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## Candidates Respond to Beacon City Election Questionnaire

There are two public events that will provide voters with an opportunity to meet and see the candidates for city office.

The Branding Iron in conjunction with the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an Open House for the candidates from 5:30 to 7:30, Thursday, April 1 and the Downtown Business District is sponsoring a Candidate Forum from 6 to 8 pm, Tuesday, April 6th.

Also, in an effort to give insight into the candidates and their positions on some of the issues, the Belle Fourche Beacon sent an election questionnaire to all of the candidates seeking election on the April 13th City ballot.

We have grouped their responses by question, by candidate, by position they are seeking. Questions are the same for Mayor and Council. For Mayor: Rebecca Larson, Vern Bills, & Randy Schmidt. Ward 2: Derrick Erhart & Clark Sowers. Ward 3: Randy Sowers & Dean Brunner. Ward 4: Wayne Gilbert Betty Jo Hoffman. Derrick Jones answers will be in the April 7 issue.

### Mayoral Candidates

**Question #1: What is the #1 reason voters should select you as Mayor?** **Rebecca Larson:** A. I would like you, the voter, to select me as Mayor if you feel that I am the right person for the position. I will work hard for you, communicate openly and effectively, and do what is best for the city of Belle Fourche.

**Question #1: Vern Bills:** A: EXPERIENCE: I have served as a volunteer in many capacities throughout my life in Belle Fourche, including the Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce as a board member, twice as the President, the Economic Development committee of Belle Fourche as President for 20 years, on the board of Northern Hills Economic Development for 20 years, two years as President, City of Belle Ward 3 council person, represent Belle Fourche on the Northern Hills Railroad Authority for 20 years, 10 years as Chairman, served on the Northern Hills Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children board for 8 years, two as chairman, represented Belle Fourche for 20 years on various boards for Regional Health and Monument Health, currently as Chairman of the Spearfish-Belle Fourche Advisory Council, serve on the Senior Corp of Retired Executives currently and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve committee of South Dakota.

My career includes a Belle Fourche Post paper route, dishwasher at Belle Inn, six-year member of the Belle Fourche 842nd Combat Engineers Army National Guard, four years as a high school business instructor, 45 years as a life insurance agent, 35 years as a securities registered representative, and a small business owner for 42 years.

I have the experience, ability, time, and desire to serve you as Mayor of Belle Fourche; your vote is our opportunity to have me serve you!

**Question #1: Randy Schmidt:**

A: This question is a hard one for me to answer, because there are many reasons that voters should look at when electing any Government officials. The #1 reason, I am the best candidate for Mayor. I will continue to work hard for our community. I am a person who listens to people and their concerns, ideas and I like to work toward solutions. Having served on the City Council, I have a good understanding of the City Finances, our current projects that will help our community grow, as well as what future issues we may be facing.

**Question #2: If elected, what would be the top three things you may wish to help accomplish?** **Vern Bills:** A: 1. We

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### Ward 2

**Question #1: What is the #1 reason voters should select you as a member of the City Council?**

**Derrick Erhart:** A: When asked why I have decided to run for the council position, I first thought, "What makes a great council member?" Three important things come to mind. First, a good councilman needs the ability to listen respectfully and weigh differing opinions. Second, they also should be determined to look at what's best for the community rather than what's best for a specific friend or neighbor. Third, they should have a willingness to devote their time and efforts to our great community.

These three traits are the foundation of my campaign for city council. I want to listen to the residents of Ward 2, hearing their opinions on important topics, discussing our options and helping to keep an open line of communications between the community and our city government. I want to make sure that my votes and decisions on the council represents what is best for our community and the needs of everyone in our community. I am willing to put in the time and effort required to be your voice on Belle Fourche's City Council.

**Question #1: Clark Sowers:** A: In every area of our community the need to understand how we arrived where we are at will help identify where we need to go. It is the renewal of the "Spirit of Belle Fourche" that we know and remember. This history leads to an enthusiasm for positive change for the "common good" for the citizens we serve, both inside and near our city limits that call our community home. I am one of the candidates that have that "Institutional History."

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### Ward 3

**Question #1: What is the #1 reason voters should select you as a member of the City Council?**

**Randy Sowers:** A: You can count on if I'm elected, I'm there to get things done. I'm too busy and value my time too much to sit around and do nothing. My experience of being on my local church council in the past and the fact I have run a business as operations manager for 5 years that has 25-30 employees will serve me well.

**Question #1: Dean Brunner:** A: I care about the future of this city and where it is going in the next few years because of the growth I believe is coming.

**Question #2: If elected, what would be the top three things you may wish to help accomplish?** **Dean Brunner:** A: 1. I would hope we could bring more business to this town.

2. I would like to see improved roads & streets. 3. I would like us as a city to figure out how to lower taxes.

**Question #2: Randy Sowers:** A: 1. To cut spending and taxes by using our money wisely and promptly.

2. Getting our streets repaired, providing crosswalks as needed, and striping for pedestrian safety.

3. Providing the amenities, like water and sewer, as needed, especially to Prairie Hills and Hat Ranch as they are inadequate for current needs.

**Question #3: There has been some conversation about our City government being more open and informative when dealing with the "peoples" business. What you like to see happen to facilitate a more open government?** **Dean Brunner:** A: We need to sit down as a council with the Chamber of Commerce & find out their needs for businesses.

**Question #3: Randy Sowers:** A: It's up to the leadership to follow through on transparency. If the council hides something from the voters, then there is

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## Center of the Nation Annual Easter Egg Hunt



CONBA's annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, March 27th at the Baseball Diamonds near the Roundup Grounds. Age groups 0-2; 2-4; 5-6, 7-8 & 9-10 as well as special needs participated. The dash for candy & prize bearing eggs last about five minutes. (Inset) Awaiting the start of the event are the CONBA "Bunny", Jessica Carmichael, Aeliana and Cory.

Courtesy Photo

## RPM Minerals Looks to May Opening

**BELLE FOURCHE** - A new manufacturing plant just north of the city is hoping to begin operation in May after hiring its first shift of employees.

RPM Minerals of Alexandria, Egypt, has spent the last two years converting the Black Hills Fiberglass plant three miles north of the city on US Highway 85 into a facility that will manufacture a proprietary drilling fluid to make drilling for oil and natural gas more efficient.

Alexandria and Belle Fourche share a common bond in that both cities lie near high-grade bentonite deposits. Bentonite is an absorbent clay material that has uses ranging from skin care, to kitty litter to industrial applications. Deposits are generally formed in areas that have seen significant settling of ancient volcanic ash.

"The bentonite here in this area is without a doubt the highest grade that we will work with," said Dr. Ahmed Rasheed, Managing Director of RPM Minerals. "And because of this, this product we will produce here will be the best of its kind available anywhere in the world."

If things go according to plan Rasheed told the Beacon that he hopes to begin operations in May. The renovation of the plant and construction of the tanks, dryers and production tower/reactor was a methodical but steady process.

"We adopted a slower construction system because we depending on local contractors," Dr. Rasheed told the Beacon. "We spent a year but we used local contractors and that we hope has long term

positive effect. Very few things were brought in from longer distances."

RPM will initially hire a half dozen employees with growth expected as the market expands. This is their first operation in the western hemisphere and Dr. Rasheed says they will make their first batch of trial product, ship it out and await for reports.

"I do not want to exaggerate on hiring because in Egypt it took me three years," he said. "I hope it will not take that long here, maybe a couple of months. With some customers I know it will just be a purchase order because they already know us that well."

Dr. Rasheed sees a potential for between 30 and 40 employees once the plant is operating at a high-level capacity. The facility in Egypt produces 150 pallets of material per day (non-COVID conditions) and the Belle Fourche location will have that ability. It will largely depend on orders received because the product is produced as needed and cannot be stocked.

The primary product that

RPM markets will be organo-lignites and organo clays that they create using a proprietary process that Dr. Rasheed, a chemical engineer, developed in 2004. It is used in drilling oil and gas wells. RPM plans to serve markets in the Bakken and Canadian fields and open up fields in the southern states and even into Latin America. According to Dr. Rasheed the Belle Fourche location is close to necessary raw material suppliers and they will have good access via roads and rails to the Eastern Hemisphere through the port of Duluth, MN.

"Perhaps we can even show that having a facility here is even smarter than having one in Egypt," he said. "We will see if this plant produces cheaper for Egypt. If this plant turns out to be bigger and more efficient, I believe that it will win out in the end because this is much closer to the raw material. But this will be investigated by time."

As far as timing, RPM doesn't see the current Biden administration, with their

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Dr. Ahmed Rasheed, Managing Director of RPM Minerals explains the processing to Hollie Stalder, BF Development Corp. Executive Director, and others on a recent tour of the facility.

## Belle Fourche Mayoral & City Council Forum To Be Held

The Belle Fourche Downtown Business District is sponsoring the "Belle Fourche Mayoral & City Council Forum."

The Forum will be held downtown at Community Hall, Tuesday, April 6th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, just one week from election day.

The Belle Fourche Downtown Business District has been formed by local businesses and community supporters. Their Mission Statement is "to Preserve, Restore, and Promote the Downtown Business District". With this specific focus, they are creating a vibrant shopping experience in Belle Fourche.

The goal for this event is to bring awareness to the community of the upcoming election and the multitude of candidates in this election cycle.

Three Mayor candidates and seven city council candidates for three wards are competing in the election.

The evening will allow the taxpayer to highlight their thoughts and concerns.

The Belle Fourche Mayoral & City Council Forum will be a formal setting for people to cordially ask questions through

the preselected moderator of the evening, Curt Westland.

The hope is that citizens can ask questions regarding the agenda for each candidate. Questions about streets, future developments, economic growth, new agendas, old agendas. How will these candidates choose to make a difference?

The Belle Fourche Community Hall, 512 6th Ave, is located right off 5th Ave/Hwy 85. It can house over 300 people, seated.

Community Hall is the sole Election Day voting location for the next mayor and city council wards and school board on Tuesday, April 13th. Polls are open 7am-7pm.

The reason for this event is 100% for community awareness and participation in the election.

Many changes are anticipated in the next 1-5 years and many people have questions concerning the direction of Belle Fourche.

The Belle Fourche Downtown Business District recognized this pressing matter and chose as a group to respond and act. All are welcome to attend and ask questions.

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## Obituaries

### Dennis Odell Edwards 78

Dennis Odell Edwards, age 78, passed away at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls on March 20, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents Odell & Lois Edwards as well as brother and sister-in-law David and Cherie Edwards. He is survived by his

wife Shirley Edwards, two children Mike Edwards (wife Lisa) and Keri Lofland (husband Bryan), his sister Dianne (Larry) Joachim, and his three grandchildren Alexandra, Mackenzie and Jack.

A private family service will be planned at a later time.

### Robert "Bob" Tope

Robert "Bob" Tope, 74, of Newell, SD died after a courageous battle with cancer Monday, March 22, 2021 at Monument Hospital in Spearfish, SD.

Robert Joe Tope was born May 9, 1946 in Spearfish, SD to Robert Sinnett and Mildred Della (Shepherd) Tope. Bob had two younger brothers, Larry and Jay. He spent most of his childhood on the ranch northwest of Moorcroft, WY and graduated from Moorcroft High School in 1964. He spent the summer on a custom combine crew and then attended the teachers college at Black Hills State University. After graduation, he taught school at Colony, WY where he met Sandra Ann Reando. They were married October 27, 1972. They made their home on the farm at Newell, SD and he operated Tope's Elevator for many years. Bob later married Blinda Lee Lettau on September 17, 1983.

Bob was a lifelong learner. He studied everything but especially loved learning about anything agricultural. He was always thinking about the earth and the shape of the land and how it came to be. He enjoyed the challenge of growing all varieties of crops and perfecting their production. His curiosity led him to try his hand at several entrepreneurial ventures throughout his life. He also enjoyed traveling and in recent years was able to check off many of his "want to see" places. Dancing was another of Bob's passions and he could be found on the dance floor almost every weekend. He especially enjoyed coun-




try western swing dancing, waltzes, and polka festivals and made many friends on and around the dance floor. He would drive many miles for a good dance.

Robert is survived by his mother, Mildred Tope and brother, Jay (Wilma) Tope of Aladdin, WY, his children: Jeremy (Dawn) Tope of Dixon, MO; Brian (Anita) Tope of Rozet, WY; Larissa (Mike) Anderson of Kansas City, MO; Brandon (Jessica) Gatzke of Newell, SD and Heather Gatzke, Molly (Joel) Blair, Zachary Tope and daughter-in-law Mattie Tope of Belle Fourche, SD as well as 15 grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his father, Robert Sinnett Tope, and his brother, Larry James Tope.

Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2021 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish, SD. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2021 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish followed by a luncheon at the Branding Iron Steakhouse in Belle Fourche at 12 p.m. Grave-side services will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Moore Hill Cemetery in Hulett, WY.

A memorial has been established to the Moore Hill Cemetery Board, Hulett, Wyoming.

Arrangements are under the care of the Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at [www.fidler-isburg-funeralchapels.com](http://www.fidler-isburg-funeralchapels.com)

 **Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service**

### Mary Keats 68

Mary Keats, 68 of Belle Fourche passed away on March 17, 2021.

Mary Lorene Harms was born November 28th, 1952 to Lorane and Florence (Kaiser) Harms. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Bristol, South Dakota. She grew up in the Butler area, and attended school and later graduated from Bristol in 1971.

During high school and after graduation, she babysat for area farmers, looking after their children and helping around the house. Mary then worked at Fetrel Manufacturing in Salem, SD, Crooked Creek Ranch in Bowman, ND, and later at the Sluice Supper Club in Spearfish, SD.

She united in marriage with Richard Keats on May 19, 1990 and to this union, a daughter, Mattie was born. They made their home in Spearfish, later moving to Belle Fourche.

She spent several years working for Black Hills State University and Spearfish High School working in the kitchen. She spent the last few summers working at the information center on the South Dakota/Wyoming border, which she thoroughly enjoyed and loved meeting all of the travelers that stopped. Mary's family joked that it was the perfect job for her as she got to talk to everyone and anyone and got paid to do so!

Mary enjoyed traveling, telling jokes and making everyone laugh, having coffee with friends and family, harvest time, reading, sewing, baking, cooking, and overall good conversation. Mary was most proud



of her two grandsons, Aiden and Jackson Tope, and made sure that you knew it too!


Mary had a heart of gold and would help anyone in need. She always had a smile on her face and she always had kind words for everyone she met. She never met a stranger because they all became her friend.

Mary will be forever loved and deeply missed by her daughter Mattie Tope of Belle Fourche, SD, two grandsons, Aiden and Jackson Tope of Belle Fourche, SD, four brothers; William of Bristol, SD, Michael of Bristol, SD, Paul (Karla) of Parker, SD, Jeffrey of Aberdeen, SD, two sisters; Judith Anderson of Watkins, MN, Patricia (Adolf) Walz of Aberdeen, SD, 11 nieces and nephews, one aunt, Lois Stern of Bristol SD, and two uncles, Donald (Roseanne) Harms of Redfield, SD, and Herbert Dohman of Sioux Falls, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard, sister-in-law Brenda Harms, niece Candace Anderson, sister Susan Saylor, and brother-in-law Ellsworth Anderson.

Memorial services will be at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels in Spearfish with inurnment to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of the Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at [www.fidler-isburg-funeralchapels.com](http://www.fidler-isburg-funeralchapels.com)

 **Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service**

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 Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer

### CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

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

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1105 Todd St.  
 John Allred, Bishop  
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting  
 Sunday School:

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
 Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

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 Andy Anderson, Pastor  
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School  
 10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
 Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service

### CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)

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 Pastor Stephen Carson  
 Associate Pastor Chad McCord  
 Worship Pastor Ashton Rone  
 Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15, or 10:30am

### FIRST BAPTIST

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

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish  
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 Church Service - 10:45 a.m. We sing traditional hymns & choruses.

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 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

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 Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.

### RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH

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 Friday: 7:30 p.m.

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 Wednesday 12:15 p.m.  
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 Confessions Sunday 8:15 a.m.

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### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor McKillop (605) 840-0554  
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 and Bible Class, 10am Worship

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Sheri Fadley  
 1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche  
 605-892-2405  
 Worship: Sunday 10:30 am  
 Sunday School 9:30 am

VBS, Small Groups & Studies schedule online at

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Sunday school: 9:30AM  
Easter Worship at 10:45am. 2020 Vista St.

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*Sunday April 4th*



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Good Friday Service: 6:00 P.M. – April 2nd  
April 4th- Easter Morning Worship Service – 10 am

## Pastor's Perspective

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by  
Rev. Sheri Fadley, BF United Methodist Church*

### "Jesus' Last Words to His Disciples."

As you read this, it's Wednesday of Holy Week for Christians. What is Holy Week? This is the week that Christians remember Christ's final days as a human living a life on earth. Palm Sunday celebrates Christ's triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Christ's last Passover meal and initiating holy communion with his disciples. Good Friday we remember Christ's unjust trial, persecution, and crucifixion. Easter we celebrate his victory over death and sin through his resurrection. Churches throughout our community are holding special worship services and activities to honor Christ's final days on earth.



and resurrection that Easter and springtime give to us. We avoid Lent and even Holy Week. Yet what a loss this is for so many. When we ignore God in the hard times, we lose out on so much that God can provide for us. When we honor Lent and Holy Week, we can invite God into the hard times of our lives. We won't be able to experience the deeper peace and joy that comes as a result of sharing the hard times with God. This is the "soil" in our souls for new life to generate from.

In the retail world, Easter falls way behind Christmas and Halloween, but a little more recognition than Thanksgiving. I reference the retail world, because this is often the most common place we see the holidays being observed. Yet in terms of spirituality, I believe that Easter has so much more meaning than all of the other holidays.

Why do I believe Easter is so much more meaningful than the other holidays? Because Easter is the transitional day between Lent and the Easter season. The Lent and Easter seasons truly reflect the ups and downs, the challenges and blessings of life. With Lenten season, which culminates during Holy Week, there is a downward humbling descent that correlates to the hard times we have in life. With the Easter season, we can celebrate new life and redemption.

Yet often, we Christians focus just on the new life

If all we do is celebrate Easter and the good times with God, we end up treating God in a superficial way. By honoring Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services or events, we are showing God how deep our love and commitment is to him and the sacrifice Christ made for all of us. Paul prayed the following prayer for the Ephesians: "I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the good measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-19)

When we journey with God through Holy Week, we have the opportunity to experience the width, breadth, depth, and height of God's love for us. This in turn, gives us the opportunity to expand our ability to love one another in more meaningful ways. As we enter the Easter season, I pray that you will be filled to the good measure of all the fullness that God has planned for you.

## Chamber Business of the Week

By: Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher

**Business Spotlight of the Week: Fast Break Screen Printing** is a full-service embroidery and screen printing with small town customer service. They can help with all your needs from logo design to clothing selection. Lindsey Rehorth Richards began her journey in the world of screen printing and embroidery as a teenager working for her mother Julie. In 2011, Lindsey purchased Fast Break from her mother. Fast Break boasts a six head

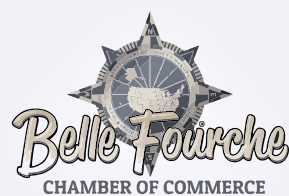


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**Fast Break Screen Printing**

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## Hey Highmark--Question?

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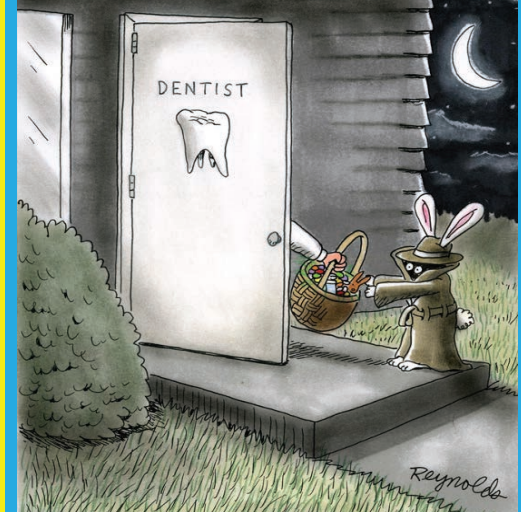
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## Local Attorney Kellen Willert Returns From Deployment In Djibouti & Somalia

Local attorney Kellen Willert recently returned home to Belle Fourche following a deployment

with his Army National Guard Unit, the 196 MEB. Willert deployed to east Africa, spending



most of his time in Djibouti and Somalia. Djibouti has been designated a combat zone since 2002, and Somalia has been designated a combat zone since 2004. Willert served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and as the Chief of Military Justice for Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA), which is comprised of individuals from various agencies as well as the Army, Air Force, Marines, and Navy. Willert also supported the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies (DILS), a Department of Defense Agency, where he was able to travel and train multinational forces on things including international human rights, interrogation techniques, torture, and human trafficking. Willert said that "Working with DILS was the highlight of my time over there. The bad guys in east Africa violate human rights, and it's important to get our partner forces on board with respecting human rights, only using acceptable interrogation techniques, not engaging in torture, and identifying and stopping human trafficking."

Willert received the U.S. Africa Command Shoulder Sleeve Insignia for military operations in Hostile Conditions, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device.

"Military operations aside, it was a very interesting and unsettling time to deploy and be halfway around the world from my family," Willert said, "because we were dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, a Presidential election, the inauguration of a new President, and social unrest." Willert is very glad to be home, and said that "I am happy I went, and I'm happy I'm back. Now I just want to get re-plugged back into the community, and spend as much time as possible with my wife, Jenelle, and our three kids."

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**From A1 WARD 3** a problem. Executive Sessions are a tool and not an escape. And some of the recent decisions need to be brought before council for their approval or ratification. Then the council can keep people informed.

**Question #4 Belle Fourche stands on the edge of having growth in jobs and business. What role do you think city government should play in accommodating the opportunities brought on by this growth?:** **Randy Sowers:** *A: Housing: The City should be providing the basics we need for public safety and making Belle Fourche attractive because we take care of our town. B. Business: Businesses want to be in a place that again is taking care of their own business. The City needs to be prompt and focused on making decisions so that businesses can make decisions to be here. C. Infrastructure: The Infrastructure needs to be a priority. New pickups shouldn't be a priority when the streets are in such bad shape? Why put a water park up in Jones Park when that same street (11th Avenue) needs major work? Prairie Hills and Hat Ranch water supplies are a much higher priority than new pick ups.*

**Question #4: Dean Brunner:** *A: 1. Housing? We need to talk to the local Realtors to find out how to expand housing. 2. Business? Help promote the businesses that are here, so outsiders see them, & continue to promote the Industrial Park & the Rail Park expansion. 3. Infrastructure? Our streets & roads are in bad need of repair.*

**Question #5 Belle Fourche has a vast and varied business community spread from N US Hwy 85 to S US 85 and spread throughout the community including an historic Downtown. What would you see the role of city government as it pertains to that wide and varied business community?:** **Dean Brunner:** *A: Keeping streets in shape & safe & promoting businesses should be top priority.*

**Question #5: Randy Sowers:** *A: The city is here to serve them and make business easier for them. This starts with trying to keep taxes down, water and sewer prices down, and just taking care of our own.*

*Tax Increment Finance Districts and Business Improvement Districts could be a very good tool for certain projects.*

**Question #6 What would you like to see happen in Belle Fourche to foster the growth of tourism in the community?:** **Randy Sowers:** *A: If we have a beautiful community where the city serves the citizens and we are using our funds wisely people will want to come not only for growth but also for tourism.*

**Question #6: Dean Brunner:** *A: Advertising the Center of the Nation with different media sources would be beneficial as a drawing card to our community.*

**Question #7 Our cities name sake, "the beautiful forks" has suffered much damage and disrepair from erosion? What would you like to see the city do with that site?**

**Randy Sowers:** *A: Make it beautiful again. Take care of it the way it should be. How can you attract people when they can't even visit our city's namesake? It is a beautiful attraction.*

**Question #7: Dean Brunner:** *A: We need to look into grants to possibly help fix where it is becoming a problem & hopefully get it remedied before it's too late.*

**Question #8 Closing the City owned liquor store and placing the sale and distribution of those products in the hands of several Private businesses in the community has been suggested. Your opinion on the idea?**

**Dean Brunner:** *A: I would say that the first step would be to investigate if it's losing money the way it's being run now.*

**Question #7 Randy Sowers:** *A: Absolutely! Name one thing the government does better than a private business! This would and could bring in more businesses to Belle Fourche. This isn't a basic necessity, although from what I hear it may be if I am elected, lol. I know this makes the city some money but if we allow multiple liquor stores wouldn't that be better for the city and its citizens?*

**Question #8 Do you believe public/private partnerships are a viable consideration to save and repair buildings in the downtown business district?:** **Randy Sowers:** *A: Yes. As long as it is fair for everyone. I mentioned the BID and TIF districts.*

**Question #8: Dean Brunner:** *A: Yes. Business & city has to work together to find finances to help repair their buildings.*

**Question #9 High taxes on property prevent consumers from building in the Belle Fourche city limits. How can we work toward being more tax friendly?:** **Dean Brunner:** *A: We need more viable businesses in Belle Fourche to give people a reason to shop here.*

**Question #9 Randy Sowers:** *A: Hiring a City Administrator. If you look at cities that are succeeding, they have a city administrator, and then they are efficient; because of how efficient they can be with one head. The Administrator conveys the mission from*

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**Women's A: BAM: Jenny Donovan, Colleen Mischke, Lindsay Bouman, Brittne Ainsworth, Kayla Hatten, not pictured: Renee Servaty.** Courtesy photo



**Women's B: Chewblocka: Kim Terrill, Catrina Rodgers, Shayla Jennings, Brittany Clarkson, Hannah Bugos, not pictured: Steph Kunkel.** Courtesy photo

## FFA Chapter on The Road to CDE Competition

**Morgyn Barker**  
FFA Reporter

For the past two weeks, the Belle Fourche FFA has been competing in their first CDE's of the season. The first CDE competition was on March 17th in Newell.

The results from that competition is as follows: Horse Evaluation Team 1st, Members Reese McKenna, Brenna Leitner, Natalie McCoy (4th individual), Nicole Kraft (3rd individual); Agronomy Team 2nd, Members, Bryton Oedekoven (9th individual) Morgan Mackaben (7th individual), Matthew Goodwin, (6th individual), Laney Mackaben (4th individual); Food Science Team 3rd, Members Bradley Rushton, Elijah Pomrenke (9th individual), Wyatt Lestmeister (5th individual); Milk Quality and Products Team 3rd, Members Shaylie Holben, Dustin Kolb, Lydia Main (7th individual), Ava McLennan (3rd individual); Poultry Team 3rd Members Taya Kirstin (8th individual) and Madison Selby (7th individual); Ag Mechanics 3rd Team, Members Brooks Clooten, Anika Main, Mataya Ward, Jason Carr (7th individual); Meats Team 5th, Members Carter McKenna, Trey Smeenk, Cody Foos (3rd individual); Natural Resources Team 5th Members, Bree Eastman, Kyha Trainor, Ari Richert; Vet Science Team 5th Members, Morgyn Barker, Lainna Ruby, Kord Colburn, Izzabella Ramos; Range Plant ID Team 5th Members, Laney and Morgan Mackaben; Floriculture Team 6th Members Marlee Smeenk, Jazmyn Hunt, Serena Davis (4th individual). Congratulations to all who placed in Newell.

The CDE competition that followed was March 24th in Sturgis. At this competition, the results are as follows: Natural Resource Team 5th:



Members of the Belle FFA Chapter are loaded on the bus and ready for the trip to Newell and their first "Career and Leadership Development Event" competition of the year. Courtesy Photo

Kyha Trainor, Ari Richter, Lane Powers, Bree Eastman; Vet Science Team 5th: Izzy Ramos, Lainna Ruby, Morgyn Barker (10th), Kord Colburn (6th); Ag Mechanics Team 4th: Anika Main, Mataya Ward, Brooks Clooten (8th), Jason Carr (5th); Poultry 4th: Madison Selby, Shaylee Pickett, Taya Kirstine; Food Science Team 4th: Kyrstin Hayworth, Alex Kloczek, Elijah Pomrenke, Olivia Furrow 8th, Bradley Rushton (6th); Milk Quality Team 2nd: Shaylie Holben, Dustin Kolb (7th), Ava McLennan (5th), Lydia Main (4th); Agronomy Team 2nd: Bryton Oedekoven 9th, Laney Mackaben 7th, Matthew Goodwin 6th, Morgan

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**Thurs, April 1st**  
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Lunch: Popcorn Chicken/Taco Burger/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

**Tues., April 6th**  
BRONC Breakfast: Breakfast Round/Juice/Fruit/Milk  
Lunch: Toasted Cheese w/Tomato Soup/Crispy Chicken Sandwich/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

**Wed, April 7th**  
BRONC Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Beef Taco/Juice/Fruit/Milk  
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets/Beef Tacos/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Mackaben 5th; Meats Team 2nd: Cody Foos, Trey Smeenk (7th), Carter McKenna (3rd); Horse Evaluation Team 1st: Natalie McCoy, Brenna Leitner, Reese McKenna 4th, Nicole Kraft 2nd. Congratulations to everyone who placed.

Those who placed in the top five teams in their CDE qualify for state and will be going to our next competition on April 7th in Phillip.

Teams going to the South Dakota FFA State Convention include: Horse, Meats, Agronomy, Natural Resources, Ag Mech, Poultry, Vet Science, Meats, Milk Quality, Food Science.

While these competitions have been taking our time, we would like to thank everyone for their support in purchasing Spring FFA fruit.

We will be selling trash bags starting March 29th through April 8th, please contact an FFA member to place your order. Also, to show appreciation for your support we are inviting the public to our annual Belle Fourche FFA Banquet on April 30th at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, that will include a dance to follow with Chelsey Dee and Company. Please RSVP for numbers on our Facebook page (Belle Fourche Ag Ed & FFA).





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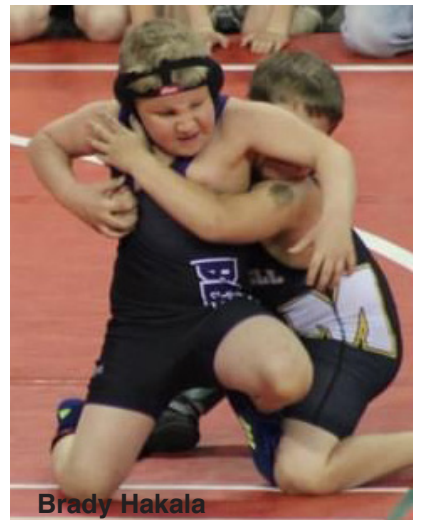
Belle Fourche AAU had 11 wrestlers compete at the SD State tournament Saturday in Rapid City. It was easy to run into some stiff competition with 1206 wrestlers competing at the tournament. Belle Fourche had 5 wrestlers place in a tough weekend of competition.  
Royce Bachman - 5th  
Landon Swaney - 8th  
Kelton Streeter - 5th  
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Owyn Schreder - 4th  
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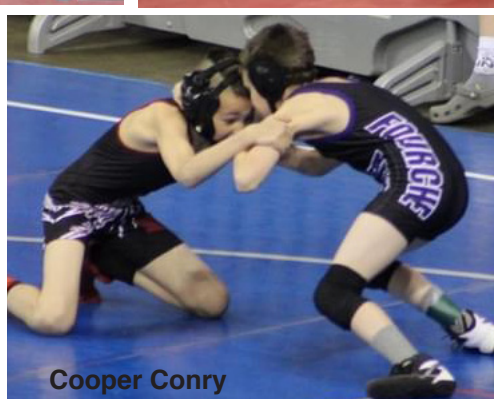
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Left: Coed B: Ball Busters: Alix Crago, Autumn Thorstenson, Tori Lange, Nathan Lange, Lan Fuhrer, not pictured: Levi Sanftner and Chet Crago  
Right: Coed A: Wesley Crushers: Ben Jasinski, Amber Koehler, Sara Ramos, Deanna Krugman, Trevor Krugman, Matt Koehler. *Courtesy Photos*



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**Ward 4 Cont. from A1** budgeting. A balanced budget is what we should strive for. Sidewalks - every walking path to schools should have a sidewalk. Safety for our children should be a top priority. Events - Events bring people to town. We need to do a better job at promoting what Belle Fourche has to offer. I would like to see more events be held in Belle Fourche. We have a great venue at Roundup Complex, & a nice area by the Center of the Nation Monument to host events. I believe, we as a City need to support more of our youth sports such as soccer, baseball, & softball. I would also like to see High School Rodeo brought back to Belle Fourche.

Dog Park: I think is a great need for the Citizens of Belle Fourche, as well as our travelers passing through our community, to have a place for their pets.

**Question #2: Wayne Gilbert: A:** 1. Exploring and developing ways to assist business owners in improving downtown, through tax incentives and cooperative ventures between the City and business owners. 2. Exploring and developing ways to expand tourism options in Belle Fourche. The City should consider getting involved in developing eco-tourism, such as expanding and improving the bike path, the disc golf course, and perhaps a bird sanctuary in the wetlands that surround our town. 3. Continuing to market and improve economic development. We simply need to take active steps to make Belle Fourche a commerce center and a place where employers want to locate a business and bring employees to town. These three things do admittedly require a judicious use of money, but if we don't explore these options we will continue to be a stagnating "bedroom community."

**Question #3: There has been some conversation about our City government being more open and informative when dealing with the "peoples" business. What you like to see happen to facilitate a more open government?** 3: **Betty Jo Hoffman: A:** In my opinion, we have Open Government. All committees/boards and council agendas and minutes are posted on the City website, a paper copy of the agendas are posted outside of City Hall, City Council meetings are live streamed online through the city website. You can even go back and watch old council meetings. Everyone can be involved as little or as much as they want to. I would, however, like to see all city meetings be held after 5pm. By doing this, it gives citizens the chance to attend, if they so choose to add public input.

**Question #3: Wayne Gilbert: A:** The City should consider employing a person who is proficient in such platforms as Facebook to make sure that the word is getting out. Simply relying on published minutes and agenda doesn't appear to be getting it done. But, I have to say, the fact is that many of the people who complain about the lack of open and informative government are people who don't bother to inform themselves through available media and by attending council meetings. I honestly don't know what we can do to encourage those people to get informed. But I do think that increased use of social media would advance this.

**Question #4 Belle Fourche stands on the edge of having growth in jobs and business. What role do you think city government should play in accommodating the opportunities brought on by this growth?**

**Wayne Gilbert: A:** The City should take a very proactive role in encouraging the growth of existing businesses, and in attracting new businesses. Tax incentives have not proven to be a major factor, however. Municipal property could be made available for long-term leases or purchase for interested businesses who want to expand or to move here. What it takes is for the City to be an attractive place to live, work, and shop. I think the City should continue to expand the parks and recreational opportunities for residents. The Pickle Ball courts, the new water park, the downtown "parklets," and the use of the Highland Park tennis courts for ice skating, are all great ideas and they should be a basis for building on. I think that infrastructure should focus on improving the downtown. But I also think that we should explore expanding the tourism opportunities that Belle Fourche affords. Some truly visionary ideas need to be on the table. But to start with, I think that there is an important need to promote and improve our bike and walking path. The Belle Fourche River, and Hay Creek, could be significant and beautiful areas with clean up, bank improvement, and landscaping. Of course, this would require cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, but I'm optimistic that with a now fully staffed engineering department we can take steps to getting that cooperation going.

**Question #4 Betty Jo Hoffman: A:** Housing? It is a sellers' market right now. The City is not a Realtor. We as a city can offer ordinance 1-2021 Taxation Formula for the New Structures **Ward 4 cont. B5**

**Anything Left in the Barrel?** By: Doug Cole

This weeks paper is packed full of candidates for City Election Answers to Questions regarding Belle Fourche.



community into the future is an important one and we wish to give you the voters as much information to make an informed vote as space would allow.

We made ever effort to include their entire remarks regardless of length. This election and selecting the individuals who will guide the

I have always jokingly said, "The worst thing that can happen to you in an election is you can win!" Viewing the importance of the job these candidates will have ahead of them when elected I don't envy the responsibility they will have. Take the job, not yourself seriously.

Whether you're traveling or staying at home this Easter weekend we wish you a safe and wonderful Easter Weekend.

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## Letter to the Editor

I am writing this letter to all of the residents of Belle Fourche. You now have the opportunity to elect a new candidate for mayor, which is LaVern Bills. I grew up in Belle Fourche and lived around here for over 40 years. I have know Vern for 55 years and have worked on projects with him which were of community concern. Vern is still a personal friend

of mine and his word is good whether it is a personal matter or of business.

Vern is a life long resident of the community, a successful businessman, and believes in the Belle Fourche community.

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| April 1st  | April 2nd  | April 3rd  | April 4th  | April 5th   | April 6th   | April 7th  |
| Beef Enchiladas<br>w/Shred lettuce & tomatoes<br>Mexican corn<br>Refried Beans | Salmon Patties<br>Roasted Reds<br>Asparagus<br>Peaches | Baked Chicken<br>Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy<br>Broccoli<br>Applesauce Jello | Ham<br>Sweet Potatoes<br>Green Beans<br>Bread<br>Dessert | Tater Tot Casserole<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Garden Salad<br>Mixed Fruit w/ Yogurt | Stir-Fry Chicken<br>Rice<br>Egg Roll<br>Green Beans<br>Orange Fluff | Spaghetti<br>Wax Beans<br>Salad<br>French Bread<br>Ice Cream |

**Ward 2 contd. from A1** Question #2 If elected, what would be the top three things you may wish to help accomplish? **Clark Sowers:** A: 1. In Ward 2, Streets and Infrastructure would be my priority, and includes the streets and infrastructure (water and sewer) of our entire community. This would prioritize pedestrian safety, and include center and turn lane striping, and especially crosswalks for the safety for our citizens. Drive around town with this perspective and especially slowly down the 500 & 600 blocks of State Street and you will understand. They were only built 20 years ago and are falling apart. 2. Spending would be the second priority. There are three business owners running to serve you who manage people and budgets and understand it is your money you have trusted the City Council with. Our call as a Council is to provide the greatest good for the greatest amount of the people. This is wrapped around your public safety, public health and overall "common good" of our community. To do this we must concentrate on where we spend your tax dollars. It should be as local as possible. We also need to look at spending in our departments. The council needs to be deeply involved in forming the budget and determining "wants v needs." It's easy to say "Yes" when spending other people's money. I can say "no," if it is a "want" and not a "need." 3. Cleaning up our community would be third. We have a plan in place that would encourage neighborhood clean-up in all areas of the community. We have the regional landfill in our community, and we have so many opportunities to clean our town. There are many positive consequences from a clean and organized community one of which is Economic Development!

**Question #2: Derrick Erhart:** A: 2.1. Open lines of communications are vital to everything we do, including establishing trust and gaining a better understanding. First, I want to thank the current mayor, current council members and city administrators for being open and honest when I have approached them with questions. Could communications be better? Are there other avenues of communications that could be explored? There are always challenges to communications in everything we do. I do feel that we as a city should explore other avenues of opening up further dialog with our constituents. 2.2. Our streets are always a topic for discussion. I would like to see not only our current improvement projects completed, like the Lawrence St. project currently being prepared for the bidding process. I would also continue to encourage more improvement projects to be considered. 2.3. I would like to see continued revitalization projects happening in and around our community. Projects like these help our community revenues by fostering increases in business and tourism.

**Question #3** There has been some conversation about our City government being more open and informative when dealing with the "peoples" business. What you like to see happen to facilitate a more open government? **Derrick Erhart:** A: As I previously stated, when approached with questions or concerns, I have always found our city government to be open when providing answers. The operations of our city government are all public knowledge. However, if no one asks the question, no one will hear the answer. That said, the first step I would take is to encourage more public participation. Attend the meetings when you have concerns or questions. The council meetings are always live streamed and available for later viewing as well. Alternatively, send an email, a text message or call to your council members. As a second step, I would recommend the addition of a public forum platform on the city website that would allow the public to submit items for discussion. This would allow for an official channel of communications to your city government.

**Question #3: Clark Sowers:** A: This begins at the top and should be ingrained in the City Council members. The key is for council members to understand our role - that we are doing the people's business, not our business. Laws are in place for open government and transparency. There are stipulations in place for "executive sessions" and when council members come out of executive session. Council agendas need to be posted digitally as well as physically. If we trust you enough to vote us into office, we should trust voters by informing them of our decisions. Serving you is simple. It's not about politics. It's about your government.

**Question #4** Belle Fourche stands on the edge of having growth in jobs and business. What role do you think city government should play in accommodating the opportunities brought on by this growth? **Clark Sowers:** A: 1. Housing? Encourage private developers to invest in Belle Fourche. Our city needs to work WITH these developers to provide for our community needs in housing. We need to say "yes" working within our ordinances while working with developers. They need to work with us as well. We need to clean up our neighborhoods and enforce the ordinances that are in effect. Developers have a better chance of succeeding with well structured and enforced ordinances. 2. Business? We need to let entrepreneurs know we are "open for business!" Again, we must work with businesses and encourage them to invest in our community. The "Discretionary Property Tax Formulas" of 0% for 5 years will encourage growth. It works.

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We need to be forward thinking for the infrastructure businesses need. Privatizing areas of the city operations that we are able should be considered. We have four lawn care businesses in Belle Fourche. Putting our City Park mowing up for bids is an option, especially since recent committee meetings discussion lends that it's "hard to find summer help" in the summer. Privatize and give our local businesses an opportunity for success. The approximate \$60,000 to hire summer help could go a long way to hire private contractors. The bottom line: City government is there to encourage Economic Development through private enterprise, in areas where it is feasible for all parties. 3. Infrastructure? As stated above. We need to be forward thinking for providing city services in our infrastructure. But we also need to look backwards on our infrastructure. If we are to provide homes and neighborhoods for employees of companies, we need to update our water, sewer, and streets. We need to fix our streets. For downtown business this would especially include State Street which is coming apart. Businesses need employees and Belle Fourche needs workers LIVING HERE. Therefore it is imperative we put a capital improvement plan in place prioritizing these needs. We need to invest in our town if we expect business and their employees to invest in Belle Fourche.

**Question #4: Derrick Erhart:** A: 4.1. Housing? I feel that the main role of the city government with regards to housing is to encourage new growth and renovations of existing homes. These incentives can come in the form of an ordinance to help reduce tax burdens on new structures and additions such as recent ordinances 11-2020 and 1-2021. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is another option the city government has to help attract developers and future growth. 4.2. Business? I feel that main role of city government with regards to business is to ensure that they are setting just and appropriate ordinances and applying those ordinances fairly. Always considering new ordinances or consider amending existing ordinances to make sure they are in the best interest of our community and business owners. Secondly, to provide encouragement to foster **Cont. B3**



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|                                      |    |       |      |           |         |            |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------|------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Silhouette Angus, Jordan MT          | 12 | ..... | Blk  | 3 Years.. | 1257... | \$1,750.00 |
| Silhouette Angus, Jordan MT          | 8  | ..... | Blk  | 4-5       | 1428... | \$1,610.00 |
| Silhouette Angus, Jordan MT          | 6  | ..... | Blk  | 4-5       | 1428... | \$1,610.00 |
| Silhouette Angus, Jordan MT          | 11 | ..... | Blk  | Solid     | 1503... | \$1,250.00 |
| Dailey, Warren & Jackie, Sundance WY | 1  | ..... | Dair | Solid     | 1270... | \$1,500.00 |
| Ellsbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY  | 18 | ..... | Blk  | Hfr       | 1075... | \$1,500.00 |
| Ellsbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY  | 9  | ..... | Bld  | Hfr       | 1062... | \$1,475.00 |
| Konechne, Jim A, Rapid City SD       | 1  | ..... | Blk  | Broken    | 1935... | \$1,150.00 |
| Langdeau, Jeremy, Rapid City SD      | 1  | ..... | Hols | 3 Years.. | 1350... | \$1,500.00 |
| Langdeau, Jeremy, Rapid City SD      | 1  | ..... | Hols | 4-5       | 1435... | \$1,325.00 |
| McFarland, Chris, Rapid City SD      | 1  | ..... | Blk  | Heifer    | 1140... | \$1,600.00 |
| Sandrin, Shawnda, Newcastle WY       | 1  | ..... | Hols | Heifer    | 1335... | \$1,675.00 |
| Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT            | 9  | ..... | Blk  | Ss        | 1551... | \$1,110.00 |
| Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT            | 18 | ..... | Blk  | Broken    | 1513... | \$1,060.00 |

Weigh Up Cows

|  |    |       |       |        |      |       |          |
|--|----|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|----------|
| Anderson Rev Trust, Dwayne , Gillette WY | 1  | ..... | Red   | Cow    | 1225 | ..... | \$63.00  |
| Anderson Rev Trust, Dwayne , Gillette WY | 1  | ..... | Red   | Cow    | 1165 | ..... | \$68.00  |
| Anderson Rev Trust, Dwayne , Gillette WY | 3  | ..... | Red   | Cow    | 1110 | ..... | \$67.00  |
| Brimmer, Hilda, Biddle MT                | 6  | ..... | Herf  | Cow    | 1218 | ..... | \$57.50  |
| Brimmer, Hilda, Biddle MT                | 1  | ..... | Rbld  | Cwette | 1120 | ..... | \$86.00  |
| 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  |

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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

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1:00 PM - Wilson Bull Sale

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free

BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI- No Implants

Feeder Cattle

|  |
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| Baxter McPherson – 125 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs – 450-525# - BT, PC |
| 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               |

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Sheep Report - Thursday, March 18, 2021

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Lambs

|   |     |       |     |       |        |
|---|-----|-------|-----|-------|--------|
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| 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   | ..... | 91  | ..... | 228.00 |

Bred Ewes

|   |     |       |        |       |     |       |        |
|---|-----|-------|--------|-------|-----|-------|--------|
| Arledge Livestock Co LLC, Robert Lee TX | 117 | ..    | 2-4 Yr | ..... | 167 | ..... | 305.00 |
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| Erickson, Delane, Sturgis SD            | 32  | ..... | 2-6 Yr | ..... | 187 | ..... | 260.00 |

Slaughter Ewes

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| 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

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I think its about time for this again: the Universal Laws of Mechanical Repair. Time again because, well lets face it, we can find almost all of us in this list.

### Universal Laws

**Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin

to itch and you'll have to pee.

**Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of Probability** -The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act

**Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

**Law of the Alibi** - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

**Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

**Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

**Law of Close Encounters** -The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

**Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**Law of the Theater and Hockey Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest

from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

**The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

**Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

**Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

**Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

**Brown's Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

**Oliver's Law of Public Speaking** - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

**Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

**Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

## Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis; self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.  
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### Wind!

Wind!

Wow! If you need any fresh air, there is a lot going by. Just reach out and grab some. I am just grateful there isn't a foot or two of snow laying around for it to play with. Tho' it sure would fill some creeks and make run off to fill water holes. But it wouldn't be much fun until it was done.

Seems like we get our fair share of wind around these parts. And many people complain about it. But doesn't seem like to many do much about it. Well, I guess that isn't quite true. We plant trees and build wind breaks. And we sure are grateful for them on these windy days.

I wonder about them old timers who first came to this country, many years ago, from east of here, I don't think they got the kinds of wind we do. Can you imagine them old time cowboys out on round up in the spring, having to be out in it all day and most of the night? I have sure been to some branding in the spring where it was so windy you could barely swing a rope and when you throw it to catch hind feet on a calf, you had to allow for windage. I am pretty sure I have a kink in my neck from pulling my hat down to keep it on, on windy days.

We used to have four windmills to pump water. Only two are left. One got crumpled by the wind and laid down. Another wasn't used much so we took the head off and moved it to another mill. The two that are still standing, only one works. The other needs a new head. For those who don't know, that is the part that turns round and round and pumps the water. This one, is old and worn out and just clicks... when cattle prices get better, we have plans to get a new one and put up.

The one that isn't working is about 30 feet tall. Dad and a neighbor put it together and pulled it up after building it. While it was laying on it's side on the ground, the neighbor mentioned to Dad that they ought to figure out a way to put the oil in it, before they pulled it erect, as they were both bothered by heights. Dad told him that "it sure didn't look very tall, they would be alright". He said when they pulled it up he was sure amazed how much it grew! They had to get another neighbor who wasn't bothered by heights to come put the oil in it!

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## Capitol News

Charlie and Karen Odell did have some news this week. After Charlie finished writing the news last week, he woke Karen and said he had terrible back pain, and needed to go somewhere for help. Karen jumped into clothes, and quickly counted the options. They decided to head out for Spearfish where there was emergency facilities and technicians for tests. There were plenty of deer out, but only two cars during the 80 miles. The spotlight flashers were on in Belle Fourche, and they didn't even have to stop there. At the emergency room they gave Charlie pain medication, and a technician took him to do tests. They discovered a small kidney stone that did not require a urologist to see, and some medication soon had him feeling much better. There was an influx of lots of emergency room visitors that night, but since Charlie was feeling much better with the medication, they didn't mind the wait. They got home as the sun was coming up, and slept until noon. Charlie could not drive while on the medication, so Karen drove him to Justin Kerr's to inspect some cows. On Tuesday, they had to go back town to get his medical prescription filled. They got their possessions from their lock box at the Belle Fourche Wells Fargo bank, that is now closing for some unknown reason. Karen had an account there for over 50 years. On Thursday, Karen took Charlie to Ian and Jena Flatgard's to inspect cows. Jena invited them in to see their new house. It is very nice, and the main room is open and large with vaulted ceilings. They also will have a new shed nearby to work in and park machinery. Jena is quite artistic and talented. She likes to find new uses for old things and builds them herself. She was working on a long shelf for the dining area, and she made her own headboards for the beds. Her brother, Joe Malecek, now has a house of his own.

**KAREN ODELL**  
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On Sunday, Charlie inspected bulls for Levi Hafner, and then he and Karen went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook. They had lunch at the Corner Cafe. Karen is still doing some carpentry and recording music for virtual practice with the kids. Charlie is back to driving and they have a couple of new calves. Alvin Cordell went to Buffalo on Monday to get some cake. Denin Cheguis left on Thursday, and went as far as Newcastle on his way down to Denver. He went to pick up a band saw for Ryan Cordell, and he got home late on Friday night. Kymber Cordell and Rhys and Cade Pearson were in the Queen City Classic Basketball Tournament this weekend, so Marlee went to Sturgis to see the three grandchildren play. Ryan is busy with calving at the Horton place. Marlee went to church in Camp Crook on Sunday, and Sunday evening she and Alvin had supper at the Corner Cafe. Erma Albert went to physical therapy on Monday and Wednesday in Buffalo. She and Dick went to Belle Fourche for her fun dental appointment on Thursday. They went to the Friday Senior Citizen's Dinner. On Sunday, they went to the Catholic Church, and the priest had a special palm service. Palm branches were outside, and after a blessing they were given out to the congregation that then sang as they entered the church. Pete Anderson and Dixie Garr had a fish fry, on Saturday

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

Anyone else love looking at old historical photos? Especially if they have some personal connection?. In the late 1800s, early 1900s there was an Indian trader's store along the Missouri River north of the present site of Mobridge, South Dakota, stomping grounds of my youth. I recently came across a photo of that store while researching some South Dakota history.

I also love early methods of transportation! A combination of the aforementioned trader's store with a stagecoach was inevitable. I nixed the standard changing-horses-at-a-way-station idea. Overdone. I like to think my version could have happened. At any rate, I had a great time putting it together!

**When News Traveled By Coach**  
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**Ward 2 From A8** the growth of current and new businesses. Belle Fourche has both a Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation who both work very hard to also help foster business growth in our community.

**4.3.Infrastructure?** With regard to Infrastructure growth, the city has already been planning for growth, for example, there have been recent flow studies done that help the engineering department to forecast water needs for the next 40 years. Studies like these helped to plan the water main upgrades that were completed in the 8th Avenue project. As far as new areas, the city again can incentivize further growth through TIF programs that would help new developments offset the substantial costs that are associated with installing new infrastructure.

**Question #5 Belle Fourche has a vast and varied business community spread from N US Hwy 85 to S US 85 and spread throughout the community including an historic Downtown. What would you see the role of city government as it pertains to that wide and varied business community?:** **Derrick Erhart:** *A: I will again state that I feel the main role of city government in our community businesses is to maintain appropriate ordinances, always keep the community's best interests in mind and provide encouragement to foster current and new business growth. Our city government should work alongside of our Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development to help businesses thrive in our community.*

**Question #5: Clark Sowers:** *A: The City needs to support the local organizations via memberships, resources, or encouragement. This would include but not be limited to The Chamber of Commerce, Center of the Nation Business Association (CONBA) the Historic Business District. They should be providing a united vision understanding that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to the common good of our community. Their reach would not be limited to city limits but beyond as well. The city should be in a support role.*

**Question #6** What would you like to see happen in Belle Fourche to foster the growth of tourism in the community?: **Clark Sowers:** *A: The Warrior Trail runs from Belle Fourche to The Little Bighorn Battlefield along Highway 212 all the way to our Center of the Nation! In 2006 Vern Bills, myself and CONBA promoted "The Warrior Trail" and had it designated by the SDDOT as an historic roadway. This came about from the small Broadus, MT. Chamber of Commerce having a contest to rename the southeast area of Montana tourist area. Five years ago our Chamber of Commerce and community formally and finally recognized the designation. There is a great interest in Native American Culture and Highway 212 is filled with great history and the "Warriors," whether they be Native Americans, American Cavalry, Homesteaders, or small communities like us, who have survived this rugged country. There is a sign where I-90 intersects with Highway 212 at the Little Bighorn Battlefield that directs travelers to Belle Fourche. ("Shortest Route to The Center of the Nation") It is an hour shorter than I-90. To date we haven't capitalized on this attraction of our history. We have our great museum at this end. The Little Bighorn on the other end and a great Native American museum at Lane Deer. Our Chamber of Commerce would be a logical choice to lead this organization of the Warrior Trail. Native Culture will draw people here from the east or the west. It's a great opportunity! Other tourism will pivot from this. Especially visitors to the Beautiful Forks. We need to make The Beautiful Forks part of the fabric of our community again.*

**Question #6: Derrick Erhart:** *A: I feel strongly that ongoing revitalization is one good way to help in tourism growth. I feel that we need to also continue our traditions. I frequently use the example of one of our family camping trips. Our family was camping in the Black Hills over the 4th of July Holiday a few years back and a small family from out of state was camping nearby, they asked about things they could do nearby or if there were any carnivals around. We mentioned Belle Fourche had a carnival. They came to us the next day so excited that they were going back to Belle Fourche again that night with a group of their friends to enjoy the carnival again and attend the rodeo and fireworks. Our traditions are a mainstay and huge attraction to tourists.*

**Question #7** Our cities name sake. "the beautiful forks" has suffered much damage and disrepair from erosion? What would you like to see the city do with that site?: **Derrick Erhart:** *A: This topic is already being worked on by our city government. I have done work with right-of-way when I worked as an engineer for a telephone company. Anytime that the river is involved it lengthens the time of a project and increases costs. The department of natural resources has to be involved, hydraulic and archeologic studies have to be completed. This all takes time and can delay projects. Belle Fourche has started these processes and hired an engineering firm to look at this problem. The other part of this that we must all keep in mind, it that the path the river carves in our beautiful landscape will forever change.*

**Question #7: Clark Sowers:** *A: When I was Mayor, we had people as far away as France wanting to see the Belle Fourche River that was in the movie "Dances with Wolves."*

*We understand the Corps of Engineers needs to approve plans for waterways. If so, where is it? If it isn't in the works, we need to get something done on it. It's been 12 years since it was closed. During the 8th Avenue construction we had an opportunity to use materiel from the street to reinforce the area of erosion. A lack of planning and vision in our leadership allows the problem to continue. I will work on this as the Beautiful Forks area is truly beautiful and peaceful, and important to our history.*

**Question # 8:** Closing the City owned liquor store and placing the sale and distribution of those products in the hands of several Private businesses in the community has been suggested. Your opinion on the idea? **Clark Sowers:** *A: Great idea and another great opportunity to enhance local business. Many don't realize Belle Fourche used to own the Bars in town. We sold them decades ago and it seems the city has benefited from it. If we sell the liquor licenses, we will generate revenue annually without the headaches of managing it. One of the licenses could be designated for our current store and the successful bidder could purchase inventory and equipment. The other licenses we could sell would benefit the businesses that are successful in the bid. This creates competition and enhances the community.*

**Question #8: Derrick Erhart:** *A: I would take this under consideration if asked about it. However, I do not currently feel that closing the city owned liquor store is a good idea at this time. I have a few reasons for feeling this way. First, closing this would cause a loss of jobs in our community. When this was originally discussed, the plan would have been for an existing local business to take this over. They already had their own employees and management, so there would have been no reason to keep the employees or manager that the city employs. Second, the profits of the city liquor store benefit very important services in our community. The profits earned go into to funding things like our emergency services and street improvements. In 2019, our city liquor store profited \$132,630. In 2020, using a different marketing strategy, it profited \$214,337. If this were to be privatized, the city government would only see a one-time payment for the liquor license. One thing that could be considered, is to find a property already owned by the city that the liquor store could be located in. This could potentially save the city money, but we also need to consider the location. In its current location, there is plenty of room for vehicles that are pulling a camper to lake for example. Parking options not being available could limit this type of traffic and affect sales negatively.*

**Question #9** Do you believe public/private partnerships are a viable consideration to save and repair buildings in the downtown business district?: **Derrick Erhart:** *A: Revitalization is key to maintaining our town's history and beauty. I feel that the city government should encourage revitalization. The city government can encourage this by fostering communications between business owners and the many historic grant providers and lenders that could help our businesses to meet these goals. Again, the adoption of ordinances that help relieve tax burdens on these types of improvements could also be an avenue the city government could take.*

**Question #9: Clark Sowers:** *A: A Tax Improvement District (TIF) or Business Improvement District (BID) would be great opportunities for support new and expanding business and especially for the potential store front improvements and other issues with our beautiful historic buildings downtown.*

**Question # 10** High taxes on property prevent consumers from building in the Belle Fourche city limits. How can we work toward being more tax friendly? **10: Clark Sowers:** *A: I stated earlier about the "Discretionary Tax Formula" being set at 0% for 5 years for new construction. That is a proven tool to*



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### Shaine's Riddle of the Week



**What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?**

Answer: Day and Night

## Capitol News contd. from B2

night, and invited down for it. Pete Crook for church on at the Corner Cafe Ian and Jena Flatgard new house. Charlie them on Thursday. at the old John-Dorothy Padden Padden to



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Lynn and Bruce Gustafson and Dixie went to Camp Sunday, and then had lunch afterward. are now settling into their Odell inspected cows for Joe has his own house, now, ny Teigen place. went with Dawn Bowman one day this week. They got some repairs done, and picked up groceries in Bowman and in Camp Crook. On Saturday, Dawn had fried chicken and invited Dorothy down for dinner. Brandon and Ashley and the kids were gone to Rapid City for the AAU wrestling championship. Brenton was one of those participating. The Paddens are only on the beginning side of calving, but things are going well, so far.

On Monday, Ronda Cordell went to Ekalaka for blood work as part of the annual health fair. It had been canceled last year due to Covid. It was being done individually by appointment at the hospital. She stopped to eat at the Wagon Wheel. On Monday evening, a semi load of free-standing corral panels arrived. The driver 'bunked it' in the sleeper, so he could unload in daylight. The next morning, Ronda stopped by as Clint Zolnoski unloaded the panels, and visited with the driver who was from Manitoba, Canada. One of their business's drivers had gone to Texas the day before for a load of pipe. In Texas, trucks are being inspecting for illegal immigrants. The driver was shocked when two illegals were found in his sleeper; apparently sneaking in while he had fueled up. Ronda decorated a cake to honor Mary Brewer's 95th birthday on Wednesday, and delivered it at her own mailbox, where she met Tom and Mary who were coming back from Camp Crook. They had gone to Wolffy's to get a Jeep. Ronda took Sophie to the Belle Fourche Vet Clinic on Thursday, and Diane Wear came out to the ranch to do chores, cleaning, and night check cows. She went back to Ekalaka on Friday. On Saturday, Ronda joined Mary, Tom Brewer, Marion Kerr, Krista Huntley and Krya Kerr at Justin Kerr's for cake and coffee. Ronda, Clint, and Gene Secrest are kept quite busy with calving. On Saturday, Ronda ended up doing two cesareans on heifers; one too big and one backwards. It had been about ten years since having to do one, then they had two in one day. They had their second set of twins from heifers on Sunday. Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski have been coming to help bottle feed the broken hip calf, or make lunch for the guys in the trailer house, which is a treat for them. They went to church at Ladner, and came back by Spickelmier's so that Darby could ride the horse. She got to ride alone, and learned to turn, stop and back the horse. On Sunday evening, Clint saw a calf being born on a barn camera, and called Ronda because the sack was still over the calf's head. Ronda hurried to open two gates and get to the calf in time for it to get a breath. The camera system that Blaine Chapman brought over and set up for calving has been wonderful and entertaining. They see cows nursing other cows as they calve, and cows reaching back to nurse themselves while they're in labor. Even in total darkness they can watch the maternity pen. They can see the early morning and evening landscape scenery, and even spot wildlife up into the Long Pines. The wind was brisk on Palm Sunday, but the temperature was nice. Holy Week has begun, and it will soon be Easter already. There will be a pot-luck dinner at the Camp Crook Methodist Church on Easter Sunday. Things around Capitol and Tie Creek are pretty typically normal again.

VOTE:APRIL 13TH

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facilitate business. At the city level, spending priorities are a problem and inspecting what we expect as your city council is a must! From people I've talked to, they don't mind the taxes, but they want to see something for the taxes they pay. Concerning City spending, I asked for a 10% cut in the city budget by department heads when I was Mayor. The department heads did what was asked. It can be done with a council who is committed to lowering your taxes, watch our spending, having our department heads do their job and getting you more "bang" for the "taxpayer buck." Remember, there is the County and the Schools involved with property taxes as well. They need to do their part! **Question #10: Derrick Erhart:** *A: I would first like to point out that our city government does not set the taxes on our property within the city limits. Property taxes are assessed at the county level. That said, encouraging growth and annexation can help relieve the increasing tax burden by increasing the population and tax base.*



From A1 **Mayoral Questions** begin with street repairs and maintenance. This will require a close look at the budget and re-prioritizing of funds. Since the first of the year, the council has spent over 200,000 dollars on wants, not needs, that could have been spent on street repairs, without a single question or a single 'no' vote.

2. I would like to make city services more user friendly and easier to access, including landfill, library, recreation center, and city hall.

3. Have our future budgets revolve around the needs of our citizens, businesses, and neighborhoods. We must put Belle Fourche needs first when spending tax revenue.

**Question #2: Randy Schmidt:** A: 1. To help our community to continue in a positive direction.

2. Work to bring in new business into our community, while supporting our existing businesses.

3.To encourage better relationships with the people of Belle Fourche and the City government.

**Question #2: Rebecca Larson:** A: 1. I want to accomplish healthy growth across all facets of the city - infrastructure, housing, business - while maintaining the traditions and personable feel of the community

2. I want to create more open and direct communication between the city and its residents and businesses. This would include multiple media platforms, as well as in-person meetings to voice concerns, ideas and have questions answered.

3. I want to work with the community to further enhance the quality of life for Belle Fourche residents by continuing to upgrade indoor and outdoor activities for all ages.

**Question #3:** There has been some conversation about our City government being more open and informative when dealing with the “peoples” business. What you like to see happen to facilitate a more open government? **Randy Schmidt:** A: Work to get our citizens more involved by coming to council meetings and be involved with city business and how the city gets things done. I want to promote open discussions with the citizens regarding our community and needs.

**Question #3: Rebecca Larson:** A: There needs to be regular updates made to the community of Belle Fourche through online social media, mailings, and in-person meetings. I want the residents of Belle Fourche to know what is going on in the community and to know that they are being heard. This would include items like notices when utilities will be off for repairs, detailed minutes of meetings, open forums to gather input for community events and improvements, and promoting town events. Communication must be open and honest to move forward positively.

**Question #3: Vern Bills:** A: I will have agendas, handouts, and minutes, published sooner on our city website and in our local newspaper.

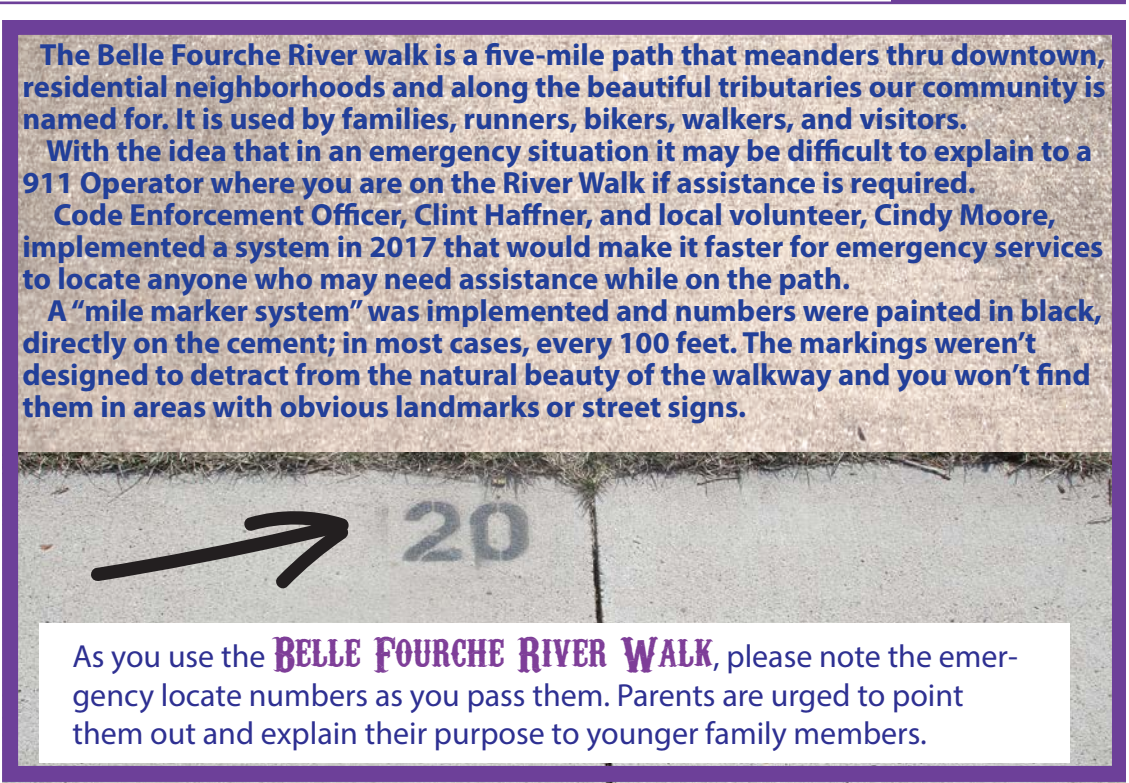
You will have access to key city personnel through their city cell phones during business hours. I will implement a Mayor’s advisory committee and monthly Mayor’s round table discussions for information and idea sharing for those that are interested in the opportunity.

**Question #4:** Belle Fourche stands on the edge of having growth in jobs and business. What role do you think city government should play in accommodating the opportunities brought on by this growth?

**Rebecca Larson:** A: 1.Housing? City government should be a promoter and supporter for housing as a partner with the appropriate local agencies and development groups. The housing study projected continued growth in population and a need for more housing, so we must plan now to be prepared for the increased population and not try to play catch-up. It is important to me to think of housing as a matter of both new builds and fixing and maintaining current structures. The recent creation of the three redevelopment districts on the north end of Belle Fourche is a great step in the right direction of addressing housing concerns and needs to be promoted and supported. In addition, we need to be working with local entities to determine the need of new structure types - house, apartment, etc. - and the most economically beneficial way to add those to our community.

2. Business? Business needs to be welcomed into the city, whether it be an existing business or a new business. We need to make sure that we are a business friendly community that promotes and supports our local businesses, while giving them an environment to thrive and grow in. I truly believe that when your businesses are thriving, so is the community.

3. Infrastructure? A healthy, strong infrastructure is a must. If our roads, utilities and buildings are not adequate, how do we expect to grow? How can we expect private residences to be up-kept? It is of utmost importance that all of our infrastructure is regularly assessed and maintenance is continuously planned. Two issues I hear about a lot are roads falling apart and issues with water and sewer. I have seen work being done in these areas and still so much more is left to be done. I do not have the answer today about how all of this will get resolved in a timely matter; but I do know that I will address



the issues and do what I can to support the projects already in progress and find ways to continue to improve the infrastructure.

**Question #4: Randy Schmidt:** A:1. Housing: I have been on the Council for 3 years, and we are already working on this. We have done a housing study, which has showed us what the City is lacking for housing. We need low income, medium income and multi family. We do have a new manufacturer in Belle Fourche that will be manufacturing small homes which there is a need for. These might require some revisions of some ordinances which is the job of your council. Getting developers interested in Belle Fourche is another tool to use for our housing growth. I have suggested that we try to do a housing study every 5 years. The city was able to get some grant funding on these, to help with the cost. Recently the council has done some redistricting of some areas of Belle Fourche to be able to start moving forward with addressing our housing needs. We also have done some tax incentives for these projects If you would like more information on this please contact your City Engineering department. All these efforts are one I encouraged and will continue to work at if elected.

2. Business: First off, I would like at this time to thank the existing businesses and manufacturers that have chosen this great City to do business in. Without private business the city could not run. We have two industrial parks. One is full, the other one we must keep promoting so we can fill it. We must continue to work to make these businesses feel welcome in Belle Fourche. If we want these businesses to succeed, we must support them locally. Please shop local, we need our businesses to keep Belle Fourche moving forward.

3. Infrastructure: We must continue to work with repairing the City’s infrastructure. Over the three years that I have served on the council we have accomplished a great deal in this area. We are continuing with street repair that will be going out for bids. We are working on phase two of the HVAC system for the Rec Center. These are very costly, so we must find ways to continue to broaden the city’s tax base. As Mayor infrastructure projects will continue to be a priority.

**Question #4: Vern Bills:** A: 1. Housing? I have watched the housing growth in our neighboring cities and have been envious. We need to be sure we are not discouraging developers from the opportunity of investing in our town. We need to work to serve those interested with the necessary infrastructure to make housing starts attractive.

2. Business? We need to look at the opportunities we have to enhance their existence with our normal services. For example, the city forced a local business to remodel the drive thru access, but the city street is a disaster. We need to move that particular repair of the city street up on the list. When businesses want to enhance their locations, we need to be careful not to discourage them. We have a great group of business organizations, and the city needs to embrace their efforts with collaboration and implementation. One example is implementation of way-finder signs. Belle Fourche was one of many towns that hoped HGTV’s “hometown” would come and renovate our town. However; that could and should be local builders and designers doing that job.

3. Infrastructure? The city is responsible for infrastructure to serve the needs of our existing citizens as well as opportunity for growth. The planning and search for funding is an ongoing commitment.

## Springing Into A Fresh New Look!

As spring approaches, Pain & Movement Solutions is launching their fresh new look as they modernized their logo to coincide with the changes in modern management of musculoskeletal pain and injuries. Physical Therapy is becoming the Go-To profession of the medical world as they are recognized as practitioner of choice for musculoskeletal injuries. Want an MRI? Go to a physical therapist first. Surgery? Go to a physical therapist first. Pain relief? Avoid pain medications and seek physical therapy first.

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About the Logo

The S highlights the word SOLUTIONS as our primary objective is to be your first-choice, trusted healthcare facility to find solutions to all your pain and movement problems.

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The upward movement of the S symbolizes:

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A final note: The varying path of the S represents that your journey to optimal health and wellness is not always a straight path, but with perseverance and skilled care from our Doctors of Physical Therapy we will help you find your solution to be successful.

Keep a look out for the new logo! Pain & Movement Solutions is promoting individuals to post pictures of “What Moves You?” on their social media pages. How you move strongly influences how you live – Let Pain & Movement Solutions help you find your solution to live your best life!

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**Question #5:** Belle Fourche has a vast and varied business community spread from N US Hwy 85 to S US 85 and spread throughout the community including an historic Downtown. What would you see the role of city government as it pertains to that wide and varied business community? **Vern Bills:** A: The city needs to perform its duties to the business citizens with an eye toward enhancing the business experience in Belle Fourche. Examples range from street maintenance to appearance of our roads and rights-of-way. The city needs to help with a welcoming environment. The city needs to be careful not to impose undue burdens on our business citizens.

**Question #5: Randy Schmidt:** A: To promote and support all Businesses. The best way to support private business is to shop locally.

**Question #5: Rebecca Larson:** A: Every business in Belle Fourche is equally important, regardless of its location or purpose. The city of Belle Fourche should support and promote all of its businesses and continue to work with them to foster positive relationships in and amongst the community.

**Question #6** What would you like to see happen in Belle Fourche to foster the growth of tourism in the community?: **Randy Schmidt:** A: I would like to see the volunteer organizations work together on this common goal and develop a plan that can be brought to the City.

**Question #6: Rebecca Larson:** A: In talking with city residents, tourism is one area that many people feel should be expanded on, and I agree. There have been additions and expansions to the Museum and Roundup Grounds that are bringing more people to our area and we need to continue to build upon that momentum. Some of the project ideas that residents have shared with me and have been discussed are adding to the bike trail, enhancing the River Walk with activity stations, adding a town festival that is centered around our namesake, and doing more with the rivers and areas around them. Any of these additions would not only foster the growth of tourism, but enhance the quality of life for our residents.

**Question #6: Vern Bills:** A: We have a wonderful Visitor Center in Belle Fourche and an active Chamber of Commerce, the opportunity for a renewed alignment of effort between the City Visitor Center and the Chamber of Commerce is a great place to start. We have an amazing Sports Complex, encouraging Rodeo events, Soccer and Baseball/Softball events for local visitors. This falls into the tourism column.

**Question #7:** Our cities name sake, “the beautiful forks” has suffered much damage and disrepair from erosion? What would you like to see the city do with that site? **Rebecca Larson:** A: The area needs to be repaired. As it sits now, it is an eyesore and is dangerous. I believe that if the area can be structurally supported, it would be a point of interest to rebuild and see what could be done to make it distinguishable.

**Question #7: Vern Bills:** A: The most logical course of action is to put that site on the front burner for opportunities on moving toward a solution. We missed a great opportunity during sewer construction, but if we are vigilant a new opportunity will appear. We must learn from this lack of action. It took over 10 years of ignoring the “beautiful forks” for it to become a major repair project. By acting quickly, the repair would be much more cost efficient.

**Question #7: Randy Schmidt:** A: We have already budgeted some money for this project to shore up the banks and to continue to try to rectify these issues.

**Question #8:** Closing the City owned liquor store and placing the sale and distribution of those products in the hands of several Private businesses in the community has been suggested. Your opinion on the idea? **Vern Bills:** A: I have communicated this idea with the current council and Mayor. As I have stated, I believe it is an opportunity for the city and local interested businesses to pursue the privatization of the liquor store

**Mayoral Questions** contd. B5





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From B4 **Mayoral Questions** Question #8: Randy Schmidt: A: I would like to provide some background information on what the net profit was for the last three years for the liquor store. 2018: \$113,367- 2019: \$132,630- 2020: \$210,000. In those 3 years \$210,000 went into the General Fund. That being said, I believe we should always be willing to discuss options as to what would be the best for our city. In my opinion, this topic needs to be carefully analyzed and studied before any action can be taken. The topic is a sensitive one that will require input from our community.  
Question #8: Rebecca Larson A: I am neutral on this topic, in that we need to do what is best for the city and its residents. I do not currently have all of the information that I would want to make an informed decision, so I would welcome discussion and public input on this topic.  
Question #9 Do you believe public/private partnerships are a viable consideration to save and repair buildings in the downtown business district?: Randy Schmidt: A: I have been excited to have seen what some of our Downtown businesses have already accomplished with their buildings. As Mayor I would like to have this discussion.  
Question #9: Rebecca Larson A: Absolutely! With a healthy partnership, combining the private and public sectors brings twice the power to the table to accomplish a very daunting task.  
Question #9: Vern Bills A: I think public/private partnerships are viable for all of Belle Fourche and certainly an opportunity for the downtown business district. We have a newly formed Downtown Business District group that, as your mayor, I look forward to helping with opportunities. One of the most successful public/private partnerships is with Runnings' tax increment finance district, which I helped implement as a private citizen. I have experience and knowledge to help capture these types of opportunities.  
Question #10 High taxes on property prevent consumers from building in the Belle Fourche city limits. How can we work toward being more tax friendly?: Vern Bills A: Many times high taxes are confused with poor services. Many of our surrounding towns have higher taxes, but they seem to have plenty of building going on. Our city needs to take the opportunity to concentrate on getting our city services up to par and spend our tax dollars more efficiently and properly for our citizens and potential new citizen investors. We need to separate the needs from the wants, when spending tax dollars.  
Question #10: Randy Schmidt: A: (I answered this question in my previous Housing answer)  
Question #10: Rebecca Larson A: When talking about taxes recently, the phrase that continues to come up is 'broaden the tax base'. This goes back to being a business friendly community and welcoming expanding and new business into town. This also entails having positive working relationships with local groups that are working towards the same goal of bringing business to Belle Fourche. In addition, we also need to be mindful of the budget. The money used by the city is the residents' money, and it is the city government's responsibility to use that money wisely and not wastefully.  
Question #11 What other suggestions or comments do you have to offer for making our great city greater?: Randy Schmidt: A: To continue creating opportunities for the people of Belle Fourche, so families will continue to enjoy the quality of life that Belle Fourche has to offer. To continue with the traditions and the history of Belle Fourche. These things should be important to any City.  
Question #11: Rebecca Larson A: We need more communication, more healthy discussion and dialogue. I have invited residents to reach out to me with their ideas, concerns, comments, questions, and they have! Along with this, I have also learned that not everyone knows where to go when they have something to say or ask. We are in a great city and by opening up communication, I truly believe that we will see that so much hidden greatness is already here and that we just need an avenue to uncover it.  
Question #11: Vern Bills A: Our city has invested several million dollars in Economic Development over the past few years. We have a highly organized and committed group of citizens volunteering efforts to make Belle Fourche greater. As the Mayor of Belle Fourche, the opportunity to work with them for success will be my pleasure. Also we have several businesses that renewed and increased investments in Belle Fourche. Our opportunity as a city is to get our city assets cleaned up and more inviting to our potential Belle Fourche investors. Having served as the chairman of the Belle Fourche economic development for 20 years, I have a great deal of experience I will bring to help better my community. As Mayor, I will serve all Wards of the city. I see so many opportunities in each Ward where the city hasn't done the job you deserve, I will work diligently with your council representatives to correct the worst issues first.

## Vote--City Election--April 13th--Vote

**Ward 4 From A7 & Additions**, which offers tax breaks and make sure City Services are provided. Business? We should continue to offer Tax Increment Finance District (TIFs) and follow what our ordinance 1-2021 Taxation Formula for New Structures & Additions has laid out, make sure we as the city can provide infrastructure to the business and we as citizens need to shop local when we can. Infrastructure? We need to continue to budget money into the Capital Improvement Plan for projects such as our streets, water, sewer, and landfill.

Question #5 Belle Fourche has a vast and varied business community spread from N US Hwy 85 to S US 85 and spread throughout the community including an historic Downtown.  
What would you see the role of city government as it pertains to that wide and varied business community? Betty Jo Hoffman: A: I am a little unsure of the wording with this question, I do believe the city has a responsibility to provide city services to all businesses equally.  
Question #5: Wayne Gilbert: A: Encouraging further development and creating a friendly environment for developers to improve and expand their properties.  
Question #6 What would you like to see happen in Belle Fourche to foster the growth of tourism in the community?: Wayne Gilbert: A: I think it is important for us to look beyond the Round-Up and parade, although they are and will continue to be very important. But we need more. An improved and expanded bike and walking path, and exploring the use of area wetlands for wildlife habitat which is fully accessible by walkways and landscaping.  
Question #6 Betty Jo Hoffman: A: It goes back to the saying "You get what you pay for" marketing is just that, time after time people shortchange their marketing budget. Let's face it. It's expensive, and it's usually the first thing to get cut. In my experience with marketing, you must figure out what you want to market. Belle Fourche is unique, we are diverse. What do we have to offer? Who is our target market, and how much can we afford to budget to market throughout our nation and other countries? I would like to see an increase in our exposure - perhaps a destination video - showcasing Belle Fourche. We live in a beautiful area, let's figure out how to capitalize on it.  
Question #7 Our cities name sake, "the beautiful forks" has suffered much damage and disrepair from erosion? What would you like to see the city do with that site? Betty Jo Hoffman: A: Over the past several years the city has put \$200,000 in the CIP for Bank Revetment. This project goes out to bid to do approximately 400 - 500 foot of the bank. I would like to see the city continue to add money to the CIP and to continually work on the bank. This is a process and there are a few factors that go into fixing the bank. Different entities have to be involved with this project, such as the Corps of Engineers.  
Question #7: Wayne Gilbert: A: I believe that it has to be fixed. The bike and walking path should go all the way to the forks, and an overlook should be established. I believe that this will require cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, and may also require the cooperation of private landowners though negotiation of rights of way. This needs to be explored and done. Right now, the name "beautiful forks" doesn't really have any meaning, and this needs to change.  
Question #8 Closing the City owned liquor store and placing the sale and distribution of those products in the hands of several Private businesses in the community has been suggested. Your opinion on the idea?: Wayne Gilbert: A: The idea should be on the table. I am not yet convinced that it is a good idea. There needs to be a careful examination and analysis of current and historical financial information, and I certainly would be willing to go where the examination and analysis leads.  
Question #8 Betty Jo Hoffman: A: I am unsure about getting rid of a revenue source that provides money to our General fund and jobs. In the last 2 years, the liquor store has had a net profit of approximately \$350K. Last year alone it had a net profit of approximately \$215K. We have had our challenges with the liquor store, no doubt, about it. We currently have good management in place which I believe is a key factor. The liquor store is a self-sustaining department. I would be in favor of our liquor store owning its own building. I would have to research this more as to why it would be in the best interest of our community to no longer to own our liquor store.  
Question #9 Do you believe public/private partnerships are a viable consideration to save and repair buildings in the downtown business district? Betty Jo Hoffman: A: I do not believe using City Tax dollars for private business repairs would be in the best interest of the taxpayers of Belle Fourche.  
Question #9: Wayne Gilbert: A: Absolutely. The creation of a Business Improvement District should be explored, and perhaps Tax Increment Financing should also be explored.  
Question #10 High taxes on property prevent consumers from building in the Belle Fourche city limits. How can we work toward being more tax friendly?: Wayne Gilbert: A: The tax base needs to be expanded through overall community improvement and economic development. Cutting services to save money is a fool's errand, and will only serve to Belle Fourche less attractive for businesses in the long run. That said, the use of Tax Increment Financing might be helpful. If businesses are actually refusing to expand or improve because of taxes, there needs to be serious dialogue with those businesses to find out how the City can and should help them.  
Question #10 Betty Jo Hoffman: A: Property tax is set between the county and the state. We have an ordinance that encourages new construction which is a tax incentive that offers zero taxes for the first 5 years of business or residing.

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**124 years ago**  
Northwest Times  
April 3, 1897  
**Appropriation Knifing**  
Much credit is due to the governor for the fearless way in which he applied to the appropriation bill. It came to him too late to be considered before adjournment, and he would have been upheld by many in vetoing the entire bill and calling an extra session, for he had warned the legislature in his message of the danger in delaying the appropriation bill. The conference committee too \$49,000 out of the bill and thought it had done a good job, which is true, but the governor did the rest. He clipped \$30,000 out of the appropriation for the hospital for the insane by a method that was both neat and expeditious. He could have cut much more out of the bill but for the ingenious method by which several items covering appropriations for different purposes were bunched in one item. It did not seem to occur to the committee that money had been squandered, diverted and stolen from the fuel fund at the asylum. Do you wonder that the Republicans hang to the asylum so tenaciously? Do you wonder that they were willing to allow the governor to name warden of the penitentiary in consideration that the asylum picnic be not disturbed? The investigating committee whets its knife and looks toward Yankton while Judge Fuller weeps.

**News from the Country**  
J. D. Stevens tells the Record that his company (the BXB) has not sold out, but has transferred the home ranch to the Flying-V people – the latter to take care of and run the BXB bunch until further orders. Mr. Stevens said they were located right in, and surrounded by several big outfits, so that the cost of representation at the roundups was too great for pleasure or profit. He doesn't know whether they will put in more cattle this year, but the chances are against it, as young stock are too high in the southern markets.

**The Stockman Report**  
The Stockman has this week received reliable reports from many points throughout Montana setting forth the condition of the stock on the range and giving probably losses. The warm wave of ten days ago came just in time to prevent great losses, but much weak stock has already perished from the cold weather which prevailed up to that time. However, since the arrival of the warm wave stockmen are breathing easier and feeling more confident of the future. The eastern part of the state has had a winter of almost unparalleled severity. In Yellowstone, Custer, Dawson, Valley, parts of Fergus and Teton and in the Judith country the suffering among stock is especially severe.

**100 years ago**  
Belle Fourche Bee  
April 7, 1921



The Hub store operated in downtown Belle Fourche during the '50'. Cowboy's Too is in the building now.

**Killed Gray Wolf**  
There were big doings and diggings on the Long Pines on Tuesday this week, when a big gray wolf, the first one for many long months, was tracked to its den and after twelve weary hours of labor by a dozen or more ranchmen, was finally exterminated. All winter long the wolves have been preying on the live stock in the hills and ranchmen have employed "every known means to secure relief." The Stock Association last year advertised that it would pay a bounty of \$50 cash for every wolf killed on the forest ranges. The situation was becoming desperate and it was up to the ranchmen to protect themselves. With the first fall of snow they took up their saddle horses and began tracking the wolves. It was soon determined that at least three big grays were making headquarters in the south end of the Long Pines, but they were wary beasts and it was difficult to sight them. Tuesday morning ranchmen Jack and Leonard Carter, Ed Pendleton, Herman Halverson, Roy Turbiville, Verner Clark, John Latham and Bob Catron met by appointment near Stormy Butte and started tracking. Even though the wolf doubled back, eventually the men followed one track to the den located between the McClary and Pendleton ranches. The men were soon joined by Dan Wash and Dave Wickham. Food and tools were furnished from nearby ranches and the work of excavation continued until nearly midnight. The mission was accomplished. Including the state bounty of \$15 and the value of the pelt which is probably \$10 the total reward from the capture amounts to about \$75. While all who helped dig out the animal might be considered as entitled to something it is believed that the four boys Turbiville, Catron, Clark and Latham who succeeded in locating the den are the ones who should share the reward.

**75 years ago**  
Belle Fourche Bee  
April 4, 1946  
**Minimum Wages Rates Set For Beet Labor**

Jos. L. Nelson, chairman of the Butte County Agricultural Conservation Association, reports that the department of agriculture has established the minimum wage rates to be paid by producers of the 1946 sugar beet crop who apply for payments under the Sugar Act of 1938. The announcement received by Mr. Nelson states that the minimum piece rates specified in the wage determination average about \$6.00 per acre, or about 17 per cent above the 1945 rate. Time rates are about cents per hour more than in 1945. Here are some of the rates established 60 cents per hour for blocking and thinning, hoeing and weeding; 65 cents per hour for harvesting, with provisions made for inexperienced labor.



by Mary Buchholz

enced labor.  
**Nisland Man Advised That War Bride Coming To States**  
Clyde Shannon of Nisland, who was recently discharged from the service, was advised through the Red Cross this week that his war bride, whom he met and married while in France, was scheduled to arrive in the States last Tuesday April 2nd, on the SS Brazil. The couple married in Paris. Mr. Shannon is planning to meet his bride at Rapid City. This is the first war bride to arrive in Butte county.

**Bear Alignment Firm Now In New Location**

During the past week the Bear Alignment firm, managed by E. A. Lindstad and R. D. Green, moved from their former location on Tenth Avenue South, across from the Mae Scotney grocery store, to the building known as the Round-Up pool hall on Fifth Avenue South. They will continue to feature the "Bear Alignment" work. Messrs. Lindstad and Green also have the local agency for the Kaiser and Frazer line of cars. The front portion of the building will be used for office and display room, while the repair department will be to the rear.

**Carl Eilers, Manager of Hub Clothing Store**

Carl Eilers of Deadwood has been named manager of the Belle Fourche store of the Hub Clothing Company, succeeding H. R. Kretschmer of Spearfish who has been manager since the store opened in this city a number of years ago. Mr. Kretschmer and wife, who have just returned from a visit of several months in California, are going to give all their time to the management of Kretsch's cabin court in Spearfish.

**50 Years Ago**  
Belle Fourche Bee  
April 2, 1971  
**Two Moves Started To Curtail Taxes**

Two tax protest efforts have been launched in Butte county, both aimed at seeking a reduction in what the sponsors of the project label "confiscatory taxes." One of the efforts is the circulation of a petition calling upon the Belle Fourche Independent District board of education to reduce operating expenses. The other is a meeting called to organize a group to work for reduction of taxes. Petitions have been placed in various business houses in Belle Fourche for persons who wish to urge the school board to reduce the school budget. Mrs. Jack McClure, one of the group which has set the petition drive in motion, pointed out that the group has met with the Butte county commissioners and with Wayne Pluimer, school board chairman, Supt. Joe Keegan and school administrators. A tax discussion meeting has been scheduled for April 5 at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Dave Heinbaugh, Belle Fourche rancher who announced the meeting Monday, said it has been called for the purpose of forming an organization of Butte County taxpayers to work for "reduction of confiscatory property tax."

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**RPM** From A1

markedly anti-fossil fuel policies, as amounting to an immediate threat to business.

“There is concern of course. But I don’t think we, as investors, think oil is under threat of disappearing,” Dr. Rasheed said. “We need it right now as human beings. It’s the cheapest energy form. We can make it more environmentally friendly but killing it is not the answer. That’s why we are continuing with our investment here in the Belle Fourche.”

RPM does have ideas on how to diversify the space at the facility. According to Dr. Rasheed there are plans to market the space at the plant to outside manufacturers for the production of other bentonite-related products.

“What we are trying to do here is to increase the benefit of the existence of the facility,” he said. “Why not make ourselves available for those who require using the facility for producing some product instead of doing it

somewhere else. I am in contact with a couple of manufacturers that would prefer doing it in this facility than elsewhere.

As an example Dr Rasheed envisions a manufacturer of a product that blends bentonite with another material to supply a specialty market. That manufacturer may be on the east coast with customers in Seattle.



Dr. Rasheed, RPM Minerals points to the top of the newly constructed, four story production tower at the processing facility.

Once agreements are signed RPM would be able to dedicate the silo space to fulfill the manufacturer’s bentonite blending and packaging requirements in Belle Fourche and then provide distribution.

“I don’t know if it will work or not, but we are working on it and I hope that it would bring in even more jobs,” he said.

*“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”* **by John Newby**

## Facts, Figures and Logic for Truly Local

Quote of the week: “Nobody can go back and create a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.” Maria Robinson

This column has and will continue to stress the need for your community to rapidly create a Truly Local mentality. The case for your community to adopt a Truly Local mentality can be intangible at times. Ultimately, it comes down to real facts, figures and logic. Over time, we will convey in greater detail each of the facts, figures and logics discussed below in future columns. Let’s briefly touch on a few of the common tangible reasons for your community to adopt this hyper local mentality.

**#1 - Greater Financial Return.** Numerous studies over the years show that dollars spent with locally owned and operated businesses recirculate throughout your community between three and seven times. This is compared to those same dollars being spent with Big Box and National Chain businesses, which circulate just one time. Using a 10% sales tax as only an example, one million dollars spent with big boxes and chains will return \$100,000 in sales tax to your community versus \$300,000-\$700,000 when being spent with locally-owned businesses. Those are real dollars for real communities.

**#2 - Greater Community Support.** Additional studies have shown that owners of locally owned and operated businesses support local causes, organi-



**John Newby**

zations and charities by approximately a three-to-one margin over businesses with outside or Wall Street ownership. The foundations of many communities are often built through active volunteerism, non-profit organizations and civic groups; this is a vital component to thriving communities.

**#3 - Community Involvement Quotient.** Owners and managers of locally-owned and operated businesses are four times more likely to be involved in leadership, politics and chambers in their communities than owners and managers of Big Box, Chain and out-of-town or Wall Street owned businesses.

**#4 - Less Poverty Expectation.** A recent study indicated that a community’s poverty rate is somewhat directly linked to the percentage of prosperous locally owned and operated businesses. Put another way, the greater percentage of your retail dollars taking place with Big Boxes, Chains and out-of-town or Wall Street owners within a smaller or mid-sized community, the higher the poverty rate might be expected to be. The more local innovation, creativity and entrepreneurs there are, coupled with active support of such by the various community’s government entities; the greater expectation for an increase in the average household incomes.

**#5 – Higher Financial Return Downtown.** Dollars invested in the community’s downtown district return on average approximately 30% higher return on

their investment or ROI. There is no better return a community can make of their tax dollars than stimulating the return of the heart and soul to a community’s downtown.

**#6 – Housing Market Stimulation.** Want to grow the real estate values in and around your downtowns? It has been shown that by returning the vibrancy, heart and soul of your community to the downtown, you can also expect to see an increase in surrounding real estate values as well. Not only does this create renewed pride in the community, it grows the real estate ad valorem tax base, which benefits the school as well as the entire community.

As we indicated in previous columns, it isn’t that Big Boxes, Chains and out-of-town or Wall Street owned business are bad, that isn’t the case at all. The devil is always in the details, or in this case, the devil is in the balance. Cities that find a way to balance the growth of the Big Box or Chain segment of the community ALONG with the growth and support of the Truly Local business segment will find an economic balance that leads to great prosperity.

Communities must understand and realize that Big Box and Chains are only a fraction of the foundation from which to build. The Truly Local concentration, which brings true vibrancy to your community, will bring the true prosperity every community seeks. Additionally, it is all about building and creating uniqueness in your community, something that only a Truly Local concentration can create. As we will discuss in the future, uniqueness will become vital in the new and emerging economics of your community.

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

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

- Greek letter
- Eastern bishop’s title
- Indian music
- Handle
- City on the Rhine
- Stench
- Camel hair cloth
- Travel
- Olive color
- Ger. dive bomber
- Witless chatter
- Boys’ author
- Elide (2 words)
- Killer whale
- Buddhist column
- Nape
- Atl. Coast Conference (abbr.)
- Anatomy (abbr.)
- Channel islands
- Bless: Yidd.

**DOWN**

- Interpret
- Jap. pit viper
- Monkey
- Amer. Kennel Club (abbr.)
- Round Table knight
- Stigma
- Korean apricot
- Tropical fish
- Fables in Slang” author

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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### Feeder Cattle

|  |     |                  |     |        |
|--|-----|------------------|-----|--------|
| Sean Carroll, Ranchester WY            | 109 | Black-Hfr Pc Bv  | 610 | 148.00 |
| Jason Schaffer, Broadus MT             | 22  | Black-Hfr Pc Bv  | 530 | 161.75 |
|  | 70  | Blk/BwF-Str Pc   | 506 | 180.00 |
|  | 19  | Blk/BwF-Str Pc   | 428 | 184.00 |
|  | 3   | Red-Str Pc       | 493 | 172.00 |
| Shuck Bros Inc, Union Center SD        | 33  | Blk/BwF-Str Pc   | 552 | 175.00 |
|  | 18  | Blk/BwF-Str Pc   | 431 | 184.00 |
|  | 14  | Red/RwF-Str Pc   | 534 | 160.50 |
|  | 19  | Rd/Blk-Str Pc    | 379 | 189.50 |
|  | 20  | Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc    | 538 | 146.50 |
|  | 24  | Blk/Rd/Ch-Hfr Pc | 410 | 162.50 |
| Neiman Cattle Co Llc, Alva WY          | 11  | Black-Str        | 527 | 167.50 |
|  | 11  | Black-Hfr Bv     | 505 | 153.00 |
| Bar Lh, Banner WY                      | 10  | Black-Hfr Pc Bv  | 585 | 148.50 |
| Homer Or Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka MT | 25  | Black-Hfr Pc Bv  | 513 | 150.00 |
| Dave Mader, Biddle MT                  | 9   | Black-Hfr        | 532 | 169.00 |

### Weigh Ups

|  |    |               |      |       |
|--|----|---------------|------|-------|
| Larson Family, Spearfish SD              | 1  | BwF-Cow       | 1695 | 60.50 |
| Dane & Kristi Dobesh, Belle Fourche SD   | 1  | Herf-Cow      | 1575 | 62.50 |
|  | 1  | BwF-Cow       | 1320 | 69.50 |
| Alan L & Judy Morris, Rapid City SD      | 1  | Herf-Cow      | 1475 | 53.50 |
| Dane & Kristi Dobesh, Belle Fourche SD   | 1  | Herf-Cow      | 1375 | 57.50 |
| Shane Finn, Nisland SD                   | 1  | Red-Cow       | 1465 | 68.00 |
|  | 1  | Red-Cowette   | 1210 | 75.00 |
|  | 1  | Red-Cowette   | 1255 | 81.00 |
|  | 1  | Red-Hfr       | 1000 | 96.00 |
| Ballou Angus Ranch, Hulett WY            | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1230 | 68.00 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1250 | 54.50 |
| Michael Or Trinity Rodriguez, Buffalo WY | 2  | Black-Cow     | 1383 | 70.00 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1205 | 69.00 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1360 | 68.50 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1275 | 61.00 |
| Jensen Livestock Llc, Belle Fourche SD   | 13 | Blk/BwF-Cow   | 1470 | 69.00 |
|  | 11 | Black-Cow     | 1256 | 70.00 |
|  | 13 | Black-Cow     | 1254 | 65.00 |
|  | 4  | Blk/BwF-Hfr   | 979  | 91.00 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1920 | 68.00 |
| Mike & Lucy Moullet, Volborg MT          | 9  | Blk/BwF-Cow   | 1334 | 67.00 |
|  | 14 | Rd/Blk-Cow    | 1361 | 55.00 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1530 | 57.50 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1410 | 58.50 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1555 | 57.50 |
| John Tronstad, Baker MT                  | 1  | BwF-Cow       | 2135 | 59.00 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cow     | 1590 | 69.00 |
|  | 1  | Black-Cowette | 1180 | 82.00 |
|  | 1  | BwF-Cow       | 1500 | 69.00 |
|  | 1  | BwF-Hfr       | 1000 | 99.50 |
| Lacy J Or Jeremy Schneider, Ludlow SD    | 1  | RwF-Cow       | 1440 | 68.00 |
|  | 1  | Red-Cow       | 1245 | 66.50 |
|  | 1  | RwF-Cow       | 1395 | 66.50 |
|  | 1  | BwF-Cow       | 1420 | 57.00 |
|  | 1  | Red-Cow       | 1495 | 67.00 |
| Homer Or Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka MT   | 2  | Blk/BwF-Cow   | 1415 | 61.50 |

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| Jim Mcozy, Belle Fourche SD     | 1 | Black-Cow | 1300 | 57.50 |
|                                 | 1 | Black-Cow | 1225 | 57.50 |
| Diamond W Ranch Llc, Ludlow SD  | 1 | Black-Cow | 1485 | 67.50 |
|                                 | 1 | Black-Cow | 1435 | 64.50 |
|                                 | 1 | Black-Cow | 1605 | 67.50 |
| 7 X Angus Llc, Belle Fourche SD | 1 | Black-Cow | 1430 | 57.50 |
| Reni Nixon, Alzada MT           | 3 | Black-Cow | 1322 | 64.50 |
|                                 | 1 | Black-Cow | 1280 | 66.50 |
|                                 | 1 | Black-Cow | 1515 | 66.50 |

### Bulls

|                                       |   |                      |      |       |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|------|-------|
| Jack Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD       | 1 | Char-Bull Drug Free  | 2430 | 82.00 |
| Harry Tavaglia, Osage WY              | 2 | Herf-Bull            | 2168 | 82.50 |
| Vm Diamond Ranch Llc, Upton WY        | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 2065 | 84.00 |
| Ballou Angus Ranch, Hulett WY         | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 2055 | 82.00 |
| Lacy J Or Jeremy Schneider, Ludlow SD | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 1905 | 83.00 |
| John Tronstad, Baker MT               | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 1775 | 85.00 |
| Travis Hurst, Buffalo SD              | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 2010 | 86.50 |
| Harmon Creek Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT    | 5 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 2066 | 84.50 |
|                                       | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 1670 | 82.50 |
| Sodak Angus Ranch, Reva SD            | 1 | Black-Bull Drug Free | 2085 | 89.00 |

### Baby Calves

|                              |   |                       |     |        |
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| Darrell Ennen, Rapid City SD | 1 | BwF-Baby Calif Bull   | 95  | 375.00 |
|                              | 1 | Black-Baby Calif Bull | 100 | 375.00 |

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**Broadus, MT**  
**Rod Schaffer**  
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406-672-5546 (cell)

**Miles City, MT**  
**Jason Twitchell**  
406-480-2345

**Lodge Grass, MT**  
**Justin Hecker**  
307-752-3718

**Wyoming**  
**Mike Greenough**  
307-620-2597

## STOCK COW, BRED HEIFER & WEIGH UP SPECIAL & BAR 69 ANGUS RANCH BULL SALE

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**12:00PM BAR 69 ANGUS RANCH BULL SALE**

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**FEEDER CATTLE**

**Beau & Amber Anderson-ND**

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**April 1, 2021 12:00 PM**

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|                |  |
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| April 8, 2021  | REPLACEMENT HEIFER & GRASS CATTLE SPECIAL  |
| April 15, 2021 | REGULAR CATTLE SALE & CS ANGUS BULL SALE   |
| April 22, 2021 | REGULAR CATTLE SALE & MANGEN ANGUS BULL SALE   |
| April 29, 2021 | FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL & J SPEAR CATTLE CO BULL SALE & LOOSE HORSE SALE & GREATER MIDWEST LIVESTOCK AUCTIONEER CHAMPIONSHIP |
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Anita and Kirby did a great job managing the Cafe and Motel. Unfortunately, they will be leaving us because of a death in the family. As a result, the cafe will be closed until further notice.

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Newell School Menu  
Mar. 24 - Apr. 1

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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for further information.

From C1

TATE

traveling intern team comprised of experienced TeenPacters who have committed a year of their lives to serve at the classes and events around the nation. The intern team had previously gone through an interview process which considered strengths and skills, vision for discipleship, and leadership ability.

Anita Carrette is the State Coordinator for the event. Toby Forehand was the class director for the South Dakota TeenPact event.

“You already have influence,” said Forehand to the students gathered. “Being a leader is using your influence.”

“The TeenPact conference is an excellent learning opportunity for youth,” said Holly Ollila, who followed her son through the days of the experience. “I am extremely impressed with the program and their outstanding group of adult leaders, teen leaders and parent volunteers.” Most of the class activities were held in the visitor center, but the students also were able to experience other parts of the capitol, including the senate and house floors, committee rooms, and even the cafeteria. They played a type of trading game where a group of students were given

\$50,000 to spend and had to put together a campaign group, complete with a campaign manager, graphic designer, and communications manager, all who helped prepare their candidate.

“I was nominated by my friend and I nominated him,” said Ollila, of being selected by his peers to run for the governor’s spot. The groups created campaign banners, handed out treats and lobbied potential legislators to influence the election of their candidate. One sign that was prominent during the “campaign” was, “Be great, like Tate.”

During their time the eight groups of students passed such bills as the “Nerd Protection Act of 2021” and a bill that stated it was illegal to sleep in a cheese factory. Around 65 students participated in the week-long event and they were about to earn a 1/3 Carnegie college credit for their participation.

“What God showed me during the week was that He has a plan for me, and that is to have faith and be bold,” said Ollila. He may get the chance to share that faith and boldness in the state legislature in the future.

You can find more information on TeenPact at the website at <https://teenpact.com>.

Have Laptop, Will Travel

BETTY BRUNER

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NEWELL – She doesn’t have a desk in an office, but she does have a laptop, a vehicle, and information concerning almost every insurance need. Judy Dague, Northstar Insurance, LLC, is a traveling agent working from her car and visiting with clients from as far south as Rapid City and Boxelder to north and west of the Newell area. Her greatest desire is to manifest outstanding customer care by explaining an insurance policy, the reason for certain coverage, and to help customers through the process of putting their lives back together after a loss. With her laptop handy, Dague can give a quote immediately.

“People should know what they are getting and have an insurance agent look out for them,” she said.

Dague had worked with a local insurance agency for several years when she saw the need to start her own business. She felt that although she was able to sit by the phone and help some people, there were some that continued to “fall through the cracks” and she wanted to make a difference in their lives. So, she began to study and then in 2017 began Northstar Insurance, LLC.

“Insurance agents are a dime a dozen,” she said. And added

that what makes her stand out is customer care.

Volunteer work is very important to Dague and fills her “spare” time. While in college, Dague learned that people should get involved with their community and she has a long list of volunteering. For over 20 years, she has been donating blood because “it’s an easy way to give to people in places you never have a chance to meet and make a difference in saving lives.” Her favorite volunteer job was coordinating Christmas caroling throughout Newell, Nisland, and Vale until COVID came along. Other areas of volunteering include Lions Club, Newell Community Club, the Harvest Fest sponsored by the NVN Ministerial Association, Newell Improvement Corporation, Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire and Rescue Women’s Auxiliary, and the NVN Food Pantry.

Insurance sales are not her only job. Dague also is active in helping on her son’s cattle and hay operation in the Nisland area. They work hard putting up around 400 tons of alfalfa a year.

In recent years, Dague has decided that her niche is adding life insurance along with other policies that include Farm & Ranch, Home & Auto, and Health Insurance. As an Inde-

Dague C4



Judy Dague, Northstar Insurance LLC - Betty Bruner photo

If you have events for the calendar please contact Colleen Brunner at [colleenbrunner@gmail.com](mailto:colleenbrunner@gmail.com).

Mar. 30: Newell ACT Test-all day

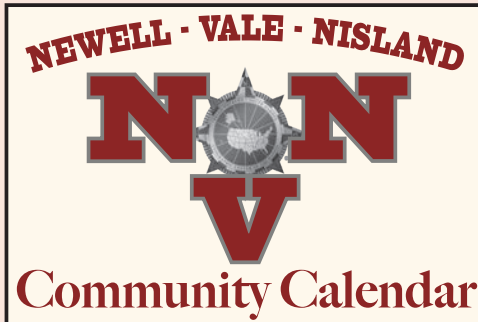
Apr. 1: HSTR-Early Bird @ Douglas 9 a.m.; SD 4-H Scholarship applications due to State 4-H office; Shooting sports scholarship due.

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; Na-



tional 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 Carnival 5 p.m.

Apr. 9: HSTR-Queen City @ Spearfish 9 a.m.; Golf-Elks Invite 9:30 a.m.

Apr. 10: ACT Test-all day; PROM-6 p.m.; MSTR at Spearfish 9 a.m.; MSTR at Lemmon 11 a.m.

Apr. 10/12: FFA State Convention @ Brookings

Apr. 12: School board meeting 6 p.m. at Multi-purpose room; City Commission Meeting 6 p.m. at City admin offices.

Apr. 16: MSTR at Belle Fourche 9 a.m.; Golf-Wall Invite 9:30 a.m.

Newell High School Senior Profiles

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

NEWELL – Shaley Dirk is the twin-sister of her brother Chase, the younger sister of big brother Austin, and the daughter of Scott and Shannon Dirk of rural Vale.

Shaley and Chase are 17 and set to graduate this spring from Newell high school. Shaley said her favorite class is chemistry because it was so engaging. Her favorite teacher over the years was Mrs. Lori Johnston because she was never bored in the class. “She taught us a lot,” said Shaley.

Although she said she does not have a specific memory, she felt that any class function was always chaos. She said this was especially true of class meetings. “You never knew what was going to happen,” this senior shared. Dirk lists her favorite extracurricular activity as FFA.

“It is fun and has helped me become a better version



Shaley Dirk

of myself,” said Dirk. “Outside of school, I enjoy being with my family, outdoor activities, driving around, reading and cooking.”

Dirk’s plans include attending college to become a nurse, but is still deciding where she wants to further her education, although Black Hills State University and South Dakota State University are her top choices.

“Ten years from now I want

to be working as a neonatal or pediatric nurse, be married, and have a few kids.”

Dirk said that her family has been her biggest influence in her life, because they have always pushed her to exceed in life to pursue her dreams and helped her overcome challenges she has faced.

“I believe Newell High School is a great place to attend school because of the close-knit community and the smaller class sizes,” said Dirk. “After graduating I will miss my class and all the fun times.”

The activities she participated in while attending NHS were FFA and National Honor Society, as well as being involved in 4-H.

Congratulations Shaley!

We are proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad, Austin  
and Chase



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NEWELL – Chase Dirk is the 17-year-old son of Scott and Shannon Dirk of rural Vale. His twin sibling is Shaley and his older brother is Austin, 21.

Not all student’s favorite memory of school comes in a classroom, or during an activity, but in happenstance. This is exactly what Chase remembers fondly, even though he did not explain when or why it happened.

“My favorite memory is when Sid (Leber) threw a porcupine on top of Austin Auditorium,” he shared.

Dirk lists his favorite teacher as Mr. Vander Vorst and his favorite class as personal finance. He enjoyed FFA which was his only extracurricular activity during his years at Newell high school.

Dirk spends a lot of time at work and also working with horse. He enjoyed the small school atmosphere at NHS. “I’m not 100 percent sure, but I will probably go to some kind of trade school,” Dirk said of his plans after graduation in the spring.

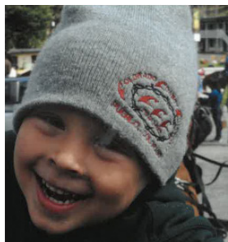
He lists his family as the biggest influence in his life up to this point.



Chase Dirk

Congratulations Chase!

We are proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad, Austin  
and Shaley



The Valley Irrigator Mar. 31, 2021



Then and Now *in Newell*

“Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

**March 30, 1911**  
F.H. Newell, Director of the Reclamation Service, has decided that the bid of Hilton & Farlow was not a fair bid for the North Side Canal and he has awarded the contracts as follows: Division Nos. 2 & 3 to Cornelius Cole; 4 to Seitz & Sheveling; 5 to McNeill and 1, 6, 7, & 8 to Many Bros.

H. J. Christian and wife and son Fay F. Christian and Mrs. Jay Christian arrived Friday from Mt. Carroll, Ill and will make their future home in Newell. The Messrs. Christian will erect a store building on the corner of 3rd St. & Fisk Ave and will conduct a furniture and undertaking establishment. The building will be 24’x50’ with 20’ posts.

George E. Zuver came in from Mitchell last week with the intention of securing one of Uncle Sam’s free Castle Rock homes.

**March 31, 1921**  
The officers of the Newell Cemetery Association met Tuesday afternoon and made plans for improvements and care of the cemetery for the coming year. The cemetery is to be cleaned of old dry grass and weeds and decision of which trees and shrubs to plant. If the weather is favorable, tress will be set out April 9 and 10. The funds of the association are limited and in order to make them go as far as possible, those in charge are requesting donations to direct them to Mrs. Louis Maass or the Irrigator. A food sale on Saturday given by Neighborhood Club to benefit the Newell Cemetery Association will be in the former C.D. Sanders Real Estate office. The ladies will also serve pie and coffee.

On Wednesday night at Bratton’s store, there will be a meeting of the Block Captains appointed to assist in carrying out whatever Arbor Day plans may be decided upon. It is important that each Captain attend to review the information concerning plans of as setting out trees, the number desired and what will be furnished in the way of time, tools, etc. John Scott will act as chairman of the committee and reports should be made to him.

R.H. Bruce, Representative of Owatonna Nursery Co, who had been here for some time assisting with the Arbor Day observance plans, departed for Owatonna.

The Horse Creek High



The Christian Family pose in front of their new store which they began building in 1911 and completed in 1912. The family, from Mt. Carroll, Illinois, ran a furniture store and undertaking business.

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Grand River Roundup

**BETTY OLSON**  
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Most of this week was nice warm spring weather, unfortunately the only moisture we got was .01 hundredths of an inch on Friday.

Monday morning Amanda brought Copper and Knox home from a “seep-over” Sunday night at Starla Jenson’s to help “Nana” celebrate her birthday. Reub and I went to Hettinger on Monday and had lunch with Dick and Jerry Vliem at the café. We found out that RZ Motors was closing this Friday and it will be tough for Hettinger to lose another business. There are so many businesses up there that have been closed since I was a little kid. Unfortunately, so many small towns in the western Dakotas have not only been losing businesses, but losing residents. Did you see that the federal government is wanting to put a tax on every mile we drive? That is going to be terrible for truckers, ranchers, farmers and everyone living in these rural areas.

Russell Beld called on Tuesday to let us know that Kevin VanSlooten’s funeral will probably be held at Holland Center on May 22nd. He also let us know that Kevin’s older brother Ron VanSlooten died on Saturday in Washington, but he didn’t know when or where Ron’s funeral would be.

The really good news we got on Tuesday was that Kami and Jace Jenson are the proud parents of a big baby boy! Keen Martin Jenson was born March 23rd, weighing in at 10 pounds and is 20 inches long. Amanda took Taz to the airport in Rapid City that night to fly to a rodeo in Redmond, Oregon. They left the little people with Grandma Starla that night and Amanda came home Wednesday morning.

Casey killed three coyotes Wednesday morning and got another four coyotes on Thursday. Reub and I spent most of Wednesday afternoon picking rocks out of the field at Coyote’ Butte and found a bucketful of

smooth pretty rocks someone left at our mailbox. They looked kind of like rocks the rocks June Hotchkiss gave me, but she didn’t send them so thank you to whoever left them! Reub and I went to the Lenten service and supper at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening. Kiley

Schuchard turned 19 on Thursday and she made soup for us and her mom made a beautiful birthday cake for our dessert. Happy Birthday Kiley!

Reub spent all day Thursday dragging the fields at our east place. It was a beautiful day with a high temperature of 61 degrees so I spent the afternoon walking almost 5 miles across the prairie. I find a lot of stuff laying on the ground out there, mostly baling twine and pretty rocks. I haven’t found an arrowhead for a long time, although I used to come across one once in a while. Cameron Morman gave Taz a ride home from the airport in Rapid City Thursday evening. Cameron was also at the rodeo in Oregon with Taz.

We had a wonderful afternoon on Friday! Reub and I went down to Dennis and Linda Hathaway’s so Reub could look at what Dennis uses to drag his fields. It looks like it does a lot better job than the drag Reub uses, so he had me take pictures of it so these guys can build one like it. Linda invited us for supper with delicious hot biscuits with chokecherry jelly, homemade chicken noodle soup with homemade noodles, and some fantastic rhubarb pie for dessert! We might have to think of some other reason to visit them soon!

Amanda and the kids went up to Ralph to visit her sister Josi Senger and their cousin Cody Jenson on Saturday. Taz left for the rodeo in Watford City that afternoon and they all came home that night.

The baby shower for little Adley Michelle Johnson was at the Reva Hall Sunday afternoon with a good crowd in attendance. The Coffeehouse hosted the Waddington Brothers concert at the Reva Hall that evening and they were very enjoyable. This is the second

generation of Waddington’s to perform here. The first generation was here in 1977 and came several times after that.

Peg Johnson will turn 100 years old on April 10th and her family is having a card shower for her. Peg’s address is Aspen Grove Assisted Living, 2065 Moose Drive, Sturgis, SD 57785. Please send her a card.

I’ll leave you with this: Did I Read that Sign Right? TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

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In a London department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT ON 2ND FLOOR...

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In an office: AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

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Notice in a farmer’s field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet: IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - AS THE BELL DOESN’T WORK.)



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then ‘n’ Now in Newell

**April 5, 1951**  
Advance agents arrived in Newell Monday to book a spe-

cial Hill Billy Jamboree show and dance to be held at the City Hall Friday evening. The show and dance will be staged by Roy Acuff and his entire cast from Nashville, Tenn. now enroute to Nashville from making a picture in Canada. Included are the Arizona Ranch Girls, radio comedian “Butter” Bean and others. The doors open at 8:30 PM and the show will include both “round” and “squares”.

Friends of Mrs. William Cook, Orman, who suffered severe burns at their home 3 months ago, are pleased to hear that she has been dismissed from the hospital and is now staying at the home of their daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mc-Lemny in Belle Fourche. Mrs. Cook is steadily recovering, but is still not able to remain up except for only short periods.

**March 30, 1961**  
Mr. & Mrs. Art Noste, Mr. & Mrs. Tom DeGarlais and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Falk called at the George Erk home Sunday afternoon. The group climbed Deers Ears and late in the afternoon called at the Mr. & Mrs. Louis Flaigg home at Hoover.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Van Sickle and family, Mrs. Paul Deschamps and children, Mr. & Mrs. Clem Bruggeman, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Jacobsen and sons, Mrs. H.W. Jacobsen and sons were Sunday afternoon guest at the Frank Wendt home where the boys from the Moreau School and Castle Rock School held a basketball tournament. Lunch was served at the end of

from the Newell Museum


the games to all present, especially the hungry boys.

Bratton’s, Inc, Newell’s large department store, has completed installation of 2 modern refrigerated food display cases and re-arranged its grocery department recently to make for more convenient shopping. In the re-arrangement, wider isles were gained in the grocery department with number of attractive display areas and the front check-out counters were consolidated with modern long-tube reflectorized fluorescent lighting. Joe Haas, local electrical contractor, installed the new lighting.



This is a photo of Ellen Esmay, a 1940 graduate of Newell High School and one of the first female pilots in this area. She studied at the Newell airport under well-known aviator Clyde Ice.






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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke." — Will Rogers

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From C2  
**Dague**

pendent Insurance Agent, she can find the best policy to fit an individual's needs. Her reasoning behind offering life insurance is the increase in people living longer and developing health issues that linger and require assisted living or nursing home care. As the population ages, there may be seniors who are underinsured or ever uninsured and looking for life insurance solutions, Dague points out.

"Northstar Insurance LLC has access to life insurance companies that can also help provide an inheritance, ensure a financially dependent loved one is cared for, or help make certain no one inherits all of your debt," she added.

Her company motto, "Guid-

ing you through life's journey" sums up Dague's philosophy. She can be contacted at [sdnorthstarins@gmail.com](mailto:sdnorthstarins@gmail.com) or her website at [www.gotnorthstar.com](http://www.gotnorthstar.com). Her phone is always near, too, at 605-892-5303.

Dague gives insurance tips along with the NVN local news, school events, and 4-H happenings on KBFS radio on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:30 and 9 a.m.

From C **Easter**

rise Service at 7 a.m. at 12871 Orman Road (west of Newell on Orman Rd) and people are encouraged to ride horseback, ATV, or walk to the cross at the top of the hill. The service will be followed by a brunch and worship service beginning at the church at 205 Ash street at 11 a.m.

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## Newell Christian Church Holds Supper


**COLLEEN BRUNNER**  
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NEWELL – The Newell Christian Church held their annual fundraiser supper on March 27 at the church fellowship hall. Everyone seemed to be ready for a pancake supper because more than 40 people turned up to eat pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. Many had a cookie or some ice cream.

Most came for the one thing they have missed quite a bit this past year, fellowship. That's the goal of the church board and Pastor Dereck Anderson. The guys made the flapjacks, which is the normal process, complete with cleaning up after as well, and Anderson got a little help from his father, Andy Anderson as well.

People came from as far away as Rainbow Bible Ranch, and Larry Reinhold and his wife Robin, as well as all the kids lined up along both sides of one table. They also brought along a bunch of their friends.

Many locals turned out as well to enjoy the meal, stuff some money in the buckets and sit down to enjoy both the meal and the fellowship.





(At left) Tom Swan, Newell Christian Church member, flips the flapjacks for a hungry crowd on Saturday, March 27. This was the annual fundraiser. (Above) Pastor Derek Anderson, left, and Chad Schaefer wash dishes to keep up with the crowd, as Bill Wood serves up the food at the window, during the pancake supper fundraiser on Saturday. The Newell Christian Church held their annual fundraiser supper on March 27 at the church fellowship hall. - Brunner photos



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