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Three of Four Wards Have City Council Races in April 13 Election

Candidates have filed petitions in three of the four City Wards and are off and running for the opportunity to represent the citizens of Belle Fourche on the City Council.

No petitions were filed for Ward 1, the seat currently held by LuAnn Trudo. Trudo was certain that they would be relocating out the Ward she represents before the term would expire, so felt it in the people's best interest not to seek election and then vacate a seat before the term would expire.

Clark Sowers and Derrick Erhart are seeking the seat in Ward 2; and Dean Brunner and Randy Sowers are running in Ward 3; with three candidates running in Ward 4: Derrick Jones, Wayne Gilbert, and Betty Jo Hoffman.

They are joined on the April 13th ballot by three Mayoral Candidates: Vern Bills, Randy Schmidt, and Rebecca Larson, as well as five school board candidates seeking three seats on the BF 9-1 School Board.

They are incumbents Tara Knapp, Nita Justice, and challengers Lee Capp, Lori Tokely, and Greg Krajewski.

The Beacon invited all of the candidates seeking office in the local election to submit an announcement of their candidacy.

We have published such in the order we receive them.

This week's Beacon has profile's of the third School Board candidate, and four of the City Council candidates.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce will be holding a "Candidate's Forum" for the City positions. Details will be forthcoming.

Ward 2



Clark Sowers

Clark Sowers for Ward 2 City Council.

I am Clark Sowers and I am asking for your support as Ward 2 City Councilman. I believe Belle Fourche has more to offer.

I am married to Cathy (41 years) and we have 10 children. Five of our children currently live in Belle Fourche. As of March 6, I will be 45 years in business, all based out of Belle Fourche. This is our hometown.

I began my career working with my dad in Sowers and Son Sanitation. He died two months after I joined him and from then on I was partners with my mother. After 24 years we sold our business. Following that I wanted to build a business downtown to help enhance our community.

We felt a dry-cleaning plant would be a great addition to State Street. At the time I was

Sowers B3

Derrick Erhart for Ward 2 City Council.

My name is Derrick Erhart, I spent the majority of my youth growing up in Belle Fourche. I graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 2000, and shortly after married my wonderful wife, Sheila. In 2011 we returned to Belle Fourche with our two boys. We love the community we live in and enjoy many outdoor activities in our beautiful surroundings.

Currently I work full-time for Black Hills State University as a Communications Network

Erhart B3

Besler's Cadillac Ranch Tremendous Chamber Banquet Venue



A well attended Chamber of Commerce's Boots & Bling Banquet and Annual Meeting was held at Besler's Cadillac Ranch March 11. It was a great atmosphere and enjoyable evening of business, networking, and fine food. - Hunter Anderson Photo

School Board Approves Building Improvements

BEACON STAFF

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(BELLE FOURCHE) - The Belle Fourche School Board signed off on three bids to make improvements at South Park and North Park Elementary during it's regular meeting on March 8th. The improvements will total \$512,574 with the funds coming from the district's capital outlay budget.

According to District Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard it is possible that the some the CARES Act with it's ESSER funding may be able to pay for some of the work.

The three projects involve two improvements at South Park and one at North Park. The largest project will be the installation of air conditioning at South Park Elementary. The low bid of \$282,606 was awarded to Rasmussen Mechanical Services of Sturgis. Three other bids were considered, Temperature Technology of Rapid City, Wolff's Plumbing and Heating of Spearfish and Midwestern Mechanical of Rapid City. The work is expected to take place over the summer.

The other project at South Park will be reroofing work on the north end of campus over the 3rd and 4th grade area. The low bid for this project was awarded to Harvey's Five Star Roofing of Sioux Falls for \$91,875. Two other bids were considered, Black Hills Exteriors of Rapid City and Lowe Roofing of Whitewood.

Analyst, where I also serve on the BHSU Staff Senate as the Technical Officer. I am the owner of Badlands Technologies, an Information Technology company that specializes in small to large business networks, security and disaster



Derrick Erhart

recovery services. I am also the official taste tester and head of the quality control department at SME's Treats Bakery!

I am campaigning to run for Ward 2 City Council. When asked why I have decided to run for the council position, I first thought, "What makes a great council member?" Three

At North Park Elementary a boiler will be replaced. According to Tommy Coyle, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the district the current boiler was put in place with the original building construction in 1964. The low bid of \$134,218 was awarded to Rasmussen. There will be an additional \$3,875 to provide an ASME bladder expansion tank. Two other bids were considered, Wolff's and Heil Mechanical of Rapid City.

According to Coyle all the bids came in under budget. There was \$160,000 set aside in capital outlay for the boiler, \$300,000 set aside for the air conditioning and \$110,000 earmarked for the reroofing.

Also during the school board meeting Willard reported that COVID cases in the district are "still minimal to non-existent, which is great."

The board also took action in approving a one-time critical worker bonus of \$500 to all permanent employees of the district employed as of May 17th of 2021 and a \$250 bonus to all part-time employees. This is the second critical worker bonus to be paid by the district this school year with the funds coming from the CARES Act. The bonus is to be paid on May 28th to all active employees.

The board also approved new employment contracts for Superintendent Willard and Susan Proefrock, Business Manager through June 30 of 2023.

The board approved three

election officials for the school board election on April 13th. They are Cynthia Conner, Leona Ruzicka and Mary Wendt. The polling place for the election is the Community Hall downtown. The city finance officer arranges for election officials regarding the city council and mayoral races.

Lunchtime Solutions has had its contract renewed with the district. They provide school meals, including breakfast and lunch as well as the summer food service program. The new contract will run through the end of May 2022. The price per student breakfast is set at \$2.29 per student and \$3.60 per student for lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.

Student travel for athletic events will be increasing in the coming years with trips to Douglas, Wyoming, Sioux Falls Christian and Groten among others. As a result the district will be considering using CARES Act funding to purchase a charter bus. Expenses of this type are allowable under the rules of the CARES Act which was passed last March.

"Because of our size, there are not a lot of schools like us west river," Willard said. "We'd have to play up (a level) or travel to play other schools our size."

The board also approved the hiring of two additional music department instructors, one for band and one for choir. Plans are to incorporate these positions into the regular

School Board B4

Ward 3



Dean Brunner

Dean Brunner for Ward 3 City Council

I am Dean Brunner and I would love your vote this upcoming election on April 13. I grew up in Nisland on the Brunner family farm where I learned the importance of faith, family, and a good work ethic. I went to the Denver Institute of Technology and completed studies at the INSTE Bible College.

We moved to Belle Fourche in 2000 where my family immersed themselves into the community. I served on the School Board the year my-

Brunner B3

Ward 3

Randy Sowers for Ward 3 City Council.

I am Randy Sowers and I am running for Ward 3 City Council and I would appreciate your support.

I was born and raised in Belle Fourche. I spent 10 years away from Belle finding my way. I met my wife Erica at SDSU in 2012 and brought her back to our hometown to raise a family. We currently enjoy three



Randy Sowers, wife Erica, sons James, Elijah, & Toby

amazing boys, and our home on Sourdough Road. Her parents followed us here and now call Belle Fourche home as well. The last federal election inspired me to run for local office.

Randy B3

Candidate For School Board



Lori Tokley

Hi, I am Lori Tokley. I am running for a position on the school board because I worked for almost 2 years in the district and saw first-hand some of the issues happening in the district and I believe that I can bring a different perspective to the board.

I grew up in Belle Fourche, married and made my home here and I am proud to be a lifelong Bronc. My work experience includes working as a legal secretary for the Butte County States' Attorney, being a collection and customer service rep for Premier Bankcard in Spearfish and worked as a 911 dispatcher for both Butte and Meade counties.

I am currently an insurance agent with Main Insurance and pretend to know what I'm doing running the audio/visual system for Christian Life Center.

I enjoy almost anything that I can do outside. If it has two wheels and says Honda or Trek on it, I will ride it. I love to standup paddleboard and x-country ski. I'm trying to squeeze as much into the dash between the two dates as I possibly can. I would greatly appreciate your vote.

Ward 4

Wayne Gilbert for Ward 4 City Council.

I am a candidate for City Council because I want to be part of a team that continues to advance the growth and improvement of our community. I believe that will be accomplished by cooperation and by listening to all opinions before a decision is made.

I do not have a predetermined agenda in the sense that I want some specific item accomplished or some specific item eliminated. But I do have a strong agenda in continuing to move forward in the interests of our city by making sure that everyone has a voice and everyone's opinions are given serious consideration.

I feel very positive about

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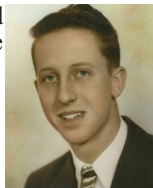
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Obituaries

Don West 86



Long time Belle Fourche business man Donald West passed away on Friday, March 12, in Belle Fourche at the age of 86 with his loving wife of 68 years by his side.

Don was born August 2, 1934 on a farm north of Newell, SD. When Don was in Junior High School the family moved into the town of Newell. He learned to play the guitar and shared his talent often. He graduated from Newell High School in 1952, and became engaged to Delores Miles that same week. They were married August 13, 1952.

By the time Don was 21 years old he had started his own service station business, Don's Sinclair, in Newell. He ran the business until 1966 at which time he became a partner in Belle Retread Company in Belle Fourche. He became the sole owner in 1973 and the business became West Tire and Alignment. Fifty-seven years later the business still operates under that name.

Don has served as a Director of the National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association and was named a member of the NTDR President's Club. In 1997 he received a Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota Retailers Association. He has also served on many local organization boards, and has been involved with and supported many local groups and activities. In 2002 Don and Delores were honored as Ag Business Persons of the Year by the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. In 2011 West Tire and Alignment was honored as Business of the Year

by the Black Hills Angus Association. In 2015 Don and Delores were named Grand Marshals for the Belle Fourche 4th of July Black Hills Roundup Parade.

Don was preceded in death by his father Daniel Gilman (James) West, his mother Alice, brothers Leonard, John (Bud) and Floyd, sisters Velva Alberts and Thelma Trampush. His is survived by his wife Delores, daughters Karen Steen, and Kris (Roger) O'Dea, and Donnie (Sheila) West, all of Belle Fourche; grandchildren Brian (Melissa) O'Dea, Wilton, Connecticut, Sam (Mia) Steen, Meredith, Colorado, and Evan West, Rapid City.

Don will be remembered for his unmatched work ethic, fair and honest business practices, and willingness to help anyone and everyone he came in contact with, as well as his wonderful smile, and great sense of humor.

There will be a private service for immediate family members at this time, with a public Celebration of Life later this summer when friends and associates will be encouraged to come and share their stories and remembrances.

Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online and view a video tribute at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Jack Hantz 81



Jack Hantz, age 81 of Belle Fourche, died Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

The funeral service will be 10 am Monday, March 15, 2021 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service. Interment will be held in Pine Slope Cemetery. The service will be live-streamed from Jack's obituary page on the funeral home's website located at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

John Clayton Hantz (Jack) was born April 29, 1939 in Belle Fourche, SD to Ralph and Laurene Hantz. He was the second of three children, joining his brother Jerry and later, his sister Sandra.

Jack attended all 12 years of school in Belle Fourche and was a member of the basketball team that won the State Class A basketball tournament in 1957. Jack enjoyed and participated in all the sports during his high school years.

Jack joined the Navy in August of 1958, and proudly served a tour in the US Navy as a sonar technician on the destroyer USS Porterfield DD682. He also served in the US Army, finishing his 27 year military career with the Montana National Guard, retiring as a



Sergeant Major.

Jack married Elaine Hantz in January of 1960, and together they raised three children: Jerrienne, Jim, and Laurie.

Jack had a long law enforcement career starting with Boeing missile site security. This was followed by the Hot Springs police force, SD State police radio, SD State Game Warden, SD Highway patrol, Montana DOT Enforcement Officer, and the National Guard (SD and MT).

Jack has been a Mason for 40 years, active in lodges in Faith, Lemmon, Belle, and SD Grand Lodge Grand Master (2013).

Jack is survived by his children: Jerrienne, Jim (Esther), and Laurie (Morgan); seven grandchildren: Amanda, Rachel, John, David, Tyler, Allison and Warren; nine great grandchildren; his sister Sandra (Dave); nieces Dana (Daylen) and Destyn, and many friends.

Welcoming Jack to the "other side" is his wife Elaine, brother Jerry, parents, niece Deb, grandson Jake, great nephew Trevor, and many other extended family and friends.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Raymond Gerig 74

Raymond Keith Gerig was born December 6, 1946, in Deadwood, SD, to George L. and Alice (Dennison) Gerig. Ray served 4 years in the Navy.

Raymond was an IBEW Electrician for over 30 years. He and June have traveled to different states while he worked as an electrician. In the years traveling, Raymond decided to settle down in a home in the town of Nisland, SD, and have lived there for over 15 years. Raymond had gotten along with his electricians co-workers he had worked with all over, and had many friends in the town of Nisland. Raymond enjoyed going to Deadwood to spend time there just to try his luck on the slot machines; he also loved going to Golden Corral in Rapid City for the buffet. Many people said a lot of good words about Raymond, and they all liked him.

Raymond Keith Gerig, 74, of Nisland, SD, died March 9, 2021, in Rapid City, SD.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Margaret June Gerig; daughter, Jennifer Jung; step-daughters, Christina L. Trottier, WA, and Sarah M. Trottier, MT; step-sons,



Thomas P. McCabe, MT, and Dewayne L. Denny, MT; mother, Alice Gerig Cochran; brothers, George (Judy) Gerig, Pierre, SD, and William (Emy) Gerig, AZ; sisters, Alice Caturia, Rapid City, SD, and Linda (Lyle) Droppers, Sturgis, SD; and several grandchildren in SD, MT, and WA.

Raymond will be missed by his family and his close friends.

Raymond is preceded in death by his son, Todd Allen Gerig; father, George L. Gerig; step-son, Cody L. Trottier; mother-in-law, Angela G. Denny; father-in-law, Louie Denny.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis with Pastor Doug Clark officiating. Private family committal services will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery with military honors near Sturgis.

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

Kinkade FUNERAL CHAPEL

Art Boyle 94



Art Boyle, 94, of Pierre died peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

Services will be held Friday, March 12th at Fort Pierre Congregational Church with a visitation from 11:00 to 1:00 and funeral services at 1:00. Burial will follow the services at Scotty Philip Cemetery in Fort Pierre. For those unable to attend the services they will be live streamed at the top of Art's obituary page at www.isburgfuneralchapel.com.

Arthur Wallace Boyle and Betty Jean Lucille McFarling were united in marriage June 27, 1950. Art and Betty were blessed with 4 children. Art and Betty lived in Pierre for their entire 70 years of marriage. They celebrated their 70th anniversary June 27, 2020. Art was a loving husband and father with a gentle soul. He was a man who made an impact on many people of all ages. He was happily remembered by his young hair clients because he gave them all a nickel and a stick of Juicy Fruit gum after their hair cut.

Art enjoyed mentoring the youth in Jr. Rifle Club with their target shooting and competitions. He also mentored

the youth of the Pierre archery club. He was an active member of the parent teacher association, member of Pierre rifle club, National Rifle Association, Circle 8 Square Dance Club, Horseshoe club, Bowling League, Archery League, and Pierre Senior Citizens Center. Family and family activities were very important to Art. He took his family fishing, skating, camping and taught the kids how to do many things. When he was not doing that, he would help family members with home building projects or any other projects they needed help with.

Survivors include his wife Betty Boyle, his children Kathy Pogany (Reed), Cindy Brazzle (John), Mike Boyle (Carla), Susan Colleran (Mike), 17 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren, and 4 great- great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Clarence and Beulah (parents), Sam Steffan (stepfather), Clarence Orville Boyle (brother).

Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service

Charles "Chuck" Leddy 79

San Angelo, TX | Charles (Chuck) William Leddy, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

Chuck was born November 23, 1942 in San Angelo, TX to William Albert and Mary Tee (Anderson) Leddy. He graduated high school in 1961 from New Underwood, SD. He married his bride of 36 years, Kim Ann Wattier Paul on May 24, 1985 in Spearfish, SD.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Kim; his 10 children; Lila (Clyde) Mutschelknaus, Larry (Lisa) Leddy, Bonnie (Dennis) Burling, Danny Kotek, Michelle (Michael) Goolsby, Amber (Eric) Wilkerson,



Amy (Doug) Sprinkle, Kelly Woodruff, Laura (Pierce) Jaet and Tamara (Chris) Hankins; his 8 grandchildren; Cory Kotek, Bailey (Dalton) Sigler, Brandon Leddy, Noah Goolsby, William Hankins, Oliver Jaet, Frost Anderson and Ivy.

A Celebration of Life Memorial was held at First Evangelical Methodist Church, 11329 Padgett Switch Rd. Irvington, AL on Saturday, March 13, 2021.

Friends and family may sign his online guest-book and leave written condolences for the family at blackhillsfuneralhome.com.

Black Hills FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

John Frenden 52

John W. Frenden, 52, of Belle Fourche, South Dakota died March 9, 2021 at Monument Hospital in Spearfish, SD.

John was born November 28, 1968 in Maryland to John and Marie (Hlosta) Frenden. He attended two years at Morton Community College for law enforcement. He was a Security Guard for seven years at the Brach's Candy Company in Chicago. John owned an Ebay business in Belle Fourche and worked as a bookkeeper at hotels and other businesses in the Black Hills.

John was a member of the Senior Center in Belle Fourche. He loved trains and all things related to trains. John was funny, generous and kind, witty and very smart.



Grateful for sharing John's life are his mother, Marie Frenden of Belle Fourche; his brother, Daniel Lee (Lori) Frenden of New Port Richey, FL; grandmother, Rosemarie Hlosta of New Port Richey, FL; his uncle, Adrian Volney of Englewood, FL and nephews, Joshua and Ethan Frenden; a special friend, Robert Irwin of Chicago, IL.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Walker Frenden Sr. and his Aunt, Diane Ahlquist.

There will be a private family service held at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

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Prayer for the Day

Loving Father, search me, and if there be any evil ways in me, correct them, and lead me into the ways everlasting. I pray that I may not be deformed from selfishness, but with a lowly and expectant heart run with patience and triumph the race that is set before me. Amen.

We want to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts while I was fighting the Covid infection. And the gifts of food and meals. All was greatly appreciated. By the Grace of God I am home and doing well.

Curt & Val Shoemaker

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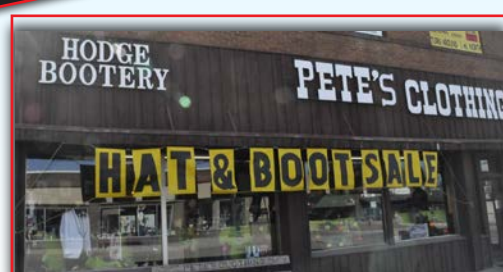
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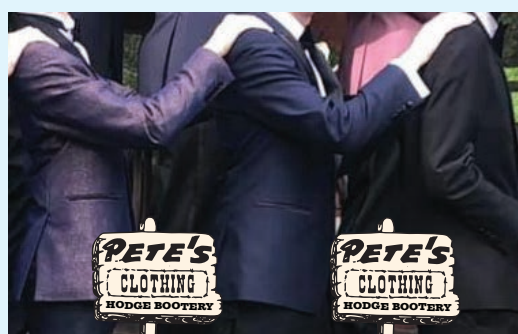
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also had a teacher breakfast to highlight our appreciation for educators in our High School. A special thank you to Integrity Meat for providing the meat, and to anyone who helped and participated in FFA week. Friday, March 12th, FFA fruits will be delivered. Within the next couple of weeks, expect to receive fruit from one of our chapter members if you ordered. The excitement does not

stop there, however, as many more upcoming events are scheduled. Career Development Events (CDEs) March 17th Newell; March 24th Sturgis; April 7th Phillip; South Dakota State FFA Convention April 11th-13th; Last, but not least, The Belle Fourche FFA Chapter Banquet which will be held on April 30th at 6:00 o'clock in the Belle Fourche Community Hall. There will be food, awards,

and Chelsey Dee and Company following the ceremony. The community is welcome, please RSVP on our Facebook page: Belle Fourche Ag Ed. More information coming soon, and as always keep a lookout for more events from your Belle Fourche FFA Chapter. Respectfully yours, Morgyn Barker 2020-2021 Reporter.



Principal **Matthew Raba** was guest speaker at the March Chamber Luncheon. *Courtesy photo*

Fruits and Fun coming your way!

The Belle Fourche FFA Chapter has been extremely busy, and it won't stop anytime soon. To begin, National FFA week kicked off our event-filled spring with many activities for kids of all ages to participate in. As a special wrap-up, Belle Fourche FFA held a new tradition of the "Kiss-an-Animal" at half-time

of the basketball game on that Friday. The winner was decided by a food drive which totalled over 80 pounds of food and personal hygiene products, and all materials raised were taken to Compassion Cupboard in downtown Belle Fourche. Along with the successful "Kiss-an-Animal", the chapter



The Belle Fourche FFA members at the Compassion Cupboard *Courtesy photo*



Officers at the Friday basketball game with Adam Nowijeski, the winner of the "Kiss-an-Animal." *Courtesy photo*

Pastor's Perspective

The Most Quoted Verse

It wasn't that many years ago when you would turn on the television during sporting events and see the Scripture reference of John 3:16 displayed on placards in the stadium. The many references to John 3:16 have resulted in numerous people looking up the verse in the Bible. What does it say,

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This verse has served as a guide for decades to point out the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God in His rich love for us demonstrated His love by 'giving' His only begotten Son, His one and only Son, to atone for the sins of us. And, if we believe, we will not perish, or die in our sin. We will have everlasting life. This 'everlasting life' is a life that knows no end, but a life lived in the presence of God in a place prepared for His children in Heaven (John 14:1-6) This is the message of Salvation through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Today, this message is the same as it was in the first generation of the church in the first cen-



tury. And, the message will be the same millennia from now. The Apostle Paul captures this truth well in

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

The challenge is that as time goes by, many have turned from the message of the Gospel and embraced a different Gospel. The free gift of salvation centers in Jesus Christ, who lived a sinless life, was crucified and buried, and rose again the third day.

Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

If you would like more information or have other questions, contact us at First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche.

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Tim Smith of First Baptist Church Belle Fourche

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La Belle Ballet

On Sunday March 7th, The La Belle Ballet and More Dance Competition team competed in Rapid City at the Celebration Talent Dance Competition. Each dancer competed in one or two solos and they also performed two group dances. All of their dances earned a gold or a high gold medal in their respective categories. In addition to those awards, Dixie Knappen and Chloe Stores each earned a Performance Award and Aurora Larive received a Costume Award. Our competition team is under the direction of dance teacher, Mary Neiman-Riley who also owns La Belle Ballet and More in Belle Fourche and choreographs all of the dances. Our team members include Aurora Larive, Lily Minor, Chloe Stores, Dixie Knappen, Austey Stiefvater, Clara Riley, Alexis Coleman, and Kylie Wright.



Team Picture - Back Row, Left to Right - Dance Teacher and Studio Owner, **Mary Neiman-Riley, Aurora Larive, Lily Minor, Chloe Stores, and Dixie Knappen** - Front Row, Left to Right **Austey Stiefvater, Clara Riley, Alexis Coleman, and Kylie Wright** *Courtesy photo*

BFHS Grad Wins Addy Award

RAPID CITY - Karin Sandness, a BHSU graphic design student and graduate of Belle Fourche High School was honored recently with a Silver Addy award presented by the American Advertising Federation. The award was presented during the annual awards dinner in Rapid City on February 19th. Sandness was one of seven BHSU award recipients this year. Design students received awards in the packaging, logo design and illustration categories. Students who were recognized for this achievement are Cody Robinson, Erin Bender, Zachary Davis, Valeen Tho-

vson, and Rainey Howell along with Sandness. "I'm just so proud of all these students for their accomplishments," said Tennille Paden, BHSU Graphics Design Professor. "They work very hard and it is nice for them to be recognized for their creativity. Karin is a very dedicated student and her award is well deserved." Sandness was honored for her work in logo design. She did a pro bono project for the Spearfish Rifle and Trap club, working through several ideas before designing a logo that best represented the area and the mission of the club.

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Chamber Annual Banquet & Awards



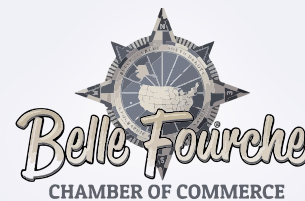
Spirit of Belle Fourche Award was presented to Karl Grimmelman, general manager of KBFS Radio.

The award recognizes the entrepreneurial spirit of those who take risks and make investments of time and money to grow business in Belle Fourche.

The Unmasking Award went to Belle Flowers Design & Decor. It is an awarded given to a business or organization for positive and recognizable improvements in Belle Fourche, such

as managing, maintaining or renovating public or private property, physical changes or improvements to property that have enhanced its appearance, or creative marketing endeavors.

This years award winner Belle Flowers Design &



Décor, owned by Felicia and Quinton Vavra and managed by Quinton's mother Linda Vavra.

Oldest Cowboy Awards went to Black Hills Energy Frontier Glass of Belle LLC, Integrity Meats LLC, Johnson Electric, Northern Hills Training Center, Stereo N' Stuff - Radio Shack, Vast Broadband, Richard PLuimer, a Prof LLC. The award is for individuals or businesses with 16+ years membership with the chamber.

Ellis "ET" Tripp receiving the Fay Kennedy Award. The chamber, with the award recognized Ellis Tripp for his dedication to serving the Belle Fourche Community.

The award is named Faye Kennedy who believed in the importance of community involvement and was proud to be associated with a variety off groups in Belle Fourche *Courtesy Photo*

February BF Middle School Students of the Month



From left: **Kaydance Gallagher** (8th Grade); **Kord Colburn** (8th Grade); **Daven Kracht** (6th Grade); **Griffen Biehl** (7th Grade); **Addyson Dunn** (6th Grade); **Ivy Wipf** (7th Grade); and **McKenzie Ewalt** (5th Grade). Not pictured is **Londyn Hermann** (5th Grade).

The Beacon would like to add its congratulations to the Belle Fourche Middle School students of the month for February 2021.

The district honored their February Students of the Month at the School Board's regular

meeting on Monday, Mar. 8th. The students were chosen by faculty and staff for demonstrating leadership, kindness and model citizenship both inside the classroom and in other activities.

This month's 5th grade awards were sponsored by Stereo 'N Stuff, the 6th grade by Pete's Clothing, the 7th grade by Fast Break Screen Printing and the 8th grade by Johnson Electric.

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Thurs, March 18th
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Lunch: Hot Dog/BBQ Rib Sandwich/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Mon., March 22nd
BRONC Breakfast: Mini Bagel/Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Pull-Apart/Cheeseburger/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Tues., March 23rd
BRONC Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Taco/Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Breaded Beef Patty Sandwich/Chicken Nuggets/
Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Wed, March 24th
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Lady Broncs Basketball Finish Eighth in State A

JIM TRIMBLE
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The Belle Fourche Lady Broncs Basketball team made the long trip to Watertown for the State A Basketball Tournament last week. The Broncs dropped all three of their games and finished in eighth place.

In the opening game on Thursday afternoon, the sixth seeded Broncs took on the third seed Hamlin Lady Chargers. Hamlin came out with a 53-36 win over the Broncs. “We were tight and didn’t shoot or rebound the ball well,” said head coach Bill Burr about the game. The Chargers outshot the Broncs 50 percent to 28 percent and won the battle on the boards 29-17. Hamlin went on to take second place in the tourney losing to State Champion Aberdeen Roncalli. Chloe Crago led the Broncs with 8 points and Grace Clooten added 6. Dylan Stedille had four rebounds to lead Belle on the glass while Bella Jensen and Tia Williamson had three clears each.

Friday’s consolation round opponent for the Broncs were the Dakota Valley Lady Panthers. The Broncs could not get out of the gate on offense and the Panthers ripped the cords for 38 first half points and led the Ladies 38-20 at intermission. The Lady Broncs came storming back in the third period cutting the lead 51-42 at the end of three. The Broncs would get within 2 points but the Panthers held on for a 66-63 win. “The girls played really good defense the second half and were much more aggressive on offense,” said Coach Burr.

Bella Jensen notched 20 points for Belle Fourche and Dylan Stedille and Kaylin Garza added 13 and 9 respectively. Rylee Rosenquist led all scorers with 27 for the Panthers. The Broncs outshot Dakota Valley 41-38 percent and also won the rebounding battle 33-30. Jensen had six rebounds with Garza and Chloe Crago with five caroms each. Garza had three steals and Grace Clooten stuffed three shots to lead the Broncs defense.

The Broncs played for seventh place on Saturday afternoon against the McCook Central Lady Cougars. The Broncs fell behind early and trailed 24-15 at halftime. The Ladies outscored the Cougars by two points in the second half but McCook held on for a hard fought 49-42 victory.

Bella Jensen again paced Belle with 14 points followed by Grace Clooten with 12 and Chloe Crago 8. Both teams shot 30 percent from the field with McCook slightly outrebounding Belle 38-36. Dylan Stedille had 7 boards for the Broncs with Clooten adding 6 clears. Jensen had six of the Broncs eleven steals in the contest. “The girls hustled and played hard all week. I’m very proud of this group. We had a successful season,” commented Coach Burr after the last game.

Playing in their last game for the Lady Broncs were seniors Kylee Crago, Jasmyn Jensen, Hayley Wilbur, and Bella Jensen.

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Butler Staged & Performed Masterfully!

The Belle Fourche Middle School play, Butler, was performed before two large audiences on Friday and Saturday nights, March 12th and 13th.

The student performers entertained with vivid characters in 1960’s costumes and surprising special effects such as gunshots, dynamite, flying fruit, and hidden passageways.

Exceptional talent was portrayed by every one of the large cast of middle school students in the weekend three act play: *Butler; A Murder Mystery*. The show was a classic murder mystery with a variety of interesting suspects and a few extra Butlers to add to the suspense.

The clever plot written by

Reva Potter and Nathan Schreier kept the audience’s interest to the final curtain call.

The cast and crew of 59 sixth through eighth graders performed magnificently.

The Belle Fourche Middle School Theater production was skillfully directed by Potter and Rachel Johnson.

They were assisted by Rehearsal Assistant, BFHS senior, Kiah Miller. Kiah assisted with lines and costumes at daily practices.

Set Design and Construction was by the skillful hands of Terry Hoscheid and the program and poster art was the creative work of Kendall Schreier.

Hoscheid, spent weekends

with the tech crew to build a trick staircase, special effects props, and a moving painting and bookcase.

Costuming by Colleen Anderson was especially fitting and succeeded in portraying the characters accurately. Anderson, a long-time supporter of Belle Fourche theater, organized the hair, makeup, and costumes that transported the actors back in time.

The creative set and added twists made for a very entertaining, fun filled evening.

The volunteers and the support of parents and community in the audience gave the students a complete theater experience.



Left: Butler tech crew lifts a flat with volunteer set builder **Terry Hoscheid**; Assistant director, **Rachel Johnson**, assists **Trevor Welles** with his bow tie. *Courtesy photo*



Talented middle school actors adorned in 1960’s fashion in these two scenes from “*Butler, A Murder Mystery*.” *Courtesy photo*



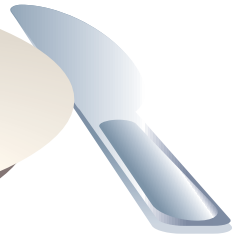
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Lady Bronc State A Tourney (clockwise from top left) Grace Clooten leaping in the air after Mataya Ward makes a bucket; Mataya Ward blocks; Charlie Henwood down the lane; Defense against Hamlin, with neon Cheering section: Whole gang with 8th Place trophy: Laura Young Courtesy Photos

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Anything Left in the Barrel? By: Doug Cole

With today, March 17 being St. Patrick's Day, a tip of the hat, a sip of the glass, and an Irish quip to all of you who either are Irish, or maybe just wish you were!



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A true Irishman considers anyone who won't come around to his point of view to be hopelessly stubborn.

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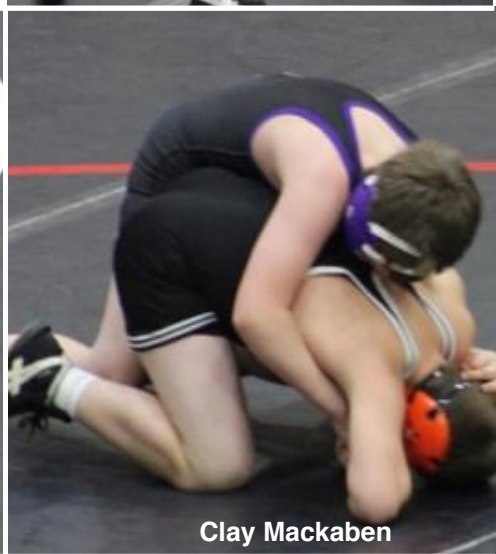
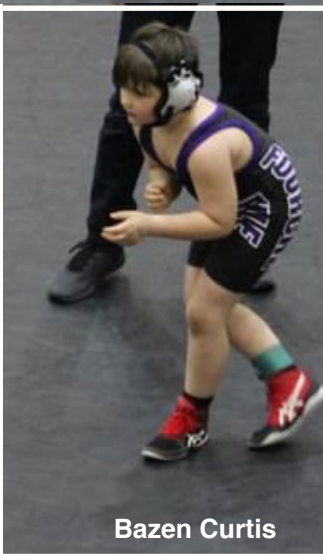
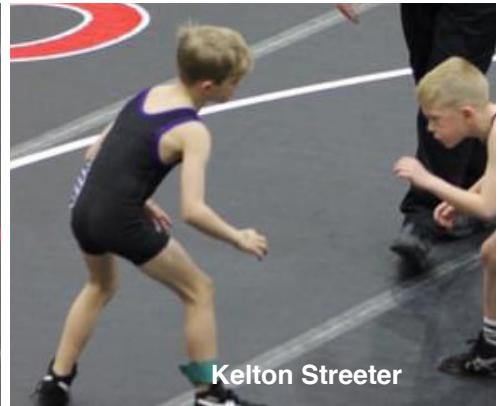
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March 18th	March 19th	March 20th	March 21st	March 22nd	March 23rd	March 24th
Pork Chops Baked Potatoes Mixed Veggies Bread	Salmon Patties Potato Salad Green Beans Cake	Beef Stroganoff w/ Egg Noodles Broccoli Jello w/Fruit & Top- ping	Ham Sweet Potato Cas- serole Green Beans Apple Spice Cake	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w.Gravy Asparagus Salad	Swiss Oven Fried Chicken Oven Roasted Po- tatoes Corn Casserole Fruit	Pork Loin Rice Pilaf w/Cran- berries Cauliflower Cake



Eleven Belle wrestlers qualified Saturday to the AAU State Tournament by placing in the AAU Regional in Sturgis. 22 teams participated in the Regional. The State will be held at the Rapid City Civic Center Ice Arena March 27-28.
Tot division: **Royce Bachman**- 53lbs-1st; Bantam division: **Landon Swaney**-47lbs-3rd, **Kelton Streeter**- 57- 3rd. **Tate Krul**- 61-1st, **Brady Hakala**-83-2nd; Novice division: **Cooper Conry**-68-1st, **Clay Mackabin**-108-2nd School Boy: **Garet Houston**-80-3rd, **Riley Dighton**-110-3rd, **Owyn Schreder**-160-1st,**Lucas Tonsager**-HWT-2nd. *Courtesy Photos*



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Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT11B/R..Hftrs	..667	...	\$133.00
Halbmaier, Doug & Rolene, Aladdin WY6Blk..Hftrs	..670	...	\$134.50
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT20Blk..Strs	..607	...	\$169.00
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT11Blk..Strs	..496	...	\$175.00
Johnson, Betty J, Baker MT21Blk..Hftrs	..540	...	\$153.00
Kerr, Justin, Camp Crook SD24Blk..Hftrs	..563	...	\$151.50
Kerr, Justin, Camp Crook SD9Blk..Hftrs	..491	...	\$154.00
Kornes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD34HerfHftrs	..556	...	\$141.50
Kudrna, Don, Scenic SD4B/R..Strs	..781	...	\$132.00
Kudrna, Don, Scenic SD3Bld..Hftrs	..735	...	\$131.50
Ladue, Gary, Newell SD3Blk..Hftrs	..711	...	\$132.00
Ladue, Gary, Newell SD1Blk..Hftrs	..655	...	\$133.50
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD36Blk..Hftrs	..706	...	\$134.25
Minor, Leon, Nisland SD23Blk..Hftrs	..560	...	\$147.50
Olson, Allen D, Box Elder SD1Red Hftrs	..1065	...	\$90.00
Open Box Cattle Co LLC, Gillette WY80Blk..Hftrs	..603	...	\$148.00
Open Box Cattle Co LLC, Gillette WY17Blk..Hftrs	..553	...	\$160.00
Reed, Jason, Faith SD62Blk..Hftrs	..799	...	\$126.00
Rittberger, Gilbert, Newell SD2BldStrs	..682	...	\$150.00
Rittberger, Gilbert, Newell SD9Bld..Hftrs	..653	...	\$135.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT5Blk..Strs	..456	...	\$186.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT11BldHftrs	..498	...	\$162.50
Seldo Inc, Boyes MT33BldHftrs	..625	...	\$143.50
Seldo Inc, Boyes MT30BldHftrs	..571	...	\$153.50
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT19Blk..Strs	..582	...	\$174.00
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT8Blk..Strs	..500	...	\$185.00
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT20Blk..Hftrs	..560	...	\$156.50
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT13Blk..Hftrs	..466	...	\$162.50
Sparks, Thomas, Plevna MT24Bld..Strs	..587	...	\$175.75
Sparks, Thomas, Plevna MT44HerfStrs	..571	...	\$169.75
Sparks, Thomas, Plevna MT26HerfStrs	..489	...	\$173.50
Sulzbach, Stephen, Newell SD17Blk..Hftrs	..540	...	\$159.00
Tarver Trust, Donna H, Gillette WY39B/R..Hftrs	..539	...	\$164.00
Tarver Trust, Donna H, Gillette WY45B/R..Hftrs	..512	...	\$146.50
Weyrich, Bruce, Sturgis SD51BldStrs	..550	...	\$182.75
Weyrich, Bruce, Sturgis SD12Blk..Strs	..431	...	\$185.00
Weyrich, Bruce, Sturgis SD58B/R..Strs	..655	...	\$162.00
Weyrich, Bruce, Sturgis SD53BldHftrs	..638	...	\$137.75
Weyrich, Bruce, Sturgis SD54BldHftrs	..531	...	\$162.50
Wondercheck, Joseph & Dorothy, Moorcroft30B/R..Strs	..430	...	\$180.00
Wondercheck, Joseph & Dorothy, Moorcroft23B/R..Hftrs	..434	...	\$163.00

Weigh Up Cows

Bauer, Casey, Union Center SD	.....2	.....Blk..Cow	.....1550	...	\$62.50
Bauer, Casey, Union Center SD	.....1	.....Blk..Cow	.....1455	...	\$63.50
Bauer, Casey, Union Center SD	.....1	.....Blk..Cowette	.....1010	...	\$89.00
Earley, Matt, Broadus MT	.....1	.....Blk..Cowette	.....1140	...	\$88.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD1Blk..Cow1580	...	\$67.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD1Blk..Cow1320	...	\$66.00
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Gottfredson, Chris, Newell SD1Blk..Cow1325	...	\$69.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD1Blk..Cow1460	...	\$66.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	.....1	.....Blk..Cow	.....1330	...	\$66.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	.....1	.....Blk..Cow	.....1290	...	\$67.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	.....2	.....Blk..Hftr	.....980	...	\$90.50
Halftime Land & Cattle, Rapid City SD	.....1	.....Red Cow	.....1340	...	\$64.00
Ham, Keith, Caputa SD	.....6	.....B/R..Cow	.....1383	...	\$69.00
Ham, Keith, Caputa SD	.....1	.....Red Cow	.....1495	...	\$65.00
Ham, Keith, Caputa SD	.....1	.....Red Cow	.....1345	...	\$65.50
Ham, Keith, Caputa SD	.....1	.....Red Cowette	.....1155	...	\$77.00
James Halverson Benefit, Sundance WY	.....1	.....Bld..Cow	.....1455	...	\$64.50
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	.....5	.....Blk..Cow	.....1252	...	\$69.50
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	.....1	.....Blk..Hftr	.....1070	...	\$76.00
Larson, Quinn Or Jennifer, Gillette WY	.....1	.....Bld..Cow	.....1565	...	\$67.50
Lehrkamp, Michael C Or Carl, Caputa SD	.....1	.....Blk..Cow	.....1370	...	\$67.50
Lehrkamp, Michael C Or Carl, Caputa SD	.....1	.....Blk..Cow	.....1250	...	\$68.50
Milek, Dennis Or Cindy, Sturgis SD	.....2	.....Red Cow	.....1230	...	\$78.50
Peterson, Jon, Belle Fourche SD	.....1	.....Blk..Hftr	.....1035	...	\$93.00
Poss Ranch Inc, Vale SD	.....2	.....Blk..Cow	.....1347	...	\$67.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD	.....3	.....Blk..Cow	.....1441	...	\$68.00
Spyglass Enterprise, Moorcroft WY	.....1	.....B/R..Hftr	.....805	...	\$85.00
Spyglass Enterprise, Moorcroft WY	.....2	.....B/R..Hftr	.....767	...	\$85.00
Spyglass Enterprise, Moorcroft WY	.....1	.....CharCow	.....840	...	\$71.00
Wolfskill, David Jr, Hulett WY	.....1	.....Red Cow	.....1350	...	\$62.50
Wolfskill, David Jr, Hulett WY	.....1	.....Red Cow	.....1290	...	\$67.50
Wood, Janet Or Colin W, Newcastle WY	.....1	.....Blk..Cow	.....1475	...	\$63.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	.....1	.....Blk..Bull	.....1875	...	\$84.50
Long, Bryan, Buffalo WY	.....2	.....Blk..Bull	.....1617	...	\$88.00
Long, Bryan, Buffalo WY	.....1	.....Red Bull	.....2085	...	\$93.00
Long, Bryan, Buffalo WY	.....2	.....Red Bull	.....1882	...	\$100.00
Olson, Allen D, Box Elder SD	.....1	.....Red Bull	.....1895	...	\$87.00
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT1Blk..Bull2000	...	\$90.00
Smith, Conrad & Kaye, Ludlow SD1Blk..Bull1895	...	\$97.00
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605-354-9966****Sheep Report - Thursday, March 11, 2021**

Mostly Slaughter Ewes In The Offering

They Sold \$10 To \$20 Lower

Not Enough Lambs To Establish A Market

Bred Ewes Sold Steady

Next Sale - March 18th - Bred Ewe Special
Thank You For Your Business!**Breeding Ewes**

Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD14.....Yrlg.....126... \$275.00

Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD41.....Sld.....177... \$180.00

Mills, Amanda, Boyes MT6.....4Yr-Sld.....189... \$180.00

Mills, Amanda, Boyes MT1.....4Yr-Sld.....189... \$180.00

Mills, Steve, Boyes MT11.....S-Ss.....149... \$140.00

Slaughter Ewes

Veal Black Angus, Meadow SD57.....Ewe.....196.... \$91.00

Veal Black Angus, Meadow SD7.....Ewe.....158.... \$91.00

Veal Black Angus, Meadow SD12.....Ewe.....230.... \$86.00

Clarkson & Co, Buffalo SD20.....Ewe.....172.... \$91.00

Clarkson & Co, Buffalo SD8.....Ewe.....155.... \$91.00

Kopren, Wade, Bison SD12.....Ewe.....198.... \$91.00

Considine, Terry Or Sherry, Broadus MT10.....Ewe.....188.... \$91.00

Considine, Terry Or Sherry, Broadus MT8.....Ewe.....157.... \$91.00

Considine, Terry Or Sherry, Broadus MT6.....Ewe.....148.... \$79.00

Vining, Dustin, Buffalo SD7.....Ewe.....177.... \$91.00

Vining, Dustin, Buffalo SD5.....Ewe.....160.... \$91.00

Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby ID24.....Buck.....265.... \$87.00

Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby ID21.....Ewe.....144.... \$79.00

Gress, Melynda, Ludlow SD9.....Ewe.....200.... \$91.00

Gress, Melynda, Ludlow SD11.....Ewe.....184.... \$91.00

Besler, Brock, Reva SD8.....Ewe.....177.... \$91.00

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can let them know your cattle are coming also.We also have a receiving station at the Broadus Yards, Broadus, MT. You can drop your cattle
off every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Brandy Escott at 406-
951-1666, Tyler at 406-853-5690 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12
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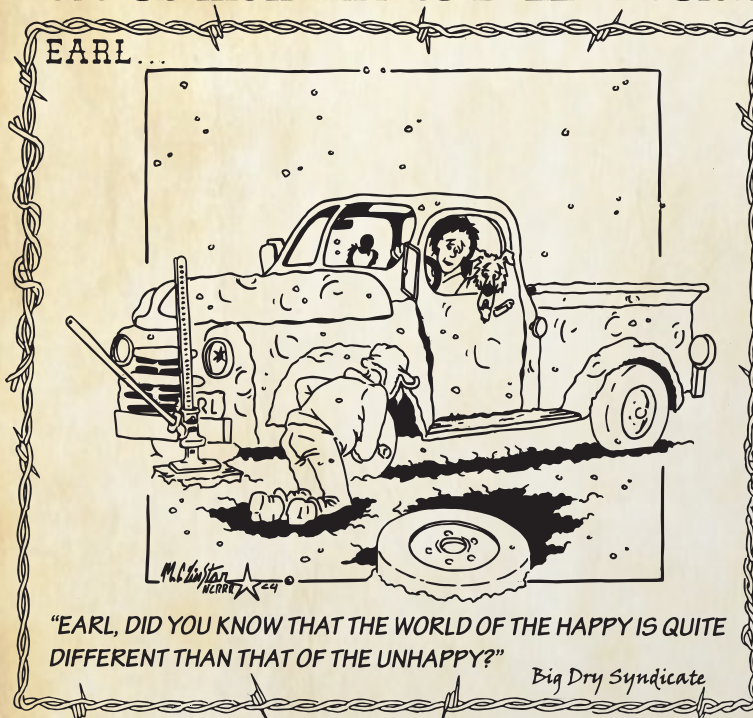
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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson



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

If you read this column each week, or if you've heard by radio program then you're probably aware of my admiration of poet Edgar Guest. His words are so simple and for the most part easy to understand. Today, one that you may have to cut out and hang on your refrigerator or bathroom mirror and look at a few times to get its wisdom.



All For the Best

by Edgar Albert Guest

Things mostly happen for the best.
However hard it seems to-day,
When some fond plan has gone astray
Or what you've wished for most is lost
An' you sit countin' up the cost
With eyes half-blind by tears o' grief
While doubt is chokin' out belief,
You'll find when all is understood
That what seemed bad was really good.

Life can't be counted in a day.
The present rain that will not stop
Next autumn means a bumper crop.
We wonder why some things must be-
Care's purpose we can seldom see-
An' yet long afterwards we turn
To view the past, an' then we learn
That what once filled our minds with doubt
Was good for us as it worked out.

I've never known an hour of care

But that I've later come to see
That it has brought some joy to me.
Even the sorrows I have borne,
Leavin' me lonely an' forlorn
An' hurt an' bruised an' sick at heart,
In life's great plan have had a part.
An' though I could not understand
Why I should bow to Death's command,
As time went on I came to know
That it was really better so.

Things mostly happen for the best.
So narrow is our vision here
That we are blinded by a tear
An' stunned by every hurt an' blow
Which comes to-day to strike us low.
An' yet some day we turn an' find
That what seemed cruel once was kind.
Most things, I hold, are wisely planned
If we could only understand.

Have a delightful week!

Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis; self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.
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It's Always Rained... It Will Again

Sure been great weather. Hard to complain. Tho' I do hear some are worrying about whether we will get enough moisture this spring. I remember doing the same, many years ago and my Dad telling me, "It always has rained. It will again." And he was born in 1914 and lived thru' the dirty thirties. And they knew what it was like to be dry.

One time he and another old timer were visiting about the thirties and the years they got some rain. Dad told of helping a neighbor lamb one spring in the thirties. Said they didn't see the sun for a month. Red Owl creek ran bank full for a month. They had no lambing shed, just sheep tepees. He said the little lambs would get about so big ad die, just from being wet all the time. And then it quit raining and as he put it, "It was just like turning off a water tap. No more for a long, long time."

Of course it eventually rained. And they both recalled there were years in the thirties when it did rain somewhat but the grass hopper ate everything that grew. And when everything was gone, all the hoppers just rose up in the air and flew away. Must have been something to see.

We had hoppers last year and they were not as bad as I had seen them in the past but they were bad.. I sure hope they aren't this year. And I too, hope it gets to sending some moisture. Warm gentle rains later on, is my order. But I will take what we get, as I have found we might as well.

Because that is what we are going to get. And nothing we can do about it.

Can you imagine being the guy in charge of rain and snow. Come fall and your getting orders for snow from snowmobilers and skiers. Others are ordering dry and warm. Then you get into spring and one guy wants rain, another wants snow and the guy who is calving is wanting dry and warm! And then spring planting... one guy is trying to get everything seeded and he still wants warm and dry, another has his seeded and wants rain to make it grow and some where there is another who is still calving and wants warm and dry. Then the calving gets caught up and you think, whew!!! I can rest up awhile.. send some rain.. but no, there are people wanting to get branded and they don't want rained out! And some guy is wanting to be the first one in his neighborhood to cut and put up some hay!!!!

I tell you, it wouldn't be a fun job. Cussed one second and praised the nest! Probably about as bad as being God. And we all know how people talk to and about Him!

I hope you get just as much moisture as you want and at the time off your choosing. Me? I will take heart in another thing Dad always said. "God will provide us with just as much moisture as we need. And evidently, some years we don't need as much!"

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Mick B. Harrison's Artists License ...and other wonderments.

The title says everything. Most of us have likely had the experience of plowing through snowdrifts, especially country people. Imagine having to do the same in the 1800s with the means of travel available at the time.

A typical South Dakota early morning, cold, winter scene was my motivation for this painting. What would it look like if there were only a barely passable road and, what would it take to get a stagecoach through to the next station. These teamsters probably weren't paid their worth in situations such as this. Any passengers were sure to bundle up to the hilt.

Personally, I'd stay home.

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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

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Karen Odell finally got some more accompaniment written and recorded. She finished making a couple of hanging lights, and is still working to update history books for her high school in Ohio. She listened to a very exciting high school basketball game from her home town in Ohio, and the team won to again to go to the state tournament; a very difficult thing to do because of the hundreds of schools there. Charlie Odell went to Buffalo on Monday to get some cattle cake and groceries. On Thursday, he inspected cows for Ronda Cordell, Justin Kerr and Tim Schell. He inspected again for Schells on Friday. Charlie and Karen went to the service at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook on Sunday. Karen played for the hymns, and after church they had lunch at the Corner Cafe.

Last week, Buck Kratzer came to Ronda Cordell's to see about tinning the shop. Gene Secrest and Clint Zolnoski had done the feeding, and were setting corral panels. Ronda was a guest for lunch at Gerald and Becky Burghduff's. The next day, Ronda went to Bergstrom's to meet the carpet layers that came from Hills Interior. Now, the project is nearly finished. The lack of availability of materials due to Covid caused delays, and the carpet had to be back-ordered. When it finally came, the color was different from the sample and the second batch did not match either, so Ronda had to change her choice of carpet.

Ronda had an appointment in Ekalaka that day, and met a truck bringing her portable stockade panels from Baker

Metal. On Wednesday Jack and Kay Ovitz treated her to a delicious lunch at Blossoms N Brew, and they visited with Darla Hamel. Ronda had eye and chiropractor appointments, on Friday in Spearfish. Diane Wear came on Saturday to stay over until Monday, and do chores while Ronda went to Billings for an oncologist appointment. Ronda went to meet Cristen Westling at Alzada, and they drove on to Billings. Cristen delivered a pup to Nancy Carter, and they met at Darlene Carter Rose's. Darlene looks fantastic, and loves the place where she is living.

On Monday, Diane helped Clint and Gene bring the two year olds home. They got their first calves even though the due date is two weeks off.

Clint Zolnoski made a trip to Glendive and Baker on Wednesday; and to Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange with cattle on Thursday. Then on Friday, Curt Zolnoski and Erik Berglund, came to do some work on the shop and septic site for Ronda. They spent the night at Clint's. Denise took Darby and Abby to see the new puppies at Michelle Teigen's that day. On Sunday, Denise and the girls went feeding with Clint, and stopped by Ronda's to check the chickens, and were very excited to see a baby calf be born. The girls were excited about the 'calfy' babies and the puppies, but weren't quite so sure about the baby lambs at their Uncle Shannon's.

Dorothy Padden went to Ekalaka on Wednesday to do some errands. On Thursday, she went with Bryce and Dawn Padden to Belle Fourche where they got their other pick-up after it had been repaired. It is good to be able to get inside and be warm again when feeding. Bryce and Dawn are keeping busy with calving. Brandon and Ashley and the kids went to the Regional AAU Wrestling Tournament in Sturgis this weekend. Brenton won his matches and gets to go on to the state competition.

Shirley Melum got a live Cyprus tree for Christmas. It was

small, but it is growing fast. She will be able to move separate at least three sections into separate pots soon.

Donna Lewis made a trip to Miles City on Tuesday for her doctor's appointment. On Saturday, Gary Gorder and Frank came out to the ranch to get a load of hay. They had some cows and yearlings up by Baker, so they needed the hay up there. Donna sent back a batch of brownies with the men. I wonder if the brownies lasted as long as the trip.

Doug and Julia Davis actually went on a trip this week. It was good to travel, even for only one day. They went to Mandan for a bull sale, and took their trailer along with them. They bought a couple of bulls that will be delivered later, and also bought a load of bred heifers that they brought home themselves. The wind caused a little tension on the way home, but it was a good trip. Julia took a pick-up to Buffalo when she went to work, so she could have new tires put on, but she had a flat on the way. Doug happened to be where he could answer a phone, and he came to change it for her. Then in town the guys put on new tires, and delivered the vehicle to the courthouse for her. On Saturday, there was a Zoom birthday party for their little grandson, and they got to see him open his gifts, and also get covered with blue frosting from his cake.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson went to Rapid City on Thursday for doctor's appointments. On Sunday, they went to church at Little Missouri Church. They heard that Wyoming had a couple feet of snow down where George Yarborough lives. Erma Albert went to physical therapy on Monday and Wednesday. Dick goes to the gym each morning for a workout. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizens Lunch. Bobbie had made corned beef and cabbage for all those Irish people and fish patties for Lent. They stayed to play cards afterward. On Sunday they went to church at the Catholic Church, and then they traveled down to Crow Buttes Store to have lunch with the Erk and Helms families.

Keep in mind, if you see an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, he may turn out to be only an optical Aleutian.

From A1 Gilbert WARD 4

recent developments such as the improvement of many of the State Street businesses, and the plan for a convention center, and want to be involved in continuing those types of developments. I now serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and I am proud of the Commission's record in moving the city forward by allowing growth and improvement. I also serve on the School Board, and I am proud of our school's standing and the commitment of its administration and staff to education in our community. I think it is important for civic leaders to support staff and employees when appropriate, and also question staff and employees when appropriate. I am a member of the Belle Fourche Arts Council, which has worked hard to keep arts thriving despite the challenges of covid. If I am elected, I pledge to work hard for the community.

would serve me well in helping to manage Belle Fourche.

We need to take the opportunity to grow as a community. We can do better with our resources and efforts. Every decision should be centered around what makes Belle Fourche the best it can be. We need to take care of our own first. Change is necessary. I support my father for Ward 2 and Vern Bills for Mayor, because like me they understand this is an opportunity for change. If you feel now is the opportunity to change the direction of our community then I would appreciate your support.

From A1 Brunner WARD 3

daughter graduated from BFHS in 2007. I am active in my church and the area Operation Christmas Child representative for Samaritan's Purse, where I travels to churches in Western South Dakota collecting shoe boxes for kids internationally to receive Christmas gifts.

I love my job at Halliburton and spending time with our

grandkids. I am passionate about ensuring the community can maintain the quality of life as the city grows, such as meeting housing needs, safe and improved roads, and creating employment opportunities for long time citizens and newcomers. As a member of city council, I plan to continue supporting these ideas through a community effort and finding solutions to meet needs.



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In 2015 my son, Randy, joined the business. With his help we have purchased Laundry World and French Cleaners in Rapid City. We employ over 25 people in our locations. We are currently the largest dry cleaner and laundromat provider in western South Dakota. Our home office is Belle Fourche!

I have served as Parish Council president (2 terms) and Finance Council Chairman for St. Paul Catholic Church. I was the president of the South Dakota Solid Waste Association. I had the privilege to serve as Mayor of Belle Fourche 1994-1996.

There are many reasons to run for City Council. My primary focus is to the Second Ward. As I walk the Ward, I see things up close and realize the worst streets in the community are in my Ward. Sidewalks in some areas need replacement. Some streets need to be paved. Addressing nuisances and supporting these projects are simple necessities of public safety you deserve that could have been addressed in conjunction with the bond issue for infrastructure at the Industrial Park. I was one of the people suggesting more on the Economic Development Park bonding to address these issues.

As your councilman my priority will be to "get things done" for Ward 2 first. Street repair and replacement will be a priority.

My secondary focus is to the City as a whole. You deserve leadership. I defer to my business career and service on the boards mentioned above as to my leadership. In our company we feel employees are an orga-

nization's greatest asset. There are employees in the City that want dedicated leadership to serve the community they love, like I do. People want to be part of something greater than themselves. I can help "get that done."

Concerning spending. In business I understand "wants" and "needs." It's time the city takes a hard look penciling out their budgets like they expect you to do.

Business. I am a business owner and I am on State Street every day. I experience what you experience. I would hope the City Council will respect what our local businesses bring to the community by the means of their commerce which produces sales tax and property tax revenues, and especially interest for our local community. We need the City to enhance what we do: Clean the streets before work begins, plow the streets, police and fire protection, beautification.

I would appreciate your support. I will get things done.

As Mayor I reduced our City budget by 10% in my first year.

But I am running to "get things done."

The most important political seat in America is the "informed voter." That would be you and me. That is why I have continued to keep my finger on the pulse of our local city government.

What happens at City Hall affects us.

I have managed people. I have hired them... I have fired them. I sign the front of paychecks. Spending....Your tax dollars are important and need to be spent with that understanding.

As Mayor, I asked our department heads to reduce their budgets by 10%, and they did. I am the only Mayor in the past 35 years to reduce the city budget.

I am tired of Belle Fourche settling for "mediocre."

Fourche's City Council.

I am hosting an event with Mayoral Candidate, Rebecca Larson March 23rd from 6-7:30 pm. Come on down to Grap's Burgers & Brews play some cornhole and chat with Rebecca and Derrick. We'd both love to meet you. On April 3rd, you can meet with me at The Leaky Pot from 8:30-10:00 am. Grab yourself a coffee and chat with me. You can follow my campaign events on Facebook @Erhart-ForWard2, or via my website at https://www.derrickerhart.com.

I feel blessed to have grown up in this great community. There are so many wonderful people, places, businesses and opportunities in our community. I am excited for the opportunity to serve my community. I am always ready and willing to learn and face challenges. I look forward to representing Ward 2 on the Belle Fourche City Council. I would greatly appreciate your vote for Ward 2 City Council on April 13th, 2021.

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school budget with projected increases in enrollment. The board additionally approved the hiring of two Alternative School positions and a K-12 counselor. These position will

likely be funded with ESSER funds. Also the board gave it's approval to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the city of Belle Fourche to hire a 10-month Special Resources Officer to patrol the grounds during school hours.



Belle Fourche Ag Educator Austin Bishop (right) and student Laney Powers demonstrate the districts new drone to the school board at their meeting on Mar. 8th. Bishop says they purchased the drone for \$3,500 using a Perkins grant and during their pilot program class this year at the CTE they had 7 enthusiastic students. Bishop says the CTE center is moving toward certifications, meaning when the students come out of high school they will have certifications. The plan with the drone program is to have students graduate with FAA Part 107 certification which will qualify them for commercial jobs using drones, whether for agriculture, forest service, mining or aerial survey work. - Beacon Photo

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Insurers Move From "Sick Care" towards "Well Care"

TRICARE has decided to waive the cost-sharing requirement of up to three visits to a physical therapist for low back pain. They've said that the goal is to encourage more use of "high-value" treatments for low back pain. Understanding what they mean by "high-value" vs "low-value" treatment can help us see the direction healthcare payers are moving and how physical therapy is a part of that.

TRICARE tells us in their summary of this demonstration what they mean by high and low-value care: "Increasing the value of health care refers to improving patients' quality of care and outcomes, improving patients' access to care, and reducing overall costs of care. In contrast, low-value care refers to interventions that: are not proven to benefit patients; may harm patients; result in unnecessary costs; or waste health care resources."

High-value care
 High-value care leads to better outcomes, is easy to access and is cheaper for both patients and insurers. We already know that physical therapy fits into this category, but if we look at other things that fall into this category, a larger theme starts to emerge. In 2017 the American College of Physicians released

guidelines for treating low back pain that have been widely endorsed. Initial treatment recommendations include exercise, stretching, tai chi, yoga, progressive relaxation, heat or ice, cognitive behavioral therapy, and motor control exercise. These are all active treatments, where the practitioner and the patient are working together to improve. This is "well care" or "let me help you get better."


Low-value care
 In contrast, low-value care tends to be "sick care" where the patient is a passive participant and the practitioner is saying "let me make you better." TRICARE puts imaging before six weeks without red flag symptoms, surgery for non-specific low back pain, opioids as the first or second-line treatment, and bedrest in the low-value category. We would also place spinal injections in this category for most people. They're expensive, only offer temporary relief, usually have a long wait before they're available and include the risk of serious infection and damage to surrounding soft tissues like skin, cartilage, and ligaments.

This isn't to say that imaging, surgery, or injections are always bad. For a small percentage of people with low back pain, they're the right thing. But,

most people should start with treatments that have the best outcomes for the lowest cost. If those treatments tend to focus on empowering the person in pain to actively participate in their care rather than making them dependent on someone to "heal" them, that's even better. Physical therapists have known this and have been providing care that fits this model for years. TRICARE's demonstration that waives cost-sharing clearly shows that insurers are recognizing the value of this type of care and that they are actively moving in this direction.

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First, Last and Only

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BUTTE COUNTY – He was the first, last, and only man in South Dakota to die in the electric chair, one borrowed for the task. On April 8, 1947, at 12:15, after a last meal of chicken chow mien, 33-year-old George Sidney Sitts, of Minnesota, was put to death.

On the run for the murder of a liquor store clerk on December 12, 1945, he was captured and sentenced to life in prison. On

Butte County Sheriff Dave Malcom was murdered by escaped convict George Sitts, just north of Spearfish. He was just 57 years old. *Courtesy photo*

DCI Agent Tommy Matthews, was killed along with, Butte County Sheriff Dave Malcom, at a roadblock north of Spearfish, during an attempt to apprehend convicted escapee, George Sitts. *Permission for use by Historic Black Hills Studios*

January 20, 1946, he and three other men escaped from Hennepin County jail. From there he headed east, stealing a 1937 Buick sedan, making his first stop in Brookings, leaving a gas station there without paying for his gas. That small detail, would be what helped law enforcement eventually track him down, as well as lead to the deaths of Butte County Sheriff Dave Malcom and DCI Agent

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Tom Matthews. According to news reports and information available from the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office "Notable Case" Sitts next went without paying for gas in Kimball, Highmore and Blunt. He ended up at the Sulphur store, 30 miles east of Newell on Highway 212 where the station owner, Carl Settle attempted to stop Sitts from leaving. The store owner reported to the Butte County Sheriff Dave Malcom about the incident and the sheriff then had the license number.

"I remember them (family) talking about the two old bachelors (Settle brothers) and the guy running from the law at the Sulphur store," said Ruth Ann Sprague.

Once more Sitts left a gas station without payment, this time in Belle Fourche, with a report that the escapee asked for directions to Sheridan, Wyo. Malcom called Matthews to set up a road block at the intersection of what was then Highway 85 and 14, just north of Spearfish. A witness, Earl Cook, a Sundance truck driver, reports that he sees the road block and is allowed to pass, but hears gunshots. He stopped his truck and saw a man shoot a person on the ground, later to be identified as the sheriff. The person who shot him jumped in his car and

sped away. This brought about a five-state manhunt, as Sitts eluded law enforcement from the evening of January 24 through February 6, 1946. He survived by breaking into an abandoned stone schoolhouse, a house in Deadwood, where he survived a week on canned food, kidnapping a local man who was forced to drive to Beulah, Wyo., and then stealing the car, and finally being captured near Lysite, Wyo., when he mistook law officers for ranchers.

Two special deputies were assigned to continuously guard Sitts in the cell in the Lawrence County Jail. Finally, in March, 1946 he is put on trial in Lawrence County for the murder of Matthews, where the jury found him guilty. Judge Charles Hayes sentences Sitts to die in the electric chair. At the time slated for execution, South Dakota did not have an electric chair, so a chair was borrowed from Illinois, with inmates building a replica. Sitts became a candidate for South Dakota's execution by this method when the first inmate Clifford Hayes asked to have his sentence commuted to life without parole. Inmates two and three also had their sentences commuted, which left only Sitts awaiting this fate. A football helmet was modified as a head

electrode, and, with Sitts' number up, he was doomed. As a serial felon, and a double cop killer it was not a surprise. In front of 41 witnesses, his last words were, "This is the first time authorities helped me escape prison."

Butte County Sheriff Dave Malcom was just 57 when he was murdered. He came to the United States with his family from Scotland in the 1890's, settling in the Hot Springs area before moving to Nisland. He was married to Edith Thomson and had a 9-month-old daughter at the time of his death. He was a World War I veteran, working first as a deputy sheriff, farmer and mine worker until moving into the sheriff's role in 1945. He is buried in Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Special Agent Tom Matthews, 48 was the son of a local cattleman, who lived near Spearfish. He attended Black Hills Teachers College, and enjoyed race cars in his younger years. He was also a World War I veteran and worked for the FBI during World War II in the field of anti-espionage. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Spearfish.

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Looking Back in Belle

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124 years ago
Northwest Times
March 20, 1897
The New School Law
One among the best things accomplished by the late legislature is the passing of the school law. It is as follows: "When any city or town is divided into wards, at each city election there shall be elected a board of education consisting of two members from each ward who shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof; one of whom shall be elected annually and shall hold his office for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Provided: That at the first election under this act two members shall be elected from each ward, one of whom shall hold office until the next annual election, and the other until the second annual election. Provided further, that no member of the board of education. At the annual municipal election there shall be elected members of the board of education provided for herein, and a treasurer of the board of education. Territory outside of the limits of any organized city, town or village, but adjacent thereto may be attached to such city, town or village for school purposes. The law states further that the board must meet once each month and must elect a clerk who is not a member of the board, and that they may levy a tax of 30 mills on the dollar. The above law applies to all towns and cities that are incorporated or that have one hundred or more inhabitants.

Mexican Cattle
As will be seen by the quotations that follow, the Mexican cattle problem is again worrying some of the exchanges. In the consideration of the matter there is one thing that escapes notice, and that is that the southern cattle producers hold their stock so high now that the northern buyers cannot invest in them with any possibility of making a profit when the prices on cattle of the eastern market are considered. This paper has knowledge of buyers on this range in Montana who had intended buying southern cattle in the spring to be fattened on Montana grass, who cannot buy now, because there is no margin of profit left. Shutting Mexican cattle out by a high tariff will help the cattle industry in so far as those who have all the cattle they can handle are concerned. But ranch men who make a living by feeding Mexican cattle will suffer. It helps one to the detriment of another.

100 Years Ago
Belle Fourche Bee
March 24, 1921
Automobile Accident Is Fatal; Melvin Stears of Fruitdale Killed When Car Skids Off Bridge
Melvin Stears was instantly killed Friday night of last week when a car he was driving skidded off the bridge across the irrigation canal, five miles southwest of Newell. Mr. Stears was accompanied by his brother-in-law Bart Klingler of Rapid City, at the time of the accident. Mr. Klingler was thrown from the car and considerably bruised about the head and body but was not seriously injured, and was able to walk to Newell where he summoned assistance and returned to the overturned car to get Mr. Stears' body and take it to Newell. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Congregational church with Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Stears was a member, conducted the service. Burial was at Pineslope Cemetery. Melvin B Stears was born December 8, 1888, at the Stears ranch near Fruitdale. He graduated from the Deadwood high school in 1912, and since that time has been interested with his father at Fruitdale. He was united in marriage in October, 1916 to Miss Pearl Klingler of Lead, and to this union two daughters and two sons were born, who with the wife, father and mother, two brothers, Orrin and Frank and one sister, Mrs. E. W. Fox, survive him.



The mystery building shown in an 1890 photo, possibly located at the present day Tir-State Museum.

75 Years Ago
Belle Fourche Bee
March 21, 1946
Commission Plans Highway Changes In US 212 To Nisland Hearing on Proposed Alterations Scheduled in Belle Fourche Friday, April 12
The South Dakota Highway Commission announces that a public hearing has been scheduled to be held in Belle Fourche Friday, April 12, 15 which time the matter pertaining to the change of location of a part of U. S. Highway 212 in Butte county will be brought up. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the official notice of this hearing together with proposed changes. The changes as outlined by the State Highway Commission will be on the highway between Belle Fourche and Nisland, and as reported by R. P. Harmon, member of the commission, the new 212 route would shorten the distance between Belle Fourche and Nisland approximately two miles. Here are the general changes as proposed. The new 212 highway would leave the present route a short distance north and east of the Black Hills Sugar plant, north of the railroad crossing and follow in general direction of the railroad track and crossing the Belle Fourche river some 250 feet south of the present bridge. Then the new route would generally follow the present route, and in the vicinity of the Orman road junction, the new highway would be between 700 and 1000 feet south of the junction. The sharp turns on the Nisland hill will be eliminated, the new route being on the south side of the hill.

Buxton And Dodds Buy Ice Cream Shop Here
Chuck Hull, who recently purchased the Super-Creamed Ice Cream shop in Belle Fourche from A. K. Stemler, announces that he has sold the business to Orville Buxton and Otto Dodds, former residents of this city now living at Rapid City. Mr. Hull lately disposed of his West hotel holding at Faith and is contemplating to enter business elsewhere in the west river country. Messrs. Buxton and Dodds are now completing the renovation and remodeling of their new place of business and expect to open up in a few days. Their many friends welcome them back to the business circles of our city.
Mayor O'Donnell Was Special Party Guest
Concluding his final regular council meeting, Monday night, before retiring, Mayor Walter J. O'Donnell was a special guest at the impromptu party affair that same evening, taking place in the city hall. It was a friendly get-together arranged by the members of the city council, assisted by city employees and friends, the group present numbering around fifty. The evening's pastime comprised the serving of light refreshments, the preparing and serving duties being engineered by Fire Chief C. W. Miller and City Auditor Lyle Miller, a social hour, and the presentation of a wrist watch to Mayor O'Donnell, an expression of appreciation for the services that "Walt" had rendered the city in his past seven years as mayor. A. F. Snyder, president of the council, presented the gift. Mayor O'Donnell responded with a few words of appreciation to all who had in any way served on city affairs during his mayoralty. Mr. O'Donnell first became mayor on appointment of June 8, 1939, filling out the unexpired term of former Mayor J. O. Threadgold, and is now completing his third in that capacity.

50 Years Ago
Belle Fourche Bee
March 19, 1971
Mystery Building Is Identified
Do you recall that picture of an establishment called "Hotel Belle Fourche" which was printed in recent issue of The Belle Fourche Bee. Joe Koller says three sites were claimed as the location of the building. One person suggested it was at Mac-ey, an old stage station about 50 miles north of Belle Fourche. Another person recalled in a picture that was backgrounded by the old Tri-State Mill buildings in town. Bob Mitchell, a Minnesela pioneer, said he worked on the building during the construction. Bob said the building was located on North Saloon Street (now Fifth Avenue) near the present Port of Entry. Construction of the Hotel Belle Fourche, says Mitchell, preceded construction of the big White Hotel building seen in pictures of the 1924 flood with water up to the second floor windows. This building was located north of the port of entry. The place was then called the Sugar Factory Hotel, since it housed migrant labor part of the year. More recently, Mrs. Edith Arnold, a long-time resident of Belle Fourche, ventured that the building was what is now Fifth and State, the site of the Hitchin' Post.

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" by John Newby

Excitement & Energy, The Road to Transformation!

The author Malcolm Gladwell once said, "Transformation isn't about improving, it is about re-thinking". I might contribute to the quote by adding true transformation is rarely brought about by evolution, but more often by revolution. One might ask the question, what does it take to re-think and spawn a transformational revolution? Upon looking deeper into many successful transformational projects I and others have witnessed, the answer is found in two additional powerful and critical elements often overlooked. Those elements are the power of building excitement coupled with instilling energy into the transformation process.

Many communities approach change as if they have been weaned on dill pickles and onions. You know the communities I am talking about. They have a run-down downtown with many empty buildings and the city doing little in terms of regulation to enhance the appearance of a vibrant downtown. Many local businesses shut down by 5:00PM forcing local residents into national chains. Innovation isn't highly rewarded, and entrepreneurship is little and far between. Trash is abundant on the roadway leading to and within the city. The local media company provides little local substance and has vacated their leadership

John Newby

role while lacking energy. All of these signs indicate a community without true excitement and certainly lacking even a morsel of energy.

Let's not dwell on the dying communities, let's focus on common elements found in vibrant and progressive communities. I would suggest excitement and energy precede any real transformation effort. Why is excitement and energy important? Many communities are seeking new or relocating businesses, those bringing new jobs to the community. These new or expanding businesses help us retain our younger generations who all too often head off after high school to other locations offering better jobs and enhanced opportunity that comes with them.

Excitement and energy bring interest and investors. Investors bring revitalization and transformation. Revitalization and transformation bring higher quality of life. Higher quality of life brings new business and local jobs. New business and local jobs bring an increasing tax base. Increasing tax base brings better roads, infrastructure and community opportunity. All of this increases the overall vibrancy of the community which in turn draws tourism and others wanting to be a part of the energy and excitement. One might call it the community circle of life. The bottom-line, excitement and energy are

contagious; it is the foundation of what can be. Excitement and energy are what every community needs to create in order to truly transform and revitalize. Any efforts without excitement and energy as main ingredients are certain to wither and die before it can truly realize their full potential.

How do we build excitement and increase our energy? This is an age-old question often alluding many communities leading to multiple failed efforts. Once a community has experienced many false-starts or failed efforts, it becomes much more difficult to succeed as the ole "we've tried that before" and "idea poverty" mentality sets in.

Many communities have many great ideas, initiatives, and potential projects, all of which can be very transformative. They just lack the ability to pull it all together due to inflated personal egos, inadequate leadership, too many varied agendas and/or lack of trust due to the previous mentioned reasons.

Let's look at some of those reasons. Inflated egos can be a huge detriment or a powerful tool. Michael Jordan had an inflated ego as do most great athletes. While that could have been bad, when harnessed and directed by a great coach, it was turned into a powerful force spurring six championships. Every organization has an agenda, that is what makes them great. Molding these agendas from various groups into a winning game-plan can be exciting. The best way to build trust is to be all-inclusive and let every voice be heard and every thought to be considered.

Finding ways to bring all the pieces together builds excitement and energy. There are

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "It is good to rub and polish our brain against that of others." — Michel de Montaigne

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Beat rapidly
5 Indian music
9 Center (abbr.)
12 N.Z. locust
13 Jewish month
14 Exclamation
15 Occupational Safety and Health Admin. (abbr.)
16 Yesterday (Ital.)
17 Name (Fr.)
18 Licensed practical nurse (abbr.)
20 Follow
22 Cloth
25 Amazon tributary
27 Skin vesicle
28 Bygone days
29 Concentrated (abbr.)
31 Before (Lat.)
34 Turk. title
35 Indian prince
37 Unfavorable

DOWN

1 Indo-Chin. language
2 Bronze (Lat.)
3 Ultimate degree
4 S. Afr. language
5 Mack
6 "Fables in Slang" author
7 Global Atmospheric Research Program (abbr.)
8 Alexandrian

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Puzzle Answers on C4

many ways to do this. One is to have your community consider earning the 5-Star "Truly-Local Community" national designation. This process was created to help communities without many financial resources build the excitement and energy needed to transform their ideas and vision into reality.

As you begin or continue your transformation journey, never forget the excitement or energy element. All your efforts will fall short without these critical components.

John A. Newby, author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to assisting communities and local media companies. His email at: john@360MediaAlliance.net.

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.....	95.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....	517.....	167.00
Sean Carroll, Ranchester WY.....	74.....	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	676.....	155.50
.....	43.....	Black-Str Pc.....	623.....	165.00
Garman Ranch, Belle Fourche SD.....	86.....	Black-Str Pc.....	564.....	173.50
.....	31.....	Black-Str Pc.....	460.....	182.00
.....	73.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	541.....	150.00
.....	13.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....	443.....	159.50
Monte Snook, Sundance WY.....	81.....	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	707.....	147.50
.....	14.....	Red/Rwf-Str Pc.....	748.....	133.00
.....	5.....	Char-Str Pc.....	748.....	133.00
TI Burch Ranch Llc, Alzada MT.....	64.....	Black-Str Pc.....	424.....	188.00
.....	20.....	Black-Str Pc.....	334.....	206.00
.....	56.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	415.....	169.00
.....	23.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	361.....	173.00
Hackamore Ranch Llc, Prairie City SD.....	114.....	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	568.....	183.00
.....	13.....	Black-Str Pc.....	468.....	189.00
Donald E & Donna E Adamson, Arvada WY.....	80.....	RdBlk-Str Pc.....	711.....	143.50
.....	18.....	RdBlk-Str Pc.....	600.....	163.50
.....	79.....	RdBlk-Hfr Pc Bv.....	655.....	138.75
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD.....	18.....	Black-Str Pc.....	554.....	154.00
Roger Or Penny Gunderson, Buffalo SD.....	41.....	Black-Str Pc.....	674.....	151.00
.....	44.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....	652.....	135.50
.....	16.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	563.....	151.00
Sieler Ranch Inc, Plevna MT.....	68.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bv.....	634.....	139.00
.....	9.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	503.....	154.00
Tony Rathbun, Sundance WY.....	26.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....	536.....	153.00
.....	6.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	414.....	169.00
Larry & Norma Losing, Baker MT.....	46.....	Black-Hfr Pc Bv.....	660.....	137.25
.....	36.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	547.....	155.00
Lyman Ranch Company, Ten Sleep WY.....	39.....	Black-Str Pc.....	751.....	140.00
.....	10.....	Black-Str Pc.....	608.....	159.00
.....	71.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	669.....	132.25
.....	17.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	523.....	141.50
.....	6.....	Char-Hfr Pc.....	712.....	126.50
Dale Ruby, Belle Fourche SD.....	18.....	Black-Str Pc.....	636.....	162.50
.....	12.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	646.....	137.00
Paul Palczewski, Ludlow SD.....	75.....	Black-Hfr Pc Bv.....	580.....	151.00
Melvin Or Juanita Pittman, Nisland SD.....	19.....	Red/Rwf-Str Pc.....	571.....	154.00
Ted & Patricia Svoboda, Hulet WY.....	11.....	Blk/Bwf-Str.....	594.....	166.50
Winterholler Ranch Llc, Sheridan WY.....	23.....	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	552.....	178.00
.....	14.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	598.....	137.50
Redland Red Angus Ranch, Hysham MT.....	67.....	Red-Hfr Pc Bv.....	682.....	138.00
4W Family Limited Partner, Newcastle WY.....	45.....	Red-Hfr Pc.....	536.....	156.00
Ron Or Cindy Floyd, Ludlow SD.....	12.....	Black-Str Pc.....	552.....	173.00
.....	5.....	Red-Str Pc.....	619.....	155.50
.....	17.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	538.....	161.00
Tj Livestock, Weston WY.....	21.....	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....	661.....	156.50
Weigh Ups				
Owen Rumph, Biddle MT.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	1030.....	91.00
Mike Voigt, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1590.....	62.50
Sieler Ranch Inc, Plevna MT.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	1095.....	86.00
Juanita Delbridge, Union Center SD.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1445.....	65.00
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1200.....	78.00
Nicole Wheeler, Baker MT.....	3.....	Black-Cow.....	1482.....	64.50
.....	3.....	Black-Cow.....	1362.....	65.00
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1450.....	65.00
Norman Ranch, Black Hawk SD.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1145.....	80.00
.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1450.....	68.00
.....	1.....	Bwf-Hfr.....	1020.....	94.00
.....	1.....	Bwf-Cow.....	1695.....	60.00
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1740.....	60.00
Matt Norman, Black Hawk SD.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1425.....	63.50

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BULL SALE

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Newell City Elections Set for April

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NEWELL – Newell will combine the city election with the Newell School election April 13, 2021. There are two vying for the office of Mayor. Incumbent Ken Wetz is running against a new face in area politics, Clint Humble. The open seat left by Commissioner Erk will be filled by Lorri Olson. Olson will be sworn in at the regular May commission meeting.

Newell Bar Manager Barney Barnes has begun his duties at the Newell Bar and was present for his first commissioners’ meeting. He reported that he is going through the inventory once again and gathering outdated liquor. He also reported that work needs to be done on the side door and has ideas on repairing it.

The Drug Testing policy was discussed and put in place. The policy continues with new hires getting tested. It was pointed out that any commissioner could call for a random drug test if there is suspicion concerning any city employee. Commissioner Adams was the single no vote.

The city has received the new Bobcat skidsteer. Foreman Larry Parker said that it has more power and is much easier to work than the previous skidsteer.

Parker informed the commissioners that there were “a lot of concerns about the North Park” the past weekend. Extra garbage cans were put in the park to gather the refuse from the larger crowd that had gathered because of the pleasant weather. “There was lots of activity,” Parker said.

The question of having chickens within the city limits was brought to the attention of the commissioners by Lisa Wonderely. She stated that several area towns now allow small flocks within city limits. She would like to have six to eight hens, no roosters, and assures the council that there would not be any problems with that small number. Wonderely has a small business that trades in specialty yarns and would use the eggs to dye her yarn.

Wonderely asked if there needed to be a public hearing and what the next step should be.

Mayor Wetz said that the idea of having chickens would be discussed next month and more research was needed.

There is an ordinance from 2007 that prohibits fowl within the city limits. Ordinance 2007-04, Section 1.02 states “No

Newell City C2

NAVFD Auxiliary Raises Funds



The Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is always busy raising funds to help support the department. From left: Abigail Dell, Cathy Capp, Lisa Noziska, Rhonda Vallery, Sherry Wells, Pam Fickbohm, Barb Garness, Sandy Heidrich, Cassie Heidrich and Judy Dague. - Brunner photo

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NISLAND – The Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary has been at it again. Raising funds to support the NAVFR, helping to purchase equipment and pay for other things needed by the department.

On Saturday, March 13, the auxiliary hosted their annual Potato Topper supper, held during the week of St. Patrick’s Day. The ladies always decorate with an Irish theme and this year was no different with leprechaun hats, golden coins and lucky four-leaf clovers decorating the tables which were set up in the new fire hall.

Along with the base baked potato, those attending could top it with their favorites, including cheddar cheese, chili, taco toppings, steak tip gravy, corn chowder, corned beef and cabbage, and an array of other things.

During the evening, which ran from 5 to 7 p.m. there were also silent auction items to bid on, including four refrigerators and an electric range and a coffee cabinet. The refrigerators were ones the auxiliary used for their annual pie sales at the Butte/Lawrence County Fair each summer. They no longer needed the units as they have been able to sell from the concessions stand of the picnic area and utilize the large coolers. So, people came and, with some fairly low bids, got a working refrigerator for their home or shop.

“We didn’t have as large a turnout as in the past, but it was a good group of people,

Auxiliary C2

Dvorak Purchases Fifth Gas Station; Newell Conoco

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NEWELL – Chris Dvorak, Blackhawk, just purchased his fifth gas station/convenience store, the former Newell Conoco. He purchased his first stores, BJ’s Country Store in Blackhawk and Sturgis from his dad back in 2016.

“It’s actually a third-generation business,” said Dvorak. “He (father) bought a couple stores back in 1982, including BJ’s Country Store in Black Hawk.” He also owns another gas station/store on Highway 16 just before you get to Rockerville on the way to Mt. Rushmore.

Dvorak is listed as the financial director at Dvorak Convenience Stores, Inc. on his Facebook page. The stores have no official website but the owner can be contacted at the Black Hawk phone number: 605-787-4889. Or you can just head on down to the old Newell Conoco and support a new/old local business.

Dvorak also owns businesses in Whitewood which he recently purchased in December from Howdy Hobernicht, a familiar name around the Newell area, as he was part-owner of the Newmart grocery.

“I talked to Kay (Smeenk-former Conoco owner) at the beginning of August. There wasn’t much around for sale, and I wanted to expand. I heard privately that Smeenk were ready to sell.”

From there it was a process. With the potential purchase of Newell Conoco on hold, Dvorak headed to Whitewood to make a transaction with Hobernicht and ended up buying that business just prior to the Newell Conoco, which was official in January.

“We had our first conversations right before the rally (Sturgis Motorcycle Rally),” said Dvorak. With Covid rearing its head, the process wasn’t quite smooth, but eventually the sale was made.

The store will be known as BJ’s Country Store, but will still have the same quality products and service. Dvorak said, for the most part, you will still see the same faces behind the till and stocking shelves as has been in the past. You just probably won’t see his much, as he travels among his businesses.

Dvorak plans to do whatever he can to support local charitable endeavors as well as the school.

“That stuff, (sponsorships) we’ll do what we can,” he said. “Time is precious and it’s stretched between all five stores.”

He is still supporting the farmers and ranchers who have done business with Newell Conoco in the past.

Chris Dvorak just purchased the Newell Conoco, his fifth gas station. It will be re-named BJ's Country Store. -Courtesy photo

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Newell School Menu
Mar. 17 - Mar 25

Wed. Mar 17

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

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

Thurs. Mar 18

Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: QUESADILLA, MIXED VEGETABLES, PINEAPPLE FRESH FRUIT , MILK

Mon. March 22

Breakfast: OMELET, WHOLE GRAIN TOAST, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: FISH STICKS, POTATO WEDGES, PEARS, FRESH FRUIT , MILK

Tues. March 23

Breakfast: MINI PANCAKES OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: SHEPARD'S PIE, WHOLE GRAIN DINNER ROLL MANDARIN ORANGES. FRESH FRUIT , MILK

Wed. March 24

Breakfast: LONG JOHNS OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN ALFREDO, GARLIC TOAST, ROASTED BROCCOLI, APRICOTS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thurs. March 25

Breakfast: PARFAIT OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: PIZZA CRUNCHERS, MIXED VEGETABLES, MIXED FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

From C1
Auxiliary

and the bidding went well,” said one of the ladies in charge.

The potato topper supper was available for a free-will offering which people tossed into a sparkly leprechaun hat turned upside down.

The ladies dressed for the occasion, wearing Irish bowlers

or beads as they served up the potatoes with big smiles. There were also a host of desserts including green cupcakes, Martin’s Marvelous Mousse, and chocolate sheet cake.

If you were busy and could not attend, you can still make a donation to the fire department by sending in a donation to PO Box 169, Nisland, SD 57762.



NAVFR Fire Chief Stan Lewis always gets into the spirit of events related to the department. He dressed for the St. Patrick’s theme for the annual potato topper supper and silent auction. - Brunner photo

It’s Location, Location, Location



Annika McCann, had a roadside stand set up to sell some of her delicious Girl Scout cookies along Highway 212/79. Traffic going by stopped to help her clear the table of her goodies. - Brunner photo

From C1
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person shall allow, bring, keep, or maintain, into or within the corporate limits of this City, whether under control or at large, any horse, cow, mule, swine, sheep, goat, or fowl

except as otherwise provided in Section 1.03.”

Sheila Smith has been hired as full-time Finance Clerk at \$13.50 per hour.

The new ADA Public Access Plan can be found on the Town of Newell website or can be obtained from the city office. The

public is invited to comment on the plan.

The next regular meeting is set for April 14 at 6 p.m. The commissioners will meet to canvass the votes from the election along with any regular business.

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

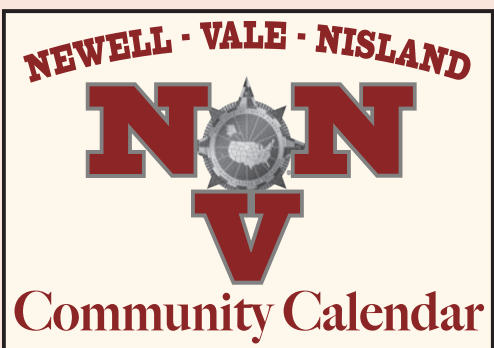
Mar. 17: St. Patrick’s Day

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

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

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

Mar. 30: Newell ACT Test-all day



Apr. 1: HSTR-Early Bird @ Douglas 9 a.m.; SD 4-H Scholarship applications due to State 4-H office; Shooting sports scholarship due.

Apr. 3: Newell Community Club Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m. at the Newell school football field. Age groups: 0-2,

3-5, 6-8, 9-12.

Apr. 3: Vale Community Country Church Easter egg hunt. 1 p.m. at the church. Ages: 0-4, 5-8, 9-13. Grand prize in each category. Bake sale included.

Newell High School Senior Profiles

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

NEWELL – A twin at birth, this young man could not be more different than his sister, MaKaLee, both of whom will graduate this spring from Newell High School. His parents are Ronnie and Vonda Mahaffy of rural Newell. He has an older sister, Kyla Colburn.

“My favorite memory of high school would have to be my memory of football, particularly the football practices,” said this 18-year-old.

Mahaffy lists his youth internship (working outside of school during school hours) and his favorite teacher as Mr. Vander Vorst.

“Out of all the sports I have ever been in, football has been the most fun,” said Mahaffy. He also participated in track and National Honor



Neuly Mahaffy

Society.

This young man lets no grass grow under his feet, as most of his off-school time is spent riding dirt bike, building things (especially with his 3-D printer) and driving the backroads in his pickup.

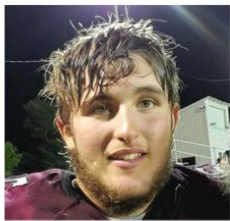
Neuly plans to go to college for mechanical engineering at

the School of Mines in Rapid City. He said he is unsure of where he will be in 10 years, but he’s certain to be excelling somewhere on the road of life.

“My parents have been my biggest supporter, because they always motivate me to keep striving for success,” Mahaffy said of the influences in his life. “I will probably miss football the most out of all of my school career, as well as all of the shop classes. The only thing I would change is the way the schedule is designed for seniors in particular.”

Congratulations Neuly!

Whatever's broke, you'll fix it, or you'll design and build something better! We love you and are so proud, Mom, Dad and McKaLee



The Valley Irrigator Mar. 17, 2021

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NEWELL – “When I was in track and Sarah and I were running out the door behind everyone else to start our warm-ups, Sarah fell on the ice. Right behind her was me, and I also fell. We both ended scraping our knees and we were laughing the whole time,” said MaKaLee Mahaffy of her favorite memory of Newell High School.

Mahaffy is the daughter of Ronnie and Vonda Mahaffy and twin-sibling to Neuly, and older sister Kyla.

MaKaLee is not the typical female high school senior. She likes things a bit rough and tumble as is evidenced by her dirt bike antics and the fact that she is pretty comfortable with animals, in particular sheep, cattle and maybe a few other critters.

She lists her favorite class as cabinetry, under the guidance of her CTE teacher, Mr. Fiedler.

“I get to build tings with my friends,” she says with enthusiasm.

Mr. Vander Vorst is named as her favorite teacher because, ‘he’s funny.’

This young lady’s favorite extra-curricular activity would have to be track. She is a toughie there too, as her favorite event is weight-lift-



MaKaLee Mahaffy

ing with her best (unnamed) friend. She also participated in volleyball where she served as the Libero for most of her career on the court.

In her off-school hours, this young lady can be found working hard on the family farm, driving around with friends and hanging out with them doing fun things. She has enjoyed her time at NHS and because of the small size of the school she felt she got to know everyone in her class and the high school.

But she said she will miss the simple times hanging with friends.

“I’m not sure what I’m going to do after high school,” said Mahaffy. “In 10 years I plan to have my life figured out and have a good job.”

One thing people have probably heard from her more than once is, “I look up to people, cause I’m short.”

Congratulations MaKaLee!

You are an amazing, feisty, get it done kinda girl. Watching you brings us so much joy! We love you! Good luck! Mom, Dad an Neuly



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Solutions to Puzzles on B7



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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Praise makes good men better and bad men worse." — Thomas Fuller

Answer to Sudoku

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Newell School Roundup

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – The fifth grade Newell Elementary Players have been working hard on their spring production for 2021. For many of them, this is their first time on a drama team. They will be performing Dragon Trouble by D.M. Larson on Friday, March 19, at the Austin Auditorium in Newell. The performance will begin at 6:30 pm. A few high school students, including Madison Miller, Bailee Yule and JT Schoch, will help round out the evening with some skits from Sketch Night by Tim Kochenderfer. The play is about a mischievous fairy who creates problems in a peaceful kingdom just because she is bored. The dragons fight with the princesses and knights until some magicians come along and help restore peace to the kingdom. The cast of characters include: Keion Freytag- Dragon, Jaice Retzlaff- Narrator, Liam Harms- King Tortoise, Paul Raisanen- Fire Knight, Brilee Heath- Nighty Knight, Macee McGregor- Princess Rose, Blaise McGregor- Stage Hand, Hayden Johnston- Little Princess, Nevada Donahey- Ma-

gician, Nakayla Kleinheksel- Susie, Paige Wise- Little Fairy. The Newell high school CTE Construction class recently helped out a local entity, the Newell Improvement Corporation. NIC needed some help inventorying their splashpad components prior to installation. The pieces of the pad have been stored in the Newell city shop since they were received last spring, when Covid reared its head to throw a monkey wrench into construction plans. The construction is now ready to go forward, with Eric Lewis of Saw'd Off Construction supervising the project. The construction class, which included Abrym Heinert, Catherine McTaggart, Charlie Clements, Kianna Mailloux, Nate Randolph, Ryan Hohenberger, Rylee Nelson, Colton Burtzlaff, Mary Mayhaff, and Megan Jackson. The kids spent one class period at the city shop doing an inventory of the components as a class project. Paula Reedy, Newell school art teacher for 20+ years is retiring this year. She has had a long career and been an inspiration to many students over the years. She was also named Teacher of the Year for the school district.

Newell School Board

Hires and a Resignation

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – In the regular monthly school board meeting on Monday, March 8, they hired four new teachers as well as head of maintenance/custodian and accepted the resignation of teacher Sam Heupel. Positions were filled for K-12 music by Ginger Crow, K-12 art by Cheyenne Pilkington, 9-12 ELA by Janee Leigh and HS SPED by Molly Moes, who has been doing her student interning this semester at Newell School. The board also hired Don Feistner as Head of Maintenance and Custodian. Also approved was a request by the superintendent for part-time custodial workers for summer mowing. Although there was some discussion about whether students could be hired, Maintenance Head Jeremiah Weeldreyer, whose last day is June 11, said, "It's mostly mowing, trimming, weed eating, and watering the football field." If the hire is to run a mower they need to be 18 years of age to be legal. In open forum, Lynette Culver, Co-Chair of the Newell All School Reunion Committee presented info on the reunion to be held during Labor Day to the board. She also came with a request. "We were going to have the reunion last year, but because of Covid we couldn't," said Culver. "The first graduating class was in 1921 so this is kind of unique as it's the 100th anniversary." She requested the use of school facilities including registration on Saturday, September

4 in Austin Auditorium, tours of the school campus, facilitated by the local LEO Club (most of which are students on the NHS campus) and an assembly in Austin that same afternoon. Culver said the event is open to anyone who attended, former staff, or anyone that had a connection to the school. "Historically this has been done before so I don't think there's a problem with it," said Chairman Tyrel Bonnet. The use by the reunion group was approved. A discussion about the beef bids for the school lunch program brought about the information that there was only one bid, that of Wall Meat. The bid came via email to the food service director, Vicki Gifford who forwarded that information to the business manager. The bid was for donated meat with the school paying only the processing and it came in at \$5,645.56 for approximately 1100+ pounds of ground beef and patties. This included mileage from Wall, but the school would not pay tax. Price would be adjusted depending on the weight of the donated beef. That ended up being \$3.51 per pound. The school has been paying \$3.69 per pound and was purchasing the meat from the USDA Commodities program. "I'd like to open it up to the community to donate beef," said Gifford. The board continues to work toward cleaning up and revising outdated policies, which included canvassing after a school board election, and the education policy for new board members. Due to Miles Burtzlaff and Leanne Gaer not turning in petitions and the other two positions filled by incumbents, there were two open seats. Dusty Braun submitted a properly filled out petition and since there were no other candidates he was slated to be installed as a board member without an election. The board approved the use of school buses and supplying fuel for swimming lesson trips, with the Newell Community Club paying the driver's wages. There were some concerns about being able to supply a driver, due to the current shortage an unknown whether there would be drivers available during the summer months. Superintendent Andrew Fergen said that since he had a child that was of an age to take the lessons that he could probably be the driver. The board approved several contracts for services which included Building Blocks for OT, Therapy Solutions for Speech Language Pathology, and a contract for a school psychologist at \$190 for cognitive and \$550 for other testing. These fees were the same as last year.



Newell's CTE Construction class spent a period last week helping the Newell Improvement Corporation take inventory of the splashpad components prior to the construction. The kids who helped under the direction of teacher Trev Fiedler are from left: Abrym Heinert, Catherine McTaggart, Charlie Clements, Kianna Mailloux, Nate Randolph, Ryan Hohenberger, Rylee Nelson, Colton Burtzlaff, Mary Mayhaff, and Megan Jackson. - Brunner photo



(Above) The fifth-grade drama students will present the play Dragon Trouble on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Austin Auditorium. Cast of characters includes: The cast of characters include: Keion Freytag- Dragon, Jaice Retzlaff- Narrator, Liam Harms- King Tortoise, Paul Raisanen- Fire Knight, Brilee Heath- Nighty Knight, Macee McGregor- Princess Rose, Blaise McGregor- Stage Hand, Hayden Johnston- Little Princess, Nevada Donahey- Magician, Nakayla Kleinheksel- Susie, Paige Wise- Little Fairy. (Left) Paula Reedy, who has served as the art teacher at Newell school for 20+ years, will be retiring this spring. She was named Teacher of the Year at the Newell school. - Courtesy photos



Newell All-school reunion co-chair, Lynette Culver, came to request the use of Austin Auditorium, as well as being able to give campus tours during the slated event on September 4. - Brunner photo

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lb.

Chicken Thighs or Drumsticks

Open Acres, Family Pack



Small Packs
2.09 lb.

\$1.89
lb.

Bone-In Center Cut Pork Chops

Valupak



Small Packs
4.19 lb.

Dakotamart Pride Boneless Beef Top Round Steak

USDA Choice, Valupak

3.99 lb.



Family Farms Bacon Wrapped Chicken or Pork Entrees

14 oz. asst.

5.99 ea.



Pork Spare Ribs

2.49 lb.



Bar S Meat Bologna or Franks

12-16 oz.

4/5.00



Daily's Sliced Bacon

24 oz. asst.

8.99 ea.



Great American Breaded Chicken

28-32 oz.

3.99 ea.



Johnsonville Fresh Brats or Italian Sausage

19 oz. asst.

3.99 ea.



Superb & Simple Encrusted Chicken

Select 6 oz.

2/5.00

LENTEN Specials

16 oz. 16-20 ct.
**Royal Tiger
Cooked Shrimp**
9.99 ea.

9-10 oz.
**Bluewave
Breaded Shrimp**
3.99 ea.

Frozen
**Coho
Salmon Fillets**
7.99 lb.

Frozen 16 oz.
Walleye Fillets
9.99 ea.

PRODUCE...



\$1.88
lb.

Honeycrisp Apples



\$2.49
lb.

Extra Large Red Seedless Grapes



15 oz. asst. Jimmy's
Salad Dressings
3.99 ea.

2 for \$4

Classic Romaine, Greener Selection or Teen Spinach

Dole 8-11 oz.



4 pk. asst. Colors

Bell Peppers

3.99 ea.



67¢ ea.

Fresh Hass Avocados

3/2.00



Fresh Green Beans or Brussels Sprouts

1.49 lb.



Sweet Yellow Onions or Sweet Potatoes

99¢ lb.



On The Vine Red Tomatoes

1.69 lb.

BAKERY...



Bakery Fresh Pie

Select 8"

5.99 ea.



Bakery Fresh ~ 18-21 oz. Rye or Pumpernickel Bread

2/5.00



Bakery Fresh ~ Select 6 ct.

Cake Donuts

2/5.00



6 ct. Vanilla or Chocolate

Bakery Fresh Cupcakes

3.99 ea.

DELI...



8-Piece Fried Chicken

7.99 ea.



Kretschmar Corned Beef or Pastami Sliced

9.99 lb.



Open Acres ~ Sliced

Baby Swiss Cheese

5.99 lb.



Laughing Cow
6 oz. asst.

Cheese Wedges

3.99 ea.



Mrs. Gerry's

Creamy Coleslaw

3.99 lb.

BEVERAGES...



Pepsi Products

24 oz. 6 pks. asst.

3.99 ea.



.5 Liter 6 pks. asst.

Lipton Pure Leaf Tea

2/10.00



Pepsi Products

2 Liters asst.

2/3.00



12 oz. 12 pks. or 12 oz. 8 pks. asst.

Coke Products

2/9.00