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Highway Bids Opened Public Comments Point Out Discrepancies

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BELLE FOURCHE-During the regular meeting of the Butte County Commission, action was taken to approve bids for the Highway Department and the commissioners heard from the audience during Public Comments, among other business that took their attention.

The only bid for fuel came in from MG Oil for unleaded, diesel 1 and 2. Unleaded was \$.428, #2 diesel \$.127, and #1

County B5

The Rockin' Bronc Reading Rally



Belle Fourche High School Cheerleaders and Buster the Bronc lead students in a reading cheer during the Reading Rally earlier this month. - Frisbie Photo

Lifesaving Award Goes to Two BFPD Officers

In the early morning hours of Feb. 22, the 9-1-1 call came in regarding a resident experiencing severe chest pains. It was 5am and the conditions could best be described as a mid-winter blizzard. The dispatcher immediately sent out a call to the police department and local ambulance.

Police Officers Asher Pikula and Heath Harter arrived on the scene just a few minutes later and found the resident laying down, unresponsive. There was no heart rate, and no breathing.

Immediately they set up their Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which they carry in their police cruiser and began resuscitation efforts. The officers, with their paramedic and EMT training were in the right place as the right time, according to Police Chief Ryan Cherveney. Their quick actions saved the 66-year old man's life.

"They used the AED's right away to shock him back, and continued to use CPR with chest compressions and were able to revive him and bring him back," Cherveney told the Beacon. Cherveney says all the BFPD police cruisers carry an AED device.

AEDs are portable, life-saving devices designed to treat people experiencing sudden car-

diac arrest, a medical condition in which the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. The combination of CPR and early defibrillation is effective in saving lives when used in the first few minutes following a collapse from sudden cardiac arrest.

An ambulance had by then arrived and the resident was transported to the emergency room for further care and recovery.

Both officers were presented with Community Lifesaving Award certificates from the city of Belle Fourche at the City Council meeting on Mar. 6. The awards were given by Mayor Randy Schmidt and Chief Cherveney.

"This certificate is given in recognition of your efforts on Feb. 22, 2023, in which your observations and immediate actions resulted in the lifesaving of an individual who was in a life-threatening situation," Cherveney said while making the presentation. "That individual is here today because of what you two did."

The council along with citizens and family in attendance gave the officers a standing ovation.

Mayor Schmidt then read a letter of appreciation from the

resident whose life was saved by the officer's actions:

"In the state of the nation that we currently live in police are not always shown in a positive light. These officers here tonight and the Belle Fourche Police Department as a whole, led by Police Chief Ryan Cherveney, are a great example of what is right in the world today. They are a department that the city of Belle Fourche and every citizen that lives here should hold up and be proud of. Heath Harter and Asher Pikula's actions in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Feb. 22, under severe winter weather conditions, saved my life. They will tell you that they were 'simply doing their job,' which is true. However not everybody's job can hold the life of somebody else in their hands. And it is fitting that Heath and Asher receive recognition from the city of Belle Fourche as heroes and lifesavers."

For officers Pikula and Harter it was their second such award in the past two months. In January, they, along with Detective Jason Huber, were given the Community Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another area resident experiencing cardiac arrest during an incident on Dec. 2, 2022.

Hot Shots Brings New Eats and Treats

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There is a new place to satisfy your sweet tooth in Belle Fourche!

Previously operating as a drive thru only, Greg Mondillo held a grand opening for Hot Shots Ice Cream shop this January.

Hot Shots ice cream is homemade in the store, where a variety of unique and delicious flavors can be found. "I like coming up with unique flavors of ice cream," says Mondillo, "therefore our homemade ice cream flavors rotate. Our current flavors can be found on our website and Facebook page." Another of Mondillo's prospective projects is wine sorbets for adults, which he hopes to have available in time for the ice cream season.

In addition to ice cream, Hot Shots serves Italian ice and fudge, both also made in store, as well as homemade waffle cones and bowls.

But there is more to Hot Shots than just treats. "In addition to the sweet things, we also serve coffee and specialty drinks," explains Mondillo, "Our latest specialty drink is Boba Tea. We have tapioca

boba as well as popping lychee, blueberry, and mango boba."

Mondillo says that the idea for Hot Shots Ice Cream has been on his mind since he came to Belle Fourche over a decade ago. "Back East where my family and I came from, I owned a seafood and ice cream restaurant and attended culinary school. I also ran a large kitchen at a hospital in Boston," he explains. "When I came to Belle Fourche, about 11 years ago, I was thinking of opening an ice cream, fudge, and coffee shop." The closure of the Belle Inn prompted Mondillo to begin looking for a location for his potential business, which he eventually found at the building on the corner of 5th and Grant.

For those looking for something a little more substantial, Hot Shots also offers pastries and lunch specials. "Being a chef, I enjoy making and serving lunch foods like sandwiches, soups, chili, burritos, and more at Hot Shots. Our caramel rolls and scones will soon be joined by muffins and bagels."

Hot Shots is open from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday at 603 5th Ave.



Two Belle Fourche police officers were honored by the City Council for saving the life of a local resident last month. Officers **Heath Harter** and **Asher Pikula** were recognized for their efforts on February 22, 2023. Pictured left to right above: **Mayor Randy Schmidt, Police Chief Ryan Cherveney, Officer Asher Pikula and Officer Heath Harter.** *Beacon Photo*

City to Purchase New Christmas Lights

BELLE FOURCHE – The holiday season will be a bit brighter along the US Hwy. 85 corridor through town come



An example of the new six-foot high Christmas lights that will adorn the street lights along the Hwy 85 corridor this coming holiday season. *Courtesy photo*

this November and December. The city council approved the purchase of 64 new Christmas light decorations to be mounted on light poles along the route. At a cost of \$28,271 the new lights will be purchased from Display Sales of Bloomington, MN. The new light features will replace the smaller and dimmer older lights.

There will be nine each of six different configurations: Candy Cane Swirls, Bright Line Toy Soldiers, Christmas Stockings, Christmas Trees, Waving Santas and Christmas Bells. Each feature is six-foot tall and will be mounted on the light poles.

Once the designs are finalized it will take about 2 weeks to produce the decorations with delivery to follow, according to Display Sales.

City Council News

BELLE FOURCHE – Four new surveillance cameras will soon be installed at Herrmann Park in Belle Fourche. The City Council approved a bid from Technology, Inc., of Belle Fourche, for the purchase and installation of the five cameras in the amount of \$16,222.66. The expense was a 2023 budgeted item from the Police Departments Capital Improvement Plan.

The bid includes \$14,022 for cost of equipment and \$2,200 for installation. The cameras will feature multi-sensory abilities with PTZ capabilities and two with fisheye lenses. They will have a 30-day retention and will be monitored at the BF Police Department nearby.

In the past the department has set up temporary

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Owner, **Greg Mondillo** serves ice cream to happy customers, Olivia and Jade, at Hot Shots Ice Cream. *Jeitz Photo*

Saturday Morning Listening



Ward 2 Councilman **Clark Sowers** and **Derrick Earhart** hosted a "Listening" session at the Black Hills Diner meeting room. The 2 hour session dealt with a variety of City issues. Overall, positive input was given about the work efforts of city employees and stressing the importance of maintaining and improving open communication between the city and its citizens. *Beacon Photo*



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We have a great selection of house plants to get you in the spring mood!



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Claudia Stubblefield 89

Claudia Ruth Barclay Stubblefield was born to Helen Edith (Norman) & Glen Barclay on May 18,1933 at their farm home in Northern Laclede County, MO. She departed for her Heavenly home on Thursday, March 2, 2023 after residing with her daughter Charla & son-in-law Bill for the past 17 months.

On October 14, 1950, Claudia married the love of her life, Charles A. Stubblefield at the First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, Arkansas. C.A. preceded her in death on February 27, 2017 after sharing 67 years of love, laughter, and music.

Claudia is survived by four children, Charla Elizabeth & husband Bill O'Dea of Belle Fourche, SD, Kevin Neal Stubblefield and wife Rhonda, Melissa Alayne Bollig & David Smith all of Lebanon, MO; Melanie Gay & husband Daniel Noakes of Nixa MO; grandchildren, Christopher Pluimer and Shalan Galtenberg, Anacortes WA; Benjamin Pluimer & Dr. Shannon Bates of North Hollywood, CA; Peter Pluimer & Rachel of Excelsior, MN; Kari & Nick Redden, Moorcroft, WY; Kevin & Kerry O'Dea, Laramie, WY; Dylan & Tabby Bollig of Pittsburg, MO; C.J. Bollig & Trevor Stubblefield of Lebanon, MO; Andrew & fiancé Dior of St. Louis, MO; Lane Noakes of Nixa, MO; Bailey Noakes, Josh & Ayla Grace of Bastrop, TX and Madison Noakes of El Dorado Springs, MO; great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Kaleb, Liam, Maddax, Paityn, Rylan, Norah, Charlie and great-great grandchildren, Brayden & Sawyer; her brother,



Neal Barclay of Lebanon; sister-in-law, Sammie Barclay and extended families.

Fulfilling a dream, after their four children were in school, Claudia graduated from Drury University, later obtaining a Reading Specialist Degree from SMSU. This began a teaching career of 32 plus years. There were three great passions in Claudia's life ~ family, music, and horses. The love of singing together began for Claudia & C.A. before 1948 and they loved sharing gospel & bluegrass music at churches fund-raising and countless other events. Their Dry Glaize Gospel Bluegrass Group was privileged to perform throughout southern Missouri. Beginning in 1960, C.A. & Claudia raised & sold registered Missouri Fox Trotters. A free-lance writer, Claudia most enjoyed her horses, reading, flower gardening, camping, and traveling.

A musical Celebration of Life took place in Lebanon, MO on March 11, 2023. Claudia and her family are forever grateful for the kind and compassionate in-home care provided by Hospice doctors Nylander & Kullerd, Nurses Erin & Raven, Aide Debbie C, Pastor Paul, and Mac.

Claudia has requested memorial gifts to Hospice of the Northern Hills,1440 North Main St, Spearfish SD 57783 or sent via Kline Funeral Home, 838 State St, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

Claudia shall be forever dearly missed.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com



Charles Cerney, Jr. 64

Charles Edward Cerney Jr, 64, of Belton SC, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2023, in Honea Path SC.

He was born on November 18, 1958, in Belle Fourche, SD: he was the son of Charles T. Cerney Sr and Leona (Bossert) Cerney.

Charles was raised just outside of Fruitdale, SD on a small farm. He grew up there while attending Fruitdale Country school through the 5th grade and finished grade school in Belle Fourche. Many a long bus ride.

He attended Belle Fourche High School, along the way he participated in several sports. Football and track, but Basketball was his passion. He played from as soon as he could dribble out on the farm dirt court with hoop up on the garage through his sophomore year in high school. Very good and very passionate.

Charles also had a passion for farming, tractors, machinery. He worked for various farmers throughout his young adulthood. Asa Queen was one of those gentlemen and not only did he work hard but played hard as well. Asa had a "Snooker" table set up in one of the farm shops and would always challenge Charles to a game here and there. Charles took it easy until there was money on the



line and then would blow Asa away. Like many folks, Charles always had a good demeanor and got along with nearly everyone.

He was a hard-working roofer by trade, enjoyed golfing and was a Clemson Football fan.

In his adult life, he took a wife Sheri and together they raised 4 grand kids. Each of those grandkids will gladly say "He was there for all of us, he was our best friend and our support."

He is survived by his brother: Micheal Cerney, sister Deb (Dennis) Wattier, sister Luanne (Tom) Raiche, sister Cathy Cerney; grandchildren: Landon Schwoyer, Bryson Schwoyer, Haley Ward, Kylie Ward (Ethan Rudder); great-grandson: Keegan Ward; stepdaughter: Jessecca Mizzles and his loving friends.

In addition to his parents & brother David, he is predeceased by his soul mate: Sheri St Lewis and her mother, Virginia Stewart.

A funeral service was held at Sosebee Mortuary South Chapel on Friday, March 3, 2023.

Visitation was held prior to the service at the South Chapel March 3, 2023.

The Sosebee Mortuary and Crematory South Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gwen Anderson Healy 67

Gwen Anderson Healey, 67, of Hot Springs, South Dakota, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2023 at Edgewood Memory Care in Pierre, South Dakota after a long battle with vascular dementia.

Gwen was born on September 26, 1955 and was raised in Newell, South Dakota as the only daughter of Dale Bernard Anderson and Clarice Kathryn Wiest (Anderson). From a young age, Gwen developed a passionate love for music and a deep devotion to her faith. After graduating from Newell High School in 1973, she attended Black Hills State University and pursued a degree in Music Education.

While spending a summer in Grand Junction, CO, Gwen met Daniel Michael Healey and the two were married on September 3, 1977 in a small, backyard ceremony in Spearfish, SD. Dan and Gwen spent the early years of their marriage in Spearfish, SD; Pittsfield, MA; and Newell, SD. Gwen found work as an office manager for Northern Hills Insurance in Spearfish, and later as an Assistant Music Teacher for the Newell school system. After starting their family in the northern Black Hills, Dan and Gwen eventually settled in Hot Springs where Gwen began a new career with VA Black Hills Health Care System before eventually retiring in 2014.

Throughout her life, Gwen remained deeply devoted to her family, her faith, and her music. She was an active member of the Catholic Church, offering her time and talents as a leader of the Youth Choir and Youth Group, a vocalist and accompanist for Sunday services both at St. Anthony's and the VA Catholic chapel, and enthusiastically playing the trumpet for the closing hymn "Jesus Christ Has Risen Today" at Easter mass every year. Gwen also participated in the Hot Springs Community Band, and together with Carol Foster, was a founding member of the Sandstone Singers, who continue to



offer their musical talents to the Southern Black Hills today. When not serving her church, the veterans, or the community, Gwen stayed busy taking care of her family and being super mom to her children – while making it all look easy.

After retirement, Gwen and Dan could frequently be seen out and about cruising the Black Hills in their little red Mazda Miata, spending countless hours meeting new friends and sharing their love of music at festivals, open mics, jam sessions, or anywhere else an opportunity could be found.

Gwen is survived by her son, Dale (Kristina) Healey of Pierre, SD; her daughter, Kara (Connor) Kelly of Phoenix, AZ; two brothers, Jeff (Marti) Anderson of Colorado Springs, CO and Joel Anderson of Edmonds, WA; her granddaughter Lydia; and countless family and friends both near and far.

Gwen was preceded in death by her husband, Dan, parents, Dale and Clarice, and many other family members and beloved pets.

Gwen's children would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the outstanding staff at Edgewood Memory Care, including Kenya Briggs, Casey and Cassidy Ryland, Violet Bollock, Kathleen Van Fossen, Jennifer Terry, Jessica McFarling, Mauna Wipf, Jhetta Nelson, Rylie Miller, Joel Johnson, Andrew DeGreef, Alex Remark, and Jennifer Weyrich who offered their unending love and support to Mom in her final years of life. We can never thank you all enough.

Christian Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hot Springs, South Dakota on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, Gwen's family requests that donations be made to the Sandstone Singers c/o Carol Foster, 201 N 3rd St. Hot Springs, SD 57747

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by: Pastor Dan Carlson Belle Fourche Christian Life Center

“Predicting the Future”



From 1992 through 2004 I was a meteorologist at KEVN-TV in Rapid City. It was a job I enjoyed. Much of that enjoyment came from figuring out what the weather was going to do around the Black Hills over the next week, no easy task in what one of my meteorology professors called “one of the most challenging forecasting environments in North America.”

Over time, though, I became good at it. When people would ask me what my secret was, I told them, “I spend time each day outside the station up on Skyline Drive looking at what the sky and nature are telling me.” There was abundant wildlife around the station back in those days, and I had a view of the sky that extended from the Badlands to Terry Peak and beyond.

God's creation is packed with useful information that too many people don't take time to take notice of or listen to. That information would often confirm or question what the weather computer models were predicting, and became an asset in my forecasting. I had learned what signs to look for that foretold impending storms or sunshine.

Today there are other signs I fear too many people are ignoring, signs of a coming event the Bible

has been telling humanity about for thousands of years. Signs of war, signs of an economic collapse followed by restructuring into a global economy, signs of nature turning its power against humanity, and signs of great divisiveness and evil. The Bible says families will be torn apart, hearts will grow cold and that hatred, violence and unrest will become commonplace. It also says that many will fall away from Christian faith while others will embrace false religions, led astray by a great deception. One doesn't need to be a prophet to look at a few days of news headlines to see a lot of this is already underway. Jesus told us to be watchful for such signs in Luke 12:54-56 where he said, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?” He was speaking about the end of this world as we know it and His coming again to vanquish evil once and for all. The Bible is clear that no one knows the day or hour of Christ's return to take His followers to be with Him for all eternity, but it is also clear that we can know what signs to look for that signal the event is getting closer.

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April First Saturday Brunch is Vigilantes of the Black Hills

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a First Saturday Brunch on April 1.

The presenter is Wayne Gilbert, who will speak on “Vigilantes of the Black Hills.”

The presentation describes the actions of vigilante groups that meted out rough justice to some bad men – and some men who were merely in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Brunch at 10 a.m. is \$5 per



person or free with museum membership. The presentation at 10:30 a.m. is free to all.

Reservations are required, whether for the brunch or to merely see the presentation.

Call 605-723-1200.

Please call early, as seats fill up quickly.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. Visit its Facebook page or its website at www.thetristatemuseum.com.

Badlands Head Start Participates in ‘Race to Read’

The annual “Race to Read” challenge offered by United Way/Black Hills Reads was enjoyed by TREC: Badlands Head Start (a comprehensive Early Learning and Support Program for prenatal to age five children and families). Badlands Head Start children and families read 7672 books, which equals 307 miles! Wow!! That is a lot of books! Tons of knowledge gained in a super fun way!! Congratulations to the families for reading to their kiddos!

According to Black Hills Reads, this program is offered every January through March to challenge readers, young and old, to record how many books they read. For every 25 books completed, a fictional car drove one miles on a road trip across South Dakota. Their challenge is a campaign for grade level reading. Their overall goal is to help children reach reaching proficiency and support partners in this process.. Half the battle of helping a child reach reading

proficiency is getting the child excited about reading.

They also offer prizes for families and businesses to win. This year’s local winner were the “Rockin’ Bronc Readers at the Belle Fourche Elementary Schools.

In addition to the challenge Badlands HS celebrated Dr. Seuss birthday week, reading the books he wrote and all BHS classrooms and socials had a visit from the “Cat in the Hat”. The “Cat” was also sighted at other venues in Belle Fourche community on Thursday, March 2, 2023.

This is just one way Badlands Head Start reaches out to promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children, and preparing them to succeed in school and in life beyond school.

For any questions about enrollment, please call 605-892-8837.

Badlands Head Start is an equal opportunity provider.



“Cat in the Hat” and **Wanda Dunn** reading to the children attending the BHS Butte County Home Visitor’s social.
Courtesy Photo

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Bytes

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This Friday, March 17, will be 4-H night with the Rapid City Rush. 4-H families, alumni, and supporters are invited to attend. Discounted tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo.me/3Xi6MTc>. Help support the 4-H and don’t forget to wear your green!

CDM & Horticulture Judging will be Sunday, March 19 at at 2:00 p.m. at the Newell School Jr. Leaders will meet Sunday, March. 19 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

March 31 is the deadline to enter VFW Auxiliary’s Illustrating America Art Contest. Sub-



missions are accepted in three grade divisions, K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. There are national awards for first, second, and third place in each grade division. For more information, please visit <https://vfwauxiliary.org/what-we-do/youth-activities/>

The Butte Lawrence County Fair Board is asking 4-H Youth to create a poster to be used for advertising the fair. Poster must be 8.5 X 11 inches, must include: “2023 Butte Lawrence County Fair”, fair dates (July 31-Aug. 5), and location (Nisland Fairgrounds).

First place prize is \$25, second place is \$15, and third place is \$10. Deadline to enter is March 31.

Dan Carlson Pastor’s Perspective contd. from page A2

It would be very easy to despair, get depressed and angry over the direction things seem to be going in the world. But Jesus has overcome the world.

He reminded us that we would have troubles in life, but also gave us hope by declaring he will walk through each and every one of those challenges by our side – if we let Him.

It’s time for us all to choose. We can go through what is coming with the God of the universe

helping us, or without Him. The good news is that He will never turn away anyone who comes to Him with a sincere and repentant heart seeking salvation and forgiveness.

I ask you today to evaluate where you stand with God. If all is well in that regard, rejoice. If not, please don’t delay in seeking help from a Belle Fourche church or pastor.

Look at the signs. Hard times are coming.

Lunch Menu

Thurs 3/16: Cheese, Potato & Smoked Sausage Casserole
Soup: Chicken Tortilla
Fri 3/17: Taco Tater Tot Casserole
Soup: Beef Noodle
Mon 3/20: Meatloaf Dinner
Soup: Broccoli Cheese
Tues 3/21: Macaroni & Cheese
Soup: Ham & Bean
Wed 3/15: Chicken Bowls
Soup: Wisconsin Cheese



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Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St · 892-4767
Dan Carlson, Pastor
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: 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1105 Todd St.
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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

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613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
Associate Pastor Chad McCord
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
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FIRST BAPTIST
807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten -12th grade
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich
5:30pm - Salt and Light

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
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717 Jackson St. Sunday:
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10 a.m. Worship

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901 Laurel St. Whitewood (605)-920-1959
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10:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School

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308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760
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Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am
Sunday School: 9am
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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

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Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Belle Teams at Black Hills Rapids Presidents Cup



Congratulations to the Belle Fourche U14 girls runner-up champs and U19 girls Champions in the President's Cup Tournament last weekend! The final indoor soccer tournament for the season ended on a high for 2 of our BF Soccer Association Recreational Teams! Top picture: the U14 Girls that took 2nd place in their division - left to right - Coach **Lars Dunavant**, **Tenley Neuharth**, **Irie McQueen**, **Madisyn VanSickle**, **Audri Dingmon**, **Abby Clendening**, **Birk Kraft**, **Mika Dunavant**, **Addilyn VanSickle**, & **Kailynn Lang**. *Courtesy Photo*



U19 Girls had an awesome season finisher at the President's Cup - winning the Championship game! They played 2 games on Saturday and 3 on Sunday & were able to come out with a double Win over their biggest rivals, the Sturgis Wildfire, and they played hard to come out with W's over 2 Black Hills Rapids teams. Front Row - **Tori Brill & Ava Allen**, Back Row L-R **Coach Alyssa Mehlhaff**, **Alexis Pickett**, **Ava Walker**, **Aleyah Carbajal**, **Alexa Swaney**, **Lydia Main**, **Natalia Biehl** & **Coach Kyle Parks**. *Courtesy Photo*



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Belle Baseball Gears Up for Second SDHSBA Season

Baseball

Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche Broncos made quite a splash into the 10-team Region IV of the South Dakota High School Baseball Association last year in their inaugural season featuring a veteran squad consisting of six seniors.

The 2022 team finished the

regular season 3rd overall, reached the regional championship game after beating perennial SDHSBA powerhouse St. Thomas More for the third time that season in the opening round.

The Broncos finished the year with Ryker Audiss, Sean Wahlfeldt, Evan Vissia, and Harvey Walding being named

Belle Fourche High School Baseball 2023 Schedule				
Date		Opponent	JV GameTime	Varsity GameTime
Sunday	March 26	v. Lennox (in Sturgis)		TBD
Wednesday	March 29	@ Rapid City Stevens Varsity		5:00pm
Wednesday	March 29	@ Rapid City Central Varsity		7:00pm
Sunday	April 2	**v. Winner Colome**		1:00pm
Sunday	April 2	v. Hot Springs		5:00pm
Thursday	April 6	@ Rapid City Christian	5:00pm	7:00pm
Monday	April 10	@ Rapid City Stevens JV		12:00pm
Monday	April 10	@ Rapid City Stevens Varsity		2:30pm
Wednesday	April 12	@ Rapid City Central	5:00pm	
Wednesday	April 12	@ Rapid City Central	7:30pm	
Saturday	April 15	**v. Rapid City Christian**	1:00pm	11:00am
Sunday	April 16	v. Bennett County	1:00pm	
Monday	April 17	@ St Thomas More	5:00pm	7:00pm
Monday	April 24	v. Rapid City Stevens	5:00pm	
Monday	April 24	v. Rapid City Stevens	7:30pm	
Friday	April 28	**v. St Thomas More**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Sunday	April 30	**v. Gregory (in Hot Springs)**		3:00pm
Sunday	April 30	**@ Hot Springs**		5:00pm
Wednesday	May 3	@ Lead/Deadwood	5:00pm	7:00pm
Friday	May 5	@ Douglas	5:00pm	7:00pm
Wednesday	May 10	**v. Lead/Deadwood**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Saturday	May 13	**@ Platte-Geddes/DC/WL**		TBD
Sunday	May 14	**@Chamberlain/Kimball/Lyman**	2:00pm (Central)	4:00pm (Central)
Mon/Tues	May 22/23	Regionals #1 & #2 seed hosts		TBD
Mon&Tues	May 29&30	State Tournament @ Sioux Falls		

** Denotes Regional Seeding Game**

to the all-region team and Nolan Wahlfeldt receiving honorable mention honors.

The 2023 campaign is just weeks away with Belle Fourche tentatively scheduled to play Lennox on Sunday March 26th in a neutral site game in Sturgis. On Wednesday March 29th the Broncos will travel to Rapid City to face a couple of class A opponents in a doubleheader against Rapid City Stevens and Rapid City Central.

The home opener for Belle Fourche is currently scheduled for Sunday April 2nd in a triangular against Winner/Colome and Hot Springs.

The Broncos are currently slated to play 18 games this spring, with 8 of them counting toward Region IV standings. The 2023 SDHSBA Region IV varsity teams are: Belle Fourche, Chamberlain/Kimball/Lyman, Gregory County, Hot Springs, Lead/Deadwood, Platte/Geddes/

Dakota Christian/White Lake, Rapid City Christian, St. Thomas More, and Winner/Colome.

At the conclusion of the regular season, two 4-team super regional tournaments will determine the which Region IV teams move on to the SDHSBA State Tournament in Sioux Falls.

Check back next week for an in depth season preview with Broncos Head Coach Randy Doran.



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The Rockin' Bronc Reading Rally

Alyssa Frisbie
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On March 2, South Park Elementary School held the Rockin' Bronc Reading Rally.

This rally celebrated reading with the help of the Belle Fourche High School Drumline, Buster the Bronc, and the Belle Fourche High School Cheerleaders.

The Cat in the Hat also made a special guest appearance. Because of a partnership with Black Hills Reads, this year Belle Fourche elementary schools joined a community driven reading challenge, as it emphasized the importance of early literacy

in a fun way. Known as the Race to Read Challenge, this reading competition was orchestrated by Belle Fourche School District Librarian Karen Schlekeway and started on January 9th and ended on March 2nd.

The idea of the challenge was that readers around the region would "drive" a mile for every 25 books they read. Altogether, the miles determined how far their figurative book mobile traveled as they "raced" around the state. The Rockin' Bronc car traveled a little over 1,300 miles this year.

Every student was able to receive a bookmark and pencil, while every winning class received a custom Dr. Seuss ice cream cake from our local Dairy Queen, thanks to Black Hills Reads.

The overall winner, second grader Ariana Pugh, won a special reading gift for her efforts of reading a total of 467 books. The winning classes included Jordon Hanson's kindergarten class, Genine Mace's first grade class, Shelly Mikkelson's second grade class, Nicole Hayworth's third grade class, and Paula Janovy's fourth grade class.

The Rockin' Bronc Readers also won an award from Black Hills Reads for the overall number of books read. In total, they read 32,579 books and received a prize of \$300.

Thank you to everyone who helped put this rally on and to Black Hills Reads for partnering with Belle Fourche elementary schools.

Congratulations to all of these amazing readers!



Belle Fourche School District Librarian **Karen Schlekeway** presents second grader **Ariana Pugh** a special gift for her first-place reading efforts. *Frisbie Photo*



The Belle Fourche High School Drumline, Cheerleaders, and Buster the Bronc show their school spirit at the Reading Rally celebration. *Frisbie Photo*



South Park Elementary students join in the fun during the Reading Rally. *Frisbie Photo*



BY **KATE HAMILL**
ADAPTED FROM THE NOVEL BY **JANE AUSTEN**

AUDITIONS
MARCH 23
7 - 9PM
MARCH 25
2:30 - 4:30PM

Show Up by Belle LaVenue

My, oh my, the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater is starting to heat up - and faster than the current outdoor temperatures!

Our very own Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) was featured on KEVN News this past week as they get ready to open the season with auditions for PRIDE & PREJUDICE. Derek Olson & Nathan Schreier encouraged both onstage and backstage participation in the interview segment which aired on Friday. It's exciting to think about a May start to a season that will include at least four shows, including a musical this summer which is yet to be announced. I am waiting to let all of our readers know what that July production will be!



Here are three shows we are watching that are coming up for March, April, and May:

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

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

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

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

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

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



PYRITE's stagecoach passengers & the law itself (**Derek Scott, Logan Willert, Kavin Linch, Alexa Stone, Kate Blair, & Nathan Erhart**) may never recover their stolen treasures and Homestake gold. *Courtesy Photo*



Wagon Train Summer Camp counselor Henrietta (**Aolani Stone**) shares a ghostly warning with her campers (**Kaelie Thompson, Trey Shannon, Zach Gerbracht, Abbey Clendening, Ainsley Jewett, Kate Blair, Chelsea Zinke, Sonja Cropper, Bella Welles, & Trevor Welles**) in PYRITE's Act II adventure. *Courtesy Photo*

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*K-4 Pancake
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: French Toast Sticks or Cheeseburger
*K-4 Pizza
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Mon, March 20th
BRONC Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza
*K-4 Cereal
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Fajita or Pork Fritter Sandwich
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Tues, March 21st
BRONC Breakfast: Waffles
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets or Pizza Pasta Bake
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Wed, March 22nd
BRONC Breakfast: Donut
Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Taco or Corn Dog
Fruit/Veggie/Milk



MARCH 17TH & 18TH
BELLE FOURCHE REC CENTER THEATER
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AUTHORS: TOILYN FLICK, NATHAN SCHREIER & REVA POTTER
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PYRITE's Deputy Barlow (**Derek Scott**) lays down the law with the bandit (**Andyn Allen**). *Courtesy Photo*

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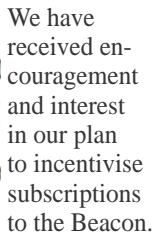
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A color photograph of a smiling man, likely the subject of the obituary, sitting on a patterned couch. He is wearing a black cowboy hat, glasses, a bright blue button-down shirt, and a black vest with a red collar. His hands are resting on his lap. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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By: Doug Cole



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Rep. Neal Pinnow
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The 2023 legislature has reached day thirty-seven of a fast and furious session. We will return on March 27th for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes. If you have comments or questions, contact me at neal.pinnow@sdlegislature.gov. Here is a quick synopsis of the 2023 Legislative accomplishments:

- Prioritized Cutting Taxes
 1. Cut the Sales Tax by over \$100 million – Largest tax cut in State history;
 2. Cut Unemployment taxes by \$18 million.
 - Significant strides in college affordability
 1. Expanded merit-based opportunity scholarship;
 2. Kept tuition low at Tech school and Universities.

3. Provided 100% tuition reimbursement for South Dakota National Guard
 - Prioritized protecting the public and keeping South Dakota safe.
 1. Funded necessary improvements to prisons;
 2. Funded raises for Law Enforcement and Public Safety Employees;
 3. Funded equipment to bolster volunteer and rural fire departments.
 - Workforce Development
 1. Deployed funds to encourage available and affordable housing for workforce;
 2. Cut regulations on occupational licensure;
 3. Expanded high school CTE offerings.
 - Thorough improvements in election integrity
 1. Cleaned up absentee voting and ensured drop box security;
 2. Required rigorous testing and security for ballot counting machines;
 3. Established a post-election audit to improve voter confidence.
 - Met our obligations to take care of people
 1. Increased funding for Nursing Homes by more than 10%;
 2. Provided for youth mental health and suicide prevention;

3. Faithfully implemented Medicaid Expansion, following the will of the voters;
4. Funded adult day services to provide respite time for caregivers and keep patients in the homes and with their families.
 - Met our core obligations to the 'Big 4'
 1. Provided substantial (\$100M+) tax relief to taxpayers;
 2. 7% increase to teachers and schools;
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Hohenberger, Doug, Newell SD.....	1Blk.....	Hfr.....	740	\$112.50
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	1Blk.....	Cow.....	1610	\$95.50
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	2070	.....	\$93.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1700	.....	\$89.00
Mophearson, Ross, Sturgis SD.....	1	.....Herf.....	Cow.....	1185	.....	\$93.00
Moe Farm And Ranch Inc., Spearfish SD.....	2	.....Blk.....	Cowette.....	1215	.....	\$104.00
Moe Farm And Ranch Inc., Spearfish SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1435	.....	\$94.00
Moe Farm And Ranch Inc., Spearfish SD.....	3	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1318	.....	\$93.00
Moe Farm And Ranch Inc., Spearfish SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1275	.....	\$91.00
Moe Farm And Ranch Inc., Spearfish SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1185	.....	\$90.00
Moe Farm And Ranch Inc., Spearfish SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1390	.....	\$89.00
Moe Farm And Ranch Inc., Spearfish SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1115	.....	\$84.00
Moe, Kelly, St Onge SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cowette.....	1270	.....	\$99.00
Moe, Kelly, St Onge SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1275	.....	\$94.00
Moe, Kelly, St Onge SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1290	.....	\$85.50
Penner, Tony, Newell SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1290	.....	\$88.00
Porterfield, Merlin, Belle Fourche SD.....	1	.....Blk.....	Hfr.....	990	.....	\$126.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 4.....	1	.....Blk.....	Hfr.....	1077	.....	\$129.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 1.....	1	.....Blk.....	Hfr.....	1065	.....	\$118.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 5.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cowette.....	1261	.....	\$105.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 1.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cowette.....	1230	.....	\$104.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 1.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cowette.....	1270	.....	\$103.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 2.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1437	.....	\$95.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 8.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1580	.....	\$93.00
Rypkema Family Ranching LLC, Hermosa SD. 1.....	1	.....Blk.....	Cow.....	1315	.....	\$85.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle WY.....	1Red.....	Cow.....	1235	\$81.50

Weigh Up Bulls

Boesem, Randy, Newell SD.....	1Red.....	Bull.....	1750	\$116.00
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Mahaffy, Ronnie, Newell SD.....	1Blk.....	Bull.....	1720	\$123.00
Mahaffy, Ronnie, Newell SD.....	1Blk.....	Bull.....	1690	\$118.00
Orwick, John (Jack) Or Cindy, Newell SD.....	1Blk.....	Bull.....	1640	\$107.50
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Belle Fourche Writers **Joan Gerkin, Eric Beeman, and Lynda Edwards** pose for a photograph at the presentation of their tales of Marney Anderson at the Mathhews Opera House Author Talks in Spearfish on March 7. *Courtesy Photo*

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“The Tales of Marney Anderson”

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Marney Anderson is a 45-year-old white female of Scandinavian descent. Her 5’ 10” tall, 160-pound frame shows her athletic body and love of outdoor activities including cross-country skiing and biking.

With long, straight blonde hair and blue eyes she is attractive in business suits or active wear.

Marney was born and raised on a farm outside LaCrosse, WI. The oldest of seven children, three brothers and three sisters, Marney was expected to lead by example. She earned her Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota, bringing her immense success as a sought-after City Administrator. She has lived in Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa before taking her new position in Sunnyside, at \$250,000.00 per year. Marney loves the challenge that each new community brings

to her goal of being the best in her chosen profession. Marney has never failed to succeed in achieving the goals each community set out for her.

In working her way up, the ladder of success, never spending more than three years in one community, she left behind her husband Arthur, who chose to stay in Iowa, working as a High School Principal. Marney has no doubts when it comes to her career, but hides the one thing she wishes she had been able to achieve.

Marney Anderson is indeed an accomplished woman. Confident and independent, she is glamorous, and successful in a man’s world. The creation of Belle Fourche Writer, Joan Gerkin, Marney successfully inspired several of the group’s writers to include her in a recent writing project.

In February of 2021, The BF Writers created a story writing challenge. The challenge was for writers to choose from a list of seven prescribed characters

provided by members of the Belle Fourche Writers.

The challenge was open to the public and the object was to choose characters and create a story. Thus, the end result is a compilation of several stories about the same characters by different authors.

Marney Anderson was a popular choice for several of the writers, so it seemed fitting to present Marney’s stories to the public. On March 7 at the Author Talks Series sponsored by the Matthews Opera House, Joan Gerkin, Eric Beeman and Lynda Edwards shared their versions of Marney’s story.

Belle Fourche Writers meets twice monthly at the Belle Fourche Public Library. They welcome new members. To be added to the mailing list for updates contact Meg English meg@bhs.org or check out our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com>

Their next presentation is on March 28 at the Matthews Opera House when Jean Helmer reads from her work “Plains, Podiums, and Pulpits”.

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Cowboy Poet Chris Isaacs

I never saw the Old West
It was gone before my time,
Just the stories told by some old gray-haired men.
And the memories of those tellers
Fed dreams for guys like Me
Helped imagine how it must have been back then.

“Cuz I never saw the great cattle drives
Before fences cut the land.
Never saw the mighty herds of Buffalo.
Didn’t see the Conestoga Wagons
Nor viewed the rivers running free
Before the dams that all but stopped their flow.

The Sioux and bold Apache
Who fought to halt the tide,
Were gone to reservation ‘fore my time.
The outlaws and the bad men,
The lawmen bold and brave,
Were distant memories long before my prime.

The stagecoach and freight wagons
That transported folks and goods
Were replaced by trains and airplanes in my youth.
I was still a young man when Armstrong
Took that “giant leap for mankind”
And proved that ol’ Jules Vern had told the truth.

The Old West was just a memory
When I was still a kid.
Stories told by old men who’d lived it when still young.
They made it come alive for me,
And those pictures in my mind
That they painted rolled like honey off their tongue.

Sippin’ my early mornin’ coffee and feelin’ proud to have friends like Chris Isaacs, I’m Jim Thompson

But I was here to see some of the workings
Before the old ways were all gone,
Like a buckboard parked in front of a corner store
With horses standing on three legs;
Their tails swishing at the flies
While the driver visited friends there by the door.

I remember when cattle still had the right of way
And grazed all up and down the road;
When Arizona still had lots of open range.
When team roping was still tie down
And we’d never heard of Goose Necks
And Cowboys in town didn’t seem so strange.

And I saw the glow of a Brandin’ Fire
Made by Mesquite or Pinion coals
Before the days of the noisy Butane blast.
Calf tables and Burdizos
Were still some years away
And I thought the Tried and True would surely last.

But while I was lookin’ backwards
And tryin’ so hard to hang on
To a way of life that was changing every day,
The future overtook me;
Just ran roughshod up my back
In spite of anything that I could do or say.
And, I never saw the Old West,
It was gone before my time.
Just the stories told by those old gray-haired men.

Memories for the tellers,
Dreams for guys like me,
And I wish to God those times could come again.

**Tilden Hooper, Nine-time NFR Qualifier,
Sidelined with Neck Issues**

Bareback rider Tilden Hooper, a nine-time qualifier for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, confirmed to ProRodeo.com he has been sidelined since the 2022 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo with neck issues that he’s been dealing with for most of his career.

“I had (neck surgery) in 2012 and I have been managing it and doing the best I can,” said Hooper, 35. “Obviously I have had years where it didn’t bother me at all. I’m just going to take time off. It is just rest and rehab. That’s pretty much where we are at right now.”


Hooper has qualified for the NFR in 2008-09, 2011, 2014, 2018-22. He finished ninth in the 2022 PRCA | RAM World Standings with \$188,477. He finished a career-best fourth in the 2021 world standings with \$205,916. Hooper joined the PRCA in 2006.

“After the Finals (in December), once I started getting ready for this season, I realized everything wasn’t firing the way it was supposed to,” Hooper said. “The plan is to take time off and comeback stronger and better just like I have in the past. This is nothing I have not

dealt with in the past.”

Following neck surgery in October of 2012, Hooper returned to competition in late June or July of 2013. After making the NFR in 2014, Hooper missed the entire 2015 season with neck issues. He returned full-time to the PRCA in 2017 and in 2018 he started his run of five consecutive trips to the NFR.



“This isn’t a new problem, just a different variation of an old problem,” Hooper said. “We will get around it same as we have (before).”



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1	Jackie Garter	Abilene, TX	\$46,622.09
2	Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi	Lampasas, TX	\$29,973.96
3	Lisa Lockhart (G)	Oelrichs, SD	\$29,842.20
4	Sissy Winn	Chapman, TX	\$28,658.33
5	Margo Crowther	North Fort Myers, FL	\$27,535.15
6	Kassie Mowry	Dublin, TX	\$27,302.27
7	Hailey Kinsel	Cotulla, TX	\$24,306.88
8	Jordan Briggs	Tolar, TX	\$23,467.22
9	Emily Beisel	Weatherford, OK	\$21,148.40
10	Ilyssa Riley	Hico, TX	\$20,279.34
11	Bayleigh Choate	Fort Worth, TX	\$19,596.49
12	Kelly Allen	Stephenville, TX	\$19,316.43
13	Jimmie Smith-Tew	McDade, TX	\$18,679.61
14	Erin Wetzel	Plant City, FL	\$18,430.91
15	Dora Kay Rule	Mingo, OK	\$16,386.62



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United Way of the Black Hill’s Race to Read Program a Huge Success

Rapid City, S.D. — The United Way of the Black Hills is pleased to announce the final numbers of a seven week long program put on by its Black Hills Reads initiative. Starting on Jan. 9 and ending on March 2, Race to Read challenged readers, young and old, to record how many books they read. For every 25 books completed, a fictional car drove one mile on a road trip across South Dakota. With a whopping 1,982 readers participating during the challenge’s last week, the imaginary road-tripping car was able to put some serious miles behind it.

Hanna Glissendorf, the Director of Black Hills Reads, broke down the final numbers: “Our grand total is 58,750 books read statewide! Everyone read so many books that we ‘drove’ 2,350 miles around South Dakota and made it back to Rapid City.”

To get readers excited about participating in the “road trip,”

Black Hills Reads offered mini-grants to organizations for hosting kick-off and celebration events. “Black Hills Reads gave out a total of seven mini-grants for community organizations to host their own Race to Read events totaling \$1,950,” Glissendorf reported. These organizations included Belle Fourche Elementary Schools, TREC: Badlands Head Start, Custer YMCA, Sturgis Public Library, Phoebe Apperson Hearst Library in Lead, Girls Inc. and a teacher at Meadowbrook Elementary.

Karen Schlekeway, the Belle Fourche School District Librarian, organized the reading efforts at her schools including a “Rockin’ Bronc Reading Rally,” on the last day. She said, “I understand the importance of encouraging proficient readers. Students become better readers when they read. When I became aware of this reading challenge, I thought we’d better give it a try. All the classroom teachers

in South Park and North Park Elementary school in Belle Fourche took up the challenge and have been logging books that students read during their school day.”

The United Way of the Black Hills started Black Hills Reads to address one of the most pressing needs in the Black Hills: access to quality early childhood education. “The goal is to help children reach grade level reading by third grade. Research has shown that an early foundation in literacy is a pretty accurate indicator of life success in people. When children are able to reach their appropriate reading level by third grade, they typically stay proficient in literacy throughout school,” Glissendorf explained. She went on to say that she’s excited for the future of Black Hills Reads.

This initiative of the United Way of the Black Hills has big plans to get the kids of the Black Hills reading.

Team Roping Heeler Jake Long Continues to Rope and Succeed with Broken Foot

Team roping heeler Jake Long, a 12-time Wrangler National Finals Rodeo qualifier, is dealing with some adversity and still succeeding.

Long broke his right foot at the 11th Annual Cervi Pro-Am in Casa Grande, Ariz., on Feb. 22, but was still able to come back and rope at RodeoHouston and advance to the semifinals, highlighted by winning round 1 with his partner Clay Smith in their bracket with a 4.7-second time on Feb. 28.

“I was at the Mike Cervi deal team roping and a steer went down in front of me, and my horse tripped over him,” Long said. “My horse went down and broke my foot. They put a cast on my foot on Feb. 26, two days before I roped (with Clay) at RodeoHouston. I was told I would be in the cast for a month and then a couple of weeks in a walking boot.”

Although Long broke his foot, he has remained upbeat.

“It is not too bad honestly,” Long said. “I put an inner tube on for a stirrup, just a piece of an inner tube and it basically works as a shock absorber for me. It takes a lot of the hard stuff away, where it doesn’t really hurt my foot. It kind of hurts when I first put it in there because of the angle I have to

put it in at. It is kind of weird because you don’t have the stability of a real stirrup obviously, but it doesn’t hurt me.

“It is not as comforting as a real stirrup, but you have to do what you got to do. I have to zone in and focus a little bit more.”

The inner tube concept was based on Long’s past experience.

“Well actually I broke my foot in high school right before the high school finals and that was an idea we came up with back then and that was my first go-to thought when this happened,” Long said.

The irony to Long’s broken foot is last summer Smith, his partner and two-time PRCA World Champion Header, broke his right leg on June 28 and he continued to rope with the injury and the duo qualified for the NFR.

“I sure hope we are done with this stuff after this,” Long said. “I wasn’t planning on being on the other end of that ever. We have had to take care of each other a lot more than you normally would. I think we both stepped up when we needed to and been helpful and we definitely have a routine down.”

WISDOM FROM OUT WEST!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.
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Daring Do!

Here is an old memory. We had been calving and were kicking some pairs out of the calving lot. There was about a foot of crusted snow on the ground. Dad had been feeding with the tractor and I was along to open and watch gates. My older brother was on a horse. I was about 10 I suppose.

As we kicked the cows out into a lane leading over the hill, we kicked up a skunk. Dad decided we would just herd him along and get him away from the buildings and dispatch him, so sent my brother after a gun. Dad and I walked a long, driving the skunk after the pairs. He wanted to be away from us, but must have gotten tired of us, as pretty soon, he dove into a cow track in the snow with about half his tail sticking out.

Dad grumbled about him still being upwind from the barns and house and was wishing he had kept going. He turned to me and said, “Just reach down and grab him by the tail and pick him up.” I was incredulous! “NO!” Was my reply. “Oh, go ahead,” he said, “If you don’t let him touch his front feet against you or anything else, he can’t brace himself to spray.”

Then he played dirty warfare and started daring me. Now, this was a man who always said, “Anyone who would take a dare would suck an egg.” But he was also my Dad whom I admired when I was mad or afraid of him.

He kept it up, teasing and daring me. I got pretty closet that tail and all the time, the skunk just stayed in the hole and the tail never moved.

To, I think his and my amazement both, I reached down and grabbed the tail and lifted my arm! Out came Mr Skunk. And then what was I supposed to do?

He got pretty excited, he wasn’t standing that far away from me, matter of fact, looking back, I think he tried to back away from me. Big coward!

Now what?

He said” Just keep him out away from you and start walking up the hill. I will get the tractor and pick you up.”

I started trudging up the hill



ProRodeo Hall of Famer Olin Young Passes Away

ProRodeo Hall of Famer Olin Young passed away on Feb. 23. He was 86.

Although he achieved great fame as a tie-down roper, Young won two world titles in steer roping in 1971 and ‘74 and qualified for the National Finals Rodeo a total of 27 times – 13 times for tie-down roping and 14 times for steer roping – from 1959 through 1980.

Most of Young’s competitors believe he would have won several more championships had he traveled more on ProRodeo’s steer roping circuit. Young called Peralta, N.M., home for years.

Also, in 1971, Young became the first man to win four average titles in tie-down roping at the National Finals Rodeo. Young also won the NFR average in 1959, and 1962-63. Young’s four average wins was equaled by Roy Cooper (1976, 1979, 1983, 1995); Joe Beaver

(1987-88, 1992, 1996); Fred Whitfield (1991, 1997, 1999, 2002); and Caleb Smidt (2015, 2018, 2021, 2022).

He also won at the average three times at the National Finals Steer Roping in 1967, 1974 and 1977. Not bad for a cowboy who didn’t even seriously start entering steer ropings until 1966.

Born in Lovington, N.M., on Sept. 11, 1936, Young was a superb all-around athlete and New Mexico’s Athlete of the Year in 1970.

Young entered his first rodeo in 1948, and first joined what was the RCA buck then in 1954. He got his start in rodeo from his father Paul Young and Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame tie-down roper Troy Fort.

“What I like best about rodeoing is it is a way to make a living and enjoy it,” Young said in a rodeo questionnaire by the RCA.





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ed to talk to her brother, Jim Evans, in Missouri, but found that he had left the hospital, and was missing. Finally, the hospital told her he had gone to Ohio, so she found out that her niece had gotten him, and taken him home with her, for a visit. Karen has been quilting, and working on a glass painting. Charlie Odell has done just a little brand inspecting, for Levi Hafner, this week, and spent his time feeding hay and cake, and working on taxes.

We will miss Kay Jean and Shirley, so very much, and send our prayers to their families. Here's a little history. In March of 1775, a town meeting was called by Boston leaders, to commemorate the dastardly Boston Massacre, that had taken place the year before, caused by the despised British soldiers who occupied and ruled their town. The British prepared a plot to assassinate the rebel, John Hancock, and other colonial leaders. One officer was to throw an egg at the Boston leaders, and that would signal all of the King's men to draw swords, and attack the group of colonists. Things did not work out, quite right, though. First, the officer with the egg tripped, and broke the egg in his hand. When John began his anti-British speech, that officer tried to cover his mistake by yelling a negative "Fie, Fie". The crowd thought he was yelling "Fire Fire", and when the soldiers tried to draw their swords, they were pummeled, knocked down and trampled by the panicking crowd, while the colonist leaders slipped away. Some days, things just don't go right.

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Rinker bid the pressed concrete bridge decks, box culverts and concrete culverts by the size of the project.

Mag water was bid by two companies. Dust Busters bid #1.33 per gallon and Rosane Construction bid \$1.154 per gallon.

West Tire bid tires according to size.

Wheeler Lumber also bid by size.

There were no bids for metal culverts.

The commissioners voted to accept all bids.

Once again there were several people from the audience who spoke to the commissioners about their concerns. Although the commissioners do not give a response to the comments, it is an opportunity for the public to be recognized.

Sue Broadhurst had been researching past minutes searching for information on past meetings as far back as 2015. She pointed out that there had been sealed bids that had not been recorded and questioned the Warranty Deed signed for county property that was not in the minutes. She also mentioned several votes that had not been recorded in previous minutes.

The seriousness of the cattle guard policy and the condition of the four cattle guards on Riley Road and how they affect emergency responders

was brought forward by Calvin Fickbohm. He asked the commissioners how they could help First Responders to handle cattle guards that are broken. He pointed out that the roads can be dangerous for First Responders as they navigate the county roads. Highway Administrative Assistant Lori Johnston mentioned that the cattle guards on Riley road are being inspected. One will be replaced and one will be pulled.

The present cattle guard policy can be found on the Butte County website, under the Directory Tab-Highway Department, then under Road Policies. It was approved February 26, 2019. Although, there was discussion about changing the policy, it was decided to keep the old policy in affect.

Katie Hoffman and Dale Simanton both pointed out inconsistencies with commissioner voting, comments, and actions.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the State's Attorney with Northern Hills Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) according to State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney. SART helps survivors through the maze of community services available to them, and uses the experiences of survivors to improve those services., according to the national Sexual Violence Resource Center website. The local SART has been meeting regularly since 2010 and is attempting to reinvigorate the team.

The Weed and Pest Board

requested rooms for a three-day event to be held in Spearfish. The commissioners voted to deny that request since the conference distance does not meet the requirements.

There was discussion around the repair of a Sheriff's Department pickup that is to be transferred to the Highway Department. Neither department had budgeted for the repairs which came in over \$7,000 for the 2016 RAM. Following the discussion, the commissioners voted to split the cost of the pickup repair.

Two Right of Ways were approved by commissioners. Black Hills Energy received a ROW for converting overhead powerline to underground line on Garness and Palo Roads. Dale Sprague received a ROW on Wilson Cemetery Road and Gammon Road to trench for an irrigation water line.

Commissioner James Ager informed the commissioners that the Weed and Pest Board had decided to issue Escort for Hoary Crest on March 31 in Newell and Belle Fourche.

The Planning Board meeting on March 1 reviewed the Subdivision Ordinance and has plans to have it ready for the April 4 Commissioner meeting.

A MOU was signed by the commissioners to share GIS Data between the city of Belle Fourche and Butte County.

The next regular commission meeting will be March 21, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the County Commission Room at the Butte County Courthouse.

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

by John Newby

When Doing the Right Thing is Actually the Wrong Thing

Whether in business or community building, doing the right thing today is often going to be the wrong thing for your future business or community. According to Clayton Christensen, the Harvard business professor and author of the Innovators Dilemma, *"Two models of how to make money or transform cannot coexist within a single organization"*. In other words, if your current business is successful and making money, your future business may miss out on much greater success from a new, potentially much bigger pathway to success. The same holds true in community building, if you are relying upon the old traditional methods to succeed, you will miss out on many of the new opportunities that will be critical in the future.

In Christensen's book, he uses the theory that traditional companies ignore new technologies or disruption that may not meet the needs of their current customers. The cost of doing this means missing out on the much larger market of new customers down the road.

He uses a case study of Seagate. Seagate missed out entirely on the growing market of hard drives that were used in laptops because it was busy serving their largest customer and the biggest maker of desktops, IBM.

When it comes to community building, the same principle applies. If we focus solely on



what has worked in the past, we risk missing out on new opportunities and neglecting the needs of a changing community. We need to shift our focus from the past to the present serving all

the stakeholders throughout the entire community. This means embracing new technologies, methods, and ideas that may not be immediately familiar or even comfortable. Remember, change is always going to be difficult and uncomfortable.

One quick example of this is the rise of coworking spaces versus traditional work environments. Traditional businesses may see these spaces as competition, but they can be a vital tool for community building. Coworking spaces create opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and networking among many businesses that can benefit all members of a community. They also offer a more flexible and cost-effective solution for businesses that may not need or are able to afford a full-time office space.

By embracing this new model, and building facilities as such, communities can attract and retain a diverse range of entrepreneurs and businesses, driving economic growth and vitality.

Of course, embracing new ideas and technologies can be risky. There is always the chance that a new approach or digital tool will fail or must be tweaked, or that it will not be as profitable or effective as ex-

pected. But the greater risk lies in sticking with the traditional status quo, in assuming that what has worked in the past will continue to work in the future. This is the innovator's dilemma that Christensen describes, and it applies equally to businesses and communities.

To build our Main Street and our communities, we must be willing to take risks, to experiment with new approaches, and to prioritize the needs of the community over the desires of individual stakeholders. This will require a shift in mindset, from a focus on short-term solutions to a focus on long-term sustainability and growth solutions. But ultimately, it is the only way to ensure that our communities are strong, resilient, and able to adapt to the changing winds of the future.

In conclusion, doing the right thing today may not always be the right thing for tomorrow. To build strong, sustainable communities, we must be willing to embrace new ideas and technologies, to take risks, and to prioritize the needs of the community over the desires of individual stakeholders. This means shifting our focus from a short-term strategy to a more long-term strategy. It is a challenge, but it is also an opportunity to create thriving communities that are able to adapt and grow in the face of an ever-changing world.

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surveillance cameras in response to suspicious activity and complaints the department has received related to activity that has taken place in the park. These cameras will create permanent monitoring designed to increase public safety.

There is no timeline yet for the installation and activation of the cameras.

Meanwhile evaluation of the existing police department headquarters building continues. Upper Deck Architects is conducting an evaluation of the structure and the city council approved a second payment of \$7,000 for the process. The evaluation project will cost a total of \$28,000.

"Right now, it's in the planning and evaluation stage," said Bob Nelson, City Administrator. "The deliverable that comes out of that will tell them whether or not that building is too far gone to remodel."

Nelson says the options are to remodel or build a new department headquarters. He says he hopes that Upper Deck will have its report sent to the council's Police committee by the end of March and full consideration and approval of next steps by the council in May.

On a related note, Upper Deck is also working on the plans to expand the Tri-State Museum. Currently they are in the design development phase and council approved a

payment of \$28,989.40 toward that project. Total cost of the design development will come to \$42,060.

Upper Deck will oversee the addition which includes survey work (\$7,500), schematic design (\$23,210), construction documents (\$31,430), the bidding process (\$5,170) and construction administration (\$28,680).

In other city council news a bid from Black Hills Roofing was accepted to replace the roof on the city's maintenance shop and Tri-State Museum's storage building roof. They were the low bid in the amount of \$146,942. The only other bid received was from All American Roofing for \$147,429. The funds will come from the June 2022 hailstorm insurance claim. The bids will include gutter, downspout and fascia replacement.

During community input time Aaron Fowler, the city's Streets, Water and Sewer Superintendent, spoke regarding the positively progressing work environment of the City of Belle Fourche.

He applauded the teamwork and interdepartmental support that he is seeing throughout the city workforce. He praised the staff work ethic and all employees, especially his crew, for doing their best to support the public every day. Fowler encouraged all to show appreciation for what he sees as a vital and well-organized team.

Belle Fourche Police Department Near Full Staff



Allan Guinard (right) is sworn in by Mayor Randy Schmidt as Belle Fourche's newest police officer. Guinard began patrolling his beat this week. *Beacon Photo*

BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche Police Department is near full staff following the swearing in of Officer Allan Guinard during the City Council's regular meeting on Mar 6.

Guinard's first day on the force was this past Monday, Mar 13.

Police Chief Ryan Cherveney says Guinard's hiring brings the staff to 13 officers with one more opening to fill before the department is at full strength.

"And we hope to have that

position filled (this week)," Cherveney said. "It will be a full-time officer position and we have a couple candidates going through the background process right now."

Guinard grew up in Belle Fourche, having worked at Lueders' Food Center for eight years. He also spent time in the SD National Guard.

"He knows the community, he knows the people and I know he's going to do a really good job," Cherveney said.

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124 years ago
THE TIMES
March 20, 1897
A New Mining Camp
Reports received in the city from the Bear Lake district show that that section of the country is the new Mecca of prospector and the investor in mining property, and even with four feet of snow on the ground a great amount of prospecting is being done. The district is located fifteen miles east of Sundance and five miles from Welcome. Great activity in securing claims is witnessed, and within the past three weeks over 300 claims have been located. Fifty prospectors are now tramping over the country, wading through snow four feet deep, in order to stake out some property. Log houses are being erected as rapidly as possible, and business houses and two saloons have already been opened, as has also a livery stable. The Journal had the pleasure of a talk with a gentleman who had just returned from there and he says it is sure to become one of the most promising camps in the entire Hills. He had numerous samples of ore from the different parts of the camp and intends to assay them at once. This gentleman says that the section is a flat formation and very near the surface. Some of the rock very much resembles that found at Ragged Top, while some of it is pronounced to be tellurides, the same as has made Cripple Creek famous. This gentleman, who is something of an expert on rock. Pronounced it such, as did also a minerologist at Spearfish, who was asked to state his opinion of it. Then a party who has been at Cripple Creek said it was exactly the same character of ore.

Signs Of A Big Boom
In a letter received yesterday by Mike King, the well known mining expert, from Dave Cole, a mining and mill man who stands to the head of his intricate profession, the writer states that the demand for mining machinery is very brisk at Chicago and in cities further east, and that "it looks now as though business in our line would quickly and permanently recover its old time prosperity." Mr. Cole writes from Chicago, where he is now selecting the needful machinery for the rebuilding of a Tremain mill in the vicinity of Custer Peak, and will start for the Hills on that business in a few days. He says they are all talking Black Hills in Chicago, and that the biggest boom the west ever enjoyed has already set in in this direction. Mr. Cole recently built a mill at Tucson, Arizona, which is giving the most satisfactory results. From the tenor of his letter we judge that he expects to do considerable mill building in the Black Hills this season, and that there will be no lack of capital for this work. There would be employment for 100,000 laborers in this mineral territory if there were mills in operation that could handle all the low grade ore that is in sight on every hand. And the mills

will come this season.

100 years
The Northwest Post
March 8, 1923
PICNIC BY BELLE FOURCHE FOLKS IN LONG BEACH
J. H. Pearson, who is now located with his family in Long Beach, Calif., writes The Northwest Post the following interesting little letter concerning a recent gathering in that city of former Belle Fourche residents: "Long Beach, Calif, March 6 – Dear Burt: My long silence since my departure from God's country must be accounted for by the fact that I have had nothing to report that would have been particularly interesting to readers of the "Great Family Weekly." At last, however, I feel justified in invading your valuable columns with an account of a little gathering of "The Belle Fourche Folks" at Bixby Park, in Long Beach on Sunday, March , last. There must be a little "Scotch" in most human animals; at least, the clannishness, sometimes dormant under normal surroundings, seems to assert itself in distant lands, particularly in California. Bert Townsend and myself conceived the plan of "rounding up" the Belle Fourche folks, and in response to our notices it was a jovial bunch that met together in Bixby Park. The morning being unusually cold and cloudy, kept some of our friends away, and unfortunately we did not have the addresses of others who would have attended. My old friend and business associate, Edwin M Jackson, brought his wife and mother all the way from Ventura to meet some old friends whom h had met on his frequent trips to Belle Fourche. Following is a list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Chuning and two boys and T S. Pryor, Art and Waldo Steinhauer, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn P Chuning, Orange; T. M. Pettigrew and Mr. Hoffman (once a barber in Belle Fourche), South Pasadena; Sam B Johnson, wife and son, Norman Scott, Arcadia; E. M. Jackson, wife and mother, Ventura and the following residents of Long Beach: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. DeKorte, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eccles, Miss Betty Eccles, Mrs. Harry Barnett, Miss Jane Barnett, J. Hank Widdows, Mrs. Chiesman and daughter, Mrs. Helen Schobel, and two children; Miss Zuba Chiesman, Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Marjorie Black, Dr. F. E. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Townsent and three children, Rudolph Klein, Judge O E. Farnham, Mr. and Mrs, J. H. Pearson, Miss Pauline Pearson. Those in Long Beach not reporting had thought our picnic had been called off on account of the weather. It was a jolly crowd. Of course, we all join in saying through The Post to all the old-time friends.

Trolley, Maybe
Sundance – Considerable speculation has been indulged in regarding the extensive operations being forwarded by the Homestake Mining compa-



by Mary Buchholz

ny on their large coal deposits near Gillette. The company has started open cut operations the same as was pursued in the gold mine at Lead City. The inference is that a large amount of coal is to be mined within a short time. As to the destination of the coal, there is also room for speculation. The Homestake has not gone into the coal peddling business or anything of that nature during its forty years' history. It is more likely to utilize the greater portion of its coal in its own operations, possibly supplying the Milwaukee and Northwestern roads in the Hills. And it would seem that this output of coal must be carried to the Hills. And to do that, the wise ones are of the opinion that the Homestake will follow precedent and haul its own coal as it did cordwood in the early days. To this end, an electric line from Gillette to Sundance and hence to Lead would be the most feasible means, and that line would open a virgin territory which would insure the successful operation of the road.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
March 18, 1947
News Briefs
General Douglas MacArthur wants to close out his occupation command in Japan as soon as possible and turn the job over to United Nations. MacArthur made one of his rare appearances Monday. He urged the allies to write the Japanese peace treaty as soon as possible. All passengers were believed to have escaped injury Monday afternoon when a crack Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train hit a rock and dirt slide about 15 miles west of Missoula, Mont.. The engine and the mail, baggage and express cars of the Olympian overturned. Only the firemen and an express car clerk are reported to have suffered minor injuries and bruises. Chicago had a big-time holdup Monday. Five hooded bandits armed with sub-machine gun and pistols held up messengers of a meat company on a north side street corner and escaped with \$16,000 in cash. They also got \$485,000 in non-negotiable checks.

Randall Ice, Wife Killed in Plane Crash Near Rapid City
Rapid City, March 17 – Mr. and Mrs. Jess Randall Ice of Spearfish were killed instantly this evening when the airplane in which they were flying crashed one mile west of Rapid City army air base. Witnesses said the plane – an Inland airlines AT-6 – went into a spin at 200 feet altitude and crashed into a side hill following an engine failure. There was no fire. The aircraft – a mail express flown by Ice – was flying from Spearfish to Rapid City. Ice, who was about 30, was the son of Clyde Ice, veteran Dakota pilot and operator of the Black Hills airport at Spearfish. Mrs. Ice, the former LaRue Leitner, in the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leitner, who live on a ranch about 20 mile northwest of Belle Fourche. Mrs. Ice attended school in Belle Fourche and worked here several years. She is survived by her parents, a twin sister, Mrs. Waite Hockett, Miles City; and a brother Ernest, living at the home ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Ice have two small daughters, one about seven and the other not yet of school age.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
March 1, 1973
Loucks Says EDA Grant 'Great News' For Hills Area
"The Economic Development Administration's approval of the request for funds to permit




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a feasibility study for a wool processing and lamb kill and chill industry in Western South Dakota is great news." said John Loucks, director of development for the rural electrics in the Black Hills area. The idea for the request originated over two years ago with a local committee of businessmen and members of the Western South Dakota Sheepgrowers Association. The proposal was developed by the area development department of the local rural electric cooperatives and was encouraged by the International Wool Bureau. The Sixth Planning and Development District was enlisted to be the legal group thru which funding could be made. "With nearly 25% of the nation's production of fine grade wool being shipped from the Belle Fourche area," said Loucks, "it only seems logical that the raw material, a local agricultural resource, be processed and manufactured into a finished product ready for the market right here, rather than sending it out to be done somewhere else. We are quite sure there is a good possibility. Now if we can secure a consulting team of national reputation to prove our point," said Loucks, "the it should be reasonable safe

to assume that a reputable manufacturing concern can be encouraged to locate here. In fact, we are already in close contact with a firm that is interested if the study is favorable"
Day of Prayer Activities Are Scheduled Here
"Prayer, Praise and Fellowship" is the theme of the program to be presented at the United Methodist Church here Friday in observance of the World Day of Prayer. The event is scheduled for Friday with the WSCS of the Methodist church as the host group. Friday's program will include scripture reading by Mrs. Melvin Amende and Mrs. Marvin Kindsfater, Baptist church, prayers by Mrs. Samuel Cushing, United Church of Christ and special music by local talent, include a trio from the United Church of Christ with Mrs. H. M. Clarkson, Mrs. Glen Helmer and Mrs. Norman Durr; a trio from the United Methodist Church, Mrs. Russell McIntire, Mrs. Rober Roth and Mrs. Bob Voyles; solos by Mrs. Marion Cooper, St James Lutheran and Mrs. R. D. McTavish, St. Paul's Catholic church. There will be a nursery for the children. Coffee and cookies will be served after the meeting.



Several individuals gathered on and around three vehicles and two wagons loaded with sacks of wool in front of the O'Connor and Shuft Hay, Grain and Coal building at the Belle Fourche depot in the early 1920's.

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The Beverly Hillbillies roared onto the Bullock Community stage, March 3-5, grabbing the hearts of the audience members. This, the 20th year consecutive production of that group kept the audience laughing the entire evening.

The Trash Can Kids started the show. Ian Njos, Master of Ceremonies announced their program which began with a "silent movie" complete with heroine (Hailey Richter), hero (Weston Dingfelder) and the preacher (Owen Njos).

These youngsters joined Maelina Ruona, Mason Voeller, Mylee Voeller and Molly Njos for a stunning black light dance.

The Beverly Hillbillies play started in the Clampett's backwoods cabin. Granny (Angela McCaan) and Jed (Darwin Latham) set the stage for the entrance of Elly Mae (Kadence Christman) dragging an unconscious George Turner (Toby Njos) in and flopping him onto the table. Mr. Brewster (Doug Hausman) soon joins him.

It is revealed that oil has been found on the Clampett land and the these two men are from the oil company.

Cousin Pearl (Kristi Hansen) and Jethro (Clancy Adolph) arrive with a flair (hitting the chicken house) and help the Clampetts decide to move to Beverly Hills with their new found wealth. Mr. Drysdale (Chad Njos), Mrs. Drysdale (Becky Holsti) and Jane Hatheway (Kami Barrow) meet the Clampetts just outside the new mansion Drysdale has found for them. Mrs. Pennyweather (Cheyenne Kalisiak), Percy, her son (Peydon Adolph) and Gorio Mundy (Emma Richter) soon come to visit the Clampetts as Mrs. Pennyweather is looking for funding for books for the new library at her exclusive school.

Frederika Collins (Sloan Thompson) comes on the scene as a student at this school and is soon dating Jethro who is also dating Gloria. Emaline Fetty (Alexis McCann) and Colonel Foxhall (Chuck Whitney) are the professional swindlers that appear to fleece the Clampetts with some incriminating pictures of Jed taken by Emaline.

The action culminates at a party given at the Clampett mansion where the best of Beverly Hills attend.

Mrs. Stokely-Smythe (Tailynn Adolph), Mr. Olgethorpe (Toby Njos) and Mrs. Olgethorpe (Kirsti Hansen) are among the guests. Groovy Monahan (Odessa Clarkson) also appears as the third girl Jethro is dating. Frank Richards (John Latham), the detective Miss Hathaway has called, tries to arrest the swindlers but is deterred by Jed who in the end saves the day by

scaring Emaline and Colonel Foxhall off by his and Granny's marriage proposals. The firemen (Weston and Walker Dingfelder) and the extra society lady (Hailey Richter) heightened the hilarity of the show.


Lighting technician Jo Piekola and sound technician, Laura Tenold enriched the performance with subtle lighting changes and wonderful sound effects. Charlene Olsen and Paula Richter directed the play.

Karlin Teigen prompted until the very last act of the very last day when Robert Hansen took over. Stage managers Charlene Olsen, Amanda Njos and Tonja Hansen organized the characters, props and scene changes.

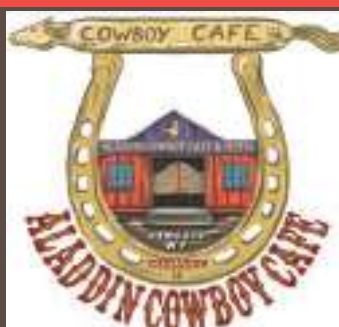
The set was constructed by Jo Piekola, Kami Barrow, Windon Hewson, Casey Holmes, Robin Wood Thies and John Ovitz. Stage crew workers Windon Hewson, John Latham, Doug Hausman, Toby Njos and Robert Hansen had to hustle to completely change the first set into the second one.

Nicole Njos, Sarah Sabo, Amanda Njos, Tailynn Adolph and Kim Bail applied the stage makeup and worked on the 60's style hairdos. Mary Cramer was the wardrobe mistress.

Susan Nelson headed up the concession stand duties. She and her capable crew were wildly busy during the intermissions.



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Banner Fund Elects Not to Award Grants in 2023

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Banner Health Settlement fund committee has decided not to make any disbursements for 2023, according to Kellen Willert, City Attorney, and committee member. The decision was made following a year where the fund did not perform as well as it has in past years.

“Those who have paid attention know it was not a great year for investments,” Willert said. “Right now the fund is sitting right at about \$95,000. Our goal is to keep that principle at the \$100,000 mark. That will ensure its perpetuity and that we can keep giving away money.”

Willert said they could have elected to give away around \$4,500 but the decision was made to reinvest that amount back into the fund.

The fund was created in 2004 as a result of a lawsuit brought by the state against Banner Health. Banner owned health-care facilities in five S.Dakota communities, including Belle Fourche. In 2002 they decided to sell those facilities and the state sued to give a portion of the sale proceeds back to the communities. When Banner purchased the facilities in late 1999, each of those communities had raised money to give to Banner to help them buy equipment. Banner did not want to give that money back after the sale so then SD State Att. General Larry Long initiated the lawsuit.

“So the idea was that it wasn’t fair for Banner to sell all the equipment and just keep all the money without returning some of that back to the communities,” Willert said. “The really hard part at that point was determining exactly how much each community had raised. In the end the settlement resulted in Belle Fourche receiving \$100,000.”

The money is invested with the S. Dakota Community Foundation which manages the investment. Willert says the fund is allowed to give away a set percentage of the fund’s principle balance but that Belle Fourche tries to keep the fund as close to \$100,000 as possible and only grant the proceeds in a given year if it will not unduly harm the principle. Currently the fund has around \$95,000.

The fund began making distributions to area non-profits in 2006 and has given away more the \$78,500 of the fund’s earnings since. In 2019 the committee also elected not to disperse funds.

Grants from the fund must be used for elderly and healthcare related services. Last year the fund awarded just under \$4,500 to four organizations; the Good Shepherd Clinic in Spearfish, the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association, St. James Episcopal Church to be used toward the Delta Dental Mobile Clinic and Meals on Wheels of Western South Dakota.

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The Beacon's high school intern, **Alyssa Frisbie**, on tenor sax is featured in a piece called Trumpet Air at the BF Highschool Spring Concert on March 6th. *Beacon Photo*

Decline to Sign



Dale Bartscher

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NISLAND – Executive Director Dale Bartscher, of South Dakota Right to Life, spoke recently at Nisland Independent Community Church. He brought the “Decline to Sign” information to those who gathered. He also spoke about the SDRTL organization and what was progressing in the Right to Life arena, especially at the legislative level.

A graduate of Dakota Bible College and Cincinnati Christians Seminary, Bartscher served as a pastor for many years and beginning in 2007 served three years as the West River Director for the SD Family Heritage Alliance. While working with SD Attorney General Marty Jackley as Political Director

Decline C2

Special Helpers for Feeding SD



The Cat in the Hat showed up at the Newell Feeding SD distribution this past week. She had a couple great helpers, Mariah and Clancy Todd volunteered. - Brunner photo

From the Desert to a Dream - Shiloh Horse Rescue

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NEWELL -- Las Vegas natives Todd and Jill Weber have brought their love of forgotten animals to rural South Dakota. Shiloh Horse Rescue on the Prairie recently moved from the bright lights of Nevada to a simpler life in rural Newell. They have a heartwarming tale of their journey of opening an end of life equine sanctuary on an acreage along Old US Highway 212.

Jill’s love of horses stemmed from childhood, where her first words were “schorsies,” and she drove everyone crazy with her constant chatter of anything horse related. She wore them down though, and now her sister and mom have joined the ranks of large animal lovers.

Them Webers started the rescue in 2003 with what most would consider a “slaughter rescue”. The number of horses they have saved is now more than 700, with more than 500 finding new homes all across the county. After 16 years in the desert, they decided to slow down and become what they were meant to be, caretakers of the last loving place for all animals to feel safe in their twilight years.

Following some research, they found a place to relax and

enjoy what they have built in the Black Hills. In 2019 they embarked on their journey and ended up in historic Deadwood, leasing 40 acres. Two years later they packed up and moved everyone to Boulder Canyon and leased another 40 acres, where residents started to take

notice of the love and sincerity that Jill and Todd showed their four-legged friends. They put blankets and coats on the equines to protect them from the wind and cold of the mid-west. Not all people understood that even though this seemed awfully peculiar to those not

familiar with animal safety, it was actually a testament that the comfort and health of these creatures is a top priority to Jill and company.

The Weber’s still own their home in Deadwood to stay close

Shiloh C2



The horses enjoy their blankets and some good hay as the sun and snowy landscape paint a picture. - Courtesy photo

State Auxiliary Moves to Help Fire Departments

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SOUTH DAKOTA – “Do you want to help out your local fire department?” That’s the question the South Dakota Fire Fighters Auxiliary is asking just prior to the beginning of summer and the potential fire season. Most people in the local NVN area know that the departments located in Butte County are all-volunteer, and that the firefighters drop their own work or job and respond to the tones of the pager. That can mean a structure or grass fire, search and rescue situation, or a traffic accident. It takes a great deal of man-power, supplies and support to make that response happen.

The SDDFA is currently working via different forms of

Fire Department C4

CORRECTION

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

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TUESDAY, MAR 21

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Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Green Beans, Peaches, FF, Milk

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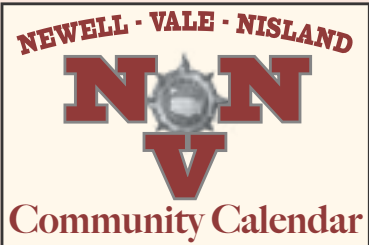
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Mar. 18: NAFD/Auxiliary Potato Topper Supper at the firehall in Nisland, 5-7. Huge variety of toppings for your spud.

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

Mar. 18: Spring Vendor Event at Vale Community Church, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sloppy joes available for purchase at noon.

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

Mar. 24: HS Track, Rapid City Christian Invite. 10 a.m.

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

Concert. 5 p.m.

Mar. 25: Sip-n-Paint Fundraiser at NVN Senior Center. 9 a.m.-12 noon. Must pre-register with Lynette Culver at 605-645-9660 or 605-456-2156.

Apr. 1: Prom

Apr. 1: Whistle Stop Market, 9 a.m. at NVN Senior Center

Apr. 2: Vale Community Church Easter Egg Hunt, 1 p.m. Ages 0-13. Each age group will hunt separately and there will be a prize egg in each group.

Apr. 4: National Honor Society Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at MPR.

Apr. 6: Holy Thursday service and community pot luck at city hall. 6:30 p.m. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. All other food and table service, drinks provided. Call Sabrina at 605-381-9136 or Betty at 605-641-4666 if you would like to help or be part of the program.

Apr. 6: HS Track @ Queen City at Spearfish, 9 a.m.

Apr. 8: Newell Community Club Easter Egg Hunt, Newell school football field. 10 a.m., 0-12 age group.

Apr. 7: Variety of Good Friday services, TBA

Apr. 9: Easter Sunday.

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

From C1 Decline

for his gubernatorial campaign, Jackley said Dale was honest, dedicated and able to meet complex challenges. That has served him well in his position on the SDRTL, where he has been since 2019.

The National Right to Life was founded in 1968 and has spent the last 51 years protecting defenseless human life from conception to natural death. He and his wife Jan have two daughters and two grandchildren.

The Decline to Sign promotion is in direct opposition to the proposed South Dakota Constitutional Amendment to be placed on the ballot in 2024.

"This amendment would be one of the most extreme abortion laws in the nation," said Bartcher, who shared at NICC in Sunday school and during the worship time. "That's not who we are," he said, referring to the 57 life sustaining laws or resolutions that SDRTL had helped pass in the state.

He said that the amendment is confusing and vague and would force future decisions on abortions to be decided by unelected judges rather than by the people. He cited four reasons for voters to sign a petition allowing this on the ballot. They included: The potential abortion of babies up to and including at birth, the denial or the right of parents to know if their child

is being coerced to have an abortion, the fact that doctors and nurses could be forced to perform abortions or face crippling lawsuits and penalties, and that it would open the door to taxpayer funded abortions.

"They have to get 35,017 signatures to get this placed on the ballot. And they are using subtle and misinformation to get people to sign."

Bartcher urged those listening to take some of the literature he had available, including flyers to hand to people who might be

thinking of signing the petition.

"This would bring all sorts of money from out of state to promote and try to get this passed if it gets on the ballot," said Bartcher. "The bottom line is that this Constitutional Amendment is truly extreme and a grave threat to life in our state."

Bartcher encouraged people to log on to the website at <https://lifedefensefund.com/#theextremeamendment> or the lifedefensefund.com website for more information.



Dale Bartcher shared a song with the congregation at NICC on Sunday morning in Nisland, along with a message about standing up for what we believe in. - Brunner photo

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From C1 Shiloh

close to Jill's mother and sister, who moved from their childhood home in Wisconsin. Her family assists in running the store that they opened to take help with the expenses they have incurred from their non-profit animal hospice. The Lucky Horse is located next to the Celebrity Hotel in Deadwood, and specializes in decorative horseshoes and other horse related products. There is also a jar on the cashier counter specifically to donate to their cause.

During their time in Deadwood, the Webers also showcased their love of horses by conducting tours and driving folks in their horse drawn carriages. After a total of four years, they decided that leasing wasn't enough anymore.

The move to rural Newell was based on the decision that this is where they, along with their horses, cows, chickens and sheep wanted to settle

down for the rest of their lives. They found their diamond in the rough for a great price and even better vision. The amount of work to get their newly purchased property outside of Newell may have seemed overwhelming to most, but it did not deter this dynamic duo. Trash was hauled out and updates are



Jill and Todd Weber said they have had a warm welcome to the community. Here they enjoy the special Valentines night dinner at the High Plains Restaurant. - Tesch photo

being made, and it's become apparent that this little slice of heaven is what they were looking for to fulfill their life's purpose. There are 38 horses, a few cows and sheep and some chickens residing at the sanctuary, and these critters are the stars of a traveling petting zoo. Once the land is free of



Margarita helps Todd fill the water tank in the Thunderdome which is separate from the large horse pen. - Courtesy photo

debris, there is also a plan for campsites to provide additional income and reprieve for locals, as well as a tranquil place for people to use during the infamous Sturgis rally.

Their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sdfirefightersaux would be the best source for animal and event updates, Shiloh Horse Rescue on the Prairie. By this summer, Jill is optimistic that they will be able to get to Heritage Center in Spearfish for

a few events, but for right now they are content making sure their new home is comfortable for everyone. Nothing relaxes her more during the brutal winter months than being able to look out of her window and see her animals warm and dry. The couple said their introduction in the NVN community has been a warm welcome. This rescue is going into its 20th year and still going strong. The Webers do it all with a heart full of warmth.

Betty Olson
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After the beautiful spring weather we had last week, winter came screaming back last Monday and lasted all week so there isn't much news for this week because it was just too nasty most days to go anywhere or do anything. School started two hours late several days in Harding County because of the weather and I kept my chickens locked up to keep them from freezing to death.

It was only 2 degrees when we woke up Tuesday morning and it stayed cold and windy all day. Our dear friend Shirley Moseley, 85, passed away Tuesday, March 7, at the Fallon Medical Complex in Baker, Montana. Her funeral will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 17, at the Camp Crook Community Center. Burial will take place in Fairview Cemetery at Camp Crook.

We also lost another dear friend, Marian (Smith) Giannonatti, age 86, on Saturday, March 11, at Hospice in Bowman after she suffered some

severe health issues. We don't know when her funeral will be but we're sure sorry she's gone.

Both of these families have our sympathy.

Reub and I went to Hettinger on Wednesday to get stuff we needed from Runnings and White Drug. Reub always gets a hug from his cousin Roxie (Larson) Finck at the drug store, but she was so busy that they didn't have time for much of a visit.

It snowed all morning on Thursday, but it quit by noon and the afternoon was pretty nice with no wind and the temperature at 28 degrees.

We planned to go down to the Bar H on Friday to have Jamie Thybo do our taxes, but the weather was so nasty we decided a couple old folks like us had better stay home, so hopefully we can get down there next week when the weather is nicer.

Taz made it out with the

pickup and horse trailer Friday morning to go up to North Dakota to get Trig and head for the rodeo in Valley City that evening. The roads were awful all the way up there and a lot of them were closed on the way back so they had to come back down through Aberdeen where they spent the night, getting home around noon on Saturday.

The birthday party for Tony and Dorothy Holt at the nursing home in Lemmon this Saturday had to be canceled because of the weather. The plan is to hold the party on Saturday, March 18th from 2:00 to 3:30 if the weather cooperates.

It was cold and the wind was blowing so hard on Saturday that it almost blew me over while I was outside trying to take care of my chickens and the snow was blowing around so much that it made big drifts I had to struggle over to get

home. It blew a huge, hard drift in front of our garage door and Casey had to come over with the tractor to plow it out Sunday morning so we could get out to go to church.

There will be a baby shower for little Ziva Rose, daughter of Rosie and Ty Hotchkiss, next Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 at the church after the morning service. We will be serving sandwiches and salads for the folks that stay after church for the shower.

Daylight Saving Time kicked in on Sunday, so to get ahead of having to set all twelve of our clocks ahead an hour at the same time, I set all five of our electric clocks ahead Saturday morning so I wouldn't have to set all twelve of the clocks that afternoon. Wouldn't you know it? The electricity went off just after I got all five of the electric clocks set and didn't come on again until just before noon so I had to set all twelve of the clocks that afternoon anyway! I get so sick of these time changes and what good do we get out

of them anyway?

Only two states, Arizona and Hawaii, leave the time the same year around and they seem to get by really well without all the frustration the rest of us have to put up with. When I was in the legislature, I tried to get the Daylight Saving Time stopped in South Dakota, but my bill got voted down even though a lot of the legislators didn't like the time changes. The reason they voted the bill down was because we would be on different time than the states around us and that would confuse everyone. I didn't think that would bother many people, because every time we cross over into eastern South Dakota now we wind up in a different time zone anyway.

I'll leave you with these time change jokes:

Q: What is the best pet for Daylight Savings Time?
A: A watch dog.

Q: What did the clock say when I went to move it ahead an hour?
A: Hour you doing today?

Q: When is a lion like a clock?
A: When they both Spring Forward.

Q: What happens when you try to make a clock Spring Forward?
A: It gets ticked off. (Just like me!)



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

March 6, 1913

George H. Ashley a rancher near Deermont was a pleasant caller at the Irrigator office Saturday. Mr. Ashley informed us that if the milk cows are taken from the pasture an hour or 2 before milking, during the wild onion season, the scent of the onions will hardly be noticeable in the milk.

The basketball team will give a social dancing party in the Theatorium on St. Patrick's evening. This will be an Irish dance, that is 2--shamrock decorations will be used and guests are required to dress to resemble the old time Irish ladies and gents, prizes will be awarded whose costumes best recalls the time of St. Patrick. Cox, Frame and Wheaton, the club comedians, will put on a laughable sketch entitled: "Morriarity's Goat". George Moore will render "the Wearing of the Green", George Rogers "My Wild Irish Rose" and Clarence Klippe "The 3 Leaves of Shamrock". The proceeds of the dance will be used to defray the expenses of their booster trip through the eastern part of the state

Rosebro & Killian have purchased the quarter section of land on Horse Creek belonging to John Kaubisch. The consideration was \$3000. Mr. Kaubisch has been on the place since 1884. It is a fine place; 153 irrigatable, but has never been

signed up for water.

March 8, 1923

Sheriff Arthur Lefors and Deputy T.F. Stevenson recently located and captured a 10-gallon whiskey still at the Fred Sylvis ranch northeast of town. While no one was home at the time; the sheriff took the still and a gallon or so of liquor to Belle Fourche. Sylvis had recently left here for Nebraska but is expected to return soon.

W.F Long reports the arrival of several sets of triplets in his flock. Son Reggie, along with Mrs. Long, is under the weather at this writing with an attack of flu. Miss Long one of the teachers in the Vale Schools, was unable to teach last week due to a tussle with the flu.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Price, Mr. & Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Hadley and Miss Hussy Sundayed at the George Barnes home. Bob Price went to Aberdeen where he will attend a tractor school for a few weeks. He expects to use a tractor for plowing this spring in the Cedar Canyon area.

March 9, 1933

The Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Clute at Nisland on March 1. Mrs. Beck was enrolled as a member at this time. Poppy Day was discussed and poppies were ordered for Poppy Day in May.

At the close of the meeting the hostess served refreshments. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bisgaard.

C.T. Martin, proof reader in the House of Representatives in Pierre, returned Sunday after the close of the Legislative session. He will return to his duties as Secretary-Treasurer at the Newell Printing Company

Modern Woodmen Lodge entertained at another card party Friday evening a number of Woodmen from Redig. Robbers broke into the Walter Williams home while the family was at the card party. Arthur Maurer and Robert Duffy were arrested at Buffalo on Monday and are held in connection with the affair.

March 11, 1943

Mrs. May Bledsoe of the Black Hills Power & Light Company announces that a community bulletin board has recently been placed in the light office and on the board locals can avail themselves of new war-time news, recipes, general hints on economy, dress patterns and rationing material will also be found on this board. Patrons invited to stop to copy recipes or share any other information they desire and in general make use of this free service center. Materials on the board will be changed weekly.



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Selman Nelson and George Moore dressed in St. Patrick's Day costumes for the dance party at the Theatorium

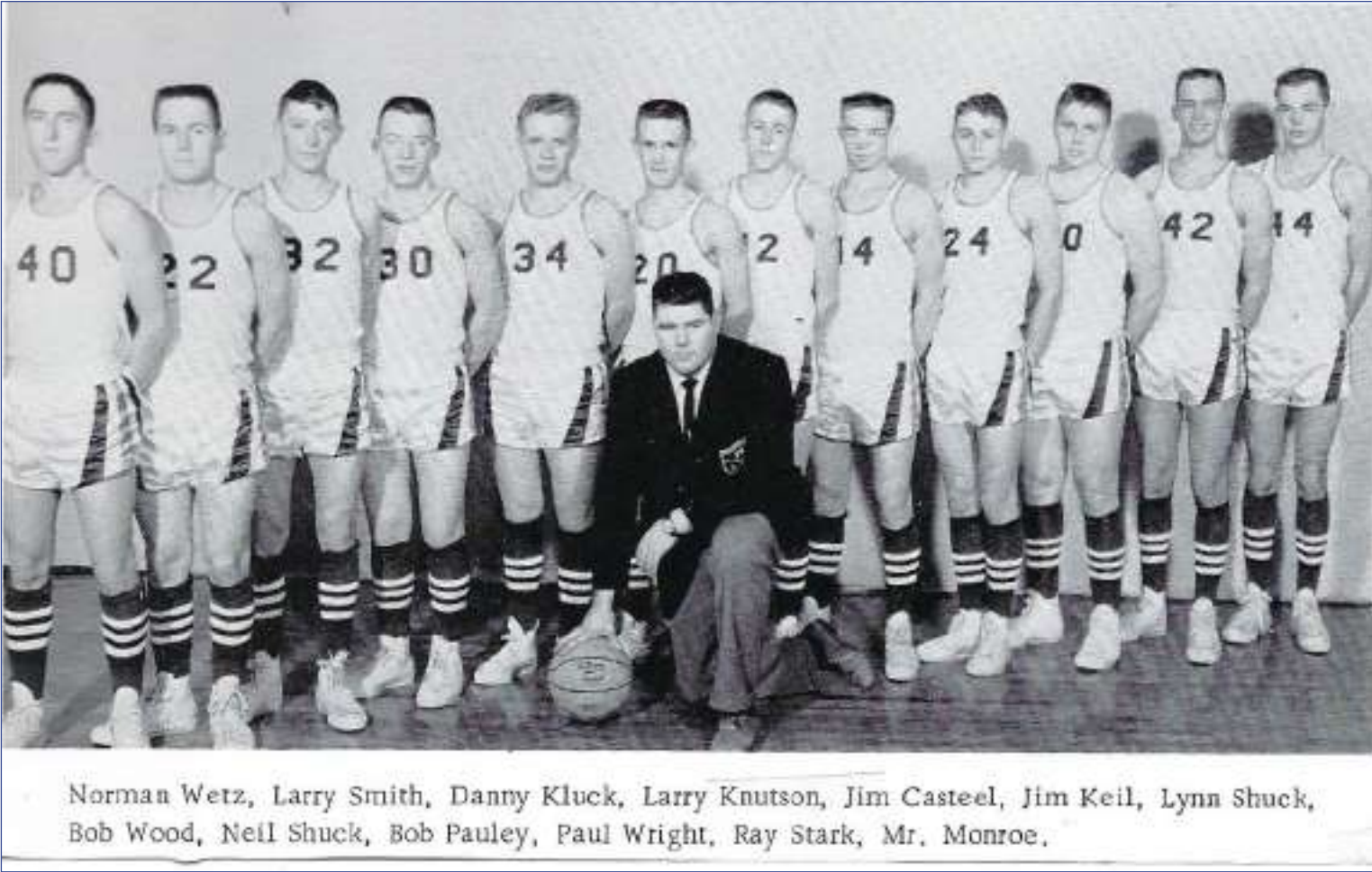
Mrs. Alex Carswell recently resigned her teaching position at Fruitdale and left on March 1 with her trailer house to join her

husband, Lt. Carswell, who has been transferred to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Miss Lucia Voorhees is filling the vacancy caused by Mrs. Carswell's resignation.

Mr. & Mrs. P.L. Hantz of Chicago arrived Saturday for a week's visit with relatives in the community. Mr. Hantz is employed by the Lindberg Engineering Company and Mrs. Hantz is employed at the Mars Candy factory. Mr. & Mrs. Byrd entertained a family dinner Sunday; the guests were Mr. & Mrs. Roy Sorensen and children of Vale, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Harshfield of Belle Fourche, Mrs. John Karinen and son Melvin of Fruitdale and Mrs. & Mrs. Hantz of Chicago.

March 5, 1953

Plans are being made for holding the Annual Old Time Fiddlers Contest in Newell on Saturday March 21; it was announced this week by C. M. Smith, of the Newell IOOF Lodge which sponsors the annual event. The place and additional features will be announced later, but in the meanwhile all persons interested in either the accordion or violin features of the contest are urged to contact R.D. Long., Newell.



Norman Wetz, Larry Smith, Danny Kluck, Larry Knutson, Jim Casteel, Jim Keil, Lynn Shuck, Bob Wood, Neil Shuck, Bob Pauley, Paul Wright, Ray Stark, Mr. Monroe.

Vale Beet Digger Basket ball "A Team" 1963. Winning runner-up title in Region 8 Tournament.

Solutions to Puzzles on C8

Answer to Sudoku



9	2	4	8	1	6	3	7	5
1	3	5	9	4	7	6	8	2
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7	4	8	1	6	2	9	5	3
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4	9	1	6	5	8	2	3	7
2	5	6	7	3	4	8	1	9
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: Only put all into tomorrow what you are willing to do facing all others — Pablo Picasso

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From C1
Fire Department

media to bring awareness to the needs of departments all around the state and especially here at home, when a quick response can mean the difference between great loss of property or even a life.

“This is the season to help stock up,” said organizers. “And we are offering a list of items that anyone can donate to the departments which will help keep them moving forward with a purpose.”

Some of those items include: Snacks and drinks, Beef Jerky, Bottled Water, Power or Gatorade single pouch powder, Peanut butter or cheese crackers, Granola bars or energy bars, Paper goods (paper plates,

napkins, utensils, cups), Canned goods (some departments have kitchens), Coffee or tea, disposable hygiene wipes, eye drops, Lip balm or chap stick, Paper towels, Kleenex, Toilet paper, Trash bags, Baggies, Towels, Ice, Ice chest, Sunscreen, Socks, Foot powder, Gloves, AA/AAA batteries, and energy bars.

Most volunteer fire department budgets are not huge, so any money helps the up-keep of the equipment, buying of items for the trucks, or even going towards a new truck or apparatus. Eastern Butte County fire departments include: Nisland/Arpan, Vale, Newell and Castle Rock. You can support any of these departments by contacting a local firefighter or auxiliary member.

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Newell AAU Wrestlers Prepare for State

Colleen Brunner
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STURGIS/RAPID CITY – The Newell AAU wrestlers have had a busy couple weeks, with practice and then attending the district tournament in Sturgis on March 7, and the regional tournament this past weekend, March 11, in Rapid City at Stevens High School. These wrestlers who range in age from seven to 15-16. Divisions include Tot-6-un-

der, Bantam 7-8, Midget 9-10, Novice 11-12, Schoolboy 13-14 and Cadet 15-16. Weight ranges also determine what bracket the wrestler is in.

Newell wrestlers competing and their placing at the district meet at Sturgis Brown High School included: Oliver Smith-4th; Landon Witherspoon-2nd; Oliver Bosch-5th; Huntlee Heath-4th, Brandyn Shaykett-2nd, William Erk-1st; Paysley Komes-2nd; Kerzie Feistner-2nd, Lexi Fox-3rd, Kallie

Eaton-1st; Riley Feistner-1st and Jasper Gardner-no placing.

At the regional meet, where the top five district winners advanced, competing and placing included: William Erk-2nd; Kallie Eaton-2nd; Riley Feistner-1st; Kenzie Feistner-1st, Lexi Fox-2nd; Huntlee Heath-3rd. Paysley Komes placed 6th but only the top three placers advance to state in Watertown on March 25.



AAU wrestling coach Karl Hoyle top center heads to state with these kids on March 25. They include William Erk, Lexi Fox, Riley Feistner, Kallie Eaton, Kenzie Feistner, Huntlee Heath. - Erk photo

2023 Newell High School Senior Profiles

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

NEWELL -- Stacy Mahaffy is the eldest daughter of Mary Mahaffy (Ben Wetz) and Lonnie Mahaffy. She is especially close with her younger sisters, Mary and Bethany, with whom she shares a passion for sports. Family is a staple in the reigning homecoming queen's life, and she spends a lot of her time with them including her grandfather whom she helps on the farm. Hanging out with her niece and friends are another favorite way she passes the time.

Stacy has spent the last six years participating in cross country, basketball and track while dedicating four years to volleyball. Her high school years have been spent supporting the Leo Club painting and cleaning the town, and helping at the fairgrounds during the well-known 4-H fair on the Nisland fairgrounds.

Stacy's time at NHS goes

hand in hand with her affinity for athletics. “I have learned that your team will become your family, and your family is the most important thing. I have learned to be courageous and make friends that last.”

Attending Lake Area Tech to become an orthodontic assistant, which will lead to graduating and hopefully working at Evans Orthodontics in Rapid City is what lies in the future for Stacy. To help her prepare for this exciting adventure, Stacy notes, “Mr. Wince as the biggest influence in my life as a role model, coach and teacher.”

She credits Mr. Wyatt VanderVorst with being her favorite teacher, with history taking the first place as a favorite class. His jokes and teaching style not only helped make life at NHS unforgettable, but also assisted in how Stacy can envision her future life. Stacy is a track star and will be attending her senior trip soon, so her adventures here in Newell are far from over.



Stacy Mahaffy

*The Valley Irrigator
Mar. 15, 2023*

2023 Nest Predator Bounty Program Begins for Youth

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) kicks off the fifth year of the Nest Predator Bounty Program as part of Gov. Noem's Second Century Initiative. The 2023 program opens for South Dakota youth under the age of 18 on March 1. The program will open to all South Dakota residents April 1. Tails from raccoon, striped skunk, badger, red fox, and opossum will be eligible for \$10 per-tail payments with a maximum total payout of \$500,000.

“Getting the next generation involved in conservation is critical to keeping our South Dakota outdoor heritage strong,” said Kevin Robling, GFP Department Secretary. “The Nest Predator Bounty Program is an excellent way to

get youth and families engaged with the outdoors.”

In 2022, 143 youth participated in the youth-only month of March and submitted 2,100 nest predators during this time. Overall, 2,367 individuals participated in the 2022 program removing 55,220 nest predators. Youth made up 32% of total participants, which was higher

than in 2021 at 29%.

New for 2023, every participating youth will receive one free live trap. When youth submit their tails for the first time, they will receive their live trap to use throughout the program.

Tails eligible for submission can be harvested via trapping or hunting. Participants need a hunting, furbearer, or fishing license to be eligible to participate in the bounty program.



Landowners harvesting nest predators for the program on their own land and youth under 18 are exempt from this license requirement.

Complete program details as well as dates, times, and locations for tail submissions can be found on the GFP website. For bounty submissions outside of the listed office locations and times, please contact your local wildlife conservation officer or wildlife damage specialist.

“We are also very excited to rename the Youth Trap Give-away in honor of Benton Howe, a young man who had a passion for the outdoors and shared that passion with his family and friends,” concluded Robling. “One participating youth under the age of 18 will be drawn weekly to receive a raccoon trapping starter kit, Trapping Handbook, a knife, and a write-up explaining Benton Howe's love for the outdoors.”

From C3
Then and Now

Plans for a novel basketball game to be played at the Vale High School gymnasium Sunday evening March 22 were announced this week by Superintendent Harvin Oorlog of Vale. The event will be a donkey basketball game between the “Rural Hands” of Vale-Empire and the “City Slickers” of Vale town. Especially trained donkeys are being brought in for the occasion and all play and shots will be by the untrained mounted players who must keep the donkeys under control.

Black Hills Power & Light Company is completing the new substation just south east of town, have begun stringing new circuits to the new installation which should be finished soon. Our local employees, Ray Eichler and Neil Dow are assisting with the completion efforts.

March 7, 1963
Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Kimball and children were Tuesday

callers at the Harold Snoozy home. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kapsa of Belle Fourche and Mrs. Fred Snoozy of Spearfish were also visitors at the Snoozy home. Mr. & Mrs. Kimball returned the hospitality by hosting a supper for the extended Snoozy family Sunday evening.

Jerry Nedella returned home Saturday from the Sturgis hospital where he was taking treatments for his back. Mrs. George Nedella and Jerry were Monday evening visitors at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Keil of Vale.

A large crowd of Vale people attended the regional basketball game at Kadoka Friday and Saturday evenings to help boost the morale of the Vale boys who did a fine job. Congratulations are due the Beet Diggers for their fine showing they made against the Pine Ridge Thorpes, with the final score Vale 73 and Pine Ridge 83. Just as the Vale boys deserve a lot of praise for their efforts, the Thorpes have the best wishes of all in Region 8 for bringing home the state title.



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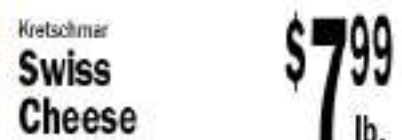


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Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. A lifetime

2. Metaphor's captain

3. Lady's title

4. Tigger-Roo's people

5. Indian music

6. Equine

7. A quantity

8. Player's job

9. Herb, pair arch's milk

10. A kind of powder

11. Lp

12. Freedom

13. Ailly

14. One

15. A11 last

16. Caution

17. Alinee

18. Body of water

19. 11 month

20. Fish sauce

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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P.O.O.L.

T.O.D.O.

J.U.V.A.

A.D.M.I.

R.H.O.C.E.S.

I.A.

I.G.L.O.C.F.M.A.I.

C.A.N.N.O.N.

T.A.B.

A.B.A.

A.G.C.Y.

E.P.I.C.

B.I.T.S.

A.L.P.

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L.I.E.

F.L.A.R.

R.H.E.

S.A.L.L.E.T.

F.L.S.I.F.

S.T.A.L.E.T.

C.A.L.A.M.I.T.Y.

D.A.M.P.

C.I.T.I.C.A.L.

E.U.E.R.

A.R.M.

N.I.D.E.

T.R.F.

DOWN

1. Sweet country

2. A tuber

3. Exclamations of

4. Delight

5. Last assembly

6. Silas's poem

7. Hslyk h

8. Spider king

9. Bait for spider

10. Web in Great Hall

11. Dressed with

12. Legions

13. Scenic name

14. A

15. A

16. A

17. A

18. A

19. A

20. A

21. A

22. A

23. A

24. A

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Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining

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Ham

AuGratin Potatoes

Mixed Veggies

Corn Bread

Tropical Fruit

6

Chicken & Dumplings

Green Beans

Mandarin Oranges

7

Pork Chops

Wild Rice

Broccoli

Applesauce

Oatmeal Raisin Cookie

8

Country Fried

Steak & Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Mixed Veggies

Peaches

9

Spagetti & Meat Balls

Brussel Sprouts

Garden Salad

Focaccia Bread

Pears

10

Cheese OR Chicken

Enchiladas

Mexican Slaw

Black Beans

Mangos

Ice Cream

11

Turkey Ala King

Egg Noodles

Peas & Carrots

Plums

Snickerdoodle

12

Breakfast Casserole

Leafy Salad

Banana Muffins

Mixed Fruit

13

Roast Turkey & Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Broccoli

Cranberry Sauce

Dinner Roll

14

Chicken

Cordon Bleu

Mushroom Rissoto

Spinach Salad

Fruity Jello

15

Deluxe Cheeseburger OR Liver & Onions

Roasted Reds

Veggie Medley

Apples

Peanut Butter Bar

16

Tortellini & Italian Sausage Soup

Garden Salad

French Bread

Peaches

17

Comed Beef OR Unbreaded Cod

Parsely Potatoes

Cabbage

Fresh Fruit Salad

Grasshopper Pie

18

Cashew Chick

Fried Rice

Egg Roll

Asian Veggies

Pinapple

Fortune Cookie

19

Stuffed Pork Loin

Wild Rice

Brussel Sprouts

Cranberry Sauce

20

Turkey & Stuffing

Casserole w/Gravy

Green Beans

Fruit Cocktail

21

Meatloaf

Baked Potato

Italian Veggies

Mixed Fruit

Brownie

22

BBQ Chicken

Pasta Salad

Zucchini Fries

Cambread

Melons

Ice Cream

23

Pork Roast & Gravy

Roasted Potatoes

Roasted Veggies

Dinner Roll

Apple Sauce

24

Beef OR Fish

Tacos Refried

Beans Corn & Red

Pepper Salad

Mandarin Oranges

Lemon Cookie

25

Chicken Noodl

Soup

Veggie Bars

Mixed Berries

Yogurt

26

Hot Turkey Sandwich

Mashed Potatoes

Broccoli

Tropical Fruit

27

Smoked Sausage

Peppers & Onions

Roasted Reds

Veggie Medley

Apple Salad

Cinnamon Muffin

28

Pot Roast & Gravy

Roasted Potatoes

Roasted Veggies

Mixed Fruit

29

Paprika Chicken

Egg Noodles

Asparagus

Garden Salad

Pears

Chocolate Cake

30

Swiss Steak

Cauliflower Rice

Green Beans

Savory Muffin

Peaches

Pudding

31

Deluxe BBQ Pork

OR Tuna Salad

Sandwich

Sweet Potato

Wedge

Seven-Layer Salad

Fruity Jello

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Special St. Patrick's Day Entertainment, March 17!

11:30am - 1:00pm