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Kids Belong National Founder Keynote Speaker

BELLE FOURCHE - Nearly 100 people gathered at the Barn at Aspen Acres recently for the annual Rise up for South Dakota Kids gala put on by South Dakota Kids Belong (SDKB), a statewide organization founded by Belle Fourche couple Damen and Kristi Woolsey. A large virtual audience also joined in on-line for the organization's annual fundraiser that directs funds to recruit foster parents, reunite foster children with their biological parents and build support for foster and adoptive families through their unique Wrap-Around program.

The gala included a video-taped message from South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, praising the efforts of SDKB and a keynote address by Brian Mavis, the co-Founder and President of America's Kids Belong, the parent organization.

Prior to the gala Northern Hills businesses had already pledged \$55,000 to the effort and the event brought in about a third of the organization's annual budget.

"It was a very encouraging night," Kristi Woolsey, SDKB Communications Director told the Beacon. "I think we've hit a new level and that's exciting because we've now got a lot of donors who have repeatedly donated large amount and are very happy with what their money is doing."

Four years ago SDKB was one of the first affiliates for the Colorado-based America's Kids Belong project which now has branches in nearly two dozen states, helping children find loving families either through adoption, foster care and reunification. Last September the Belle Fourche based organization had their ground-breaking foster care campaign "Stronger Families Together" officially

SD Kids Belong B4

Incumbent Knapp Up for School Board Re-election



Tara Knapp

I am Tara Knapp and I am asking for your vote for the 2021 School Board election. I have served on the Belle Fourche School Board for the past 5 years.

I moved to Belle Fourche in 2004 after accepting a teaching position for the district at the Belle Fourche Middle School. I worked for the district for 3 years and then changed career paths to become a business owner.

My husband, Craig, and I own and operate the local Dairy Queen and Subways.

We have two children who currently attend school in Belle Fourche, which I believe is important as a board member.

I bring several perspectives as a board member; first, as a parent; second, as a business owner; and third, as a former educator in the district.

I believe our schools are the heart of our community and I am grateful to have served with the professionals on the Board the past several years and I hope to continue to serve in the future.

SD Kids Belong Gala Showcases Growing Support



South Dakota Kids Belong Gala is a growing success as the Belle Fourche founded organization is helping children find loving families through adoption, foster care, and reunification statewide.

Construction to Begin on Rail Park Expansion

BEACON STAFF

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BELLE FOURCHE - The last piece of funding is now in place to allow construction to begin on the expanded rail trans loading facility at the Belle Fourche Rail and Industrial Park. The city council approved a \$120,000 allocation at their regular session on Mar. 15th, that caps a four-year process to get the project funded.

Last March the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the South Dakota Dept. of Transportation awarded the Belle Fourche Development Corporation (BFDC) a \$2.4 million grant to expand the current loading facility. The grant required an 80/20 match with 80% coming from the FRC and

20%, or \$480,000, coming from local sources.

The BFDC applied for and was awarded an additional state grant of \$220,000 to cover half the cost of the match and make things easier for the city and county. Then the Butte County Commissioners voted last year to allocate \$120,000 to the match; money that has been delivered. That left the remaining \$120,000 yet to be appropriated.

Last year, during city budget sessions, the council approved budgeting the \$120,000 to complete the match but the allocation was only approved this month after a request from the BFDC. Both the city and county ultimately control the Rail Park property.

With the funds in place the

project can begin and will strengthen the BFDC's bid to secure at least two new potential business projects.

"It's really a big win for Belle Fourche," BFDC Executive Director Hollie Stalder told the Beacon when the grant was awarded last year. "This is a huge boost for the community to have these funds invested here for our economic growth."

A sentiment echoed by

Rapid City Pierre & Eastern Railroad's Nick Smith, who is the RCP&E manager of marketing and sales. "As the serving rail carrier, we see this grant as an opportunity for business development and job growth that is vital to the RCP&E, Belle Fourche, and western South Dakota," Smith said. "This proposed development would expand opportunities for rail traffic in and out of South Dakota that will benefit

Rail Expansion B4

Nationally Syndicated Columnist John Newby Coming To Belle

National Columnist & Media/Community Consultant, John Newby will be bringing his skills and talents to present to Belle Fourche April 15, 16, and 17th.

Newby whose weekly column, "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" is a regular feature in the Beacon, will be working with a wide cross section of members of the community.

His program, Turning Local Vision Into Reality, is a format for achieving a "Truly-Local Community" national designation.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, the BF Economic Development Corporation, the Downtown Business District, Center of the Nation Business Association and a cross section of individuals throughout the community are working together to bring the three day event.

The program kicks off on the 15th with a series of meetings

across the gamut of the community interests: City government, Chamber, Economic Development, businesses, education, churches, Veterans, Seniors, Civic Clubs, Tourism, Healthcare, media, Fire, & Police.

The sessions will take a look at the financial reasons for a *TRULY-LOCAL* community.

From top to bottom throughout the community, how to gain the best return on investment for the efforts that are expended, and see what others are doing to achieve their community visions.

How can we work together to achieve the communities visions for a strong and successful future.

Founder John Newby's favorite quote: "If you don't like change, you will like irrelevance even less."

John has experienced a unique and diverse career path

Truly-Local B7



Expansion for rail trans loading facility at BF Rail & Industrial Park geared to move forward. Matching funds are in place for \$2.4 million grant to expand current facility.

Ward 4

Derrick Jones for Ward 4 City Council.

My family and I have made Belle Fourche our home for the last 15 years. My wife Rebecca, of 26 years and I have three children. Two of our children graduated from Belle Fourche High School and are both away at college. Our youngest was born in Spearfish and is currently attending South Park Elementary. Rebecca operated Step-by-Step Preschool for 10 years and is currently working at the Belle Fourche Kindergarten. We have been actively engaged in the community,

Jones A5



Derrick Jones

Ward 4

Betty Jo Hoffman for Ward 4 City Council.

Hello, my name is Betty Jo Hoffman, I am seeking your vote to secure the Ward 4 Council Seat.



Betty Jo Hoffman

I have lived in Belle Fourche for 16 years. My husband Dirk Hoffman and I have had 4 children attend and graduate from Belle Fourche High School.

I love Belle Fourche; we have a great community. I am always amazed at the generosity when someone or a family is in need.

I am actively involved with a few different organizations. I started Santa Shop 6 years ago at the Belle Fourche Moose

Hoffman A5

Justice Seeks Re-election To School Board

My name is Nita Justice and I am running for re-election for a position on the Belle Fourche School Board. I have served on the school board for 4 terms. In the last 12 years as a part of the school board I have seen some wonderful things come into the Belle Fourche School District, the most important being the new CTE (Career & Technical Education) building that was finalized in 2018. Having a building and hands on education for our students in Belle Fourche is so beneficial to our community, as we can grow a job-ready workforce for the future!

I grew up in Spearfish and have lived in Belle Fourche since 1977 with my husband, Jim. We raised our two children, Brandi (School Nurse Brandi) and Keenan in Belle Fourche. Our 3 beautiful granddaughters attend school in Belle Fourche, Addilyn (6th grade), Madisyn (4th grade), and Kamryn (1st grade).

I have worked at Jackson Dental in Belle Fourche for 28 years as a Business Analyst.



Nita Justice

I feel very connected to the community through my work and through the school district.

As our community is rapidly growing, I am confident that I am the right candidate to serve and represent the best interest of our children and grandchildren as a member of the Belle Fourche School Board. I truly look forward to continuing the opportunity to service our school district that gave my two children a great education and is now giving the same exceptional level of education to my grandchildren.

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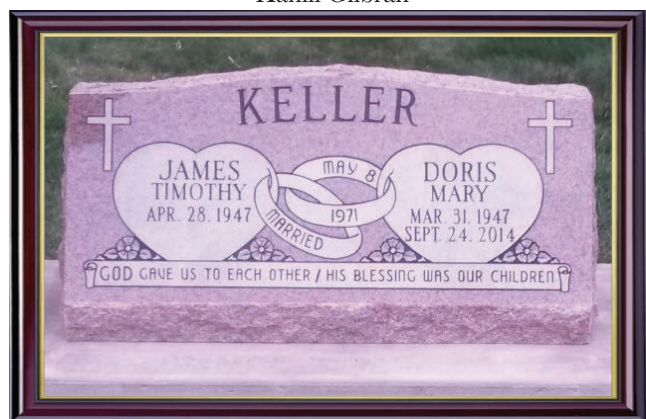
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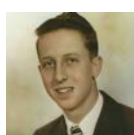
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Obituaries

Don West Celebration of Life



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

A celebration of Don's life will take place Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Besler's Cadillac Ranch. From 2pm to 5pm an open house celebration will take place. Friends and associates are

encouraged to come and share stories of remembrances.

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

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Mike Reade, St. James Episcopal Church

"John 12: 19 – 33."

Today's Gospel passage marks the beginning of a change in Jesus' ministry. The coming of the Greeks is seen as anticipating the coming of the Gentiles into the community of believers. While it is true that before the events in our Gospel reading Jesus spoke to the woman at the well and healed a woman's daughter, the primary focus of Jesus' ministry until this point in time was the people of Israel-the Jews. The visit of the Greeks reflected the Pharisee's statement in verse 19 that the whole world was running after Jesus. Their arrival prompted Jesus to acknowledge that the hour had come for him to be crucified, and by his death and resurrection, he will draw all people to him, including the Gentiles.

The drawing of all people to Jesus might seem to be ironic given that those who shouted "Hosanna" on Palm Sunday shouted "Crucify him" on Good Friday. Part of the reason is because of the nature of the Messiah that the people were seeking. They were seeking a Messiah who would create an army, drive out the Romans and restore Israel to the glory days of King David. They had no such expectations of the Son of Man. In fact, the title "Son of Man" has none of the militaristic connotations or meanings associated with the title of Messiah.

Jesus mentions in verse 27 of the gospel that "My soul is troubled". No doubt it was troubled by his coming death on the cross. Some scholars believe that the Greeks knew about the plot to kill Jesus and came to spirit him away to safety. While Jesus' human side might have welcomed this rescue plan, his godly side knew that this rescue plan would have defeated God's



plan to rescue us from a life of sin and eternal damnation. He gave up his human desire to live in favor of God's plan for salvation. In other words, Jesus' human self-died so that he could live out God's plan for his life and our eternal lives.

It is often hard for us to do the same thing. It is hard for us to say no to self and yes to God. In fact, we often do exactly the opposite-we pray "yes" to self and "no" to God. We tell God what

we want him to do for us, what we want his plans for us to be, and how we are willing to serve him. It usually takes a crisis of significant proportions for most of us to give up control of our lives. It means we have come to the end of ourselves and our struggle to control the events of our lives and we finally come to the time where we have to say, "I surrender, God! Please take full control of my life".

We and the Greeks who came to see Jesus are the same. They and we are attracted by the one who, in his hour of suffering, is a completely faithful servant to God; who shows total generosity; willing to give up everything for us, without holding back anything in reserve; who shows us that defeat and death open up new possibilities, when we would see only endings and lose trust; who offers us hope, even when the doors are shut and when we would throw our hands up in despair and prepare to accompany one more body to the tomb. In return, we are to present the love of God in real ways and present Jesus as a human friend, companion and guide in both word and deed. Amen.

*Zechariah 10:1 Ask rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain—
The Lord who makes the storm clouds;
And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man.*

*Isaiah 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
To spring up before all the nations.*

Prayer for the Day

Lord God, I thank thee for the silent ways of revelation which bring hopeful communion with thee. Help me to be composed, that my life may not create a noise and my soul miss the messages that come from the depths of truth and love. Amen.

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The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests
Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver
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Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer

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

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

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(605)-210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15, or 10:30am

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish
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Sunday:
Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.
Church Service - 10:45 a.m. We sing traditional hymns & choruses.

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

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Newell 605-456-2767
Worship: 9 a.m.
Wednesday afternoon children's time during the school year, 3:45-5:15

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

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Chamber Business of the Week

By: Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher

Business Spotlight of the Week: Dakota Lumber Co. is a second and third generation lumberyard that has been locally owned and operated by the Bowman Family, who are proud to have served Belle Fourche and the surrounding communities since 1979. They are here for all your building and hardware needs. Dakota Lumber is located at 18751 US Hwy 85.



Dakota Lumber, 18751 North US Highway 85, Belle Fourche *Courtesy Photo*



Tri-State Museum

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Families Learn About And Make Robots At Family Fun Day

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center held a Family Fun Day on Sunday, March 21 entitled “Robotics.” Twenty-five people from Belle Fourche, Spearfish and Beulah, Wyoming attended. Families saw a short film about robotics and did a project to make a kooky robot out of aluminum cans and craft materials. There was also a drawing for the Eyewitness book, “Robot,” and a free take-home packet on the subject.

The highlight of the event was an appearance by Austin Bishop of Belle Fourche High School, who demonstrated a drone and answered questions about its use and abilities.

Family Fun Days are held on the third Sunday of the month.


The next Family Fun Day will be on April 18 and is about puppets and puppeteering. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.




Austin Bishop of BFHS, holding a drone in his hands, is surrounded by some of those who attended the “Robotics” Family Fun Day on March 21 at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center. *Courtesy photo*

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Tuesday, April 13th
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WARD 4

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Letter to the Editor

I’m writing this letter to all of you folks that live in Belle Fourche. I know that picking a candidate is tough for some but mine is a clear choice for me. I totally support Vern Bills for mayor. You people want to drain the swamp on a national level? On a state level? How about here at home? Vern is the right man for the job. He’s a fellow tax payer, a pillar of our community, and a friend that you can count on. Yes I’ve known Vern for quite a few

years yes he is a friend and a friend that if I needed advice I knew that I could always get it straight from him. He supports Belle Fourche 100% and wants to see Belle Fourche become a great place a great town and community to live in. It’s time to stop the unnecessary spending. It’s time to stop our money going to the wrong place. It’s time for making our town the best it can be and get back on track. It’s time for all of you to vote Vern Bills for mayor!!!

Dave Hoffmeyer



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Heather Alcanter

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Chamber Board Profiles



Gloriann Ruby

As the current Managing Broker of Dakota Home & Ranch Real Estate, LLC and one of the principal owners of the firm, Gloriann oversees the daily business operations of the firm as well as manages the company's residential, land and commercial listing aspects of the business.

Gloriann educates her clients in all aspects of the real estate process so that her clients will experience a positive real estate transaction. She has always had a passion for business, and earned her first degree in

marketing and advertising from Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, CO. After graduation, she married her husband now of 28 years and re-located to South Dakota where she continued her education. As a real estate professional, wife and mother, Gloriann realizes the importance of honesty and trust in every aspect of life.

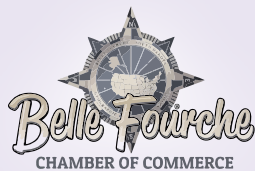
She realizes that all real estate transactions are an important decision in the life of a buyer or seller, and she will insure that the process is a positive one.

Notes from the Chamber

By: Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher

It has been a revolving door at the Chamber office these past few weeks and I love it. New members joining, community members asking how to get involved, members stopping by, and some just stopping in to say hi.

I am so happy to know that people are comfortable enough to stop by visit for a few minutes, ask questions, and to give me input. I am here as an information hub for our community. Let us work together to make Belle Fourche the community



everyone wants to be involved in.

If you have not yet followed us on Facebook please do so. Each week we have a business spotlight. This

business is a local business that offers services to our community and surrounding areas. We also do a business trivia question each week and have small give-a-way. It has been so much fun seeing the community get involved and answering the trivia questions.

Chamber Members if you have not logged in to your new GrowthZone hub please do so. Add your information, pho-

tos, logo, etc. Let us get your information out to our community and surrounding areas. I know your busy running your business and don't always have time, but even if you can email me your business logo, I can add that to your member listing on our directory.

Mark your Calendars for these 2021 dates:

Black Hills Roundup Rodeo- June 30th- July 4th
Chamber of Commerce Pie Social- July 4th
2nd Annual Corn Festival – August 20th & 21st
Center of the Nation Birthday – August 21st
2nd Annual Golf Tournament September 18th
Moonlight Madness & Chili Contest – October 22nd
Parade of Lights – November 26th
Polar Express Bus Rides- December 16th-18th

Meals on Wheels Belle Fourche Is Creating a New Dining Experience!

BELLE FOURCHE, SD) – Meals on Wheels Belle Fourche is in the process of updating and improving our new location to better serve seniors in the com-

munity. When we re-open, our new location will be in the old Subway building at 1400 Mill Street. The move will provide seniors with an all new dining

experience in Belle Fourche. We are no longer operating out of BF Silver Linings. In the interim, meals are still available for home delivery!

The new space and the updates we are making are possible in part by the generosity of a local donor. Meals on Wheels is proud to partner with the communities we serve, to create an improved quality of life for those we meet, and those partnerships are strengthened and made possible by our generous donors.

Meals on Wheels currently serves 49 western South Dakota communities, has assistance from over 30 daily volunteers, serves 1,500 seniors a day, and delivered over 320,000 meals to seniors in western South Dakota last year. The new location in Belle Fourche will continue to strengthen the Belle Fourche community and help continue to serve seniors in our communities better.

For more information on the new location and renovations, please contact George Larson or go to our website at www.meal-sprogram.com for updates.

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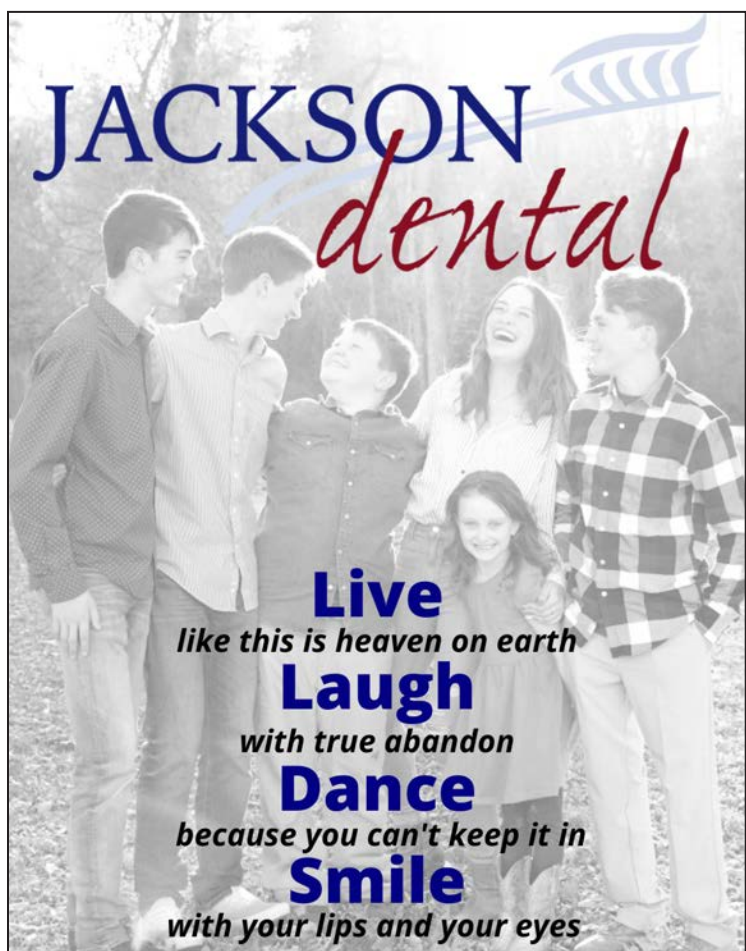
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Thurs, March 25th
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Lunch: Pizza/Taco in a Bag/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Mon., March 29th
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Lunch: Hot Dog/Chicken Crisпитos/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Tues., March 30th
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Badlands Head Start In "Race to Read" Challenge

Badlands Head Start, along with the United Way of the Black Hills, have been enjoying a "Race to Read" challenge throughout the months of January and February.

The invite went out to all enrolled families and staff of Badlands Head Start. The United Way graciously gave Badlands Head Start \$300 to fund events after the challenge is completed.

Our classrooms are celebrating with events of a campout with indoor smores, reading a book about bears and making a bear snack, or celebrating with

cake in a cup. Each child in the program received a new book and a bag of items promoting the love of reading.

Badlands Head Start and staff families read a total of 6093 books winning the community challenge of \$300 and an addition \$100 for the 690 bonus points.

Badlands Head Start will be using the prize money to buy more books to give to the children to build their home libraries.

Badlands Head Start would like to thank the United Way for

the great opportunity to challenge families to make literacy a priority in their families. They would also like to thank all the families who participated and made literacy a priority for their families.

This opportunity has challenged parents to not only read with their children but to increase their amount of reading as a family. Badlands Head Start always recognizes parents as the first teacher in a child's life and loves getting books to their children to encourage family literacy in the home.



Reading Chain Tree & Reading Chain Classroom pics – Links of the "every-book-read" chain decorates this tree at the Perkins County and Lemmon Head Start Center. *Courtesy Photos*



BF Center teachers **Ann Evridge** and **Michaela Hallam**, holding the United Way \$300 check to fund events with the Reading Challenge. *Courtesy Photo*



From A1 Jones WARD 4

attending school activities from sporting events to drama. Our family enjoys outdoor activities and can be found in the hills hiking, camping or rock climbing.

I have enjoyed serving in the community ever since we have been here. The first 12 years I worked with the youth of the community. I was a Scout Master for five years. I have coached baseball, wrestling and soccer (both boys and girls indoor and outdoor soccer). I also served on the Belle Fourche Soccer Association Board. Within the last few years I have become increasingly interested in the growth and development of our city. Currently I am serving on the Belle Fourche Economic Development Corporation Board.

From A1 Hoffman WARD 4

Lodge. If you are not familiar with Santa Shop, children Pre-K- 4th grade can come to the Moose Lodge and Christmas shop for their immediate family. This is a successful program within our community, serving over 300 kids. I cannot thank our Volunteers enough for helping with wrapping the gifts for the children. I also am part of the Black Hills Roundup, taking care of all the merchandise for our organization, and I volunteer throughout our community, wherever I see a need. Running for City Council has always been something I have wanted to do. Our last child has graduated from high school and I have the time to dedicate to City Council. I know what it

This is an interesting time in Belle Fourche. There is a lot of opportunity for the city to grow and develop. We are seeing a lot of folks move in, business growth and new business potential. I am running for City Council Ward 4 to help provide fair and positive leadership in developing an intentional, dynamic vision for Belle Fourche while still maintaining the home-town feel. I graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a degree in Chemical Engineering. American Colloid brought me to Belle Fourche where I have held numerous leadership positions. I started as a process engineer with one of my first assignments to help design and build a pilot plant. I was responsible for optimizing processes and reducing energy use to drive cost reduction. I worked as a

takes to be a council member; I worked under Mayor David Schneider, Mayor Gary Henderson, & Mayor Larry Rohlf as Mayor Council Executive Assistant. I have the experience and leadership it takes to represent Ward 4 and to put Belle Fourche first.

I had the privilege of working for Mr. Leroy Hill. One day, I was reading a letter to the editor in the Post & Bee; someone was complaining about a stop sign. I said to Mr. Hill, "Wow, this amazes me that people write a letter to the editor instead of going to City Hall and finding out the reason for the stop sign." He told me, "There are 2 types of people in the world, ones who want to change things and come up with solutions, and ones who just want to complain

project manager designing and submitting capital for projects. Once capital was approved, I was responsible for overseeing projects and maintaining budgets. The last 7 years I have managed numerous facilities throughout the US. I currently manage two plants and am responsible for maintaining and developing safety, quality and production initiatives. Every year I develop and work with a budget to ensure our facility is profitable.

As a City Councilman, I understand my responsibility is to represent the people of Ward 4. I will listen, represent, and serve the people. I value the opinions, concerns, and ideas from our collective experience. My name is Derrick Jones and I am running for City Council Ward 4 to provide strong, fair and positive leadership for Belle Fourche.

about things and do nothing." I do not want to sit on the sidelines, I want to jump in and help find solutions to the problems. I want to help Belle Fourche grow with our growing community and add amenities to our community, such as a Dog Park. I would also like to see some ordinances updated that give the City more leverage for abandoned/empty buildings. I would like to help our City as a whole to succeed as we face ongoing challenges. Belle Fourche is changing, and we need to be prepared with infrastructure and housing.

Ward 4, I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, April 13th. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. I want to be your Voice. Bettyjohnhoffman@yahoo.com



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Anything Left in the Barrel? By: Doug Cole

Saturday March 20 at 5:39 am was officially the Spring equinox. The exact time when the sun is directly over the equator and the world experiences an equal amount of daylight and darkness.



A few springlike days inspired golfers to make their way out to the area golf courses.

"One long ball hitter exclaimed, "All I need here is a good drive and a putt."

He took a mighty hack at the ball and it moved forward all of 14 inches.

His companion, chuckling under his breath replied, "You left yourself quite a putt."

Golden Treasures and Memories: Read an account where a senior citizen who had lost her first husband was recently remarried.

She was at a dental appointment and needed to have a crown put on a tooth. She showed her dentist a gold band wedding ring and asked if possible to have it made into the crown.

"The dentist said possibly, but why?"

She responded, "Well I promised my first husband I would always wear his ring and now made the same promise to my second husband."

I thought the gold crown would be a way I could honor both promises.

On your journey through life, when you come to a "cross road" Humor it.

She said she had recently read a book titled "How To Torture Your Husband" and asked a friend if she would like to borrow it?"

No, the friend replied, "I've got system all of my own!"

He described the grouchy old man at the store as someone who has the personality of a dental drill.

Rumor has it copper wire was invented when two electricians got in a fight over a penny.

At an event famous for giving out awards in bizarre categories, the emcee enthusiastically announces, "The next prize will go to the laziest person in the audience. If you think you qualify, raise your hand." Everyone raises their hands except a middle-aged man who seems to show little interest. "Congratulations! You are the winner," says the emcee to the man. "Your prize is this \$100 bill!" Still showing no emotion, the man replies, "Would you mind coming over here and putting it in my pocket?"

According to a myth, you can balance an egg on its tip on a flat surface, only on the first day of Spring!

"Spring makes the world a happy place, You see a smile on every face. Flowers come out and birds arrive, Oh, isn't it grand to be alive?" – Anonymous

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want – oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" – Mark Twain

Useful Short Sayings About Spring

Spring makes everything young again.

With the coming of spring, I am calm again.

Spring is when life's alive in everything.

The deep roots never doubt spring will come.

The promise of spring's arrival is enough to get anyone through the bitter winter!

An optimist is the human personification of spring.

When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest.

How lovely the silence of growing things.

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.

She smelled of sun and daisies with a hint of river water.

Funny Spring Quotes to Make Your Day Better

Spring is the only revolutionary whose revolution has succeeded.

Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day.

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

Sunshine is the best medicine. The first blooms of spring always make my heart sing.

Spring is God's way of saying, "One more time!"

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.

Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.

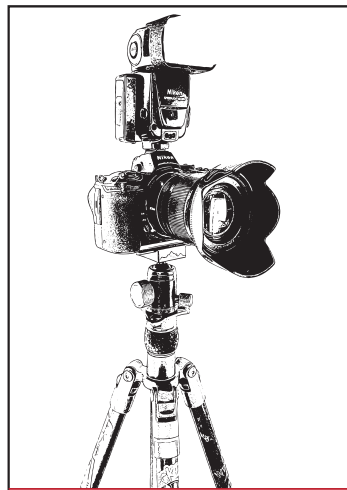
I want to do to you what spring does with the cherry trees.

Spring is beautiful, and smells sweet.

Spring is when you shake the curtains, and pound on the rugs, and take off your long underwear, and wash in all the corners.

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Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT	1	Blk	Cwette	1110	\$82.00
Cordell-Pearson, Ashley, Aladdin WY	1	Blk	Cwette	1125	\$84.00
Cranston Family Rev Trust, Moorcroft WY	1	Herf	Cow	1575	\$56.00
Cranston Family Rev Trust, Moorcroft WY	3	Herf	Cow	1486	\$60.50
Cranston Family Rev Trust, Moorcroft WY	1	Herf	Cow	1455	\$57.50
Cuka, Gerard, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1545	\$66.00
Davey, William, Rapid City SD	1	Red	Cow	1530	\$67.00
Duprel, Darc, Vale SD	2	Blk	Cow	1480	\$68.50
Duprel, Darc, Vale SD	2	Blk	Cow	1170	\$65.00
Duprel, Darc, Vale SD	2	Blk	Cow	1110	\$90.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	7	Blk	Cow	1337	\$69.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	7	Blk	Cwette	1232	\$69.50
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY	7	Blk	Cwette	974	\$100.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD	1	Blk	Cow	1835	\$57.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD	2	Blk	Cow	1482	\$62.50
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD	3	Blk	Hfr	1011	\$96.50
Hewitt, Tanner, Whitewood SD	4	Blk	Cwette	1213	\$77.00
Hook, Lenord W & Carolyn J, Alva WY	1	Blk	Cwette	1185	\$79.00
Hook, Lenord W & Carolyn J, Alva WY	1	Bld	Hfr	990	\$94.00
Ismay, John, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1400	\$68.00
Ismay, John, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cwette	1175	\$82.00
Ismay, John, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1155	\$68.00
Jordan, Steven Wayne, Alva WY	1	Blk	Cwette	1080	\$79.00
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa SD	1	Hfr		935	\$96.00
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1155	\$66.50
Maass Enterprises, Hot Springs SD	2	Blk	Cow	1270	\$64.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1410	\$67.00
McCoy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	2	Bld	Cow	1215	\$64.50
McCoy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1350	\$66.00
Patton Land & Cattle Co, Newcastle WY	1	Blk	Cow	1405	\$68.50
Popham, Colleen & Ricky, Newcastle WY	5			1306	\$64.50
Popham, Colleen & Ricky, Newcastle WY	2	Herf	Cow	1265	\$66.00
Redding, David, Hysham MT	12	Red	Hfr	892	\$109.00
Richards, Lonnie, Camp Crook SD	1	Herf	Cow	1350	\$59.50
Silhouette Angus, Jordan MT	1	Blk	Cow	1545	\$62.00
Silhouette Angus, Jordan MT	2	Blk	Cow	1357	\$68.00
Slovek, Doug, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1310	\$68.50
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1450	\$62.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Cow	1660	\$60.50
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	2	Blk	Cwette	1085	\$89.50
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	2	Bld	Cow	1392	\$68.00

Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD.....1.....Red...Hfr.....1260.....\$77.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Mankin, Bill & Cindy, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Bull	1845	\$80.00
Olson, Allen D, Box Elder SD	1	Red	Bull	2250	\$98.00
Olson, Allen D, Box Elder SD	1	Red	Bull	1760	\$90.00
Stoddard, Steve, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Bull	2050	\$83.50
Vandervoort Trust, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Bull	1995	\$82.50
Vandervoort, Reed, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Bull	1725	\$84.50

Friday, March 26, 2021**Feeder Cattle Special Featuring Replacement Heifers
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MT Consignment - 125 Blk Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC
Alvaro Baeza - 80 Blk Mostly Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC
School Bell Feeders - 80 Blk & Blw - 710# - BT, PC, Ni
Jim LaDuke - 70 Blk Hfrs - 550-575# - BT, PC
Hilda Brimmer - 35 Wf & Bx - 400-600# - BT, PC
Mohnens & Elshere - 35 Blk & Red Hfrs - 475-675# - BT, PC
Ron Reichert - 26 Blk & Red Hfrs - 450-525# - BT, PC
Tom Swan - 15 Blk Hfrs - 625-650# 0 BT, PC, Bv
Jon Anderson - 15 Blk Mostly Strs - 650# - BT, PC, Poured
Phillip Homes - 10 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450# - BT, PC

Plus More By Sale Time!**2021 CATTLE SALES****April 2nd - Bred Cow & Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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Sheep Report - Thursday, March 18, 2021

Lamb Market Sold \$ Higher And Heavy Load Slaughter
Ewes Sold \$5 To \$10 Lower
A Lot Of Demand For Bred Ewes And They Sold High As Well

Next Sale - March 26th - Regular Sheep Sale
Thank You For Your Business!

Lambs

Rocking A Inc, Parshall ND	38		105	219.00
Rocking A Inc, Parshall ND	244		125	200.00
Niem, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD	70		61	243.00
Niem, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD	73		81	240.00
Hicks, Laura Or Mike, Allen SD	25		123	199.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD	34		102	230.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC, Belle Fourche	5		92	216.00
Sabers, Cason, Whitewood SD	7	Ewe	91	228.00

Bred Ewes

Arledge Livestock Co LLC, Robert Lee TX	117	2-4 Yr	167	305.00
Arledge Livestock Co LLC, Robert Lee TX	93	2 Yr	160	312.50
Arledge Livestock Co LLC, Robert Lee TX	54	5-6 Yr	167	280.00
MT Consignment	40	Sld	160	242.50
Erickson, Delane, Sturgis SD	32	2-6 Yr	187	260.00

Slaughter Ewes

Brown, Tim, Buffalo SD	32	Ewe	169	86.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD	19	Ewe	166	86.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD	8	Ewe	153	77.00
Roman, Mike, Pierre SD	5	Ewe	184	86.00
Peterson Sheep, Lemmon SD	4	Ewe	211	69.00
Peterson Sheep, Lemmon SD	25	Ewe	130	51.00
Mills Brothers, Gillette WY	6	Ewe	128	77.00
Mills Brothers, Gillette WY	4	Ewe	157	86.00
Nordick, Sam, Whitney NE	16	Ewe	164	86.00
Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY	9	Ewe	148	86.00
Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY	8	Ewe	141	77.00
Niem, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD	9	Ewe	172	86.00
Arledge Livestock Co LLC, Robert Lee TX	31	Ewe	161	77.00

Slaughter Bucks

Mills Brothers, Gillette WY	5	Buck	220	70.00
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NEWELL SHEEP YARDS**Thursday, March 25, 2021****Regular Sheep Sale
1:00 PM****Upcoming Sheep Sales 2021**

April 1st - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 8th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 15th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 22nd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 29th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 6th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 13th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 20th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 27th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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**Firefly Featured at LEPC Meeting****BETTY BRUNER**news@bellefourchebeacon.com

BELLE FOURCHE - Kevin Wilen, Firefly Builders, Inc., was welcomed by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) quarterly meeting in Belle Fourche on March 17. He gave the group information about the new facilities located in the former ShopKo building on the north end of Belle Fourche.

As the local entity responsible for overseeing HAZMAT plans for the county, LEPC members were eager to hear about the local business and ask questions concerning plans that the company has in place. Wilen

laid out the arrangements for the new building.

Presently, they are in the process of remodeling the building to make it fit to build tiny homes with the possibility of having storefronts in part of the building. It will hold the materials for manufacturing the tiny homes and have an area for doing light mechanical work on trucks, etc.

President Stacey Raisenen encouraged Wilen to have a key holder on file in Dispatch, along with a written plan in case of fire, etc. She said that it's very important to have the information ready to be shared with all first responders.

Although the company is not

considered Tier 2, which means that there are over 10,000 lbs. of chemical, Styrofoam, or other hazardous materials, Fred Wells endorsed the idea of having a walk-through by Belle Fourche Fire Department, ambulance, and law enforcement. Wells also said that it would be important to have the key code available to put into the file that is kept by LEPC and law enforcement.

Wells said that when a HAZMAT plan is written for a facility, it includes medical response so that ambulance, FD, and law enforcement have a plan.

According to their website, fireflybuilders.com, Firefly Builders, Inc. has one thing in mind and that is to be one

of the top general contractors in the Midwest. The company has five core values that set the standard. These values include Integrity, Creative Innovation, Customer Satisfaction, Safety, and Measured Performance. No project is too big or too small.

The goal at their new home is to build tiny homes, homes less than 800 sq. ft., which will meet economical needs and starter homes for residents of the area. Wilen said that as the process is streamlined it should take approximately three to four weeks to build a tiny home, haul it to the site, set on a foundation that is already in place, hook up utilities, and have it ready to move into in a day.

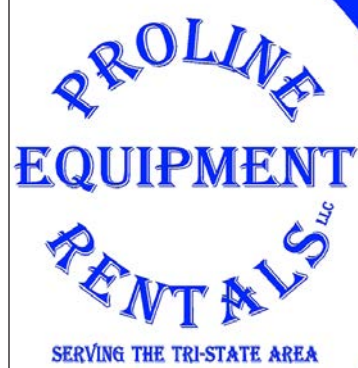
LEPC meets quarterly to

discuss and keep a record of local businesses layouts and places that will have hazardous materials.

The next meeting of LEPC will be June 16 with a presentation by Rob Holso from Rapid City. All first responders, law enforcement, and fire department personnel are encouraged to come.

The meetings are held in the Butte County Commissioners' Room at the courthouse.

**Kevin Wilen**

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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

*Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that
listeners and readers send him and incorporates
them into the program. It has been on the air for
more than 10 years.*Today I'd like to give you a story or two, or three that
will make you chuckle. And better yet, ones that you
can take to coffee and bring a smile to your friends.**Three Stories****THE BAGELS**

A story is told about a vendor who sold bagels for 50 cents each at a street corner food stand. A jogger ran past and threw a couple of quarters into the bucket but didn't take a bagel. He did the same thing every day for months. One day, as the jogger was passing by, the vendor stopped him. The jogger asked, "You probably want to know why I always put money in but never take a bagel, don't you?" "No," said the vendor. "I just wanted to tell you that the bagels have gone up to 60 cents."

I HATE BUTTERMILK

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't

too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

LESSONS TO LEARN

One day the first-grade teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where the first pig was trying to accumulate the building materials for his home. She read "...and so the pig went up to the man with the wheel barrow full of straw and said "Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?" The teacher paused then asked the class "And what do you think that man did?" One little boy raised his hand and said "I think he said 'holy crap! a talking pig!'"

If you're one who says "I can never remember jokes". Just cut this out and put it in your pocket and make someones day with a joke you can read to them!

Wisdom From Out West!*The Opinions of Robert Dennis; self-employed, rancher,
saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.*
rdennis@gwtc.net**Gas Prices too High? Get a Team**

Snow! We got some.. nothing like the folks down around Cheyenne and Colorado. We might have had 4 inches. Wet! Good stuff! I feel for those who were calving thru' this where they got hit harder. It is kind of muddy around here, but I much prefer mud over frozen, hard dirt and snow!

We hooked up the team and have been feeding grain with them. The younger of the two hasn't had much training so it has been interesting. Seems like I could never get anyone to go along with me when ever I wanted to drive her, before. But Chance got interested and has been helping and learning. These maybe ain't the best to learn on, but it is kind of like learning to cowboy, kind of sink or swim!

Years ago when I got my first team, my Dad had a fit. "I spent my whole life switching my fathers equipment over from teams to tractors and your switching them all back!", he said. But he was sure right there when I hooked and drove them and told me what I was doing wrong.

I started the first one alongside an older saddle horse I had driven. Just used a stone boat at first. Got her going pretty good one winter and then the next winter started her mate.. she was kind of snotty so I put a set of trip ropes on her and let her loose in the corral and taught her what the word Whoa, meant. Never had to spill her, just stopped her when I said it. Then Dad and I hooked her to my other mare who had some experience and had a set of trip on her. Dad sat on the corner of the hay wagon and held the rope to

the trips.. away we went! Got pretty wild and pretty rapid a few times, but he never touched her trips.

After awhile she settled down and things went pretty smooth. He then told me when I asked why he'd never took ahold of her feet with them trips, that he didn't like to trip them, as then they got to where they were afraid to get out and pull. Kind of glad he didn't explain that until afterwards! I sure would have been more nervous!

As to runaways he would say, "Where they gonna run? Let them run. They will stop after awhile!"

Wow!

He sure didn't have as much imagination as I did!

I find myself looking back to those times with my son and this less trained mare... and I agree more with him now. As long as you can kind of point them, let them run. If they want to keep it up.. maybe encourage them until they don't want to then go some more.. they soon learn running isn't all that much fun.

I like teams. The best part about teams? I have never had one buck me off! I can't say that for saddle horses! The price that fuel is getting, I am thinking more people are going to get interested in teams, to save some fuel.

If you decide you want a team, let me know. I might be able to find you one. Can't say how well trained they will be, tho'!

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2021 WPRA Barrel Racing

Rank	Name	Hometown	Money Won
1	Tiany Schuster	Krum, TX	\$20,535.25
2	Amanda Welsh	Gillette, WY	\$20,150.07
3	Ivy Saebens	Nowata, OK	\$19,030.80
4	Stephanie Fryar	Waco, TX	\$17,205.93
5	Kassie Mowry	Dublin, TX	\$15,807.17
6	Kathy Grimes	Medical Lake, WA	\$14,860.50
7	Carly Taylor	Andersonville, TN	\$13,625.93
8	Randee Prindle	Gilman City, MO	\$12,039.52
9	Paige Jones	Wayne, OK	\$11,472.15
10	Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi	Lampasas, TX	\$11,217.42
11	Kelley Carrington-French (G)	Boston, GA	\$9,774.39
12	Shelley Morgan	Eustace, TX	\$9,190.82
13	Jimmie Smith	McDade, TX	\$9,173.06
14	Emily Miller	Weatherford, OK	\$9,160.06
15	Victoria Williams	Kiln, MS	\$8,609.13

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



It's a known fact that with the advent of photography artists have made use of the technology as an aide in composing paintings. That said, with the digital age came cameras that can handle thousands of photos. That's like chocolate to me, no limits.

Branding season. Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall...and Branding. It's like a 5th season and a good source for artist's material. Several years ago I photographed the branding at my granddaughter's in-law's ranch near Colony, Wyoming. Over 3000 images later I was on my way home. A number of photos captured her husband along with his dad sorting cows from calves. Numerous sketches helped lay out the scene, eventually becoming the oil painting seen here. The gateman has to be quick, hence the title.

Quick Eye And Quicker Gate
24"x40" oil
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Color pencil sketch study



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Shaine's Riddle of the Week



Why do fish act so crazy when they're in a net?

Answer: Because they are in a net!

Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

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I did not have a very exciting week. I inspected some cows for Kristy Rokke on Thursday and went to Buffalo on Friday. Karen has been doing some videos, writing and practicing music. On Friday and Sunday, she listened to Columbus Grove High School play in the Ohio state boys basketball final game. It was disappointing that some company had a monopoly on the television rights and charged people to see the game online, even after YouTube has been given permission to do live videos because of the Covid restrictions. Now they were limited to only a few people who could attend the game, and then those who couldn't go were charged by some company who Ohio Athletics let monopolize the rights and required your information and a credit card before you could watch the game. Sounds like the state athletic association doesn't care much about the kids, but is in the business of making money. Well the games were good to listen to, and exciting. After the game on Sunday, we went to church at Gomer, Ohio on YouTube, and did some Bible reading. I went and brought home lunch from the Corner Cafe.

Erma Albert had physical therapy on Monday. On Tuesday they took a trailer to town for repairs. They did some shopping while they were there. They went to the Senior Citizens dinner on Friday. Erma stayed and played cards. They went to church on Sunday and stayed for the Passover Bible study and Sedar lunch.

Jack Ovitz came and had lunch with Lynn and Bruce Gustufson on Tuesday. They had a good visit. Lynn went to the Diligent Doers meeting in Camp Crook on Thursday. They went to church on Sunday. Bruce has just been doing the normal ranch chores.

Pete Anderson went to church in Camp Crook and had lunch at the Corner Cafe on Sunday.

Jake, Callie and the boys came out to Doug and Julia Davis' on Friday and stayed until Saturday evening. Jake helped Doug complete a couple of projects. On Thursday Julia took their Great Pyrenees pup to the vet in Belle Fourche. Otherwise she has just been going to work and coming home. Doug is getting ready to start calving in about a week.

They are busy calving at Moncurs. They got about 2" of snow.

Ernie and Rachel Melum have started calving so did not go anywhere. They got a skiff of snow.

Dorothy Padden went to the Diligent Doers meeting in Camp Crook on Thursday. Yvonne Yoder was the hostess. Donna Lewis got her second Covid shot on Thursday and

then went Baker and stayed with Pam Thursday and Friday. She did not have any ill effects from the shot so she came home on Saturday. She got about 2" of snow.

Billy Roadifer is getting ready for calving and working on his semi. He got about 2" of snow.

Alvin Cordell moved cows up to the Horton place to get ready for calving. Kent and Amanda Williams came and helped. They are already calving heifers. Bobby Cordell and Will Sacrisson stopped by Friday evening. Jay was working at the bank in Buffalo so he came over for the weekend.

Dawn Padden went to the Diligent Doers meeting in Camp Crook with Dorothy on Thursday. Yvonne Yoder was the hostess and they had a delicious Irish themed lunch.

Dawn has been keeping track of the fog and she predicts we will have moisture the middle of April and in June. Hopefully she is right.

They are busy calving heifers and cows

Ronda Cordell went to Ekala-ka to a meeting on Monday. She had lunch at the Wagon Wheel with Nellie Howell. Gene Secrest is helping them during calving. Diane Wear came on Friday and stayed for the weekend to help with calving. On Friday Ronda went to Gerald Burghuff's to help with a heifer. The weather looks to be pretty decent for the rest of the month and if Dawn is right, and we hope she is, we are going to get some moisture the middle of April. I hope that everyone has a great week and Karen will be talking to you next Sunday.

You are Cordially Invited to Cinder Ellas' Ball &

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Currently the rail siding serves customers in the ag sector, steel, plastics and fuels related businesses. The expanded trans loading facility will be able to accommodate shipping of building materials as well.

“Right now with the siding track that is there we can only access the cars on one side,” Stalder said. “With the additional track that is coming in we’ll be able to access both sides and that’s what they need for lumber.”

Shipments by rail are expected to increase over the next five years according to industry analysts. Having rail as an incentive for business location makes Belle Fourche unique in the region and enhancing that resource is seen as vital for the city’s ability to continue to attract new business in the post-COVID economy.

Specifically, the project involves the construction of 3,975 feet of siding, which would accommodate up to 90 additional rail cars. Current capacity is 33 cars. There are several customers who use the off-loading capabilities of the siding right now and there has been interest from additional businesses to use the service, according to Stalder.

Improvements to the siding were made in 2019 to accommodate trucks that offload materials from the rail cars. An entrance and exit at each end of the offloading area is now in place allowing trucks to pull straight through instead of having to turn around.

During last week’s council meeting there was 30 minutes of discussion before the allocation was approved by a vote of 5-to-3. Those dissenting were James Ager, Monte Talkington and LuAnn Trudo.

Most of the opposition centered on revising the existing agreement with the BFDC and the city in order to pay the taxpayers back more quickly. In 2014, during the last revision, the split in revenue went from 80/20 in favor of the BFDC to 50/50. This means that after the sale of lots in the park reaches the \$500,000 that BFDC initially put into the Rail Park, any additional revenue after that will be split evenly between the two entities.

Ager said he would liked to have seen that contract revised to provide the taxpayer an even faster payback of the \$120,000. When that did not happen, he decided to vote no.

“It’s important that they get that money, and I have said that the whole time,” Ager said. “I just wanted a faster payback.”

Trudo’s sentiments were similar although she was not happy that the process lacked the full consultation of the council, regarding the necessity of the contract revision.

Blue Courage Award Goes To Sheriff Deputy

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BELLE FOURCHE – Butte County Sheriff’s Deputy James Hahne, who attended the law enforcement academy from November through February, arrived at the County Commission meeting on Tuesday to accept recognition of his accomplishment.

Hahne received both the Blue Courage award and the Inspiration award during his time at the academy.

The Blue Courage award is for recognition of outstanding character and devotion as a guardian of democracy. The Inspiration award is for moving other members of the academy toward a moral stand and cultivating an atmosphere of congeniality. He was also selected by his classmates as the student speaker for their graduation.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere was happy to have Hahne back, and also spoke of the need to remove the name of Aaron Fowler as Hazmat Coordinator for the county, since he has moved out of the area.

“We haven’t had an event where we’ve needed that (a hazmat coordinator),” said Lamphere. He said that 3 J Oil has sent an email requesting to have the exclusive rights to do hazmat response.

“It’s a little concerning, going to an exclusive spill response company for Butte County,”



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Wendy Bowers, BFDC Board Member, reminded the council that improving the rail siding will ultimately enhance repayment to the taxpayers as the value of the lots in the park will increase and the location becomes even more desirable.

“The sole purpose of the Belle Fourche Development Corporation is the betterment of Belle Fourche,” Bowers said. “It is to drive growth, to bring taxpayer money back, and increase the tax base. I don’t understand the issue with put-

ting in the money to continue to develop this piece of land which is ultimately controlled by the city and county.”

“From a business standpoint, why wouldn’t we do this?” said Councilman Travis Martin, the BFDC liaison. “They’re asking for the money, we have it within our authority to give them the money, and we’ve budgeted the money. We spend \$120,000 to get \$2.4 million in improvements on a piece of ground that the city and county control. I’ll take that deal all day long.”



Sheriff Fred Lamphere (left) congratulates **Sheriff Deputy James Hahne** (right) on his graduation from the police academy, as well as receiving the Blue Courage and Inspiration award, and for being chosen by his classmates to be the guest speaker at the graduation. - *Brunner Photo*

said Lamphere. “I don’t want to lock us into an exclusive company, especially when there’s another company in town.” He felt that they could serve on a rotation basis, for an on-call for towing. Ultimately the call on who to secure would fall to the incident commander, which may be a fire chief, depending on who gets the call. “As far as appointing a coordinator, we need consistency, and as the Emergency Manager, that’s my responsibility,” he said. Lamphere said most hazmat responses are fuel spills and that trucks are not actually hauling hazardous material. “It’s a different set of proto-

cols.”

Lamphere also related that he had hired a fifth deputy, Jason Huber, who had worked for the department previously, then moved on to Deadwood before returning to apply for the open position in Butte County. “He’s a good officer, and has a good investigative background, which is something we needed,” said Lamphere.

Lamphere also spoke about needs for more equipment due to hiring the fifth deputy, as well as some needed for reserve officers and changes in department staff. “I’ll come back when I’m ready to purchase,” said Lamphere. “I just wanted

COURSE OUTLINE:

DAY 1: THE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE OF SEX TRAFFICKING
Terms and Legal Definitions
Child Sex Trafficking in Current Events
Statistics
Why the U.S. is the Biggest Buyer of Sex
The Business Model of Sex Trafficking
Cartel and Gang Sex Trafficking
Traffickers and Pimps
Tools, Tactics, Recruitment, Control
The Demand (The buyers)
Deterring Demand
Cyber Investigation
Cyber Safety (Social Media, Apps and Gaming)

DAY 2: THE FIGHT AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING
Demographic Studies
The Good Guys: Who and What is Working
Coordinated Strategy
Tactical Operation and Methods
Infiltrating Trafficking Networks
Reality Slideshow (multiple cases)
Collaboration
Public Programs and Services
Law Enforcement, Laws and Prosecution
Legislative Proposal (Penalties)

DAY 3: CONDUCTING A SUCCESSFUL RESCUE MISSION, PART 1:
Initial Report
Research
Legal Paperwork
Citizen’s Arrest Laws and Good Samaritan Laws
Warning Order
Operational Considerations
Operations Order
Practical Training Exercise

DAY 4: CONDUCTING A SUCCESSFUL RESCUE MISSION, PART 2:
The Operation
It’s Not About Getting From Point A to Point B
Conducting A Safe Pick-Up
Surveillance Detection Routes
ARC Example - “Moana” Case
Safe Transport
Safe House
Long Term Care
Counter Surveillance
Surveillance Detection Routes
Practical Training Exercise

DAY 5: VICTIMOLOGY AND INTERVENTION
Three Arenas of Sex Trafficking
How Victims Become Vulnerable (risk factors)
Entrapment, Recruitment and Abduction
Trafficker-Victim Perpetual Bondage
The Victims’ Suffering
Where to Find Victims
How to Identify a Possible Trafficking Victim
Prevention
Intervention
How to Interact with a Victim
Trauma-Informed Assistance
Building Trust With A Survivor
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BAZZEL BAZ: ARC Founder and President



Baz is a former CIA Intelligence Special Operations Officer, a Citadel graduate, recipient of the Intelligence Commendation Medal and a former counter-terrorism officer in the Marine Corps. Baz is well-known globally for his extraordinary skillset, and has been called on by CNN and MSNBC as an advisor and spokesperson on the war on Terror and Homeland Security. He is also a well-known author, film/television writer, producer and actor.

TINA PAULSON: Human Trafficking Program Director



For several years Tina has been combating sex trafficking in the US, specializing in prevention, locating victims, victim advocacy and victim services. Having worked extensively with victims being trafficked and those in recovery, she possesses a wealth of street-level insight into the vulnerabilities, traumas, and the needs of victims as well as the inner workings of the commercial sex trade and the human trafficking criminal enterprise.

to give you a ‘heads-up.’” He also noted Jason March has moved into the Chief Deputy position with the resignations of Tristan Clements. With that in mind, there was also the issue of Wells Fargo bank in Belle Fourche closing. Treasurer Debbie Lensegrav said she had been visiting with officers at both First Interstate bank and Pioneer Bank & Trust to determine where to go with the funds. This includes a healthy bank account as well as Certificates of Deposit that are held there and will be coming due.

“We have a CD renewing on the 30th,” said Lensegrav. “We have more coming up in June and July. We want to go where we can get the best (interest) with them.

Appraisals were done on the Kling bridge, two at \$100 and one at \$250. A proposal was submitted by Chris and Judy Kling to purchase the bridge, relieving the county of any responsibilities for the structure. The county sold the bridge to the Klings for \$150.

In the highway report, the commissioners heard from a very irate George Thompson who lives on Valley 1 Road. He stated that he had a concern, not with the road, but with the county employees.

“I was approached by a (sheriff’s) deputy about stealing gravel off the county road,” said Thompson. “The employees didn’t have the courtesy to contact me, just asked the sheriff to come out. That’s a poor way to treat anybody out in the county.” Thompson said he had mowed the ditch and picked up beer cans for the past six years. Once he had spoken, Thompson abruptly left the meeting. County Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich explained. “We were working out there on Friday and because he couldn’t find our blade operator pulled the (gravel) windrow to the side. When we didn’t have time to finish and came back on Monday, the windrow was

gone. The deputy went to the property and saw a pile of gravel behind a shed on his property. He shouldn’t have had a skid steer out there moving gravel. We had a deputy go out because in the past, if we went and talked to him, he was not calm. It’s illegal to work on county roads for residents.”

Chairwoman Karrol Herman said there are many people that do that and because county insurance will not provide for them if they get hurt it isn’t a good deal. As there was nothing the commission could do to resolve what had happened the issue was dropped.

Heidrich also reported on the box culvert project on Hoover /Zeona Road in northeastern Butte County, that had been postponed due to the pipeline project being canceled. The company who was to stand the cost of the culvert, which has a hearty price tag, has ceased work in the area. According to Heidrich if the county paid for a crane and truck to transport and place the culvert, as well as the labor to prepare the site and finish it up, TC Energy would gift the culvert to the county.

“That box culvert would cost \$200,000 alone,” said Heidrich. “TCE will know more in four to six weeks on whether work will begin again.”

Commissioner Kim Richards stated he felt the commission should wait out that time and see what happens and then make a decision on how to proceed.

Several structures were approved by the commissioners to be part of an application for the Local Bridge Replacement Federal Aid Bridge Program Resolution for County and Urban Projects. This is a new federal aid program that has risen from the Covid crises with funding that is not normally available. The commissioners had put together this list of bridges that were top priority for being fixed or replaced but not a part of the normal Bridge

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"Best in the Heart of the West"

The Bullock Community Theatre Production Of Charlie's Aunt, March 5, 6, 7, 2021 Was A Smashing Success!

The very popular show began with the play, rewritten by Becky Holsti, It's the Fashion. Mr. Murphy (Owen Njos), Fred (Ian Njos), Mrs. Greensbrough (Shelbi Hansen), Mrs. Bletney (Hailey Richter), Mrs. Mandera (Emma Richter) and Tessie (Maelina Ruona) were the characters depicting an 1890 meat shop in which the Mr. Murphy teaches his employee, Fred, how to handle the delicate situation of the shop running out of the good cuts of meat.

Following the play, 12 youngsters danced a very involved dance to the music of "Me and My Shadow." Maelina Ruona, Trey Holmes, Tommi Jo Holmes, Owen Njos, Shelbi Hansen, and Emma Richter danced the part of "Me." Molly Njos, Kruze Bail, Kenzlee Bail, Ian Njos, Hailey Richter and Jaxyn Moffit danced the part of their shadow.

The dance was wildly active with rope twirling, the boys roping their sisters, and Tommi Jo and Kenzlee doing cartwheels as well as steps called squish the bug, robot and lots of others.

Following the dance, Charlie's Aunt started hilariously

with the Yale fight song, which if you did not catch the words says "Dora Bulla bingo bingo Bulldog bulldog bowwowwow Eli Yale."

First Act was set in the Yale dorm of Jack Chesney (Toby Njos). His butler, Brassett (Kurt Hansen) started out the scene explaining some of what Jack and his friend Charlie Wykeham (Peydon Adolph) were up to. The two boys had fallen in love with Kitty Verdun (Alexis McCann) and Amy Spettigue (Cheyenne Kalisiak). They wanted a chance to talk to the girls, to declare their love.

Because the girls could not visit them without a chaperone, they decided to have the girls come to meet Charlie's Aunt, a millionaire widow from Brazil, (whom Charlie had never met) who was coming in that afternoon to meet Charlie.

The aunt, Donna Lucia d'Alvadorez (Angela McCann) and her ward, Ela Delahey (Odessa Clarkson), decided not to come as planned because she wanted to have a look at Charlie before meeting him. She sent a note say she could not come as planned which sent the two boys into a panic, because the



girls' last chance to meet with the boys depended on the Aunt showing up as she had first said.

So, they forced their friend, Fancourt Babberly (Clancy Adolph) into playing the part of the Aunt as he was already portraying an elderly lady in some school play.

Things got crazy after that. Jack's Father, Colonel Francis Chesney (Reese Clarkson), revealed to Jack that they were out of money, and quite poor, which would not go well for Kitty whose sponsor, Stephen Spettigue (John Latham), was

in everything for the money. Colonel Francis and Stephen Spettigue both decided to woo Donna Lucia for her money, not know that it was really Fancourt Babberly.

When Babs (Fancourt Babberly) appeared on the stage dressed as the old lady, people started hooting with laughter and laughed all the way through the next two Acts, one in a garden and the last Act in Stephen Spettigue's drawing room, complete with piano.

The antics and shenanigans involved Babs disrobing (because the two boys said such mean things about him) and running around in his slip. Then the two boys had to put the clothes back on him to get him presentable so he could get Stephen Spettigue's consent to marriage for the girls, in writing.

Trying to explain the hilarious action and wonderful characterization is nearly impossible. It was one of those things where you just had to be

there. But many people admitted that they laughed so hard their stomachs hurt!

Tonja Hansen, Jo Piekkola, Amanda Njos and Laura Tenold designed the amazing sets. Jo Piekkola set up and ran the lighting and Laura Tenold the sound. Casey Holmes, Ty Tope, Nico Dorfling and Louis Spersholt had set up the stage and set pieces earlier in January.

Tailynn Adolph and Amanda Njos worked on the hair for all the characters. Bobbi Nelson, Courtney Tope, Maryline Moss and Kim Bail applied the makeup. The characters and dancers looked amazing under the lights.

Johanna Ruona spent hours sewing on costumes for the dancers and characters. Mary Cramer pressed them every day to keep them looking their best. Charlene Hansen, Becky Holsti and Paula Richter all worked together to direct this very complicated play that was first onstage at the Royalty Theatre in London, December 21, 1892.



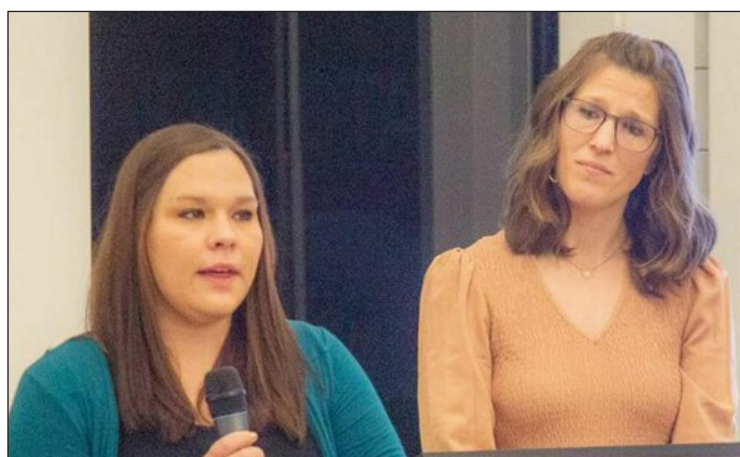
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sanctioned by the State of South Dakota. Governor Noem has championed the Woolsey's efforts and plans to kick off the campaign in May with an event in Pierre that will be emceed by State Secretary of Social Services Laurie Gill and keynoted by Noem.

"I have had personal experience with foster care as I had a foster brother who was brought into our family when I was 12," Noem told the gala crowd. "From that experience I decided I would always be committed and focused on foster care. Every child deserves an opportunity."

Along with the Stronger Families Together kick off South Dakota will be the second state that will see the roll out of a new smart phone app called Foster Friendly. It was built by Dave Ramsey's group, Ramsey Solutions in Nashville as they donated \$100,000 in app development cost. It was beta-tested by Tennessee Kids Belong and South Dakota will be the second state that will have access to the new app.

Foster Friendly will allow businesses to sign up and offer services and discounts at stores and restaurants for foster families to help support them in their efforts.



Clarissa Davidson (left) addresses those gathered, representing a mother who was successfully reunited with her biological children who had been in foster care. At right is SD Kid's Belong Dir. of Communications Kristi Woolsey .

"We've already had almost 200 businesses sign up in Tennessee and we're ready to unveil it in South Dakota," Mavis said. "A lot of businesses honor military families for their service and with this app we hope to encourage businesses to honor and support foster families."

Noem told the crowd gathered that last year the state of South Dakota licensed a five-year high of 230 families who can now foster children. Mavis says the goal for South Dakota is hit 300 a year for the next four years.

And SDKB is making a difference. Of the 32 video profiles of foster children they have completed nearly two dozen have found new homes. But there's more work to do. "There has never been a single day when kids were not waiting for families. We want to change who waits," Mavis said. "We want to create a time in South Dakota where there are families on a waiting list to take in children and not the other way around."

Woolsey says they have made gains in some parts of the state but there is a lot of work to do to recruit more families. In the Rapid City area there is a particular need with 397 children waiting for foster families or adoption and only 81 licensed families.

"This is where we hope Stronger Families Together will help," Woolsey said. "Our focus will be on recruiting more foster parents and recruiting more foster parents who will help with the reunification process."

Reunification is a particular emphasis with Woolsey and Gov. Noem. It is a process whereby parents who have had to give up their children can be reunited with them at a later time through the efforts of the foster family. An example of this process was highlighted at the gala as a mother who successfully rehabilitated from substance abuse was reunited with her children through the efforts of a Northern Hills foster family.

Another highlight of the evening was the Wrap-Around program that SDKB is rolling out statewide. This effort invites everyone to take part in the process by supporting a foster family through things like fixing meals, babysitting, mowing lawns, transporting children, buying groceries or doing vehicle maintenance.

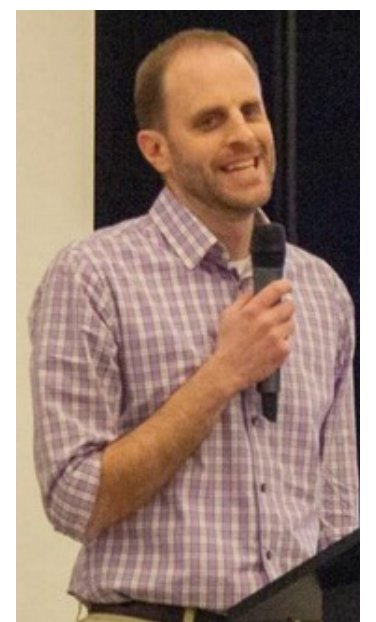
The Wrap-Around framework was developed by the Woolsey's and their team working with local CPS and Social

Service workers. It has been most successfully implemented through churches in the Northern Hills and Rapid City. Now Woolsey is getting inquiries from churches in Sioux Falls who also wish to implement the program.

"I love this program," Mavis said. "It's where parents may feel like, 'hey, I'm not in a place where I can foster or adopt but I do want to help'. And the churches are built for this."

Also speaking during the gala was Morgan Martin, the 14-year old adopted daughter of Trivian and Belle Fourche City Councilman Trevor Martin. She powerfully shared how important it is for children to feel like they are in a place where they belong. "Children need more than a house," she said. "They need a home, a place that is stable and will nurture them so they can grow."

Foster parent Traig Friedrich also spoke. He and his wife had successfully reunified several children with their biological parents. He said to never underestimate the impact you can make on the lives of young children. "For some of these kids, even if it's only one night in



Foster Parent Traig Friedrich

your home, they will remember what love looks like forever," he told those gathered.

This year SDKB will reach another benchmark and have their own 501c3 status. This means they will not have to rely on the Colorado-based organization. "I'm so excited to see what kind of doors that will open," Woolsey said. "It's pretty incredible to see the people that give. It's inspiring."

From B4 Deputy

for Improvement Grant program. They included a bridge on Old Hwy 85, east and north of Belle Fourche over Four Mile Creek, a bridge located on Viken Road over Horse Creek, a bridge on Dillinger Road over Horse Creek and a structure on Orman Road over an unnamed creek, north and west of Newell.

"This is a different pot than BIG grants and funds 95 percent," said Richards. "We looked at our bridges and (listed) all we thought would qualify."

A request for use of the fairgrounds over the July 4 holiday was denied due to not meeting the daily rental fee of \$500 per day. The commission is

charging that amount for a wedding in May and felt it needed to be the same for a multi-day event, even though the renter would also be utilizing multiple campground spots, and renting the concession/covered picnic area and kitchen. "That could be a revenue stream if it's workable," said Richards. The funding raised through these types of rentals would come to the county coffers but be funneled back to the fairboard for use in improvements at the grounds.

A discussion about the old jail building to the east of the courthouse was brought up, citing the fact that the sheriff's office only utilizes one room. "It's gotten to be pretty expensive because of issues with the

building and it would probably be okay if it was to go away," said Lamphere. "For no more than it's being used, we can probably find something different." The 24/7 program uses another small portion but there have been major issues with water pipes freezing and causing damage. The tricky part for the county is that the building is listed on the Historic Preservation list. Should the commission decide to get rid of the building, they would have to go through the process of submitting the project to the Society for a review, sending a description of the demolition process. The building was constructed of sandstone from an old quarry south of Belle Fourche.

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Looking Back in Belle

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124 years ago
Northwest Times
March 13, 1897
Area Cattle In Bad Condition
Ranchers report range cattle in very bad shape to go through any more bad weather at all. Up to the present time the loss has not been heavy, but many carcasses may be found in the draws and gulches on the ranges or the Moreau and Little Missouri. The ice and snow is from ten inches to two feet deep and frozen over the top almost hard enough to bear up stock. The hair is said to be worn off the legs of most of the cattle caused by breaking through this crust of snow. It is certain that the loss will be considerable under any circumstances but the best, and especially the cold spring rains and green, watery grass will be hard on stock. Horses will suffer to some extent but not so much as cattle.

Minnesela Notes
Mrs. Wamsley has moved into Minnesela. Miss Rose Cushing, who is down with measles, is feeling much better. Zeb Volin and Lou Holt arrived in Minnesela Saturday, from the north. Sam Williams, the Minnesela stock owner, has gone out to Grand River to look after his stock. Rev. Hodges held opening service in the stone church last Sunday, which, considering the inclement weathers, was well attended. John Faulkner has moved onto the old Davis ranch on Redwater. Lon Holt will occupy the house lately vacated by John Faulkner and family, and the little birds whisper that he will not bach it there either. Lucky man, Lon.

100 Years Ago
Northwest Post
March 17, 1921
Bids Were All Rejected Board of Education Will Ask For New Bids on New High School Unit
At the meeting of the Board of Education last Friday evening bids were opened for the construction of the proposed new High School unit in this city. There were three bids presented for general construction work, and while the figures were about 33 per cent lower than those previously submitted, the board decided to reject all bids, as the \$48,000 bond issue would be insufficient to complete and equip the new building. The plans will be modified somewhat and new proposals will be invited in the near future.

Brief Happenings Of The Week

On Friday March 11, several important changes took place at the First National bank in this city. Thomas H. Gay, for a number of years president, retires from active participation in the business affairs of the bank, but retains his interest and becomes chairman of the board of directors. Mr. Gay's health has not been the best during the past year or so, and he feels that he has earned a little more recreation that he has been getting, so he will take matters easy from now on. David R. Evans, who has been cashier of the First National bank since it was established in January, 1903, was elected president to succeed Mr. Gay. Mr. Evans will fit into his new position like a glove, as his long experience in the banking business in this county make him a valuable man for the place. There is probably no other man in this section of the country who is more familiar with actual business conditions existing here than Mr. Evans, whose knowledge is a great asset to the First National Bank. The new cashier to succeed Mr. Evans is Weir Jepson, formerly of Minneapolis. Mr. Jepson, although a young man, comes here with many years' experience in the leading of banking institutions of the big flour city.

75 Years Ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
March 15, 1946
Local Man Held for Theft of Fondy Car

Robert Dillingham, Belle Fourche, is being held in the county jail pending arraignment on charges of grand larceny in connection with the theft of the Plymouth car belonging to H. L. Fondy, Belle Fourche. Dillingham was taken into custody Wednesday following investigation by Floyd Short, agent of the attorney general's office, and Night Officers O. A. Thompson. Fondy's car was stolen Tuesday night from near the Fondy home, and was found a few hour later mired in mud near the C. R. Lown residence in Spearfish. Dillingham, who is represented by Attorney Gale Wyman, is expected to be arraigned before Justice J. G. Hartwell today.

Truman Says World Will Solve Problems Peaceably
Washington, March 14 — World leaders joined tonight in cautioning against talk of war,



by Mary Buchholz

warning that in the present state of world jitters such talk in dangerous. In a White House news conference this afternoon, President Truman once again expressed his confidence in future harmony in international relations. Truman didn't claim that all is right with the world, but he says he is sure the present world problems can, and will be worked out satisfactorily. However, the president refused to comment on the present somewhat strained relations between the United States and Russia over Iran, Manchuria and Bulgaria. Truman also steered clear of any comments on Winston Churchill's Fulton, Mo., speech which was so bitterly criticized by Marshal Stalin last night.

George Sitts Pleads Innocent
Deadwood, March 7 — In the small, dingy Deadwood courthouse, a lanky, flat-nosed convicted slayer, George Sidney Sitts, pleaded not guilty this morning to charges of murdering two South Dakota peace officers. Upon hearing the plea, Judge Charles Hayes called the trial for next Monday in the Lawrence county circuit court. Sitts, known as the bad man from St. Paul, entered his pleas in such a low tone that Judge Hayes repeated them after him for the benefit on the spectators. Sitts, who is accused of slaying Special Agent Thomas Matthews of the state bureau of investigation and Butte County Sheriff Dave Malcolm, entered the courtroom flanked by eight guards. Before Judge Hayes opened the session, the Minneapolis jail breaker talked quietly with his court-appointed defense counsel, John Heffron.

50 Years Ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
March 20, 1971
Broncs Take Seventh, Set Scoring Record

The Broncos got in the record books at Sioux Falls Saturday when they defeated Redfield 84-73 for seventh place. The 157 points scored in that game shattered the mark of 144 set by Sioux Falls Washington and Redfield on the opening day. The Broncos-Mitchell game on Thursday had previously shattered the standing record. The 84 points which the Broncos tallied against Redfield was the highest team total ever tallied at an A tournament in a single game. Don Nichelson boosted the Bronc total to a record with a shot in the closing seconds. *Wingspread Improvement Meeting Here Tuesday*

A general meeting of persons interested in the proposed Wingspread improvement project has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Room of the Bank of Belle Fourche. A group of local residents recently decided to launch a campaign to improve living conditions at Wingspread, the Belle Fourche unit of Father Murray's Sky Ranch for Boys. Initial plans call for securing recreation equipment for the house and doing some painting. Plans of the group will be discussed at Tuesday's meeting and a tentative budget has been prepared. Further information is available from George Harrison or Mrs. Bonnie Pierce.



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providing him with unique perspectives and qualifications. His experiences across many disciplines allow him to blend several different worlds into one focused approach for news-media companies.

National Columnist & Media/Community Consultant – John is the author of the weekly column titled, “Building Main Street, not Wall Street”. This column serves as a starting point for newspapers and the communities they serve to work together in building foundational synergies that lead the community and media company to economic resurgence. The column is carried by over forty media companies around the country that believe instilling a Truly Local DNA within a community is one of the answers to unlocking the faucet of the lost revenue. This is major passion for John; he believes this approach truly unlocks the doors to the news-media industry rebuilding the luster they have lost in their communities.

News-Media Publisher – John started his 30 year media career with the Omaha World-Herald as a part of the team leading them to all-time highs. He led

efforts at the Ogden Standard-Examiner, Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil and Logan Herald Journal bringing them to all-time highs as well. He served as Publisher in Laporte, IN., Lake Magazine, Ottawa, IL. and Muskogee, OK., founding several magazines along the way. His newspapers always exceeded industry expectations and led in innovation. He was named by the leading industry magazine, Editor & Publisher, as one of the “10 Newspaper that do it Right.” He was branded the poster child of the Newspaper Next initiative with the “Delivery QC” loyalty platform. He has a passion for building non-traditional revenue streams, consumer loyalty, retention & membership programs that make up the backbone of the industry and drive revenue. He is the founder of the 360 Media Alliance and the Mega Summit concept that has provided audience (both print and digital) innovation and revenue gatherings for the past 9 years.

Tourism, Revitalization & Economic Development – While with The Times in Ottawa, John was the Founder of Starved Rock Country, a regional branding initiative in Northern Illinois. This initiative

was credited with assisting the growth of tourism in the region from 2 million visitors to nearly 4 million over a few short years. This was accomplished with unique marketing and branding initiatives, including Starved Rock Country Magazine, Starved Rock Country Marathon, concerts, events and aggressive E-commerce business platforms. He is also the founder of GO! Loyalty, powered by Uniquely USA, a “Truly Local” App for building a Truly-Local DNA, growing tourism, marketing and branding being rolled out in several states. He recently returned to the news-media industry after directing the downtown economic development, revitalization and transformation efforts for Muskogee, OK. through their Main Street Muskogee organization where he gained a completely new perspective on how the local communities and local media companies can work together building synergies that benefit both.

John is a 10-yr. veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving as a weather forecaster. His hobbies are history, economics, sports and traveling so that he and his wife Kathy can spend time with their nine children spread throughout the country.

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street” by John Newby Without Communication, All is Lost

Charles Darwin once said, “It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change.” While I believe this quote best sums up the importance of managing change, it leaves out even a hint of how one might adequately address or manage change. Managing change may be one of the most important, yet most difficult and challenging traits a leader must develop.

Through my interaction with several communities working toward their 5-Star “Truly-Local Community” national designation, I have had the opportunity to discuss and better understand some of the roadblocks hindering communities and their leaders from attaining their ultimate goals and objectives. In most cases, failure to reach their goals isn’t due to lack of effort, or even their ideas. They are all working very hard, but despite hard work, getting the community and the various non-profits and organizations rowing in the same direction is elusive.

Through these discussions, I was able to find common denominators without fail in each situation. Finding those commonalities was simple. It was a lack of effective two-way communication coupled with individual and/or organizational agendas compounding the situation. In each instance, communication was acceptable within the various non-profits and organizations. It became a small issue between leaders of the various organizations. It then became a larger problem



John Newby

between the leaders of the various groups and the members of the other groups. It was a huge issue between average members of the other various organizations. And most critically, communication became non-existent between the organizations and the community at large.

As we have discussed in previous columns, in most instances, it takes an entire community moving in the same direction to facilitate sustainable change leading to transformation. If communication between the city leadership, organizational leadership and their organizations in general is poor, how is the community expected to change when the community as a whole is basically unaware of the changes being planned? When you add to this the issue of agendas being promoted by each organization and individuals, you have the ingredients to overcome roadblocks standing in the way of substantial progress.

How do we overcome these two common predicaments so prevalent within so many communities? Let me provide a few thoughts that might help.

First, communities need to find a neutral facilitator from within the community or in most successful instances, from outside the community. It is imperative this individual has no dogs in the hunt so to speak. Facilitators must be viewed as an outside set of eyes to earn the trust of those in the community. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find this person in many communities. This in no way

reflects poorly on the community, in fact, a community reaching out for help shows their vision, willingness to change and overcome as well as their desire to win. After this person is found, it is time to bring all the groups and organizations together in exploratory idea and thought sharing. Bear in mind, this group must include those that present a cross-view of the entire community, no group or organization should be left out.

Secondly, it is imperative that all egos and agendas are checked at the door. That said, the only way it is possible to encourage everyone to have an open-mind and to leave their agendas at the door would be if everyone has faith their ideas and their agendas will be heard and considered. This is the most important aspect to assure success. When people feel heard, considered and their ideas discussed, they are more willing to be of a part of something much larger than themselves or their organization.

We could spend ten columns on communication, we haven’t even touched on tactics and strategies needed to reach the community at-large. Reaching the community at-large is a skill requiring all the city networks, social platforms along with traditional media resources available at your disposal. All this must be coordinated and carried out in a very strategic, timely and effective manner. This entire process can move quickly and in fact it should. A viable plan laid out with aggressive benchmarks and tracking will excite the entire community. Building excitement within the community is the best way to transform. After all, everyone wants to be associated with a winner.

John A. Newby, author of the “Building Main Street, Not Wall Street” column and CEO of Truly-Local, LLC. His email: john@360MediaAlliance.net



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

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: “P” = “R”

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Tibetan priest
- More than enough
- Ancient Heb. month
- Son of Samuel
- Television channel
- Before (Lat.)
- Dissertation
- Two-horse chariot
- A (Ger.)
- Braid linen tape
- Male cat
- Card game
- Balto-Slav
- Rain tree
- Iron lung
- Smile
- Hours (abbr.)
- Insect
- Active
- Nutlike drupe
- Diagonal (abbr.)
- River into the North Sea
- Health resort
- Chronicles (abbr.)
- Affirmative
- Senior (Fr.)
- Sloe (2 words)
- Caliph
- Pointed (pref.)
- Aweto
- Cella
- Favorable vote
- Eight (pref.)

DOWN

- Dead
- Shelter (Fr.)
- Air
- Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.)
- Arawakan language
- City on the Irish
- Eye of an insect
- All points

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Dusty Or Heather Hampton, Banner WY	38	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1178	1350.00
Watt Inc, Jordan MT	10	Black-Brd Hfr	888	1375.00
	44	Black-Brd Hfr	903	1300.00
Rod Coulter, Brusett MT	9	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1128	1350.00
Garrison Allen, Laurel MT	9	Red-Brd Cow Bm	1432	900.00

Weigh Ups

Arnie Mader, Biddle MT	1	Black-Hfr	985	96.50
	1	Black-Hfr	945	102.00
	1	Black-Hfr	1015	100.00
	1	Black-Hfr	965	105.00
	1	Red-Hfr	985	105.00
	1	Black-Hfr	1135	82.00
Jim Mcooy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1375	64.50
	2	Black-Cow	1465	61.50
Dave Or Wendy Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1730	59.00
	1	Black-Cow	1130	62.00
	1	Black-Cow	1460	51.50
Mickey Strohschein, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1485	60.50
Dave Williams, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1700	58.50
Charles W Pearson, Aladdin WY	1	Hfr-Cow	1500	63.50
	2	Hfr-Cow	1223	62.50
Rod Or Janis Steele, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cow	1300	69.00
	1	Red-Cow	1400	61.50
Zachary Or Krystal Steele, Sundance WY	1	Red-Hfr	985	88.00
Jay Or Annette Slaba, Ludlow SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1455	62.00
	1	Red-Cow	1335	65.00
	1	Char-Cow	1190	64.00
Dan Taylor, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1295	68.50
David L Or Donna Dutcher, Newcastle WY	1	Bwf-Cow	1320	55.00
Allen L Hodgman, Union Center SD	1	Black-Cow	1340	68.50
	1	Red-Cow	1210	61.50
Dave Or Wendy Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1445	52.50
Trevor Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1360	62.50
	1	Black-Cow	1385	56.50
Elva Belle Carr, Prairie City SD	1	Black-Cow	1405	67.00
Busenitz Ranch Inc, Hulet WY	1	Black-Cow	1305	67.00
Sean Carroll, Ranchoester WY	1	Black-Cow	1305	63.00
	1	Black-Cow	1410	57.00
Montie Snook, Sundance WY	6	Red-Cow	1313	69.00
	1	Red-Cow	1535	65.00

Bulls

Tom Blair, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2095	92.50
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2100	90.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1920	94.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2040	88.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2100	83.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1985	91.50
	1	Black-Bull Lump	1595	75.00
Jodi Massie Or Ben Blake, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull	2290	83.50
Wayne Or Susan Nelson, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2145	93.00
	2	Black-Bull Drug Free	2108	87.50
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2140	85.00

Monte Snook, Sundance WY	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1940	79.00
Johnson Ranch Lp, Buffalo SD	5	Black-Bull	1849	75.00
Bar H Ranch, Reva SD	1	Char-Bull	2040	83.50
	1	Char-Bull	1725	76.50
Lloyd Ketchum, Miles City MT	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1830	92.50
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1855	87.50
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Consignment From WY	1	Black-Bull	1920	85.50

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Humble Puts His Name On Mayoral Ballot



Clint Humble

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NEWELL – Clint Humble has thrown his hat into the ring for the mayoral race in Newell. As a familiar face in the Newell community, Humble graduated from Newell High School in the 90s and has spent his time living and working in the area since then. He grew up ranching and presently works for Butte County rancher Jim Smeenk. The big share of his time is spent as a rodeo pickup man.

When asked why he wanted to run for mayor his answer was quiet and concise. “I got tired of people sitting around and not doing anything about it,” he observed. He wants to make a change in the town. He said that one of his first priorities is to clean up the properties of Newell and to make it more appealing to outsiders.

People need to be responsible for their own property according to Humble. He pointed out that there are ordinances outlining property conditions and they need to be enforced consistently.

“There shouldn’t be a double standard,” he said.

He has the shadow of a plan to put Newell on more solid financial footing by beginning the cleanup of the area and making it more interesting for businesses to come to the town. Since he travels on the rodeo circuit, he has seen many towns-large and small-and sees what can be done. He would like to see Newell put some pride into the town and see it grow.

“I’m not sure how it will get done, but the streets need fixed. I don’t know how it will get done without more money. We need to work on that,” he said.

Opportunities will come as the people of Newell begin to see their town as a place to enjoy. New business will bring in more tax dollars and everything will follow after that, according to Humble.

At the top of Humble’s list of working as a team is to listen. It may be possible that someone else’s idea is better than yours,

Humble C2

Tears over tennis shoes



(Top Left) This pair of old tennis shoes had been tossed in the back of the Halverson pickup. James was happy to find something that was “his,” following a fire that took all their possessions. (Above Right) James and Jessica (Smith) Halverson, rural Sundance, Wyo., lost their home and all possessions to a wildfire on March 6. A benefit fundraiser is planned for March 26 at the Shooting Sports building in Sundance from 5 to 9 p.m. Jessica is a former Newell resident. (Above left) The three children of James and Jessica Halverson, rural Sundance, perched on their ponies on a previous date.. - Courtesy photos

Benefit Planned for Former Newell Resident and Family After Wildfire Loss

COLLEEN BRUNNER
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SUNDANCE, Wyo. – It might seem like such an inconsequential thing, but when you lose everything you own to a wildfire and find a pair of ratty old tennis shoes in the back of the pickup, one of the few things that survived, you end up shedding a few tears.

“The day after the fire I found this old pair of shoes in the back of our old ranch pickup under a pile of hay,” said James. “It’s hard to explain the joy I felt to stumble across something that’s old and.... mine. I cried. I laughed. I laughed that cried about old shoes. I probably threw this pair of shoes in there once upon a time to take to the dump or maybe they were just muddy. Honestly, I don’t remember. They don’t look like much, I know. People might see me wearing them and have many thoughts, but I don’t care. Many people have an old sweatshirt, a pair of jeans, a tattered rope, a rusty pickup, if you’re really lucky, your dad’s old cowboy hat or boots. That old stuff makes you feel like... yourself. For me it’ll be these torn shoes. Others won’t understand, and that’s ok. I will.

“No, I don’t need new shoes. Sometimes people just like having something that they’ve had for a long time. I hope you have a couple of those things and realize it. I still do and appreciate them much more now. “

Former Newell resident and NHS grad-

Benefit C4

House Lost to Fire Early Saturday Morning

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NISLAND – Although there was no one in residence at the time, a trailer home along the south edge of the Belle Fourche river on Vale Cut Off road, southeast of Nisland, was a total loss. The call came in just after 2 a.m. on Saturday morning by someone passing by on Highway 212.

Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue was paged first, with Newell, Vale and even Belle Fourche called and soon on scene.

Incident Commander NAV-FR Chief Stan Lewis, said there were 10 units on scene in short order and the blaze was knocked down pretty quickly. “We had a good crew,” said Lewis. “I’m not sure exactly how many personnel we had on site.” It was mostly tenders, and brush trucks, but one engine was called from Belle Fourche.

“No other structures were damaged,” said Lewis. “It was a bit of an issue getting to the site.” There was some confusion with the exact location of the blaze, with trucks being sent to Pittman Lane, west of Vale Cut Off Road, which dead ends in at the home of James and Judy Dague.

“I had three occurrences of fire trucks in our yard and leaving,” said Judy Dague, who was awakened by the traffic. The road into the residence, which included several outbuildings does come north of the Dague residence. There is also a better road going east from Vale Cut



This older model single wide trailer, located west of Vale Cut Off Road, southeast of Nisland, was a total loss, and crews arriving on scene did a good job of keeping it from destroying other buildings on the property. - Brunner photo

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Lunch: CHICKEN ALFREDO, GARLIC TOAST, ROAST-ED BROCCOLI, APRICOTS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thurs. Mar 25

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

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

Mon. March 29

Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST STICKS OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN NUGGETS, GREEN BEANS, PINEAP- PLE, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Tues. March 30

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

Lunch: SPAGHETTI, GARLIC TOAST, PEACHES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Wed. March 31

Breakfast: CROISSANT SANDWICH OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: TERIYAKI CHICKEN, RICE, STIR FRY VEGETA- BLES, TROPICAL FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thurs. April 1

Breakfast: BISCUITS AND GRAVY, SAUSAGE PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CORN DOGS, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

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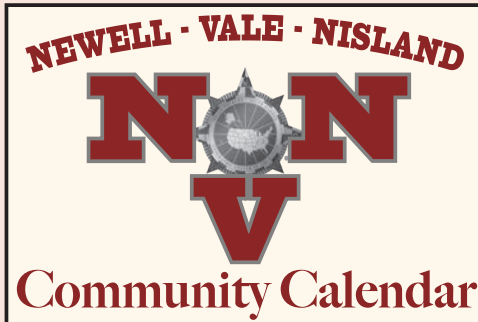
Mar. 23/25: P/T Confer- ence 4 p.m.

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

Mar. 30: Newell ACT Test-all day

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

Apr. 3: Newell Community Club Easter Egg



Hunt. 10 a.m. at the Newell school football field. Age groups: 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12.

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

Apr. 5: Butte/Lawrence County Fairboard meeting 6:30 @ Stadium Sports in Belle Fourche.

Apr. 6: School Spelling Contest-all day; National Honor Society Banquet-6: 30 p.m.; Feeding SD will be at NVN Center at 1:30. You must show proof of address. Driver's license, utility bill or bank statement.

Apr. 8: Oral Spelling Bee-all day. PTO Carni- val 5 p.m.

Newell High School Senior Profiles

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NEWELL – “I think my biggest influences have been my family and friends,” said Sarah Wallace, Newell high school senior. “I would also say that my teachers through- out the years have also had a big impact on me as well.”

Wallace is a senior who will graduate this spring and the daughter of John and Karen Wallace. She also is a little sister to Amber, 23.

This NHS senior said it is hard to pin down her favor- ite memory from her school years, as all four years have pretty well been a blast.

“But to pin down one favorite thing, I’d have to say the track meets have always been a great time,” she said. “Stepping off the bus in the cool morning air with the smell of sunscreen, has been one of my favorite things. Being able to be with friends and just have an all-together good time, is special.”



Sarah Wallace

Wallace lists her favorite class as cabinetry with Mr. Fiedler, who she also said is her favorite teacher. Track rates highest as her favorite extra-curricular activity. The reason for that is because she gets to be with her best friends and go to the weight room and make an over- all great time.

Wallace was busy during her time at NHS, participating in activities like volleyball, basketball, track and National

Honor Society.

Outside of school hours she loves to hike, spend time out- side, hang out with friends, go to the lake and just driving around.

After graduating from NHS, she plans to further her education; she just has not yet decided where or what that looks like. She believes that in ten years she will have a good paying, steady job, to support herself and her poten- tial family.

Wallace said she thinks NHS is a good place to go to school because the small class size is beneficial and knowing everyone in their class is a plus.

“Everyone is pretty close and we all help each other out when we need it,” she said.

Congratulations Sarah!

We can't believe how time flies!
You're no longer a little girl, but a young lady with huge aspirations!
Congratulations and make your dreams come true!
Love,
Mom and Dad



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From C1
HUMBLE

he said. He deals with all types of personalities on a regular basis, as he is involved in the rodeo business.

“Just because you have a different opinion, doesn’t mean somebody’s wrong,” he said. “It’s just a different opinion.” He is willing to listen to all

parties and discuss ideas to find the best solution to an issue. It comes down to how an idea can benefit the town and make things work best for the resi- dents of Newell. That’s where his passion lies, in making Newell a better place to live. “I hope people will look for some change,” Humble remarked. He has ideas and desires to make that change.

From C1
FIRE

Off Road, Fenton Farm Lane. This was the road most of the fire vehicles utilized once they were informed of that alternate route.

With no one currently in resi- dence, and the home already in flames, the delay was not as bad as it could have been, but Lewis said it could have been much more property loss, or even a potential life.

On another fire during the past couple weeks, getting into a site proved that there was

greater loss of property, at least one hay bale and eight hours of sitting on the fire, keeping it controlled. “That’s some- thing that we deal with all the time,” said Lewis. “Sometimes it makes a big difference. If we could find out how to get to the site (initially) it would make a big difference.” As it was, the fire crept very close to propane tanks that had at least some fuel in them. But the local volunteer departments once more were able to keep things under control with a little loss as possible.

Myria Warren Inducted Into SDABA Hall of Fame

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Myria Warren is a young at heart lady who started her career playing pool in 1976. She was working at the Vets Club serving drinks when during a slow time, a couple of gentlemen challenged her and a coworker to a game of pool. She had always wanted to learn how to play the game as a kid, but was not allowed. Only men were allowed to play. Soon she was addicted and her addiction grew into a love for the game of pool.

As a newly widowed mom of six, she needed something to fill a void and challenge her. Pool gave her some meaning to life and an outlet to do something just for herself. It all started with individual weekly tour- naments. Back then they were called the state 8-ball qualifiers. You had to win one of these weekly tournaments to advance to the State Pool Tournament held in Pierre. The first trophy showed up in 1976. In 1977, she purchased a pool table from Mike Trucano and she placed it in the middle of her living room. The next trophy in 1977 turned into 1978 thru 1986. Then in the 1990’s pool expanded in her area to league team so she put together a team. The women had a division as well as the men. So to the list of trophies, she added more (team trophies this time) in ’95, ’96, ’99, and 2000.

She got involved in the In- ternational VNEA Tournament when the association moved to Nevada. She decided that she needed to bring home a cougar trophy and in 2004 she did just



Myria Warren

that. After 20 years of trying to get one, she achieved her goal only to have it stolen from the trophy case in the Rivera Hotel in Las Vegas.

When asked what her favorite trophy is, she claims it to be the “oval one that sits on her TV stand in the living room”. It was given to her for her years of dedication to the sport of pool. When asked what does she enjoy the most she says, “When I get to play. There have many times I sat out to allow someone else to get weeks in to qualify to play at State.” She plays both 8-ball leagues in the winter and when that ends, plays spring/ summer 9-ball.

If you have ever had the privilege of playing against this player you know that you had better know your rules. If you are supposed to call a shot you had better call it and if you supposed to patch the pocket, you had better have the patch in hand and placed before you sink that 8 ball.

In 2014, she was inducted into the SDABA Hall of Fame and I am assuming she is now aware that . . . at the age of 82, Myria Warren is also being inducted into the 2021 South Dakota Pool and Dart Tournament As- sociation State Valley Pool Hall of Fame.

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NEWELL – “I love how tight-knit the community is,” said Newell High School senior Lexa Burtzlaff. “Our sports programs are very lucky to have such a support- ive community. The students are all close too.”

Burtzlaff, whose parents are Miles and Betsy Burtzlaff, of rural Butte County, has two siblings, older brother Payton and younger brother Colton.

This young woman lists track, cross country, basket- ball, National Honor Society and volleyball as extra-curric- ular activities she participated in during her high school years. She also was heavily involved in 4-H as well. She said her favorite extra-cur- ricular activity was track, because she loves to run.

“My favorite memoriesa t NHS involve sports,” she shared. “I loved going to state track and staying in the hotels with my teammates.”

Burtzlaff said her favorite class out of all those she took was P.E. and her favorite teacher was Mike Phelps. “I really enjoyed U. S. History with him.”

Outside of her normal school day, you can also find Burtzlaff involved with sports, including basketball, track, cross country, etc., running on her own time. She



Lexa Burtzlaff

also enjoys hanging with her friends, runnning, swimming as well as playing with her pets.

“I plan to go to Mount Marty University to run track and field,” she said. “I want to major in Exercise Science. I plan to become either a physical therapist or a chiropractor. Ten years from now I want to be able to travel.”

Burtzlaff said her parents have been her biggest influence

because they always support her in everything she does.

“They have expectations,” she said with a smile. “They help me to be the best person I can be.”

“I am going to miss all my friends that I have made at NHS.”



Lexa Madisyn Burtzlaff

May you have the courage to take risks, the strength to be compassionate & the wisdom to be humble. Remember, there are no mistakes, only lessons.

We are SO proud of the talented young lady you have become. Enjoy every minute of what is ahead and believe in the beauty of your dreams, because we believe in you. Love you bunches-- Mom, Dad, Payton and Colton Grandma Loup & Rodney Grandma Gloria Nathan, Ian, Kady, Layton & Morgyn Daphne, Lee & Jaela Dallas & Chip MacKenzie, Doug, Brady & Brodhi



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Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

March 13, 1911
R.F. Gibbons of Aladdin, Wyo, purchased the blacksmith shop from the Sprague Bros last week and has moved his shop north of the Quinn Livery Barn. Mr. Gibbons is a good blacksmith and will get his share of the business in his line. The Sprague Bros have rented the Campbell skating rink and have taken possession.

Castle Rock Road Ranch, Post Office and store reports a good business in all departments. Travelers and freighters will receive good service at all times.

Dr. and Mrs. Clements are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter that made her appearance Saturday, March 18. This is the second child born on the government townsite of Newell. The little Miss has been christened Dean Keyes.

March 24, 1921
Our equinoctial storm was of short duration this year and the moisture that fell certainly good for the newly sown wheat although rough on the newly born lambs; but so far we have heard of no serious losses among the sheep men.

The WCTU will meet with Mrs. George W. Hohenberger next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Jamison has prepared a program and wishes everyone to bring a new member and an item of interest. The last meeting was a very good one.

March 26, 1931
A Warrant has been issued by the Harding County Judge

L.A. Conser, calling for the arrest of Deputy State Sheriff Floyd Short of Lemmon, for killing of Wayne Kelly, notorious character, who suspected of cattle and sheep rustling, burglary, adultery and breaking jail, was shot on the William Esler ranch in the Slim Buttes on November 8, of last year. The complaint against Sheriff Short was filed by Mrs. Wayne Kelley at Buffalo last Wednesday. Kelley was killed while officers, a posse consisted of Harding and Perkins County, were attempting to arrest him on larceny charges.

Flowers, like sunshine, are part of your Easter happiness. Bober's have a beautiful assortment of flowering plants which will bring to the home an appreciation of nature's own symbols, here is true enjoyment of Eastertide. Beautiful Easter lilies, Hyacinths, Baby Rambling roses, Hydrangeas, Tulips, Daffodils, Geraniums, Ferns and Fuchsias, a riot of colors in prices to suit your pocketbook.

March 27, 1941
Floyd Riggs, Andrew Riecki, Mr. Bachmeir and Mr. Knutson are busy this week fixing the telephone lines in preparation for installation of dial phones. At completion of this job, Andrew Riecke started to work for Abe Ahonen on Willow Creek.

Chas Lamb of Oshoto, Wyo, was here last week, driving 150 miles to get a supply of field and garden seed at Bober's Seed House and W.R. Whitehead of Rapid City came to



Before iPads, smart phone screens and social media folks actually got out of the house and got together for some serious fun, face-to-face... or at least elbow to elbow. This is a photo of “The Elbow Swingers Square Dance Club”. They were a big group in their hey day and enjoyed one another’s “non-virtual” company immensely.

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Grand River Roundup

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Spring is here! The weather was nice and warm this week without much moisture. There were a couple of tiny drizzles on this week that left only .05 hundredths in the rain gauge, but every little bit helps against this drought. Saturday was the first day of spring and it felt like it with the temperature soaring to 68 degrees! I'm always reminded of what Reub's Mom used to say about it, “Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the flowers is?”

Louise Jensen had her birthday on Monday and our granddaughter Ellarie's birthday was on Tuesday. Rep. Sam Marty called me Tuesday evening to talk politics after the end of the 2021 legislative session. My good friend former Rep. Al Kostinen called me from Watertown a couple times this week to talk about the bill to ban boys that think they are girls from competing in girls' sports. The bill was passed and sent to the governor to sign. Gov. Noem sent it back to the legislature with “style and form” changes in it, so now the legislature will have to vote on the changes on Veto Day March 29th.

We had the Lenten Service and supper Wednesday evening at Slim Buttes Lutheran with a good crowd in attendance to watch the movie Pastor Mohagen showed us. Wednesday was also St. Patrick's Day. My Irish blood always make me hungry for corned beef but I don't know how to make it. My great

grandfather Charles Wilkinson was a full-blood Irishman and I got to thinking about looking through some of my great grandmother Ella (Fuller) Wilkinson's cook books to see if I could find a recipe and I found one in her cook book that

was printed in 1876. All you need besides beef is salt, brown sugar, salt petre and water, so the next time we butcher I'm going to try to make some if I can find salt petre. We lost a couple of dear friends this week.

Anna (Verhulst) Goddard, age 97, passed away on Sunday, March 14 at Monument Health Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis. Her funeral was Friday, March 19, at the Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis with burial in the Bear Butte cemetery. I grew up with Anna's kids and she and her husband Forrest were good friends of my folks.

Alma Aukland, age 77 of Hurley, SD and retired teacher at Bison, died Tuesday, March 16 at her home. No services are planned with burial in Bison at a later date. Alma was a lifelong friend and my mother worked for Alma's mother before she and my father got married.

The families of these two wonderful women have our sympathy.

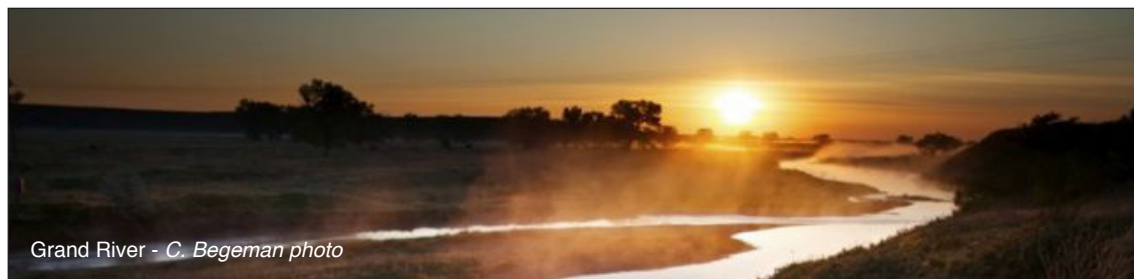
Amanda took her kids up to visit her sister Josi and Dion Senger near Strasburg, North Dakota Thursday afternoon and they stayed overnight to watch Taz in the Bismarck rodeo on Friday. Reub spent the day dragging the feed grounds and I went to ladies aid at the church that afternoon. Amy Johnson brought her new baby

girl, Adley Michelle with her to ladies aid. There will be a baby shower for little Adley at the Reva Hall at 1:30 on Sunday, March 28th. The Coffeehouse is also hosting the Waddington Brothers concert at the Reva Hall that evening at 6:00.

Reub spent all day Friday dragging the feed grounds again. Taz left for the rodeo in Bismarck that afternoon and Casey made a run to Reeder to get parts for the Pay Loader at Northern Auto. It was such a beautiful warm day that I took a walk to the top of Deadman Butte west of the place and my chickens rewarded me for my long walk by giving me 7 eggs, which is pretty exciting when I only have 8 hens and half of them are pretty old.

Taz came home from the rodeo in Bismarck late Friday night and brought Knox home with him. Amanda and the girls came home Saturday afternoon. Colorado was having a “meat-out” day on Saturday so Amanda decided to have a “meat-in” day in South Dakota by inviting Trent and Sydney Turbiville and their kids over for a steak supper. Trent and Syd's three kids are about the same age as Taz and Amanda's three kids and it is really fun watching the little cuties playing together!

Bob and Norma Tenold had their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday and we helped them celebrate after church on Sunday by serving coffee and a cake their daughter Sherry Glass made for them after the morning service. Taz and Amanda and the little kids went up to help Grandma Starla Jensen, otherwise known as “Nana”, celebrate her birthday Sunday evening.



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then 'n' Now in Newell

Newell for a supply of Cossack alfalfa seed also from Bober's.

Many from this territory attended the annual lease day conducted by the state Department of School & Public Lands at the Butte County Court House last Saturday. Fred H. Root reported it is the best “lease day” ever conducted in the county. Of the 12,000 acres of grazing land, bringing an average of 7 cents and 360 acres of cultivated land brought average of 66 cents per acre. Increased livestock prices and excellent conditions of ranges was believed to have resulted in the greater interest this year.

March 29, 1951

Thin ice on an unfenced Newell City water reservoir near the Newell School claimed the life of 8 year old, 3rd grader Richard Lee Post. “Dickie's” lifeless body was recovered from the reservoir about 7:30 Monday evening. Dickie had attended school in the morning and gone home for lunch via his usual route, past the reservoir along the Townsite Lateral. He failed to return in the afternoon, his teacher Mrs. Myrtle Rogers believed he had remained home to help his ill mother. Called to investigate were Butte County coroner J. H. Krenzien and Sheriff Maurice Cavin, reported that the death was due to accidental drowning when the ice gave way. Diving volunteer, Louis Papousek, with the aid of flashlights, went under the ice and pulled the lifeless body out of about 5 feet of water.

Albert Cram has sold his ranch and part of his sheep to Cook Bros of Utah. The Cook's took possession last week. Cram sheared his sheep at the Havrum place last week end, Cook's tagged theirs on Monday and Carlson's tagged their sheep Tuesday. Harold Snoozy, Herman West, David Junek and J.B. LaFayette sheared Albert's sheep at the Havrum's Thursday and Friday.

March 23, 1961
A word to the wise to South

from the Newell Museum

Dakota motorists, those 1960 license plates expired on December 31 and Friday March 31 is the last day of the grace period. After midnight, the SD Motor Patrol will be on the look out for procrastinators who don't have their new plates. Also a large number of state motorists still haven't taken the time to get their lights adjusted and pick up their plates. A big last minute pile-up is expected at light adjusting stations and county treasurer's offices.

Elbow Swingers Square Dance Club meet at the VFW hall Saturday evening, with Merle Vig, of Opal as caller. Guests were present from Opal, Castle Rock and Vale. Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Reichstein and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Orwick were hosts and served coffee and sandwiches to the dancers. There will be no dance on April 1.

ET2 Thomas Larry DeGarlais, electronics technician 2nd Class USN, son of Mr. & Mrs. T L DeGarlais, Newell, returned March 14th to San Diego, CA, aboard the submarine USS Bonefish following a 6 months cruise in the Western Pacific. The Bonefish operated with naval air and surface units in anti-submarine exercises and visited several Far East Countries. DeGarlais's wife and daughter make their home presently in Newell.



The USS Bonefish (SS-582) was the second U.S. Navy submarine to be named for the bonefish. She was launched in Nov. of 1958. The original USS Bonefish was sunk in June 1945 during WW II.



Solutions to Puzzles on B7



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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."
— Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Answer to Sudoku

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9	6	1	2	5	7	3	4	8
4	8	2	3	1	9	5	6	7
7	5	3	4	6	8	9	1	2



An Evening of Drama

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NEWELL – Friday evening, March 19, saw not one, but two drama presentations at Austin Auditorium. A good crowd gathered to watch and listen as the drama students took to the stage.

The high school drama students did a series of productions titled "Sketch Night" by Tim Kochen-derfer.

Sketch comedy comprises a series of short scenes or vignettes, called "sketches," commonly between one and ten minutes long. In these three quick presentations by the Newell high school team, we follow a day in the form of sketch comedy. It begins with the principal apologizing for some bizarre incidents and setting some unusual goals in "Morning Announcements," and presented by Madison Miller.

In the second vignette, Newell drama instructor Jenn Stomprud, Bailee Yule, and Jerome Schoch are Driver's Ed students with a crazy substitute instructor in the form of drama instructor Mara Carrier. No matter what the students said or did the commanding answer from Carrier was a resounding "Incorrect!" In a simulation the instructor and student driver Yule, it gets a little bit real and Carrier "pretends" that there was a car accident and dies on stage.

In the third scenario, Stomprud and Yule, share "Do You Work Here?," with Yule the haphazard clerk in a store that knows nothing and Stomprud as a customer who just wants

some soup.

The high school portion of the evening was wrapped up with Ella and the Devil, played by Yule, Miller and the boyfriend factor, Schoch.

Ella would do anything to get a kiss and hug from boyfriend Schoch, but not to the point of selling her soul to the devil, a.k.a. Miller.

After an intermission where Usher/Concessionaire Kaira Stomprud sold some goodies to the crowd, and sound and light/stage technicians Yule, Parker Lewis, Blaise McGregor, Joshua Stomprud and Wyatt McGraw did their things, the lights came up on stage for the elementary players presentation of Dragon Trouble.

This nightly tale came with little fairies Paige Wise and Nakayla Kelinheksel making mischief. Little princesses Hayden Johnston and Macee McGregor fluttered around disturbing and demanding, while Kim Liam Harms, and nights Brilee Heath and Paul Raisanen tried to do what knights do, fight the dragon, played by Keion Freytag.

Jaice Retzlaff narrated, complete in his jester costume, while Magician Nevada Donahue played a few card tricks. Cast wrangler was Mieka Howie.

The drama department thanked the parents for lending their children, and other supporters such as High Country Coca-Cola, Belle Fourche Dairy Queen, Affordale Flowers, V Lazy J Custom, Newell Friends of Fine Arts, The Yule Family (sound system) and Sabrina Harmon and the Whatever It Takes Coalition.



King Liam Harms, nights Pail Raisanen and Brilee Heath, and princesses Macee McGregor and Hayden Johnston, discuss how to get rid of that pesky dragon. - Brunner photo



The devil, Madison Miller(left), and Ella played by Bailee Yule, along with Jacob Johnson, played by Jerome Schoch, talk about just what it will take for Yule to get a kiss from her boyfriend. - Brunner photo

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uate, Jessica (Smith) Halverson and her family, husband James, and children three children, ranging in age from seven to 12, lost their home and all possessions to a wildfire on March 6.

Many will remember Jessica and her parents, Aaron of Whitewood and Beverly who now lives in Alaska. The family had a dairy north of Newell, where her grandparents lived as well. Jessica graduated from NHS in 1997.

James Halverson grew up in Fairview and his parents, Pat and Randy, still call Fairview home. Fairview is south of Sioux Falls. He graduated from Canton High School in 1998. The couple met in college at South Dakota State and got married in 2007. They lived in South Dakota until August of 2009 when they moved to their current address between Beulah and Sundance. James was an ag teacher in Belle Fourche and Sundance and is currently the Executive Director for the South Dakota Stockgrowers. Jessica is the State Program Coordinator for Wyoming Project Learning Tree. They ranch in their spare time, renting their neighbor's ranch and running a cow/calf operation. They owned the home and buildings that were lost in the fire.

"We were alerted to a possible fire along our road by my aunt and uncle who live near Aladdin," said Jessica. "It turned out that the fire they told us about was a different one, and we did not see or smell any smoke so went about replacing a well pump. At 3 p.m. we saw black smoke and hurried home, got the kids and dogs in our vehicles and grabbed a few valuable things from our house." Living at the top of a steep canyon, with the wind blowing, they knew they didn't have much time. And it was only 15 minutes before the fire crested the canyon about 250 feet west of their house. They took the kids to safety and went back to get an ATV and tractor to try and disc a fireline.

"Firefighters from all over started to show up," said Jessica. "They stayed at our house as long as they could but the combination of dry conditions, a steep slope, wind, clocked at 47 mph by a neighbor, and the house and outbuildings being in the path of the fire, created a situation that no one could stop. Those first responders came from Beulah, Aladdin, Sundance, Hulett, Carlile, Moorcroft, Pine Haven, Rock N D Ranch, the U.S. Forest Service and Wyoming State Forestry Division.

"We lost our home, shop, a few other buildings and our stack corral with hay in it," she said. "We were able to push our cows to safety and open gates for our horses to get out of harm's way. The fire was caused from an unattended burning slash pile nearby.

Word soon was out about the family's plight and other's started the charitable acts of giving that this regional area is known for. A friend, Tobi Miller (Ayers) who worked with James in Sundance, and was a near neighbor, was able to start a GoFundMe page for family. She set a goal of \$10,000 that was surpassed quite quickly and as of March 15, it stood at \$20,275. A bank account was quickly set up by Sundance State Bank for people to send donations in to help the family. Kid Prints Family and Friends daycare assisted people in making monetary donations. A Venmo account was quickly organized and funds started growing. People can find the link to the Venmo account @ halversonfirerelief.

Miller said, "The outpouring has been immense. The amount of people that have contacted me, asking what is needed and what could be done has been amazing." Miller was informed by her parents who had gone up to stay with the Halverson children that the house and outbuildings were gone. She, in turn, had to call Jessica and let her know as the young couple was away trying to get livestock to safety. "It's ok, it's going to be ok," said Jessica to her friend when she heard the news. Miller picked up the kids and kept them at her home. That night offers of help started coming in.

"This is something that I'm not even able to wrap my head around yet," said Halverson. "The outpouring of love and support from so many is incredible and humbling. Blessing upon blessing from family, neighbors, friends and complete strangers (make us) very grateful for them. The experienced volunteer firefighters from the area departments worked so hard to put out the fire. The local Red Cross volunteer contacted us that night and provided us with funds for immediate needs. A good friend took our kids and her husband was one of the volunteer firefighters. She arranged for people to start dropping things off, collecting items, setting up a meal train for a few weeks. She fielded tons of questions from people. Another neighbor trailed our cattle to the neighboring ranch to water and feed them for two days. He also donated a load of hay and other ranching friends hauled hay to our place."

Another neighbor is allowing the family to stay in their guest house until they figure out what they will do next. There have been many offers of houses and campers. Their pastor came the next day to offer the collection that had been taken at church that morning. Another friend, Katrina Kolb, set up a Pampered Chef party, specifically to help provide kitchen items that the Halverson's will need when they make another home. For more information about the PC online party or other ways to help this family you can contact

Justin Kolb at 605-785-7835 or Katrina at 605-210-2748.

The owner of Sodak Angus, and member of the SD Stockgrowers, Vaughn Meyer has donated a steer to be auctioned via rollover auction on March 25 at Belle Fourche Livestock Market. Friends are organizing a benefit in Sunday on March 26, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Shooting Sports Building. A donation for meal, a silent and live auction will be held, and a multiple gun raffle will begin at 7:30. For information on donating items for auction you can contact Christi Marchant at 605-645-2537. A location in Newell is 212/79 and leave with Lorri Olson. The location for drop-off in Belle Fourche is Roundup Cafe at the junction of 212 and National Street. You can also contact Tobi Miller Ayers at 307-281-0373 for more information or to make arrangements for donation items.

"I hesitate to mention names of those who have helped, because I don't want to leave anyone out," said Halverson. "We are incredibly grateful to live where we live and to have the jobs, family, and friends that we have. Their thoughts and prayers have sustained us."

A Hat's Off for Halversons was held at several area schools, including Sundance Elementary and Kid Print. Children could wear their hats all day if they made a donation.

"We were flooded with calls, texts, emails and Facebook messages the day after the fire," said Jessica. We've been showered with love and support from this region. I think the biggest impact that it's had on us is thinking about how we can be more helpful to others in the future. Lie isn't about stuff, it's about relationships and I just hope that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus going forward."

The Halverson's are ultimately trusting God for their future. "We got out the door with some items that are precious and valuable (sentimentally) to us," Jessica said. "Without God, I do not know how people carry on through tough times. A good friend reminded me that we will find our safe place again and though it might not be the same, it is the peace that God gives us in that place and not the earthly dwelling."

"Saw it with me, 'Jesus, I trust in you,'" said Jessica. "I know you all have your own battles that you are going through, just like our family. Know that Jesus loves you and wants you to trust him. I smiled to find some of the pages of a book that had blown out of the fire. He gave everything for us so we can live with him in heaven when our time on earth is done. He made us from dust and to dust we shall return. So, be willing to adapt to his plan, even if you'd rather stick your head in the sand and cry. Jesus, I trust in you."



The entire cast (high school and elementary) drama students take a bow, following the spring productions of Sketch Night and Dragon Trouble. - Brunner photo



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