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Micah Pennel directs the BF Concert Choir (above) and the Seniors from the choir line up in cap & gown for Senior sendoff (below). - Courtesy Photos

BF High School Spring Concert

Alyssa Frisbie

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On Thursday, May 11, Belle Fourche High School had their combined band and choir spring concert.

The band portion was first, and their theme was video games. With this theme, the concert started with an interactive game, “Kahoot”, for the audience to play. While the audience participated in the game, the band played its theme song.

After the game, the band then played “Epic Gaming Themes” arranged by Paul Murtha and the “Halo Theme” by Marty O. and Michael S. arranged by Robert Sheldon. After these, there was a solo played on the marimba by Hunter Brown; he played the “Mario Brothers Theme” song. The band then played “Cup-head” by Kristopher Maddigan arranged by Victor Lopez.

A saxophone trio played the “Mii Channel Theme” after that. This was a trio performed by Tavey Biehl playing the alto saxophone, Nyomi Woltkamp playing the baritone saxophone, and Alyssa Frisbie playing the tenor saxophone.

The band then concluded their performance by playing “The Star Wars Saga” by John Williams arranged by Michael Story.

After the band was done, and before the choir sang, there was a short intermission which featured the Belle Fourche High School drumline. Once the drumline was finished, the choir sang “30/90” by Jonathan Larson arranged by Roger Emerson. This song featured a solo by Tim Thompson and a drum played by Raif Parmeter. The choir also sang “I Want It That Way” by Max M. and Andreas C. arranged by Nathan Howe.

Then, there were two duets: one was “Stay with Me” by Sam Smith sung by Trinity Hostetter and Reagan Hatling and the other one was “Therapy” by Jonathan Larsen sung by Nyomi Woltkamp and Brodie McNeese.

A solo was then performed by Nic Lambert, as he sang a song that he wrote called “The Driver’s Seat”. Next, the choir sang the following pieces: “Somebody to Love” by Freddie Mercury arranged by Adam A. and Tim D. which featured several solos and a drum played by Maddy Howard, “Dos Oruguitas” by Lin-Manuel Miranda arranged by Audrey Snyder, and “Slipping Through My Fingers” by Benny A. and Bjorn U. arranged by Chandra Groven which was played during the senior sendoff.

During the last concert of the year, there is always a senior sendoff which is when the seniors walk on stage in their caps and gowns. Micah Pennel, the high school band and choir teacher, introduces each senior to the audience highlighting their post high school plans. This year there were 18 seniors in the band and choir. After the students are introduced, a short Awards Ceremony is held. This year 14 students lettered in band, and 15 students lettered in choir. Between band and choir, there were also 14 students who received superior awards at contest. The last award announcement was for All-State Choir which Naomi Bricker, Nora Bricker, Nyomi Woltkamp, Nic Lambert, Nick Tolley, Sophia Thompson, Tim Thompson, and Rose Sprigler were participants. Congratulations to all those who received awards and best wishes to this year’s seniors.



Joint Law Enforcement Center Under Consideration

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BELLE FOURCHE – The City Council this week was to take up a recommendation to proceed with planning for a new joint law enforcement center with the county during it’s regular council meeting on Monday, May 15. As of press time this past Monday afternoon the result of that deliberation was not known.

In early April the city council was presented with an evaluation of the current Belle Fourche Police Department headquarters located at 1010 8th Ave. Project Manager Jerry Eisenbraun of Upper Deck architects told the council that the building was “generally in good shape.”

However, recommendations were made for improvements to the building that included replacing the windows, preparing foundation cracks, updating the HVAC, improvements to the plumbing, addition of a sprinkler system, updating electrical and lighting, and improving the technology infrastructure in the building. The cost of the improvements was estimated to be slightly more than \$1.2 million. That cost did not include asbestos or other hazardous material abatement.

Eisenbraun then estimated

the cost to build a new structure of approximately the same size as around \$1.7 million, or about \$325 per square foot.

Police Chief Ryan Cherveney says he favors building a new facility, especially when considering the needs of security and technology advancements. He also adds that the department is out of space and would have to build a new addition regardless of which decision is made.

“The current facility is so outdated that it’s costing a lot of money just to keep it moving where it’s at,” Cherveney told the Beacon. “We’d be saving money in the long run to do a new building versus restoring our building and then adding on to it.”

Other council members were in favor of upgrading the current building and using the cost difference to add a needed

addition to the current headquarters.

Last Tuesday, May 9, the Council’s Police Committee met to consider the options. At that time a suggestion was brought forward to enter into a joint agreement with Butte County for a new law enforcement center to be shared between the two entities.

The recommendation specifically asks for the council approve with the initial planning of the joint law enforcement facility. It further states that if for any reason negotiations with Butte County fail, the City would pursue, on its own, plans for a new police department headquarters.

The item was included as part of the council’s consent agenda, as of last Monday morning.



Joint City/County Law enforcement center to be considered. Architect cites existing police station in “generally good shape”. Beacon Photo

Belle Fourche Named a 2022 Tree City USA

Belle Fourche has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for 2022. The proclamation was read by Mayor Randy Schmidt during the May 1 regular City Council meeting.

According to the foundation the city met all four of the program’s requirements: maintaining a tree board or department, having a tree care ordinance, dedicating an annual community forestry budget of at

least two dollars per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“Tree City USA communities see the positive effects of an urban forest firsthand,” said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The trees being planted and cared for by Belle Fourche are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings

residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it’s through volunteer engagement or public education.”

“If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time,” said Lambe. “Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, energy use, and extreme heat and flooding. The City is doing its part to address these challenges now and in the future.”

Proefrock Honored by State School Association



Susan Proefrock

Susan Proefrock, BFSB Business Manager, was honored for 35 years of service to the school district by the South Dakota Association of School Business Officials (SDASBO). The award was presented at the SDASBO spring conference April 27, in Pierre.

Proefrock, who started with the Belle Fourche School District in 1988, was presented with a Terry Redlin painting entitled America, America, depicting students and a teacher raising the American flag in front of a rural school set within a winter scene.

“It’s been very rewarding and it’s an honor to be recognized by my peers,” Proefrock said. “I’ve had wonderful office staff, board members and administrators to work with all these years.”

Proefrock says it’s a big job to keep up with the all the numbers while maintaining a balanced budget, but she says that’s what has kept her going. “Especially keeping track of all the ESSER (Covid) funds has been a challenge but we’ll get through it,” she said.

School District Sets Budget Hearing

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche School District 9-1 is giving notice that a public hearing of the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year will be held Monday, June 12, 2023. The hearing will be held at the administrative offices of the school district at 5:15pm. The administrative offices are located at 2305 13th Ave. and the public is invited.

During the BF School

Board’s regular meeting on May 8, Susan Proefrock, District Business Manager, reviewed the proposed budget with the school board. District budgets can be a challenge to pinpoint since the coming year’s budget is based on predicted student enrollment. South Dakota school districts will be reimbursed on a per student basis based on a formula approved each year in Pierre. Enrollment data is locked in on

School Budget A8



Patty & Bob Croeni

private collectors and museums during the online auction that can be found at: Bean and Bean Auctions.net or auction@beanandbean.net (970)-461-9838. Viewing this auction will begin soon.

For additional information, be on the lookout for the ad

Relic Diggers Antiques and More, No More

Meg English

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Bob and Patty Croeni, owners of Relic Diggers Antiques Shop at 517 State Street in Belle Fourche, are switching gears. After nine years in the antique business here in Belle Fourche they are moving east river to Conde, SD to be closer to their five grandchildren.

They have bought a “new” house there. The house may be 125 years old, Bob explained. “But it fits our style and there’s lots of room for antiques.” Relic Diggers, their high-end antique store in Belle Fourche has been a destination for many collectors interested in various types of western memorabilia, history and artifacts.

“We see many more young collectors who are interested in collections of civil war or other military items.” Bob noted. “There is a lot interest in the history of the region and collectors are interested in keeping it alive.”

Their motto has always been “Museum quality pieces at affordable prices”. Soon the inventory will be dispersed to





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Richard “Dick” G. Elmore 81

Richard G. Elmore, 81, of Newell, SD, passed away on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Monument Health in Rapid City, SD. Richard “Dick” Glenn Elmore was born on February 27th, 1942 to Clifford and Flora Belle Elmore at home on his family’s ranch in Ekalaka MT, and raised alongside his three siblings Bob, Donnie, and Agnes.

Dick married Joann Sterns and from that union, they were blessed with three children, Debbie, Jeff, and Linda. In 1969, Dick met and married his second wife and the love of his life Barbara (Hutton) Elmore. Dick asked Barb out on a date and a short time later during a trip to buy new cowboy boots for Dick they took a detour and got married instead. The next morning, they had just enough money to share a can of soda and a candy bar to celebrate their wedding.

They grew their family by leaps and bounds by having 10 more children who are Richard Todd, Cassie, Scott, Lisa (Big), Stacey, Mitchell, Michael, Tiffany, Nadine, and Lisa (Little).

Dick wore a lot of hats in his life, starting out as an Army medic and owning a hotel, managing a cafe and movie theater in Ekalaka in the 70’s to being a rancher in both Ekalaka, MT, and Newell, SD. He had a career in law enforcement working in Montana and South Dakota and was very proud to wear a badge. In the 80’s, he graduated first in his class from Colorado Aero Tech and owned and operated Gillette Air. He owned three planes that he would lease out for private flights. Dick loved not only to work on planes but to pilot them as well and was in the middle of rebuilding a new two-seater plane when he passed away. Dick and his family moved to Newell in 1987. They moved to Alkali for a few years before moving back, as Newell was his home up until his passing.

Dick’s biggest jobs and the ones that he was best at was being a husband, Dad, and Grandpa. He loved all his family very much and was proud of them all. He was a hero to all of his children. The stories that



can be told about him are never-ending. Dick was stubborn, quick-witted and had quite a sense of humor. But, he was also as soft as a teddy bear when it came to the ones he loved. He lovingly gave his kids, grandkids, and especially Barb nicknames. His nicknames were clever, witty, funny, and even sometimes inappropriate and we all loved them. You knew when he had accepted you into the family if you got a nickname from him.

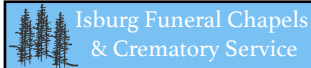
Dick loved being outdoors and was already talking about getting the camper ready for the season. He couldn’t wait to go camping every year with his family, which provided him with endless pleasure.

Dick taught us all so much. He taught his kids how to hunt, work on machinery, carpentry, electrical, and plumbing and was always there to help us when we needed him. He would go above and beyond to do things for anyone in his family. He loved his sons-in-law and daughters-in-law like his own kids. He was truly one of a kind and can never be replaced. We were blessed to have him in our lives.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Barb along with his children Jeff (Martha), Debbie (Terry), Linda (Jim), Richard (Jodi), Cassie (John), Scott (JoConda), Lisa (Ricky), Stacey, Mitchell, Michael, Tiffany (AJ), Nadine, Lisa (Joey), 31 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren not to mention many nieces and nephews. Also, his beloved puppies Wowie and Spencer.

Please come help us celebrate Dick’s life on Friday, May 12th at 1:00 at the Newell Evangelical Church in Newell, SD. Burial will follow in Hope Cemetery, Newell.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com



Sandra Kay (Ostby) Rauch 70

Sandra Kay (Ostby) Rauch, 70, of Gillette, Wyoming died on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, in Rapid City, SD surrounded by loving family. Sandy was born on May 11, 1952 in Lead, SD to Soren and Arvilla (Brovald) Ostby. She attended country school at the Homestake School, Hauber Mine until 1962 and thereafter attended school in Hulett, WY. Sandy then attended beauty school where she received her license in cosmetology and began her career as a beautician in Sundance, WY. She established and ran the Hair Boutique for many years. She finished her career as a beautician working at the Head Shed in Belle Fouche, SD. Later, she moved to Gillette, Wyoming where she started her own professional cleaning business, which she ran until her retirement.

Sandy was a loving, kind, and classy lady, who greeted everyone she met with a smile. The light of her life came from her husband, three children, sisters, numerous grandchildren, and her dogs, Pokey and Charlie. She enjoyed following her grandchildren in their numerous sports and other events, which she rarely missed. She also enjoyed cooking, traveling, playing cards and attending church with family. Sandy was a member of the Chutes for Charity Foundation where she served a term as secretary. Despite her dislike for being dirty and sweaty, Sandy had an amazing Gre-



enthumb, that was evident by her beautiful and well-groomed yard. Her flowers were almost as beautiful as she was.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Claude Lee Rauch; three children, Sheila (Russ) Kilts, Michelle (Cory) Jensen, and Cort (Whitney) Cundy; three stepchildren, April (Dave) Miner; Tracy (Quin) LaFollette; Jennifer (Dave) Mason; four sisters, Janis Mal-lory, Gayleen (Ron) Raber, Jolleen Knapp, Dela (Ted) Bears; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sandy was preceded in death by her father and mother, one sister, two nieces and two brothers-in-law.

Memorial services for Sandy will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cowboy Church, 5236 Old US 14, Beulah, WY. A luncheon will be served at the Cowboy Church following the service. She will be laid to rest in Cody, Wyoming.

A memorial has been established to benefit Hospice. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com



Pastor’s Perspective

This week’s Pastor’s Perspective is provided by Jean Helmer, Joy Fisher Ministries.

“Greater Love Has No One”



In the synoptic gospels, Jesus’s teachings are succinct. He uses few words. In John’s Gospel, Jesus makes long speeches instructing his disciples. In all four gospels, Jesus challenges his followers to live those lessons into reality. That is the way Jesus was talking about when he said, “I am the Way.” In every way, Jesus used the daily actions of his life to give his followers a roadmap for their journey through life. Are his actions still applicable today?

Let’s examine Jesus’s actions. Do they reveal a roadmap that will guide us in our daily walk of faith in action.

Let’s look at Jesus’ actions when he met Zacchaeus (Luke 19).. You probably sang about this wee little tax collector in Sunday School. Then, as now, political fury was prevalent. Tax collectors were Jews working for the Roman government and were considered socially undesirable. The general opinion was that they all were a bunch of crooks getting rich on ill-gotten gains.

Zacchaeus was rich and physically very short. Jesus was passing through Jericho on his way to another place. There was a crowd. Zacchaeus was too short to see over the heads of the others. No one offered to let him move to the front where he could see Jesus. His solution involved a sycamore tree. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down. I will stay at your house today.” We are not told how Jesus knew Zacchaeus’ name. Perhaps he asked someone about the man sitting in the tree; perhaps he knew him from elsewhere. We cannot let those questions distract us from noticing Jesus actions. It is the actions that serve to instruct us. Jesus said, “Come down. I’m going to your house today.”

What actions did Jesus take? First, Jesus looked up. Second, he took notice of Zacchaeus, the person in front of him. It is easy to overlook this step in our over-scheduled, technology laden lives. How often do we fail to look up from what we are doing? When have we failed to notice someone that God has put directly in our path?

Jesus’s third action was to set aside his original agenda. He was on his way through Jericho. He had places to go and people to meet. Jesus was busy, however, when he noticed Zacchaeus, he set aside his plans and went to where Zacchaeus lived. Why? So, he could be fully

present to Zacchaeus.

This is a repetitive theme in Jesus’s actions. He looks up. He takes notice of the people he is encountering, even casually. He sets aside his own agenda to take time to interact with those people where they live. How and where might this roadmap be important today?

In a report titled “Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation,” the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy wrote, “even before the COVID-19 pandemic, about half of U.S. adults reported experiencing measurable levels of loneliness.” The rates are most pronounced in young people aged 15-24.

The report further states that “lacking connection can increase the risk for premature death to levels comparable to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.” Loneliness increases the risk of heart disease by 29%, of stroke by 32%, and of developing dementia for older adults by 50%. Dr Murthy further points out that “you can feel lonely even if you have a lot of people around you, because loneliness is about the quality of your connections.”

John’s Gospel, calls us to love one another, to see all others as beloved children of God. In this time, when people are literally dying of loneliness, we are called to take action, to take the three steps that Jesus took. In John, Jesus instructed:

“I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done,” (John 13:15). “By this, all will know that you are my disciples,” (John 13:35). Then Jesus summarizes all of his teachings: “Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends,” (John 15:3).

When I consider those words in today’s cultural setting, I hear Jesus telling me: “Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one’s cell phone—one’s electronics—in favor of face-to-face interactions with the people around us. Jesus calls me to set aside labels, “liberal, conservative tax-collector” and to recognize the person who has been treed by life’s trials. Recognition is not enough. The instruction is to look up, notice, and then, set aside my agenda and interact with those around me.



What do Jesus’ actions require you to do today? How will you follow the roadmap of his life?

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Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center holds May 21 Family Fun Day on Birds

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. entitled “Birds.”

The event will consist of an appearance by the Black Hills Raptor Center, with several birds; a film on birds, a drawing for the book “Eyewitness: Bird,” several bird-related crafts and a

free take-home workbook on the subject. Refreshments will be served.

Admission to the event is \$2 per person or free with membership. Reservations are strongly suggested; call 605-723-1200.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

City Recognized for Outstanding Drinking Water Operations

BELLE FOURCHE -Late last month the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced that the City of Belle Fourche public water system and the system’s certified operators have been awarded a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award.

The award is for outstanding water system operations and environmental compliance with state drinking water standards for the past year.

The recognition comes as the council last week approved a \$3,053.25 expenditure for the regular maintenance on the city water tower. Maguire Iron of Sioux Falls performs the specialized annual maintenance as well as inspections and bio-washouts of the tanks. This payment will apply to the cleaning of the north tank unit.

Meanwhile progress continues on the new Well Number 3 on the city’s far south side at Hat Ranch. Approval was given to

pay Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services the amount of \$10,053.90 for final design on the project. When complete the new well will provide expanded and more reliable water service to the city’s south side.

“Access to safe and reliable water sources is essential to keeping our families safe and our economy growing,” said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts. “This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of South Dakota’s drinking water system operators and their efforts to ensure their customers have access to clean drinking water.”

To qualify for the Drinking Water Certification of Achievement Award, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the compliance monitoring and reporting requirements, drinking water standards, and certification requirements for 2022.

School Board Certifies Election Results

BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche School Board canvassed the results of the April 11 school board election and voted to certify the outcome.

Faye LaDuke-Pelster was elected to a three-year term and the board and current Board Vice President Scott Reder was elected to another three-year term.

Reder received a total of 204 votes, LaDuke-Pelster totaled 187 and former board member Wayne Gilbert registered 75 votes.

According to city and county

figures there are 6,500 registered voters, including both active and inactive voters. There were 251 citizens who voted in the school board election for a total turnout of 4%. Each voter was asked to vote for two of the three candidates, which accounts for the difference in vote total and actual citizens voting.

“It’s hard to drive turnout when that’s the only thing on the ballot,” said Dr. Steve Willard, District Superintendent. “If there were city council or something else it would draw in more people. But it is unfortunate that the turnout is so low.”



Mayor Randy Schmidt presents Belle Fourche **Police Chief Ryan Cherveney** with a proclamation Recognizing May 9 – 20 as National Police Week in Belle Fourche. “We want to publicly salute the services of the law enforcement officers in our community and all those who have been killed in the line of duty while safeguarding our democracy,” Mayor Schmidt said. “There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Belle Fourche Police Department.”

The Belle Fourche Police Department currently has a staff of 14. May 15 is designated as Police Officers Memorial Day and flags at all city and county buildings will fly at half staff that day.

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New mini exhibit about baseball opens with special book drawing for kids

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will open a new mini exhibit on Saturday, May 27, with a through-the-day reception of beverages and specially made cupcakes from SME's Treats.

The exhibit is entitled, "Batter Up: The History of Baseball." It will include storyboards and photos about how the game developed, baseball cards, the history of the tune "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," women in baseball, and how baseball has impacted society and the arts.

There will also be information about historical or current area baseball programs, includ-

ing the Basin League, Spearfish Sasquatch and Belle Fourche Youth Baseball.

The exhibit will also include a touchscreen quiz and a take-home workbook.

Young people who visit the exhibit on opening day can enter a drawing for the book, "Baseball History for Kids." Kids on baseball teams who come to the opening in their uniform can have their photo taken with the exhibit.

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



After completing a unit on volume in math, the fifth-grade students worked in teams to create their own zoo at the Belle Fourche Middle School. Students brought in boxes, also known as rectangular prisms, from home to use to create an animal of their choice. The students were required to measure, using a ruler, the length, width, and height of each box in order to find the total volume of their animal. Of course, they got to wrap and decorate their box creations to make it more realistic. The students had a blast and were very creative, all while learning about volume. - *Courtesy Photos*

South Park Hosts Family Literacy Night

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Belle Fourche Elementary Schools held a Family Literacy Night recently in the South Park Gym.

The event brought a total of 240 attendees, including kindergarten through 4th grade students and their families, together for a night packed full of literacy games, activities, and plenty of pizza for all. "Literacy Night is a way for families to come together and work with their students to build their literacy skills in fun and engaging ways," says

Katelyn Kukta, a reading intervention specialist at South Park Elementary.

"Literacy skills are very important for elementary students as they are really the building blocks for students to be successful in their educational careers and in their careers later after their education.

Without a strong foundation of literacy skills, other subjects can be a struggle for students later in their schooling, so it is very important that elementary students get these skills and this strong foundation early on." North and South Park teachers, Belle Fourche PTO members,

and Belle Fourche High School student volunteers helped engage students in activities to promote literacy and encourage the love of reading, such as a Sight Word Tower game, Scrabble, a Book Walk and much more.

"The South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center provided our activities and was a huge support in making Literacy Night happen," says Kukta. Pizza was provided by Belle Fourche Elementary and every student went home with at least one book or door prize.



Family Literacy Night attendees participate in the "Book Walk." - *Beacon Photo*



Students and families use clues to guess the story at Family Literacy Night.. *Beacon Photo*



South Park book walk. - *Beacon Photo*

BF Middle School Students of the Month for April



From left: **Teedin Humble** (8th Grade- Feb. student of the month); **Koby Bowden** (8th Grade); **Kailynn Lang** (7th Grade); **Madisyn VanSickle** (6th Grade); **Kynlee Waugh** (5th Grade); **Chase Jones** (6th Grade); **Max Coyle** (5th Grade); and **Tatum Martin** (7th Grade). - *Beacon Photo*

Middle School students of the month for April 2023 were recognized on Monday, May 8, at the school district's regular monthly board meeting.

The middle school teachers nominate the students and two are chosen from each grade, fifth through eighth.

They are chosen based on leadership qualities, academic achievement, excellence in behavior, and good citizenship. The students are presented with a certificate of recognition and a personalized school t-shirt.

For the 5th grade Max Coyle and Kynlee Waugh were honored.

The 5th grade award was sponsored by Stereos 'N Stuff, Radio Shack. In the 6th grade Madisyn VanSickle and Kynlee Waugh earned certificates.

Pete's Clothing sponsored the 6th grade award. In the 7th grade, Tatum Martin and Kailynn Lang were recognized. Twisted Apparel sponsored the 7th grade awards.

In the 8th grade Koby Bowden and Kyra Vandenberg were honored as students of the month. Nehl Dental sponsored the 8th grade award.

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"We will be the second school district in the nation to offer this type of program to students," Raba said.

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

BRAVO, Belle Fourche Area Community Theater! Matters of the heart were never so smart nor comical in last weekend’s production of Pride and Prejudice. One of literature’s best stories came to life with Kate Hamill’s fast-paced adaptation of the original classic novel, full of well executed wit, humor and British accents. The historically accurate wardrobe accentuated a well casted group of actors, many of whom I had never seen before on the BFACT stage. Leading lady, Isabella Dietrich, played a pragmatic and intellectual Lizzie Bennet who gradually fell for the morose Mr. Darcy, played by Gideon Gilger. The whole cast was worthy of mention – a constant source of laughter was Tyler Schone who played the verbose clergyman, Mr. Collins. Sharon Thompson delighted with her portrayal of the overbearing, emotional, yet endearing Mrs. Bennett. Blaine Anderson’s portrayal of Mr. Bennet was the perfect dose of dry humor, countering Mrs. Bennet’s “nerves” as she shamelessly sought out suitors for her daughters. I am truly astounded by the professional- level talent of the show and can’t wait for the next BFACT performance. A sincere thank you to the actors and directors for putting in the time to entertain our community. <image.png> My tickets are bought and I amAttention singers & actors! Auditions for the BFACT musical production, Rock of Ages, have been set: May 23 & 24 at 6:30 PM!



Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center held auditions on May 15th & 16th for “Nitwits from Neptune”, an outer space comedy called “Nitwits from Neptune,” which will be performed at Hometown Thursday in Belle Fourche on two dates in June, to be determined. Characters include Captain Nebbish, Lt. Overunder, Dr. Yipes and Goniff, who are four “Neptunite” crew members and Krakpott, a stowaway from Saturn. We will report on the casting decisions soon!

Attention singers & actors! Auditions for the BFACT musical production, Rock of Ages, have been set: May 23 & 24 at 6:30 PM!

Calling all writers! Belle Fourche Writers is pleased to announce the Call for Submissions to their “New Anthology, Life’s Landscapes.” Submissions are open from May 1st to July 31st 2023! They will be accepting poetry, prose, and short stories. Email Meg English (meg@bhsw.org) to receive a link to the submissions page.

Belle Fourche Writers will have their next regular meeting May 19, at 10 AM at the library. On May 30th they are scheduled to read at the Author Talks at Matthews Opera House, featuring poetry inspired by poetry month.

Mark your calendar with the BFACT (Belle Fourche Area Community Theater) complete season: the musical, Rock of Ages (July 27-30); the multi-theater one act performance - Getting Our Acts Together (August 26); the autumn show, House on Haunted Hill (October 20-22).

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



Belle Fourche Broncs vs. Lead-Deadwood 10-0



Nolan Wahlfeldt running bases. - Hallie Budmayr Photo



J.T. Hahne up to bat. - Hallie Budmayr Photo



Brayden Carbajal making a play at home plate.. Hallie Budmayr Photo



Evan Vissia running. Hallie Budmayr Photo



Anthony Budmayr at bat. - Hallie Budmayr Photo



Gavin Pearson running bases. - Hallie Budmayr Photo

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Juice / Fruit / Milk
Lunch: Cheeseburger or French Toast Sticks
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Tues, May 23rd
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Anything Left in the Barrel?



I cannot believe how fast the time flies!

Saturday is Graduation 2023 and this year's class of

Seniors is moving on to the life that awaits them.

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There will be a Sewing Workshop on Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at First In-

under the guidance of Mary Day.

We wish Alyssa and the Class of 2023 best of luck in the future, whatever path you may undergo.

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Butte/Lawrence 4-H Bytes

Sarah Jeitz

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Reminder that 4-H Fundraiser cards are due today, May 17. Please contact the office or your 4-H Club leader for more details about the turn in process.

There will be a Livestock Superintendents Meeting on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belle Fourche United Church of Christ.

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Belle Fourche School District

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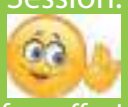
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Discussion on city work projects including clean up week & any other topics

From A1 **School Budget**

a Friday, usually in late September of the new school year. “It’s hard to budget ahead when you don’t know how student enrollment’s going to be,” said Board Vice President Scott Reder, who is also on the district’s budget committee. “So kudos to Susan and Dr. (Steve) Willard for putting this together and hoping that we’ll have the amount of kids we think we we’ll have, and hoping for more.”

Proefrock said she is taking a very conservative approach to budget numbers this year. The budget calculations for the coming year are based on an enrollment of 1,332 students. This past year’s state aid enrollment was 1,332 and that was after a projected enrollment of 1,330. “Even though we have a 7% increase in state aid, that doesn’t mean you’re necessarily going to have a 7% increase in funds. It’s all based on your enrollment,” Proefrock said. “So, I hope we have an increase in enrollment.”

The district is seeing a healthy number of open enrollments coming in from surrounding areas, but Willard cautions against using that number as a predictor of student population come this fall.

“We could lose 80 to 100 students before next fall, and we could gain 80 to 100 to 120,” Willard said. “That’s how much moving around happens. It’s pretty fluid.”

The above numbers do not take into account Special Education funds which are calculated for the coming school year based on enrollments from the previous December. In this case, Special Education enrollment would be measured in December of 2022 and that number would set reimbursement rates for the 2023-24 school year.

“You could have one student move in with disabilities (for the 23-24 school year) that completely throws off your Special Education budget,” Willard said.

If that happens, Caleb Case, BFSO Special Education Director, says they would have to apply to the state’s Extraordinary Costs Fund to supply the difference, which would act as a safety net.

The proposed budget includes, among other things, operating expenses, salary increases and capital outlay funds.

“Again, we’re conservative in this,” Willard said. “The principals look at requests from teacher and say is this a want or a need. We’re really leaning toward the need type things.”

Statewide, school districts are getting close to what is being referred to as the COVID cliff. That is when federal government funding, granted during the pandemic, runs out. Some of the funds run out later this year, the remainder by the end of 2024.

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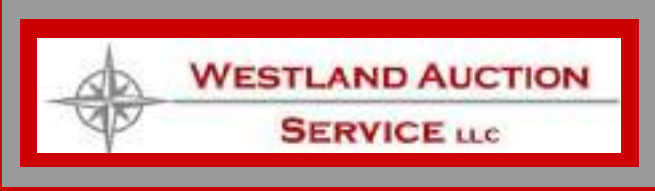
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“Building Main Street, not Wall Street” ————— by John Newby
Leveraging Resources for Local Communities

Small and local communities play a significant role in the development of our country. It has occurred to me that in the 3+ years of writing this column, I have failed to provide a listing of many of the National or State resources that a small local community can reach out to.

Local communities are the backbone of our economy, as such, our government offers programs to ensure their growth and development. The government, therefore, provides various resources to small communities to support their economic development. In this article, we will explore the national resources available for small communities for economic development.

1. Small Business Administration (SBA) provide loans to small businesses. Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, and these loans help



them to grow and create jobs. SBA loans offer low-interest rates and long repayment terms, making them a popular option for small businesses. These loans can be used for a variety of purposes, including working capital, purchasing inventory, and expanding business operations.

2. Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are grants that provide funding for local community development activities. The program provides funding for a wide range of projects, including economic development, housing, and public facilities. These grants are awarded to state and local governments, and they can be used for a variety of purposes, including infrastructure development, job creation, and workforce training.

3. Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG) are federal grants that provide funding

for rural businesses. These grants are designed to help rural businesses grow and create jobs in rural areas. The program provides funding for a variety of purposes, including working capital, marketing and advertising, and equipment purchases.

4. Economic Development Administration (EDA) provide grants to communities to support their economic development. The program provides funding for a variety of purposes, including infrastructure development, job creation, and workforce training. The agency also offers technical assistance to help communities develop strategies for economic growth.

5. USDA Rural Development Programs offer a variety of programs to support rural economic development. These programs provide funding for a wide range of projects, including business development, community facilities, and infrastructure development. They aid help communities develop strategies for economic growth.

6. State and Local Economic Development, depending on your state offer programs to support economic development. These programs provide funding

for a variety of purposes, including infrastructure development, job creation, and workforce training. They also offer assistance to help communities develop strategies for economic growth.

7. Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) are private, non-profit organizations that provide financing and assistance to small businesses and low-income communities. These institutions provide financing for a wide range of purposes, including working capital, equipment purchases, and real estate development.

8. Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) are local organizations that provide free and low-cost assistance to small businesses. They offer a variety of services, including business planning, marketing, and advertising, and financial management. SBDCs are funded by the SBA and other federal, state, and local government agencies.

9. SCORE Mentors is a national organization that provides free mentoring services to small businesses. The organization is staffed by retired executives and entrepreneurs who provide guidance and advice to small business owners. SCORE mentors help small business owners with a wide range of

issues, including business planning, marketing and advertising, and financial management.

10. Angel Investors and Venture Capitalists are individuals and organizations that provide financing to small businesses in exchange for equity or ownership in the company.

These investors are typically high-net-worth individuals or investment firms that specialize in providing funding to startups and small businesses.

This list is far from conclusive, there are literally dozens of other resources available depending upon the state in which you live. Local communities play a crucial role in the economic development of any country as such, each community should take the time and expend the resources necessary to explore which of the above resources and others should be pursued. Time is short, don’t hesitate, the future of your local community may depend upon it.

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Rockin B Feeders, Newell SD.....	45.....	Bldd.....	Heifer.....	1028	\$2,600.00
Rockin B Feeders, Newell SD.....	13.....	Blk.....	3 Years.....	1133	\$3,000.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD.....	13.....	Blk.....	Heifer.....	1090	\$3,050.00

Weigh Up Cows

7 Lazy 7 Cattle Co, Sidney MT.....	8.....	Bldd.....	Cow.....	1200.....	\$99.50
7 Lazy 7 Cattle Co, Sidney MT.....	3.....	Bldd.....	Cow.....	1043.....	\$97.00
7 Lazy 7 Cattle Co, Sidney MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1285.....	\$97.00
7 Lazy 7 Cattle Co, Sidney MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1315.....	\$93.50
Alexander, Mary Helen, Hill City SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	935.....	\$170.00
Alexander, Mary Helen, Hill City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1310.....	\$86.00
Alexander, Mary Helen, Hill City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1080.....	\$86.00
Alexander, Vance, Hill City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1565.....	\$102.00
Alexander, Vance, Hill City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1325.....	\$101.50
Alexander, Vance, Hill City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1035.....	\$91.50
Andrews, Dean Or Kay, Red Owl SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	985.....	\$112.50
Andrews, Dean Or Kay, Red Owl SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1650.....	\$95.00
Andrews, Dean Or Kay, Red Owl SD.....	4.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1237.....	\$90.50
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1120.....	\$94.50
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1170.....	\$89.50
Bird, Jim, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Cow.....	Cow.....	1505.....	\$101.50
Bird, Jim, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1220.....	\$98.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	1.....	Hfrt.....	700.....	\$157.00	
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	1272.....	\$105.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1445.....	\$101.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1400.....	\$91.50
Brost, Jess, Alzada MT.....	6.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	1016.....	\$167.00
Brost, Jess, Alzada MT.....	3.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	1043.....	\$137.50
Brost, Jess, Alzada MT.....	2.....	B/R.....	Hfrt.....	1000.....	\$137.00
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT.....	8.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	925.....	\$164.50
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	995.....	\$115.50
Chula Vista Cattle LLC, Martin SD.....	2.....	Rbld.....	Cow.....	1247.....	\$92.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	1095.....	\$107.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1507.....	\$102.50
Clements, Austin, Glendive MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1300.....	\$102.00
Collins Ranch LLC, Biddle MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1485.....	\$103.50
Collins Ranch LLC, Biddle MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1410.....	\$103.50
Collins Ranch LLC, Biddle MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1265.....	\$98.50
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	1115.....	\$110.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1092.....	\$102.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1395.....	\$95.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1270.....	\$93.50
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	955.....	\$93.00
Cow Creek Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Char.....	Cow.....	1590.....	\$95.00
Croell, Roger R, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1510.....	\$102.50
Croell, Roger R, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1240.....	\$90.50
Croell, Roger R, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Red.....	Cow.....	1140.....	\$89.00
Croell, Roger R, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1170.....	\$84.50
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1350.....	\$100.00
Crowser, Troy Or Gabriel, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1365.....	\$99.50
Crowser, Troy Or Gabriel, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Red.....	Cow.....	1410.....	\$92.50
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	1010.....	\$152.50
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	1025.....	\$119.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1425.....	\$103.50
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY.....	1.....	Bld.....	Cow.....	1305.....	\$102.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1042.....	\$95.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn, Osage WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1065.....	\$89.00
Davis, Michael E & Alison, Osage WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1155.....	\$87.50
Draine, Larry, Boyes MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1387.....	\$97.00
Draine, Larry, Boyes MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1290.....	\$95.50
Draine, Larry, Boyes MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1185.....	\$92.50
Duprel, Jack, Sturgis SD.....	8.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1414.....	\$95.50
Elliott, Lee Or Linda, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Red.....	Hfrt.....	1010.....	\$169.00
Elliott, Lee Or Linda, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1135.....	\$89.00
Elliott, Lee Or Linda, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1745.....	\$85.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	7.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	971.....	\$163.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1140.....	\$102.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1150.....	\$101.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1222.....	\$97.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	4.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1355.....	\$94.50
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	3.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1231.....	\$87.00
Flehs, Gary, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	Cow.....	1245.....	\$93.50	
Geis, James R, Aladdin WY.....	2.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1220.....	\$92.00
Geis, Stephen Or Stephanie A, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1165.....	\$95.50
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	1017.....	\$165.00
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	8.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	1126.....	\$152.50
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1422.....	\$101.00
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1315.....	\$93.00
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1220.....	\$92.50
Haier Enterprise Inc, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1235.....	\$100.50
Hoffman, Zeb, Creighton SD.....	2.....	Red.....	Cow.....	1220.....	\$96.00
Hoffman, Zeb, Creighton SD.....	1.....	Red.....	Cow.....	1085.....	\$94.00
Hoffman, Zeb, Creighton SD.....	1.....	Red.....	Cow.....	960.....	\$86.00
Janssen, William, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1400.....	\$102.00
Janssen, William, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1320.....	\$95.50
Janssen, William, Volborg MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1232.....	\$95.50
Janssen, William, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1305.....	\$87.50
Jev Livestock LLC, St Onge SD.....	1.....	Bldd.....	Cow.....	1490.....	\$99.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	1000.....	\$163.50
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1315.....	\$102.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1535.....	\$97.50
Kammerer, Jake+21-90, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Hfrt.....	925.....	\$176.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1610.....	\$91.00
Kammerer, Matt Or April, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1280.....	\$91.00
Komes, Josh, Vale SD.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1465.....	\$95.50
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1015.....	\$92.00
Komes, Timothy J, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Herf.....	Cow.....	1415.....	\$91.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD.....	3.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1118.....	\$98.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1200.....	\$86.00
Kvernveig, Gary, Aberdeen SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1200.....	\$97.00
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1545.....	\$103.00
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD.....	2.....	Bld.....	Cow.....	1340.....	\$92.50
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Bld.....	Cow.....	1195.....	\$89.50
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD.....	2.....	Bldd.....	Cow.....	1235.....	\$88.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1385.....	\$102.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1417.....	\$100.50
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD.....	3.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1215.....	\$100.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD.....	3.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	1041.....	\$116.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD.....	5.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1320.....	\$103.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1435.....	\$102.50
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1360.....	\$102.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD.....	3.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1251.....	\$97.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1100.....	\$96.00
Lindsey, Denna, Newell SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cwette.....	1195.....	\$120.00
Lindsey, Denna, Newell SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Cow.....	1307.....	\$101.00

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Sheep Report - Thursday, May 11, 2023

Good run of slaughter ewes today & they sold mostly steady to \$2 lower
Lambs sold \$5 higher

Next Sale - May 18th - Regular Sale - 1 PM
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank You For Your Business!

Bred Ewes - sold by the head

Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND.....	14.....	2-3yr Ewes.....	146.....	\$180.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND.....	11.....	4-5yr Ewes.....	165.....	\$130.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND.....	53.....	5-6yr Ewes.....	168.....	\$120.00

Feeder Lambs

Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD.....	5.....	Lamb.....	73.....	\$200.00
Johnson, Duane, Newell SD.....	8.....	Lamb.....	81.....	\$190.00
Mart Madsen Sheep Co, Douglas WY.....	22.....	Lamb.....	92.....	\$146.00
X-X Ranch, Ludlow SD.....	79.....	Lamb.....	88.....	\$170.00

Slaughter Ewes

Clemenis, Tristan, Vale SD.....	6.....	K Ewe.....	135.....	\$49.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	10.....	K Ewe.....	125.....	\$49.00
Patterson, Allison, Buffalo SD.....	13.....	K Ewe.....	196.....	\$53.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD.....	21.....	K Ewe.....	161.....	\$53.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD.....	50.....	K Ewe.....	147.....	\$52.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD.....	38.....	K Ewe.....	128.....	\$49.00
Turbville, Don Or Nancy, Buffalo SD.....	10.....	K Ewe.....	145.....	\$52.00
Wilkinson, Jim, Reva SD.....	6.....	K Ewe.....	174.....	\$53.00
Willow Creek Partners LLC, Alzada MT.....	21.....	K Ewe.....	149.....	\$52.00
Willow Creek Partners LLP, Alzada MT.....	29.....	K Ewe.....	130.....	\$49.00

Slaughter Bucks

Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC, Belle Fourche SD.....	17	K Buck.....	232.....	\$53.00
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NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, May 18, 2023
Regular Sheep Sale 1PM
Pairs
SD - 40 2- & 3-Yr-Old w/ 135% Lamb Crop - Docked

2023 SHEEP SALES

May 25th – New Crop Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 1st – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 8th – No Sale
June 15th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
June 22nd – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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May 26th – Pair Special – Selling All Classes
June 2nd – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
June 9th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
June 16th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
June 23rd – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
June 30th – No Sale
July 7th – No Sale
July 14th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
July 21st – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes
July 28th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes

2023 SPRING BULL SALE LIST

May 19th – Turn-Out Bull Sale

Friday, May 19, 2023

Regular Sale & Turn Out Bull Sale
10:00 AM - Weigh Ups 1:00 PM - Turn Out Bull Sale
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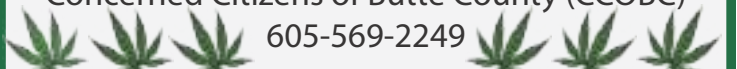



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Yet, as his recovery continues, and with the encouragement of friends and family, he will be continuing the Good Stuff. The following is a note from Jim.

"DeAnn Kruempel from Logan, Iowa encouraged me to continue the Good Stuff. So despite my hands not cooperating totally I'll struggle on as I can."

Jim would like to pass along his appreciation and thanks to all the good wishes he has received! If you'd like to send correspondence here is the address:

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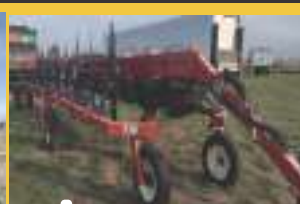


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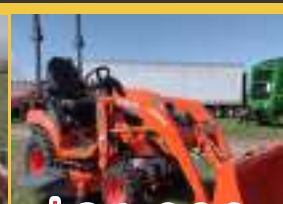
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Widespread Heavy Rains Cover the Area

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BELLE FOURCHE – A slow-moving spring storm system brought beneficial rains to a large area of western South Dakota and adjacent regions of Montana and Wyoming last week. Creek beds that had been dry were running and stock ponds that were shrinking began filling once again. The moisture laden low-pressure system brought widespread rain totals of 2.5 inches or more and more than seven inches in some areas. Belle Fourche totaled just shy of five inches.

The rain began in earnest on Thursday and lasted through much of Saturday, finally mov-

ing out on Sunday when some lingering drizzle persisted. The National Weather Service office in Rapid City said the storm system would have created a more significant flooding event if the ground had not already been drying after snow melt and a lack of precipitation in April and early May. As it was, few flash flood or flooding alerts were issued for the area as the rainfall was rather slow and steady over the three-day period. There were reports to the Beacon of a few washouts of ranch drives and some remote county roads.

Here is a look at some of the area 4-day rainfall totals (May 11-14) as of Sunday night May 14:

Belle Fourche – 4.95 inches
East of Belle Fourche – 5.31 inches
Vale – 4.54 inches
3 SE Nisland - 3.75
1 SW Newell - 2.70
1 NNW Nisland - 2.54
Whitewood – 5.20 inches
Saint Onge – 5.07 inches
Spearfish – 7.75 inches
Howes – 3.45 inches
Elm Springs – 3.87
Mud Butte – 3.03 inches
Sturgis – 2.80
Lead – 3.80
Fairpoint – 3.12 inches
Prairie City – 5.43 inches
Bison – 4.52 inches
Sorum – 3.61
Shadehill – 2.81
Lemmon – 2.00



(At left) Flooding in Butte County after last week's rains. - Courtesy photo



(Right) Bridal Veil Falls in Spearfish Canyon was flowing at full capacity. - Beacon photo

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FEEDER CATTLE	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
Castleberry Inc, Ekalaka MT	89	Herf-Str Pc Ni	617	274.00...1,689.87 \$
	86	Herf-Str Pc Ni	544	292.50...1,591.91 \$
Kp & Keith Stevens, Ashland MT	108	Blk/BwF-Str	855	208.00...1,778.59 \$
	55	Blk/BwF-Hfr Bv	747	207.50...1,550.59 \$
Steve Wuthier, Buffalo WY	39	Rd/Blk-Str Ni, An	660	261.00...1,721.59 \$
	18	Rd/Blk-Hfr Bv Ni, An	575	235.00...1,351.90 \$
Than Brengle, Buffalo SD	47	Blk/BwF-Str Pc Ni	532	270.00...1,435.30 \$
	11	Black-Str Pc Ni	445	267.50...1,190.37 \$
	26	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Ni	481	269.00...1,292.75 \$
	17	Rd/Blk-Hfr Ni	407	257.50...1,048.17 \$
Lj & Karen Turner, Gillette WY	7	Red-Str	579	246.00...1,425.04 \$
WY Consignment	21	Black-Hfr	775	188.50...1,461.32 \$
	6	Black-Hfr	536	241.00...1,291.35 \$
Dave Garman, Belle Fourche SD	20	BwF-Str Ni	803	202.00...1,622.06 \$
	24	BwF-Str Ni	625	246.00...1,538.52 \$
	27	Rd/Blk-Hfr Ni	775	185.00...1,434.09 \$
	23	Blk/BwF-Hfr Ni	602	222.00...1,335.86 \$
	11	Black-Hfr Ni	439	235.00...1,030.79 \$
Brian Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	12	Black-Str Pc Df	581	251.00...1,458.93 \$
Schlusser Ranch, Hulett WY	15	Black-Yring Str Pc	834	201.25...1,679.09 \$
Gary Bischoff, Alzada MT	15	Red/RwF-Hfr Bv Ni	444	261.00...1,158.84 \$
	15	Red/RwF-Hfr Bv Ni	346	240.00...831.20 \$
	16	Red-Str Pc Ni	511	262.00...1,338.65 \$
PAIRS	HD	WT	\$/HD	
Rod Schaffer, Broadus MT	17	Black-Pair Sm	1567	2350.00
	17	Black-Pair	1509	2350.00
	21	Black-Pair Bm	1441	2150.00
	22	Black-Pair	1475	2150.00
Schultes Ranch Llc, Howes SD	36	Blk/BwF-Str 3-5 Yo	1509	2550.00
Tristan Horst, Belle Fourche SD	3	Blk/BwF-Str Sm	1365	2150.00
Daniel J Cooper, Spearfish SD	8	Rd/Blk-Pair Nt 3-7 Yo	1378	2100.00
COWS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
Austin T Risty, Reva SD	1	Black-Hfrt	965	162.00...1,563.30 \$
Billy Clanton, Buffalo SD	8	Blk/BwF-Hfrt	946	168.00...1,589.70 \$
WY Consignment	1	Black-Hfrt	1065	150.00...1,597.50 \$
Brian Fox, Newell SD	1	Herf-Hfrt	820	151.00...1,238.20 \$
Colt Floyd, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cowette	960	141.00...1,353.60 \$
Arcadia Llc, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Hfrt	775	165.00...1,278.75 \$
Joni Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Hfrt	1005	163.00...1,638.15 \$
4 Lazy 3 Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	3	Blk/BwF-Cowette	1087	140.00...1,521.33 \$
Iron Mountain, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1190	127.50...1,517.25 \$
	3	Black-Cow	1397	104.00...1,452.53 \$
Mike McCoy, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Black-Cow	1080	125.00...1,350.00 \$
Mac Tooker, Ekalaka MT	8	Black-Cowette	881	147.50...1,298.92 \$
	6	Blk/BwF-Cow	1219	103.50...1,261.83 \$
	9	Black-Cow	1192	117.00...1,394.25 \$
	1	Red-Hfrt	765	144.00...1,101.60 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	980	160.00...1,568.00 \$
Iron Mountain, Belle Fourche SD	24	Blk-Hfrt	877	179.00...1,570.35 \$
Beach Farms Inc, Ekalaka MT	2	Rd/Blk-Hfrt	843	172.50...1,453.31 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	795	106.00...842.70 \$
Richard Perli, Rapid City SD	1	Black-Cow	1645	103.50...1,702.57 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1565	104.50...1,635.42 \$
Ry O'connor, Plevna MT	5	Black-Cow	1140	100.00...1,140.00 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1135	102.50...1,163.37 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1240	102.00...1,264.80 \$
Dennis Denson, Ashland MT	22	Black-Cow	1349	101.00...1,362.12 \$
	5	Black-Hfrt	1116	150.00...1,674.00 \$
	6	Black-Cowette	1076	129.00...1,387.82 \$
	7	Black-Cow	1269	102.50...1,301.01 \$
Chantz Lambert, Hammond MT	1	Black-Cow	1440	104.00...1,497.60 \$
Bill Lambert, Hammond MT	6	Black-Hfrt	1157	146.00...1,688.73 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1585	103.00...1,632.55 \$
Joe Koski, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1190	124.00...1,475.60 \$
Sonya Mallett, Powderville MT	1	Black-Cow	1575	105.00...1,653.75 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	1210	135.00...1,633.50 \$
S & L Sheep Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	2	Black-Cow	1610	103.50...1,666.35 \$
Lane Sterling, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cow	1290	100.00...1,290.00 \$
Robert Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1545	105.50...1,629.97 \$
J&J Livestock, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cowette	1225	122.00...1,494.50 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	1060	125.00...1,325.00 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1415	101.00...1,429.15 \$
Roger Or Eva Kyar, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1545	104.50...1,614.52 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1080	124.00...1,339.20 \$
Riesland Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Red-Cow	1050	105.00...1,102.50 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1065	126.00...1,341.90 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1410	106.00...1,494.60 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1433	105.50...1,511.28 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	1200	124.00...1,488.00 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	1015	162.00...1,644.30 \$
Kent Kreutz, Whitewood SD	1	Black-Cow	1380	112.00...1,545.60 \$
J D Grieves, Upton WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1310	131.00...1,716.10 \$
Cody / Gabrielle Burke, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1275	102.00...1,300.50 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1325	105.00...1,391.25 \$
Joe And Jane Burke, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1655	105.00...1,737.75 \$
	1	BwF-Cow	1425	104.00...1,482.00 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1250	122.00...1,525.00 \$
	4	Blk/BwF-Cowette	1278	112.00...1,430.80 \$
	2	Black-Cowette	1175	126.00...1,480.50 \$
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	1	Red-Cowette	1195	121.00...1,445.95 \$
Brian & Anita Tope, Rozet WY	1	BwF-Cowette	955	112.50...1,074.37 \$
Loyd Williams, Broadus MT	4	Red/RwF-Cowette	1286	104.50...1,344.13 \$
Luke Earley, Broadus MT	2	Black-Cow	1388	105.50...1,463.81 \$
Trevor Gamman, Belle Fourche SD	4	Black-Cowette	1199	114.00...1,366.57 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1235	101.00...1,247.35 \$
Tim Reich, Belle Fourche SD	3	Char-Cow	1277	109.00...1,391.56 \$
	11	Char-Cow	1429	105.00...1,500.06 \$
	1	Char-Cow	1520	101.00...1,535.20 \$
WY Consignment	1	Black-Hfrt	1145	139.00...1,591.55 \$
	3	Black-Cow	1405	104.50...1,468.22 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1490	106.00...1,570.40 \$
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	7	Blk/BwF-Cowette	1389	103.00...1,430.96 \$
Jerry Or Heather Senn, Opal SD	1	Black-Hfrt	1110	151.00...1,676.10 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1013	132.00...1,336.50 \$
	2	Black-Cowette	1000	132.00...1,320.00 \$
Donald Carroll Jr, Fairburn SD	2	Black-Cow	1265	103.00...1,302.95 \$
Sodak Angus Ranch, Reva SD	2	Rd/Blk-Cowette	993	133.00...1,320.02 \$
	4	Black-Cowette	1065	129.00...1,373.85 \$
	3	Black-Cow	1465	105.00...1,538.25 \$
Craig Reinold, Custer SD	1	Black-Cowette	1130	131.00...1,480.30 \$
Rollie Wilson, Bowman ND	1	Black-Hfrt	890	111.00...987.90 \$
Graham Lvstik Inc, Moorcroft WY	2	Black-Cowette	1170	148.00...1,731.60 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1190	125.00...1,487.50 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1563	104.00...1,625.00 \$
SD Consignment	1	Black-Cowette	1185	122.50...1,451.62 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1045	150.00...1,567.50 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1155	120.00...1,386.00 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1070	127.00...1,358.90 \$
	1	Red-Cowette	1110	141.00...1,565.10 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1140	118.00...1,345.20 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1080	110.00...1,188.00 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1180	117.00...1,380.60 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1035	152.00...1,573.20 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1075	127.00...1,365.25 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1055	101.00...1,065.55 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	990	143.00...1,415.70 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1095	120.00...1,314.00 \$
	1	Red-Cowette	1115	126.00...1,404.90 \$
	1	Red-Cowette	995	128.00...1,273.60 \$
	1	Black-Cowette	1395	107.00...1,492.65 \$
	1	BwF-Cowette	1070	148.00...1,583.60 \$
Arrow F Ranch, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cowette	825	107.50...886.87 \$
Darel & Debra Casteel, Vale SD	5	Black-Cowette	923	141.00...1,301.43 \$
Justin Casteel, Vale SD	2	Black-Cowette	958	149.00...1,426.67 \$
Carl Bruch, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1265	118.00...1,492.70 \$
Jesse VansteenWYk, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1450	105.00...1,522.50 \$
Pat Burke, Newell SD	1	RwF-Cow	1380	104.00...1,435.20 \$
	1	RwF-Cowette	1160	120.00...1,392.00 \$
	1	BwF-Cow	1380	105.00...1,449.00 \$
Leroy Tronstad, Baker MT	4	Red-Cow	1315	104.50...1,374.17 \$
	2	Red-Cow	1338	102.50...1,370.93 \$
	2	Black-Cow	1593	103.50...1,648.23 \$
Joni Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1543	105.00...1,620.50 \$
Donald Turbiville, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1360	108.00...1,468.80 \$
Gabe Carroll, Ekalaka MT	1	BwF-Cow	1700	101.50...1,725.50 \$
Schlusser Ranch, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1395	105.50...1,471.72 \$
Triangle Ranch, Ekalaka MT	1	Red-Cow	1085	102.50...1,112.12 \$
Frank J Nies, Ekalaka MT	2	Black-Cow	1498	105.00...1,572.37 \$
BULLS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
Ryan Cordell, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull	2020	113.50...2,292.70 \$

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From C1 City Commission

that it must be at least 10 feet from the property line. A roof extension was approved, along with a gazebo and front porch remodel.

A building permit for foundation repair was approved for Mike Keolker on Third St.

New windows, a new roof, paint, and inside remodel was approved for Dustin Erickson at 218 Dartmouth.

A building permit for conditional use was granted to Greg Rausch at 601 E. 6th St. The living quarters is a tiny house and the owner wants to put the tiny house on a crawl space.

There was a water leak at the home of Chris and Crystal Krothoff, 509 Elmira. Krothoffs requested an adjustment on the sewer charge since the water had been pumped out to the back yard and the sewer had not been used. The commissioners decided to honor an adjustment for the sewer portion.

The Splash Pad was discussed at length with Newell Improvement Corporation spokesperson Colleen Brunner. She pointed out that it was the intention of NIC to make it known that the Splash Pad is available and ready to be used this summer in Newell. NIC would like to have a Grand Opening soon and requested that the city help to make that a reality.

Mayor Wetz noted that he was hesitant to approve anything

until the project was complete. There is a need for a concrete apron around the Splash Pad to keep mud out of the recycling equipment. He continued to discuss the use of concrete or gravel as suggested by Parker.

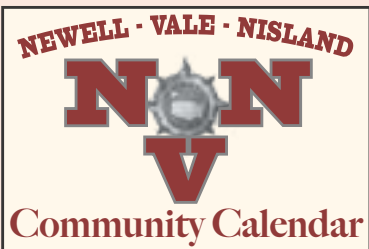
“Our intention is to get concrete as soon as possible,” said Brunner. But, gravel would be a quicker answer at this time, she agreed.

Commissioner Youngberg moved to approve a grand opening ceremony as soon as all the requirements, including having gravel or concrete around the Splash Pad, made by the City are fulfilled. The vote passed with a four to one vote, the dissenting vote being made by Commissioner Olson.

A sales tax comparison of April 2022 to April 2023 shows that there is a \$873.09 deficit between the two years. March 2023 had an increase in sales tax over March 2022 of \$10,912.71. Previous months had also shown an increase over 2022. To date there has been a total of \$18,195.18 increase of 2023 over 2022. The Newell Liquor Store has continued to show positive profits for 2023, although not quite as high as 2022.

Commissioner Olson made note of the hard work of Finance Office Sheila Smith and Finance Clerk Kendal Wetz do on a daily basis.

The next regular commissioners’ meeting will be June 14 at 5 p.m. in the City Offices.



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

NEWELL GOLF CLUB NOW OPEN FOR SEASON: Mon & Tues-3 p.m.; Wed-Fri-11 a.m.; Sat & Sun-8 a.m.

May 17: Baccalaureate service for all graduating seniors. Supper at 6 p.m. followed by service for the graduates. Located at 308 4th Street. Come and celebrate the graduates.

May 17: Newell school awards ceremony, 2 p.m. in Austin Auditorium.

May 20: NHS Graduation, 2 p.m. in Austin Auditorium.

May 22: Blue Line Diner opens for the season. Currently looking for cooks and table bussers. Call Dawn at 605-490-8149.

May 22: Vale township will host a “grant reception” recognizing the grants received to refurbish the old school, which is a historical structure. Please come and join the party at 2 p.m. at the school.

May 23: NVN Senior Citizen monthly meeting, 11 a.m. during Pie Day at the Center on Third Street.

May 29: Memorial Day.

May 31: Free will offering Spaghetti Feed, Vale Community Church, 4-7 p.m. Bake sale and silent auction.

June 3: Newell city-wide yard sale. (Also bake sale-location TBA) Last day to sign up to be on the map, 5/31. Stop by VIP Insurance at 106 8th Street to register. Donations taken to help with printing costs for flyers/maps.

June 5-9: Keepers of the Kingdom VBS at Nisland Ind. Com. Church. Closing program on Friday night. VBS runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. A sack lunch will be provided for each child. Pickup in Newell at 8:15 at Blue Line Diner and in Vale at the Post Office at 8:30. Register online at <https://nislandchurch.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom/>

June 10: Memorial scramble at Newell Golf Club. See club FB page for further details.

June 12: City Commission, 5 p.m. at city admin offices. Newell school board, 6 p.m. in multipurpose room.

June 14: Flag Day. Fly the colors!

June 18: Father's Day. Celebrate the fathers.

From C1 School Board

have been contacted.

Board Member Sara Brunner said that it was necessary to know what the project for the remodel entails. She pointed out that the bid does not detail all the work to be done.

“Do we have more detailed pictures,” asked Board Member Todd Youngberg.

The bid paperwork was unclear as to the replacement of flooring, among other parts of the project, adding to the decision that the bids would not be accepted. There is a possibility that bids will be let out again in June for just the restrooms.

K12 Principal Steve Schoenfish reported that he had been working on virtual learning guidelines. He gave the Board to look at the plans that the committee had come up with and will continue to work on something during the summer months.

Schoenfish also reported that Black Hills Pest Control had been on the school grounds to check on some problems in the elementary building. They had not found any major concerns

but did spray for spiders, etc.

Superintendent Fergen pointed out that there are still openings for the 2023-2024 school year. There is a need in First Grade, Fourth Grade, Elementary Title, 8-12 Grade Math, and a Special Ed Director. He has been doing some interviews, but no one has “signed on the dotted line” at this moment.

The boiler issue is still under investigation. Temp Tech has recommended having a mechanical study done. Fergen will continue with delving into the issues.

He has been working on the high school low graduation rates. He is working on common protocols with the staff, using \$60,000 from the state to set up supporting curriculum that will aid the high school.

A stipend was approved by the board for professional development using ESSERIII funds at \$250 per day for two days. Also, a stipend of \$30 per hour was approved for teachers and \$22 per hour for non-teachers, for Comprehensive Needs Assessment/school success team.

There will be some staff changes for the next year.

Resignations were accepted for Jada Jones, K teacher, and Tonya Mullaney, Special Ed Director. Randy Decker was approved as Head Maintenance for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

There have been some additions to Policy JFC: Student Conduct including the following:

- Using lewd, profane or obscene language, displaying lewd, profane or obscene language or pictures, or lewd or indecent exposure.
- Sexually harassing any other person.
- Defying the valid authority of school employees.
- Conduct in classroom, hallway, or any other location on school property or on a school bus which is disruptive.
- Harassment (including hazing) of any other student or staff member of the School District or any other person who is on the property of the School District.
- Bullying
- Racial or ethnic slurs.

The next regular School Board meeting will be June 14, 2023 a 6 p.m.

From C1 Town Hall

is doing what they can as they search trucks coming across the southern border. But the drugs come in by drones and planes, too.

He said that there needs to be a hard look at drug use and consequences. Drug Court should be at the beginning of a drug arrest, instead after several arrests.

“It’s a society issue,” he said.

“It’s here. And it’s big,” said Sherry Hocking, Newell Ambulance Director.

Twenty-one per cent of Newell ambulance calls are drug related, she said, pointing out that the local EMS gets exposed to fentanyl. A pinhead size of the drug can kill.

But, she asked, what is the answer? She said that mental health issues play a large role and there is not enough help in the area.

“It’s getting worse,” she said. “It doesn’t matter where we come from, addiction knows no bounds.”

Change should begin in Middle School said Kara Graveman with Action for the Betterment of our Community (ABC). ABC runs youth treatment and operates a Middle School prevention program.

“We are expecting unhealthy people to become healthy,” she said. And continued to say that broken people need to be listened to by someone who cares.

The five fully-credentialed staff members at the New Dawn work with men who take part in a minimum of 90 days of treatment. She indicated that the brain takes 18 months to heal from the use of meth and other drugs.

“You can’t scare them straight,” said Joe Gutierrez,



Joe Gutterrez is Commander of Western SD Juvenile Services Center in Rapid City. - Betty Bruner photo

Commander of the Western SD Juvenile Center in Rapid City.

“Educate, educate, educate,” he continued. And hold them accountable.

The Western SD Juvenile Center is a holding facility for 10-21-year-olds. They are youth with serious assaults to rape to murder. There are 10 young people there for murder, he said. Butte County has had youth in the center in the last year.

Anyone can become an addict, according to Dan Rose a Special Agent with DCI. To dealers, it’s a business and it’s important to get rid of the demand.

Rose gave some important advice. The Cartels plant people in areas all through the US and they are in charge.

“If you see a pill, don’t touch it. Call law enforcement,” he said.

Heroin is now taking a back seat to fentanyl. It is not just in the big city, but can be found nearly everywhere. Mexico is the largest importer of fentanyl

from China.

He warned the crowd to watch for foil with dark tracks that look like worm tracks. Don’t touch it!

“We have a major role” in helping anyone who is addicted. “Show compassion,” he said.

The evening was brought to a close with information from SDHP Trooper James Linn. The young public doesn’t see drugs as an impairment, he said. Drugs impair judgement and reality.

What can the community do? He encouraged everyone that if they see something, say something.

Everyone is responsible to treat people with respect.

“What we say is very important,” said Rose.

An important website to check out is drugs.com. The website shows photos of a “real” drug compared to the drugs manufactured to look real.

Drugs cause chaos at the border. It needs to stop there.



Finance Officer Sheila Smith, left, gave the Oath of Office to Lorri Olson, center, and Tiffany Tennis, right. They will serve terms until 2026. Seated are Mayor Ken Wetz, left, Don Adams and Allen Youngberg. - Betty Bruner photo

Betty Olson
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Everyone on the ranch went to Buffalo Monday evening to watch the kids Spring Music Program and the Kindergarten Graduation. The music program was really entertaining and it was fun watching our great granddaughter, Copper Olson, and the other kindergarten kids get their diplomas, cross the tassel on their hats to the other side, and then throw their hats in the air just like high school grads do.

Amy Johnson hosted Ladies Aid at the church on Tuesday. She led the Bible study and then fed us ice cream from the Reva Store and a delicious gluten-free chocolate cake with peanut butter frosting that even Linda Mohagen could eat. Reub had advertised two old pickups for sale in the Eido last week and the guy that bought them came down on Tuesday to get the first one and will be coming back for the other one soon. Amanda picked up Copper from school that afternoon and also picked up Cash Hanson so he could help the guys brand again Wednesday morning.

I had planned to go up and at least watch them brand, but I evidently caught the flu that Missy had the last time they branded because I spent all day with my feet up in the recliner sicker than a dog. I got a scam call that evening from someone pretending to be one of our grandsons that claimed he was in jail after getting in a wreck with a woman that wound up in the hospital. His “lawyer” got on the line and said that our grandson needed \$5000 cash right away to get out of jail and I wasn’t supposed to let any of his family know about it! I called his parents right away and found out that he hadn’t had a car wreck and wasn’t in jail, so I didn’t send any cash. The “lawyer” said his name was Anthony Davis and gave me his phone number, 646-974-1887, so I could call him to find out where to send the cash! Several weeks ago Missy got a similar call that was supposedly from another of

our grandsons wanting money to rent another vehicle after he wrecked the one he was driving and she didn’t fall for that scam either.

I was still sick on Thursday, but at least I got out to take care of my chickens and that was the first time I had gotten 17 eggs from all 17 hens! The hay grinder came that day and left the guys a good pile of ground hay to feed to the livestock. We also got an inch and 74 hundredths of much needed and welcome rain!

I was feeling a little better by Friday and it was still raining. We only got .79 hundredths that day, but I got another 17 eggs from my 17 hens! What was really entertaining on Friday was getting to watch our granddaughter Kanon Olson graduate from the college in Ames, Iowa to become a certified Veterinarian! Kanon had sent us a link to watch her graduation on YouTube and we got to watch



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

May 8, 1913

Up to this writing there have been no rains this spring and the seed in the late plowed land will not sprout until it does rain. The Reclamation Service is getting in readiness to turn on water as soon as there is a demand for it by the water users. Water will probably be running in the ditches in a few days unless it begins to rain.

Judge W.R. Perkins had to shoot two horses last week on account of their being affected with the farcy, a disease very closely akin to the glanders and almost as fatal. Two others of this bunch have been found to be affected with the disease and have been quarantined. This dreadful disease has been known to have existed in the country since the railroad contractors traded off diseased animals around here, but this is the first case that has shown up in this locality.

Mrs. Richards is now selling settings of eggs from thoroughbred Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds now 75 cents or \$1.50 per 15. Come and see the flocks the eggs came from. Mrs. A.E. Richards is located 1½ miles southeast of Newell.

May 10, 1923

Wolves still get in their work occasionally. Last Friday night while the J.O. Lahti family was in town to attend the play, wolves got into the corral where they had a hospitable bunch of 12 sheep and killed 6 of them. The wolves had to jump a high woven wire fence to get in. It is also reported that they have recently killed some calves and yearlings further west.

In an action which has been pending for years before the State Board of Railroad Com-

mission, the City of Newell has been awarded a favorable decision and the board has issued an order commanding and requiring the Chicago & Northwestern Rail Road Company to construct and operate its line of railroad into the Town of Newell and to provide adequate station facilities therein. Records show the railroad, which has been pending for years, has no title to present Depot sites and has right within the Town. The order of the State Board issued under date of April 28, and the Rail Road Company is given until December 1, 1923, to comply with the order.

Fred Voice has folded up his barber kit and retired from head chair of the Barrett Shop. He is rather undecided about his future plans, but in the meantime will commune with the fish in some of the Black Hills rivulets.

May 11, 1933

The Senior Farewell dance will be held at the school house Friday evening, May 12th. As this is a farewell to the seniors and the last High School dance of the year, everyone in the Senior High School should make a special effort to attend. To even up the crowd it will be a dated affair. This is 25 cents will be charged for a couple and even though a boy comes alone he will still be charged a quarter. Girls coming alone will be admitted for only 10 cents.

The golf match between Ft. Meade, Sturgis and Newell was again postponed last Sunday on account of the rain. This make-up match will be played on Sunday, May 21st, if weather conditions permit. This coming Sunday, Sundance is scheduled to play on the Newell Course.

In case of a fire, the public

is requested to give the fire department the right-of-way by parking cars at curb until fire apparatus passes. While the firemen appreciate the help of the public in fighting fires, nothing effective can be done until the department’s equipment reaches the scene and for that reason no cars should be moving along the streets until the fire truck has passed.

May 13, 1943

City authorities wish it thoroughly understood that chickens are not to be allowed to run loose in the city limits. Many complaints are coming in of damage to gardens by roving chickens. This is the last call to chicken owners; their chickens must be penned up.

Trixie, Anton Grabowski’s pure German Shepard has been drafted into the Army. With good-bye woofs and heart breaking glances, her 6 puppies saw momma off to the Army’s “dog-for-victory service”. The pups don’t know the meaning of the service flag now hanging on the Grabowskie home.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martin and daughter Lorraine and Mrs. Kirk Malcolm and sons Jerry and Jack drove out to the Sheridan lambing range Saturday for a visit with Kirk Malcolm currently employed there. On Thursday Mrs. Malcolm and sons plan to leave by train for Rapid City to visit with her sisters, Misses Barbara and Betty Wiest for a few days.

May 7, 1953

Sam H. Bober, Newell, left Wednesday for Washington, DC where he was called to testify Monday and Tuesday, respectively, before Senate and House Agriculture Committees on new



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Newell’s Sam H. Bober, left shoulder to President Eisenhower and Ezra Taft Benson (US Agriculture Secretary) signing the 1953 Farm Bill of which he played an important part.

farm credit bills. He will also attend the annual meeting of the National Farm Loan Association Advisory Committee of which he is a member. Identical bills, calling for more local control of farm credit policies, were recently introduced in both Houses of Congress.

Mr. & Mrs. John Bentz, Audrey and Faye, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Bentz and son , Mr. & Mrs. Bill Keiry and daughter and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Michelson spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bentz at rural Nisland to help Debbie celebrate her birthday.

A group of 19 honyocker and Mrs. D.R. Richards gathered at the home of Opal Soma last Thursday evening when Mrs. Soma, Mrs. Oscar Milberg and Miss Mabel Kenaston entertained in honor of Mrs. Birdie Richman. A most enjoyable time was had in visiting and recalling the early days of Newell and a delicious 2-course lunch was served. Mrs. Richman was presented with a gardenia corsage; Mrs. Bessie Aune of Keystone was an out-of-town guest.

May 9, 1963

Final approval of a contract for yoking of the United Church of Christ of Nisland and the First Congregational Church of Newell, both members of the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ, was made at a meeting at Nisland Monday evening. Although the

and it was also the first day of the summer schedule so now the service starts at 9:00 through the summer with coffee after the service. Amanda and Eric Schuchard and Bev Heier served us a delicious lunch after the service and Linda Mohagen gave each mother a four-pack of flowers to plant in our flower gardens as a Mother’s Day gift.

For Mother’s Day I’ll leave you with these that former Rep. Tom Hills sent me years ago: WHY GOD MADE MOMS Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She’s the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I’d get rid of that.
2. I’d make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



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Puzzles on C8
Answer to Sudoku



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ACROSS SOLUTION: "Too many people run out of ideas long before they run out of words." - Author: Unknown

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National Walnut Day!

ADYM Awards and Spring Music

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NEWELL – In her last hurrah as music teacher at Newell school, Jennifer Stomprud wrapped up the program with “Aloha Oe”, representing her roots of growing up in Hawaii. She has introduced such instruments to Newell students over the years as ukuleles, conga’s, djembes, maracas, and a host of other unusual tools that make music. And the kids loved it.

The evening began with viewing the students’ art projects through an art walk and social at 5:30 on Monday, April 24, followed by the concert which was interspersed with art, drama and music awards.

The fifth grade started things off with “Eagle Summit March,” and then were joined by the middle and high school bands for their rendition of “Of Castles & Kings.” Justin Yates and Jenna Yule teamed up on a drum duet to “Tappie Tap.” This was followed by art awards.

Mr. Benji Panlikan, the new art instructor from the Philippines, handed out various awards. Students in his art classes included, Art I-Braelyn Adams, Conner Bonebrake, Rachel Erk, Braylee Fretag, Jacer Gross, Kimberly Johnson, Chase Johnston, Darin Lewis, Miya Mailloux, Eli McIntyre, Tala Millage, Tayla Neely, Colton Niles, Jessica Raisanen, Camden Schiffner, Hajanlka Sillai, Aundra Stark, Isaac Stark, Rachel Stranberg and Carsen Wilen. Art II-Evan Byrom, Robert Garza, Reata Hays, Abrym Heinert, William Juelfs, Conor Kenny, Stacy Mahaffy, Madisson Mailloux, Braiden Shaykett and Brandon Shaykett. Art III-Hunter Boury, Colton Burtzlaff, Taylor Gaer, Sophia Johnston, Elisha Myers, Catherine McTaggart, Nathanael Randolph and Asiah Schaefer.

The elementary music students wowed the crowd with “Dance Monkey,” and kinder-

garten/first/second grade sang and danced to “Washerwoman Jig” and “Itsy Bitsy Spider.” Band students were recognized and included those who participated in Augustana Band Festival, Northern Hills Honor Band, South Dakota State University Band Festival, Region 8 Music Contest. Kaira Stomprud was recognized with an excellence in music award for four years of assistance in the program, as well as participation.

Drama team members were recognized with awards given. They included Jessi Bachmam, Emma Barden, Sara Barden, Bianca Bierman, Emmett Frerichs, Tancy Frerichs, Victoria Ginsbach, Bruno Harms, Anah Jones, Josiah Jones, Micah Jones, Rebekah Jones, Klynn Lewis, McKenzie Rans, Khloe Rivera, Aiyana Sackett, Oe Schoch, Ayricka Schulte, Jace Schulte, Kaira Stomprud, Justin Stranberg, Michael Van Dorn, Addie Wich, Jenna Yule, and coaches Jenn Stomprud and Amber Wich. Jenna Yule and Addie Wich were recognized for writing the drama presentation “Finding Miscellaneous.”

Third grade students shared “Three Jolly Fishermen,” and “Are You Sleeping,” while fourth grade sang “Grand Ole Duke of York,” and “It’s Raining.” The fifth grade wrapped up the music for the elementary by singing “Shotgun,” and doing the traditional dance from the movie “Footloose.”

The middle and high school chorus sang “Amazing Grace,” and “Stand by Me.”

Emcee’s of the event were Kaira Stomprud and Aundra Stark and they shared a final song, “Your Song,” by Elton John. Stark sang “One Day, I’ll Fly Away,” as a solo.

The final song, saw instructor Jenn Stomprud dressed in traditional Hawai’ian garb and dancing the hula to the famous “Farewell to Thee,” by Queen Liliuokalani.



Jennifer Stomprud, far left in Hawaiian skirt, leads the Newell music students in the song, “Aloha Oe.” - Brunner photo

2023 Newell High School Senior Profiles

Editor’s Note: The Irrigator continues our series profiling the Class of 2023. This profile by Colleen Brunner.

NEWELL – Reata Hays is the daughter of Clint Humble and Amanda Lewis. She is new to Newell High School, moving here in the middle of the 2021-2022 school year. She came from western Idaho.

She spent her time participating in high school rodeo in the northwest region and enjoys the breakaway roping, barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying events.

Hays counts her hobbies as doing cowboy work with her dad, as well as working and breaking colts.

Her future plans include college at either Gillette or Black Hills State where she plans to get a business degree and participate in rodeo.

“I plan to do pro-rodeo and train horses after high

school,” she said. “I’ve made a lot of close friends while going to NHS.”

Hays credits Mrs. Betsy Burtzlaff as her favorite teacher. “She is by far, one of my favorite in both my elementary and middle school years. She cares so much about her students and is the reason a lot of kids wake up to go to school. I also enjoy art in Mr. Benji’s room; he is very funny, a great teacher and is very fun.”

She shared that she enjoyed the time when the seniors went to Ft. Pierre, to the governor’s mansion and had a lot of fun.

“My biggest dream is to have a big name in the horse and rodeo industry as well as make it to the NFR (National Finals Rodeo),” she said.

“I’d say my parents are the biggest influence on my life,” Reata said. “My dad has taught me so much when it



comes to horses and cowboy-ing, as well as standing up for what I believe in. My mom is strong and resilient, as well as a very hard worker. I’m blessed to have my mom and dad, they are amazing people and role models.”

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NEWELL – Nate Randolph, Newell high school senior, is the son of Kimberly Sieler. He lists his extra-curricular activities as football and basketball.

His plans include taking a year after high school graduation to work and save money. During his high school years, he was part of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) with Director Sabrina Harmon helping him to learn to make wise choic-

es and help others to do the same.

He enjoyed learning to weld while taking classes at NHS and notes that Mr. Fiedler, his welding instructor, and the CTE instructor at Newell, who taught Randolph Robotics.

“Robotics is probably my favorite class because we are able to learn things like code,” said this NHS senior.

His biggest dream is to own multiple businesses.

His quote from NHS, “I learned.”

He shared that his mom is his biggest influence because of how hard she worked for him and his siblings when they were young.

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NEWELL – Many graduates at Newell High School count 13 years, with kindergarten through senior year. But Asiah Lou Schaefer, daughter of Chad and Tina Schaefer of Newell, actually counts 14 with her time here in pre-school.

This lively young lady participated in volleyball during her middle school years and enjoyed the camaraderie of the drama department, acting in plays during her freshman and sophomore years. But she has been busy the last couple years working on her passion of welding and alongside her father in his mechanic business lately. She also loves spending time with her dog, Pruitt.

Right after graduation she will go to work at Mountain Man Metal Art for the summer and then possibly attend Mitchel Tech taking classes in the area of welding and fabrication. It comes as no surprise then that her favorite



classes during her high school years have been in the CTE program with Trev Fiedler as her instructor.

“He brings a lot of new activities for us to do and gives us new opportunities,” said Schaefer of those classes. She notes him as her favorite teacher.

This senior said her biggest dream is to explore the world,

especially Europe and possibly Africa as well. Her biggest influencers are her parents, along with her paternal grandparents, Wes and Judy Schaefer. “They keep pushing me toward my dreams, no matter how big or small.”

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We will have more senior profiles next week.



(Top) These students took home art awards for their hard work during the year. (Above) A host of drama awards were handed out by coaches Jenn Stomprud and Amber Wich during the April 24 spring concert and awards. - Brunner photo



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7 Roast Turkey Wild Rice Cauliflower Mixed Fruit Apple Crisp	8 Enter daily notes based on the calendar day above in cells in this and rows 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, columns C to I	9 Pork Chops in Mushroom Gravy Parsley Noodles Maple Carrots Dinner Roll Apple Sauce	10 Chicken Cordon Bleu Creamy Risotto Broccoli Tropical Fruit No Bake Cookie	11 Meatloaf Baked Potato Creamed Spinach or Green Beans Peaches	12 Pork & Green Chili Enchilada Chick Pea Salad Chips & Salsa Melon Ice Cream	13 Chicken Alfredo Italian Veggie Mix Garlic Bread Ambrosia
14 Orange Glazed Pork Loin Wild Rice Asparagus in Bacon Cranberry Sauce Dinner Roll Cheese Cake	15 Chicken Pot Pie Wedge Salad Cheddar Biscuit Fruity Jello	16 Lasagna Italian Veggies Garden Salad Focaccia Bread Pears	17 Pork Roast & Gravy Roasted Reds Carrots & Cabbage or Saurkraut Apple Salad	18 Liver & Onions OR Cheese Burger Cheesy Potatoes Peas & Carrots Mixed Fruit Ice Cream	19 Turkey Club Sandwich Broccoli Cheese Soup Strawberries	20 Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans Mandarin Oranges
21 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Berries Peanut Butter Bar	22 BBQ Chicken Mac & Cheese Pickled Beets Garden Salad Melon	23 Roast Beef & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Veggie Medley Tropical Fruit	24 Chicken Ala King Egg Noodles Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll Peaches Rice Krispy Treats	25 Swiss Steak Cauliflower Rice Green Beans Savory Muffin Pears Pudding	26 Shrimp OR Chicken Salad Croissant Leafy Greens Tomato Soup Pineapple Melt Away Cookie	27 Pork Cutlet Buttered Spatzel Brussel Sprouts Baked Apple
28 Roasted Chicken Baked Sweet Potato Broccoli Mixed Berries	29 Smoked Sausage Peppers & Onions Roasted Reds Garden Salad Pineapple Lemon Bars	30 Taco Salad Refried Beans Tropical Fruit Margaritas (Non Alcoholic)	31 Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Veggie Medley Dinner Roll Apple Sauce			

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