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County Passes Audit Review

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BELLE FOURCHE – In their regular monthly meeting, which was rescheduled to February 19, the commission heard from Bruce Hintz, who did the legislative audit.

“There was some question about cell phones provided for employees and especially for Michelle May, SDSU Extension employee,” said Hintz. May is not an employee of Butte County, but carries a county cell phone paid by the county.

“You really need to have cell phone bills turned in, or treat as a benefit under wages,” said Hintz.

He also cautioned on the potential of having a county credit card, as there are many possible abuse opportunities. County Auditor Elaine Jensen said only she and the Deputy Auditor Jerry Nelson would have access to the cards. After some discussion about the potential uses, Jensen said, “I would have to say that I want a good credit card policy before we even think about doing that.”

Hintz also told the commission that there is policy now that outstanding checks that are more than a year old, will be turned over to the state. He said Butte County had over \$8,000 outstanding in the previous year and that the state will pursue the collection of these funds.

In news from the sheriff’s department and emergency operation center, Sheriff Fred Lamphere reported that they were pursuing a 2020 HLS grant for a generator to be placed at the new Nisland/Arpan Fire Department hall. He asked that the site be formally designated as an alternative Emergency Operation Center.

COMMISSIONERS A6

Late February Winter Storms Leave their Mark



CLEARING THE WAY - Belle Fourche Public Works employees were busy last week removing up to a foot of snow from two late February winter storms. Officially in downtown Belle Fourche the city received 10 inches of snowfall from the back to back storms and schools were closed on Tuesday, Feb. 25th. Nearby, snow totals added up to 18 inches or more. Just south of Lead the official snow total was 31 inches. Now that March is here the calendar invites us to think spring but most folks aren’t buying it just yet. As author Garrison Keillor put it, “Spring can get you leaning the wrong way when suddenly winter comes back and knocks you over.” -*Beacon Photo*

Sheriff Fred Lamphere President of 17 State WSSA

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

The Western States Sheriffs’ Association is comprised of Sheriffs and their command staff from 17 Western States that include Washington, Wyoming, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, California, Arizona,

Nevada, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Texas, and Oklahoma.

Fred was first was elected to the Board in 2018 as Sargent at Arms; and as an Executive Board member in 2019. Gary Painter a Sheriff from Midland County Texas was sworn in as the 2019 President of the WSSA and Sheriff Tony Mace from Cibola County, New Mexico was Vice



Butte County Sheriff **Fred Lamphere** is the new Western States Sheriffs Association President *Courtesy Photo*

President.

A short 3 months later Gary Painter unexpectedly passed away. Gary’s passing left a very big void. Gary was a very respected man, he was a Marine and had over 40 years as a Texas Lawman. Sheriff Mace stepped up and took over as President of the WSSA and Sheriff Lamphere moved into the Vice President position.

The WSSA has been in existence for 28 years and was formed because the Sheriffs from the

original Charter states did not feel that their voice as Sheriffs was being heard on the National level.

There is a distinct difference in the issues that a Western Sheriff deals with. Much more public lands, more ranch and livestock issues along with more working relationships with Federal Authorities. The WSSA Conference always includes a Government Affairs and Public Lands Meeting. Lamphere’s experience has allowed him to meet and interact

SHERIFF A8

March Madness Meets Belle Fourche Middle School Math & Science Club

BFMS Math and Science Club Promoting March Madness Fundraiser

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BELLE FOURCHE - It’s time for March Madness and the Belle Fourche Middle School (BFMS) 8th grade Math and Science Club is ready.

The club has begun a “Basketball Slam” fund raiser to finish paying for their trip April 5th-10th to Florida as they plan to visit the Kennedy Space Center and Disney World. A total of 38 students and 4 chaperones are scheduled to go. The club is a zero budget school organization, which means they receive no funding from the school or the state. The trip will cost around \$1,350 per student.

“We do three fund raisers



throughout the year and one of our parents came to me with this basketball slam idea,” said Mark Sprigler, BFMS Math Teacher. “We’ve done garbage bags, meat and cheese and cookie dough in the past where we get to keep between 30% and 50% of the funds. With this one we’re keeping more like 60% of the funds raised so that was definitely worth looking at.”

The “Basketball Slam” sweepstakes works like this. You purchase a ticket for \$10 online and you will instantly receive a ticket with the names of four college basketball teams, chosen at random. When the NCAA men’s basketball tournament begins on March 15th ticket-holders can follow how many points each of their teams scores in each round of the tournament. For example, if they have Duke University and they score 87 points in their opening game, the ticket-holder records 87 points. It makes no difference if your teams win or lose you still record the number of points they scored, however, the longer your teams stays alive in the tournament the more points you will accumulate.

After the Final Four, the ticket-holder with the most points will win the grand prize of \$1,000. The next nine point totals will receive cash prizes ranging from \$500 for second place to \$50 for 10th place. In addition, the ticket holders with the lowest four-team cumulative point total will win \$200 and the second lowest will win \$50. It’s conceivable that the four teams on the top winning ticket will probably have accumulated close to 1,000 points, according to Sprigler.

“The community has been so supportive of the different fund raisers we’ve done,” Sprigler said. “I’ll definitely be curious to see how this one does because it seems to be a lot of fun.”

Tickets may be purchased from now until March 25th. It won’t matter that the NCAA tournament will have already started since all the tickets have been printed in advance and you simply look back at the point totals from games played and match them with the teams on your ticket.

If you are interested in

FUNDRAISER A6



HITTING THEIR MARK - The BF Middle School 8th Grade Math & Science Club is learning the proper rules and etiquette of archery during a field trip to the Outdoor Learning Center in Rapid City. There they learned survival techniques including shelter building and starting a fire without matches. It was part of a unit on sustainable living. - *Courtesy Photo*

Olive Branch Branches Out with New Part Owner/Renter



Denise Foster (l) & Debra McCart (r) pictured with Eye Heart World fundraising merchandise available at the Olive Branch.

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On the northeast corner of 5th Avenue and State Street is The Olive Branch, housing a captivating, eclectic assortment of merchandise displayed in the shop’s main entrance and winding through two hallway corridors into adjacent showrooms. In 2006, Debra McCart, an East River native, opened the business in rented

quarters in Belle Fourche. She purchased the building in which the store is now located in 2015. Amidst the displays of clothing, jewelry and a variety of attractive bric-a-brac are some large furniture items on consignment from local artisans. There’s also a section dedicated to children’s clothing, accessories, shoes and home décor on an owner/renter agreement with Denise Foster and run under her own business name. A woman with ranching roots in the Belle Fourche area, Denise has returned home after 20 years and has brought with her

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Pastor's Perspective

Fire Engines and Forgiveness

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

"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'" Matthew 18:21-22

Bert and Ernie were the best of friends, but the differences in their personalities created problems for them once in a while. Let's say that one day Ernie took Bert's favorite fire engine without asking him if he could play with it. While he was playing with it, he got carried away and crashed it into a swimming pool. Now the fire engine's lights could no longer flash, the siren couldn't scream, or be moved around by the remote control. Ernie knew that Bert would be very upset when he found out that his truck was broken.

Looking to Christ's teaching about examining one's conscience rather looking to blame



others, Ernie is going to have to follow through with several steps if he has any hope of receiving Bert's forgiveness.

First, Ernie is going to have to consider how important and valuable that fire truck was to Bert. This is determining the severity of the wrong.

Then, Ernie's going to have to confess to Bert that he is the one who broke his fire truck. This is acknowledging the wrong.

Finally, Ernie is going to have to apologize to Bert. If Bert is practicing the above lesson that Jesus taught, then Ernie can expect that Bert is going to forgive him. Nevertheless, if Ernie has broken Bert's toys before, and has experienced Bert's forgiveness, it is still important for him to confess this wrong to him. In most cases, it's important to admit one's faults even if one knows that one will be forgiven. In this particular case, Bert may need to keep his favorite or more

expensive toys away from Ernie. It is also possible that Bert could ask Ernie to fix or replace his fire engine as restitution.

If Ernie follows through with these actions, then there will be a better chance that Bert will forgive him because their relationship embodies honesty and truth.

A sincere apology is one where the offender owns their actions. They don't try to justify their bad behavior by blaming someone or something else.

I like the way Rev. Doug Anderson, a mentoring pastor, explained this to my ordination class: "When you're going to offer a sincere apology, bite your 'but!'" The 'but' is always a way that the offender uses to justify their behavior or pass the responsibility of the offense onto someone or something else. The offended or hurt person is the one who should be extending this kind of grace.

In Christ's Spirit,
Rev. Sheri Fadley
Belle Fourche UMC

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6, UCC Church, 8th and Jackson
The Pickers plus Kim Bachman, 12:45pm

Program of worship, hymns, 1pm
Ethnic lunch and fellowship to follow. Public Invited
This year's program was written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe, using the theme taken from John 5:2-9,
"Rise! Take your mat and walk."

Romans 12:12 - Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

James 1:2 - My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Romans 15:13 - Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord alway: [and] again I say, Rejoice.

DAD'S BIG RED FLASHLIGHT

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



I was born in Appleton, Minnesota in 1953. When I was in early grade school, we moved to a farm maybe 20 miles north of Appleton. Our house was about 300 feet from Drywood Lake. In the winter months we trapped muskrats. When Dad got home from work in the winter, it was dark. So, when he and I were going to check the traps for muskrats, he would first get his big, red flashlight. It had a white threaded ring that held the large lens in place. Then, he would lead the way in the dark with the flashlight turned on. We would go out onto the frozen lake to the muskrat mounds to see if anything had been caught. Then, we would turn around and he would lead the way back to the house. That flashlight was very helpful in the dark.

When I think back to those walks in the dark, that flashlight reminds me of the Bible, which is God's Holy Word. The Psalm writer said a very significant thing to God about his Holy Word. It is found in the 105th verse of Psalm 119: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Just as Dad's big red flashlight lighted the way before us, so God's Word lights the way as we Christians walk through this sin-darkened world. As we follow its teachings, it will keep us from stumbling in the dark, spiritually speaking. And it will keep us from stepping into the traps of temptation and false teachings that have been set by Satan.

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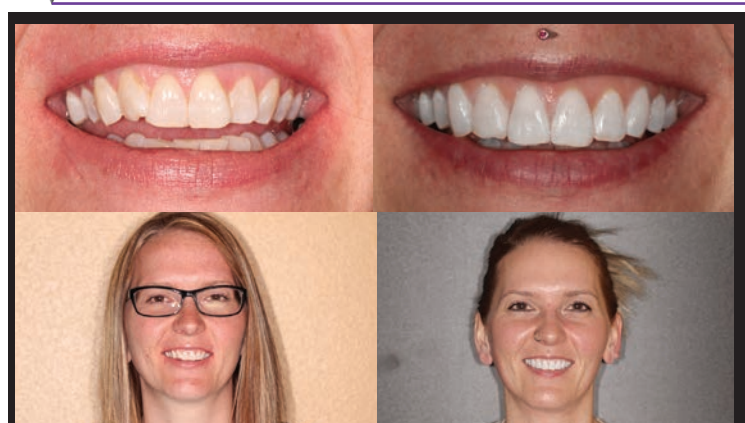
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Special for March 17-28:

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March is Women's History Month. It's a perfect time to buy a book about western women!



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Cowboys Too! owner George Wilson is pictured with Belle Fourche FFA advisor Austin Bishop and budding young FFAers Adrianna and Henry Bishop. Cowboys Too! donated 10% of their sales to the local chapter during FFA week.
-Courtesy Photo

Nail'd It Prom Specials!

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Prom Dress Exchange

Not sure what to do with those one-time dresses? A prom dress exchange is the perfect solution to clear up some closet space and help a girl/family in need. All sizes welcomes and encouraged. Donation dresses and accessories only in clean condition.

Drop off: March 2nd - 6th
Dress shopping: Saturday March 7th, 10am-2pm

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Chamber Report

From Chamber Director Mark Rambow

Rolling Up Our Sleeves



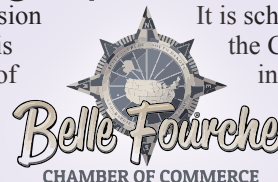
As part of our "Vision 2020" theme for this year, the Chamber of Commerce is continuing to plan the activities, events and programing for the next several years. One thing has quickly become

apparent. We are going to need more help!

Toward that end, we are looking for individuals who would like to volunteer time regularly in the Chamber office. If you are interested in signing up for a certain time slot each week, please let us know. We can put you to work answering phones, preparing packets, planning for activities, etc. We always have plenty of coffee!

The February Chamber Mixer was held on Thursday, the 27th, at the Green Bean. It was a delicious evening! Our special thanks go out to the owners and staff of the Green Bean and 8th Avenue Bakery for hosting and providing such delectable treats and beverages. If you get a chance to visit these fine establishments, please make them part of your regular routine!

Of course, planning for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Awards continues.



It is scheduled for March 12th, at 5:30 pm, at the Community Hall. We will be honoring Belle Fourche of the 1920s with a Prohibition/Speak Easy night of fun. Tickets can be purchased at our website, www.bellefourchechamber.org, or by contacting our office at (605)

892-2676. Tickets are \$35 each, or a table of 8 for \$275. We have sold many tables already, so get yours quickly!

Our next monthly luncheon will be March 18th at the Branding Iron, where our special guests will be Keith Anderson, Chairman of the Black Hills Roundup Board, and Mitch Johnson, Parade Chairman. They will be discussing plans for this year's Roundup and visiting about the events and activities which are just around the corner. Chamber luncheons are open to the public and begin at noon.

The March Le Belle Marché market is approaching fast. Requests for vendor space can be made on our website. The market is scheduled for March 14, from 10 to 3, and will be held at Venue 519, 519 5th Avenue.

Also, a reminder; every Tuesday morning we hold our Early Bird Coffee. Swing by the Chamber office from 7:30 to 9 am and visit for a while!

Learn some Native history, native to our area!

Ken Vogele presents on

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First Saturday Brunch

March 7, 2020

Brunch at 10 a.m. is \$5 per person or FREE with membership

Presentation at 10:30 a.m. is free to all.



Pictured above:
Tipi ring in Wyoming



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National School Breakfast Week

To encourage more families to take advantage of the healthy choices available for school breakfast, Belle schools will celebrate National School Breakfast Week during Mar. 2-6.

Busy weekday mornings make it a challenge for families to find time for a healthy breakfast. However, US Dept. of Ag. data show that more and more students are starting their day with a nutritious breakfast in their school cafeterias. The USDA School Breakfast Program currently serves more than 14 million students every day. Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight

The Week's campaign theme, "Out of This World," reminds the entire school community that school breakfast provides a healthy and energizing start to the day. School nutrition

professionals and students will be encouraged to show their enthusiasm for school breakfast from Mar. 2-6 as the district celebrates with special menus, cafeteria events, and more.

"A healthy breakfast at the start of the day is a great way to ensure students get the best education they can," said Dr. Steve Willard, superintendent. "National School Breakfast Week helps us educate parents and stu-

dents about all the healthy, great tasting, and appealing choices we offer."

The district serves over 400 breakfast meals daily through the federally funded School Breakfast Program. School nutrition professionals in Belle Fourche prepare breakfast and lunches every day that meet federal nutrition standards - limiting fat, calories and sodium - while encouraging students to choose from the fruits, vegetables and whole grains offered with school meals. The breakfast program is increasing participation with Breakfast in the Classroom for students in grades K-8.

The "Out of This World" campaign is made possible by the School Nutrition Association and Kellogg's®.

Parents and students can follow the fun on Facebook.com/TrayTalk using the hashtag #NSBW20.

For more information about Belle School District meals, visit https://www.bellefourcheschools.org/lunch information or www.schoolnutrition.org/SchoolMeals.



Bronc Breakfast in the Classroom

Research shows breakfast is an important start of the day for students. Now a national program is trying to get even more kids to start the day with a meal, by serving it right in the classroom.

Before the first lesson of the day, K-8 students in the Belle Fourche School District have the opportunity to eat breakfast together, fueling up for their first lesson of the day. Instead of eating in the cafeteria, we can do our work and eat -- the day will go faster. It's part of a growing nationwide effort to move school breakfast programs from the cafeteria into the classroom, so more students start their day with a nutritious boost.

Many of our students do not have breakfast at home, so this is a wonderful way for them to start their day. The #1 goal of the program in Belle Fourche is to "Feed our students," as per Superintendent Dr Steve Willard.

K-8 BRONC BREAKFAST began in August 2019 and from August thru December we have seen a boost in breakfast participation of 219%.

The Food Research and Action Center wants to expand the program even further, since they believe it's not reaching all the students who need it. Research shows having breakfast can make a significant difference in a child's ability to learn. "School breakfast can actually help improve academic achievement. It's linked to higher test scores, it's linked to kids being able to focus and concentrate and behave in the classroom," said the Food Research and Action Center's Crystal Fitzsimmons.

This is just part of the Belle Fourche School District Wellness Policy to promote health. We offer recess, gym class and now breakfast in the classroom. "We promote movement and healthy

eating," says LSI Food Service Director Justin Olson. It's a win win for everyone. On any day that school is in session and we serve breakfast, we have our grains, we have our milk, fruit and juice."

As a reminder, a family can file an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals at any time during the school year. A second application can be filed as there are changes in income for a family throughout the year. The goal of the Belle Fourche School District is to prevent financial hardship for all families, while feeding our students. The applications can be dropped off with a school secretary. If there are any questions regarding this process, or with any Food Service questions, feel free to contact Brenda Whetham at Central Office at 605-723-3355, option 4.

Two Bronc Wrestlers Medal at State



These individuals represented Belle Fourche at the State Wrestling Tournament in Sioux Falls. Head Coach Bill Abell, Chase Bickerdyke, Cade Bickerdyke, Michael Streeter, Cayden Wolfe, Coach Josh Schleusner. Kneeling: Thomas McCoy, Owyn Shreder, Colton Shelley, and Manager Aspen Braning -*Courtesy Photo*

The Broncs had seven wrestlers take part in the State A Tournament in Sioux Falls.

Senior Heavy Weight wrestler Michael Streeter in the 5th Place Match lost a 2-1 Decision to Caleb Dangel of Sioux Falls Roosevelt and stood on the podium as 6th place medalist. 126 pound Sophomore Thomas McCoy finished 6th as well after losing to Spearfish wrestler, Clayton Donovan by injury default.

McCoy had defeated Donovan earlier during the season.

Belle's only other senior wrestler, Chase Bickerdyke, 182#, won a decision over Ethan Zimmer, Harrisburg before losing out in the consolation bracket.

Other Broncs competing were Colton Shelley 113#, Owen Schreder 120#, Cayden Wolfe, 145#, Cade Bickerdyke 160#.



Thomas McCoy 6th Place



Michael Streeter 6th Place

"C" Girls Season End Record 16-3



Front row sitting l to r : Halle Eaton and Charlie Henwood. Middle row kneeling: Allison Hayes, Sloan Young, Anika Main. Back row standing l to r: Acelyn Brink, Grace Clooten, Reese McKenna, Sarah Juelfs, Mataya Ward, Olivia Nehl, Shaine Weishaar, Reese Larson and Coach Angie Hunsley. -*Courtesy Photo*

Sue Broadhurst
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The Belle Fourche Girls "C" team played their last games together for the season at the Douglas tournament on Saturday, February 22, 2020. They had an amazing season with 16 wins and 3 losses.

The first game was against the Spearfish White team. The score at the end of the half was Belle Fourche 12 and Spearfish 11. The final score was Spearfish 23 and Belle 19. High scorer

was Charlie Henwood, with 8 points. The second game was with Douglas. The score at the end of the half was Belle 16 and Douglas 12. The final score was Belle 37 and Douglas 26. Scoring for the Lady Broncs were Grace Clooten with 11, Charlie Henwood and Acelyn Brink with 9, and Halle Eaton, Sloan Young, Reese McKenna and Sarah Juelfs, each with 2 points. Mataya Ward and Olivia Nehl had some key rebounds for the team. Playing defense for the team were Allison Hayes, Anika

Main, and Reese Larson. Their coach, Angie Garza-Hunsley stated that she had fun coaching these young ladies and they taught her lots. She went on to say the team has lots of talent and heart. The C team ended the season with players, Allison Hayes, Halle Eaton, Sloan Young, Reese McKenna, Anika Main, Acelyn Brink, Grace Clooten, Reese Larson, Sarah Juelfs, Olivia Nehl, Mataya Ward, and Charlie Henwood.



Winner or "Loser" of the Belle Fourche **FFA National FFA Week** food drive that had to Kiss a Sheep. L to R Morgan Mackaben, Laney Mackaben, Reese McKenna, Shaylie Holben, Madison Selby, kisser **Mr. Kyle Haxton**, Bryton Oedekoven and Serena Davis. *Courtesy Photo*

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Owner: Mary Jacobsen (Baseline Surveying, Incorporated)
Tract 1 and Tract 2 of Jacobsen Ranch Estates, located in the NE4 & NW4 of Sections 9 & 10; The S2S2 & S2S2N2S2 of Sections 3 & 4 and the SW4 & NW4 of Section 11, T11N, R6E, BHM, Butte County, South Dakota.
You have a right to appear personally or by attorney, or to submit written comments to the Butte County Planning Commission. A copy of the Preliminary Plan is available for your review in the Butte County Equalization & Planning Office located at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

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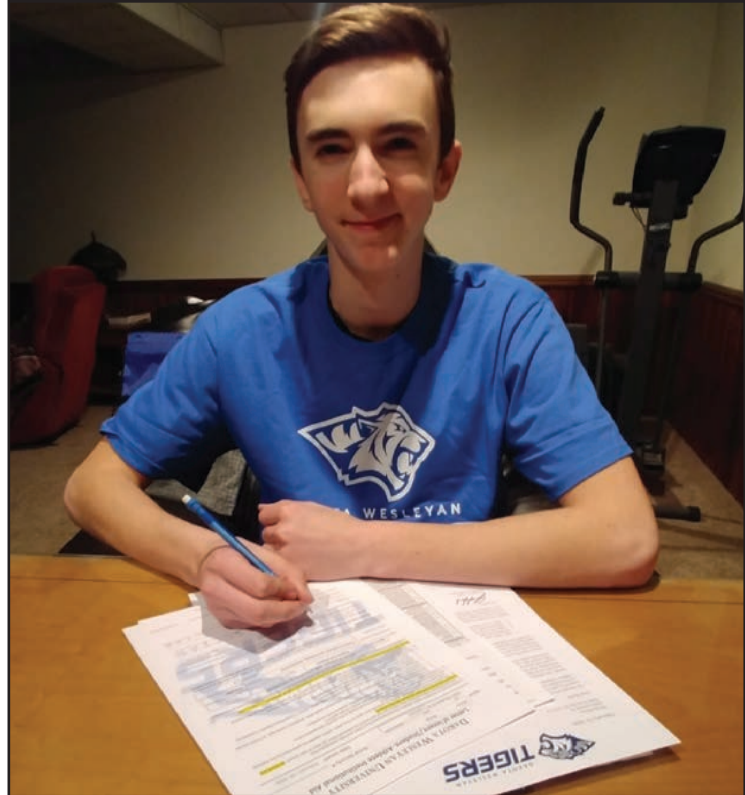
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Sunny skies and warmer temperatures brought not only a glimpse of spring weather to come, but also a flurry of games and action to the Belle Fourche Baseball complex. BHSU women’s softball utilized the facility before last weeks snow.
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DWU Soccer Signing



Barak Minor is signing a contract to play for the Dakota Wesleyan University men’s soccer team. He lettered 4 years for the Belle Fourche Varsity Soccer Team, being the top scorer his sophomore year, as well as offensive player of the year and top scorer his junior year. Barak will graduate from Black Hills Christian Academy in May and plans to go to Dakota Wesleyan in the fall to study communications. Not only will he play for DWU soccer, but he will play drums for DWU’s ministry band. Barak has aspirations to go to graduate school after finishing his Bachelor’s Degree and pursue a career in

Architectural Design. The DWU Men’s Soccer Club is in the NAIA Division, having a 2019/20 record of 4-10-2. The team rosters a local player from Spearfish (Edgar Meza) as well students from Minnesota, California, Texas, Arizona, and countries abroad such as Panama, Argentina, Ecuador, and Germany. Head coach and alumni, Jose Lopez, joined 4 seasons ago, having previously coached semi professional and Division 1/Division 2 teams. Coach Lopez joined the team in 2017 with a small staff and only 14 players, and has been avidly rebuilding DWU’s soccer team ever since.



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Boy’s “C” Action at Custer

Jadon Jensen drives down the court.

Devin Nowowiejski fighting to get in the lane.

Jayden Sechser gets the ball.

Dyllen Martin shoots for two.

Cole Hockenbary stretches out to pass the Hot Springs defender.

Anthony Budmayr and **Wyatt Keegan** bring the ball down the court.

Devin Burns gets a steal against Custer.
-All “C” Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary

Anthony Staley leaping for the jump ball against Custer.

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Calling in the Pros on HVAC Repair

If you're a homeowner, the Internet can be a great source of comfort when it comes to tackling do-it-yourself maintenance. Yes, Google can show you the simple steps to replace a furnace filter, but most other HVAC repairs are not of the DIY variety. Here's what to watch out for and when to call in the professionals:

Unusual Noises

Modern, efficient heating and cooling systems should run almost silently. When you hear whistling, rattling, squealing, or knocking during operation, there's likely a problem. You can inspect the system yourself, but chances are you don't know much about the components inside your air conditioner or furnace. Rather than putting the safety of you and your family at risk, it's better to let an expert HVAC repair contractor take care of it.

Nasty Odors

When an air conditioning unit or heating system is working correctly, you shouldn't be able to smell it. If there is an unpleasant odor emitted, something is wrong. Your first step should be a filter replacement, but if the smell persists you likely have mold growing, a damaged air duct, or a clogged drainpipe. Each of these situations will require a thorough



cleaning of the unit and the eye of an expert tech.

Improper Airflow

Clogs, blockages, and leaks can all lead to decreased airflow in your heating and cooling systems, causing them to run less efficiently and shortening their lifespan. Qualified HVAC repair technicians have the experience to quickly diagnose and address airflow issues.

Rising Energy Bills

Have you noticed that your energy bills keep going up every month? Unless you're experiencing a big swing in temperatures, increased energy usage means your unit is having to work harder to maintain your desired temperature. By keeping an eye on your utility bills, you can get a tech dispatched

and get in front of a total breakdown and the headaches that come when your unit isn't running at all.

A note on hiring the right HVAC company

As with hiring any new contractor, take time to do your due diligence on HVAC service. Not all HVAC companies are the same, and you should never consider only one resource when determining the right one for you. Check credentials, licensing and insurance requirements in your region. Ask around for references and read reviews online. Finally, ask them for an estimate. Many HVAC repair companies will provide these at no cost. Get a quote from several different businesses before choosing one.

From A1 COMMISSIONERS

"You have to respect all that they (NAVFR Dept.) have done as a community (in building the new hall), and the ladies raising funds in support," said Jensen. Lamphere also said that Vicki Greenwood, the director of the dispatch center was complimented by the State Coordinator who was here to inspect the new equipment and layout of the center.

Quite a discussion ensued when Deputy State's Attorney, LeEllen McCartney, brought up the topic of step pay raises for Rebecca Gervais-Larson, who started as para-legal in the department on January 2, 2020. Policy states that step raises will be given at three, six, and nine months. When State's Attorney Cassie Wendt hired Larson, she stated that step raises for her would be 30 days, 60 days, and 90 days, which goes against policy. Larson started at \$13.41/hr and had already been scheduled to be moved to the next step at \$15.30/hr. However at a previous meeting that raise was denied until Larson had been employed with the county for 90 days. Commissioner Frank Walton said, "At that time I felt we should stick to policy." As there was some confusion in many areas relating to the step raises, the commission had to make some kind of decision.

"I guess we'd just have to forgive the first one (increase), but go with the rest according to policy," said Walton. Larson's next increase would be at the 60 day time frame and the following at 90 days. "She has to follow the manual like the rest of them. Since there's no dates on any of it, except the 9-12 months deal being stated, then we should stick to policy."

At this point, Wendt had come into the room and said it was a conflict between the manual and what Wendt offered Larson.

"If it was wrong, it was my fault," said Wendt. When the commission voted to approve the first step increase and then go with policy, Wendt responded, "I appreciate that very much." McCartney stated that Larson was "one of the best" paralegals she had ever worked with.

McCartney asked that two training sessions for the commissioners be scheduled into the agenda at some future date.

One would be training on an Open Meeting and the other on Conflict of Interest.

"Things have changed," said McCartney. "We need an annual training, in a meeting." She also reported that the employee handbook was coming along and that it should be approved "pretty quickly."

Wendt reported that there will be a possible start date of March 9 for a candidate she interviewed for Deputy State's Attorney, as McCartney is going to part-time and has switched to civil proceedings.

Director of Equalization, Lisa Nelson, said they had been working on the 2020 assessments. Land value increases had been made in the Minnells area and other increases, to bring Butte County into compliance with state law, were also made.

"It's a lengthy process," said Nelson.

In highway department reports, Administrative Assistant Lori Johnston gave the report, as all supervisors were at a conference in Aberdeen. She said a haul agreement with Western Construction had been signed by manager John Ogden, starting February 18 for two weeks. They will then sign another in the spring as the company will

take a break from hauling gravel on the Wilson Cemetery Road.

"He (Ogden) was good to work with," said Commissioner Kim Richards. "We jumped in the pickup and drove the road. He said they would keep it in the condition it is currently in." A bridge discussion ensued and a decision to formally close and remove from inventory the bridge on Experimental Farm Road west of Newell and the Vale (Gammon Road) bridge which is located 1 mile east and .6 miles north of Vale. It has been closed to traffic for several years and the county will not replace it, according to Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich.

Bid for construction on the Dorsett Road bridge, which is a shared project with Lawrence County will cost the county approximately \$61,996.35, but will be a brand-new bridge. A grant was received to pay the county's portion of the \$619,963.95, cost to replace.

In other topics, the commission decided to advertise the eight-foot steel posts they have for sale on Craig's List and then move to disburse through the steel buyers if they do not sell. They also talked about purchasing chemicals. Richards said there would be quite a cost saving by purchasing through

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The BFMS Math and Science Club meets once a month on a Friday. The club takes part in hands on activities that include math and science related projects. This year the club experimented with hot air balloons, made a trip to the Outdoor Learning Center in Rapid City and studied survival techniques such as shelter building, starting a fire without matches and archery.

"That unit will go along nicely with what we'll be learning at Disney with their emphasis



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on conservation and how to live sustainability," Sprigler said.

The club is looking to go the School of Mines for it's meeting this month. They were at the Sanford Underground Lab in Lead for their October meeting.

"These are your high-level, rigorous thinkers," Sprigler said. "We want to show our students the kind of true math and



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Olive Branch A6

a whole other purpose for The Olive Branch. Today the name of Debra's business reflects much more than the simple gesture of extending the olive branch as an offer of peace and comfort within her store's walls.

The building that Debra purchased was constructed in 1895, 30 years after enactment of the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution that abolished slavery. Today, nearly 155 years after that enactment, slavery still exists – in the form of sex trafficking. And that's Denise's main purpose being back in South Dakota and being present in The Olive Branch. She is deeply involved in an organization called Eye Heart World, bringing awareness to the public of this all-too-real epidemic within communities across the country. Listening to both Denise's and Debra's passionate support of this organization goes beyond simple quotes in a newspaper article. In January, with Debra's strong encouragement, Denise assembled a display of merchandise in the store as a means of raising funds for Eye Heart World. All USA-made, the items range from jewelry to totes, purses, wallets and t-shirts, all with the Eye Heart World logo. Debra does not receive financial compensation for providing space for these items in her store. In

fact, 100% of the proceeds from the sale of these items at The Olive Branch goes directly to the Rose Home, based in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where the survivors live and are restored through trauma informed therapy.

In February 2010, the concept for Eye Heart World began germination at the hands of Denise and her daughter and son-in-law, Season and Brian Russo, young adult pastors at Victorious Life Church in Wesley Chapel, Florida.

Coordinated from two locations in Wisconsin and Alabama, the organization's outreach spreads country-wide with sex trafficking victims removed from criminal hands into a safe environment, often hundreds of miles away. Earlier this year the South Dakota Legislature passed House Bill 1047, dealing specifically with human trafficking. Locally, Denise has been working with both the Belle Fourche Police Department and the Butte County Sheriff's Department, providing 'Response Bags' for rescued sex trafficking victims with such immediate necessities as blankets, undergarments, toiletries and letters of encouragement. The organization's website is eye-heartworld.org.

The Olive Branch is open Monday thru Friday, 9:30am to 5:30pm, Saturdays 9:30am to 4:30pm.

the state. He said the county had been paying \$4 for one type of chemical and the state cost would be around \$2.15. A motion was made to purchase the base chemicals through the state.

Commissioner Karrol Herman relayed information from Chad Macaben, Fair Board President about the proposal they had been presented with for a two-day beer garden. He said the license would need to come through the county and that the hours of operation would be strictly limited. The Vale Fire Department, and Chief Mike Grubbe had said previously they

would run it, but he now wanted all county departments to be involved and have the profit go to the Butte County Fire Protection Association. A third company is the one making this proposal.

Mark Millett, Mark Burgad, Russell Millar and John Kissack of the Masonic Lodge made a proposal to sell their building and property to the county.

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

We have been reading the past few weeks commentary by John A. Newby, author of the “Building Main Street, Not Wall Street.”

It is a column dedicated to helping communities and local media companies combine synergies allowing them to not just survive, but thrive in a world where their “Truly-Local” identity is being lost to Amazon, Wall Street chains, and others.

We are considering adding his column as a Beacon regular feature. We are reprinting his “intro” to give you a glimpse of what he has to offer. The first is titled: **What is Truly-Local DNA?**

Thoughtful quote of the week: General Shinseki said, “If you don’t like change, you are going to enjoy irrelevance even less.”

When we ask people, what does Truly-Local mean, we get varied responses, but invariably, most will say that it is shopping local. While shopping local is certainly a component of being Truly-Local, I would suggest that being Truly-Local is much more than just shopping local. In fact, the shopping component only makes up 10-20% of the Truly-Local DNA needed in a community to become an economic force from which the community can prosper and grow. Let me explain.

First, let’s quickly discuss shopping. Yes, shopping local is part of the Truly-Local DNA, but understand that not all shopping local is created equal. When one shops at a locally-owned and operated business, it has between 3-7X the local impact than shopping Walmart, online or where the owners aren’t local. We will explain this in greater detail in future columns going into the compounding impact, reinvestment of profits and so forth. Understand that locally-owned and operated businesses have the ability to impact your economy greater than most will ever imagine.

Do you realize that not all-economic development has the same impact on your community? There are certain types of economic development that not only return a far greater ROI, but that will spur outside and private investment dollars at a much higher rate than any other economic investment. Future columns will touch on where and how to invest your city development dollars most efficiently.

Do we understand the devastating impact when a community loses its media base? Your local newspaper is your community’s ambassador to the outside world, if it were to disappear, who would tell your story and

promote your town to the world? A recent Notre Dame study showed that where newspapers have gone out of business, the cost of local government grows in excess of 30% within five

years. Not only that, but when communities become what is referred to as news deserts (those without a newspaper or voice), that business declines, less people vote and civic involvement dwindles.

Regardless of whether you have a small or large tourism base, there are simple ways to double down on this base. Nearly every town can create some sort of tourism and those with ample tourism can grow that substantially with simple tactics and strategies.

Most city and community governments will agree that the Truly-Local mentality is critical to their growth and future. However, did you know that most governments, while with the best intentions, have changeable laws, regulations and procedures that actually harm their own efforts? We will discuss how local governments can make minor adjustments and stimulate their communities without spending a dime more.

We will discuss a simple method that every community can employ and that will send hundreds of thousands, if not millions of new dollars circulating through their community without anyone having to spend a nickel more than they do now.

Does your community need job growth? Are your children leaving for college, never to return other than for trips home to say hi? We will discuss ways your community can employ tactics that drive innovation, entrepreneurship, job growth as well as quality of life that will tackle these issues head on.

While we intuitively understand that the arts, music and entertainment are vital to the Truly-Local mentality, we will discuss ways that your community can utilize those resources to a greater advantage. We will show examples of what others are doing. As they say, the greatest form of flattery is to not reinvent the wheel, but to copy programs that have shown success.

In addition to the above and much more, this columnist’s commentary is all about vision, leadership and excitement. Communities must change; employing the same traditional strategies only spell doom. With the influx of non-local and of course, online offerings,

communities that don’t utilize new techniques will fail. We are excited to bring you weekly ideas on how your community with the assistance of your local newspaper cannot just survive, but thrive in 2020 and beyond. John Newby’s email is: john@360MediaAlliance.net.

We will continue to brag on the businesses in Belle Fourche and continue to encourage everyone to spend their dollars locally at every opportunity. Every dollar makes a difference in the efforts to Bring Back, Revitalize, Boost, Better, and Build the community.

Think first of the people who invest in local business; hire employees and pay wages; collect the sales taxes that support our police/fire/etc.; help pay the property taxes that educate our kids; donate to your kids activities (soccer, math & science; rodeo; etc.); think local business first. It is always in your own best interest to do so.

A new teacher thought she would use what she learned in her college psychology courses. She said to her class, “Everyone who thinks they are stupid, please stand up.” After a few seconds, one young man stood. “Do you think you’re stupid?” she asked.

“No, ma’am, but I just didn’t want you to have to stand there all by yourself.”

A mother was struggling to get the ketchup out of the bottle when the phone rang. She asked her four year old daughter to answer it. She heard her daughter say, “Mommy can’t come to the phone. She’s hitting the bottle.”

Sitting on the side of the highway west of Belle waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Highway Patrolman sees a car pattering along at 34 MPH. He thinks to himself, “This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!” So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five elderly ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back - wide eyed and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him, “Officer, I don’t understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?”

“Ma’am,” the officer replies, “you weren’t speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers.” “Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly. Thirty-four miles an hour!” the old woman says a bit proudly. The officer, trying to contain a

By: Doug Cole
chuckle explains to her that “34” was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error. “But before I let you go, Ma’am,

I have to ask ... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven’t muttered a single peep this whole time,” the officer asks. “Oh, they’ll be all right in a minute officer. We came in on 212.

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BFACC Rebranding Being Considered

BRANDON BENNETT
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BELLE FOURCHE---The leadership of the Belle Fourche Area Community Center has announced that it began taking input from the public beginning February 26 to get ideas for the eventual rebranding of the Community Center to a name which reflects the city of Belle Fourche and the facility itself.

"We're looking to the public for their thoughts and ideas on a name that will identify the center and reflect what the building is all about," said Director Nate Velander.

While the public will be asked their opinions on the rebranding, the final recommendation will be that of Velander as Director and the Community Center Committee of the City Council.

The City Council will then make the final decision on the name. Velander is hopeful the name can be somewhat short but that remains to be seen.

The public will have several avenues available to them, with the primary tool being the Center's Facebook page. But there will also be directions on Twitter and Instagram.

"We're going to open Google Form so the visitors can click on a link and then enter their suggestions and opinions and we think this will work the best," said Velander.

The potential name will be chosen first and then work will begin on

that. Signage, logos, phrases and the like will all come much later. And there's even a low-tech way to voice one's opinions about the rebranding.

"We're going to have an old school suggestion box in the lobby of the Community Center, so actual visitors can leave their thoughts and ideas there too," he said.

The input will be for three weeks and is open to all ages.

But Velander stresses this is an official comment period, so those participating should be respectful and avoid any inappropriate comments or suggestions.

"This is a work in progress and we would greatly appreciate citizen input, so tell us what you think."

It has been suggested that a sale of "naming rights" be considered for a corporate or business sponsorship of the facility.



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Cattle Report - Friday, February 28, 2020
1200 Cattle Today
Grass Cattle Sold Steady Today With Lots of Interest
Big Cattle Were \$1 to \$3 Lower Due To The Board Of Trade

Next Sale - March 6th- Bred Cow & Heifer Special - 9AM Start
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Powell, Stanley, Biddle MT	4	Bold Str.	825 \$133.00
Powell, Stanley, Biddle MT	76	Bold Str.	658 \$165.50
Humbracht Bros, Camp Crook SD	58	Bold Hfr	609 \$151.00
Humbracht Bros, Camp Crook SD	13	Blk Hfr	476 \$174.00
Humbracht Bros, Camp Crook SD	70	R/Ch Hfr	643 \$140.50
Humbracht Bros, Camp Crook SD	27	R/Ch Hfr	510 \$162.50
Cox, Kendall, Reduse WY	11	Bold Hfr	673 \$133.50
Dacar, Curt, Whitehead SD	11	Red Str.	572 \$164.00
Duprel & Sons, Jack, Sturgis SD	81	B/Hf Str	739 \$142.75
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	46	B/R Str	688 \$148.25
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	17	B/R Str	537 \$172.00
Hayden, Ryan Or Constance, Gillette WY	27	Herf Hfr	802 \$113.00
J & J Smeenk Ranch LLC, Newell SD	101	Bold Hfr	539 \$163.50
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT	26	Bold Str	560 \$164.00
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT	22	B/R Str	821 \$132.00
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT	29	Bold Hfr	544 \$159.00
Redding, David, Hysham MT	8	B/R Hfr	682 \$139.00
Redding, David, Hysham MT	23	B/R Hfr	670 \$140.00
Redding, David, Hysham MT	24	B/R Hfr	577 \$148.00
Schallenberg, Leroy, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Str	1220 \$116.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD	28	Bold Hfr	532 \$160.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD	14	Bold Hfr	461 \$176.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY	19	B/R Hfr	398 \$190.00
Stirling, Allen, Newell SD	1	Blk Hfr	360 \$192.00
Weigh Cows			
Alexander, Derrick, Hill City SD	1	Blk Cow	1415 \$60.00
Alexander, Derrick, Hill City SD	1	Blk Cow	1865 \$55.00
Alexander, Mary Helen, Hill City SD	1	Blk Cow	1335 \$60.50
Alexander, Mary Helen, Hill City SD	1	Blk Cow	1235 \$60.00
Barker, Linda, Custer SD	1	Blk Cow	1350 \$63.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	5	Blk Cow	1397 \$62.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1330 \$60.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1320 \$58.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1230 \$58.50
Brown, Steve Or Kathy, Sturgis SD	3	Blk Cow	1298 \$55.00
Hicks, Tyler Or Cassie, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1325 \$56.00
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1425 \$62.50
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1385 \$58.00
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1235 \$59.00
Johnson, Corey, Vale SD	1	Blk Cow	1820 \$52.50
Johnson, Corey, Vale SD	1	Blk Cow	1630 \$57.50
Johnson, Jamie, Spearfish SD	1	Red Cow	1695 \$55.00
Johnson, Jamie, Spearfish SD	1	Red Cow	1445 \$57.50
Mathern, Alvin & Cheryl, Newell SD	1	Red Cow	1390 \$57.00
Schallenberg, Leroy, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1325 \$59.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1290 \$60.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1260 \$55.00
Tveidt, Bernard, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1455 \$59.00
Tveidt, Bernard, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1430 \$61.50
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	1	Blk Cow	1545 \$59.00
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	2	Blk Cow	1272 \$63.00
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	1	Blk Cow	1240 \$65.00
Weigh Up Bulls			
Brown, Steve Or Kathy, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Bull	1895 \$97.00
Red Power Ranch, Volborg MT	1	Blk Bull	2130 \$87.50
Red Power Ranch, Volborg MT	1	Blk Bull	2070 \$96.00
Red Power Ranch, Volborg MT	2	Blk Bull	1935 \$91.00
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	1	Blk Bull	2055 \$88.00
Whalen Trust, Jr. John W, Aladdin WY	1	Herf Bull	2270 \$83.50

Friday - March 6, 2020

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9:00 AM – Weigh Ups – 12:00 Noon

Calves Followed By Bred Cows

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Pc-Precondition Shots

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Calves

MT Consignment – 220 Blk Strs – 700-800# - Bt, Pc

Ryan Schaffer – 80 Red & Blk Strs & Hfrs – 400-600# - Bt, Pc

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2020 CATTLE SALES

March 6th – Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

March 13th – Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

March 20th – Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

March 27th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

April 3rd – Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

April 10th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

April 17th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

April 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

2020 SPRING BULL SALE LIST

March 27th – Wilson Ranch Simangus Bull Sale

April 3rd – Kammerer Livestock/CK Bar Ranch/Lambert Family Bull Sale

May 1st – Turn-Out Bull Sale

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Sunday, April 26th

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Sheep Report - February 27, 2020

Small Run of Sheep Today

Lambs Sold a Little Lower

Slaughter Ewes Sold \$10 Lower

Next Sale - March 5th - Regular Sheep Sale

Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Haefele, Peter, Newell SD 13 Lamb 64 \$240.00

Haefele, Peter, Newell SD 5 Lamb 53 \$232.00

Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD 23 Lamb 61 \$240.00

Laing, JD, Blunt SD 8 Lamb 138 \$151.00

Renno, Mervin, Newell SD 10 Lamb 65 \$239.00

Renno, Mervin, Newell SD 59 Lamb 83 \$230.00

Slaughter Ewes

Ginsbach, Todd Or Gail, Newell SD 11 Ewe 148 \$50.00

Wilson, Jim, Alzada MT 3 Ewe 151 \$71.00

Wilson, Jim, Alzada MT 9 Ewe 133 \$50.00

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March 5, 2020

1:00 PM

REGULAR SHEEP SALE

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PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

Upcoming Sheep Sale 2020

March 5th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 12th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 19th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

March 26th – New Crop Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 2nd – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 9th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 16th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 23rd – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

April 30th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

9:00 AM – LOOSE HORSES

12:00 NOON – RIDE IN HORSES

ALL RIDE IN HORSES MUST HAVE A COGGINS.

Tom Brunner Legislative Report

Well , we’ve passed the seventh week of the legislative session and it’s still not safe to take your hand off your wallet. This week was cross-over so all bills had to be moved out of their house of origin. So it was a long week getting all house bills out of committee and to the house floor or sending them to the magical 41st day.

One bill that I’ve been spending a lot of time on is HB1262, a bill that would give the rural electric coops some relief from municipal electric takings. A little background information might be helpful here. There are three types of electric utilities in this state, rural electrics like Butte Electric, Investor owned like Black Hills Energy and municipal owned. We are familiar with the first 2 out here and rarely deal with municipals. The closest one to us is the city of Faith. Co-ops and IOUs have set territories and although trades and exchanges take place your electric provider is determined by your address.

In several other cities primarily in eastern SD the cities run their own electric utility. This usually works fine until the city annexes property that the co-op serves. Current law allows for the municipality to take this service territory without consent of the affected co-op. They do have to pay for the infrastructure at a depreciated rate and a fee or tax for a few years to compensate the co-op for their losses. HB1262 would give the affected co-ops an opportunity to appeal this taking to circuit court and seek fairness if they feel that the loss of business opportunity exceeds what the

current formula allows them.

I have been involved with the rural electrics for a lot of years and this summer served on a summer study to look at the issue. So, I have a lot of time and energy invested in the issue. All I can say is it will be good to get this one behind us.

Several other issues were discussed this week including a bill to align school board elections up with general elections in November. The main reason is to get more voters to participate in school board elections. I think this might be worth further study but the idea is dead for this year. I think I heard from every county auditor in the state on this issue, none of them favorable to the extra headache it would cause.

We are still wrangling through the revenue/budget numbers, trying to decide what our priorities are for the upcoming budget year. Some of us are pushing hard for the 2% increase for education that statute calls for, all I can say is we won’t give up. The other issue for education is the capital outlay mill levy issue. New law caps this at 2800\$ per student instead of 3 mills per thousand. The Governor has proposed raising it to 3400\$ per student with an inflation factor. Smaller schools will still find this inadequate so we’re still working on this problem.

I’ll keep fighting against needless government growth, but don’t take your hand off your wallet yet.

Tom Brunner represents District 29; you may email at: Thomas.Brunner@sdlegislature.gov



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are writing this letter to explain our reaction to the Belle Fourche Chamber board’s decision to bring in an out of town caterer for the annual banquet. Our problem is that the chamber board representing Belle Fourche businesses and organizations even asked for a bid from an out of town business. We are not upset that we did not get the bid, but that it should have gone to a caterer in Belle Fourche.

We have been in Belle Fourche for 25 years; we have catered numerous community events and banquets. We have worked with each group as to what they wanted: menu, decorations, table settings, etc. We even have had our crew dress for the occasion. We

would have worked with the chamber on what was needed for this event as we have in past. The bid request was very vague as to what was required, except the date, number of people attending and that they wanted roaring 20’s ambiance and the buffet styled meals to be under \$18.

We have always been accommodating and have done what is needed to make their event as special as possible. We are disappointed in the board’s decision knowing that we would have (as in the past) complied to their needs.

The Belle Fourche Chamber has preached for years “Shop at Home”. The motto that encourages locals to shop in Belle and keep our dollars here in our community. Our question is why is it OK that

the chamber goes out of town when there are several businesses in Belle Fourche that could have catered this event.

These local businesses, like us, pay city sales tax, property taxes and employs people in our community year-round. Looking forward our community needs to heed this.

A friend and a prominent business owner gave me some good advice, “You can’t change their mistake, so don’t let them win by getting you upset over a bad decision. Life is to short”. With all this said having been a chamber member for 25 years; this will be our last one.

Thank you, Todd and Kathy Fierro, owners American West Grill and Catering.

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CHUTES FOR CHARITY BINGO

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 6PM

Spring Flood and Water Resources Outlook

Average to Above Average Flood Potential This Spring

*Probabilistic Hydrologic Outlook
National Weather Service
Rapid City, SD
Issued Thu Feb 27 2020*

This spring flood and water resource outlook covers northeastern Wyoming and western South Dakota. The main river basins include the Little Missouri, eastern Powder, Belle Fourche, Grand, Moreau, Cheyenne, Bad, White, and Keyapaha River Basins.

At this time, the probability of spring flooding through June ranges from around average across northeastern Wyoming and far northwestern South Dakota, to above average across south central South Dakota.

The higher spring flood risk for some areas is due to saturated soil conditions, high river levels, and above average snowfall this winter season in parts of the Cheyenne River, White River, Bad River, lower Grand and lower Moreau River Basins.

The potential for ice jam related flooding will remain high until the ice is off of the rivers, streams and lakes. Due to the warmer than average temperatures this winter, the ice thickness is below average. Therefore, the duration and extent of any ice jam flooding that may occur is not expected to be as bad as last year.

For the Black Hills and higher elevations, flooding from snowmelt typically begins in late April and May. Flooding on the plains due to snowmelt and ice jams typically occurs between

February and May.

The potential for rainfall-induced flash flooding is not quantifiable because this type of flooding is usually caused by localized thunderstorms during the spring and summer.

The flood potential is still very dependent on weather conditions this spring. The amount of additional snow and rain, as well as the timing of peak river and stream flows, will have a significant effect on the severity of flooding.

Since October 1, 2019, **temperatures** have been below average and precipitation has been above average. So far in February, temperatures have been slightly below average across northeastern Wyoming, to slightly above average across western South Dakota.

Precipitation for most areas has been above average, mainly due to the snowstorm this past week. However, it has been drier than average across south central South Dakota this month.

The **snow depth** currently ranges from a few inches across portions of the western South Dakota plains to a few feet in the Black Hills. The water content in the snow ranges from less than an inch on the plains, to over 3 inches in the Black Hills.

Soil moisture is above average at 99 percent, indicating very wet conditions. However the amount of frost in the ground is less than average, with frost depth readings ranging from less than a foot

around the Black Hills and in southwestern South Dakota, to 12 to 18 inches of frost in the ground across the plains of western and central South Dakota.

Almost all lakes in the Black Hills are ice covered, but some prairie ponds have only have minimal ice thickness. Due to the warmer temperatures so far this winter, the ice thickness is below average.

The outlook for the next two weeks indicates a greater chance for warmer than average temperatures with below average precipitation.

The three month outlook for March, April, and May calls for a greater chance for below average temperatures with a greater chance for above average precipitation.

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SD Bright Spots in San Antonio

Tie-down roper Dane Kissack of Spearfish made it to the semi-finals of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and narrowly missed out on making the final round.

Kissack advanced past the first round of bracket 5 with a time of eighth seconds flat to finish just behind Tuf Cooper in second place, picking up \$2,000 in the process.

In bracket 2 of the semi-finals Kissack made his run in 9.2 seconds, good for 4th and just missing out of the wild card and final round. In all Kissack came away from the pay window with \$3,500 and will now move on to Houston.

Newell's Lane Schuelke made the semifinals in saddle bronc finishing 3rd in bracket 1 with an 81.5 point ride.

Meanwhile Buffalo barrel racer Jessica Routier also made it to the semifinals. Bareback riders Shane O'Connell and Jamie Howlett of Rapid City made the bareback finals but finished out of the top four. Eagle Butte Saddle Bronc rider Shorty Garrett made it all the way to the finals where he finished as tied for reserve champion with Allen Boore. Brody Cress was champion. The performance kept Garrett among the nation's top five saddle bronc riders as we head into March with nearly \$40,000 won heading into last weekend.

Hereford, SD bronc rider JJ Elshere tied Taos Muncy to win bracket 1 round one. Cousin Cole Elshere made it to the wild card round, finishing a half point behind Cress.



The Good Stuff

Editor's note: Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into his program called "The Good Stuff." It has been on the air for more than 10 years.



Ah the good old days.
We all remember them as perfect don't we? Whether or not that's true, here's a bit of whimsy that will take us back in time for a few minutes in the reading. Enjoy!!

Black and White

You could hardly see the picture for all the snow. Spread the rabbit ears as far as they go. Pull a chair up to the TV set, 'Good Night, David. Good Night, Chet.'

My Mom used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning.

My Mom used to defrost hamburger on the counter and I used to eat it raw sometimes, too. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember getting e.coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then.

The term cell phone would have conjured up a phone in a jail cell, and a pager was the school PA system.

We all took gym, not PE... and risked permanent injury with a pair of high top Keds (only worn in gym) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now.

Flunking gym was not an option.... even for stupid kids! I guess PE must be much harder than gym.

Speaking of school, we all said prayers and sang the national anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention.

We must have had horribly damaged psyches. What an archaic health system we had then.. Remember school nurses? Ours wore a hat and everything.



I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations.

We played 'king of the hill' on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites, and when we got hurt, Mom pulled out the

48-cent bottle of mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did) and then we got our butt spanked.

Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10-day dose of a \$49 bottle of antibiotics, and then Mom calls the attorney to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

We didn't act up at the neighbor's house either; because if we did we got our butt spanked there and then we got our butt spanked again when we got home.

I recall Donny Reynolds from next door coming over and doing his tricks on the front stoop, just before he fell off. Little did his Mom know that she could have owned our house. Instead, she picked him up and swatted him for being such a goof. It was a neighborhood run amok.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family.

How could we possibly have known that we needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes?

We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!

How did we ever survive?

2020 Rodeo World Standings			
(South Dakota Top 50 Contestants as of 2/24)			
Bareback:			
4. Jamie Howlett	Rapid City, SD	\$33,329.94	
20. Shane O'Connell	Rapid City, SD	\$12,936.64	
Steer Wrestling:			
7. Jace Melvin	Ft. Pierre, SD	\$22,048.86	
12. Eli Lord	Sturgis, SD	\$15,734.01	
39. Taz Olson	Prairie City, SD	\$7,079.27	
Team Roping Headers:			
33. Jr. Dees	Aurora, SD	\$7,676.90	
Team Roping Heelers:			
41. Levi Lord	Sturgis, SD	\$7,241.36	
Saddle Bronc:			
4. Shorty Garrett	Eagle Butte, SD	\$39,754.00	
8. Cole Elshere	Faith, SD	\$23,050.76	
12. Taygen Schuelke	Newell, SD	\$17,742.99	
15. Lane Schuelke	Newell, SD	\$15,360.73	
32. Chuck Schmidt	Keldron, SD	\$9,592.55	
33. Ty Manke	Rapid City, SD	\$8,768.33	
36. Jade Blackwell	Rapid City, SD	\$8,344.39	
47. Jacob Kammerer	Philip, SD	\$5,615.40	
50. JJ Elshere	Hereford, SD	\$4,750.00	
Tie-Down Roping:			
None as of 2/18			
Steer Roping:			
3. Jess Tierney	Hermosa, SD	\$11,075.49	
24. Ora Taton	Rapid City, SD	\$3,905.72	
30. J.R. Olson	Whitewood, SD	\$2,734.00	
Barrel Racing:			
17. Lisa Lockhart	Oelrichs, SD	\$13,938.88	
24. Jessica Routier	Buffalo, SD	\$11,185.00	
Bull Riding:			
43. Wyatt Gregg	Belle Fourche, SD	\$7,483.41	
NOTE: South Dakota has 9 Saddle Bronc riders in the PRCA Top 50 as of 2-25-20. More than any other state.			

The Valley Irrigator

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NEWELL – Lots of girls' basketball action this week and that news is in another article, but people adjusted their schedules and traveled to Lemmon to support the girls in semi-final action. Next week the Irrigator fans will have to travel a bit further as the Lady Irrigators travel to Ft. Pierre for action in the Sodak 16 on Thursday.

For those who were traveling around the county they were able to stop in several places, including CBH Travel Center in Belle and 212-79 in Newell to purchase their favorite Girl Scout cookies. Kaylee Gatzke, two of Luaine Shaykett's daughters, and Jean Smeenk's granddaughter Remi all had tables set up. You can contact any of these young ladies if you want to purchase. Congrats to Chase VanDer-Boom, an unseeded wrestler that participated at the state

NVN ROUNDUP B7

Newell HS Graduate Selected for National Publication



READY FOR PUBLICATION - Shailey Mahaffy stopped by the Newell High School Library so librarian Karen Wallace could snap a quick photo of her with the book "Illustrations," which includes Mahaffy's poem, "Time of Day." -Courtesy photo

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NEWELL – NHS 2019 graduate, Shailey Mahaffy, entered a poetry contest, and was selected for publication. The American Library of Poetry, Houlton, Me., sent an award letter to Mahaffy in June telling her that her poem "Time of Day," had been selected for publication in the student poetry book "Illustrious." Mahaffy received a copy of the book and met at the school with librarian Karen Wallace to mark the occasion.

Mahaffy is 18 and the oldest of Dean and Sierra Mahaffy's three children. She is currently taking a "gap" year, but will soon attend Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Tex., starting in August 2020.

"I will be participating in their youth missionary program, Adventures in Missions (AIM)," said Mahaffy. "My favorite writing style has always been creative, and I've always loved to write descriptive paragraphs and short stories." She said she never used to like writing poetry because she mistakenly thought it had to be really structured. Once she discovered it didn't, she fell in love with it and hasn't stopped writing poems since.

"I was given the flyer for the America Library of Poetry contest during my senior year," said Mahaffy. "I had already been writing poetry for a couple years, and had entered a few of them in the 2018 and 2019 Meade County 4-H Fair."

Her poem, "Time of Day" is about giving your heart, time, and effort to someone who didn't return it. She said it was based off of something she actually experienced in her life during her

MAHAFFY PUBLISHED B4

Newell One Win From State

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NEWELL – The Newell Lady Irrigators had a very good week, even though the first night of the regional tournament got postponed due to weather. They ended up hosting the Timber Lake Panthers on Thursday, February 27, in Austin Auditorium.

The girls had no trouble putting away the Panthers as they outscored them in all but the last quarter, which was nearly at tie. The first quarter saw Kayden Steele put seven points on the boards, along with a total of 11 more points shared by Lexa Burtzclaff, Austin Alexander, Kyla Emmert and Jaelyn Wendt, giving Newell the advantage at 18-6.

Steele added four more points to her first quarter tabulation. A field goal each by Wendt and Burtzclaff, along with a trey by Emmert gave the Irrigators a half-time lead of 36-17.

Burtzclaff went on a tear in the third period, hitting four in the paint, while Steele added a trey and two of two at the charity stripe. Kassidy Weeldreyer and Emmert both added two points on field goals, while Emmert hit on a shot from the stripe after being fouled on her bucket. Taylor Gaer came into the game for a good three-pointer. At the end of three Newell was on top 54-26.



TAKING AIM - Kyla Emmert hits from three-point land in the first regional game Thursday, February 27 in Newell against Timber Lake. - Brunner photo

They seemed to lose a little moment in the final quarter over the previous three, but were still able to stay with Timber Lake, 14-15 in the period. Their lead gave them the victory 68-41.

Quarter scores: Newell 18, 36, 54, 68. Timber Lake 6, 17, 26,

VanDerBoom Finishes Sixth at State



SIOUX FALLS - Newell's 126-lb wrestler Chase VanDerBoom (second from left) finished sixth at the 2020 High School State wrestling tournament last weekend in Sioux Falls. VanDerBoom won his first round match over Lucas Kannegieter of Clark-Willow Lake by decision 13-6. After dropping his quarter-final match he made his way to wrestle backs dropping a close 3-0 decision to Kannegieter to finish sixth. Coming into the tournament, VanDerBoom was unseeded and a sixth place

finish is remarkable.

In the 182-lb class Newell's Caleb McGregor won his opening match over Sean Domke of Redfield with a technical fall at 4:26. He dropped his next two matches narrowly missing out on the podium. Both VanDerBoom and McGregor will have the opportunity to build on this season's success as they both will be juniors next season. - Courtesy photo

41. Burtzclaff 6, 0, 1/3, 13; Alexander 1, 0, 1/2, 3; Weeldreyer 1, 0, 0/2, 1; Emmert 3, 1, 1/1, 10; Gaer 0, 1, 0/0, 3; Steele 6, 3, 4/4, 25; Wendt 5, 0, 0/0, 10.

In second round action, this time with Dupree as the Lemmon School District hosted, on Saturday, February 29, the Newell girls again tasted victory, beating the Tigers 62-58. The girls outscored their oppo-

nents in the first period by just three, 15-12. Steele once more took her leadership role seriously as she dumped in four field goals. Emmert added a trey and Burtzclaff went to the line twice for four of four.

In the second period Steele didn't let up, repeating her first period score, as well as going to the line for a failed attempt

at the free throw following her bucket. Her teammates added another 16 points, one each from Butzclaff and Alexander, two field goals from Weeldreyer, a field goal and a trey from Emmert, and one of two at the line for Wendt. At the end of the first half, Newell was up by 10, 37-27.

GIRLS BASKETBALL B4

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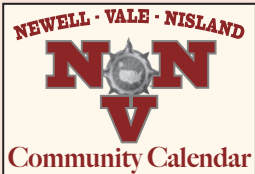
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Each Wednesday-BASH Christian Youth Group meets at the Newell Christian Fellowship Church 6pm for a meal and study of the Bible. All teens ages 13 to 18 are welcome to attend. Contact Holly at 456-2544 if you would like to help provide a meal for these teens. Kids JAM is held at Nisland Independent Community Church at 6pm for ages K-6th grade. Adult Bible study at 6:15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. This session will end on March 4.

March 3-BBB 1/4 Finals @ High Seed, 6 p.m.
March 3rd Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup at Newell School lower elementary, ages 0-5; event begins at 8:30am and finishes up by noon. Call Newell School at 456-0102 to schedule an appointment or if you have questions. Crystal Eaton, Black Hills Service Coordinator will be here to screen children age 0-3. Walk-ins are welcome, but there may be a small wait until your child

can get registered. Please bring your child's birth certificate and current shot record.

Mar. 3-County Commission meeting in courthouse, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday March 5th ~ GBB - SoDak 16 @ TBA
March 6-BBB Semi Finals TBA. Make up snow day for Newell School.

March 7-Vale Community Country Church Sip-n-Paint, 1 p.m. at the church.

Mar. 8-Newell Improvement Corporation Chili Cook-off at Newell Bar. Enter your chili for \$10 starting at 1:30 p.m. Tasting for \$5/bowl and a bean to vote. Also for sale: Blue Line's delicious cinnamon rolls. Come support NIC as they support the community. Also join the bingo at 2 p.m.

March 8-SPRING FORWARD!!!! Set your clocks ahead!

March 9-School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. in Multipurpose room. Newell city commission meeting, 6 p.m. at city administration offices.

March 17-Parent/Teachers conferences/Book Fair, 4 p.m. in Multipurpose room.

March 26-PTO Carnival. NHS Drama Dept. Spring Play, 5 p.m.

From B3 ROAD WORK

workers and equipment adjacent to the driving lane and slow down through the work zone.

Additional culvert repairs and replacements will be completed throughout the year on this project and updated information

Newell School Board Looking to Fill Two Positions

NEWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9-2.

Two three-year term positions are open. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on MARCH 1, 2020 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 501 Dartmouth Ave., Newell SD between Newell School Business Office hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., mountain standard time not later than MARCH 31, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., or mailed by registered mail not later than MARCH 31, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

will be provided accordingly.

The prime contractor on this \$1.48 million-dollar project is Mainline Contracting, Inc. from Rapid City.

The overall completion date for the project is Oct. 30, 2020.

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From B3 MAHAFFY PUBLISHED

senior year.

"The advice I would like to give to anyone writing poetry is to speak from the heart, and write about personal experi-

ences," shared this young poet. "Not only does it help you get through the situation, but it also helps the poem to really reach and be relatable to your audience." Mahaffy's poem is adjacent.

From B4 GIRLS BASKETBALL

It turned out that it was good the Newell girls built that sizeable lead as they were outscored by Dupree in the third quarter, and came within three in the final period. Steele, Burtzlaff and Alexander put up one of two at the line, two at the charity stripe and a lone field goal for just five points. Meanwhile, six Tiger players teamed up to dump in 14 points, pushing the score to nearly even, 42-41, Newell.

In the final period the Irrigators kicked in in gear again

as six different players scored, mostly on free throws. Butzlaff, Weeldreyer, Kjellson, Gaer and Steele all went to the line, for a total of 10/16. Steele hit two from three-point land, while Burtzlaff and Emmert both nailed from the paint for a total of 20 points, just three more than Dupree. The final was 62-58.

Newell GBB will be playing Faulkton at 5:30 pm Central time in Ft. Pierre this Thursday for the Sodak 16 and the chance to go to the state basketball tournament.

Then and Now in Newell

March 10, 1910

M. W. Reed of the Belle Fourche Valley Bank will take a 2 week vacation. He will spend time at Deadwood, Belle Fourche and the Craig Ranch. D. J. Hull, Assistant Cashier of the Butte County Bank will be in charge of the local bank during the absence of Mr. Reed.

H.O. Massie has resigned as manager of the Valley Irrigator. He will go to Belle Fourche and take charge of a Stalwart Republican paper to be established there. Mrs. Massie and daughter left last week for points in Arkansas where they will visit friends and relatives.

Jos. M. Spangler of Lyman County closed a deal Monday for the Hans Anderson place near St. Onge. This is one of the best dry ranches in the St. Onge country and consists of 400 acres. H.D. Anderson of

Spearfish made the sale received \$22.50 per acre. Possession will be given at once. Mr. Anderson has purchased one of the Shaykett places on the north side of the Belle Fourche River.

March 4, 1920

Don't forget the large Joseph Felt Farm Auction Sale to be held the 15th of March, 1½ miles south of the Reclamation Office. The place will go to the highest bidder. Easy terms. A big hot free lunch. Better look the farm over before the sale.

Hal Wheaton and little daughter arrived Tuesday from Phillip. Hal is proving upon his additional homestead and was forced to lay over a day on account of one of his witnesses failing to show up.

March 6, 1930

Supporters of athletic activities in the Newell High School have announced a banquet Monday

evening, to be given in honor of members of this year's athletes. The banquet will be served in the gym and expense of the affair is to be \$1 per plate. There will be music by the Community Band under direction of J.C. Brodsky, appropriate remarks will be made by several local fans and the school will officially acknowledge receipt of the cup from the Belle Fourche Commercial Club, given for winning the recent Butte County basketball championship. E.R. Hill will preside as toastmaster; all persons interested in our athletics team are invited to purchase a ticket to attend the banquet.

The game commission is stocking the Black Hills with wild turkeys. They recently traded pheasants for turkeys; giving 5 pheasants for 1 turkey and in the trade received 85

pairs of turkey from West Virginia. These have been turned loose in the Hills and it is hoped they will increase to the extent that the entire country will have turkeys galore.

March 7, 1940

Local meetings of beet growers in connection with Growers' Contract for 1940 will be held Monday evening, March 11 at 7:00 PM at Vale at Vale Firemen Hall; Horse Creek at Horse Creek School House; Nisland at Hose House; Arpan at Ingersoll School House and Newell M.E. Hafner Office. All beet growers are urged to attend by President Alex Kling to discuss the present standing of 1940 contract negotiations with directors of the Black Hills Beet Growers' Co-op Association.

S. Downey and M. Patterson from the O'Neill Photo Co., of O'Neill, Nebr. will be in Newell at the Christian's residence taking graduating class and other photos on March 14, 15, 16 & 17. This will give everyone a chance to have good photos taken at low prices form \$2.50 to \$14.00 a dozen. Have a special for Mother's Day, come in and see for yourself. My Pal Stamps for the kids at 25 cents a dozen and 1 cent tax.

March 9, 1950

Sale of approximately 1½ million pounds of wool, all of the 1949 clip, to a mill account was announced here last week by the Hafner Wool Warehouse. The Newell firm, which handles wool for growers from over a wide area of Western South Dakota and portions of adjoining states, the sale, paid net growers an average of 58 cents and 59 cents per pound. Loading and shipment is underway and it is

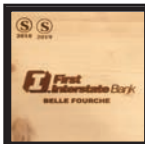
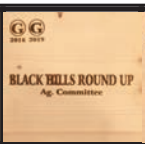
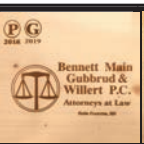
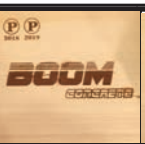
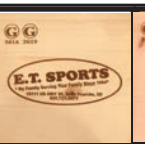
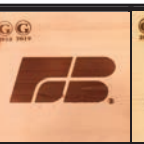


expected the loading will be completed by the end of this week.

Saturday April 8, will be a special day in Newell for children from over a wide territory, it was announced by Newell Jaycees in regular meeting last Friday. The group voted to sponsor a free show for children and a big Easter Egg Hunt on that afternoon. The free show will include comedy, travel and education shorts to make up a full length show at the City Hall and this will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the City Park.


March 10, 1960

The Morell Brothers of Fairpoint have donated a colt to the Newell Saddle Club which will be awarded to the junior member of the club who is judged 1st in horsemanship at the end of the 1960 season; it was announced this week by Loren Poole Secretary of the club. All junior members of the club who have not reached their 14th birthday on May 1, 1960, will be eligible to compete for this award, Poole advises.

Nisland High School will be closed at the end of the current term, according to action taken by the Board of Education at a special meeting Monday night. A resolution to close the school, because of the difficult problems of financing district operations, was approved by a 4 to 1 vote. At present there are 38 students in the High School, but no decision has been made as to arrangements to be completed for High School students of the district for next year. The district will continue to operate its Grade School, which has excellent facilities.

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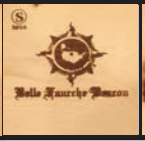

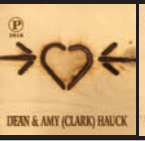




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Sincerely,

The RYLF Board



Time of Day by Shailey Mahaffy.

*From the very beginning, I couldn't stop thinking about you;
Your eyes, your smile, your laugh ...
But you never gave me the time of day.*

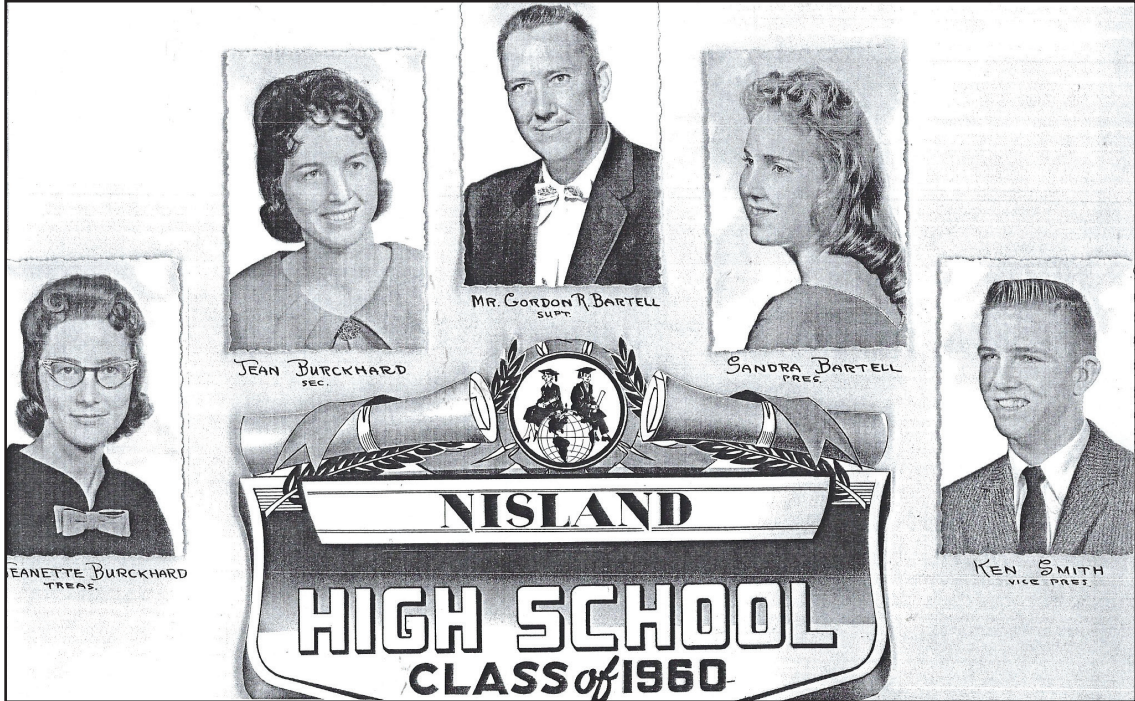
*I did my best to catch your eye,
did everything I could to impress you,
But you never cared enough to give me the time of day.*

*I tried to talk to you every way I knew how,
Tried to be your friend, someone you could trust,
But you wouldn't give me the time of day.*

*I thought about you when it seemed few others did,
Went out of my way to see if you were alright,
But you wanted someone else to give you the time of day.*

*I was in too deep over how I felt about you,
Drowning slowly in the sea of my emotions,
But guess what? You wouldn't give me the time of day.*

*Since then I've stopped caring about you, because, you see,
I've found someone worth my time.
And the irony of it all? The girls you wanted instead of me?
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Nisland High School 1960 Graduating Class. It was the last class to graduate from Nisland.



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This historic photo of the Butte County Court house is of a Patriotic celebration circa 1912.
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Looking Back in Belle

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

Belle Fourche Times March 7, 1896

A Montana correspondent in recounting the depredations on range cattle by Indians and wolves, says it is to be hoped that some Yankee will invent an implement of war "that will shoot today and kill next week." It could be used profitably in that section.

Among the arrivals on Sunday morning's train was Fred Holcomb, who has been spending the past few weeks in Arizona on a purchasing trip. Mr. Holcomb spent most of the time during his absence in and around Tombstone and Wilcox and purchased 2700 head of range steers. The lot range in age from 1 to 3 years, and are of an excellent grade. Mr. Holcomb says that young stock in that section is from \$3 to \$4 higher per head than last year. A part of the cattle purchased on this trip was for another party.

Belle Fourche Times March 6, 1897

G. W. Couch was in one day this week and informed us that he had artesian water on his place a few miles from town.

The well is only sixty feet deep. The flow is not large but goes far towards verifying the fact that Butte county may be abundantly supplied with artesian water. No doubt the coming spring and summer will find a number of such wells being put down.

CURRENT COMMENT

The people of Sturgis are talking electric lights.

Mrs. Taylor can fit you out in the of suits for the big ball on the 17th

First-class meals at all hours at Mrs. Killgore's restaurant, opposite the post office.

Belle Fourche Times March 3, 1898

TALK OF THE TOWN

R.C. Harper and family, late of Miles City, have occupied the Bullock cottage on Elm Street.

A few of the dog-gone dogs are gone by the poison route, but two or three valuable ones were sacrificed of course

The new county jail will be completed this week and ready to receive guests during the term of court with convenes Tuesday.

A band of dogs ought

certainly to be an attraction in Belle Fourche. Prof. Reno and his troupe of canines have something new for you.

Dick Hall brought in a monstrous monstrosity this week which is something in the shape of a calf with the exception of the head, which latter is beyond description. It is on exhibition at Sweeney's liver barn.

F. M. Barrett, mayor of Barrett, Wyo., was in town Tuesday and gave us his opinion that the reported purchase of Hay creek coal lands by J. D. Hardin was a great big hoax.

D.C. Bowman was a visitor here several days this week. He has ace hired a bountiful and beautiful bear since his last visit here, which he says can be produced only at Ragged Top, where the wind never blows.



by Hunter Anderson substituting for Mary Buchholz

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Mar. 7th 1st Sat. Brunch is "Tipi Rings"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will host a First Saturday Brunch on March 7th featuring a presentation on tipi rings.

Tipi rings are the circular patterns of stones found where tipis were erected by protohistoric and historic Native Americans. The Black Hills feature a number of these sites, and there are ranches in the northern Hills noted for such rings.

The presenter will be retired physician and historian Ken

Vogele of Rapid City. Vogele is a familiar face to First Saturday Brunch attendees; in 2019 he gave a presentation on the hostility faced by German Americans during WWI.

The brunch at 10 a.m. is \$5 per person or free with membership. The presentation at 10:30 a.m. is free to all.

The Tri-State Museum is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. For more information call 605-723-1200.



Matthews Opera House March Events

March 6: Masters of Hawaiian Music - George Kahumoko Jr. & Nathan Aweau - Live Concert
Our Subscription Series continues in March with a live concert from the Masters of Hawaiian Music, George Kahumoko Jr. & Nathan Aweau, on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Two Masters, featured regularly at Maui's renowned "Slack Key Show®" share Hawai'i's unique folk styles, with origins in the early 19th century Hawaiian paniolo (cowboy) culture. Delightful, authentic, true aloha! Single event tickets are available for \$25 adults, \$10 youth & BHSU students at the Matthews' art gallery during business hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by phone at 605-642-7973. For more information, please contact the Matthews, 612 Main Street, at 605-642-7973 or check the website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/event/george-kahumoko-jr-nathan-aweau/>

March 11: Global Women's Issues - A Poet's Interpretations with Marsha Mittman
Bellman Brown Bag Series
Join Marsha Mittman for an afternoon of readings from her original poems that highlight global women's issues she has witnessed from her travels. Join us at noon on Wednesday, March 11 for this FREE Bellman Brown Bag Series presentation. For more information, please check the website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/event/global-womens-issues-a-poets-interpretation/>
March 17-19: Community Art Show Registration

From beginners to professionals, the 41st Community Art Show is open to applicants of all ages, levels, and media. Entries are not limited by geographical area. Registration and entries will be accepted March 17 - 19. More info and the application can be found on our website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/blog/41st-commu->

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March 20: Community Art Show Opens
The Matthews' Community Art Show (formerly the Winter Art Show) is now in its 41st year and will be on display in the gallery March 20 - April 10, 2020. The show is free and open to the public during business hours, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., in the Matthews art gallery. An awards reception will be held on Tuesday, March 31 from 5-7 p.m. Awards will be presented at 6 p.m. For more information, please check the website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/blog/41st-community-art-show/>

March 24: Doolin' Irish/French Concert
The Matthews presents Doolin' at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 24. Thanks to the inspiration and talent of its members, Doolin' is currently one of the most innovative bands of the Irish music scene. This is a subscription series event, but single tickets are available for \$25 adults, \$10 youth & BHSU students at the Matthews' art gallery during business hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by phone at 605-642-7973. For more info, check the website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/event/doolin/>

March 26: Chris Huisenga LIVE at the Matthews
Join us for a free concert with local musician Chris Huisenga on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Matthews Opera House. Lucas Olson will open. The show is free with general seating.

For more information on any of the events contact: Maegan Detlefs Marketing Manager
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U&I float: "Sugar Days", Vale, SD, Aug. 26, 1932.

U&I Sugar Float in 1932 Sugar Days Parade in Vale. The photo of the Sugar Days Queen and her young court is courtesy of the Jerry Ager collection, furnished by Bill Hennessey

Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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We had some beautiful weather this week and, except for Tuesday, it felt like spring outside. We got a couple inches of snow Monday night and Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning it was -3 degrees, but it warmed up to 33 degrees. The rest of the week the temps were in the forties and fifties, which is great because we started calving on Sunday.

Amanda took little River Lu to the clinic Tuesday afternoon and she has RSV. She's doing a lot better, but still has a bad cough. The other kids are feeling pretty good now.

Casey and Missy took the Harding County wrestlers to the state wrestling tournament in Sioux Falls on Wednesday morning. Reub and I went to the Ash Wednesday service and potluck supper at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening.

We lost more friends and neighbors this week. On Monday, Missy went to Lemmon to attend the funeral of a classmate, Noelle Umbach, age 50, who passed away February 15 in Brooklyn, NY. As an Inspector on the Forensic Education Accreditation Program Board (FEPAC), Noelle worked on the American Airlines Flight 587 and the World Trade Center DNA Identification Teams from September 2001 to March 2004 and was proud to have contributed to providing closure for families who lost loved ones in 9-11. Sadly, exposure to Ground Zero and/or tissue samples from 9-11 may have contributed to her cancer diagnosis. She is buried in the Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon.

Clarence Hunsucker, 96, from Buffalo, died on Sunday, February 16 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fort Meade under hospice care. Private family services were held at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Elaine "Becky" (Beckman) Chapman, age 83, formerly from Lodgepole, died on Sun-

day, February 23 at the Kadoka Care Center. Becky's celebration of life will be held in Bison at a later date.

Rodney Carr, 82, passed away Monday, February 24 at the hospital in Hettinger. His funeral was this Saturday at Beckman Memorial Church in Prairie City with burial in the Prairie City Cemetery.

Rodney was one of the people I could call when I had questions about the history of this area and he was interviewed about the old ghost town of Strool when SDPB did the "Vanishing Towns in South Dakota" video last year.

Roger Rosenow, age 82, from Ralph, passed away Tuesday, February 25 at the hospital in Hettinger. His funeral was at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Reeder on Monday with burial with military honors at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

Margaret (Phillips) Week, 77, of Wenatchee, WA, lost her battle with cancer and also passed away on Tuesday. Margaret and her husband Bruce Week ranched northwest of Prairie City and raised their four boys there before moving to Wenatchee, WA. There will be a private family burial service for her in Wenatchee. We got to have one last visit with our dear friend while she was here last fall and we are really going to miss her.

Cross Over Day was Thursday in the SD legislature and March 12 will be the last day of the 2020 session with Veto Day at the end of March. There will be a Cracker Barrel at the Grand Electric Social room in Bison on Saturday, March 7 at 5:00. Come and listen to what Sen. Ryan Maher and Rep. Sam Marty will tell you about the bills that were brought this year and what impact the bills that passed into law will have on us.

Shaun Bonomo came down to fix a tractor for us on Friday. He's a really handy guy. I had to take our income tax returns down to Reva that morning so

Karen could FAX them down to the Hills for us. That afternoon I helped Taz and Reub move the pairs across the creek to the shed up on the hill by the barn. It was a nice day to do move them, but it was really muddy out there with water running everywhere. There is lots of water running through Olson Creek and the South Grand River and all the dams are full.

Reub and I went to Rodney Carr's funeral Saturday afternoon and got to visit with a lot of friends. I didn't know that Rodney was a cousin of Shirley Miller until I read some of the stories his family had written about him. Several of his Miller relatives came to bid him goodbye.

Tom and Kathy Fabris went to Bible study with us Sunday night at John and Corinne Erickson's east of Bison. Brad and Linda Abelseth came up from the Hills to join us for an enjoyable evening.

Have you done your taxes yet? I'll leave you with these IRS quotes:

"One difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets." -Anonymous

"The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has." -Will Rogers

"It is more deductible to give than to receive." -Henry Leabo

"Some taxpayers close their eyes, some stop their ears, some shut their mouths, but all pay through the nose." -Evan Esar

"An income tax form is like a laundry list—either way, you lose your shirt." -Fred Allen

"Tax reform is when you take the taxes off things that have been taxed in the past and put taxes on things that haven't been taxed before." -Art Buchwald

"I figured out why Uncle Sam wears such a tall hat. It comes in handy when he passes it around." -Soupy Sales

"There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist—the taxidermist leaves the hide." -Mortimer Caplan, former IRS director.

Capitol News

CHARLIE ODELL

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Since today is St David's Day, which is a Welsh holiday, and since Karen is Welch I figured I should do the news. Karen spent the week working on the addition and writing "Rowen". When she is done with it she will have written a book for each of the grandchildren. She also wrote and mailed her annual Christmas letter. I spent the week feeding cows and reviewing "Rowen". I inspected cows at Capitol, LLC on Thursday and for Billy Roadifer on Friday. Some time ago Clara Braun sent us gift certificates for the Senior Citizen's dinner. We had not been able to find then and figured they had gotten thrown away. One day last week the pup was playing with some paper. I did not want him to eat it so I took it away from him. I started to throw it away and then I looked and it was the missing gift certificates. Since Friday was fried chicken day at the Senior Citizens and Bobbie make some of the best chicken we used our certificates. Thank you Clara for the gift. On Sunday we read the Bible and I went and got dinner at the "Over the Edge". I'm sure that it was a lot better than what I would have cooked. We got 2 or 3 inches of snow on Tuesday.

The wind blew so hard that it was hard to tell how much.

Diane Wear spent most of the week helping do chores at Ronda Cordell's. She worked most days at the "Over the Edge". Brook Douglas came from Sturgis and spent the weekend.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson and Pete Anderson are switching houses so they spent most of the week moving. They officially moved into their new house on Saturday. Lynn says it will be a month or two before she has everything unpacked and put away. On Sunday they went to church at Little Missouri.

Junior and Shirley Melum stayed close to home and did the normal chores.

Pete Anderson has moved south to Lynn and Bruce's house. He figures it will be a lot warmer down south. He went to the Methodist Church on Sunday.

On Monday Ronda Cordell received a call from Chad Sheehan of Wyoming Corporation, that he'd be at Bergstrom's by 7:30 to pick up the heaters and blowers being used to dry the mobile home. She went up to review the work before he left and then went to Gerald Burghduff's to help with a cow. Diane Wear had come to do the chores. She went back to town and came later to stay overnight so she could take


Ronda to appointments in Spearfish on Tuesday. The weather had begun to change and Ronda received a call from Spearfish about 8:30 Monday evening saying her appointments were both canceled as Spearfish already had five inches of snow and terrible wind. Diane stayed overnight and did the chores first thing Tuesday before going back to Camp Crook. Ronda spent Wednesday and Thursday getting inside stuff done. She attended the Vigortone Supper at the "Over the Edge" on Thursday evening. On Friday morning Clint Zolnoski brought her tax papers up as they had gone to Spearfish Thursday for doctor appointments. She got them signed and into town before the mail left. Jon Hamilton, Kristen and Jayda Westling came to Ronda's on Friday. They wanted to treat her to a belated birthday supper so they had supper at the "Over the Edge". They spent the night and headed to Rapid City Saturday afternoon.

Brian, Blake and Cade Olmstead and their friend Jeff came on Thursday and spent until Sunday with Dorothy Padden. They all went into Camp Crook for supper on Saturday evening.

Doug Davis is getting ready for calving. Dr Meyers came out from Belle Fourche on Saturday to Bangs vaccinate his heifer

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calves. Jake, Calli and the boys and Morgan, McKenzie and Mattie Buck came to help.

Dawn and Bryce Padden are busy calving heifers. They have started on the second draft. Dawn went to Bowman on Wednesday for groceries and other supplies. Bryce, Dawn and Roger Stevens went to Camp Crook for supper with Dorothy, Brandon, Ashley and kids and Brian, Blake, Cade and Jeff on Saturday.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to the Vigortone supper at the "Over the Edge" on Thursday evening. On Saturday Marlee went to Lead to a basketball tournament that Gavin was playing in. She came home on Sunday and went to church in Camp Crook. They are starting to get calves.

Justin Kerr is getting ready for calving. Marian and Kyra came down and spent the week-

end with him. Denin Cheigas stopped to visit on Saturday. He got around 6 inches of snow.

Dick and Erma Albert went shopping in Belle Fourche and Spearfish on Friday. They went to church on Sunday and then ate at the No 3 with John and Carol Helms and Father Ed.

Moncurs are getting ready to start calving heifers. They moved cows home from Capitol on Sunday.

Billy Roadifer hauled a load of cows to the sale in Ft Pierre on Friday.

We really can't complain about the winter so far. We have had some snow and some cold weather, but it looks like the next ten or so days are going to be pretty nice.

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

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NVN ROUNDUP
meet this past week, and ended up with a 6th place finish. Caleb McGregor also wrestled at state but ended up just short of the podium.
Congratulations also go out to Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere, who was sworn in as the president of the Western Sheriff's Association this past week.
Although Tri-County Lockers has closed their doors to

regular butcher shop business, owner Randy Boesem will be doing custom slaughter and processing on a limited number of animals, working around his regular job work schedule. People interested can call him on his cell at 605-431-8491 and leave a message with your name and number.
The Vale Community Country Church held a carnival that wasn't as good as their hopes, but plan another activity on March 7, a sip-n-paint. The

event runs from 1-3 p.m. at the church at 402 Rosander. For more information you can call (605) 210-0512.
On March 7, at 5:30 p.m. in Austin Auditorium, there will be an elementary basketball fundraiser. Contests will be first and second grades playing, third through fifth girls vs. boys, and sixth-graders vs. parents. Concessions and baked goods will be available for purchase.



HOMETOWN BOY MAKES GOOD - Newell's Payton Burtz-laff, second from right, was All-Conference and placed eighth for Mt. Marty college recently. - *LancerTrackandFieldxc photo*



CRAZY FOR COOKIES - Girl Scouts are busy selling cookies in Newell and surrounding areas.. From top left, Jean Smeenk, her granddaughter Remi and daughter Sara; (far right) daughter of Luaine Shaykett, (bottom left) Kaylee Gatzke. - *Courtesy photo*

Registration forms now available for the 41st Winter Art Show at the Matthews

SPEARFISH - The Matthews has published its application for the 41st Community Art Show, formerly known as the Winter Art Show. It is available in the art gallery or online. Patrons can be professional or amateur, ages pre-kindergarten and up. There is no geographical requirement to enter the show.
The dates for artists to register their work, with completed application, is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 17-19. Fees vary depending on age group.

Application and registration information can be picked up at the gallery, or downloaded at matthewsopera.com/41cas
The 41st Community Art Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 20 - April 10 in the art gallery. This event is open to the public and free for viewing.
There will be a reception and awards ceremony on Tuesday, March 31 from 5 - 7 pm. Awards will be announced at 6 pm.

County Culvert Replacement Work Begins

BELLE FOURCHE - As of last week road construction crews began the process of installing and repairing culverts in Harding, Butte, Meade, and Perkins counties.
Motorists should see minimal effect but are asked by the South Dakota DOT to slow down and be aware of crews at work.
The first project, now underway, is to install a new culvert

under Highway 212 at mile marker 46, northeast of Newell.
Later this month crews will begin repairing culverts at the following locations:
- Highway 212 at mile markers 51 and 55, east of Newell
- Highway 79 at mile markers 139 and 143, north of Newell
- Highway 85 at mile markers 112 and 116, south of Buffalo

to the driving lane and slow down through the work zone.
Additional culvert repairs and replacements will be completed throughout the year on this project and updated information will be provided accordingly.
The prime contractor on this \$1.48 million-dollar project is Mainline Contracting, Inc. from Rapid City.
The overall completion date for the project is Oct. 30, 2020.
For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.

The culvert installation and repairs will have minimal impact on traffic, but drivers should be aware of construction workers and equipment adjacent



CULVERT REPLACEMENT - An example of a Highway 212 culvert that will be replaced. - *Courtesy photo*

State GF&P Monthly Meeting



PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Commission will hold their monthly meeting at the Pierre Ramkota River Center on March 5-6.
The meeting will begin at 10 A.M CST, with the public hearing beginning at 2 P.M.
Members of the public wishing to give oral testimony during the public hearing or open forum may do so remotely, via conference call at the Sioux Falls and Rapid City GFP Outdoor Campus facilities,

the Watertown Regional GFP Office, or in person at the Pierre Ramkota.
Visit gfp.sd.gov/commission/ information for a more information and an agenda for this meeting.
GFP provides live audio for Commission meetings via South Dakota Public Broadcasting and the South Dakota Network smartphone app. Audio for specific topics can be found after the meetings at: gfp.sd.gov/commission/archives.

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1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche
605-569-8380
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Bob Davis, Pastor

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
6th and Roundup - 892-2446
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver
The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests
Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St. - 892-4767
Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1105 Todd St.
Brad Buchholz, Bishop
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC)
902 Lawrence St. - 723-6899
Andy Anderson, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service

CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)
613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST
807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten - 12th grade
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich
5:30pm - Salt and Light

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor Bruce K. Oyen
Sunday:
Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.
Church Service - 10:45 a.m. We sing traditional hymns & choruses.

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717 Jackson St. - 892-3402
Sunday:
9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Worship: 9 a.m.
Wednesday afternoon children's time during the school year, 2:45-5:15

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
901 Laurel St. Whitewood
(605)-920-1959
Reverend Jill Jennwein
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Worship: 11 a.m.

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Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special

Thursday March 5th, 2020

Weigh Ups- 9:00 AM Bred Stock - 12:00 PM

STOCK COWS

Degrad Angus-MT

40 blk mxd age cows bred blk, calve 3/20 for 45 days, repro shots, poured, mostly AI

Guy & Shanna Howell-MT

50 blk 3 & 4 yo cows bred blk, calve 4/15 for 40 days, repro shots, poured

Troy Mills-MT

50 blk coming 3's fancy, calve 3/20 for 60 days, bred to blk angus sons of Resource & Big Sky

BRED HEIFERS

Cleatus Miller

10 hereford bred hfrs bred blk, calve 4/5

Cleatus Miller

50 F1 red bldy bred hfrs bred blk, calve 4/5 in 2 cycles

BROKEN MOUTH COWS

Dennis Denson-MT

50 blk BM cows bred blk, calve 4/1

Ed Miller-MT

40 blk ST cows bred blk, calve 3/25 for 60 days, poured

Troy Mills-MT

20 blk ST cows calve 3/20 for 60 days, bred to blk angus sons of Resource & Big Sky

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

March 5, 2020.....BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 9:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

March 12, 2020.....FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 9:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

March 19, 2020.....BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 9:00 AM | Bred Stock- 12:00 PM

March 26, 2020.....FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 9:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

April 2, 2020.....BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Bred Stock- 12:00 PM

April 9, 2020.....FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

April 16, 2020.....BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Bred Stock- 12:00 PM

April 23, 2020.....FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Feeder Cattle- 12:00 PM

April 30, 2020.....BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Bred Stock- 12:00 PM

May 7, 2020.....PAIR, BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Pairs and Bred Stock- 12:00 PM

May 14, 2020.....FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

May 21, 2020.....PAIR, BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Pair and Bred Stock- 12:00 PM

May 28, 2020.....FEEDER & WEIGH UP SPECIAL

Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

CONSIGNORS:

Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC
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For more information – give us a call (605) 892-2655

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Kim Kling - Kem Kjerstad

BULL SALES CALENDAR

Thursday, March 19th	J Spear Cattle Co. Angus
Thursday, April 2nd	Bar 69 Angus
Thursday, April 9th	Reich Char
Thursday, April 16th	CS Angus
Thursday, April 23rd	Mangen Angus
Thursday, May 14th	Cactus Cattle Co. Angus
Thursday, May 28th	Annual turn-out times all breeds bull sale

BROADUS, MT RECEIVING STATION

County Stock Yards every
Wednesday from 1 pm – 3 pm
(for special arrangements, give Rod a call)
For more information contact
Rod Schaffer – 406-436-2235 (home) 406-672-5546 (cell)

Belle Fourche Community Calendar

March 4: State St. Team

Meeting, 12pm, Venue 519

March 6: Carmel Rolls &
Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver
Lining

March 7: First Saturday
Brunch: Tipi Rings, 10am, Tri-
State Museum

BFHS Rodeo Club Banquet,
5:30, Branding Iron

Belle Fourche Volunteer
Fire Department, Company 2,

Awards Banquet

March 10: Early Bird
Coffee & Networking, 7:30am,
Chamber of Commerce

March 12: Chamber of
Commerce Annual Dinner &
Awards, 5:30pm, Community
Hall

Downtown Revitalization

Meeting, 5:30pm, City Hall

March 13: Carmel Rolls &
Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver
Lining

Healthy Habits Made Easy,

10am, Belle Silver Lining

Saturday on State Market, 12-

7pm, 1401 5th Ave

March 14: Saturday on

State Market, 9am-3pm, 1401
5th Ave

Le Belle Marché Indoor Mar-
ket, 10am-4pm, Venue 519

March 15: Family Fun Day,
2pm, Tri-State Museum

March 16: City Council
Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

March 17: Early Bird

Coffee & Networking, 7:30am,

Chamber of Commerce

March For Meals St Patrick's

Day Luncheon, 11:30am, Belle

Silver Lining

March 18: Belle Fourche

Economic Development Corp

Meeting, 7am, 5th & Grant

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**Finding of No Significant Impact and
Environmental Assessment for the
Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan,
Belle Fourche Reservoir, South Dakota**

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has completed a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) on the environmental assessment (EA) for the implementation of the final Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Belle Fourche Reservoir (BFR). Reclamation prepared these documents in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S. Code 4321, et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), the U.S. Department of the Interior's NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and other relevant federal and state laws and regulations. No significant issues were identified; therefore, Reclamation has signed the FONSI and will proceed with the implementation of the RMP for BFR. A digital copy of the EA and FONSI are located at <https://www.us-br.gov/gp/dkao/index.html>. Hardcopies of the EA and FONSI may be obtained by calling Andrea Gue, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 701-221-1223 or by requesting in writing from Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 304 East Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58501.

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