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## Lady Broncs Advance to State A Tourney!



The Lady Broncs team, coaches, students and fans celebrate the SoDak 16 victory over the Parkston Trojans in Kadoka. The #6 seed Lady Broncs will take on #3 seed Hamlin in first round action Thursday night at 7:00 pm. More photos on A6. Lady Bronc Facebook Courtesy photo.

#### JIM TRIMBLE

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The Belle Fourche Lady Broncs led by Kaylin Garza's career high 24 points held off a tough Parkston Lady Trojans squad to win a hard fought 50-46 victory in Kadoka on Thursday afternoon.

Parkston held the lead at the end of the first quarter 15-14 with Broncs senior Bella Jensen nailing two threes and a field goal and Garza adding two inside buckets.

In the second quarter Garza dropped in seven points including a trey.

Sophomore Dylan Stedille hit a field goal as the teams

battled to a 23-23 tie at intermission.

The third quarter saw Garza continuing her strong night getting eight points with 2-2 at the line.

Freshman Mataya Ward adding five counters as the Broncs nursed a 35-34 lead at the end of three. Jensen and Garza each hit big three pointers in the final stanza.

Chloe Crago had two big baskets down the stretch and the Broncs held on for the victory.

The SoDak 16 win earned the Broncs the right to play in the State A tournament which will be held in Watertown March 11,12, &13th.

Garza's night included six field goals along with two threes and 6-8 shooting from the charity stripe.

Bella Jensen added 11 points for the Broncs. The Trojans only had four girls score and three were in double figures paced by eighth grader Lauren Ziebart with 18. Parkston finishes the year at 14-7. The Broncs are now 18-4.

The Broncs go into the tournament as the #6 seed and will face #3 Hamlin whose season

record is now 20-2.

### **Chief Deputy Clements Resigns After 11 Years**

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

BELLE FOURCHE – It seems like the Butte County







Sheriff's office just gets one new deputy trained and it loses another. This week was no exception as Chief Deputy Tristan Clements turned in his resignation from the department. He will move to another local position outside the sphere of law enforcement.

During the afternoon session of this week's Butte County commission meeting on Tuesday, March 2, the group recognized Clement with a plaque and a cake, with an invitation that most local law enforcement and Clements' family attended.

The plaque read, "On behalf of the Butte County Commission, the Butte County Sheriff's Office, and the citizens of Butte County we would like to recognize and give thanks to: Chief Deputry Tristan Clements, for working from November 2009

Tristan and Jackie Clements, along with their son Charlie, pose with the cake that was provided for his retirement reception on Tuesday at the courthouse during the monthly county commission meeting. - *Brunner photo* 

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### Second Belle Fourche Senior Featured in Rising Star of the West Contest

Belle Fourche High School senior Kiah Millett was featured as part of KEVN Black Hills FOX's Rising Star of the West scholarship contest Monday March 8th on The SIX and on Black Hills FOX News.

Millett qualified for the contest by submitting a short video of herself to KEVN Black Hills FOX.

Millett is one of the semi-finalists who will be seen through March 19th. Her one minute commentary will be aired and then placed on www.blackhillsfox.com for viewers to watch and rate. One competitor from each week will then advance to the final round in May. The winner from that group will receive a \$4,000 college scholarship, with a total of \$7,500 in scholarship money awarded from KEVN Black Hills FOX and Monument Health.



Belle Fourche High School senior **Kiah Millett** has made the semi-finals of the Rising Star of the West competition on KEVN-TV. Her one minute video commentary will be placed on KEVN's website for viewers to watch and rate. The winner will be announced in May with a total of \$7,500 in scholarships awarded during the competition to honor area outstanding high school seniors. - *Courtesy photo* 

# Krajewski Candidate for BF School Board

Greg Krajewski is a candidate for the Belle Fourche School Board.

"I believe I have the right experience and education to be an effective board member. I originally came to South Dakota via the Air Force in 1990, as I was assigned to Ellsworth AFB. After getting out of the Air Force, I joined the SD Army National Guard (SDARNG) which I retired from in 2011. While in the SDARNG I was an instructor, training hundreds of soldiers over a 17 year period. This experience has given me a healthy appreciation for what teachers and students face in terms having the right tools to be successful.'

"So why do I want to join the Belle Fourche School Board? It's simple. I am a long time resident of Belle Fourche. I have lived here for 23 years. My wife is currently a High School English teacher at the Belle Fourche High School (BFHS), and my son is enrolled in BFHS as a Freshman. Given all the challenges our education system faces it seems to me that duty calls once again-

To serve my community. I have served previously on the Belle Fourche City Planning and Zoning commission, as well as the Director of the Belle Fourche Economic Development Corporation.



These board experiences will be an asset to the School board should I become a board member."

"Finally, in my current capacity as the Veterans Affairs Director at Black Hills State University (BHSU), I see many of our Belle Fourche students come to BHSU to get their college degrees. My hope is we can send more to not only BHSU, but to college in general. It is the single greatest thing that can happen to a kid out of high school whether it be getting a technical education or a liberal arts degree. Your child will have more options in life with those diplomas. That is why I want to be on the school board, to ensure they get a boost from their learning experiences in the Belle Fourche School district.'

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9th, 2021 at St. James Lutheran Church. There was no visitation. Interment took place in Pine Slope Cemetery, in Belle Fourche.

Phyllis K. Speidel was born on August 14, 1949 to a very proud Jacob F. and Donna M. (Hardisty) Speidel. She peacefully passed into the hands of the Lord at home while holding her daughter Ronda's hand here on earth early on March 4.2021

Phyllis loved her family dearly and was especially devoted to her daughters and grandchildren. Daughter Ronda was born in 1969 and added a spark of joy in her young life. On August 14, 1976 Phyllis married Lester L. Mehrer (adding his two children to the extended family) and to this union daughter Leslie was born in 1978, adding more joy to the family. Though Phyllis and Lester divorced decades later, they remained close and the entire family gathered

for special occasions and holiday as a family. Early years were spent attending school in Belle Fourche and growing up with younger brother Ron. She excelled in school, and was an exceptional clarinet player in the high school band. She grad-

## **Obituaries**

### Dama Eaton 47

Dama "Day" Denise Eaton was born on March 11, 1973 in Pierre, South Dakota to Dewey Lee and Karla Irene (Samuelson) Noland. Ďama was 47.

Dama had suffered from numerous health issues for the past several years and passed away at Monument Health in Spearfish, SD on February 21, 2021.

Dama married Brandon Eaton on October 29. 1988 in Spearfish. To this union Aidan and Zada were born. She was active in Job's Daughters. This is where

she met many of her friends and associates. Dama leaves behind her two children, Aiden and Zada; brothers, Matt (Nicole), Mark (Janice) and John (Raven); her uncle, Mark Samuelson and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Dewy; her mother Karla died February 23, 2021. Services are pending.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

KLINE FUNERAL CHAPEL

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### Phyllis Mehrer 71

uated from Belle Fourche High School in 1967 with honors. The family loved to go fishing and enjoyed family gatherings.

Phyllis had various jobs as a young woman, including many years hauling mail for her grandparents' rural mail route to Alzada, MT. In 1987, she found her calling as truck driver, spending nearly 28 years proudly hauling bentonite in dou-

ble trailers for S & S Trucking at Colony, WY. She was a life-long member of St. James Lutheran church and was baptized, confirmed, and married at

St. James Phyllis is survived by her 2 daughters, Ronda Mehrer of Belle Fourche, Leslie (Steve) Mahoney of Belle Fourche; step-son, Chris (Donna) Mehrer of Houston TX; step-daughter, Shelly Kirkland and her children Dylan, Hailey, Matthew of Washington; brother, Ron (Sheila) Speidel of Spearfish, and their 2 sons, Matthew and Mackensey; grandchildren, JakeLyn Mehrer, Joshua Mehrer, Cody Mehrer, Blake London, and Zach London; and 2 great grand-

children, Lizzy and Iris. Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Donna Speidel; former husband, Lester Mehrer; and grandson, Caleb

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Mehrer.

When you are sorrowful, Look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight. -Kahlil Gilbran-





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Funeral services for Maurice Overn, 98, of Capitol, MT, are pending with Stevenson Funeral Home, Ekalaka.

Maurice Theodore Overn 98, originally of Capitol, Montana, passed away peacefully at Spearfish hospital on Friday, February 16, 2021. He was born at the Overn Ranch homestead near Capitol Montana, the son of Theodore and Clara Melum Overn, on June 6, 1922. He attended grade school at Capitol until eighth grade. Some of his teachers at Capitol School were Bob Brakke, Thelma Melum, and Ann Rehn At the time of World War II, his oldest brother Jim, joined the Marines, and his younger brother Chester joined the army. Maurice then, also, joined the army, and was sent to be a part of Operation Avalanche; the Allied British and American invasion at Salerno, Italy. Although the Italians had retreated, the area was still firmly held by the German soldiers. It was necessary that the American and British troops had to land at Salerno without armillary support so that surprise would be complete, making the invasion even more hazardous. This invasion was necessary to cut off German holdings in southern Italy. Fierce fighting resulted along the beaches of Salerno. Maurice was an Army Staff Sergeant during the invasion of Salerno. During the battle, he became the highest ranking surviving officer in his division. He, too, was wounded and had to be carried from the battlefield by other soldiers. After the war he embarked from Naples, Italy on board the S. S. Pachaug Victory on August 14, 1945, and returned to dock at New York harbor. Many years after the war, his mother had still removed shrapnel from Maurice's wounds. He was

### Pastor's Perspective



**Maurice Overn 98** 

awarded a 'Purple Heart' and a 'Bronze Star' for his sacrifices for his country, and his service for the freedom of his people.

After the war, Maurice did ranch work for Johnsons and Bonefields. Then he went to mechanics training in Fargo, North Dakota. Maurice later studied TV and small appliance repair. He did

custom grain binding with a John Deere tractor and International grain binder for a few years. He worked at the Belle Fourche Sugar Beet factory, and also at American Colloid. In 1966, he moved out to Capitol to help his sister, Inez Rolph, run her ranch. He also worked for his Aunt Olive Price at her ranch at Capitol. Then, he began work as a custodian at Belle Fourche Schools. In later years, he owned the homestead where his parents had lived and built their home. Shirley Melum remembers that when the men of her family were sick, Maurice came to help her. The two of them saved a cow when they completed the caesarean birth of a calf. Grace Axemaker became his close friend and the two traveled together seeing many parts of the country.

Maurice spent his last years at Serenity Corners near Spearfish, and leaves behind those special care-givers, who became close to him.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents Theodore and Clara Melum Overn; his sisters Inez Rolph Johnson, Carrie (Quentin) Major, Lollie (Melvin) Odell, Clarice

(Jimmy) Curry; his brothers James and Chester Overn; and is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.



This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Paul Howard, Christian Life Center

#### "Our Salvation ... Feeling or Fact?"

A man once came to the famous evangelist, D. L. Moody, and said that he was worried because he didn't feel saved. Moody asked him, "Was Noah safe in the ark?" "Certainly he was," the man replied. "Well, what made him feel safe,

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Savior. If we have trusted Him, we are secure and protected from the storm of judgment that is coming on our world. Our feelings rest on the absolutely truthful promises of Jesus. For me personally, my trust in Jesus Christ and my commitment to Him came with a flood of emotion. I was overwhelmed with feelings of forgiveness and I was delighted with the opportunity to start life all over again... "If any person trusts in Christ, he/she is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have be-come new" (II Corinthians 5:17). It wasn't long before the emotional feelings that came with that decision wore off and I was left to ask this same question that this man asked of Moody. "Am I truly saved because right at the moment I don't feel saved? It was at that point in time that I realized that I needed more information and I began to study the Word of God in earnest. I discovered in the Gospel of John, Chapter 5, that there are only two groups of people in the world... those who spiritually dead and those who are spiritual-ly alive (v. 24). What distinguishes these two groups is the fact that those who hear and respond to the words of Jesus find eternal life and those who are spiritually dead have not heard or believed the words of Jesus. Further study indicated that God, the Father, had given His Son, Jesus, the power and authority to impart



gives the gift of eternal life to believers but He is also the One who will ultimately judge all of those in the world. I was comforted by the fact that Jesus loved us enough to die and the cross and forgive our sins and that God had given Jesus the authority to impart eternal life to me. That being said, I also was concerned about the credentials of Jesus in

eternal life to those who are spiritually dead

(v. 25). Jesus will be the One who not only

His position as the Savior of anyone who trusts in Him. How do I know that He is the Son of God and has this God-given authority to save us and give us life? Here again, John's Gospel holds the truth that I was seeking. John quotes Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry as He, Himself, presents the witnesses to His divinity and life-giving power. The first witness was John, the Baptist, who baptized Jesus as God spoke and identified Jesus as His Son, the Savior of the world (John 5:32-35). Jesus, then, cited the "works" that he performed... sign and miracles that only God could perform (v. 36) The most credible witness was God, the Father, who spoke audibly three separate times and identified Jesus as His beloved Son. My personal favorite witness or credential that identifies Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord is the inspired Word of God, the Scriptures. Jesus said that "you need to search the scriptures, for in them you find that you have eternal life and this scripture testifies of Me (Je-sus)" (John 5:39). Now you know why I believe that while the feelings of salvation are real, we can trust in the facts of God's Word for your salvation.

### Prayer for the Day

My Father, I pray that thou wilt take care of my thoughts when I am alone and tired, and keep them strong and clean. Grant that while I commune with thee I may yield to my needs and be restored with keener energy for worthier deeds. May I ask of thy wisdom every day. Amen.

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#### ish. God bless each and everyone of you.

A special thanks to Lindsey and her staff of "angels" for the loving care they provided Dad during his stay at Belle Estates.

Thank You

### **Hey Highmark--Question?**

Find out answers to things financial: Saving, Spending, Borrowing, etc. Questions will be answered by staff members of the Belle Fourche Branch of Highmark Credit union. This week's question is being addressed by Highmark's Vicki Thiel. Readers may submit questions to: Kyla Wright at: kyla.wright@highmarkfcu.com. Unless you or someone in your family is or has been a CU member you may not know what a Credit Union is or what it can do for you. Now is your opportunity to find out.



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### **Chamber Business of the Week**

By: Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher



**Business Spotlight of the Week:** First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche.

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**Community Service**: Two terms on the Chamber Board of directors and two years as Chamber Presi-



An Irish girl comes to Rockerville, South Dakota and strange things begin to happen just before St. Patrick's Day. Did she cause them? And did the Glocca Morra Monster follow her from the Emerald Isle? \$2 per person or free with membership. Bonus: Make a paper bag leprechaun puppet.

👢 Please arrive on time; the small performance area makes late arrivals difficult for actors and audience. 🎜

## Tri-State Performers Celebrate the Irish with Performances of "Blarney!"

The Tri-State Performers, the museum theatre troupe of the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, will perform a short play entitled, "Blarney!", Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 13 at 2 p.m.

The 20- minute comedy features a cast of nine young actors from Belle Fourche and Spearfish.

The play is about a myste-

#### Letter to the Editor

#### Dear editor,

The upcoming election for the city triggered this letter. I called the city offices to find out how to get an absentee ballot. After talking to three different city employees and not finding out a thing, DeEtte and I called the County Auditor, Elaine Jensen and got the info we needed. Then, I read the March fourth Belle Fourche Beacon and found the story on who is running on the City ballot. For Mayor, with three running we decided to look back on the 35 plus years we have lived in Belle Fourche and Butte County. When we realized who had the most experience and interest in the many areas in the development of Belle Fourche, it seemed obvious to me that we as voters should choose Vern Bills as the next Mayor of Belle Fourche.

No one filed for Ward One. James Ager chose not to run for reelection in his ward, and that eliminates some of the conflict of interest with his spot on the County Commission. I don't feel he should be a councilman and I commend him for not running and hope if he is asked to serve, he refuses. Ward 2 and 3- I don't know of any conflict of interest, but in Ward 4 it would seem there is . Two of the three have spouses at the head of city departments. Public works director Dirk Hoffman's wife Betty Jo is running and Wayne Gilbert's wife, Kristi Thielen is head of the Tri-State museum.

take-home packets about St. Patrick's Day and be able to

make a paper bag leprechaun

puppet. Those who attend are

encouraged to be on time, as

actors and audience.

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the performance space is small

and late arrivals are difficult for

The Tri-State Museum and

Visitor Center is located at 415

Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

this production or the Tri-State

For more information about

Performers, please call 605-

I hope you will support Vern Bills as Mayor to lead Belle Fourche into the future. Ed & DeEtte Goss PO Box 2038 Belle Fourche

Nomination forms for Teacher of the Year & School District Employee of the Year are found on Page B8. Must me submitted by March 23rd dent. Led the way for the construction of the Visitor Center Building and land transfer from the state.

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rious Irish girl who visits the town of Rockerville, and the strange goings-on that lead to the appearance of the Glocca Morra Monster.

It includes information about St. Patrick's Day customs, the Irish in the Black Hills and the history of Rockerville.

Admission is \$2 per person or free with membership. Children who attend will also receive



news@bellefourchebeacon.com The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys basketball team led for more than three quarters but the Rapid City Christian Comets stormed back in the fourth The Broncs opened the first quarter leading 9-6 and went into the halftime with a 20-18 cushion over the Comets. Belle outscored Christian 10-6 in the third period to lead 30-24 after three quarters. Christian Broncs in scoring with 15 points. Senior Gage Kracht and sophomore Anthony Budmayr added 8 and 7 points respectively. Playing in their last game for the Broncs were seniors Kracht, Lan Fuhrer, Blake Vissia, Brextin Garza, and Logan Goeders. The Broncs finish their season with a 9-12 record. Rapid City Christian will move on to the SoDak 16 sporting a 16-5 mark.

<u>Tues., March 16</u> BRONC Breakfast: Pancake Sausage Stick/Juice/Fruit/Milk unch: Macaroni Skillet/Popcorn Chicken/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

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over the Broncs on Friday in Rapid City. The loss ended the Broncs opportunity for playoff advancement. outscoring the Brones 21-10 to pull away for the final victory 45-40.

Junior Aiden Giffin led the





(from left) **Brextin Garza** tries to drive through the RCC opponent; **Gage Kracht #3** shoots for two with his signature style; and **Gabe Heck #5** passes down floor. *Jamie Hockenbary photos* 

### North Park, South Park Feb. Students of the Month



North Park: Jadah Adamson, Garrett Gumm. Courtesy Photo



South Park: Kimber Mills, Nevaeh Card, Addy Clem, Marcus Shannon, Jace Hiles, Renae Rosenlund, Braiden Wallace, and Chaisley Daniels. *Courtesy Photo* 

BRONC Breakfast: BeneFIT Bar/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe/Crispy Chicken Sandwich/ Fruit/Veggie/Milk





**Belle student support section** cheering on the Broncs in Regional basketball tourney game against RC Christian. Photo *-Jamie Hockenbary*.



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## Lady Broncs in SoDak 16 Action, State Tournament Bound



(clockwise from top left) Chloe Crago moving the ball on offense; Bella Jensen driving downcourt; Mataya Ward, Dylan Stedillie, Jasmyn Jensen all in a row; Kaylin Garza hitting clutch free throws in the 4th quarter (Garza led all scorers); Seniors Kylee Crago, Jasmyn Jensen, Hayley Wilbur, Bella Jensen showing off their state qualifier hardware. *Kenita Jensen Courtesy Photos* 



Good Luck to the Lady Broncs In State Tournament



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#### Anything Left in the Barrel? By: Doug Cole eastern part of the state that had

When we undertook the challenge of starting a weekly newspaper in Belle Fourche we knew it would require the help of many in our community- attending events, submitting news items, informing about new construction and new businesses.

We want to give recognition to just a few of those individuals that have come to our aide (and often times, our rescue).

We could not do it without the help of the many.

The list of exceptional photographers who have provided their skills and have submitted photos to the Beacon are a stellar and humble bunch.

I almost hate to mention by name lest I forget someone. If I do it is old age and not intentional.

If I miss your name, next time you see me, a swift kick may be in order as a subtle reminder. \*

The Beacon wishes to extend a great many thanks to those cherished souls who, over time, have been generous enough to share their time and talents with the newspaper.

Those who we have called upon for help in time of need are John Skogberg, Jamie Hockenbary,

**Correction & Apologies** In the March 3 issue we incorrectly stated that Chutes for Charity was presenting a check.

Tom Riley was presenting the hard working volunteers of Chutes for Charity with a contribution.

They had unexpectedly helped Tom during his time of needed and he wanted to repay them with a contribution to help them continue their great work. Our apologies for the error.

Audrev Bickerdvke, Hunter Anderson, Jodie Baxendale,

Michelle Evans, Laura Young, Darla Olson, Kenita Jensen, Roxi Dobesh, Kerbi Bowden, Holly Main. Angela Reich, Chas Crago, Jim Trimble, Lacey Henwood. Traci Nowowie-

jski, Shanna Howell, Beth Sutter, Sally Mason, Jessica Carmicheal, et.al. THANK YOU! It wouldn't be the Beacon without your great shots. \*

The Belle Fourche Development Corporation held its annual meeting last Wednesday at Grap's Burgers and Brews.

Wendy Bowers, Derrick Jones, Ashley Pearson, and Darla Olson sought election to the fill three seats on the Board.

Jones, Pearson, and Bowers were elected.

More details next week

Tyler's Sprinklers Systems stopped by the office to have us start running their business ad. Warm days are a reminder to start preparing for the lawn and garden work that needs to be done.

We heard a report of a lawn

### Wells Fargo to Close Permanently



Customers of the BF Branch of Wells Fargo recently received correspondence that the 600 State Street location would be

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then in August reopened for drive-thru only.

For that period the only Wells Fargo banking local was at

the drop box and the recently updated Wells Fargo ATM. The nearest Wells Fargo bank location is now in Spearfish.















### **Belle Silver Linings Senior Center Weekly Menu**

#### March 11th

Pork Chops w/ Mushroom Gravy Mashed Tater Peas & Carrots Fruit

March 12th Cod Rice Pilaf w/Cranberries Broccoli Fruit Salad

March 13th Swedish Meatballs Buttered Egg Noodles Mixed Veggies Bread

March 14th Smoked Sausage w/Peppers & Onions Mac & Cheese Green Beans Cookie

March 15th **Orange Chicken** Rice Chinese Veggies Pineapple Egg Roll

March 16th Swiss Steak Mashed Tater Green Beans Salad Dessert

March 17th Corn Beef &

Cabbage Carrots Parsley Red Potatoes Irish Soda Bread Muffins

### Spring Antique & Coin Auction

Saturday, March 20 10:00 AM Lunch Available | Auction to be held at the Belle Fourche Community Center.

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A list of coins can be obtained at Mills-Auction.com Any Absentee bidders must register 2 days prior to the sale. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This auction will have a good assortment of collectables and lots of Silver coins. Please join us on the 20th!

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The Montana Pro Rodeo Hall & Wall of Fame in Billings, will unveil a new Montana world

### I Wish You Enough

Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport as the daughter's departure had been announced.

Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said: "I love you and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom."

They kissed and the daughter left.

It's called 'I WISH YOU ENOUGH:"

The mother walked over to the window where I sat. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry.

I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is the next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, "I wish you enough." May I ask what that means?"

She began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone."

She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more.

"When we said 'I wish you enough' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them".

Then turning toward me, she shared the following, reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

She then began to sob and walked away.

My friends, I wish you enough!

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champion bronze of ProRodeo Hall of Fame saddle bronc rider Dan Mortensen.

For 15 years, the original Mortensen bronze has served the MPRHWF as a fundraiser. Renowned Western artist Bob Burkhart will create the new bronze to be unveiled May 14 in front of the original bronze.

Over the next few years, 11 more Montana world champions will be commemorated with a bronze. In order, they will be Deb Greenough, Bill Linderman, Benny Reynolds, Larry Peabody, Ty Erickson, Haven Meged, Loyd Ketchum, Shawn Davis, Clay Tryan and Brad Gleason.

### Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis; self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver. rdennis@gwtc.net



### Green Energy Can't Build Character

The weather is sure nicer than last time I wrote. Sure helps out on the feed situation here. I want it to stay like this until spring and then get real nice!

Them poor folks down south who aren't as used to extreme cold and snow sure suffered. And it sure proved we can not solely rely on Windmills and Solar panels for all our electrical needs! Whether some like it or not, we need coal and natural gas and propane also.

I saw some who said that we need to make all of the electricity going into the US Capitol buildings solely solar and windmills. If so, I bet them folks down there who are supposedly running this country, would have set up and took notice!

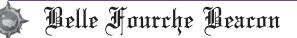
I am older so remember when I used to feed with a team and lots of days below zero and the wind blowing, while I was pitching hay, at first and then later with a bale wagon, to feed big round bales. I dressed for it so it wasn't all that bad. Kind of like jumping into the water at the first of summer, the water was cold, but after the shock wore off, you got used to it!

Better than Dad. He always said when he was a kid growing up in the teens (he was born in 1914) that when they wanted to take a bath in winter they'd have to go chop a hole in the ice on the dam and then chase all the polar bears away, then take a bath! I believed him for awhile... then noticed there weren't no polar bears around these parts anymore.

I am sure glad somebody invented hot running water in a house and indoor plumbing! The first school I went to just had outdoor toilets so I know about using them when it is cold out! But it sure built character, I guess. I notice most of the people my age who live around these parts sure are characters, anyway!

Heres hoping the nice weather lasts and we get lots of warm spring rain.





### B-3



Coming from a small rural South Dakota community making my living as an artist wasn't on the radar, for anyone! I was decent at drawing according to friends and family, but none of them could draw a lick so that made me the expert. Worked for me!

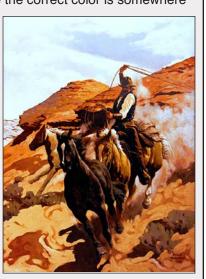
The mid 1970s. My first real dip into the professional art world. A painting on the cover of True West magazine and the beginning of a connection with western magazines up to the mid 1990s. This painting adorned the June 1986 cover of True West. Notice the color shift. It's possible the correct color is somewhere



between the two images. My sole reference of the original is a predigital photo.

A trapper friend in Cody, Wyoming was the model for this piece. The magazine wanted an Arizona setting and since I had yet to see Arizona, I made it up. Evidently it passed muster. Artist's license.

Color Him Caught But Not Convinced 20"x44" oil



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**KAREN ODELL** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Erma Albert began her physical therapy again after getting cortisone shots. She and Dick went to the hills on Thursday, to get some groceries. On Friday, they went to Senior Citizens and had Bobbie's Salmon loaf. She also served roast beef. Erma stayed to play cards afterward, and there were eight to make up two tables. They went to the Catholic church for mass on Sunday. After church, they had lunch at Saloon Number Three with father Brian and the Erks.

Alvin Cordell checked the temperature on Saturday and it was 70 degrees. Three weeks ago he had checked it, and it was 45 degrees below zero. That is 115 degrees difference in three weeks. He thought it was supposed to cool down again into the 30's by Wednesday. They are busy calving heifers. The older cows will be a little later. They plan to trail the cows up to the Horton place before calvind so they can calve up there. They are hoping it will be easier than trying to trail calves all that way, later in the spring. This way the calves can't get lost from their Mama's. On Thursday, Bryce and Dawn Padden stopped at Alvin's to borrow a trailer to haul a pick-up to town. On Friday, Marlee went to Lead to watch Gavin Pearson play in his last basketball tournament for this winter. Gavin is in seventh grade. Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had dental appointments in the Hills one day this week. They went to church at Little Missouri on Sunday. Julia Davis is finally back to work this week. She and Doug had had the stomach flu that

#### **Capitol News**

has been going around. It was definitely not fun and it lasted several days. They spent some time getting ready for calving. On Sunday, Doug brought the cows home from the Short Pines hill pasture, so things will be all ready. Tammy White, Ester Oleson's daughter, came down to help Julia one day. Julia is converting a room for her office, and will be happy to have everything in one place. Donna Lewis made a cake for her daughter Pam Gorder's birthday this week. It seems the kids are getting old, but Donna is staying the same. She had her four children at a young age, and the four kids were born in less than 5 years, so she was a very busy mother when they were all little.

The Melums plan to start calving after the 15th of the month, so they have a week or two to get everything ready. Things have been quiet around their place, but the weather has been really nice.

Bryce and Dawn Padden visited all down the river on Thursday. Bryce headed to Belle Fourche early, so that he could get there by eight to have the pick-up worked on, but the pick-up decided otherwise. He broke down, and walked to Odell's, but Charlie paid little attention to the knocking on the door. He thought it was the cats playing downstairs. Finally he went to let Bryce in, and Bryce used the phone to call Dawn. Karen heard voices talking, and finally went to see that it was Bryce and Charlie talking downstairs. The dog had never said a word. He must feel his job is only to watch for cats, or skunks. Dawn came in the Suburban to pick Bryce up, and they decided to pull the pick-up to Alvin Cordell's mailbox to see if they could borrow Ryan's trailer. Marlee called Ryan and Alvin met them on the road. When they got the pick up loaded on the trailer, they discovered that the Suburban had the wrong hitch. They went home to get another pick-up to pull the trailer with, and they finally got to town a little later than expected. They had to

leave the pick-up because they had to find parts and those had to be ordered. They had another pick-up at home that had needed work for awhile, so they took it to Wolffy's in Camp Crook in hopes that he could get the parts for that. They are now feeding grain with two side-by-sides, and are hoping one or both of the pick-ups will be moving again soon. They had supper at the Corner Cafe.

On Saturday, Dawn and Dorothy went to the AAU wrestling meet in Buffalo. It was well organized and was already over by around one. That evening, Dawn and Dorothy went to the play at the Bullock Hall. It was really hilarious, and they had a great time.

On Monday, Karen and Charlie Odell went to Ekalaka to meet with Jon Stevenson to make funeral arrangements for Charlie's uncle Maurice Overn. Charlie inspected cows for Capitol LLC and for Ernie Melum on Wednesday. Bryce Padden stopped by for a spontaneous visit early on Thursday. Then Charlie and Karen went to the Hills that day for some shopping and errands. Diane Wear had made a trip to town that day, too, and they saw her there On Sunday, they went to church at the Methodist church in Camp Crook. It was so nice that Karen didn't even wear a coat. She played piano for church, and then they had lunch at the Camp Crook Corner Cafe. The food was especially delicious. Karen had spent time putting up lights above her art gallery this week. She has been writing some music and composing accompaniment for a couple of songs. They both are enjoying the nice weather, but will not complain when the weather cools a little. Karen doesn't want her trees to bud too early. Last year the leaves did not come on until nearly June, so it may not be anything to worry about. Here is a quote you probably have heard, but Dorothy Padden reminded me about it when we talked about the weather, "Be careful of what you wish for, because you might get it.'



### Act of 2021

**Cattle Market Transparency** 

(WASHINGTON) -U.S. Senators Deb Fischer (R-NE) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) introduced the Cattle Market Transparency Act of 2021.

The legislation seeks to accomplish two main goals: ensuring regionally sufficient negotiated cash trade, and equipping producers with more information to aid marketing decisions.

Other cosponsors of the bill include Senators Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) and Mike Braun (R-IN).

United States Cattlemen's Association (USCA) President Brooke Miller issued the following statement:

"USCA applauds Senators Fischer and Wyden for bringing forth a dynamic piece of legislation for a dynamic industry. The current conversations on increasing transparency and price discovery in the cattle marketplace began at the 2020 Winter Thaw in Billings, Montana, where USCA brought together industry leaders to brainstorm solutions to a thinning cash market. Those solutions are incorporated within the Cattle Market Transparency Act, and USCA stands ready to see this piece of legislation through to the finish line."

USCA Vice President and Marketing Committee Chair Justin Tupper said:



Justin Tupper

"The Cattle Market Transparency Act goes above and beyond establishing a minimum negotiated cash trade level – it also creates a contract library and addresses confidentiality concerns within the Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR) Program.

"Confidentiality guidelines within the LMR program are currently being used to block disclosure of full market information - leading to the evolution of LMR from a price-discovery tool for producers to a price-determination tool for packers. USCA's Marketing Committee appreciates the countless hours of research and industry consultation by Senator Fischer and her staff that went into the development of this bill."

The Cattle Market Transparency Act of 2021 will: Establish regional mandatory minimum thresholds of negotiated cash trades to enable price discovery in cattle marketing regions. It requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish regionally sufficient levels of negotiated cash trade, seek public comment on those levels, then implement.

Require USDA to create and maintain a library of marketing contracts between packers and producers, and require packers to supply this information to USDA.

Make clear that all information should be reported in a manner that ensures confidentiality, and note, "Nothing in this section permits the Secretary, or any officer or employee of the Secretary, to withhold from the public the information [required to be reported under LMR]." Mandate that a packer report the number of cattle scheduled to be delivered for slaughter each day for the next 14 days. This requirement already exists for the swine industry.

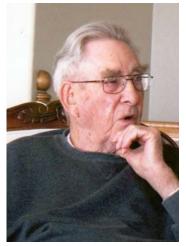
### World War II Veteran Celebrated 99 Years

#### A special to the Beacon

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Bud Shaykett was born March 5, 1922 at Belle Fourche, served and was injured in WW II and will celebrate his 99th birthday in March

Bud attended grade school at the Pleasant View School between Nisland and Fruitdale



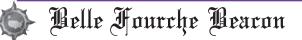
**Bud Shaykett** 

and High School at Nisland. When WW II started he was deferred as an essential farm worker. As casualties increased more men were needed and he was inducted into the Army in August 1944. Basic training was at Camp Fannin TX. After training he was shipped to a base near Baltimore, crossed the Atlantic on a troop ship to England, then across the English Channel to France as a troop replacement after the Battle of the Bulge. From France he traveled by boxcar and truck to the frontline in Germany. During combat February 23, 1945 he was wounded by a land mine, put in a body cast in Belgium, flown to England where he was put on the ocean liner Queen Elizabeth along with almost 5,000 other wounded troops. After landing at New York he was sent by train to Topeka, Kansas and spent the summer of 1945 at a hospital. Bud was

discharged on September 1, 1945 and returned to Belle Fourche where he worked until retirement.

Please acknowledge his birthday and service to our country by sending a card or letter to Bud Shaykett, PO Box 22, Whitewood, SD 57793.





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## **Area Church Schedules**

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. John Allred, 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 1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish 605-645-3513 · -Pastor Bruce K. Oyen

Sunday: Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. Church Service - 10:45 a. We sing traditional hymns & choruses. FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC 892-3402 • www.bfsoucc.org 717 Jackson St. Sunday: 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURC Newell 605-456-2767 Worship: 9 a.m. Wednesday afternoon children's time during the school year, 3:45-5:15 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 901 Laurel St. Whitewood (605)-920-1959

Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School LANDMARK MISSIONARY

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Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service NEW COVENANT PCA 1140 Ames St. Spearfish 642-1122 - Luke Bluhm, Pastor Sunday:

10 a.m. Worship Service **NEWELL CHRISTIAN** FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760 605-456-2544 Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am

Sunday School: 9am Youth Group (Age 13-18): Wednesdays 6pm NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF

<u>CHRIST</u> 5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN **CHURCH** 10959 Kellem Lane, Spearfish Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM NISLAND INDEPENDENT **COMMUNITY CHURCH** 

On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356 Pastor Doug Clark Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.

PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH 1701 Hwy 212, Newell Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

RANGELAND MINISTRIES **CHURCH** Alzada, MT Sunday: Worship: 10:00am Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

**BLACK HILLS GOSPEL** ASSEMBLY 1/2 Mile east on hwy 34 · 210-1374 Kenny Riley, pastor Sunday: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Friday: 7:30 p.m. SALVATION ARMY OF THE **NORTHERN HILLS** 120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish 605-642-0924 Envoys: Tim and Peggy North Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m.

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ST. JAMES LUTHERAN 1100 Stanley Street Open for in-house worship Sunday Worship 10:AM Watch live-streamed services: www.silcbellefourche.org

#### SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE

FELLOWSHIP Seventh and Summit 892-4630 or 892-4389 Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Kidz Church Immediately Following Wednesday: September - May 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1403 5th Ave, Belle Plaza (605) 723-1651 Pastor McKillop (605) 840-0554 Sunday: 9am Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am Worship

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Sheri Fadley 1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-892-2405 Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am VBS, Small Groups & Studies sched-

ule online at www.bellefourcheumc.com VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY **CHURCH** Pastor Darla Dunn 402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788

Service Sunday: 10 a.m. 605-210-0512









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#### From A1 DEPUTY

to February 2021, your 11 plus years of dedicated service to the citizens of Butte County is deeply appreciated. We want to wish you luck and prosperity in your new career." The plaque was signed and presented by Chairman of the Butte County Commission Karrol Herman and Sheriff Fred Lamphere.

A large group of supporters, including Clements' wife, Jackie and son Charlie, as well as local law enforcement, county employees and friends, enjoyed sub sandwiches, cake, coffee and water during an informal reception.

An article interviewing Clements about his new endeavor will be forthcoming in the Beacon

The oath of office of County Coroner was also administered by Auditor Elaine Jensen to Sheriff Fred Lamphere during the meeting. This position was merged with the position of sheriff by the commission. When it is time for re-election, the position will be listed together on the ballot. Previous County Coroner and Deputy Gary Brunner chose not to run again for the coroner position. He has also retired from the sheriff's department, although he remains on the reserve crew.

A resolution will be written by legal counsel, LeEllen McCartney to name Lamphere as the Wildland Fire designee.

In a report for the State's Attorney, LeEllen McCartney stepped in for Cassie Wendt who was absent. There are currently nine people in jail, with the charges running from sexual and aggravated assault, to grand theft, drug cases, and probation and bond violations.

'We were able to finish a rape case that was nine years old, using DNA," said McCartney.

"The man was sent to prison for 45 years.'

"It was kind of like a CSI deal," stated Jensen.

A discussion about potential Conflict of Interest, which has been a topic during recent commission meetings dealing with the Dispatch Contract, saw McCartney bringing South Dakota Supreme Court case from Deuel County into the meeting. This case saw Deuel County Commissioners vs several petitioners, citing conflict of interest (COI).

Deuel Harvest Wind Energy, LLC and Deuel Harvest Wind Energy South, LLC applied for special exception permits from the Deuel County Board of Adjustment to develop two wind energy systems in Deuel County.1 Several residents of Deuel County and neighboring counties objected. Following a public hearing, the Board unanimously approved the permits. Residents petitioned the circuit court for writ of certiorari challenging the SEPs, including a claim that several members of the Board had interests or biases which disqualified them from considering the SEPs. The circuit court determined that two Board members had disqualifying interests and invalidated their votes. The court then reversed the decision of the Board granting the SEPs. Deuel Harvest appeals.

McCartney brought up this case in reference to the current situation of a county commissioner also serving as a Belle Fourche city commissioner with both entities entering into a contract for the dispatch center.

"You have to overcome COI with hard evidence and it needs to be fact heavy," said McCartnev

She said this refers to SDCL 6-1-17 and 6-1-21, where it speaks to the fact that a county official would be left to recuse

themselves from any decision if they felt there was a COI.

"There are two mandatory possibilities for a board to assign COI, that of direct pecuniary financial gain or when there is a direct benefit of another kind. Two-thirds of the board could request a conflict of interest decision.

Dispatch Contract – Overview about where we are w/contract: small group meeting w/ Vicki, LeEllen, Edward Tarbay, Dwight Gubbrude, mayor, finance officer, Elaine. Trying to get this thing resolved. Productive, accomplished a great deal. Based on that made modifications, try to resolve outstanding issues with contract.

"It is Butte County's policy that all employees avoid conflict between their personal interests and those of the county. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Butte County's honesty and integrity, and therefore its reputation is not compromised. The fundamental principal guiding this policy is that no employee should have, or appear to have, personal interest or relationships that actually or potentially conflict with the interests of Butte County.

It is not possible to give an exhaustive list of situations that might involve violations of this policy. However, the situations that would constitute a conflict in most cases include but are not limited to: holding an interest in or accepting free or discounted goods from any organization that does or is seeking to do, business with Butte County, by any employee who is in a position to directly or indirectly influence either Butte County's decision to do business, or the terms upon which business would be done with such organization; being employed by (including as a consultant" or serving on the board of any organization



which does, or is seeking to do, business with Butte County; profiting personally, e.g., through commissions, loans, expense reimbursements or other payments, from any organization seeking to do business with Butte County. A conflict of interest would also exist when a member of any employee's

immediate family is involved in situations such as those above.' This is the policy stated in the new employee handbook that has been approved by the commission.

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REALTY GROUP

A brief discussion of a notice of intention to take a tax deed

### Belle Fourche Beacon



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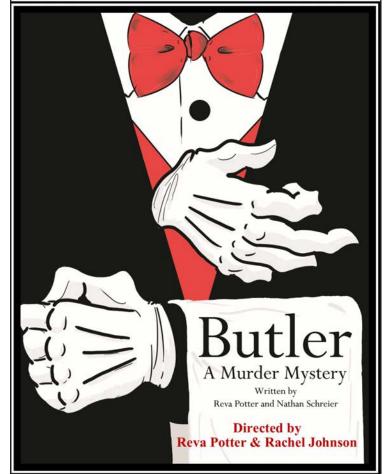
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### **BFMS Theater Presents**



### 22 Wrestlers Compete at AAU Tourney

Last Saturday Belle Fourche AAU wrestlers competed in Buffalo at the District AAU meet. Twenty-two wrestlers competed and all twenty-two of them qualified for Regionals next weekend in Sturgis. Overall they had nine champions and seven runner ups.

Wrestlers competing were: Royce Bachman, Landon Swaney, Kelton Streeter, Patrick Tysdal, Brady Hakala, Bayzen Curtis, Tate Krul, Jaxon Linch, Max Coyle, Elijah Beatson, Jace Hiles, Zachary Racelis, Porter Tysdal, Caden Swaney, Cooper Conry, Clay Mackaben, Garet Huston, Koby Bowden, Riley Dighton, Spencer Bush, Owyn Schreder, Lucas Tonsager

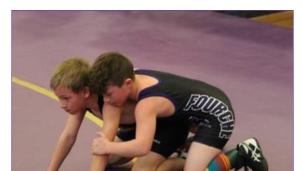












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#### March 12th & 13th, 2021 Friday & Saturday, 7 PM **BFACC** Theater

Admission: Adults \$5 & Students \$3

### CHAMBER BOOTS & BRING March 11th

Annual Banquet tickets are on sale! Go online to our website or stop by the Chamber office.

Dinner: Brisket | Garlic Mashed potatoes | Dinner Salad | Roll

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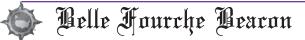














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Saturday on State Saturday Mar. 13 9am - 4pm 1401 5th Ave Belle Fourche Vintage, Antique and Refreshed Furniture, Collectibles and Seasonal Decor. **Meals Program Ongoing** 11:30am - 12:00 pm Pick up Point: John Burns Apartments; 836 Kingsbury St. Please call Bonnie at 892-5472 in the mornings **Belle Silver Lining** Lunch Program Every day of the week

Calendar

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Tuesday thru Friday 1:00pm – 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center 828 Kingsbury St. 605-892-6285 your shopping pleasure. Check with the staff if you have items to donate.

**AA Meetings** Meetings are held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays at 8pm at 806 6th Ave Belle Fourche.

High School basket ball tournament, the purpose of which is to determine each year the team that shall represent the district at the state basket ball tournament, was held Friday and Saturday of last week at Spearfish. The games which were played on the floor of the

Team Comes Within an Evelash

of Winning Championship

The first annual Black Hills

to H. L. Fondy, Belle Fourch was stolen here late yesterday and found a few hours later in Spearfish, city police reported last night. The auto was believed stolen by two men from the spot where it was parked near Fondy's home. It was found mired in mud and abandoned on a road near Spearfish

Found at Spearfish

A Plymouth sedan belonging

The car was not damaged. No one has been apprehended. City Board Plans Special Meeting for Paving Petitions The decision to hold a special meeting to study the results of circulation of paving petitions was reached Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Belle Fourche board of alderman. Petitions from paving districts three and four had been submitted to the board, but it

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pared and scored by the college

committee.

Belle Fourche Daily Post March 12, 1971 Barbecue Slated June 9 The 1971 Community Unity Barbecue began to take shape Wednesday when new officers were named and the group organized for this year's project. The group voted to hold the 1971 Barbecue on June 9 and to extend an invitation to the National Guard, which will be in summer camp at Orman, to attend the event. Bob Haines was named president of the Barbecue committee, Jerome Kissick, vice-president, Lyndon Paulson, secretary-treasurer. Delbert Kane will be in charge of the team tying activities and Cliff Thomas and Ross Roll will serve as co-chairman of the finance committee.

Capital News Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rosencranz called at Edwin Lokens Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cordell attended parents night at the Belle Fourche High School Friday night. Their son Alvin is a player on the Belle Fourche team. They enjoyed the game between Hot Springs and Belle.

Brought to you by South Side Conoco (605) 892-9181 7th & State St. U-HAUL Belle Fourche, SD 57717 Jake Boggs Did you ever play cards at a table like this?

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has received another novel donation to its collections. It's a vintage card table with an unusual pedigree: it is one of the "advertising card tables" manufactured by the Gerden Johnson Company.

These novelty tables were

made and marketed nationwide during the 1940s and 1950s. The top of each table is covered with square, rectangular, or diamond-shaped "cards" which advertise a specific business in a certain city or region. The table given to the Tri-State bears ads for 44 area business"Looking Back in Belle" Sponsored by: Pioneer Bank & Trust

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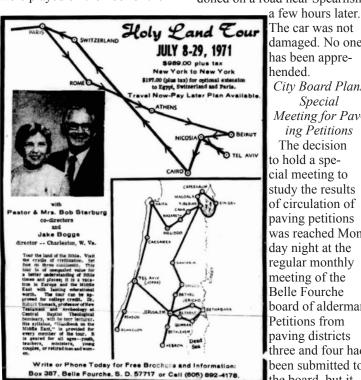
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es, including places in Ekalaka, Hammond, Alzada and Miles City, Montana; as well as Sturgis, St. Onge, Camp Crook and Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Some of Belle businesses include Eddie's Fifth Avenue Market. O'Donnell Sheep and Wool, Frey's Hardware, The Bank of Belle Fourche, Hafner Wool Company, Top Auto Mart, Belle Fourche Livestock, Truman Insurance Company and Steen's Feeds.

The table was among items in the basement of the local branch of the Wells Fargo Bank, but the staffer who provided it for the museum knew nothing of its background or how it came to be at Wells Fargo. The bottom of the card table bears the words "Given to First National Bank from the Box Elder Community Club." This community club was in Hammond, Montana. Museum staff has done some sleuthing online and in historical books to learn more about Gerden Johnson and businesses represented on the table, but the story of why

the Box Elder Club gave it to the First National Bank - and when and for what reason - is still a mystery.

For now, the card table, folded up, has been mounted on the wall in the Visitor Center of the complex and can be viewed there. Anyone who has additional information about the background of the card table is invited to contact the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center staff at 605-723-1200 or stop in at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.





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#### "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"by John Newby **Truly-Local Vision Needs Incubation**

Ray Goforth once said, "There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed." When it comes to local community vision, this quote hits the nail on

the head. Local communities are full of small-minded and poverty-minded leaders and influencers - you know the ones I am referring to, those afraid to think big and those fearing failure. I would suggest communities without big dreams and vision are only biding their time as irrelevance draws closer each day.

It is easy to discuss the importance of vision, innovation, entrepreneurship and creativity, but not always so easy to put those words into specific action and more importantly, positive results. With that is mind, let me offer a few suggestions regarding vision, action and innovative thinking that local communities might consider.

Let's tackle innovation first. Those living in the innovation world understand a few basics relating to innovation. The art of innovation, and it is an art, involves failure. Without failure, you simply aren't innovating aggressively enough. What



John Newby

times than they succeeded. Each failed innovation taught them something that would be used in future successful innovations. Ty Cobb, the man many considered one of the greatest hitters of all-time with a lifetime batting average of .367 failed .633% of the time, but each failure taught him what to expect the next time turning those many failures into positives.

Now let's discuss the importance or critical nature of vision. We can go all the way back to the Bible to find references relating to the importance of vision. Proverbs tells us "where there is no vision, the people perish." We might substitute the word 'community' for the word 'people' in that quote. As I have worked with communities, businesses and news-media companies, a common ingredient of a stagnant community or business is lack of vision. You show me a great community or business leader and I will show you a community or person



with great vision. One will not come without the other.

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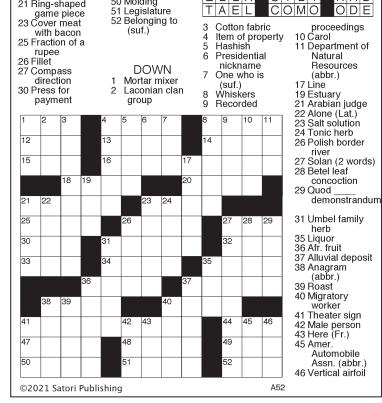
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So how can a community show great vision and inspire innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship? Most smaller or local communities have a common albatross, too many empty buildings. While some buildings may not fit the bill, many of these old buildings are great structures, they just lack a loving occupant. I saw a great piece today about Hartford CT. turning an old Swift Gold Leaf Factory into a great community incubator for innovation, opportunity, job creation, educating youth and spurring economic growth throughout the community. While Hartford isn't what we might consider a small or even medium-sized community, this idea can resonate on a smaller scale in any community with just an ounce of vision. I would encourage every community to have their version of an incubator that promotes, encourages and houses innovation, creativity and local entreprenership. That would be the very definition of vision with action.

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



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and vision can attain heights otherwise never deemed or dreamed possible. If you build it (vision), they will come. Not only will they come, they are much more likely to follow those leaders and business owners with vision. Don't let your lack of vision be your downfall - let it be your driving force and mission.

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

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#### \*\*\*\*\*\* NOMINATION FOR 2020-2021 **BELLE FOURCHE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

If you know of a classified employee (custodial/maintenance, secretarial, classroom assistant, etc.) who has provided exemplary service to the District, please complete the nomination form below.

I nominate

for the Belle Fourche School District Employee of the Year. **Department (**if known):

(NOTE: Administrators cannot be nominated for this award.)

Please write a paragraph stating your reasons why you think this person should be considered for the employee of the year for Belle Fourche School District:

#### NOMINATION FOR 2020-2021 **BELLE FOURCHE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

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(For entry to South Dakota/National Teacher of the Year Program)

Do you know of a teacher who is truly outstanding? The nominations procedure for the Teacher of the Year is underway for 2020-2021. Staff, students, former students, parents and community members are asked to nominate deserving teachers by completing this nomination form.

I nominate

for the Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year.

(NOTE: Administrators cannot be nominated for this award.)

\*\* Suggestions for Reasons Ability to meet individual student needs Rapport with students, parents and staff Professional activities and personal growth as a professional **Community** activities Dedication to the teaching profession

The reasons I feel this individual qualifies for nomination for Teacher of the Year are (please be as specific as possible and attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Signature:

(Signature required) Please return no later than March 23, 2021 to:

**Belle Fourche School District Community Council for Education** Attention: Sandra Baker Administration Office 723-3355 ext. 1 2305 13th Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717

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from a resident, was approved. A discussion on the driveway on the north side of the courthouse brought about a decision to not approve the request for an additional clause that would give the option to the new owners to purchase the driveway in question.

There was a discussion about admission of service, when the county is served legal papers. It was determined that McCartney would write up a resolution to be signed by the commission, allowing the State's Attorney office to accept service in these instances on behalf of the county. This would be approved at the next meeting.

The commission entered executive session to deal with contractual matters concerning the dispatch center. Commissioner James Ager declined to ioin the session due to potential conflict of interest.

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#### Wildland Firefighter School Draws Local Volunteers

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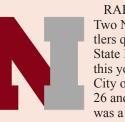
BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department meeting room was the site for the S-190, S-130 and L-180 classes to become a certified Wildland Fire Firefighter on February 19-22. Nearly 25 local volunteers spent many hours learning the basics of Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior and Beginning Firefighter classes. They also took a class on Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service.

Classes ran from 6 p.m. on Friday night, through both Saturday and Sunday as well as Monday evening. Six firefighters from Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Department, four from Newell and a scattering of firefighters from other departments in Butte County, as well as a couple from outside the local area were in attendance. Some of the things they learned included: handline techniques, use of fire shelters, suppression, topography, weather, tools and equipment, mop-up, communications and barriers to situation awareness as well as decision making and team cohesion.

Classes that were pre-requisites for gaining wildland certification included Incident Command System (ICS) FEMA classes 100 and 700. Several of those attending the Wildland classes were also taking Firefighter 1 & 2 classes during the same time-frame, so they were getting a good amount of information to process. Presenters included Nathan Wiedow, BLM Fuels Technician and Travis Lipp, BLM Fuel Management Specialist, both from the local Bureau of Land Management complex, Adam Ziegler-Engine captain US Forest Service-Sundance, Wyo., leff Johnson with the National

### **Newell Wrestlers Compete at State Tourney**

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RAPID CITY – Two Newell wrestlers qualified for the State B meet, held this year in Rapid City on February 26 and 27. There was a send-off pep

assembly at the school on the afternoon of February 24.

The wrestlers had an exciting weekend in Ft. Pierre at the Region 4 wrestling tournament the weekend before the state meet. Charlie Clements and Blaise McGregor did not place, with both going 0-2 at the meet, but they improved well over the course of the season.

Chase VanDerBoom won the 138-pound weight class and Caleb McGregor earned a second-place finish at the 195-pound bracket. This qualified both wrestlers for a trip to state.

At the state meet they did not place, but scored three team points. In the first round he lost by major decision to Brandon Bosworth of Mt. Vernon/Plankinton/Corsica-Stickney. The score was 15-5. In the consolation round VanDerBoom won by fall over Jack Neises of Howard, in 3:28. This sent him into the second consolation round against Bradyn Lhotak of Wagner, where he lost by decision, 10-6.

McGregor wrestled Cole Wellner of Mobridge-Pollock, in first-round action and won by fall in just 54 seconds. In the quarterfinals he took on Charlie Patten of Parker, and also won that round, this time by decision, 7-4. He lost out in semi-final action against Cody Donnelly of Philip Area, in a major decision loss, 12-0.

In the consolation semi round McGregor came back to beat Charley Pravecek of Winner area, by fall in 2:17. In the match for State Third-Place, McGregor lost in tough wrestled match by decision 3-0 against Levi Nightingale of Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes.

This was Coach Dylan VanDerBoom's novice season.



Chase VanDerBoom, left and Caleb McGregor earned a trip to State B wrestling at Rapid City last month by taking a first-place and second-place finish respectively. McGregor took fourth at the State B meet. - *Courtesy Photo* 



Weather Service and Safety Officer Gary Kemp.

Although this was a faceto-face training, Ziegler said training has been difficult for the past year.

"With COVID we have been trying to do more via electronics," he said. "We have transitioned to radio briefing (for the US Forest Service), orders to take food to camp have come via technology. Those things have changed a lot in the last eight months."

"Actually, it's more effective doing radio briefings," said Wiedow. "We don't waste as much time, we just make it short, sweet and to the point."

Ziegler said, "As volunteer fire departments we don't know what a day will bring, or what resources are available."

(Left) Bryan Riley, local rancher, and Tyler Swan, Newell firefighter, learn how to use the "sling" weather tool, as well as the Kessle weather tool during the Wildland Fire training. (Right) Nathan Wiedow, BLM Fuels Technician, explains how to use a "fusee" during the Wildland Fire training. - *Brunner Photos* 





### Newell School Menu Mar. 3 - Mar 10

Wed. Mar 10 Lunch: SCALLOPED POTATOES WITH HAM, WHOLE GRAIN DINNER ROLL, STRAWBERRIES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

No Data

Thurs. Mar 11

#### Mon. March 15

Breakfast: BREAKFAST BITES OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: TURKEY GRAVY, WHOLE GRAIN BISCUITS, PEAS, TROPICAL FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

#### Tues. March 16

Breakfast: MUFFINS OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK Lunch: CHICKEN FRIED STEAK, MASHED POTATOES

WITH GRAVY, PEACHES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Wed. March 17 Breakfast: BREAKFAST BURRITO OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN PARMESAN, WHOLE GRAIN PASTA, APPLESAUCE, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thurs. March 18 Breakfast: BFRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: QUESADILLA, MIXED VEGETABLES, PINEAP-PLE, FRESH FRUIT , MILK

## NVN Food Pantry Receives a Big Boost

**COLLEEN BRUNNER** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL -- The Newell, Vale, Nisland (NVN) Food Pantry has had some help recently by an unexpected source, the Spearfish Calvary Temple church which was instrumental in providing a U-Haul truck full of produce, protein products, dairy and other items not normally supplied through the pantry and an enhancement to the monthly Feeding South Dakota truck that has been coming to the center.

NVN Ministerial member Pastor Terri Dutton Blanchett, was contacted by Pastors Mark and Ruth Chapman about the possibility of bringing boxes of food to the NVN Pantry. That's just what Blanchett did.

She headed to Spearfish with a rented U-Haul truck and brought a whole load to the center on February 19. As usual a large group of people lined up on the north side of Third Street in their cars, to have the many volunteers load boxes of goodies into the cars, following a simple proof of residence. Blanchett connected with the Spearfish church, which is part of the Assemblies of God network, which is her background. One of the Core Facets named on the Spearfish Calvary Temple website is to "give and go." On February 19 they gave out literally hundreds of boxes of food to local churches and organizations, the NVN Food Pantry being just one of those. Blanchett was excited and nearly overwhelmed by the endeavor and the number of people the NVN Pantry was able to assist. A few days following the

protein distribution, the Food Pantry volunteers were at it again, distributing their normal monthly Feeding South Dakota boxes on March 2. This happens one time per month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. You can check the NVN Food Pantry Facebook page for more information, but the next regular distribution is April 6 at 1:30 p.m. You must show proof of residence. However, due to the Covid virus and many people struggling with food resources there is no other requirement at this time except that you may only pick up food for your immediate household. If you have questions you can contact Blanchett via PM on the NVN Food Pantry Facebook page. There are a lot of good sources of food in the normal monthly delivery boxes, including non-perishable and perishable products, plus protein and

If you have events for the calendar please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenkbrunner@gmail.com.

SD Farm Bureau is searching for a "paid" internship applicant. This is open to any student and you can find more info at http://www. sdfbf.org/

Congrats to Payton Burtzlaff for being named Athlete of the Week at Mount Marty College. Burtzlaff runs hurdles for the school in their track and field program.

March 13: NAVFR Potato Topper Supper at the Nisland Fire Hall. 5-7 p.m. Silent auction items to bid on.

Mar. 14: Daylight Savings Time starts (set your clocks back Saturday night)

Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 20: Nisland Independent Community



**Community** Calendar

#### Church FREE Welcome to Tuscany dinner. 6:30 p.m. You must RSVP to 605-645-9976, 605-645-0226 or on the church Facebook page at www.facebook. com/NislandChurch. Everyone is welcome. A gluten free meal will be available on request. John and James Marrs will provide musical

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entertainment.

Mar. 18-20: BBB-State Tourney @ Aberdeen-all day

Mar. 23/25: P/T Conference 4 p.m.

Mar. 26: Spring Play 7 p.m.; PTO Carnival 5 p.m.

Mar. 27: Newell Christian Fellowship church annual pancake supper at the church at 308 4th street in Newell from 5-7 p.m.

Mar. 30: Newell ACT Test-all day

### **Newell High School Senior Profiles**

Editor's Note: Reporter Colleen Brunner continues her series profiling the Class of 2021 at Newell High School.

NEWELL – Elijah is big brother to Kaira, 16 and Joshua, 14 and son to Jay and Jennifer Stomprud of rural Butte County. He is a familiar figure around Newell high school and is a very friendly guy.

But he can also be found in solitude, or hanging with his parents and siblings on the ranch or hunting in the wild. His favorite activities include shooting, hunting and working on the ranch. Stomprud, who has played basketball and run cross-country during his time at NHS, although he also participated in track and field.

### **Congratulations Elijah**

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12 We Love you! Mom, Dad, Kaira & Joshua



He names his favorite classes as his shop classes with Mr. Fiedler.

"I plan to attend Western Dakota Tech and work toward



### Stomprud

a degree in Computer Aided Design," said Stomprud, speaking about his plans following graduation from NHS in the spring.

He said his parents have been the biggest influence in his life because they always support and encourage him and help him to continue to move forward.

"All of the teachers (at NHS) are nice," said Stomprud. "I have made some good friendships with some of my school mates."

never knows for sure just what will arrive on the truck.

produce items. But the pantry

"It was a real blessing to have this (the produce, protein and dairy distribution)," said Blanchett. "There are many people in need."

The pantry has switched to the first Tuesday distribution and other distributions are announced. If you have a need at another time than during the distribution date, you can contact the food pantry at 605-456-2737 (Newell city office and leave message) or email Pastor Blanchett at pastordlcc@sdplains.com. You can also contact Pastor Doug Clark of the Nisland Independent Community Church, or Pastor Derrick Anderson at the Newell Christian Fellowship church.



(Top) Volunteers Dusta Ismay, Blanchett, Rhonda Vallery and Linda Stambaugh stand by the unloaded truck preparing for the distribution. (Below) Literally hundreds of boxes of food items were facilitated for distribution through Spearfish Calvary Temple church. A truck load of boxes came to the NVN Food Pantry on February 19. - *Courtesy photos* 



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NEWELL – Swimming, hiking, golfing, card playing and basketball are just a few things this energetic Newell High School (NHS) Senior enjoys doing. Golf, it seems, runs in the family as older sister Adrianna and older brother Huttson, as well as her father Jeremiah all play.

Along with those people already listed, Kassidy names LeeAnn (stepmother), Jennifer Keffler (mother) and half-siblings Shayde and Elivia Keffler as part of her family.

At NHS Weeldreyer participated in basketball, volleyball, golf, track, cross country, the fine arts program, National Honor Society and was a member of the student council.

"I like how you can get to know your classmates and become close with them," she said of her time and friends at NHS. "I will miss most the laughs and fun road trips NHS has given me.' Weeldreyer lists a favorite memory from fifth grade. The whole class had to restart playing "Up on the Housetop" at the Christmas concert because the band teacher thought it was so bad. "We were all laughing when she stopped us," Weeldreyer grinned.

It's not a surprise that this young lady names P.E. as her favorite class, because she



enjoyed sports. "You get all of your energy out and have fun," she said.

She lists her favorite teacher as Mr. Wince (PE) because he made class fun and he pushed her to do her best. Her favorite extra-curricular activities included basketball and golf because she has played them all her life and enjoyed both the

#### sports.

"I am still deciding where I want to go to college and what I want to do," she shared honestly. Weeldreyer said her biggest influence in life is her dad. "He has always pushed me to do my best and has taught me all the stuff I know."

### **Congratulations Kassidy!**



So proud of all your accomplishments and excited to see what the future holds for you! LOVE Dad and Leeann

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### **Grand River Roundup**

#### **BETTY OLSON**

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It sure felt like spring this week with temperatures in the 60s and not much wind so the calving has been going pretty well.

Casey and Missy didn't get home from the state wrestling tournament in Rapid City last weekend until Sunday afternoon because the highway was closed with all the snow they got in the Hills.

We have lost a couple really sweet ladies. Ruby (Haggart) VanDenBerg, 95, from Spearfish who used to ranch south of Prairie City, passed away February 28. Her funeral was Friday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish with burial beside her husband Herman in the Prairie City Cemetery. Frances (Bell) Olson, 88,

from Hoover, passed away on Monday, March 1. Her funeral services were this Monday at Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis with burial at the Hoover Cemetery south of their ranch.

Amanda had a dentist appointment in Bowman on Tuesday and Grandma Missy kept the kids. Reub had a chiropractor appointment with Dr. Whitney in Bowman that afternoon and got twisted back into shape.

We welcomed a new resident into our community on Wednesday, March 3rd. Brad and Amy Johnson are the proud parents of a cute little baby girl. Adley Michelle Johnson weighed in at 8lbs 10oz and is 20.5 inches long. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents!

We had the Lenten service and supper Wednesday evening with good attendance, but Bev Heier wasn't able to make it because both the railroad crossings in Hettinger were blocked when she was on her way home from work. Usually if one crossing is blocked you can drive to the other crossing and be able to head south, but the trains blocked both crossings for a

long time and Bev wasn't able to leave town until it was too late to come to church. That's infuriating and isn't it illegal? Jace Jenson held his bull sale at Faith Livestock on Thursday featuring bulls that he raised

> and bulls he bought from Dave and Rhonda Lensegrav. Lensegrav's also had bulls to sell with Jace. All the Jenson's, Amanda and Taz and the kids, and Grandma Missy went

to the sale. Grandpa Casey stayed home to calve the cows. It sounded like the sale went really well.

I spent a fun day on Thursday quilting at the church with Patsy Wilkinson and Linda Mohagen. Our last days for quilting will be next Wednesday and Thursday because everyone is busy lambing and calving. Casey and Taz killed eight coyotes this week to keep them out of the new calves and lambs. There sure are a lot of those nasty predators around here.

Lanie and her kids came down from Dickinson to visit Thursday afternoon and stayed until Friday afternoon. Trig came home from college Friday night for spring break and he brought the gutter machine to put gutters on Casey's house, Taz's house, and a few other houses in the neighborhood while he's home.

Jim and Evelyn Brown stopped to see us on Saturday and gave us a beautiful wooden Nativity scene that Jim made, featuring Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and the Star of Bethlehem. I believe that he's made about 70 of them for lots of other people. Our son Sage brought Ellarie, Irelyn, and Dathan down to the ranch that afternoon while Alaina and Acalia went to the North Dakota class B girls' basketball tournament to watch the Hettinger-Scranton girls play. We had a lot of fun with the grandkids that afternoon and Grandpa Reub even taught our granddaughters to drive his

side-by-side.

We found out at church this Sunday that Rosie Hotchkiss is going to be allowed to come back from Scotland this Wednesday to visit her husband Ty and his family for a little while. She will have to fly back to Scotland soon and will have to be quarantined for two weeks when she goes back. She will be allowed to visit again once in a while, but won't be able to return for good until she is able to get her Green Card, which could take months. Meanwhile, our government is allowing illegal aliens to pour across the southern border and be released into our country even if they test positive for the China Virus. Linda Hathaway will be telling us about her trip to Israel and showing pictures she took over there at the Lenten service at Slim Buttes Lutheran Wednesday evening after the soup and

sandwich supper at 6:00. We can't wait to see her presentation and everyone is invited. Well, it's that time again - next

Sunday, March 14th is when we have to set our clocks ahead one hour to Daylight Savings Time. When I was in the legislature I tried to get a bill passed leaving us on Standard Time year around so we wouldn't have to keep changing our clocks, but it failed. This year Rep. Charlie Hoffman brought HB1214 to provide for permanent daylight savings time year around so we don't have to keep changing our clocks. HB1214 was sent to the House State Affairs Committee, otherwise known as the "Killing Fields", so of course it got shot down too. Thanks anyway Charlie! The last day of the SD Legislature is this Thursday, March 11 and the legislators don't have to go back to Pierre until Veto Day toward the end of March.

I'll leave you with this: When told the reason for daylight saving time the old Indian said... "Only an idiot would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket and sew it to the bottom of the blanket and have a longer blanket."



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### Then and Now in Newell

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#### "Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

March 9, 1911 The Band Boys will give a band concert, box social and dance at the Finger-Walter Opera House on March 17. The proceeds will go toward purchasing band uniforms

Chas J. Church arrived yesterday with an immigrant car from Twin Falls, Idaho. Mrs. Church arrived on the passenger several days earlier. Mr. Church has noticed how the irrigated land at Twin Falls has gone up in 8 years from practically nothing to \$200 per acre and decided to get in here on the ground floor.

George A. Ross has sold his old confectionary store building to the Belle Fourche & Northwestern Telephone Company and they are using the building exclusively for the exchange with Miss Voice as operator.

#### March 10, 1921

The art exhibit at the school house has been attracting no little attention and is well worth seeing. Tonight is the last evening of the showing.

Lester S. Tarrel has for sale or trade for oats or hogs, cottonwood fire wood sawed in stove lengths. Tarrel lives 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles

necessitating the amputation of one of her fingers, is still in the hospital also.

#### March 13, 1941

Irrigation farmers in the Vale and Newell vicinity will have an added source of cash income this year, according to an announcement made the past week by E.H. Kent local representative of the Squire-Dingee Pickle Company, who revealed that the Chicago firm planned to operate their plant at Vale the coming season. The company expects to operate on the same basis as previous years, but that the price of small pickles will be increased and the larger be decreased. Top price will be \$2 per bushel for "first grade" pickles not over 3 inches long. If an overflow of pickles is raised in the Newell area, vats will be set up there.

Nine year old Alvin Hurlbut, son of Mrs. Mamie Hurlbut, formerly of Newell, now Belle Fourche, makes his home at the Dave Scott ranch, 3 miles west of Belle Fourche. Last Sunday he left the ranch on his pony to bring in the cattle, but didn't return. With the weather bad, the Scotts' started a search party in fear that he had fallen from the pony and might be injured. After dark, they appealed to the residents of Belle Fourche to help and about 50 responded, including Sheriff's officers, firemen and others. Deputy Dave Malcolm rode up to the James Welsh ranch to make inquiries and Welsh informed him the lad was fast asleep in bed. The boy explained that enroute after the cattle; he changed his mind and decided to go to Belle Fourche. He turned the pony loose and continued on foot, but when the weather became so bad, he stopped at the Welsh ranch who put him up for the night.

north of the Empire School or address mail to Vale.

Maurice Briggs was down from Deadwood to take in the basketball game Saturday evening and slip his knees under mother's table for a sumptuous Sunday dinner.

#### March 12, 1931

Jerry Kuchera has been crowned with the title of Champion Bear Wrestler of the Black Hills. A few nights ago he stayed 15 minutes with a 510 pound bear at the end of the round, Jerry found out that wrestling 500-pound trained bear is not as easy as handling 150 pound seed bag.

Art Helmer, Lawrence County Sheriff, went to Denver taking back a boy from Lead who had decided he would to go to California. In order to obtain money for the trip, he is alleged to have forged his father's name to a check for \$100 and cashed it at a Lead bank. The father declined to make the check good, so Denver officers arrest the youth when he stepped from the train there last Wednesday morning. Part of the money was spent for clothing and with the rest he had purchased a ticket to California. The lad is 17 years old

Leo Quinn was taken to a Rapid City Hospital a few days ago suffering with a bad case of the prevailing throat illness. His mother Mrs. Wm Quinn, who recently submitted to an operation for blood poisoning

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#### March 15, 1951

Lyle Pearson, Spearfish and Miss Eleanor Stomprud of Sulphur were untied in marriage Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. O.M. Stomprud. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev Robert McElwee of Bison. Attendants were Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Pearson, Spearfish, Mrs. Chester Stomprud and Calvin Stomprud, Sulphur. Mr. Pearson is a graduate of Spearfish High School and Black Hills Teachers College now teaching at Stoneville. The new Mrs. Pearson is a graduate of Newell High School and also Black Hills Teachers College.

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Price moved part of their household goods to the William Cook home near Orman Sunday. Mr. Price recently resigned his job

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in the Irrigation District shop at Newell to accept employment with Russell Machine Shop in Belle Fourche. They plan to move there as soon as they find living quarters.

Mr. & Mrs. Lyn Gladstone and daughters drove to Rapid City Sunday, where they attended the annual meeting of the Black Hills Press Association and dinner given by the Rapid City Journal at the Alex Johnson Hotel. They also visited with the Vic Matter, C.W. Rand and Damon Matter families at a gathering at the Charles Tenant home.

#### March 9, 1961

"Dads Night" will be held at the regular meeting of Parent Teachers Association at Austin Auditorium next Wednesday evening, according to PTA President Laurence Smith. Preston Hill is program chairman and will be assisted by Byron Schipke, Dale Anderson, Joe Haas and Mrs. L.C. Williamson. Election of officers will be held at this meeting also. Hosts will be 3rd grade parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ehicler in charge.

Moisture on the Upper Spearfish snow course is down over 22% this year according to US forest Service figures. A reading taken on March 1 near O'Neill Pass west of Lead on the New Castle Road shows a depth of 19" less than the 17-year average. The readings are watched with interest by



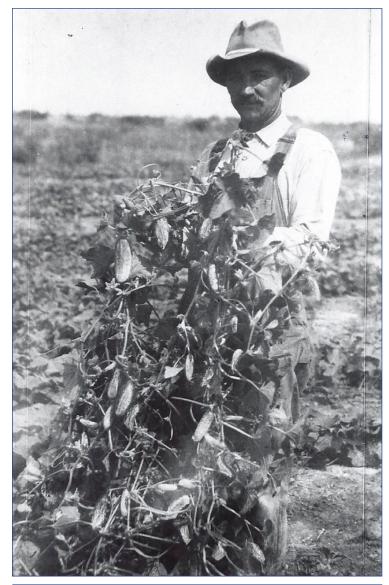
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farmers and rancher in the Bell Fourche River area as snow course portion of the watershed for Orman Dam. The last series of 4 readings made each year will be taken in April.

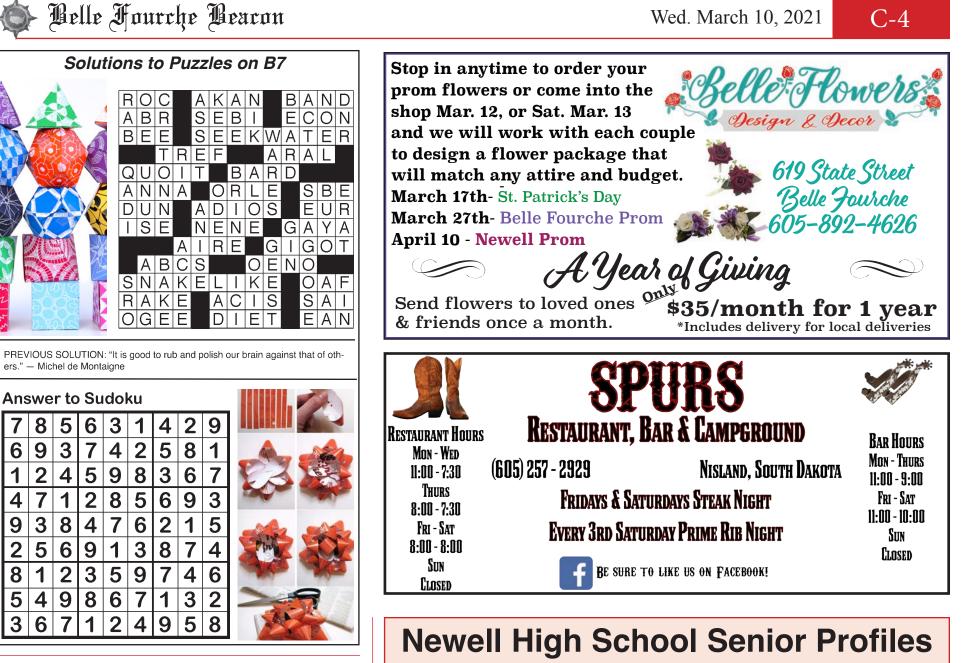
The choir of the United Church of Christ of Nisland presented a concert February 26 at the church. During intermission; Mary Spencer played a Sonata on the piano, a trumpet solo was presented by Arthur

#### from the Newell Museum

Becket and Rev John Schnackenberg sang a solo closing that portion of the program. An offering was taken for the Christian Higher Education Fund. Following the concert, Senior and Junior Sunday School groups viewed a film strip, played a few games and enjoyed refreshments served by the parents.



Here is a photo of a farmer "reaping" the benefits of the Squire-Dingee Pickle growing program. Farmers were given cucumber seeds and contracted to raise pickles for the company. It was a great program for farmers to have a cash quickly.





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This was Head Wrestling Coach Dylan VanDerBoom's first season at Newell. - Brunner photo



Editor's Note: Reporter Colleen Brunner continues her series profiling the Class of 2021 at Newell High School.

NEWELL – Bradley is the youngest son of Keith Baker and Karen Thornhill, and Phill Thornhill, stepfather. He has two older siblings, Brian Baker, 23 and Clint Baker, 27. He has a sister-in-law, Alecia and niece Eleanor, and nephew Luxton Baker. Brad didn't list a favorite memory of NHS, but his favorite teacher was Mr. VanderVorst and his favorite class was art.

"I liked FFA because there are many different areas you can go into and be successful at," said this senior. "FFA also had a lot to do with the public, from fundraising to the steak feed." In his free time Baker likes to hunt, fish, drive around and spend time with his family and friends.

"After high school I plan on attending college," said this



University) or MTI (Mitchell Technical Institute)."

Baker lists his brothers as his biggest influence, as they have always been there since day one, they answer all his questions and have helped him become who he is today. "Just seeing how much they have done in just 23 and 27 years is pretty incredible."

"NHS is a great place to go (to school) because the class sizes are usually around 20 students to a grade, so you really get that one-on-one time with teachers," he said. "What I will miss most is all the laughs that

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happen there."

Baker was involved with FFA and National Honor Society during his school years at Newell.

"The teachers do really get to know the kids throughout the years; it is cool to be able to walk down the hallways, even as a senior, and still see the same teachers we had back in elementary and middle school," he said. "And, they can see all our accomplishments, even though we had them as a teacher years back, they're still there to guide you through life." He said one thing he felt he missed out on going to the smaller school is that there is not enough variety in classes and that once a student fulfills all their credit requirements it is hard to have a full schedule their senior year, especially with something that interests them and makes them want to go to school.

(Top) Caleb McGregor wrestled to take a fourth-place finish at the State B meet in Rapid City this past week. (Above) Chase VanDerBoom made a trip to the State B meet in Rapid City this past week, wrestling hard but not bringing home the hardware. - Brunner photos

graduate-to-be. "I have not decided which one for sure, but I am looking at going to SDSU (South Dakota State

### **Congratulations Brad!**

We've watched you grow all these years and words will never express how proud of you we are. Love Mom and Philip



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## NHS Grad Honored as Mt. Marty Athlete of the Week



Payton Burtzlaff competes in the heptathlon and decathlon in the track and field program at Mount Marty University.. - Photo Courtesy Mount Marty University

#### **COLLEEN BRUNNER** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

YANKTON - Payton Burtzlaff is a sophomore radiologic technology major at Mount Marty University in Yankton. He also participates in the track and field program there. "I compete in the Heptathlon

and Decathlon," said Burtzlaff, who was recently named Mount Marty Athlete of the Week.

Burtzlaff, the oldest of the three children of Miles and Betsy Burtzlaff, Nisland, graduated from Newell High School in 2019. His younger siblings include Lexa, a senior this year at NHS and Colton who is a junior.

"I just want to say that I am overly excited to receive this award, and I want to thank everyone who pushed me in high school as well as college," said Burtzlaff. "I wouldn't be where I am without their support."

Burtzlaff said that being named athlete of the week takes a couple things. Athletes must be nominated by a coach or captain of the team and also must have a week of outstanding achievements in their



Payton Burtzlaff graduated from Newell High School in 2019 and is attending Mount Marty University. - Photo Courtesy Mount Marty University

#### chosen sport.

"Competing at Mount Marty has helped me by making me stay accountable," he says. "Mount Marty athletics have taught me a lot, but most importantly it has taught me not to take things like sports for granted. One day you'll be done and so grateful for the time you have here."



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