva. Following their marriage they lived near Interior and later were divorced. In 1959, Velma was married to Tom Nelson, in Scottsbluff Nebraska. To this union a daughter, Laura was born. Tom and Velma lived in Scottsbluff and Casper WY and later divorced. In 1976, Velma was married to Donnelly "Pete" Collins. Following their marriage they lived in Belle Fourche. Pete died in 2001.

Following her high school graduation, Velma earned her teacher's certificate at Spearfish College and taught school at Highland Country School, one mile from her home near Interior. Later she worked as an administrative assistant at a nursing home in Denver CO for several years. Velma moved to Belle Fourche in 1974 where she worked at Al's Diner. She also owned and operated an antique and collectables retail store called "Velma's". It was located near the high school. She expanded the business to include making trophies and engraving until she retired in 1994. She enjoyed an active part in the Belle Fourche Senior Center for many years.

Velma enjoyed gardening, bird watching, and being outside working in her yard. She loved playing cribbage, and taught all her grandchildren how to play. Some of her favorite memories were traveling with her daughters. Together they were able to see St. Croix, Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, and Las Vegas. Velma was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and she will be greatly missed.

Velma is survived by her daughter, Laura (David) Mayo of Gillette WY; son, Glen "Oogie" Evans of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; 10 grandchildren, Krista, Luke, Ryan, Kenna, Poppy, Somar, Cole, Trint (Samantha), Bryce (Elin), Sarah (Ryan), as well as Michelle; many great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donnelly "Pete" Collins; and daughters, Linda Rose and Neva Hasbrouck.



Terrence King 85



Terrence King, 85, of Aladdin, Wyoming, passed away March 3, 2023 at the Garden Hills Assisted Living in Spearfish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pat and Rose King; sister and brother-in-law, Diane and George Bean.

He is survived by his brothers, Dennis King and Michael King both of Aladdin, WY; several nieces and nephews and many other relatives.

His request was cremation, and no funeral service will be honored.

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche.


An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Pastor's Perspective

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

"Parable of the Ten Virgins"



In Matthew 25, Jesus teaches us about faith in the parable of the 10 virgins. Five were wise, and five were foolish. Five had their lamps filled with oil, and were welcomed into the marriage feast, while the other five did not have oil in their lamps, and were shut out.

The fact that Jesus teaches about "ten virgins" lets us know that He's referring to those who are within the Church; church members, all ten of them. They're all invited to the wedding banquet. They all have their lamps. They all wait for the groom.

What makes the five wise different from the five foolish? The five who were wise had oil in their lamps, and the five foolish had none. The oil means faith in Jesus.

The Bible says that all who die with faith in Jesus will be taken to heaven at the end of this life. The

five foolish virgins did not have their lamps filled with oil. And they were shut out of the marriage banquet. Those who die without faith in Jesus, even though they are members of a church, will be condemned to hell forever.

We need to be sure to have oil in our lamps. How do we fill our lamps with oil?, that is how do we strengthen our faith in Jesus? Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." We have so many opportunities to hear God's Word in church, and to read God's Word and to pray for forgiveness and eternal life in heaven. It really is the one important thing in life since this has to do with eternity. How wonderful it will be for believers to hear these words on the day of the great judgment, "Come you blessed of my father and inherit the kingdom which was prepared for you from the foundation of the earth."

Isaiah 40:31

☐But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.☐

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Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center's March Family Fun Day is "Wild, Wacky Weather"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Family Fun Day on Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. entitled "Wild, Wacky Weather." The event will include a film about meteorology, a drawing for the book, "The Everyday Kids' Weather Book," and crafts.

There will also be an activity for each kid to create a weather forecast focusing on a specific

weather phenomenon. They can then use their forecast to take a turn acting as a TV weather person. The museum will provide props needed for this.

Admission to the event is \$2 per person or free with membership. Reservations are helpful; call 605-723-1200.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Belle Fourche Arts Council announces formation of new theatre company

The Belle Fourche Arts Council has formed a new theatre company and its initial performances will take place at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center March 17 at 7 p.m. and March 18 at 2 p.m.

The company is called the 1903 Reader's Theatre, a name inspired by the year in which Belle Fourche was founded. The logo for the company, created by Deb Elliott, features colors that were prominent in graphic arts of that era. Prominent Belle Fourche businesses The Olive Branch and Office Emporium helped defray the cost of the logo development and are the first sponsors of the endeavor.

Reader's theatre is an increasingly popular form of theatre as it does not require actors to memorize their lines. Productions typically include some set and prop pieces, simple costumes, sound and stage movement. There is a rehearsal period leading up to production, but it is not lengthy, making it appealing to people who like to do theatre, but have limited time to do so.



The initial production to be performed is Veiller Bayard's classic drama, "Within the Law," which initially appeared on Broadway in 1912. The stage play was revived and performed by companies throughout the U.S.; it was also filmed as a movie four times between 1917 and 1939.

"Within the Law" was chosen because of its special significance in Belle Fourche: It was performed at the Iris Theatre in Belle, on Christmas Day in 1916 as one of the last staged productions before the theatre was remodeled as a movie house.

Admission to the play will be \$2 per person. Because the Tri-State is collaborating with the Arts Council on this production, those with a museum membership will have free admission.

The cast for this first production of the 1903 Reader's Theatre company is in place, but future productions will be cast by open audition.

The company will house out of the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200.

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Bytes

Sarah Jeitz

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

CDM and Horticulture judging will be held at Saint Onge Hall on Monday Mar. 13 from 4:40 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. There will be another of these events at the Middle School in Newell on Sunday Mar. 19 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

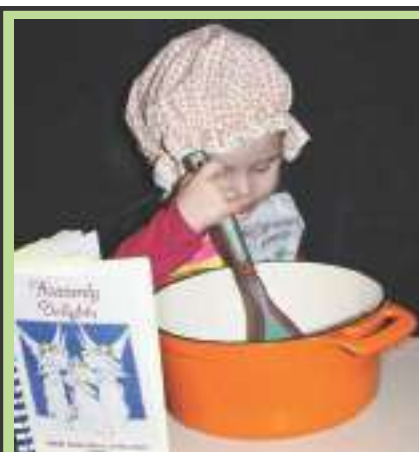
4-H night with the Rapid City Rush will be Friday, Mar. 17. 4-H families, alumni, and supporters are invited to

attend. Discounted tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo.me/3Xi6MTc>. Help support the 4-H and don't forget to wear your green!

The Butte Lawrence County Junior Leaders are collecting Lynn's recipes as part of the "We Care" program. This program allows our program to collect \$100 for every \$10,000 receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart or Lynn's Superfoods. These funds will help us purchase supplies, equipment, etc. Please save your receipts and bring them to the Extension Office.

The 4-H statewide community service project for 2022-2023 will be Paws for a Cause. In coordination with this project, a

drop box is located at the Extension Office for donations of pet supplies to be given to local animal shelters.



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Archeologist **Katie Anderson** speaks about Soap Suds Row, an archeological dig near Sturgis, SD. *Beacon Photo*

Crowd Digs First Saturday Archeology Presentation

Sarah Jeitz

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Over 50 guests filled the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center on the morning of March 4, as archeologist Katie Anderson gave a presentation on her experience with the Dig at Soap Suds Row.

Soap Suds Row is a term given to an area where laundresses would live and work. This dig in particular, was located in Fort Meade, SD and explored the laundresses of the old cavalry post.

In illustrating the importance of an archeological dig such as this, Anderson says, "One of the questions you might have is why should we talk about women washing clothes at the fort? Well, it's pretty important because they didn't have all the big machinery that we have today." After sharing an excerpt from the point of view of a laundress of that time period, which described in detail the amount of work, time, and inconvenience that went into a day's worth of laundry, Anderson summarized, "laundresses' lives were not easy. You're living outside of the fort, you're washing everything by hand, and you're pretty much having to expand all of this dirty clothing everywhere to air it out. So, you need to build your own area to make this all work, which is

why we have areas like Soap Suds Row."




Anderson shared photographs of some recovered artifacts from Soap Suds Row, as well as the volunteers who worked tirelessly at the dig site, who ranged from children to the oldest member of the team, aged 91. Artifacts included sawed animal bones and remnants believed to have been used in the making of lye soap, beer bottles, broken pottery, and a wash basin. Possibly one of the most important artifacts were the large amount of nails recovered, which gave a much broader idea of where the buildings once stood.

According to Anderson, archeological data of archeological digs such as Soap Suds Row, even though it may seem trivial, is significant because it helps to give researchers a broader idea of early life on the plains, specifically in a fort. "When we have this kind of data," says Anderson, "even if it's just about lye soap, it's still incredibly important for us because it's just a piece of the puzzle, and we really need that piece of the puzzle."


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Broncs Boys Regional Basketball Action

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Broncs senior Anthony Budmayr and sophomore Jet Jensen combined for 50 points as Belle Fourche knocked off Hill City 69-61 in Hill City on Tuesday night in the opening game of Region 8A. The win avenges an earlier loss in the year to the Rangers by a 50-44 score.

Hill City started the game off with the upper hand leading 17-12 after one quarter and extended their lead to 34-26 at intermission. Belle got busy in the second half narrowing the lead 48-45 after three quarters before going on a tear in the final stanza outscoring the Rangers 24-13 securing the 69-61 victory. "I'm proud of our guys grit and determination not to take the easy way out," said Coach Clay Pottorff about the game.

"We have practiced hard, and the kids continue to trust their abilities," he added. Budmayr poured in 29 points with four from deep along with 8 rebounds to lead the Broncs. He was also 7-9 from the free throw line. Jensen had the ef-

ficient floor game for the night scoring 21 points including 5-6 from behind the arc and 7-8 shooting overall while dishing out 6 assists. Senior Anthony Staley added 7 points and 4 boards for Belle.

The Broncs shot an aggregate 54% percent from the field and canned 11-15 from the charity stripe for 73%.

Belle Fourche traveled to Rapid City on Friday night to take on the 18-2 St. Thomas More Cavaliers. The Cavaliers are the number one seed in Region 8A and the number three rated team in the state. STM advanced to the SoDak 16 for a chance to play in the State A Basketball Tournament in Sioux Falls March 16-18.

Broncs Boys Season Ends at St. Thomas More

The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys basketball season came to an end in the Region semifinal Friday night in Rapid City as the Cavaliers broke open a tight game to claim a 48-32 victory.

Both teams had trouble finding the net in the first half as tough defense held each team in check. More led 8-6 after one and had a narrow 20-18 lead heading to the lockers. Broncs

sophomore Jet Jensen hit a three ball coming out of the half to give the Broncs a 21-20 lead. More reacted quickly by putting pressure on Belle and were able to stretch the lead to 37-24 after three periods and then cruised to the 16 point win.

Anthony Budmayr playing in his last game for the Broncs scored 13 points including three shots from deep while Jensen added 12 all from behind the arc. Lee Heugebauer was the only double figure scorer for the Cavaliers as he had a game high 19 points. The tale of the game was at the free throw line as More was 15-22 for 68%, while the Broncs only shot four charity tosses and made all of them.

"I'm so proud of these young men. I feel blessed to able to be a part of their lives. We kept fighting the whole game. A tough loss for our seniors but we never backed down," said Broncs head coach Clay Pottorff.

More moves on to the SoDak 16 next week at a neutral site.

Seniors playing their last game for the Broncs were Anthony Budmayr, Anthony Staley, Tatin Yackley, JT Hahne, and Jayden Sechser.

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Jet Jensen catches air as his points add up on the boards. Jamie Hockenbary Photo



(left) Payton Dvorak shoots or two; (right) Anthony Budmayr and Rance Bowden fight for the rebound. Jamie Hockenbary Photos



Cheerleaders keep the energy up as Broncs defeat Hill City in regional play. Jamie Hockenbary Photos



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Youth Leadership Team Enrichment Day

Alyssa Frisbie

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On Friday, February 24, Belle Fourche High School held its first ever enrichment day. This day was put on by the high school's

Youth Leadership Team, otherwise known as YLT.

BFHS YLT Advisors Mary Day and Stephanie Musilek prepared and coordinated a whole day of sessions and activities for the entire student body, with the assistance of YLT students and Action for the Betterment of the Community of Butte County (ABC).

Such sessions included Relationships with Dr. Mark Britzman, Car Maintenance with Brian Aldrich from Scott Peterson Motors, Banking with Kelly Milliken from First Interstate Bank, Habit Track-

ing with Michelle Watson and Kenzie Hennessey from Keller Williams Realty, Career Readiness with Kimberly Smith and Sean Seefeldt from the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, and Internet and Social Media Safety with Officer Stephen Schmeltzer.

Each of these sessions went into depth to educate students about important topics that are not really talked about in high school, but they are necessary for life after high school. Other sessions and activities included Roping Lessons, Chopped Challenge, Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) with the South Dakota National Guard, and Graffiti Art.

These sessions led more hands-on activities for the students to get involved in. For instance, the session called Chopped! allowed students to be creative and make a dish requiring certain ingredients, but the catch was that it was timed and no recipes were allowed. These

dishes then went to the judges to be tasted.

The afternoon held a few different sessions such as a dummy roping tournament, gaming tournament, snowball/dodgeball tournament, cornhole tournament, yoga with Tessa Anderson-Voyles from the Belle Fourche Area Community Center, trivia challenge, archery tag and spike ball with the South Dakota National Guard, and a fitness challenge.

The students were able to pick five sessions to attend in the morning and two in the afternoon. The benefit of the enrichment day was that the students were able to both learn important knowledge and have fun while at school.

This event was a huge success, and many people volunteered their time and expertise to help make this day possible. Needless to say, Belle Fourche High School may see more enrichment days in the future!



Grace Clooten and Sloan Young enjoy the yoga session on enrichment day. -Frisbie Photo



Students are having fun competing against each other with archery tag. - Frisbie Photo



Riggen Lutter is carefully preparing an entree during the chopped challenge on enrichment day. - Frisbie Photo



Students are taste testing their MRE's during enrichment day. - Frisbie Photo

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- Appointments required—call North Park @ 723-3379 to schedule an appointment ASAP.
- Appointments generally last one hour.
- Current Kindergarten students will not have school this day.

South Park Fourth Graders Present Famous People Living Museum

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Students in Mrs. Audrey Pruitts fourth grade Customized Learning class got a jump start on their end of the year Famous Person Living Museum project, in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences, on Thursday March 2.

Dressed in costumes ranging from the historical Sacagawea and Abraham Lincoln, to the more recent famous faces of Barack Obama and Lin-Manuel Miranda, the young presenters lined the perimeter of the South Park cafeteria to give their presentations in a living museum format.

Along with their slideshow presentation and a sheet of facts, each student displayed a variety of props associated with their famous person of choice.

"Costumes and props have been accumulated over the

years," explains Pruitt, "but students can also make and bring their own from home."

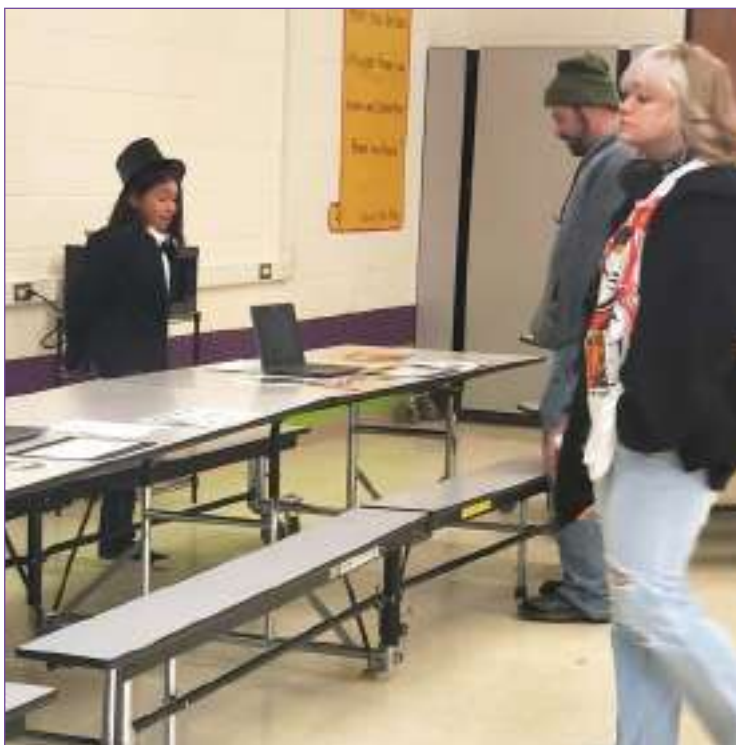
This project has been going strong among Belle Fourche fourth graders for at least 3 decades. Each student is able to choose a famous person of interest to them, research facts about their person, and create a slide-

show presentation to accompany their speech. "Some teachers have them do a timeline," says Pruitt, "others do a one pager of fun facts about the person."

While Pruitt's students can check this project off of their to-do list, the rest of the fourth grade will be giving their presentations later this Spring!



Fourth graders captivate spectators at their Famous People Museum. Beacon Photo



South Park fourth grader Amiyah Dubray gives a presentation about Abraham Lincoln. Beacon Photo

The Belle Fourche Rec Center is excited to host our 7th Annual Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 1st. This is a FREE event for the community from 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

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Show Up by Belle LaVenue

for March, April, and May. Check these out:

MARCH 17 & 18 @ 7 PM - Belle Fourche Middle School Theater presents PYRITE. This three act show moves through multiple generations - from the 1880s into the mysterious future. With an enthusiastic cast and crew of 48 students, the fool's gold promises to be rich entertainment.

APRIL 21 & 22 @ 7 PM, & 23 @ 2 PM at the Rec Center Theater - the Belle Fourche High School Theater program presents the classic and eternally popular musical, THE MUSIC MAN. The high school thespians and their directors, ToiLyn Flick, Nathan Schreier, and Micah Pennel have just started practices for this show that is full of familiar and famous music and characters. You will definitely want to send these show dates to your spring calendar!

Between the school shows, we expect to see community actors at the PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AUDITIONS on March 23rd at 7:30pm & March 25th at 2:30pm at the Rec Center Theater. According to the show director, Nathan Schreier, You do not need to bring anything for auditions, just yourself. If you have any questions, or are unable to make the audition date but still want to audition, message director@bellefourcheact.com or call 605.645.325. You will also want to put the show dates and times on your May calendar: MAY 12 & 13 at 7 PM and MAY 14th at 3 PM.

BF MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TEAMING UP with the BF FINE ARTS BOOSTERS for the TALENT & VARIETY SHOW on April 30th at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Fine arts students are selling advanced tickets to this event that supports arts events, trips, and scholarships. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes pre show activities @ 1 PM. Students and parents are also helping with the fun - free games for kids, complimentary snacks, live music, cakewalk, silent auction, and more! At 3 PM the main show features local musical, instrumental, and comedic performers. Acts of all kinds can still join the show, so get your act together and contact Belle Fourche FAB at bfhsfab@gmail.com to be part of a FUN community event!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming Fine Arts Events:

- **MARCH 9 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: DAN MILLER'S COWBOY MUSIC REVIEW** Best of Cowboy and American at the Rec Center 7pm
- **MARCH 17 & 18 @ 7 PM - BFMS PLAY - PYRITE**
- **MARCH 28 - Middle School Spring Chorus Concert** BFRC 6:30 PM
- **MARCH 30, 2023 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: TAKE 3 - High Energy w/Violin, Piano & Cello at the rec center 7pm.**
- **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AUDITIONS** – March 23rd at 7:30pm & March 25th at 2:30pm - Rec Center.
- **THE MUSIC MAN - BFHS Spring Musical - April 21 & 22 @ 7 PM, & 23 @ 2 PM at the Rec Center Theater.**
- **APRIL 24 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: HOW SWEET IT IS! Tribute to James Taylor at the Rec Center @ 7 PM.**
- **APRIL 30 - BF FAB COMMUNITY TALENT & VARIETY SHOW! Belle Fourche Community Hall.**
- **MAY 4 - Middle School Band Concert - BFRC 6:30 PM**
- **MAY 9 - Middle School 6th/7th/8th Chorus Concert - BFRC 6:30 PM**
- **MAY 11 High School Band/Chorus Concert - BFRC 7:00 PM**
- **MAY 12, 13, & 14 - Pride and Prejudice, Belle Fourche Area Community Theater**

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



Lee and Sheila Hodge, owners of Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery, State Street in Belle Fourche pose with Belle Fourche High School rodeo team member Lydia Main and the horse-shoe chair auction item they purchased. At right sister Anika Main is all smiles displaying her auction item. The Fabulous Meals were purchased by the Clay Cragos. *Courtesy Photos*

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Mon, March 13th

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*K-4 Cereal
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Lunch: Popcorn Chicken
or Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
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Tues, March 14th

BRONC Breakfast: Egg & Cheese
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Lunch: Spaghetti or Bosco Sticks
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Lynn's Dakotamart's decision to eliminate inserting the weekly grocery flyer has led the Beacon to a layout change.

We had used the extra space to include many of the Dakota Scout state and legislative news items that affect our part of the state as well.

With the legislature coming to a close we have decided for the time being to take a step back and return to the 24 page editions like we published prior to the Lynn's weekly flyer.

Also after our discussions with a group of new independent

newspapers being started across the state we have been encouraged to seek "legal" status and in the future seek to be the legal newspaper for the City, School, and County.

At this point in time it would mean a change in the law, or make changes to comply with the current law.

We meet the requirements to be a legal newspaper, with the exception of our free distribution and voluntary subscriptions.

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By: Doug Cole

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In France Mardi Gras time is the "Carnival" Celebration

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"Carnival" in southern France occurs during the weeks before lent. It's a celebration similar to Mardi Gras, at which time people in New Orleans enjoy a final fling before Ash Wednesday.

Carnival is not just one celebration. It's a season of parades and festivities that

involve dancing, silliness, and music. Carnival appears to be a mixture of folklore derived from Christianity, ancient Greek harvest festivals, and local cultural traditions.

There are fireworks, costumes, the symbolic burning of witches, effigies of animals and humans dressed up as hunters or warriors their faces blackened by soot and oil.

Apparently, all of this has something to do with warding off evil spirits. What seems most important is that everyone has a good time. It's a fun time for children who dress up in costumes as they do here at Halloween.

Confetti covers the spectators and the streets. There are games, balloons and lots of great food.



Children dressed in traditional Catalan costume. The paper bags are filled with confetti they have collected. *English Photo*

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- March 10th & 11th** - Saturday on State Street
- March 11th** - Pooter Q BBQ at Black Hills Diner 4:30pm to 7:30pm
- March 12th** - Daylight Savings Time
- March 17th** - St. Patrick's Day
- March 24th** - Belle Fourche Chamber Annual Banquet

More information at:
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Parade participants often dance to the music during the procession. The costumes are often elaborate. *English Photo*

Effigy of the village mayor who is responsible for promoting the Carnival festivities. *English Photo*

Children enjoy throwing confetti at the spectators and one another. There is no shortage of confetti.

(Children often dress up as animals, witches, demons or their favorite cartoon characters during Carnival parades. *Meg English Photos*



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NOTICE OF SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has received an application for a renewal of a Surface Water Discharge (SWD) permit from the following applicant:
Applicant Name: City of Belle Fourche
PERMIT NUMBER: SD0021628

FACILITY LOCATION: Approximately 1 1/2 miles north of the city in the southeast 1/2 of Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 2 East, in Butte County, South Dakota (Latitude 44.695727°, Longitude -103.843240°)
MAILING ADDRESS: 511 6th Ave
Belle Fourche, SD 57717-1407

The renewal of the Surface Water Discharge permit will not allow the discharge of pollutants from the City of Belle Fourche's wastewater treatment facility unless to prevent severe property damage. Any discharge from this facility's wastewater ponds or artificial wetlands will enter an unnamed tributary of Crow Creek which has been assigned the beneficial uses of:

(9) Fish and wildlife propagation, recreation, and stock watering waters; and
(10) Irrigation waters.

The unnamed tributary flows 1/2 mile to Crow Creek which has been assigned the beneficial uses of:

(6) Warmwater marginal fish life propagation waters;
(8) Limited contact recreation waters;
(9) Fish and wildlife propagation, recreation, and stock watering waters; and
(10) Irrigation waters.

Crow Creek flows approximately 1 mile to the Orman Canal, which has been assigned the beneficial uses of:

(9) Fish and wildlife propagation, recreation, and stock watering waters; and
(10) Irrigation waters.

The Orman Canal flows approximately 7.5 miles to the Belle Fourche Reservoir which has been assigned the beneficial uses of:

(4) Warmwater permanent fish life propagation waters;
(7) Immersion recreation waters;
(8) Limited contact recreation waters;
(9) Fish and wildlife propagation, recreation, and stock watering waters; and
(10) Irrigation waters.

Belle Fourche is also capable of bypassing the treatment facility at two locations, a wet well, and a blow off valve on a lift station. Any discharge from the wet well or blow off valve will enter the Belle Fourche River which has been assigned the beneficial uses of:

(4) Warmwater permanent fish life propagation waters;
(7) Immersion recreation waters;
(8) Limited contact recreation waters;
(9) Fish and wildlife propagation, recreation, and stock watering waters; and
(10) Irrigation waters.

Tentative determinations regarding the water quality limits for any discharge and other conditions have been made by DANR. The Surface Water Discharge permit specifies the quality of water that can be discharged and still protect the uses of the receiving water. The draft discharge permit and supporting document are available from DANR at the address listed below.

In accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota, Chapter 74:50:02, any person desiring to comment on the Department's recommendation for the conditional issuance of this permit must submit written comments to the below address within the specified thirty (30) day comment period. Comments may be directed to the following address: South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Surface Water Quality Program, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501. Comments may also be provided within the specified thirty (30) day comment period using the online comment form, accessible via the "Comment Deadline" links provided a DANR Public Affairs. Any person desiring a public hearing must file a petition which complies with the ARSD 74:50:02. If no objections are received within the specified 30-day period, the Secretary will issue final determinations within sixty days of the date of this notice. Additional information may be obtained by calling Evelyn Dalldorf, with DANR, at (605) 773-3351, or by writing to the address listed above.
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The 2023 legislative session is nearing the end with only two weeks left. The last day of session is March 9th and March 27th is reserved for gubernatorial vetoes. We made it through Crossover Day and both the Senate and House continue to address the bills that remain. If you have comments or questions, contact me at neal.pinnow@sdlegislature.gov and please put 28B in the subject line. By doing placing 28B in the subject line, this will draw my attention to your email and I will make sure those are priority over the hundreds of other emails that we receive on a daily basis.

This week, once again, has been filled with many discussions regarding the 2024 revenue and expense budget. The only difference this week were the big three tax reduction bills were in front of House Appropriations for debate. The first one to arrive, HB 1137, was the sales tax reduction from 4.5% to 4%. This bill was eventually amended to a .3% reduction in the rate therefore landing at 4.2% and passed the House Appropriations committee. This is projected to save the residents of South Dakota \$102,592,908. The next bill to come before the committee was the sales tax reduction on food from 4.5% to 0%. This bill did not fare very well and was defeated in committee. The last big tax reduction bill to be heard was dealing with a \$300 credit per owner occupied property. This bill was also defeated in House Appropriations committee. HB 1137 was heard on the House floor, Wednesday the 22nd, and passed by a 66-3 vote. It is now headed for consideration in the Senate.

HB 1039, revising the payment of tuition for members of the SDNG from 50% to 100% at any in-state institution. The tuition becomes available after the federal tuition program has been exhausted. HB 1200, which require a constitutional amendment to obtain 1/35th of the signatures required from each of the 35 districts within the state, was heard and passed the House as well. HB 1059, establishing a community paramedic endorsement, was heard and passed the House. This endorsement will expand the duties for paramedics and allow them, especially in rural areas, to assist with other medical related issues.

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



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Cattle Report - Friday, March 3, 2023

Just under 2500 Hd
Yearlings & bred cow markets were \$\$ higher

Next Sale - March 10th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special
Thank You For Marketing With St Onge Livestock!

Feeder Cattle

Mills, Troy, Boyes MT.....	37	....Bbld	....Hfr	....488	....\$213.00
Mills, Troy, Boyes MT.....	95	....Bk	....Hfr	....580	....\$208.50
B Quarter Circle Ranch, Miles City MT.....	18	....B/R	....Str	....465	....\$246.00
B Quarter Circle Ranch, Miles City MT.....	106	....Bk	....Hfr	....540	....\$215.00
B Quarter Circle Ranch, Miles City MT.....	18	....B/R	....Hfr	....445	....\$212.50
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD.....	25	....Bk	....Hfr	....625	....\$209.00
Andrews, Tom, Biddle MT.....	3	....Bk	....Hfr	....950	....\$125.00
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT.....	36	....Bbld	....Hfr	....565	....\$206.00
Clarys, Richard, Olive MT.....	14	....B/R	....Hfr	....448	....\$209.00
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD.....	13	....Bk	....Str	....538	....\$235.00
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD.....	19	....Bbld	....Hfr	....581	....\$205.00
Duprel, Allen M, Sturgis SD.....	21	....Bk	....Hfr	....516	....\$216.50
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD.....	79	....B/R	....Str	....811	....\$189.25
Gaskill, Roger Or Lisa, Ashland MT.....	24	....Bbld	....Hfr	....515	....\$204.50
Harrison, Richard, Fruitdale SD.....	35	....Bbld	....Str	....584	....\$240.50
Harrison, Richard, Fruitdale SD.....	7	....Bbld	....Str	....476	....\$251.00
Harrison, Richard, Fruitdale SD.....	46	....Bk	....Str	....728	....\$200.00
Harrison, Richard, Fruitdale SD.....	32	....Bk	....Hfr	....522	....\$215.50
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD.....	36	....Bk	....Hfr	....490	....\$210.50
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	29	....Bk	....Hfr	....543	....\$215.00
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	19	....B/Ch	....Hfr	....464	....\$209.50
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	55	....Char	....Hfr	....578	....\$207.00
Ista Family Trust, Jerry & Judy, Hulett WY.....	7	....Bk	....Hfr	....994	....\$128.00
Keil, Reggie Or Sebbie, St Onge SD.....	9	....Bk	....Str	....855	....\$180.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD.....	9	....Bld	....Hfr	....669	....\$191.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD.....	15	....Herf	....Hfr	....563	....\$181.50
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD.....	8	....Bbld	....Hfr	....565	....\$184.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont SD.....	14	....Bk	....Hfr	....511	....\$206.50
Randall Inc, Broadus MT.....	10	....B/R	....Hfr	....775	....\$124.00
Riley, John, Volborg MT.....	14	....Str	....706	....\$205.00	
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT.....	42	....Bk	....Hfr	....598	....\$205.00
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Olive MT.....	17	....Bk	....Str	....647	....\$221.00
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Olive MT.....	57	....Bk	....Hfr	....685	....\$190.00
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Olive MT.....	13	....Bk	....Hfr	....599	....\$202.00
Ryan XZ Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY.....	2	....Bk	....Hfr	....1080	....\$122.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	3	....Bk	....Hfr	....930	....\$143.00
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland SD.....	12	....Bk	....Str	....489	....\$241.00

Bred Cows - Sold By The Head

Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT.....	8	....Red	....3 Years	....1210	....\$2,025.00
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT.....	30	....Red	....4-5	....1293	....\$2,150.00
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT.....	8	....Red	....S-Ss	....1380	....\$1,925.00
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT.....	7	....Red	....S-Ss	....1432	....\$1,875.00
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT.....	14	....Red	....Ss	....1451	....\$1,650.00
Rusley, Phillip, Baker MT.....	31	....Red	....Broken	....1404	....\$1,450.00
21 Ranch Inc, Sundance WY.....	46	....Rbld	....Hfr	....1029	....\$2,035.00
62 Timber & Livestock, Sundance WY.....	5	....Herf	....4-5	....1252	....\$1,650.00
Evans, Brian Or Cheryl, Rapid City SD.....	9	....Bk	....4-5	....1232	....\$1,975.00
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....	7	....Bk	....S-Ss	....1280	....\$1,500.00
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....	13	....Bk	....Broken	....1266	....\$1,410.00
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....	9	....Bk	....3 Years	....1016	....\$1,775.00
Quinn, Don, Fairburn SD.....	4	....Bk	....Broken	....1551	....\$1,450.00

Weigh Up Cows

62 Timber & Livestock, Sundance WY.....	1	....Herf	....Cow	....1355	....\$81.00
62 Timber & Livestock, Sundance WY.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1235	....\$78.00
Allen, Timothy S, Edgemont SD.....	6	....Herf	....Hfrt	....760	....\$109.00
Allen, Timothy S, Edgemont SD.....	2	....Herf	....Cow	....1367	....\$78.00
Allen, Timothy S, Edgemont SD.....	10	....Herf	....Cow	....1149	....\$78.00
Anderson, Jd, New Underwood SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1230	....\$84.00
Anderson, Jd, New Underwood SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1315	....\$78.00
Anderson, Jd, New Underwood SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1260	....\$78.00
Anderson, Jd, New Underwood SD.....	3	....Bk	....Cow	....1256	....\$78.00
Arthur, Leandra, Piedmont SD.....	1	....Red	....Cow	....1415	....\$81.50
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD.....	1	....Bld	....Cow	....1295	....\$90.50
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1395	....\$84.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1435	....\$83.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD.....	1	....Bld	....Cow	....1160	....\$82.00
Bulkley Gail, Gillette WY.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1275	....\$83.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1520	....\$90.50
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT.....	1	....Red	....Cow	....1280	....\$75.00
Claeys, Patrick, Ekalaka MT.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1515	....\$74.00
Crowser, Brett Or Melanie, Belle Fourche SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1165	....\$82.00
Crowser, Brett Or Melanie, Belle Fourche SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1175	....\$81.00
Curren, Leroy, Aladdin WY.....	1	....Red	....Hfrt	....995	....\$110.00
Curren, Leroy, Aladdin WY.....	2	....Red	....Hfrt	....912	....\$109.00
Curren, Leroy, Aladdin WY.....	1	....Red	....Cow	....1290	....\$84.50
Dooley, Frank, Custer SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1550	....\$94.00
Evans, Brian Or Cheryl, Rapid City SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1140	....\$87.00
Fortner, Joe, Biddle MT.....	2	....Bk	....Cow	....1542	....\$87.50
Fortner, Joe, Biddle MT.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1255	....\$81.50
Fortner, Joe, Biddle MT.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1425	....\$75.50
Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1390	....\$86.50
Harris, Greg, Baker MT.....	1	....Bld	....Cow	....1240	....\$88.00
Harris, Greg, Baker MT.....	1	....Bld	....Cow	....1135	....\$86.00
Harris, Greg, Baker MT.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1165	....\$85.00
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD.....	4	....Bk	....Cow	....1156	....\$77.50
Ista Family Trust, Jerry & Judy, Hulett WY.....	24	....Bk	....Cow	....1374	....\$94.00
Ista Family Trust, Jerry & Judy, Hulett WY.....	22	....Bk	....Cow	....1168	....\$93.00
Jennings, Eric, Spearfish SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1510	....\$87.50
Jennings, Eric, Spearfish SD.....	2	....Bk	....Cow	....1377	....\$86.50
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD.....	1	....Bk	....Hfrt	....1000	....\$110.00
Kizian, Josh, Nisland SD.....	1	....Bld	....Cowette	....1325	....\$104.00
Lamphere, Lane, Sturgis SD.....	1	....Bld	....Cow	....1425	....\$88.00
March, Roland N, Hot Springs SD.....	2	....Bk	....Hfrt	....955	....\$113.00
March, Roland N, Hot Springs SD.....	2	....Bk	....Cow	....1287	....\$87.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	2	....Bk	....Cow	....1365	....\$83.00
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1445	....\$82.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1485	....\$88.50
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont SD.....	5	....B/R	....Cow	....1210	....\$87.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont SD.....	2	....Bk	....Cow	....1120	....\$78.00
Opitz, Mike Or Linda, Piedmont SD.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1400	....\$88.50
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD.....	2	....Herf	....Cow	....1277	....\$78.00
Policky Ranch Limited Partnership, Upton WY.....	1	....Bk	....Cow	....1305	....\$81.00
Policky Ranch Limited Partnership, Upton WY.....	1BkCow1165\$80.00
Quinn, Don, Fairburn SD.....	1BkCow1380\$77.00

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Sheep Report - Thursday, March 2, 2023

Lamb market had a lot of activity & sold \$\$ higher
Slaughter ewes sold \$10 lower

Next Sale - March 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Cook, Daniel, Glad Valley SD.....	20	....Ewe	....98	....\$168.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT.....	206	....Lamb	....86	....\$181.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT.....	284	....Lamb	....104	....\$163.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND.....	100	....Lamb	....170	....\$148.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND.....	32	....Lamb	....123	....\$131.00
Horvey, Roy Or Nola, Ralph SD.....	126	....Lamb	....71	....\$193.00
Kammerer, Jessica, Rapid City SD.....	25	....Lamb	....89	....\$181.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD.....	118	....Lamb	....96	....\$158.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD.....	15	....Lamb	....125	....\$131.00
Miller, Kianna, Newell SD.....	17	....Lamb	....112	....\$140.00
Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD.....	39	....Ewe	....79	....\$199.00
Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD.....	29	....Lamb	....67	....\$225.00
Sarsland, Richard & Ruby, Ludlow SD.....	79	....Lamb	....87	....\$181.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD.....	34	....Lamb	....60	....\$195.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD.....	226	....Lamb	....76	....\$185.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD.....	38	....Lamb	....99	....\$161.00
Widdel, Jessi, Minot ND.....	62	....Lamb	....84	....\$174.00

Butcher Ewes

Veal Black Angus, Meadow SD.....	13	....K Ewe	....140	....\$67.00
Veal Black Angus, Meadow SD.....	32	....K Ewe	....167	....\$63.00
Veal Black Angus, Meadow SD.....	70	....K Ewe	....209	....\$55.00
Widdel, Jessi, Minot ND.....	39	....K Ewe	....161	....\$65.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, March 9, 2023
Feeder Lamb Special
Please Have Animals In By Noon So They Can All Be Weighed Before 1 PM.

2023 SHEEP SALES

March 16th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 23rd – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 30th – New Crop Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 6th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 13th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 20th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 27th – New Crop Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 4th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 11th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 18th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 25th – New Crop Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 1st – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 8th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 15th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 22nd – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Friday, March 10, 2023

Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special

10:00 AM - Weigh Up Cattle 12:00 Noon - Feeder Cattle

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free

BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

Feeder Cattle

Lightning Ridge Ranch – 150 Blk Strs – 600-650# - BT, PC
- 80 Blk Hfrs – 500-600# - BT, PC

Phil Verwolf – 115 Blk Mostly Hfrs – 600-675# - BT, PC, Poured, BV, Replacement Quality
Kelly Ranch – 65 Blk Hfrs – 600-650# - BT, PC, BV
- 35 Blk Strs – 500-600# - BT, PC

Rockin B Feeders – 40 Blk Strs – 525-600# - BT, PC

Bill Jannsen – 20 Blk Hfrs – 750# - BT, PC, Poured, BV, Replacement Quality
Jason Whitney – 15 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 600-650# - BT, PC

Plus More By Sale Time!

2023 CATTLE SALES


March 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes
March 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes
March 31st – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes
April 7th – Grass Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes

2023 SPRING BULL SALE LIST

March 31st – Wilson Simangus Bull Sale
April 7th – Kammerer Angus & CK Bar Ranch Bull Sales
April 14th – Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale
May – Turn-Out Bull Sale

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**Dan Miller's
Cowboy Music Review
Thursday March 9
BFRC**

Dan Miller's Cowboy Music Review is coming to Belle Fourche on Thursday March 9th. They will appear on the stage of the Rec Center at 7pm as part of the Center of the Nation Concert Association series.


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

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

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

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



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




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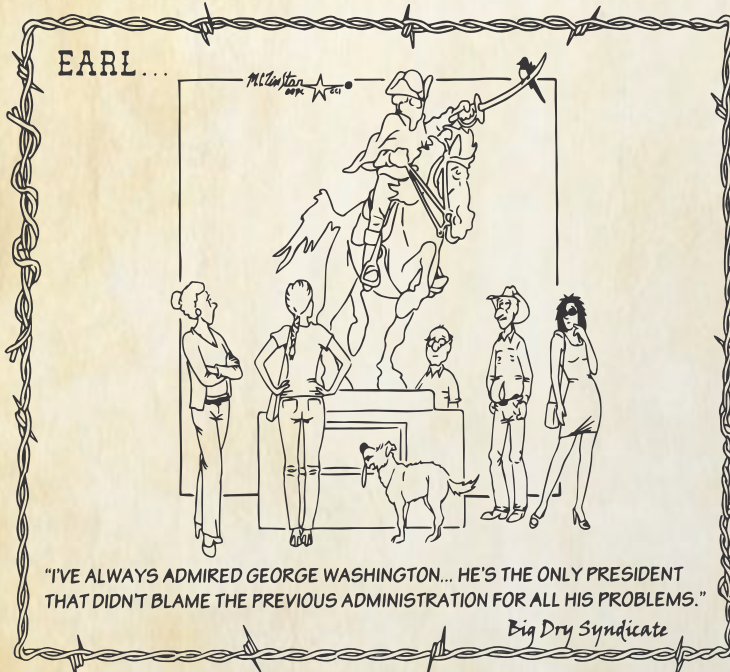
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by Jim Thompson



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

This may have been featured in this column before, but with Major League Baseball's spring training starting soon in Arizona, I had to dig this out:

If You Give a Boy a Baseball...

If you give a boy a baseball, he will want a bat to go with it.

You'll buy him the best bat you can find, and then he will probably want a bucket of balls and a glove and some cleats too.

Then, he will probably spend hours begging you to go out in the yard to play with him, even though you may want to sit on the couch and watch tv. He will insist. And his insistence will win.

And when a boy gets a jersey, he will need pants and socks and a belt to go with it. And a TEAM.....

And then life as you know it will end.

There will be no more lazy weekends watching tv. You will see more sunrises than you ever thought possible. Every spare minute of your time will be spent hauling buckets and bags and stinky cleats and crazy boys all over tarnation for hours to practice for a game. THE GAME.

And your house will be a mess. And your car will be dirty. All because you gave a boy a baseball.

Your weekends will be spent freezing or burning to death on a fold up chair. And his weekends will be spent gaining confidence and friends, and learning new skills and having fun and getting dirty. So dirty in fact that you will have to learn how to do laundry in a whole new way, like maybe at a carwash using the pressure washer.

And you will be there the day he hits his first

home run, first strikeout, and his first double play. And he will make you SO proud. The other parents will congratulate you. But you feel weird saying thank you because it's not you at bat or on the mound. It's all him, you're merely the facilitator.

And right before your eyes, your little boy will be transformed from the baby who spun around with his head on the bat, (because he loves attention), into a pitcher. Because he loves attention... still.

When you give a boy a baseball, you give him more than just a ball. You give him a sport, and a talent, and hope, and dreams, and friends, a new family, a place to learn about life, room to grow as a person where he can push his limits, and bravery, and courage and LIFE, and memories. And he will have ALL of these things, simply because you gave a boy a baseball.

Because you gave a boy a baseball, you too will develop new/lifelong friendships, developed solely from the same passion for the game and love of your team. You will root together. Also, you can count on spewing PG-13 things out of your mouths together. Because you gave a boy a baseball.

Then one day, many years from today....he will be in his room and a baseball will roll out from an old dusty batbag underneath his bed. And he will pick it up and realize instantly that when you gave that boy a baseball, you also gave him a childhood that he would never forget. And then he will hug you, and your eyes may leak – because you realize that everything YOU gave up along the way.....was worth it!

All because you gave a boy a baseball.....

Remembering my baseball days..I'm Jim Thompson

Stetson Wright Sets Record at San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO – Heading into the finals on Saturday at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Stetson Wright was sitting No. 1 in the PRCA | RAM World Standings in both the saddle bronc and bull riding.

Three hours before the finals, the roughstock athletes drafted the animals they would ride in the final go-round. Wright was toward the back end of the draw but got the perfect dancing partner in The Cervi Brothers' Ricky Bobby.

In 2021, Wright secured his first saddle bronc riding world championship on that same horse to the tune of 93 points in Round 10 of that year's Wran-

gler National Finals Rodeo. It was a matchup he knew could carry him to the win in the Alamo City and that's exactly what happened.

His eight-second ride was good enough for 92.5 points and the new San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo arena record.

"I actually won my first world title in the saddle bronc riding on him," said Wright, 23. "So, I just figured let's do it again."

Wright knew with the stock up Saturday night, and the cowboys getting on them that he was going to have to be special to take home the coveted San Antonio buckle. The top four finishers in the saddle bronc

riding all registered 90-point scores or better.

Stetson Wright earned \$44,750 in saddle bronc riding and bull riding in San Antonio.

Other winners at the \$1,353,600 rodeo were bareback rider Leighton Berry (93 points on Frontier Rodeo's Gunfire); steer wrestler Jesse Brown (3.1 seconds); team ropers Dustin Egusquiza/Levi Lord (4.1 seconds); breakaway roper Shelby Boisjoli (1.7 seconds); tie-down roper Riley Pruitt (7.2 seconds); barrel racer Kassie Mowry (13.95 seconds); and bull rider Jeff Askey (90 points on Pete Carr Pro Rodeo's Bayou Bengal).

STAT OF THE WEEK

\$44,750

THE COMBINED AMOUNT OF MONEY EARNED BY STETSON WRIGHT IN SADDLE BRONC RIDING AND BULL RIDING AT THE SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK STOCK SHOW & RODEO, WHICH CONCLUDED FEB. 25.

WORLD STANDINGS

AA: STETSON WRIGHT	\$112,480
BB: KEENAN HAYES	\$46,986
SW: WILL LUMMUS	\$37,272
TR-HD: ANDREW WARD	\$43,565
TR-HL: BUDDY HAWKINS II	\$43,565
SB: STETSON WRIGHT	\$71,809
TD: WESTYN HUGHES	\$32,933
SR: COLE PATTERSON	\$24,669
BR: JEFF ASKEY	\$59,003


2023

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BARREL RACING STANDINGS


2023 Standings
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Rank	Name	Hometown	Money Won
1	Jackie Ganter	Abilene, TX	\$45,768.10
2	Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi	Lampasas, TX	\$29,973.96
3	Lisa Lockhart (G)	Oelrichs, SD	\$29,842.20
4	Sissy Winn	Chapman, TX	\$28,668.33
5	Margo Crowther	North Fort Myers, FL	\$27,535.15
6	Kassie Mowry	Dublin, TX	\$27,302.27
7	Hailey Kinsel	Cotulla, TX	\$24,306.88
8	Jordan Briggs	Tolar, TX	\$23,467.22
9	Emily Beisel	Weatherford, OK	\$21,148.40
10	Ilyssa Riley	Hico, TX	\$20,279.34
11	Bayleigh Choate	Fort Worth, TX	\$19,593.49
12	Kelly Allen	Stephenville, TX	\$19,316.43
13	Jimmie Smith-Tew	McDade, TX	\$18,458.83
14	Erin Wetzel	Plant City, FL	\$18,430.91
15	Dona Kay Rule	Minco, OK	\$16,386.62



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“Hunting The Dakotas”

Gouache

One of my few bird paintings, this one in a 1930s setting and typical of a South Dakota hunting scene.





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Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

Folks have commented on how they have enjoyed the milder temperatures this past week. Judging by the forecast we still have a few weeks of winter weather to enjoy, yet we continue to look forward to spring like temperatures.

The weather co-operated nicely for the Chance Dennis fundraiser held on Saturday night at the Central Meade County Community Center. It was very well attended and they were able to raise some funds for him to put toward medical expenses. Meade County proved once again that it stays true to it's friends and neighbors in a special time of need.

Jack Seller made a wonder-

ful breakfast for the ladies on Saturday with a Ladies Prayer Breakfast at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. He is very much appreciated for his biscuits and gravy breakfast and his heart for people.

All of the tables were full in the fellowship room on Sunday after church services for pot luck dinner at the CB Church in Union Center. Folks enjoyed good food and fellowship as it was the first Sunday of the month. That is always the scheduled monthly pot luck dinner.

This week will be the last week of the Legislative Session. It is always the hardest week when compromises need to be made, wise decisions are key, and strong discernment needs to be shown. Some VETOs of bills may happen if they are bills that are not good for South Dakotans, and some bills will pass that folks both agree and disagree on. Legislators are state employees for approximately 40 days per year while all other state employees are hired for the full year. We

are thankful for the hard work of our Senator Dean Wink and Representatives Kirk Chaffee and Gary Cammack. God bless our legislators from Meade County and we pray for their discernment this week. The Lt. Governor from Meade County could also use prayers this week as well as he serves in a different but challenging role at this time as well.

Kirk Chaffee reported to the Meade County Republican Women this last Friday in Sturgis with one week of the legislative session to go. Then all three Dist.29 legislators attended a Cracker Barrel on Saturday morning. We thank them for their attendance at these events so they can inform the constituents of Meade County to the best of their abilities.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting is featuring Union Center and its surrounding ranching communities in an upcoming DakotaLife TV show. But they need your help coming up with stories of your community. DakotaLife will be gathering story ideas during the Cammack Ranch Sup-

Capitol News



Filling in for Karen this week is Charlie Odell

Since it's been a while since I did the news I decided to give Karen a break. Karen is still working on getting the Vaughnsville School History updated. She got her St. David's Day/Christmas letter written and mailed. Micki's birthday was on Tuesday, February 28th, and her brother Ronnie's was on Wednesday, March 1st, so she called and sang Happy Birthday to both of them. I just wished them both a Happy Birthday. We watched Carson play the French Horn in a concert at his school in Mitchell on Friday. I went to Buffalo on Tuesday to get waterer parts and to the hills on Saturday to get supplies and pet food ahead of the predicted snow and wind for this week. According to the weather channel Capitol could get 3 to 10 inches of snow for the week. I'm hoping for the 3 inches since I have never been a big fan of snow for moisture. I'll take a good soaking rain anytime, but I guess we'll take what we get.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson mostly stayed home and did chores. Lynn did go to the Bullock play with Tawny Tetrault. They went to church at Little Missouri Church on Sunday.

Julia Davis worked a couple of days this week. Julia and Tammy White went to Spearfish and Belle Fourche for supplies and to a Annie's Project for Women in Agriculture Seminar.

On Thursday Doug went over to Buffalo to the NRCS to sign up for the agriculture programs. On Friday Julia went to Camp Crook to pick up her Allison's Pantry groceries and to visit her sister, Laurie.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum and Ester Oleson all visited Jr. and Shirley Melum on Sunday.

Erma and Dick Albert went to the Senior Citizens dinner on Friday. It was fried chicken day but since it was Lent the cook made them egg salad sandwiches for the dinner and they took some chicken home for supper. They went to the hills for a dental appointment on Saturday. Dick went to church on Sunday and then ate dinner at the Number 3 with the Erks and Helms.

The kids didn't have school for couple of days so Dawn Padden got a break from doing chores. Dorothy, Dawn and Bryce Padden went to Buffalo for the first round of basketball play offs on Tuesday. Dawn went with Nancy and Wayne Johnson to Gettysburg to the girls basketball SoDak 16 game against Sully Butte on Thursday. The girls lost so their season is over. After she got home Dawn spent until 2:30 in the morning checking pictures. They started calving and from midnight Thursday until 9:30AM Friday they had 10 calves. On Friday Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went to watch the Harding County boys in the Regional Semi Finals. The boys are now in the SoDak 16. They will play Castlewood in Ft. Pierre next week.

Ronda Cordell took Leilah to Belle Fourche for an ultra

sound on Monday morning. The clinic was quite busy that day so they were unable to do it. On Tuesday she made a double batch of Zippy Hot Mustard for Cristen Westling to come get on Friday. Leilah's ultra sound was rescheduled for Friday. Diane Wear came from Ekalaka on Wednesday to spend the night and ride with Ronda to Spearfish on Thursday to drive her home after her colonoscopy. On Saturday, after chores, she watched the Linhart Limousin Bull Sale on the computer. Sunday morning is always a special day for the dogs, as she generally watches 'Good Morning America' and 'Dr. Jeremiah' before going outside. The dogs seem to like sitting down for a few hours and getting some one on one attention. Toney and Linda Hannah picked Ronda up Sunday afternoon to go to Bullock to see the play, 'The Beverly Hillbillies'. It was absolutely fantastic and very funny. The actors did a fabulous job. "Great job" to all that had a part in putting the play on.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to the 1st round of basketball play offs at BHSU on Tuesday. Both the boys and girls teams played. The girls lost, but the boys won and will move on to the next round of playoffs. Marlee went to church on Sunday and then took Ryan's kids to the Bullock play. They are getting a few more calves.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to Baker to church on Sunday. They visited Jr. and Shirley that afternoon.

I hope that everyone has a great week and Karen will be talking to you next Sunday.

Volunteers of America Holds Open House for new Program for Veterans

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Volunteers of America (VOA) held an open house for their Homeless Veteran's Reintegration Program (HVRP) in their newest Veteran Service office in Spearfish on Thursday, March 2. Visitors were welcomed by Kelly Folsom, Development Director, and led in a prayer as VOA is a faith-based organization.

Craig Figus, Senior Director, provided the visitors with a program overview and insight to the success of the program in other states such as Montana and Wyoming and now serving western South Dakota.

Joshua Harris, HVRP Manager, gave testimonials from the program's success and shared his excitement in having this

new office in Spearfish available for them. The Spearfish office coverage area is Butte, Meade, and Lawrence Counties.

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program provides employment services for homeless veterans in hopes of meaningful and long term employment. The VOA collaborates with other service providers to ensure any gaps in service are being filled.

Veteran services offered include; individual case management, job search assistance, employer referrals, vocational training, transportation assistance, job retention services, work tools & clothing assistance, and post-employment follow-up and support. For additional information you may contact the organization at 844-4-VOA-VET or (605) 863-4616.



Joshua Harris, HVRP Manager cuts the ribbon to open the new Volunteers of AmericaNorthern Rockies area office in Spearfish. Craigh Figus, VOANR Senior Director (left) holds the ribbon along with Traci Angeloff, VOANR Vice President (right). The center serves Lawrence, Butte and Meade counties. - Beacon photo

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From A1 Well

of the work will likely have to be avoided during high demand usage in the summer months.

“When it finally does happen, the timeframe will depend a lot upon when we get the new well completed. And only after that can we begin looking at that bigger project,” Hardy said.

Part of the expense of the new Hat Ranch Well #3 is due to the dimensions of the well itself. Engineers expect it will need to be around 2,000 feet deep to maintain current water quality standards.

“It would be drilled into the Madison aquafer, the same as the other two wells,” Hardy said. “The Minnelusa aquafer is above it but is generally not as good quality of water. We don’t want two different sources.”

How wide a service area the well will accommodate will depend on the waterflow that

the well generates.

“Part of our contract with AE2S will be to determine the waterflow we get,” Hardy said. “Once we do that, we can then look at how we might have to upsize the water tank at Hat Ranch. And then later on we can look at the springline replacement.”

The potential upsizing of the water tank would be a separate project, according to Hardy, and is not part of the \$1.7 million allocated for the well.

According to AE2S, final design of the project should be completed by the end of May. Bids for construction are expected in late May or early June with construction to be completed in the 4th quarter. Testing and closeout to put the new well into service should be completed by the end of the year, depending on well drilling services and material availability, according to Hardy.

Belle Fourche Schools win USDA Silver Level award for summer meal program

BELLE FOURCHE, SD — Belle Fourche School District has received high level honors from the United States Department of Agriculture for its exceptional summer meal program.

It is the first year Belle Fourche schools has been recognized with a “Turnip the Beet” award for its efforts, and it was the only summer meals sponsor in the state of South Dakota to be recognized with a Silver Level honor.

Only 98 districts were recognized with Turnip the Beet awards nationwide. This award was created to showcase sponsors who are going above and beyond to ensure that chil-

dren in their care are receiving high-quality meals that are both nutritious and appetizing.

Belle Fourche Schools serves breakfast and lunch during its summer meal program, which is free for children ages 1-18. This program has high participation each summer. In the summer of 2022, team members served an average of 90 breakfasts and 143 lunches per day between the two in-person serving locations at the Middle School and Elementary.

Dr. Steve Willard, Superintendent, said the district is grateful for its summer food service program provided by Lunchtime Solutions. “The Lunchtime team’s role in

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street” — by John Newby Without Vision, we Fail!


Roy T. Bennett, once said, “Don’t let others tell you what you can’t do. Don’t let the limitations of others limit your vision. If you can remove your self-doubt and believe in yourself, you can achieve what you never thought possible.” When it comes to local community vision, this quote hits the nail on the head. Local communities can be the home of well-meaning small-minded and poverty-minded leaders and influencers – you know those I am referring to, those afraid to think big and fearing failure. Communities without big dreams or vision are bidding their time as irrelevance draws closer each day.

It is easy to discuss the importance of vision, innovation, entrepreneurship and creativity, but not always so easy to put those words into specific action and more importantly, positive results. With that in mind, let me




offer a few suggestions regarding vision, action and innovative thinking that local communities might consider.

Let’s tackle innovation first. Those living in the innovation world understand a few basics relating to innovation. The art of innovation, and it is an art, involves failure. Without failure, you simply aren’t innovating aggressively enough. What is the art of innovation? You fail fast, you fail cheap and you know when to move on. Innovators understand the best lessons obtained are those obtained through failed innovation. All great innovators throughout time failed more times than they succeeded. Each failed innovation taught them something that would be used in future successful innovations. Ty Cobb, the man many considered one of the greatest hitters of all-time with a lifetime batting average



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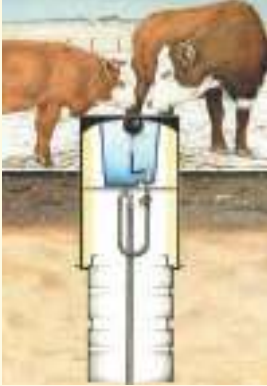


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at the time. “The correct way I would propose in the future is to establish a committee of HR, City Finance Director, department heads and two or three council members to develop a revised pay structure that is considered equitable across the board. That recommendation would follow the normal path through Legal and Finance and then the council. I think everyone here is in agreement that our employees are underpaid and we need to bring our entire city staff up to a competitive level and make logical adjustments using this new process.”

“This was something I took away from a budget session

(last year) and all council agreed we needed to look at this,” Schmidt said last week.

Randy Sowers, Ward 3 Councilmember, agreed that the task force was the way to go.

“I think it’s a wise decision because in a committee we have a tendency to get bogged down with different issues and this would be more streamlined,” Sowers told the Council last week. “I think we’d be more likely of presenting something to council as a solution so I think the task force is the right decision.”

Mayor Schmidt said he expects the task force to meet 1 or 2 times a month. He set a

tentative deadline for recommendations to be presented by July 21, 2023. This would allow for a new plan to be in place before the beginning of 2024 budget hearings.

“We said last year that after the first of the year we were going to set up a task force so we don’t have to deal with this at the last minute again,” Schmaltz said last week. “So now we will have something to bring to the council.”

The first City Wages and Benefits Task Force meeting was set for Wednesday, Mar. 8, at 9:00 am in the city hall conference room on the second floor.

Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Receives \$8000 Grant

Butte/Lawrence County 4-H received an \$8,000 grant for the county fairground horse arena. The grant is provided through the Farm Credit Services of America’s (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund.

The Working Here Fund grant will be used to begin phase one of the fairground updates. Phase one will include updating the roping boxes, lead-up pens, return alleys and chutes of the existing arena. Labor and maintenance for this project will be provided by leaders and 4-H clubs to create the new arena.

“We foresee this being a viable option to sustain this horse arena,” said Michelle May, youth program advisor. “We would like to ensure that what was started there over 100 years ago not only is secured to continue, but also to grow for many more years and events.”

Phase one is expected to be complete by mid-July. This will allow the county fair horse

show, family rodeo and sheep dog trials to go forth the week of July 31-August 5, 2023. A special thank you goes out to Shana Howell, 4-H Club leader to Short Chaps & Butte County Resident, for casting the vision, formulating the details, and establishing a work team.

“Supporting projects that positively impact the communities in which we live and work is one way we can give back to the people we serve and the rural life we value so highly,” said Tanya Houska, regional vice president of retail operations at FCSAmerica’s Rapid City office.

Butte/Lawrence County 4-H is one of 56 organizations to receive an expanded Working Here Fund grant in the fourth quarter of 2022. FCSAmerica awarded each organization up to \$10,000 for a total of \$306,250 to support projects focused on agricultural education, hunger and nutrition, young and beginning producer programs or rural

disaster relief/essential services.

Butte/Lawrence County 4-H enables youth to be engaged in learning life skills, developing their fullest potential, positive learning environments, and partnerships with caring adults. If one holds any interests in participating in the project and/or 4-H Youth Development Program, they can contact the Butte County SDSU Extension Office at 605-892-3371.

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ners that participate in summer feeding recognized with Turnip the Beet awards each year.

“We are proud to have several more schools added to that list this year,” Coyle said. “These awards promote the tremendous amount of hard work and focus our teams devote to their outstanding summer programs. To Lunchtime, the best reward is knowing more children are eating. This recognition symbolizes the passion Lunchtime and Belle Fourche schools share to fuel the minds of the future.”

Food Service Director Heidi Gallatin said a majority of children who participate in Belle Fourche’s summer meal program are attending summer

school or the school’s summer academic enrichment program, but there were participants from the community, as well.

The unlimited fruit and veggie bar offered at each lunch contains at least four choices each day in a rainbow of colors, along with a hot vegetable. “Students are highly encouraged to take as many fruits and vegetables as they’d like and to come back for more servings,” Gallatin said.

Another important award criteria was the use of student feedback to formulate menus. The food service team uses many years of knowledge and production records to serve items students like the best, Gallatin said.

turning an old Swift Gold Leaf Factory into a great community incubator for innovation, opportunity, job creation, educating youth and spurring economic growth throughout the community. While Hartford isn’t what we might consider a small or even medium-sized community, this idea can resonate on a smaller scale in any community with just an ounce of vision.

I would encourage every community to have their version of an incubator that promotes, encourages and houses innovation, creativity and local entrepreneurship. That would be the very definition of vision with action.

I have touched on many topics over the past year, but I will say vision, without a doubt, may be the most important aspect or trait a local community can nurture. Many of the traditional problems plaguing a community can be attributed to lack of innovation, dreams and vision. A community with big dreams can go farther than they can ever imagine. A community with an innovative spirit can overturn

decades of decline and poor past decisions. A community with a strong will and vision can attain heights otherwise never deemed or dreamed possible. If you build it (vision), they will come. Not only will they come, they are much more likely to follow those leaders and business owners with vision.

Let me close with another great Roy T. Bennett quote. “Good leaders have vision and inspire others to help them turn vision into reality. Great leaders create more leaders, not followers. Great leaders have vision, share vision, and inspire others to create their own”. Don’t let your lack of vision be your downfall – let it be your driving force and mission.

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**** Suggestions for Reasons**

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.....	25.....	Black-Brd Cow Sm.....	1536 1700.00
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.....	34.....	Black-Brd Cow Bm.....	1439 1600.00
.....	9.....	Black-Brd Cow Bm.....	1529 1600.00
.....	10.....	Black-Brd Cow Bm.....	1406 1610.00
.....	19.....	Black-Brd Cow Bm.....	1441 1600.00
52 Ranch Inc, Glendive Mt.....	20.....	Black-Brd Cow 3-6 Yo.....	1446 1885.00
Norman Olson, Jordan Mt.....	6.....	Black-Brd Cow Sm.....	1388 1700.00
.....	15.....	Black-Brd Cow Bm.....	1391 1450.00
S & J Livestock Llc, Jordan Mt.....	8.....	Black-Brd Cow 3-6 Yo.....	1446 1885.00
.....	8.....	Black-Brd Cow 5-Sm.....	1424 1710.00
.....	5.....	Black-Brd Cow Bm.....	1390 1600.00
Grubbing Hoe Ranch, Buffalo Sd.....	31.....	Black-Brd Cow.....	1339 1285.00
J Bar L Ranches, Melville Mt.....	9.....	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3-6 Yo.....	1216.....1400.00

FEEDER CATTLE	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
Steven Schuldis, Nisland Sd.....	40.....	Black-Hfr Bv Pc, Ni.....	617 199.00.....	1,227.33 \$
.....	9.....	Black-Hfr Bv Pc, Ni.....	480.....	964.80 \$
.....	5.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	502 233.00.....	1,169.66 \$
Bernard Hansen, Forsyth Mt.....	37.....	Red/Rwf-Str Pc Ni.....	598 215.00.....	1,285.06 \$
.....	33.....	Red/Rwf-Hfr Pc Ni.....	550 207.50.....	1,141.56 \$
Don Zimmerschied, Moorcroft WY.....	8.....	Bwf-Str.....	650 220.00.....	1,430.00 \$
.....	10.....	Rwf/Bwf-Str.....	528 237.00.....	1,251.36 \$
Sodak Angus Ranch, Reva Sd.....	14.....	Bwf-Str.....	693 203.50.....	1,409.23 \$
.....	12.....	Rwf/Bwf-Str.....	625 212.00.....	1,325.88 \$
Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka Mt.....	15.....	Black-Hfr Bv Pc, Ni.....	405 213.50.....	863.96 \$
Royal Friesen, Hardin Mt.....	13.....	Black-Str Bt, Ni.....	857 169.00.....	1,447.55 \$
.....	9.....	Black-Hfr Bt, Ni.....	1006 138.00.....	1,388.43 \$
Redland Red Angus, Hysham Mt.....	40.....	Rd/Blk-Yring Str.....	1032 148.00.....	1,527.17 \$
Alyn Haughian, Kinsey Mt.....	41.....	Blk/Bwf-Str.....	548 239.00.....	1,309.54 \$
.....	12.....	Blk/Bwf-Str.....	403 235.00.....	947.83 \$
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Lyle Carroll, Powell WY.....	14.....	Black-Hfr Bv Pc, Ni.....	379 223.00.....	845.01 \$
Cal Davison, Miles City Mt.....	7.....	Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	646 182.50.....	1,178.42 \$
.....	20.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bv Pc.....	608 192.00.....	1,166.40 \$

COWS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
Ed Lawrence, Alzada Mt.....	14.....	Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1548 90.00.....	1,392.75 \$
.....	9.....	Herf-Cow.....	1552 85.00.....	1,318.91 \$
.....	6.....	Black-Cow.....	1478 87.50.....	1,293.54 \$
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Alyn Haughian, Kinsey Mt.....	2.....	Black-Cowette.....	950 122.00.....	1,159.00 \$
Bales Ranch Inc, Otter Mt.....	63.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr.....	908 147.00.....	1,334.08 \$
.....	10.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr.....	810 147.00.....	1,190.70 \$
.....	1.....	Rwf-Hfr.....	960 132.50.....	1,272.00 \$
.....	8.....	Rd/Blk-Cow.....	1109 91.00.....	1,009.53 \$
.....	8.....	Black-Cow.....	1397 90.50.....	1,264.17 \$
Elizabeth Ritter, Broadus Mt.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1570 87.50.....	1,373.75 \$
Troy Mills, Boyes Mt.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1215 91.00.....	1,105.65 \$

.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1120 81.00.....	907.20 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1290 84.50.....	1,090.05 \$
Austin T Risty, Reva Sd.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1443 84.50.....	1,218.91 \$
.....	2.....	Black-Cowette.....	1193 96.00.....	1,144.80 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1575 88.00.....	1,386.00 \$
Muleshoe Ranch, Belle Fourche Sd.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1315 90.50.....	1,190.07 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1600 94.00.....	1,504.00 \$
Grubbing Hoe Ranch, Buffalo Sd.....	17.....	Blk/Bwf-Cowette.....	1123 107.50.....	1,207.16 \$
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.....	9.....	Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1184 83.00.....	982.62 \$
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.....	43.....	Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1282 93.50.....	1,199.08 \$
Center Of The Nation, Newell Sd.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1280 97.00.....	1,241.60 \$
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.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1880 110.00.....	2,068.00 \$
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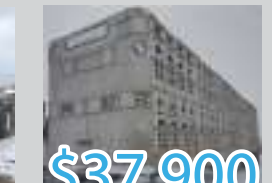
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South Dakota 4-H State Ambassador

Hey, I'm Wyatt Lesmeister, one of this year's South Dakota 4-H State Ambassadors. These past few months me and some of the other ambassadors have been meeting together in Pierre and Rapid City to come up with better ways to promote the 4-H program while also building our leadership skills.

In the Ambassador Program there are two committees we can join, Teen Leadership Conference and Marketing. I'm on the latter.

The Marketing Committee tries to promote the 4-H program throughout the state, and this year we've come up with something good. Since it's still in the drafting phase, there isn't much I can say.

I can say that what we plan to do may help first-time 4-Hers and their families. Our main program is called Adopt-a-

Mentor and is designed to help youth get involved in 4-H through having an experienced member educate other youth about 4-H.

A 4-H mentor will be helping the youth understand how 4-H works, how to bring in new

members, and how fun 4-H can be! This program would be run at and by the counties in South Dakota. This would allow potential and new 4-H members who have never been in 4-H a chance to be guided in by a senior member of the county.

Parents would also be able to join the kids through their mentorship, if they have never been in 4-H either. We are also planning out different ways counties can promote 4-H to potential new members as well.

The overall purpose of this possible new program is to allow new/potential members and their parents a smoother way into 4-H involvement. This also gives our senior members a chance to show what they know.

More things are coming up as we speak, so who knows what else may be offered by this program?



Wyatt Lesmeister



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Meeting with the Legislators and Speaking Their Concerns

February Cracker Barrel Session

Betty Bruner

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NEWELL-Saturday morning Feb. 25 saw a crowd gathered in the Newell City Hall to hear what local legislators had to share about the current legislative session. Whatever It Takes Coalition and the Town of Newell sponsored the event to keep citizens informed about important issues that may concern them. It was an opportunity to talk to representatives and senators on a one to one basis and to hear what they have to say.

Senators Ryan Maher and Dean Wink and Representatives Neal Pinnow and Gary Cammack were available to discuss issues.

Mayor Ken Wetz opened the meeting with introductions and gave each legislator a moment to share specifics on each person legislation.

Senator Ryan Maher has served for 15 years in Pierre. As a senator he has served on the Appropriations Committee. He explained several of the areas he had been working on that included the 2023 budget and beginning on the 2024 budget. He said that when he had started in 2007, the state budget was \$3 billion, today there is an \$8 billion budget. The bulk of which is from federal funding. The estimated revenue of \$2.3 billion comes from taxes that include sales tax, bank franchise taxes, contractors excise tax, and lottery taxes.

Senator Dean Wink serves on the Senate Appropriations committee. He said that they are working on finalizing things this week. Wink is also on the senate Select Committee on Discipline & Expulsion, and chairs the Senate Governor Operation and Audit Committee. He represents Meade County.

Representative Neal Pinnow is the new comer to the state legislature. He is a member of the Commerce and Energy Committee. As part of the Taxation Committee, he explained several tax cuts that the Committee worked on. The property tax and food tax curtailment were both defeated. There is a possibility of the sales tax being reduced from 4.5% to 4.2%. It will be committee this week. Retirement laws are also being considered.

Representative Gary Cammack, who represents Meade County, began by thanking the Whatever It Takes Coalition for sponsoring this event. He also shared that they have reached

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NVN Homeschoolers Celebrate



The Newell, Vale Nisland (NVN) homeschoolers meet twice a month at the Nisland Church for cooperative learning and special opportunities to hold events such as the one they held on February 4. The homeschool students are shown with their finished paintings, along with instructor Colleen Brunner, far right - Brunner photo

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Vale Community Club Flips Flapjacks

Colleen Brunner

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VALE – The Vale Community Club keeps on plugging away. Keeping the lights on and events being held. And the core group that continues to hold them together plans fundraisers

to help keep things moving.

One of those took place recently with a pancake fundraiser on February 26. Unfortunately there were many other events in the area that same day so the turnout could have been better. But the team planned and held the event for locals who

enjoyed sausages, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, and a variety of toppings, including strawberries.

Dan Dunn flipped the pancakes while Wanda and Larry and Donna Knudson helped

prepare the food. The sausages were donated by Newmart in Newell.

The event ran from 5-7 p.m. at the hall. Their monthly bingo will begin again in April.



A local farmer, Brian Stambaugh, had several questions for the legislators. His main concerns were strengthening absentee voting and taxation of green energy. - Betty Bruner photo



Not what they had hoped but many turned out to support the Vale Community Club on February 26. - Brunner photo

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THURSDAY, MAR 9

Breakfast: Muffins, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk

Lunch: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peaches, FF, Milk

MONDAY, MAR 13

Breakfast: Pancakes, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Broccoli, FF, Apple-sauce, Milk

TUESDAY, MAR 14

Breakfast: Turkey Tornados, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Green Beans, FF, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

WEDNESDAY, MAR 15

Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, FF, Pears, Milk

THURSDAY, MAR 16

Breakfast: Breakfast Wraps, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Goulash, Corn Bread, FF, Tropical Fruit, Milk

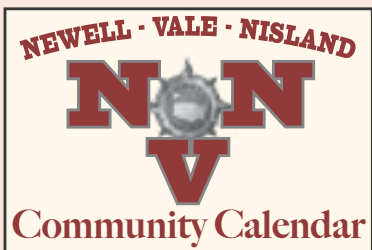
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Mar. 8: Nisland Church Youth Ministries, 6 p.m.; Adult Bible Study also at 6 p.m. 402 Olin, Nisland SD

Mar. 11: Newell school play, 5 p.m. at Austin Auditorium.

Mar. 11: TIME CHANGE. Spring your clock forward 1 hour before going to bed!!

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

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

Mar. 18: Newell elementary basketball fundraiser night, kids play parents. 5 p.m. in Austin Auditorium.

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

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

Apr. 19: Free women's car care clinic. SML Point S Tire at 1909 5th Ave. Belle Fourche. Teaches basic car care. Call 605-723-7700 to reserve a spot. Great idea for new, young, female drivers. The company plans to do a new, young, male event later.

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the cross-over portion of the legislative session. At this time, bills from the Senate cross to the House and vice versa. His committee has been taking a hard look at taxes. They have passed the plan for disclosure for foreign entities to own South Dakota land.

Questions began from the floor, led by Mayor Wetz. He stated that a lot of bills have been in the House concerning eminent domain. Cammack explained that the concern was about the capture of CO2 from ethanol plants. From the ethanol side, it is important to see how friendly those plants are friendly to the environment. Discussion centered around whether CO2 was a commodity.

Pinnow explained that the House decided that it was not a commodity. Once it is transferred and placed in the ground, it cannot no longer be used. From the crowd, Brian Stambaugh asked about taxation for green energy. He also touched on the absentee voting laws.

Maher would like to see absentee voting changed to 30 days prior to an election. He

also pointed out that wind farms are taxed with local governments receiving that tax money for the first three years. Wink pointed out that 2/3 of revenue in South Dakota comes from sales tax.

Property taxes were brought to the front when Bill Kluck spoke about tax assessments. As a former member of the Brand Board, Kluck mentioned the problems of the State Brand Board. The election on the Brand Board is an "extreme problem" he said.

Representative Cammack agreed that tax assessments needed changed and that land that was Class 4 should not be taxed as cropland.

Opinions on Bill SD40, which has not been voted on, brought remarks from the legislators. The bill would change the lieutenant governor and other constitutional offices are chosen. Wink would rather have those people chosen by popular vote. Maher said that he voted for SD40 and that he believes in putting the vote to the people. He added that at least the governor should choose the Lieutenant Governor. Pinnow said that he would vote against it when it goes to the House floor.

Wink would rather have those people chosen by popular vote.

Mayor Wetz said that he thinks it helps county organizations to have more purpose.

Voting roles were discussed next when Bill Wood asked why the roles were not purged more regularly. Maher said that South Dakota purges voter lists on a weekly basis. The only loophole is if the person dies after their absentee ballot has been sent in.

Sherry Hocking and Deputy Jason March both hit on the subject of retirement for EMTs and Emergency Service personnel. Even though EMS has been moved to Class B for retirement, that holds true only for full time EMS not volunteer organizations like Newell. March suggested that perhaps a tax break would help.

A last subject was a question concerning CRT (Critical Race Theory) being taught in local schools. Newell School Superintendent Andrew Fergen assured the crowd that it was not being taught in Newell.

Mayor Wetz conclude the morning's session by expressing his confidence in the legislators that were present.

"We are well represented out here. Thank you," he said.



Mayor Ken Wetz introduced the four legislators that attended the Cracker Barrel session in Newell. From the left are Mayor Ken Wetz, Representative Gary Cammack, Representative Neal Pinnow, Senator Dean Wink, and Senator Ryan Maher. - Betty Bruner photo

NVN Homeschoolers Celebrate

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NISLAND – The Newell, Vale Nisland (NVN) homeschoolers meet twice a month at the Nisland Church for cooperative learning and special opportunities to hold events such as the one they held on February 4. Around 30 homeschoolers attended, along with parents, as they met to have a "sip-n-paint" event, painting a Valentines themed painting. Colleen Brunner was the instructor.

One of the parents, Anna Crockford, supplies plastic glasses and grape juice for the "sip" portion of the event. They also shared a meal as they usually do when they meet, with each family bringing in a part of the meal.

On this day the students also shared their Valentines boxes, many of them extremely creative. Rilee Crockford created a scale model side dump semi-truck and trailer, while Tancy Frerichs made a "square horse." There were a whole host of other interesting boxes.

Over the months the students have learned everything from forensic science where they "gathered evidence", taped off a "murder suspect", and holding

mock trials. Recently they held a wool spinning class with Emma Olson as instructor. She brought her spinning wheel and spindles to show the students how to spin yarn.

There are around 14 families



Emma Olson teaches the NVN Homeschoolers how to spin wool. - Courtesy photo

that take part, but attendance is not required.

The next cooperative learning event will be a chance to celebrate the "Irish," with Jessie Bender teaching how to River Dance. Each family will bring an Irish dish for the meal.



A full room of homeschool students work studiously to create a painting. It's interesting how they all turn out differently when they are all painting the same thing. - Brunner photo



NVN Homeschoolers learned forensics, including crime scene evidence and "taping off a murder victim." Out of courtesy for the "deceased" the face is blurred. - Brunner photo

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Monday was a beautiful warm day with the temperature at a high of 44 degrees. We lost a couple dear friends on Monday though, making it a sad day.

Lenny Hofer, 81, of Piedmont, and formally of Meadow, died Monday, February 27, at Monument Health in Rapid City. His funeral was Saturday, March 4 at Indian Creek Lutheran Church near Meadow with burial at the Galloway Cemetery in Meadow.

Dean Oja, 78, of Jordan, MT, formerly of Buffalo and Hill City, passed away on Monday, February 27, at the Garfield County Nursing Home in Jordan. Dean’s funeral service was Saturday, March 4, at the old Harding County Gymnasium with burial in the Buffalo Cemetery.

Donna Patterson, 91, passed away March 2 in Spearfish. Her funeral services will be held at 11:00am, Tuesday, March 7 at the First Congregational UCC Church in Buffalo with burial to follow at the Buffalo Cemetery.

These families have our heart-felt sympathy.

Reub and I went to Hettinger on Tuesday to get the oil changed in our pickup. It was almost dark when we started

home through heavy fog and it was snowing before we got home. I evidently ran over a skunk, because the pickup really stunk when I drove it in the garage and got out. Reub had to back it outside and leave it out all night for the smell to go away!

It was pretty chilly on Wednesday with only a temperature of 27 degrees, but lots of folks came to the potluck dinner and Lenten service at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening. There was lots of delicious food and good visiting before and after the service.

Reub and plan to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on March 17th by attending the Waddington Brothers concert in Hettinger at the Hettinger High School. The Waddington Brothers concert starts at 7:00 that evening with the doors opening at 6:30. The concert will open with a half hour show by the Blue Stems band from Elgin, featuring 5 talented band members from 10 years to 16 years old. The Waddington Brothers are really talented, singing Christian, Bluegrass, and Western music,



and they just won the 2023 Society for the Presentation of Bluegrass Music of America (SPBGMA) in Nashville. We are really looking forward to that concert!

Taz, Amanda and the kids, and Missy all went to Faith on Thursday for Jace Jensen’s bull sale. The bull sale went really well and Taz bought a bull. Taz and Missy came home with Knox and River Lu while Amanda and Copper went to the girls’ basketball game in Buffalo that evening.

I stopped at the Reva store Friday morning and got to wish Will Larson happy birthday because Will and Danielle were there visiting with Cory and TaTania Verhulst and Vince Tift.

Reub and I went to Buffalo Saturday afternoon for Dean Oja’s funeral at the old school gym. A huge crowd gathered to say goodbye to our old friend. Casey and Missy went to Lenny Hofer’s funeral that day at the Indian Creek Lutheran church south of Meadow. Missy went to school with Lenny’s daughter

Kim and they are good friends. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were up in North Dakota this weekend to watch their granddaughter’s basketball games so Iver Heier led the service in church Sunday and we watched a video from Our Saviors Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls giving the message.

Tony Holt will be 99 years old on March 12 and there will be a birthday party for both Tony and Dorothy on March 11 at the nursing home in Lemmon at 2:00 to celebrate. If you can’t make it to the birthday party, Tony’s address is 405 6th Ave. W. Room 46, Lemmon, 57638 if you want to send him a card.

There will be a baby shower of little Ziva Rose, daughter of Ty and Rosie Hotchkiss, at Slim Buttes Lutheran on Sunday, March 19th after church. Ziva Rose was born February 4 and we are looking forward to meeting her.

March 6 was the last day of the South Dakota legislature in Pierre and the legislators will have to go back down to Pierre for Veto Day on March 20th to see if they want to overrule anything that Governor Noem vetoes.

The time has come to com-

plain for an entire weekend straight since “spring forward” for Daylight Saving Time is upon us. Sunday, March 12 at 2 am, clocks will be set forward one hour to mark the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, stealing away one precious hour of sleep which we won’t have returned to us until the first Sunday of November. While we used to say “don’t forget to change your clocks,” our smart phones will be doing all that hard work this weekend. Unfortunately, I have to change the time on all eleven clocks in our house which is infuriating! Why can’t we just leave the time like it used to be?

*Q: What time is it when you read jokes about Daylight Saving Time?

A: Time to laugh!

*Q: What did the wall clock do after it was adjusted for Daylight Saving?

A: It hung around.

*Q: Why did the man sit on his clock after setting it back for Daylight Saving Time?

A: He wanted to be on time.

*Q: Why was Superman so busy after the sun rose this morning?

A: It was daylight saving time.

*Q: Which relative always chimes in about how Daylight Saving Time should be ended?

A: A Grandfather Clock.

*Q: What kind of clock is the hardest to change for Daylight Saving Time?

A: A sundial.



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

February 27, 1913

Owing to the fact that there are several cases of acute intestinal infection among children in town, Dr. Clark has sent in samples of water taken from the wells and delivered by the tanks in town and water from the Hugo Behrens dam to be analyzed. A report of the chemists, who make the tests, will appear in the Irrigator at a later date

The Community Club has a committee out devising a plan for town waterworks, the location and plan of raising the funds. That committee is: M.W. Read, E.J. Spencer and F.C. Magruder. It is to be hoped that some plan can be evaluated whereby Newell can be furnished water for domestic and for protection purposes.

Our mercantile business had a lady call that has the habit of sending away for practically all her family’s merchandise and picked out a hat for her boy. She then produced a Montgomery-Ward hat that did not fit her boy and wanted to trade even with them. The wholesale price of her hat was 75 cents and the one at our store cost \$1.25 wholesale.

March 1, 1923

E.W. Altwater yesterday rounded out his 8th year as mail carrier, or R.R. No. 1, from this office. He is beginning to consider himself an “old timer”. He has been on the route since its establishment.

Another cold spell and hard wind Tuesday, the 13th, in which the Erickson sheep drifted quite badly and were gathered up all around the Castle Rock neighborhood. The herder had both his ears and face frozen.

Most of the young people in the vicinity met at Wm Schmele’s home Wednesday evening and had a jolly skating

fest. After the fun on the ice was over, Mrs. Schmele served up one of her bountiful suppers. Wm Schmele was unfortunate enough to sprain his ankle quite badly and only able to hobble around since.

March 2, 1933

Matt Reisdorf and James Eldridge, who have been operating the Farmers Food Store at Newell, sold out their stock and fixtures this week to Dave Schmidt and Hugo Nyman, of Nisland, who are opening a grocery store in that town. The stock was moved to Nisland Tuesday.

Doyce Potter, E.J. Pickerel, Edward Fardig, Leo Quinn, Invalid Severson, Dean Foster, Paul Wiest and son Daniel were among the Newell people who went to Rapid City Monday evening to see the Harlem Globe Trotters 66 Team play. They report that they witnessed a most wonderful exhibition.

The N.M. Bratton Mercantile Company store at Newell will stage a style show on Saturday according to announcement made in the company’s flyer. Mr. Bratton recently returned from Chicago where he purchased a stock of new dresses, suits and coats and first showing of them will be made Saturday. Models have been engaged to wear the new garments so that the new styles can be shown to best advantage, the public is invited to attend the showing and see the many new styles for the coming season.

March 4, 1934

Governor M.Q. Sharpe held a press conference today that he has advised by Representative Karl Mundt that Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese Generalissimo, may consider the invitation to speak at Mount Rushmore in the

Black Hills. Previously she had declined the invitation because her speaking schedule in this country was full, but Mundt said that she may extend her visit and if so may accept Governor Sharpe’s offer.

According to W.L. Johns, District RR supervisor for the FSA in Butte County, there will be some demand for help for lambing. The FSA and US Employment Service have programs for assisting in securing seasonal help and will explain the program to sheepmen at meetings to be held as follows: Belle Fourche March 8 and Maurine March 9. The meetings will be held at 1:30 PM. Representatives of those agencies will be present to explain the program. Sheepmen in need of lambing help should try to be at one of the above meetings.

Mrs. Richard Napton, caretaker at the City Hall. Last Friday fell from a step-ladder in the hall and fractured a small bone in her knee. She will be laid-up probably for several weeks.

Miss Elvera Drew spent Tuesday night in Newell with Mrs. Edward Hentila. She was returning to her home in Upper Horse Creek to spend the remainder of the week vacationing from her school in Spearfish. Misses Ione and Noreen Kosola were dinner guests of Elvera Sunday noon at the parental J.B. Drew home.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Loewell, former well known Newellites who have been at Jackson, Minnesota, are expected to arrive this week to again take up their home here. Mr. Loewell will take over the management of the Brodsky Market having charge of the grocery and retail meat department. Mrs. Loewell may do some specialty baking.

February 26, 1953
Lotan R. Gurney, Newell,



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Mr. Altwater Delivering mail. He converted wheels to sled runners for the winter.

escaped injury but his truck was damaged and a number of sheep killed Sunday afternoon when the truck he was driving with a load of sheep overturned 2½ miles northwest of Nisland. Sheriff Maurice Cavin, reported the mishap occurred as Gurney was driving north on icy road. As he rounded a curve approaching a bridge, the vehicle began to slide. Midway across the bridge the truck slid off the bridge structure and toppled 12 feet to the creek bed, landing on its top. There were 32 ewes in the truck, 2 were killed outright and 4 injured and had to be killed. Damage to the truck included a bent cab and smashed rack.

Ray Eichler and Neil Dow of the local office of the Black Hills Power & Light attended a Hotpoint service school conducted by the company in Rapid City Monday and were also supper guests that evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Ehrler.

Contracting for 1953 sugar beet acreage will get underway March 2 at the Clark Hardware Store in Vale; Economy Grocery in Nisland and at the sugar Beet Factory office near Belle Fourche. According to George Didow, Superintendent of U & I Sugar Company, if the information is early, it will be in a better position to provide service for the growers. Local Feldmen and from Nebraska will attend all 3 meetings for discussion on emphasis on mechanical thinning.

February 28, 1963

Mrs. Opal Soma entertained members of the Newell Garden Club and 2 guests, Mrs. August

Reitz and Mrs. Felix Busse at her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Soma was re-elected Chairman and Mrs. H. L. Cunningham to Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. O.E. Milberg and Mrs. Jesse Maass were appointed to meet with the City Commission to make plans for preparing the flower beds in the parks for planting later and a discussion was held on planting perennials in the parks. Lunch was served in the Washington Birthday theme and the next meeting will be March 22 with Mrs. Milberg.

Three candidates have been nominated for the honor of Newell Future Farmers Sweetheart, were revealed this week by the Newell Chapter of FFA, and furthered plans for its 6th Annual Sweetheart Ball to be held on March 22. The nominees are Joan Smeenck, Amy McDermant and Bonnie Babb. The sweetheart will be crowned at the dance just before intermission.

Six Newell boxers are scheduled to appear on the Amateur Fight Card in Hot Springs, Saturday evening, March 2, it is announced by local boxing instructors Don Moore and Lorman Lange and 4 others are open for matches. Matched are Dick Miles, Gary Phillips, Greg Sundstrom, Jack McDermott, Doug Lange and Owen McDermott. Open for matches are Ed Humble, John Cram, Ed Baker and Wes Wahlfeldt. Next match 36 to 45 rounds, Friday March 8, 8:00 PM at Austin Auditorium, General Admission \$1 and Reserved Seats \$1.25. Sponsored by Ross-Kayras Post American legion



Newell Boxing Club: Back Row: Lorman Lange, Owen McDermott, Doug Lange, Greg Sundstrom, and Ronnie Dahlquist. Front Row: Wesley Wahlfeldt, Howard Baker, John Cram, Ed Humble, and Don Moore. Not pictured: Dick Miles, Gary Phillis, Jack McDermott and Ronnie Bunney

Solutions to Puzzles on C8

Answer to Sudoku

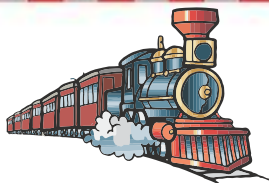


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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: The experience is a hard experience if you have some thing from it - Ann Landers

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Season ends with fall to Faith

Colleen Brunner

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FAITH – In second round action in the post season, Newell took on the Faith Longhorns, a team that had lost just one game to Hot Springs earlier in the season. Their expertise and aggressiveness showed from the first tip off to the end of the game, as the Irrigators season ended on February 28 at Faith.

Three-point shots abound-ed by the Longhorn players, making it difficult for Newell to cover their opponents. James Duncan responded with a trey of his own and Will Juelfs added two field goals, but that was all the scoring for the Irrigators in the first period which ended with Faith up 22-9.

It was same story in the beginning of the second quarter, but Burtzlaff got on the boards for the first time as he pushed inside for a field goal. Faith kept hammering away till the period was nearly gone and Newell struggled to get a shot off. Finally Duncan hit from

the arc, but that’s how the half ended, with Faith up 43-14.

Newell showed up a bit better in the third period as Duncan started the scoring dumping in two on a foul. Juelfs was able to get one to swish and then came back a bit later to do the same thing. It was tough going though for Newell, as they were down 48-23 midway through the period. Devon Jones snagged a pass from the Longhorns, traveled the floor to dump it in. The Faith coach finally subbed at about the end of the period as the gap widened. Duncan went one of two at the line and Burtzlaff hit for another field goal inside but the period ended with Newell down 57-28.

Burtzlaff hit two more field goals and one point after the second on a foul but Coach Dana Youngberg decided it was enough and subbed the second string. That was it for Newell as the seconds ticked off their season and they were defeated, 64-33.



Will Juelfs goes in for two of his 10 points against #1 seed Faith on Tuesday night in Newell’s final game of 2023. - Brunner photo

Newell Boys Basketball

Newell Boys Move on to Post Season

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NEWELL – The Newell Irrigator boys’ basketball team took on the Takini Skyhawks in their post-season matchup in the quarter finals on February 27 in Austin Auditorium. And they wowed the hometown crowd with a come from behind victory.

The Skyhawks started the game with a three-pointer and a field goal, setting things up for Newell to start from behind. But they worked hard through the first period with a field goal by James Duncan and another

by Colton Burtzlaff. Devon Jones was unsuccessful at the free throw line while Takini dumped in two more treys. Duncan went 0-2 at the line but Burtzlaff came back with another top of the key field goal to leave Newell down 14-7 at the end of the first period.

In the second quarter the boys started putting it together and the Skyhawks started to look a little rattled. Duncan looked strong under the bucket with a field goal and Jones dumped in two at the charity stripe when he was fouled on a layup. Will Juelfs got on the scoreboard for the first time with one in the

paint and Burtzlaff added one more at the free throw line. Another trey from the Skyhawks kept the Irrigators down by six, but Juelfs added a bucket and Duncan went two for two at the line. Newell was down by just two and the crowd started to get in the game. The Irrigators were playing tough ball. Burtzlaff nailed two field goals in a row to tie the game at 22 with just 48 seconds left in the half. Duncan hit from the arc but Takini responded with the same and at the buzzer the game was tied at 25 each.

The Skyhawks did not let up but neither did the Irrigators as the third period started. Burtzlaff looked good at the line on two good foul shots and then Juelfs added two points from the top of the key. Newell was in the lead for the first time in the game. Burtzlaff powered inside for two and Duncan hit two treys in a row. Suddenly the Irrigators were up by eight. Takini narrowed that two five with a trey just before the buzzer sounded to end the period with Newell up 39-34.

Burtzlaff showed he was not planning to stop with another field goal in the early seconds of the fourth period. The boys could taste a victory. Burtzlaff went to the line for two good buckets. Juelfs hit for two and Takini really started to struggle. Burtzlaff dumped in one of two on a foul and Juelfs nailed one from the arc, further rattling Takini as they didn’t know who to guard.

Duncan scooped the ball out of the hands of his opponent and nailed a three-pointer. Juelfs added two from inside and Newell was up by 11 points with a little over two minutes left. Another Newell field goal pushed the lead to 13. Another bucket by the Skyhawks was a last-ditch effort as time dwindled and Newell secured a trip to Faith for the next round against the Longhorns.



Colton Burtzlaff puts up two of his game-high 23 points against Takini to secure a spot at the semi-finals at Faith. - Brunner photo



The Newell boys’ team took a team photo following the first round of districts. From left: Coach Dana Youngberg, Orin Youngberg, Will Juelfs, Jameson Duncan, Nate Randolph, Devon Jones, Colton Burtzlaff, Justin Yates, Darin Lewis, Evan Byrom, Isaac Stark, Mgr. Shannon Yates. - Brunner photo

2023 Newell High School Senior Profiles



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

NEWELL -- Newell native Devon Jones has spent his high school days doing everything that defines growing up West River. He enjoys hunting, fishing and anything mechanical. That love of anything with a motor set the tone for the rest of his life and he plans on becoming a diesel technician by attending Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell, SD.

Devon has blossomed into a leader on both the basketball

court and football field.

“Basketball has become an important part of my life,” he said.

The most important thing that he has learned from his time at NHS was “to value the little things” and credits his friends and experiences for this realization. Devon participated in SADD and shared that Mr. Vander Vorst taught him the most.

Devon will be celebrated as he walks the stage, by his father, Kris Jones, his mother, Tanya Tift, and three siblings, Trae and Nessa Jones and Brenda Tift.

Devon **Jones**

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ACROSS

1 Army (abbr.)

4 Move quickly

6 Becomes able

11 Carried out

13 Commemorate

14 Puppy love

15 4th grade

16 Cook's name

18 Imp. name

20 Blue-green

21 Bit

22 Pine

24 Amer. Oak

25 Agency abbr.

27 Name

31 Bony ridge

33 Head

34 Rough

35 Halo

36 Wingle

38 Malay garment

39 Fluidly and

41 Filamentary network

43 Bacon cow

45 State (abbr.)

47 Wine

49 Well

52 102 (Rom. numeral)

53 Adjective

54 Young (abbr.)

55 Ranch

56 Pleasant (abbr.)

57 Three (abbr.)

DOWN

1 Unit, tree

2 Tull

3 Name

4 Egg (2 words)

5 Silver salmon

6 Fuss

7 Grass (abbr.)

8 Samba dance

9 102 (Rom. numeral)

10 Alaskan

12 Wood (abbr.)

17 Love (abbr.)

18 Eye-opening

21 Worn on work

22 Ancient Heb. name

23 Food

24 Corp. (abbr.)

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

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