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Businesses Looking to Improve State Street

BELLE FOURCHE---Business owners on State Street are trying to work with the City on the final paving of the section of the street, although the city would like to use an asphalt overlay while the business owners want concrete.

The history of the project is this: the City paved the street and replaced sidewalks the first two blocks of State Street in 2001 and in the process tore up some of the 700 block to some degree.

According to Black Hills Laundry owner Clark Sowers, he, the Green Bean with various owners, The Tripp Family Auto museum, and Pioneer Bank and Trust have been discussing paving options.

“For at least 12 years I brought this to council reps to have our block repaired and made new. With the 8th Avenue project this west half of the 700 block was supposed to be finished this past year. Without talking to local businesses to seek their opinion, the council was going to do an asphalt overlay instead of the concrete that would make our State Street uniform. This is being considered to my knowledge because the section of State Street down by Pete’s Clothing and Olive Branch is coming apart and they want to spend it correcting that, which

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State Street Team Discussions Continue

Mayor Gloria Lamphere and City Engineering Dept. employees Kristi Weed and Chase Williamson were guests at a State Street Team meeting. A question and answer format was conducted to address issues and areas of concern.

Discussion on a design flow ensued with possibly creating a downtown association to address ongoing progression.

Inquiry was made and it was clarified that our downtown area indeed has been on the National Historical Register since 1982- website <http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/sd/butte/districts.html>

Also shared by the City was strategic planning documentation done in 1990 and again in 2000. Reports on the City Revitalization Committee progress was shared and a few members of the State St. team were identified to attend their 3/12 meeting at City Hall that addressed the replacement plan of current cement planters and bronze statue bases along with the garbage receptacles on State Street.

Another area of interest were the benches the City is planning to place around six existing trees on 6th & State and 7th & State Streets.

The State Street group felt to keep progression it should meet more often. It will hold another brown bag noon lunch session on 3/19 at Venue 519. Areas to be addressed - overall theme for Belle Fourche downtown; and establishment of a downtown association. Those interested in the development of downtown Belle Fourche are encouraged to attend.

Nehl Dental Move Underway

Nehl Dental, that has been located at 605 Railroad Street since the 1980’s is on the move. The Railroad Street office is closed.

The clinic is relocating to its newly constructed facility at 19026 US Hwy 85.

Nehl Dental, Inc. ‘Center of the Nation Implant Clinic’ will open in its new offices and begin seeing patients on March 23.

A Grand Opening event is being planned for later this Spring.

You may watch for updates on the Nehl Dental Facebook page.

‘Visions of the 20’s As They Appeared



Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony Master of Ceremonies **Justin Tupper** (far left)- microphone in hand-directed the attendees table by table to the buffet style dinner for the evenings repast. The 1920’s themed buffet meal was provided by Chamber member Cheyenne Crossing Catering, Lead, SD.

Chamber’s 2020 Off To A Roaring Start!

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Annual awards banquet ‘Visions of the 20’s’ was a roaring success.

The event held last Thursday at the Belle Fourche Community Hall was sold out before the doors opened to welcome a 1920’s costumed crowd of business people.

Attendees were greeted through a peep-hole in the door to the ‘Speakeasy’ Hall by a raspy voiced guardian who demanded a password for entry.

Gloriann Ruby, Dakota Home & Real and Traci Nowowiejski were the unofficial co-coordinators for the gala event.

The vast majority of the Belle Business Community in attendance donned period clothing and joined in the evenings gaiety.

Prize winners for the evening of bathtub booze pull, underground poker and social frivolity were: Sheila and Lee Hodge, Pete’s Clothing and Hodge Bootery; Best Dressed Couple; Belinda Christman, Belle Flowers Design & Decor; Best Costume; and Deb Elliot, Life Light Creative; Best Table Decoration.

Justin Tupper, St. Onge Livestock, served as the MC and auctioneer for the event and kept everyone entertained as the eve-

ning moved into the presentation of awards.

Reva Potter, a Belle Fourche Middle school teacher was awarded the Faye Kennedy Community Service Award for recognition of dedication to serving the community.

The Retail Business of the Year Award recognizes a retail business that has provided economic

stability to the community and continues to build their reputation for retail excellence. The 2020 award went to Belinda Christman, Belle Flowers Design & Decor.

Service Business of the Year went to the Leak Pot Cafe. Owners Mikayla and Geno Pesicka were recognized for providing economic stability to the commu-

nity while building the business’ reputation for service.

2020 Employer of the Year was awarded to Jackson Dental. Dr. Christopher Jackson accepted the award for recognition of a business that has effectively shaped its success and delivered outstanding growth and development through a focus on people’s

Chamber A3



The Great Gatsby would have felt right at home at the Chamber of Commerce’s ‘Visions of the 20’s annual banquet and awards Gala. Pictured from Left in ‘Roaring Twenties’ attire are Chamber Executive Director Mark Rambow; event volunteers Lucas Trimble and Rebekah Ruby; Sheila and Lee Hodge and Shannon Davis of Pete’s Clothing & Hodge Bootery; and Gloriann Ruby, Dakota Home & Ranch Real Estate, 2020 Chamber Board of Director and event co-coordinator.

BHRoundup Requests New Parade Route

The Black Hills Roundup Committee has presented a new 2020 July 4th Parade route to the City. Roundup Committee Parade Chairman, Mitch Johnson stated the State DOT and law enforcement issues as the major reasons for the new route.

The safety of the parade participants and those viewing is the overriding determination.

“With the heavy truck traffic moving through Belle on four lanes of US Hwy 85, we just won’t put anyone in a place where an accident could happen, stated Johnson at an informal meeting held with State Street businesses.

The meeting, organized by Councilman James Ager was attended by Roundup Committee members Johnson, 2020 Roundup Chairman Keith Anderson, Chas and Clay Crago and Dallas Connor and a contingent of State Street business owners.

Elimination of the parade route down State Street wasn’t the business’ preference but a consensus was reached working together for the benefit of all.

The 2020 Parade route is printed on page A5.

Ronald J. Ericsson Presented Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who’s Who

ALZADA, MT, Marquis Who’s Who, the world’s premier publisher of biographical profiles, is proud to present Ronald J. Ericsson with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

An accomplished listee, Dr. Ericsson celebrates many years’ experience in his professional network, and has been noted for achievements, leadership qualities, and the credentials and successes he has accrued in his field.

With more than 55 years of experience in applied biology, Dr. Ericsson has become an authority in his industry and has been serving as the President of Androscore Corporation in Alzada, Montana, since 1987. Previously, he served as a research assistant at the University of Kentucky, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a senior research scientist at Pharmacia & Upjohn LLC (formerly known as the Upjohn Company) and a special consultant at Schering AG in Germany. Recently, Dr. Ericsson excelled as an investigator at the Institute of Research in Human Reproduction in Tehran, Iran, and the founder

and president of Gametrics Limited, the latter role he has held since 1974. He also works as the manager of Bull Pine Ranch LLC and the president and director of Lonesome Country Limited Ranch.

Dr. Ericsson pursued higher education with a Bachelor of Science from Colorado State University in 1957. He then served as an officer in the United States Army Reserves. He earned a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Kentucky in 1961 and 1964, respectively. His first professional role was that of adjunct professor at Western Michigan University

from 1964 to 1971.

Notably, Dr. Ericsson received multiple patents in methods for preventing impregnation, rodent sterilization processes, controlling fertility, fractionation of sperm and fertility testing. He also holds patents in methods of increasing incidence of female offspring, methods of increasing economic value of breeding stock semen, and methods and kits used in testing human males for fertility. He has contributed to a number of published works, including “Getting Pregnant in the 1980s: New Advances in Infertility Treatment and Sex Preselection” in 1982, and more than 75 publications in medical-biological journals and textbooks on the subject of male reproduction. Dr. Ericsson is also the creator of the “Ericsson Method,” an idea of child conception reputed to help determine a fetus’ sex. Dr. Ericsson has two children with his wife, Jean Marie Hodge. Outside of his professional responsibilities, Dr. Ericsson remains informed of the advancements and changes in his industry through relevant organizations. He is a member of the American

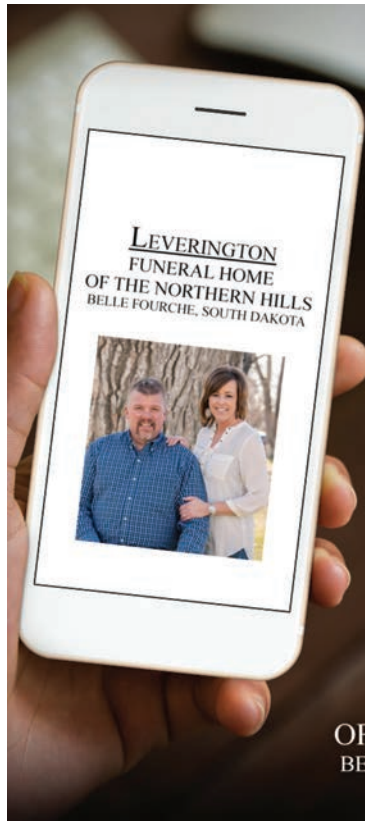
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Dr. Ron Ericsson

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Obituaries

Charles "Chuck" Edward Livingston 89

Charles Edward Livingston II, 89, of Belle Fourche died March 10, 2020 at the Belle Estate in Belle Fourche.

Charles was born June 22, 1930 at Camp Crook, SD to Charles Edward and Bessie (McFarland) Livingston. He started his education in Camp Crook, SD and continued till the 11th grade in Glendive, MT. Chuck married Agnes Richmond June 8, 1951 at Ekalaka, MT. To this union was born Tamara, Codra, Leonard and Chuck III. Agnes died August 24, 1981.

After selling the ranch he spent 4 years at Hammond, MT where he owned a grocery store. The family moved to Dickinson, ND where Chuck starting working for a moving company and one of his most arduous jobs was moving a grain elevator to Ekalaka. Following that he lived a short time in Poplar, MT in 1958 where he worked in the Big Piney oil fields. In 1962 the family moved to Belle Fourche and he worked for Western Ready Mix for a while and also for the Ernie Brammer ranch. A short time later Chuck started Livingston Plumbing which he owned and operated until retiring in 2006. During this time, he married Wilfreda Bunney September 11, 1982. Wilfreda died March 14, 2017.

Over the years Chuck has gone far and above the call of duty in representing the Belle Fourche Lions Club and District 5SW and has chaired many Lion's projects in the community and has provided his time and expertise and hard work to others. He co-chaired 2 fall rallies and also served on the 5SW cabinet as Youth Exchange, Leo Chairman and was Regional Zone Chairman for 3 years. Chuck was the 5SW District Lions Governor from 1990 to 1991. He received the District Governors Award and served 5 years on the long-range planning committee. While



District Governor he served on the Sight and Service Foundation Board. He helped chair the MD5 Convention at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Chuck faithfully served the Lions Club for 53 years with perfect attendance.

Chuck was a member of the Softball League, served 3 times on the Belle Fourche City Council and served on the City Planning Committee. He served 3 times as Governor of the Moose Lodge from 1998 to 2003. Chuck was a long-time member of the Belle Fourche Fire Department.

He is survived by a daughter, Tamara Sether of CA; sons, Leonard Livingston of Ekalaka, MT and Charles Edward Livingston III of Sioux Falls, SD; step-daughter, Cheryl (Neal) Talkington of Casper, WY; step-sons, Alvin (Holly) Fowlkes of Custer, WI and Larry (Terry) Fowlkes of Aladdin, WY; 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Agnes and second wife, Wilfreda; a daughter, Codra Antall and 4 half-brothers and 4 half-sisters.

A visitation will be held Monday, March 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche with interment following at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

The family suggests memorials to the Belle Fourche Lions Club and the Belle Fourche Fire Department.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



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It was ALWAYS about the Grandkids and Kids!

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or PAIN, for the old order of things has passed away". Rev 21:4

Nila Jean Hammerstrom 66

Nila Jean Hammerstrom was born January 23, 1954 in Tea, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Eppo and Agnes (Wheeldryer) Bartels. She went to Lennox High School until 1971. Nila was united in marriage June 12, 1971 to Lynn Hammerstrom, in Chancellor, SD. To this 48 year union two sons were born, Michael and Nathan.

A celebration of her life will take place Friday, March 20 at 3:00 pm at the Connection Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation and sharing of memories will be held Thursday, March 19 from 5 to 7 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for gifts and donations.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

Nila resided in Tea until her marriage to Lynn. She loved to meet people and could talk to anyone. Early in her marriage Michael was born. She worked at a nursing home while Lynn worked at a hospital while he finished college. She moved with Lynn several times and when residing in Milbank, she found a career of love working with young kids with learning needs. She moved with Lynn to Rapid City and started working with kids in detention. She was able to get attached to them so as to motivate them to obtain their GED. Later some would approach her, hug her and thank her for sticking with them while they worked on their GED. A move to Deadwood, gave her an opportunity to begin a 22 years passion of helping kindergarten kids learn to read at West Elementary and Mountain View in Spearfish. She loved these little ones.

At this time, she developed Breast cancer and took chemo treatment and surgery. Always kept her positive attitude even when struggling with the side effects. Then for 20 years she was "healthy". In 2010 she didn't feel good and a trip to Mayo Clinic revealed a rare Neuroendocrine carcinoid cancer in her abdomen. Surgery was done immediately and she recovered, it seemed for about 6 years. Then she felt her breathing wasn't right,



so another trip revealed Breast cancer around her lower right bronchial tube restricting her breath and she took radiation infusion for 8 months. Nila left her much loved job to battle all of this.

She loved traveling with Lynn. Together they made three trips to Hawaii. Early in their married life they camped in tents with the kids and in a pop-up camper. They traveled to the Grand Canyon, to Rocky Mountain National Park, Tonto National Forest, Coronado National Forest, Alaska, Canada and Germany where their son was stationed, and also traveled to Charleston, Louisville and the Oregon coast. She loved hiking with Lynn. In November 2019 even though weakened by the growing cancer she traveled to Sedona. She was able in the warmth hike with Lynn for three days, slowly but she pushed to go. Upon return, she grew increasingly unable to walk outside much and in the last two months just became so weak she couldn't walk at all outside. This really bothered her as she was used to being able to walk 3-4 miles every day. She couldn't drive and she wanted to do that so badly.

On March 11, 2020 at 3:31 am she gave her last breath and moved on to be with Jesus. The last week Nila asked to visit with each grandchild, her sons and daughters-in-law, and asked directly if they knew Jesus. She wanted them to know him for Salvation and to be able to see them again. Her quiet testimony is her evidence of her Love for the "Little Ones" she spent so much time with. Nila was 66 years old.

She is survived by her husband, Lynn of Belle Fourche; sons, Michael (Gayla) of Georgia, Nathan (Emily) of Sturgis; 7 Grandchildren, Kai and Cadon and their father, Michael, Andon, Noree, Dylan, Marin, Kennan and their father, Nathan; brothers, Lester (Louise) of Tea, SD and Martin Bartels of Sioux Falls and her sister, Loraine Bartels (Art) Harms of Chancellor, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

God Bless a Loyal
Servant, One Who Loved
Life and Jesus!



Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Stephen Carson, Belle Fourche Connection Church

Psalm 139

Psalm 139 is one of my favorite Psalms because of what it teaches us about God. The only way for a person to really know who they were created to be is to first understand who their Creator is. Rather than looking deep within to find out who we are, we are to look deeply at who our Creator is in order to understand what we were made for. In this Psalm, which is a Psalm of David, we see God revealed as the Omniscient One, the Omnipresent One, and the Creator and Sustainer of His Creation. I encourage you to have a bible handy to look up these verses.

First of all, verses 1-6 reveal God as the Omniscient One. Omniscience means that God possesses infinite knowledge and understanding about everything. David writes that God knows everything about us! He knows our thoughts, our actions, our words....all that we have done and all that we will do! He knows it all! He is the God who is in



complete control with complete understanding of all things!

Second, verses 7-12 reveal God as the Omnipresent One. God is present in all places with His whole being at all times! This means that He sees ev-

erything! He is always watching over His creation. Psalm 121:8 reads, "The LORD will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore." We are never alone.

Now, God knowing all things, seeing all things, and being perfectly holy would be terrible news for sinful man were in not for one simple fact....God is merciful, gracious, and loves people! In verses 13-18 we see that God loves His creation with a love that we cannot fully comprehend! He made us, He put us together in our mother's womb, God knows all of our days—even the ones that we have yet to live, and He loves us with a perfect love. John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world so much that He gave

His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but have eternal life.

Jesus died to save people from their sin! He died so that we could be forgiven and restored in our relationship with Him. Despite man's rebellion against God, God loves man enough to offer us salvation and freedom from sin and sin's consequences through the shed blood and broken body of Jesus, the Son of God, on the cross! On the cross Jesus paid our sin debt. And in order to receive that gift of forgiveness, we must repent of our sins and trust fully in what Jesus did on our behalf. We must ask God to forgive us of our sins, knowing that He is merciful and gracious.

God knows, God sees, and God loves! When a person trusts in Christ, grows in his knowledge of who God is, that person can then begin to understand who he is and what he was created for. Jesus gives meaning and purpose to our lives. I hope and I pray that you know Him.



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Barb and Ferman Clarkson were present with the Lifetime Achievement Award that is presented to individuals who demonstrate community leadership, participation, and philanthropic endeavors that are contributions to the advancement and promotion of the community.

The final award of the night, The Community Pride Award, given to a business for positive and impactful improvements went to Pioneer Bank & Trust.

Special acknowledgment and thanks were given to Hazel Maher Chamber office manager and the anchor who held things together during the transition to both a new location and a new executive director.

The 2020 Chamber Board is comprised of President- Matt Moore, CBH Cooperative & Ag Services; Co-Vice Presidents: Debra Elliot, Life Light Creative and Traci Nowowiejski; Secretary Mona Heinbaugh, Sand Creek Printing; Mark Reese, Reese Property Management; Deb Leverington, Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills; Gloriann Ruby, Dakota Home & Ranch Real Estate LLC;

Cindy Giacometto, Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors; Hollie Stalder, BF Economic Development Corp; Travis Martin, Black Hills Title/City Councilman; and one board vacancy.

Event sponsors: BH Energy; Dakota Home & Ranch Realty, LLC; Life Light Creative; and the Bridal Project.

Table Sponsors: BH Roundup; BH Title; CBH Corp.; First Interstate Bank; Green Bean Coffee House-8th Avenue Bakery; Heartland Home Health; Jackson Dental; The Olive Branch; Pete's Clothing & Hodge Bootery; Pioneer Bank & Trust; Sand Creek Printing; Scott Peterson Motors; The Country Twins KBFS/KYDT Radio; West Tire & Alignment.

Silent auction donors: Belle Flowers Design & Decor; Belle Fourche Beacon; BF Economic Development Corp; BHPioneer; Cindy Giacometto, Waddell & Reed; Cowboys Too!; Dakota Gift Company; Frontier Glass; Leverington Funeral Home of the

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Wine & Beer Donors: Belle Joli; Black Hills Vision Care; Dakota Home & Ranch Real Estate; Mike Reade; Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills; Lueders Food Center; and Waddell & Reed.

State Street Business Has New Face



The Hair Gallery, a full service Salon at 518 State Street recently under went a 'face-lift' with an updated remodel of the building's facade. 518 State also houses local retailers: **Denim & Opal** and **Bella Grace Boutique**.



Chamber Board President Matt Moore with **Prize Winners**; Lee and Sheila Hodge, Best Dressed Couple; Belinda Christman, Best Costume; Debra Elliot Best Table Decorations; and Chamber Executive Director Mark Rambow. -*Courtesy Photo*



Service Business of the Year: **The Leaky Pot Cafe**, Owners Geno and Mikayla Pesicka. -*Courtesy Photo*

Chamber Report

From Chamber Director Mark Rambow

A Grand Success!



The Chamber held our Annual Banquet and Awards on Thursday the 12th, and wow! It was a huge success. With tickets being sold out, the business community of Belle Fourche came together and celebrated!

Awards were presented, a few games played, and some funds were raised for the Chamber. The only downside to such a success is that we will need to start planning now just to better ourselves next year!

Our congratulations to the winners of our annual awards. They are:

- The Faye Kennedy Community Service Award: Reva Potter
- Retail Business of the Year Award: Belle Flowers Design and Décor
- Service Business of the Year Award: The Leaky Pot
- Employer of the Year Award: Jackson Dental
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Ferman and Barb Clarkson
- Community Pride Award: Pioneer Bank and Trust

With special thanks owed to dozens of people, I would like to single out just a few here for special recognition. Thank you to our Event Sponsors: Black Hills Energy, Life Light Creative, Dakota

Home and Ranch Real Estate and The Bridal Project. Also, thank you to the businesses and individuals who purchased tables, donated auction items, and volunteered to make the evening a success.

The Chamber Board of Directors were huge in pulling off this event, but two directors stepped forward to run the event committee. Thank you to Gloriann Ruby and Traci Nowowiejski for taking charge of large elements of the event!

At this point in time, the Chamber is still planning to hold our upcoming activities. We will take the lead of the state and local authorities, however, regarding "social distancing" and will update everyone through our regular sources, including the Beacon.

Our monthly luncheon is Wednesday, March 18th at the Branding Iron. Our special guests will be Keith Anderson, Chairman of the Black Hills Roundup Board, and Mitch Johnson, Parade Chairman. They will be discussing plans for this year's Roundup and visiting with the downtown business community. Chamber luncheons are open to the public and begin at noon.

The March Chamber Mixer is being held at Designs by Daphne, 614 State Street, and hosted by that business and Belle Flower Design and Décor. It will be held on Thursday, March 26th from 5 to 7 pm. What an amazing chance to see and support two of our downtown businesses!



Faye Kennedy Community Service Award **Reva Potter** pictured with Chamber Exec. Mark Rambo and Chamber President Matt Moore.



Retail Business of the Year **Belle Flower Design & Decor** Belinda Christman.



Employer of the Year **Jackson Dental** Accepted by Dr. Christopher Jackson.



Lifetime Achievement Award: **Ferman & Barb Clarkson**. Barb Clarkson accepted their award and the Community Pride Award on behalf of **Pioneer Bank & Trust**.

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D.A.R.E. graduation essay contest winners were Trevor Welles and Taliyah Johnson. Chief Marlyn Pomerence and Lt. Ryan Cherveney present the awards. *Courtesy photo*

6 Days Remain to Nominate Teacher/Employee of the Year

Only six days remain for you to nominate individuals for Belle Fourche School District Employee of the Year and the Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year.

Nomination Forms must be returned to the Central office, attention Sandra Baker no later than March 23.

The Central office is located at 2305 13th Avenue. Phone: 605-773-3355, Ext. 1.

Complete nomination forms are available on the School Districts website at <https://bellefourcheschools.org>

NOMINATION FOR 2019-2020 BELLE FOURCHE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Do you know of a teacher who is truly outstanding? The nominations procedure for the Teacher of the Year is underway for 2019-2020. Staff, students, former students, parents and community members are asked to nominate deserving teachers by completing this nomination form.

I nominate _____ for the Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year.

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

**** Suggestions for Reasons**

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

The reasons I feel this individual qualifies for nomination for Teacher of the Year

NOMINATION FOR 2019-2020 BELLE FOURCHE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

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

I nominate _____ for the Belle Fourche School District Employee of the Year.

Department (if known): _____

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

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

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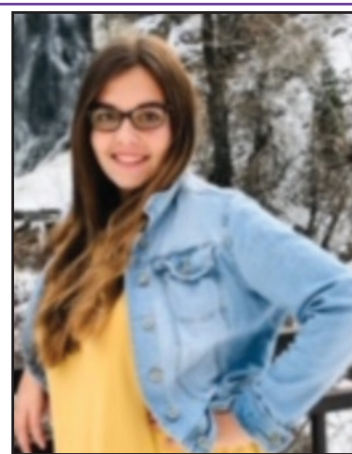
Belle Fourche Middle School took 1st place at the Acalympics competition in Philip, SD. There were ten teams from nine schools. (left to right): Mr. Jordan Esmay (6th Grade World History/ MS Knowledge Bowl Coach), Oden Walding, Denali Larson, Tommy Long, Lydia Main, Anika Main, and Theodore Long.

FFA Officer - Secretary

SERENA DAVIS
FFA Reporter

Our next featured officer is senior Hannah Satterfield. Hannah, the chapter secretary, moved from California her junior year and has been involved in softball, track and field and Envirothon. What would you like to do after high school? "I want to go to college and get my degree in elementary education." What made you

want to join FFA? "My love and passion for animals" What contests have you done, or do you want to do in the future? "I have done Ag Sales and Natural Resources." What impact would you like to have on the FFA Chapter? "I want to help grow and improve with my leadership skills" How FFA affected you as person? "I've grown with my leadership skills and public speaking ability"



Hannah Satterfield

February Middle School Students of the Month

The Belle Fourche Middle School is honoring its students of the month for the month of February 2020.

The Belle Fourche Middle School honored their February Students of the Month at the

School Board's regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020. 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 Stereos 'N Stuff, the 6th grade by Morris Law Firm, Prof LLC, the 7th grade by Fast Break Screen Printing and the 8th grade by Johnson Electric.



From left: Logan Willert (5th Grade); Glenn Kauffman (7th Grade); Elsie Adams (5th Grade); Leah Lambert (6th Grade - January student of the month) Lainey Crago (7th Grade); Taylor Mills (8th Grade); and Dominic Priest (6th Grade). Not pictured: Addison Draine (6th Grade) and Nyomi Woltkamp (8th Grade).

Coronavirus Updates Changing by the Hour

The Belle Fourche School District will offer breakfast and lunch Grab-N-Go sacks for all children (ages 0-18) for free during the school closure March 16-19, 2020. Children must come to the Belle Fourche Middle School Lunch-room entrance between 10:00 am

to 12:00 noon to pick up their meals. One or both sack meals must be picked up by the children themselves, not the parents. CHILDREN DO NOT EAT AT THE FEEDING SITE DURING THE CLOSURE. School has been closed March

16-20. All practices, field trips, kindergarten screenings, Middle School plays, concerts, and any outside group activities are canceled and may be rescheduled on an individual basis. Check the Beacon Facebook page or website for updates.

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Lions Club Collects a ‘Ton of Tabs’ for McDonald House

The Belle Fourche Lions Club recently attained a milestone by recycling over a ton of aluminum cans. The Lions also remove the pull tabs and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House Charities for hospitalized children and their families.

Recycling aluminum cans is an on-going fund raiser for the Lions Club. Everyone is invited to drop off empty cans at the collection point – better known as the can cage – located

near the east truck dock at Lynn’s Dakotamart. Large bags which don’t fit in the drop-off chute may be placed on top of the cage. Other thin aluminum items like disposable roaster pans and pie plates are also acceptable provided they are clean and free of food residue.

Using the can cage is a simple and easy task that not only helps the Lions to serve the community but also helps the environment to “go green!”

City Continues Search for Liquor Store Manager

BRANDON BENNETT

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BELLE FOURCHE--- The city of Belle Fourche is once again looking for a liquor store manager, after its most recent hire resigned before even going to work.

At its March 2 meeting, the city council approved hiring Johnna Ramirez as the liquor store general manager. But she tendered her resignation and didn’t take the position.

“I’m not sure why she resigned, as she didn’t articulate that to me,” said Mayor Gloria Land-

phere.

But not to worry, she said. “We have a whole new list of applicants and the Legal and Finance Committee has made some recommendations. At the next meeting we’ll make a decision on the new hire,” said :Landphere. The next council meeting is March 16. The Beacon was unable to contact Ramirez for comment.

As of yet, discussion of possibility of privatizing package liquor business has not been placed on the city council’s or Legal and Finance committee for discussion.



City is still seeking a manager for Belle Package Liquor. The store is located at 1845 5th Ave, Belle Fourche.



A group of Public Lands Alliance Conference attendees toured the Mary McLeod Bethune Museum in D.C. Among those attending were Karen Holzer, D.C. Booth Society Executive Director; Nancy Pummel Cole, Gift Shop Manager – Assistant Director; and Mount Rushmore Society Board of Directors President: Kay Jorgensen -*Courtesy photo*

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City, County Work Hard to Keep Streets, Roads Clear

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The recent snow storms taxed the city and county road crews, but residents can rest assured that both entities have comprehensive plans in place to alleviate the piles of snow and ice. The city of Belle Fourche has approximately 49 miles of streets that are about 50 feet wide. The city currently has 17 people on staff unless the storm is severe enough, then more personnel from other departments are utilized. The city has three loaders, one blade, three plow trucks, three sanders with plows and eight dump trucks to haul snow if needed.

Normal working hours are from 7 A.M. to 4 P.M. Street crews begin plowing at any time. There is no set time to begin, it all depends on how much accumulation there is. The other factor depends on when the snow quits and how severe the

storm was. The priority order of routes are as follows: The emergency snow routes, schools, downtown area, then residential (depending on the amount of snow). Crews also keep in mind the time of year and future temperatures in the forecast. Our goal is to try to have the residential streets completed within 48 hours, and once again the amount of snow is a big factor,” said Public Works Director Dirk Hoffman. The city plows the snow to the center of the street.

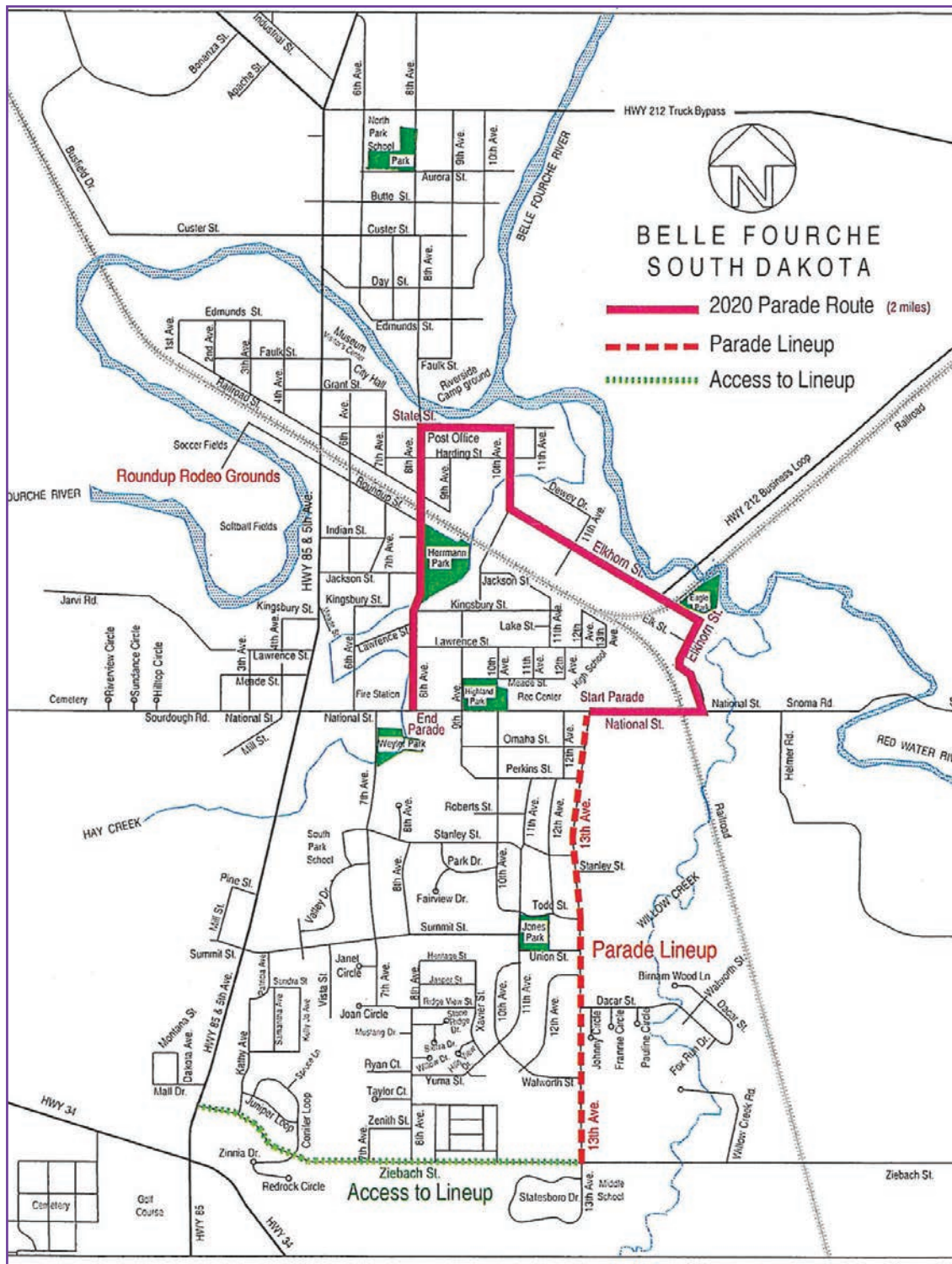
The snow removal policies and snow removal emergency route map is on the city website, bellefourche.org.

The budget for the city’s snow removal is \$57,500 and of that there is \$25, 448 left. According to city Finance Officer Breana Scheafer, a supplemental addendum for snow removal has been necessary the last two winters because of the excessive snow. Butte County Auditor Elaine

Jensen related how the county is doing with regard to their snow removal funds.

“On January 31, 2020, Butte County had \$426,295.28 in Fund 202 (Snow Fund). Our Highway Department keeps very busy when there is lots of snow as we have bus routes for two schools that we have to take care of,” said Jensen. Butte County has 593 miles of roads between the primary and secondary roads. Interestingly, only 23 miles are paved. The county has seven employees on call for snow removal and has six blades and one plow truck. “We start with the primary roads and then work on the secondary. Other entities rely on themselves but sometimes need us. For example, once in a while the Sheriff’s Office gives us a call for assistance, so we plow so they can get to call if need be,” said Butte County Highway Superintendent Dwaine Heidrich

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Trend or Fad? Knowing the Difference Could Save You Money

When updating your home (especially to put on the market), it's a good idea to incorporate current trends into your renovations. There's a fine line between trends and fads however, and the difference can affect your buyer pool.

Fads are characterized by an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for something, but they tend to fade in popularity quickly, and have little basis in practicality.

Looks nice! For now... Trends have longer lifespans and are more sustainable as a market force. Trends indicate the general direction that something is developing over time. Often times, design trends can be predictable because they have a basis in practicality that justifies their popularity. Fads can occasionally turn into trends, but it's hard to know in which cases that will happen. If your goal is to attract a wide range of buyers to your home and sell quickly, it's best to steer clear of design choices that are too new, too edgy, and too pricey.

Wallpaper Elk is In! "Thanks to Instagram and Pinterest, busy, bold wallpaper is back in a big way," says HomeLight. "Online searches for 'bold print wallpaper' have increased by 401% in the past year." While wallpaper can be great for adding a splash of individuality to your space, it's just that — individual. To some, wallpaper adds visual clutter, and if buyers can't picture themselves in that space, they're going to be more focused on the potential headache of taking all of that wallpaper down. Neutral paint tones, on the other hand, tend to have widespread appeal and can be easily changed by potential buyers.

Kitchen finishes Watch HGTV for more than a few minutes these days and you'll probably see some fancy gold or brass

finishes in the kitchen or bathrooms. We're filing this under "fad." Even though this type of finish has grown in popularity, you're still unlikely to find them in the majority of homes—especially in more suburban areas. If you live in a hip city with a large, design-savvy millennial buyer base, choosing these trendy finishes could pay off. For everyone else, sticking to finishes with more widespread appeal is a smarter move. In recent years, open kitchen shelving has become quite popular on design shows. When staged properly and done right, open shelving can look great, but in the frenzy of everyday life it lacks function and looks cluttered and unorganized.

Bathrooms Outside of finishes, it's important to consider the main features of your bathroom. Large walk-in showers have become more popular, but they often require ditching the bathtub. Consider your potential buyer before making such a drastic change. While you personally might not take many baths, a tub is often a must for young families with small children.

Credit Inquiries and Home Loans Since a minimum credit score is required for most loan programs, the first thing a lender will do is check to see if your score measures up — this is known as a "credit inquiry." There are two primary types of inquiries, a hard and a soft inquiry. A hard inquiry will have a direct and almost immediate impact on credit scores whereas a soft inquiry will not. A hard inquiry is one where the individual has made a direct request

for new credit. The request can be for a new automobile loan, installment loan or a credit card. In these cases, a single, somewhat isolated request for new credit will have a marginal impact on credit scores.

Multiple requests for credit during a compressed period of time, however, will eventually harm scores. The logic is that several quick requests for new credit could indicate an individual is on the cusp of financial hardship, and the new credit accounts are intended as a budgetary life-preserver. These varied, numerous requests can keep companies from issuing new credit.

A soft inquiry is relatively benign and won't affect scores at all. A soft inquiry is when someone requests their own credit report for a review. Soft inquiries are often made by employers or landlords, and won't hurt your score.

When it comes to applying for a home loan, it's important to understand the details. Let's say you've applied for a mortgage loan, but you haven't heard anything back from the loan officer. After two weeks you want to apply for a mortgage at another lender, but you're concerned that another hard inquiry will ding your credit score. While this is a valid concern, the guidelines set forth by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau have ruled that multiple requests for the same type of account within a 45 day period count as just one inquiry. Therefore, there is no harm in shopping around when it comes to finding the right home loan.



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From A1 Ericsson

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Society for the Advancement of Contraception, the Society for the Study of Reproduction and Sigma Xi. He is the recipient of a Top Scientist Award. Dr. Ericsson has been featured in several editions of Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, and Who's Who in

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has been coming apart for years. They feel it needs to be one repair or the other, "said Sowers. But the city did meet with the interested parties at a meeting March 10. "I guess it went alright. The Public Works committee pointed out that the asphalt would last 30 years while concrete should last forever. But again, the concrete is coming apart by Pete's Clothing," he said. Sowers admits that cost is figuring into this. Asphalt for the project is \$28,000 while the same amount of concrete is \$280,000. "But still, look at what Pioneer Bank did in renovating its office and the like. They deserve a good street to finish the project off," said Sowers. While it has become apparent the money for concrete is not in the budget, Sowers said the business owners would help the city find the money. But for Sowers making State Street

attractive would lure more businesses to town and make it even more viable. Public Works Committee Chairman James Ager understands the concerns of the business owners but confirmed the huge difference in the cost of the two overlays. "When you replace an asphalt overlay, you just need to grind the edges down, prepare the original overlay and proceed. When you replace a concrete overlay, you have much more involved preparation, not to mention that you have to work at the infrastructure, like water and sewer. For that project alone you need engineering. So that's why you have such a difference in cost," he said. For Clark Sowers he and the other business owners feel the city was listening to them, although they received no promises concerning the concrete overlay. But he hopes their efforts will bear some results. "In the end, actions speak louder than words."

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

The Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors and Executive Director Annual Banquet as the headlines suggest was a 'Roaring success'!

The planning direction from event co-coordinators Gloriann Ruby and Traci Nowowjeski was outstanding as everyone put their best foot forward to make the event the success it was. Congratulations on a job well done.

The Roundup Committee's change in the parade route has downtown businesses getting together, discussing the alternate route and developing a plan for downtown during the annual event. Coordination and communication are the guidelines fostering a plan.

Stay tuned for further developments as plans move forward.

We want to state a bit of clarification in regard to business in Belle Fourche.

It has always been this position of the Beacon to foster and promote 'Shop Local'. That is a position we will not ever compromise and will work in every way possible to advocate that position.

However when plans or decisions are made that do not follow the same 'no compromise belief' on 'shop local' we are not going to abandon or work against any individual or organization as a result. Support Belle Business!

The Beacon has been a Chamber member since our

start in 2018. We are currently a member and will continue to be a member.

We sincerely believe in a local chamber of commerce as a necessary part of the growth and success of the community.

The Beacon has friends and customers that are Chamber members; friends and customers that are CONBA members; friends and customers that are members of both; and friends and customers that belong to neither. But those four groups have something in common that we bang the drum continually for: they are Belle Fourche Businesses and all Belle Fourche businesses are working to succeed together.

Not everyone will always agree in the details of what needs to be done, but the Beacon will always attempt to do its best and help the community and its businesses move forward. A good discussion over points not agreed upon should lead to a better understanding of how in the future

to work together for the benefit of all concerned.

We have an ad in this week from Bill Mason where you can get a free roll of toilet paper with every gun purchased at their store. We told Bill if the TP craze continues he may be selling toilet paper and giving a gun away with each roll purchased.

We can imagine if panic ever breaks out Joe Dirt Septic will be trying to develop a market for the used?

We included in this issue (B1) the work of columnist John Newby. We have been reading his work for the past couple months. We are starting with several that have been published in other newspapers recently, but feel they are worth sharing.

We may try to double up the nest few weeks and be current on his weekly output. Lots of great stuff!

His outlook and advice on main street America and shopping Truly Local are informative,

By: Doug Cole

insightful, thought provoking, and almost always offer advice to benefit the community as a whole.

We hope you will enjoy.

I once was told that a good columnist is one who agrees with what you are already thinking.

Or maybe it was a good columnist will help you understand what it is you're thinking.

With the plethora of things being cancelled might we suggest you use some of your extra time at home to read the Beacon?

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We have suspended placing a copy of the Beacon in every Box at the Belle Fourche Post Office.

In discussions with Post Office personnel we were informed that the vast majority of people with a PO Box also have home or business delivery in Belle.

We placed a few copies on the counter in the PO if anyone is

needing, or you may stop by the Beacon office at 620 State Street and pick a copy up.

Story related to us that three individuals were sighted going into the bank with white masks on. A citizen concerned about Coronavirus questioned a bank employee.

The teller informed them not to worry, "They are just here to rob the bank."

Where does Belle stand? Population wise Belle Fourche with 5,610 (2018) people is ranked 18th in South Dakota. #17 is Tea, 5624. #19 is Dell Rapids, 3669, followed by Mobridge 3,540, Hot Springs 3509, and Canton 3471.

Belle is unique for a city its size and it has no direct comparisons. Tea, growing by leaps and bounds in recent years is closest in population but for the most part is a Sioux Falls suburb. Dell Rapids, 19th is 2,000 less and although trying to revitalize their local shopping, its business community is greatly affected by the Sioux Falls 'metro' shopping available.

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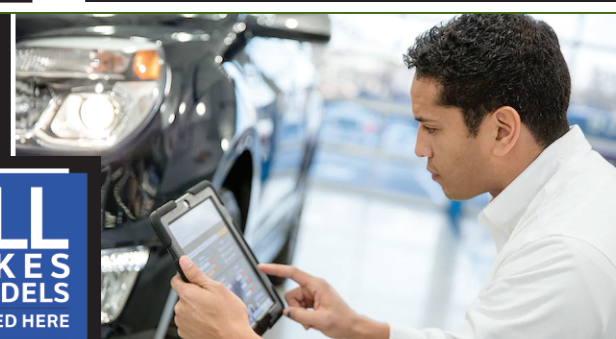
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Editor's note: Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into his program called "The Good Stuff." It has been on the air for more than 10 years.
Here are a couple of simple poems that you should cut out and put on your bathroom mirror or under a magnet on the fridge. Memorize them if you can, but read them once in a while as a good reminder to start each day. Then go out and spread sunshine today, ok?

I Know Something Good About You
by Louis C. Shimon
Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say -
"I know something good about you!"
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp, fond and true,
Carried with it this assurance -
"I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all

Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?

You know something good about me;
I know something good about you.


If Nobody Smiled
by Jame Hayden
If nobody smiled, and nobody cared,
And nobody helped us along;
If every fellow looked out for himself,
And the good things all went to the strong;

If nobody cared just a little for you,
And nobody thought about me,
And we stood all alone in the battle of life,
What a dreary old world this would be!

Life is sweet because of the

friends we love,
And the things that in common we share;
And we want to live on, not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care.

It's giving and doing for somebody else—
On that all of life's splendor depends;
And the joy in this world, when you've summed it all up,
Is found in the love of our friends.



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Newell City Commission Hears from NIC

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NEWELL – Newell city commissioners met on Thursday, March 12 this month due to conflicts with the regular Monday night meeting. During the meeting, Judy Dague and Jo Musemici, of the Newell Improvement Corporation, gave a report about the current status of the North Park Splashpad. The group also brought a new Memoranda of Understanding to be signed, updating the city on the responsibilities of each entity.

“The Memoranda of Understanding has been amended with a start date identified as the weekend before Memorial Day,” said Dague. “We just wanted to also bring you up to date on the status.”

Dague said that the splashpad kit has been completely paid for and is in the process of being shipped to Newell where it will be stored until it is constructed. The group has contributions for labor and supplies from several entities, including: Belle Fourche Irrigation District to dig the hole, Croell Redi-Mix to do the concrete work, and volunteer labor to construct the above-ground kit.

“Is there some kind of safety net in there in case the streets are soft when they go in to do digging?” asked Commissioner Connie Humble. City Fore-

CITY COMMISSIONER B7

Colors of Spring Welcome the Coming Season



A LITTLE COLOR - (Above) Judy Dague, left, and Barbara Garness, right, display the flower paintings they created at the Vale Community Country Church's Sip-n-Paint party. (Right) There were around 10 people who gathered for the event on March 7 at the Vale Community Country Church to enjoy the "sip-n-paint" party, creating colorful paintings of a large multi-colored flower. It's nice to be reminded of spring and enjoy a little color. -*Courtesy photo*

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NEWELL – The Vale Community Country Church held a Sip-n-Paint event on Saturday, March 7, with around 10 people participating. They painted a multi-color flower on a black background. Organizer Pastor Darla Dunn said, “It’s interesting to see how different all the paintings turned out, even though we were painting the same thing.”

Although Tri-County Lockers has shut down most of its custom meet-cutting business, owner Randy Boesem is still cutting and selling meat out of the store.

“If your worried about everyone buying all the meat out of the store give us a call,” said Boesem. “We have plenty of beef burger, steaks,

roasts, bacon, pork roasts, pork chops sausage and brats in the freezer. Contact Randy at 605-431-8491 to place an order. We will deliver to Sturgis, Rapid City, Belle Fourche and Spearfish and points in between as well as along I-90 to Gillette

Many in NVN Land are responding to the Co-Vid19 virus issue. Here’s just the latest.

From the Newell school: Per the governor’s recommendation Newell school will be closed the week of March 16 through March 20. This closure includes this current weekend and the weekend of March 21-22. No one should be in the buildings.

There will be no parent teacher conferences on March 17th or 19th. We do have a



NVN ROUNDUP B4



SD Legislature Funds Full 2% Education Increase

Tom Brunner
Legislative Report

This week we finished the regular run of the 2020 Legislative session. We have 1 day left in 2 weeks to address the Governor’s vetoes. Monday was the last day of session where we dealt with policy bills. When we started we had over 60 items on our agenda, several were consent items, several were commemorations or resolutions but the bulk were bills that we had to churn through. We worked well into the evening and finally emerged with only the appropriation bills to deal with the rest of the week.

Monday the Governor also announced the funding had been ‘found’ for a 2% raise for what we call the big 3; education, state employees and healthcare providers. This is quite unusual because the House of Representatives was not aware that



this funding had been found. We had been putting on a lot of pressure to find the funding but were not confident last week that it would be possible. After reprioritizing funds for the 2021 budget a pathway emerged to secure a 2% raise for the big three.

One of the other funding priorities was 3.9 million more for State radio operations. This is a project we have been funding for a couple of years as we find our first responder communication system quite obsolete. I think this is an important issue, I can’t imagine anything worse than our first responders not being able to communicate during an emergency.

The General bill was passed late last night, the bill number is HB1294 and can be found on the LRC website. Total spending in the general appropriations bill will total 4.923 Billion dollars and 14,016.6 F.T.E.s or employees. Of this amount 1.7 billion is raised through general funds, 1.7 billion from the federal government and 1.4 raised from other funds like fees, etc. You can see as a state we are

quite dependent on the Federal Government, most of this comes as Medicaid, highway funds etc.

The other part of the budget picture that we address is what to do with leftover funds or the 2020 supplemental bill, SB 38 is the bill that deals with this. This actually became quite contentious as it seemed the senate and the Gov. had a lot of pet projects to fund the House concentrated on getting some money back to the counties for road repair. In the end I think we spent way to much money on college buildings but we were able to secure over 4 million to be the counties match for the federal bridge replacement program. This can be leveraged into 25 million so at least there is hope for getting more bridge dollars to Butte county. With the wet year we had last year and the general poor condition of our bridges any help is welcome. Hopefully by providing this match for the counties it frees up some money for general road repair. Thanks again, now to rest up from a long, nasty week.

Summer Bus for Swim Lessons

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NEWELL - The Newell School Board members voted to provide a bus for summer swim lessons for the Newell area community. Swimming is sponsored by the Newell Community Club each year and provides funds for the bus driver.

The Newell Community Club was also given permission to use the football field for the Easter Egg Hunt in mid-April.

Sabrina Harmon announced that plans are in progress for a community potluck May 19 in honor of Lori Johnston’s 50 years of teaching at Newell, and to say good bye to Superintendent Robin Dutt and teacher Mike Phelps. The potluck will be held in the Multi-purpose Room.

The Newell All School Reunion will be using school facilities this fall for their celebration.

There is a blood drive scheduled for March 23 at the school. Please call the office to schedule a time.

Dutt outlined a plan for COVID-19 virus. There are

strategies put in place for the school staff and community. Check on the school’s webpage to see the latest information. The school can take two weeks off and still have the correct number of school hours.

“We are prepared,” stated Dutt.

Lengthy discussion surrounded the adoption of KKA-Non-Student Registered Sex Offenders Policy. The school district has not had a clear policy concerning non-student registered sex offenders up to this point, but Superintendent Robin Dutt brought a copy of sex offender policies of area schools. She pointed out that the laws of South Dakota are well defined. Newell School policies have been vague and should mirror the state’s policies.

The greatest concern from Board Members is the scenario that a sex offender would attend a school event but not have a proper form signed at the school offices. Sex offenders are responsible to know the policy of any institution they will be attending.

In a roll call vote, the policy was passed with a six to one vote in favor.

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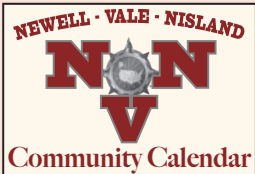
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Each Wednesday-BASH Christian Youth Group meets at the Newell Christian Fellowship Church 6pm for a meal and study of the Bible. All teens ages 13 to 18 are welcome to attend. Contact Holly at 456-2544 if you would like to help provide a meal for these teens.

School Board positions: NEW-ELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9-2. Two three-year term positions open. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on MARCH 1, 2020 and petitions may be filed in the office of the business manager located at 501 Dartmouth Ave., Newell SD between Newell School Business Office hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., mountain standard time not later than MARCH 31, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.,

or mailed by registered mail not later than MARCH 31, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

March 16-20 - School Closed. See school website at www.newell.k12.sd.us for more information

March 17 - County Commission meeting, 1:30 p.m. at Butte County Courthouse

March 21 - POSTPONED TO LATER DATE. Nisland/Arpan Fire & Rescue Auxiliary 10th annual Potato Topper fundraiser supper. 5-7 p.m. at the New Fire Hall in Nisland. There will also be a silent auction.

March 24 - ACT testing in Newell

March 25 - Newell FFA CDE's. Check with the school for times.

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

Apr. 3 - Lion's Club fundraiser for medical expenses for Shonda Zwetzig. Runs from 5-7 p.m. with silent auction at the NVN Senior Center.

Icy Rollover



HIGHWAY 79 ROLLOVER - Saturday evening, March 14, the Butte County Sheriff's office responded to a rollover accident north of Newell on Highway 79. The accident was attributed to ice. - *Butte County Sheriff's Office photo*

Highway 212 Fatal

NEWELL, S.D. – In a separate accident not related to the above photo, one man died early Sunday in a one-vehicle crash east of Newell.

The name of the deceased is not being released pending notification of family and was not available as of press time. He was the only person involved.

A 2004 Ford F150 pickup was eastbound on U.S. High-

way 212 when the vehicle eventually went across the highway and entered the north ditch. The vehicle rolled and the driver was thrown from the vehicle. He was not wearing a seat belt and was pronounced dead at the scene.

South Dakota's Highway Patrol continues to investigate the crash. All information is only preliminary at this point.

I would like to thank the volunteers of the Newell, Nisland & Vale fire departments that dropped everything & rushed to our aid during a recent hay fire. I would also like to thank Jeff Smeenk & Ed Humble for their swift actions in their tractors. Also Dixie Seaman for helping Debbi feed the crew. Thank you to the neighbors that called or stopped to offer assistance as well. It make us realize how fortunate we are to live in this great community.

Sincerely,
Lyn & Debbi Weaver

Then and Now *in Newell*

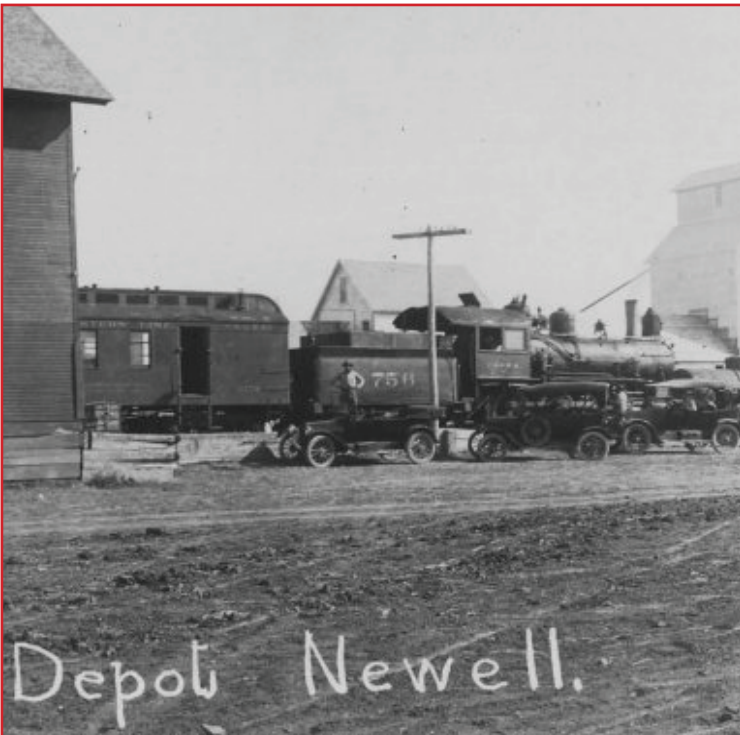
“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder
from the Newell Museum

March 24, 1910

The Ladies Union is planning an Eating Festival and Bazaar to be given the first part of April. The bazaar will be open all afternoon and evening at the Woodman Hall. Supper will be served the regular supper hour and during the evening.

Bernice Shroyer was arrested a few days ago on the

charge of stealing sheep from Garfield McCoy. According to the information, it is claimed Shroyer loaded 5 head of McCoy's sheep into a wagon and took them to his ranch on Indian Creek, later attempting to sell them. His preliminary hearing will be this morning at 9 o'clock.



DEPOT DAYS - The C&NW provided rail service between Newell and Belle Fourche and points beyond. The depot was located southeast of Newell. The line was built in 1910 and went through Nisland with a connecting spur to Vale on its way to Belle Fourche. The line was abandoned in 1966.

From B3

NVN ROUNDUP

school board meeting on March 17 when we will decide other details of the closure.

“Your child should have brought home an information sheet from the school,” said Superintendent Robin Dutt. “If the letter did not get to you, it is available at this website: <https://5il.co/dkzx>. Currently, the custodial staff are keeping surfaces clean. Bus seats will be wiped down after each morning and afternoon route. In the last months, because of the flu season, the Newell School District staff has already been proactively cleaning surfaces.” “I know that the idea of COVID-19 can cause concern. I want to provide information and resources to best help parents and families address the concerns at home, as well. Below are links to specific CDC articles relating to COVID-19 talking points and preventative measures.

CITY COMMISSION from B3

man Larry Parker, as well as Commissioner Chad Erk, both related that tires could be used to cushion the weight and tracks of the excavation equipment. Dague related that the group was not sure when the hole would be dug, but that it would happen as soon as possible, due to the District's other commitments on the irrigation project. Once the hold is dug, it will be fenced until further construc-

tion, including underground piping, the tanks, filters and other equipment are placed. A ceremonial ground-breaking ceremony will be held sometime in mid-to-late April with many of those businesses, individuals and foundations being represented, including a representative from the Raindeck Company where the splashpad was purchased.

One citizen, Chet Yost, who is chairman of the local Menno-nite school, located on Third

extreme caution when driving as there can be icy spots from blowing snow.

The Butte County Shooting Sports events, as well as practice have been cancelled from Sunday, March 15 through April 1. A message from the state office is included here: John Keimig-This includes practice and State Shoot registration. Match 2 will be left open to include scores which have been shot to be entered. There will be no more match scores recorded after that date.

Local EMS services are asking that if people need to call 911 for any emergency, to let the dispatcher know if anyone in the household is experiencing flu-like symptoms. This allows for personnel to arrive in appropriate equipment that may not be otherwise utilized based on the call type. It is the goal of all first responders that are healthy and able to respond to the community's needs to be able to do so in a safe way.

Nisland Hay Fire



Josh Kitzan, Nisland/Arpan firefighter, works to pull apart burning bales so they burn out, during a fire at the home of Lynn Weaver of Newell a week ago Monday.

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NISLAND – “We got the call about 2:38 and we’re still here mopping up,” said Newell Fire Chief Verl Tifft, of a hay bale fire Country Lane west of Newell on the farm of Lynn Weaver. The fire consumed around 70 large, round bales.

“He was trying to get something out of the grass,” said

Newell Firefighter Larry Parker. “It burned into the grass and got away. When it hit the netting (on the bales) it went up like kerosene.” It is thought that a spark caught the grass on fire.

Department trucks from Newell, who first received the call, as well as Nisland/Arpan and Vale worked for hours to keep the fire contained, even though the bales could not be saved. No one was hurt in the incident.

March 18, 1920

We are informed by good authority that there will be no more auction sales of Town Lots in Newell and that the remaining unsold Lots have been placed on the market for sale at the appraisal values for cash. The net proceeds from previous sales have already exceeded the necessary amount to allow Newell her appropriation of \$15,000,000 for civic improvement.

Agent Cook of the C&NW, reports that a special train service will be established between Newell and Belle Fourche Monday for those who would like to hear Leonard Wood speak on that date. The train will leave Newell at 7:00 AM and return after the speaking in the afternoon.

The play given by Miss Potter, one of the teachers at Vale, entitled, “The Spirit of 1776”, was well rendered and highly praised by all who came to hear it. They realized over \$70 from the performance. The dance which followed was much enjoyed by all concerned.

March 20, 1930

When Mrs. John Wilson arrived home from church last Sunday she found a big surprise. There was a whole troupe of jolly relatives, accompanied by well-filled baskets. Being wise folks they had assembled during her absence and were all ready to help celebrate her birthday, which they did in a most satisfactory way.

Thursday at the regular session it was voted to give Miss Alice Hale, school teacher and her pupils, a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of parties who broke into the Elementary School in District 25 on May 3 and stole several articles.

May 21, 1940

With spring already started

and with thoughts already to summer, an important meeting concerning Newell's 1940 baseball team and plans for the season will be held at Judge Goff's office this Friday evening at 7:30 and all interested players, fans and financiers are urged to attend. Newell will have a 48' grandstand this season, behind the backstop and would contain 7 or 8 rows of seats, work on which is expected to get underway soon according to Richard West, District NYA Supervisor who will be attending the meeting.

A card party was held in the Fish Draw Community at the Nick Ziganto home Saturday evening. Progressive Whist was played at 6 tables. Mrs. Eleanor Sletten won high for the women and Donald Bekken won for the men. A nice supper was served at 1:00 o'clock AM.

March 23, 1950

The State G, F& P Commission announced this week just before the fishing season closed last month, a 12 lb 3 oz walleyed pike landed by Byron Schipke, Newell farmer. Byron was assisted by Orin Tysdal on hauling in the large catch through the ice. It is not the largest fish caught at Orman in several years, it gives local anglers a target to aim for when the season opens May 1.

How the citizens of Spearfish vicinity brought the 700-year old Lunen (Germany) Passion Play to the Black Hills and gave it a permanent home in a natural amphitheater accommodating 10,000 is told by Paul Friggens in the April Reader's Digest. The drama's season includes Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from July 2nd to August 27th. In 1938, civic leaders invited Meier to bring his play to the Black Hills. The transportation was \$2,000 and amphitheater development \$38,000 and built the mammoth stage.

“Pilgrims” from all over the country and abroad have found their way to Spearfish to see the inspiring drama re-enacted.

At the March meeting of the Newell PTA held at the school house Wednesday evening, opened with group singing led by Russell Mettler, Band Instructor. The 2 drinking fountains purchased for the school have been installed, the 3rd one was damaged and had to be returned. A cake was sold and the proceeds were given as a Founders Day offering. Lunch was served by the 3rd Grade mothers and a square dance demonstration was enjoyed.

March 24, 1960

Larry Lyons, former Newell and Rapid City resident, took over the Don Wahlfeldt Dray & Warehouse Business, formerly owned by his uncle Ernie Lyons here Monday. Lyons is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Lyons former Newell residents, now Rapid City. Don Wahlfeldt is city police chief and plans to now devote full time to the police duties.

The annual organization meeting of the Newell Golf Club will be held at Newell City Hall next Thursday evening; it was announced by Cletus Huber, President. There will be election of officers and plans made for improvements at the course this year. Also to be considered is lease of a tractor for mowing purposes, tournaments and possibly an increase in dues. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM and all person interested are urged to attend.

Two western South Dakota Highways showed the greatest increase in highway traffic for the first 2 months of 1960 compared to the same period in 1959. Highway SD 79 near Rapid City showed traffic increase of 24.8% and Highway US 212 near Newell showed a 13% increase.

Bullock Community Players Thrill Audiences!

The production of Finders Creepers, a Donald Payton comedy was thrilling to see. This hilarious three-act comedy/mystery featured the duo, Hercules (played by Clancy Adolph) and Lucas (played by Ash Eagle). The boys visit Hercules' Uncle Bob (played by John Latham) and Aunt Mary (played by Sarah Sabo) who own and live in a mortuary. Their teenage daughters, Celeste (played by Jessie Collins) and Stevie (played by Odessa Clarkson) also live there. Claude (played by Reese Clarkson), the handyman and Daphne the maid (played by Jessica Holmes), work for the funeral home. Mr. Quigley (played by Jason Stenerson) a prominent businessman supposedly dies and is brought to the funeral home for preparations for the funeral. His sister Madeline (played by Cheyenne Kalisiak) and her lawyer gentleman friend, Mr. Schuster (played by Andrew Comes) who is Mr. Quigley's lawyer, insist on having the funeral immediately. Mr. Quigley has staged his death as he suspects someone is trying to kill him and he wants to catch the killer. This leads to some interesting twists in the plot that involve Quigley's granddaughter, Nicole (played by Alexis McCann), Dr. Brown (played by Nathan Williams) Granny (played by Autumn Stenerson) and Henry (played by Peydon Adolph). Paula Richter and Charlene Hansen directed the production. Becky Holsti produced and prompted the show for the Community Players. Charlene Hansen was also one of the two stage managers. The other stage manager was Tonja Hansen. Kurt Hansen was stage hand. Tonja and Connie Werre painted



Finders Creepers cast and some crew: (l-r) front: John Latham, Andrew Comes, Cheyenne Kalisiak. 2nd row: Charlene Hansen, Jessica Holmes, Sarah Sabo, Autumn Stenerson, Odessa Clarkson, Becky Holsti, Paula Richter, Alexis McCann, Nathan Williams. Back: Kurt Hansen, Peydon Adolph, Reese Clarkson, Jason Stenerson, Ash Eagle, Clancy Adolph, Jessie Collins. *Courtesy Photos Kimberly Bail*

and created the wonderful set with all the fine touches of the late 1960's. Casey Holmes, Doug Hausman and Ty Tope built the set. Jo Piekola was lighting technician and Laura Tenold was sound technician. Bobbi Nelson, Kim Bail, Courtney Tope, Bibianne Entz and Tawni Cordell formed the make-up crew. Tailynn Adolph styled the hair. Jana DuPlessis and Becky Holsti created the tickets and got them to the two banks, Pioneer Bank & Trust and Dakota Community Bank who sold them for the group. Bonnie Johnson created the programs. Cindy Painter and Bonnie Johnson headed the concessions and Johnson also set up meals for the cast which members of the Community

Center provided. The members also provided help with setting up and numbering chairs, clean-up, and numerous other necessary tasks. Preceding the play, Trash Can Kids troupe dazzled the audiences. This talented group of children performed a comedy act which had the audience in

stitches, laughing at their clever jokes. The troupe finished their portion of the entertainment with the song "Start all Over Again" complete with dance and actions. Trash Can Kids members: Peydon Adolph, Kenzlee Bail, Kruze Bail, Kimber Cordell, Kynlee Cordell, Shelbi Hansen, Tommi Holmes, Trey

Holmes, Emma Richter, Hailey Richter, and Maelina Ruona. This great community effort created wonderful entertainment for the audience which came from as far as Sheridan, Wyoming. A tribute to the great talent hidden away in the vast prairie of Harding County, South Dakota.



Trash Can Kids (l-r) Front: Kenzlee Bail, Trey Holmes, Kruze Bail, Emma Richter, Kynlee Cordell, Hailey Richter, Tommi Jo Holmes. Rear: Kimber Cordell, Shelbi Hansen, Maelina Ruona, Peydon Adolph. *Courtesy Photos Kimberly Bail*

Thank You!

The lights go down on another stellar season for the Bullock Community Players. *Tonight at Bullock* and *Finders Creepers* are now in the history books. We couldn't ask for a greater cast and crew, you were fabulous! The army of volunteers who pitch in to make this a reality is amazing. Kudos to each and every one of you! And, thank you sponsors. Thank you wonderful audiences. Thanks a million! See ya'll next year!

Looking Back in Belle

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

Belle Fourche Times March 21, 1896

Jack rabbits are safe these days while the mud is knee deep.

When a man says "I've got the grip," just mark him as having lost it.

Frank Stiles has been quite sick this week with the popular complaint - grip.

Mac the Saddler Jr. was patriotic enough to put a green necktie on his dog last Tuesday.

Ben Pollock, son of A. Pollock of Hulett, Wyo., arrived Wednesday from Sioux City and went out home on the stage.

A petition will be presented to the town council at its next meeting asking that body to order a sidewalk laid to the school house.

George Leslie is recovering from his sickness. He says the grip can't keep a good man down. That's what Jonah said to the whale.

The first floor of Hotel Dyer is ready for the carpenters to put on the finishing touches. The white coat is now being put on the two upper floors by the plasterers.

Bachelors are trying to agree that marriage is a failure.

Belle Fourche Times March 20, 1897

St. Onge gave a grand St. Patrick's ball Wednesday night.

Max Fishel, of Deadwood, came down with a supply of masquerade suits Wednesday for the St. Patrick's ball.

Born, - To Mr. and Mrs. A. Ermish, on Tuesday, March 16 a son. Mr Ermish is as proud as a boy with a new pair of pants. Belle Fourche Times March 17, 1898

TALK OF THE TOWN

Bridge Superintendent Spencer is here directing the work on the railroad bridge.

Sheriff Stevens took Putney and O'Day back to Deadwood Saturday. Darland will serve out his thirty-day sentence in the Butte county jail.

Fred Ernest came down from he Hills last week and went out to the Moreau to "ranch it" for the summer.

W. H. Spencer was in town Wednesday from his Bear Gulch mines. He has about a dozen claims up there and says he is satisfied to stay with them.

Masquerade Ball Postponed On account of the inclement weather and blockaded condition of the roads, the committee in charge decided to postpone the Benefit Masquerade Ball to have been given by Belle Fourche lodge M. W. A., this evening, till Friday evening, April 1st.

Found ! A bunch of keys. Owner can have same by identifying keys and paying for this notice.



by Hunter Anderson
substituting for
Mary Buchholz



Belle Fourche Post
SOCIETY'S DOINGS

Friday evening the High School students, under the supervision of Miss Frances Hedrick, gave a delightful musical program.

The Assembly room was filled by an appreciative audience. The Glee Club rendered selections in a credible manner and the High School orchestra added new laurels to that organization.

Much praise was accorded those who gave vocal and instrumental solos and duets.

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Much red is due Miss Hedrick for the success of the evening's entertainment.

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Grand River Roundup

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We got some snow this week and the temperatures dropped to average winter levels. The re-arrival of winter sure cured my spring fever.

Last week I forgot to tell you that Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere was sworn in as President of the Western States Sheriffs Association at the Associations Annual Conference on February 26th in Reno, Nevada. Fred has deep roots in Harding County. He is the youngest child of Regnald and Amy (Maney) Lamphere and was named after his grandfather Fred Lamphere who homesteaded northwest of Buffalo in 1912. Congratulations Fred!

Taz and Amanda flew home from the rodeo in Houston, Texas on Monday, but I didn't get to see them right away because I came down with the stomach flu that day and didn't want to share it with anyone. Reub has had a bad cold for the last couple weeks, Copper had ear infection this week, and several others were suffering with the flu, but most of the talk is about the Corona virus that has shut down just about everything.

I was supposed to go to Bison Monday afternoon to be fingerprinted to take the census, but because I was really sick that didn't happen. I was over the flu by Tuesday, so I went to Lemmon for the pesticide applicator certification that afternoon. Taz went down to help Sage work on the storage shed at the church after the snow melted off that morning. Trig was home for spring break from college so he also helped them and they got it finished by Thursday.

Reub felt good enough to go to with me to the Lenten service and supper at the church Wednesday evening and we heard that Laura Johnson's knee surgery in Fargo went well that day. Tom and Mary Lu Holt came to church after flying home from visiting Mary Lu's sister, Sue and Mert Clarkson in

Arizona.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Thursday afternoon for his appointment with Mary Eggebo. Thursday was Tony Holt's birthday and we didn't even get him called to wish the old guy happy birthday!

The Coffee House is sponsoring the Waddington Brothers at the Reva Hall next Sunday, March 22 at 6:00.

They've been here before and have some really great music.

With all the hype about the Corona virus pandemic that's happening right now, Gov.

Noem closed all the schools in South Dakota next week, the basketball tournaments in South Dakota were canceled after they started, at least two states that were going to have primary elections next week have postponed them, the rodeo in Austin, TX was canceled, most of the nursing homes and hospitals are closed to the public, panicked people are emptying the store shelves of toilet paper, hand sanitizer and food, and the news media is hyperventilating, which seems pretty fitting for Friday the 13th.

A guy on the news the other day called the Corona virus "China virus" and that reminded me of the world-wide flu epidemic called the Spanish Flu that killed millions in 1918. Reub's uncle, Tad Olson was in the military breaking horses for the army at Fort Keogh near Miles City during WWI. Tad caught the disease and was getting over it when he went to help another soldier who was suffering from the disease. Tad had a relapse of the flu and died at 21. If Tad had still been here in Harding County he would have been treated by Doc Hodge along with the rest of the large Olson family and probably survived.

Doc Hodge lived in the Slim Buttes and was what we would call a "Naturepath" now. He was trained as a physio-medical physician and used herbs, teas, slippery elm bark, hot baths and some compounds called Composition and Number 6 to

treat his patients. He was good friends with the Indians and shared medical information with them. Sitting Bull's young granddaughter was killed when the team pulling the wagon she was riding in ran over a cliff when Sitting Bull was visiting Doc. She was buried in a treetop in Red Cross draw in the north Slim Buttes, close to Doc Hodge's place. When the rest of the Olson family caught the flu, Doc Hodge came to the ranch and treated the whole family with hot baths, Composition tea, and cayenne pepper and saved them all. He never lost a patient that he treated for the flu. Doc Hodge was the only doctor that Reub's grandma Hattie Olson and my grandmother Lydia Wilkinson had any faith in. Doc delivered the youngest six of Grandma Wilkinson's eight kids, including my mother.

Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day and former Rep. Tom Hills sent me this Irish joke a few years ago:

Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment.

It happens quickly: Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand; clutches his chest; and drops dead at the table!

Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing.... standing up. Michael O'Conner looks around and asks, "Oh, me boys, someone got's to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?"

They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet; be gentle; don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet??? I'm the most discreet Irishmen you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me."

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers, and asks what he wants.

Gallagher declares, "Paddy just lost \$500, and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!" says Murphy's wife.

"I'll go tell him," says Gallagher.

Capitol News

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Capitol and Tie Creek are quiet this week.

Dick and Erma Albert went to Belle Fourche and Spearfish on Friday. They could not visit at the nursing homes, because of the visit limitations to keep out the spread of the flu virus. Erma learned that Shirley Latham is at the Spearfish Canyon Health Care facility. They stopped at Walmart and discovered some shelves empty. Toilet paper is in demand now.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson are still unpacking after their move down the road. Even though it is only a mile or two, it still means everything has to be packed and moved.

Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche on Tuesday night to help granddaughter, Rhys Pearson, celebrate her birthday. Jay Cordell came out for the weekend to help with calving. Marlee went to church at the Methodist church in Camp Crook on Sunday. Heifer calves are coming steadily, now.

Justin Kerr went to Baker on Friday to do some shopping. Most everything was still in supply, but the toilet paper had disappeared. Marion Kerr is staying out at the ranch to help Justin for a few weeks. Kyria was out for the weekend, and went back to town on Sunday.

Shirley Melum got a call from Rapid City canceling her doctor's appointment due to the virus. She and Junior have just been staying home. The cows

have been moved up close to the house, and are ready for calving. They have only a couple of calves so far.

Ernie and Rachel Melum have been staying home, too. Tommy is still having school.

The home-schooled kids may think it is unfair that they don't get a break. The other students in both counties are having at least one week off to hold down the numbers exposed to the flu.

Dorothy Padden has stayed home this week, too. Ashley, Brenton, Brylen and Kanyin went to church in Camp Crook on Sunday.

Alex Moncur is busy with calving. He will have some help this week because Daeson's school at Camp Crook is out for the week. The kids around here may wish they were back in school sooner than town kids. The vacation is more like work out here. Alex has already had two weeks of heifer calving, and things are going well. The wind made things feel terribly cold for the past two days, but it is staying above zero. Now, the old cows have begun calving, but they will not need as much watching as the heifers.

Charlie Odell made a trip to Belle Fourche and Spearfish, on Wednesday, to get supplies. Doug Steig came on Friday with some gas and diesel.

Charlie began work on taxes, and Karen did lots of research for the book she is writing. Karen did some painting and calking. Hywel made friends with some calves. He found a shoe and a glove, and got to

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Weather Hat Haberdasher Still Building Top Quality Hats

KAREN HOLZER
Special to the Beacon

BELLE FOURCHE - Haberdashers and hat makers once found on main streets throughout the country, seem to have faded into the shadows, along with the art of custom made hats. A visit with Jack Scholl with the Weather Hat Company is like taking a step into the past. Shelves are lined with hats of all shapes and sizes, and hat making equipment is ready for production in the back room. Hats are designed, shaped, formed, and custom hand made for each customer, one at a time.

Jack grew up in Isabel, the son of Bill and Martha Scholl. As he was growing up, his parents ranched and also had the hardware store on Main Street. Jack graduated from high school in 1973. In the early 1980s Jack began shoeing race horses in Weatherford TX. Jack says, “I guess I wanted some adventure.”

He traveled to race tracks in New Mexico, and across the border to old Mexico. He worked in Louisiana in the summer and then Oklahoma in the winter. After returning to Isabel in 1985 for a few years to help his dad, he set out to Chicago in the fall of 1987.

At that time Chicago had three horse race tracks, and Jack shod horses wherever they were racing. Jacks explains, “Horse racing was really big in Chicago in the late 1980s. Races were held six days a week. One grandstand was one half block in length and three levels high.” He comments that it was a whole different world with generations of families attending the races.

After years of living in Chicago and commuting, Jack began exploring the idea of a new trade. He and his wife, Jennifer, discovered The Weather Hat Company, a custom hat store in Rapid City for sale. Jack was intrigued with the idea. He says, “I always liked hats when I was growing up. I would shape hats for others, and I liked it.”

Jack located a custom hat maker at Law Dog Hats, in Billings MT. The owner agreed to teach Jack the skills of making hats. Jack traveled to Montana to learn the trade.

With the skills he learned in Montana, the supplies and equipment purchased with the store, and years of experience and practice, Jack has become a talented and accomplished hat maker.

Custom made hats are designed individually for each customer. Jack explains that measurements are taken from the shape and size of the customer’s head. The shape is drawn on a piece of paper and transferred onto a foam block. The blue foam is cut, trimmed and sanded to match the measurements. Jack smiles, “No one’s head is symmetrical, they are all crooked. We work to make each hat fit the customer.”

A wooden hat block is selected that best matches the size and shape of the custom made foam form. It is on the wooden block the custom hat begins to take its shape. In the shop, Jack has about 200 wooden hat blocks to shape the hat and flanges to shape the brim sitting on the shelf to choose from.

Next, Jack chooses a hat body. He says, “The bodies are made of either rabbit or beaver. The best are 100% beaver, in part because a beaver is a water animal and hair is high quality. Oftentimes the hat body is made of part beaver and part rabbit which is cheaper.” He goes to say the best is the Artic Hare from Russia and Beaver from Canada. The hat body is made from the under hair, from the hair off the belly. The cold climate encourages good hair growth. Jack gets his hat bodies from a company in Tennessee.

Jack uses a steam pot to form the hat body around the block. The hat is ironed by hand until all the wrinkles gone. Next he places it into a prized hundred year old piece of equipment, a crown iron. The crown iron flattens the felt to the block and shrinks it to fit nice and tight.

Each hat is handled individually throughout the process several times. Jack says, “Hand



MOD HATTER - Proving there is still room for old-world craftsmanship in today’s modern world Jack Scholl is hard at work shaping a hat at his Weather Hat Company shop in downtown Belle Fourche. -*Courtesy Photo*

sanding the hat is an important of the finish. When done right, it will be like velvet. If its over sanded the hat can look cheap or lose its color.”

A hat stretcher is inserted into the hat, and the first rough trim on the brim is completed. Next the hat is placed in a plating machine which flattens the brim to make it smooth. After about 15 minutes in 150 degree heat, the brim is ready for sanding.

After a another trim with a circular cutter, Jack adds a final touch by beveling the brim’s edge to add smoothness. Western hats have a 4-4 ½ inch brim; the Fedora brim is about 2 ½ to 2 ¾, just under three inches; the Open Road hat brim is about 3 inches.

A sweat band is added to the inside of the hat. Jack says, “We use a soft lambskin for our sweat bands which can withstand moisture.” The band is sewn into the hat with a sewing machine, another hat making piece of equipment Jack has acquired. The inside of the hat is lined with a custom design of Jack and Lucky, his corgi dog. Lucky spend many years alongside Jack the the Belle Fourche hat shop. Mick Harrison created the artwork of Jack and Lucky for the custom made satin-like lining.

The crown shaping is done by hand. Steam is applied to the hat to soften and make it pliable to bend as the hat maker desires. Jack comments, “During this step, we can also make a few minor changes in the creases to best fit the customer’s face and head.” Finally a hat band or ribbon is attached to the outside of the hat.

Jack says the Cattleman’s Hat is the most popular in this area with the western style of a high crown and brim. The Open Road hat is a cross over from the 50s and 60s, often called a LBJ hat. It would be western or city and features a snap rim which is snapped down in front. The Fedora Hat is smaller, with a lower crown and about 2 ½ inch brim.

Jack especially enjoys the challenge of custom making hats designed from a picture or drawing. He recreated a hat worn by a Seth Bullock, a well known businessman and lawman in the Northern Black Hills during the late 1800s. The hat is on display in the Tri-State Museum in Belle Fourche.

Jack’s custom made hats are part of the 2015 Plains Born South Dakota Ranch Arts traveling exhibit, a project of the South Dakota Arts Council/ Department of Tourism in cooperation with South Dakotans for the Arts and Deadwood History. Jack continues his Weather Hat Company business, although the storefront in Belle Fourche is not always open. Jack can be contacted at 605-645-1654.

The skilled hatmaker enjoys working with the variety of hats from the Western to the Fedora to custom requests. Every step of the hat making, until they are shaped into the final product, is a vital part of the process. These steps include the sanding, the steaming, the measuring, the sweatband, and the final creases of the crown.

Jack says his goal is to make hats with style, quality and fit. “No matter how nice a hat looks, if it doesn’t fit, it won’t be worn,” he comments. He says it is his goal to take his time and do every step in the

hat making process perfect. Watching and listening to Jack demonstrate hat making, it is easy to understand that he lives up to the Weather Hat Company’s slogan, “Handmade Done Right – Just For You.”

From B4 CITY COMMISSION

shipped on a timeframe and that it was more than was needed. “It’s a company that re-orders without request,” said Parrow. “She needs to call and tell them to cancel.”

Humble stated that she felt the ink cartridges that were not needed should be returned and that the bill should not be paid until that happened.

Mayor Ken Wetz also questioned a larger than normal bill for the bar to Gene’s Lockshop. Parker explained that several door locks had to be re-keyed to take advantage of expensive locks. He said that one of the doors needed to be able to open from the inside according to fire regulations.

The commission again heard from Steve Clooten on the potential tire baling process at the city landfill. After going through old information, Wetz said he had met with the state engineer, Jim Wendt, when he was in Pierre recently. “They did make clear to me that the permit would be held by the city,” said Wetz. “We have to remember that we incur the liability for that into perpetuity. We already have that responsibility for the rest of our site. (Wendt) He said that he actually

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likes the grinding (of tires) better than the baling. It didn’t sound like they had any other tire baling sites in the state.” This make the permitting process more difficult as there are layers to the permits. Wetz did say that the tonnage expected to be placed would not change the level of permitting the city already has.

Wetz asked, “So what’s the next step?”

Clooten said he felt the city needed to meet with their lawyer as well as getting more information from Brosz Engineering, who will be digging the test holes. Once all that is done and the information relayed to the state the permitting process could go forward.

In committee reports, Parker said he had been in contact with the windfarm people and explained that the city’s responsibility would be for the fire hydrant and valves, but that Willow Creek would need to stand the cost of laying pipe to their building site on the southeast corner of town.

Parker also said the city crew is firming up plans to start the finish up work on Ash Street coming north. His crew will also be working to resolve the issue of the sewer in the ally east of Third Street, possibly putting in a new manhole.

He will also be meeting with SD DOT on the potential repairs from 4th Street to 8th Street along Dartmouth (Highways 212 and 79) through town.

The city library has been closed, at least for the week of March 16-20, due to the issue with the Co-Vid19 and possible exposure issues. At the end of the week, the situation will be assessed to determine what the next step would be.

Humble said there had been complaints to her about the property located between the Blue Line Diner and the Motel on the north edge of town. She said people had complained that there was a lot of household garbage. She had gone to inspect but said she did not completely go through the property, which has been abandoned, due to the items left behind.

Commissioner Allen Youngberg said the property owner had not abandoned the property but that he lived in the Green Valley apartments and was somewhat incapacitated.

“He said he would deal with it in the spring,” said Youngberg. “It is spring,” responded Humble.

The city set the city election for April 14, and named Marge Adams, Linda Vollmer and Margie Ladue to the election board. They also set the date for spring cleanup week for May 4-8, with that Saturday as a free day for taking loads to the rubble site.

The next commission meeting was set for April 16 so that votes from the election can be tallied.

Area Church Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST
807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
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Morning Worship - 10:30am
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study
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10 a.m. Worship

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Newell 605-456-2767
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10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Pastor McKillop (605) 840-0554
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8	BwF-Cow	1621	58.00
36	Black-Cow	1383	63.25
9	Black-Cowette	1203	67.50
3	Blk/BwF-Cow	1697	58.00
21	Black-Cow	1242	54.50
1	Black-Cow	1440	50.50
1	Black-Cow Open	1430	63.00
1	Black-Cow	1655	54.50
3	Black-Cow	1223	61.50
1	Black-Cow	1260	62.50
3	Black-Cow	1288	62.50
3	Black-Hfr	975	85.00
8	Black-Hfr	771	85.00

BULLS

3	Black-Bull	1872	84.00
1	Black-Bull	1515	80.50
3	Black-Bull	1950	85.50
1	Black-Bull	1810	82.50
1	Black-Bull	1925	80.50
1	Black-Bull	1525	80.50

BELLE FOURCHE LIVESTOCK MARKET, LLC

Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Thursday March 19th, 2020
Weigh Ups- 9:00 AM Bred Stock - 12:00 PM

BRED HEIFERS

Cross 4 Ranch-MT

40 blk bred hfrs bred blk, calve 3/25 for 40 days, repro shots, poured, bred to Mangen Angus & Lunds B- Angus bulls

STOCK COWS

Brad Carlson-WY

120 blk SM & BM cows bred blk, calve 3/25

Cross 4 Ranch-MT

125 blk 4 to SM cows bred blk, calve 3/25 for 60 days, repro shots, poured, bred to Mangen Angus & Lunds B- Angus bulls

Melanie Pittman-SD

3 Jersey bred hfrs one will calve 4/22, one will calve 5/2, one will calve in Aug, all are AI bred to Jersey bull sexed semen for hfrs

BROKEN MOUTH COWS

Andrew Gaskill-MT

50 blk ST cows bred blk, calve 4/1 for 60 days, repro shots, poured

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Kim Kling - Kem Kjerstad

BULL SALES CALENDAR

Thursday, April 2nd	Bar 69 Angus
Thursday, April 9th	Reich Char
Thursday, April 16th	CS Angus
Thursday, April 23rd	Mangen Angus
Thursday, April 30th	J Spear Cattle Co. Angus
Thursday, May 14th	Cactus Cattle Co. Angus
Thursday, May 28th	Annual turn-out times all breeds bull sale

BROADUS, MT RECEIVING STATION

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

Belle Fourche Community Calendar

March 18: Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp Meeting, 7am, 5th & Grant Plaza

Chamber Luncheon, 12pm, Branding Iron Steakhouse

March 19: Wells Fargo Blood Drive, 1:30-4pm, Wells Fargo Parking Lot
Public Spaces, Happy Faces City Council and Mayor Listening Session, 6pm, Venue 519

March 20: Carmel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining

March 21: BFACC Wellness Fair: POSTPONED, TBA

March 24: Early Bird Coffee & Networking, 7:30am, Chamber of Commerce

March 26: Chamber Mixer, 5-7pm, Designs By Daphne Gallery, 614 State Street

March 27: Carmel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining
Healthy Habits Made Easy, 10am, Belle Silver Lining

March 31: Early Bird Coffee & Networking, 7:30am, Chamber of Commerce

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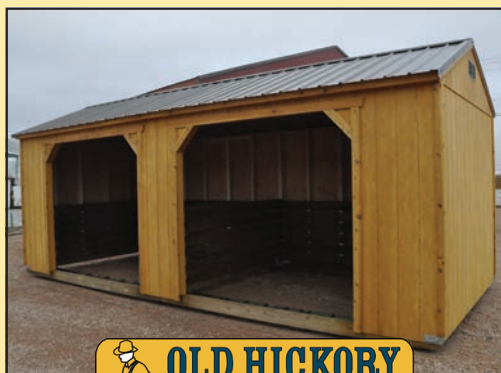


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