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School District Extends COVID **Paid Leave** Benefit

Positive cases down and another round of CARES funding on the horizon for schools.

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche School Board unanimously approved the extension of the district COVID paid leave benefit through the end of the school year. The benefit allows a district employee with a positive COVID test to take up to 80 hours of sick leave to care for themselves or a child under their care with COVID.

The benefit is set forth in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) passed by congress and signed by President Trump last March. The FFCRA expired on December 31st but the district proposed to the board extending the benefit until the end of the school year.

According to District Business Manager Susan Proefrock the district will use money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to pay for the benefit. The district was due to receive more than \$650,000 from the \$150 billion that congress set aside but CRF is not part of the CARES act.

"Across the state business managers surveyed school districts to see if they were considering doing this and, of course, they are," said Proefrock. "It's not required that we

COVID at School B4

School Winter Sports Fan Restrictions Lifted

District board approves going to go to Tier 1.

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Belle Fourche School District is moving closer to being back to normal. The school's activities departments has moved to Tier 1 of its COVID guidelines for winter sports activities meaning open attendance is once again the order of the day. "The public essentially feels that our numbers are low and Butte County is doing very well and we should open up our facilities," said Activities Director Adam Nowowiejski. "I would recommend to the board that we open things back up again but will do whatever the board feels best.'

on Monday, Jan. 11, the board unanimously gave its consent to go to Tier 1 of COVID protocols and re-institute open attendance without restriction at school activities.

In a statement posted by the school Tier 1 means that the district "will no longer have fan restrictions at any events hosted by Belle Fourche, therefore no tickets or vouchers will be needed. Masks will still be strongly recommended. We will continue to live stream all events for anyone that does not feel comfortable and chooses not to attend."

25th Annual Fort Robinson Outbreak Spiritual Run



Runners and personnel from the 25th Annual Fort Robinson Run start their day in prayer last Wednesday before departing Belle Fourche for the final two days of their 400-mile relay run. Once again the group spent an overnight in Belle Fourche at the AmericInn on their journey from Ft. Robinson, Nebraska, to Busby, Montana. The sojourn is organized by the Yellowbird Foundation through Phillip Whiteman Jr. and Lynette Two Bulls.

This January marks the 25th anniversary of the Fort Robinson Outbreak Spiritual Run. From January 9th-14th, Northern Cheyenne youth made the subfreezing journey from Nebraska to Montana, commemorating their ancestors' breakout of Fort Robinson on January 9th, 1879, retracing the steps and completing the journey home that their Northern Cheyenne ancestors could not. In their 400-mile journey, youth from age 10 to 18 (and above) run "so that our people may live. Our run is our prayer for the people," according to event organizers.

According to event founder Philip Whiteman, Jr., "with the pandemic, our youth are struggling. They need purpose and connection. Our Fort Robinson Run run gives them responsibility and creates hope for the future."

Whiteman says the run itself is being planned and adjusted to

incorporate the highest standards of COVID-19 safety, knowing deeply what is at stake. "Through adaptation, innovation, and collective effort, essential resilience flourishes and Our Way of Life strengthens for the next generation," Whiteman says

Our people are no stranger to disease. From smallpox, cholera, and starvation to the COVID-19 pandemic that confronts us today, we have been through this before," he says. "From the attempted destruction of our food systems, spirituality, and our People, our deep connection to our Way of Life allows us to remain resilient and strong.

'Please consider supporting Northern Cheyenne resilience as our youth reconnect to their sacred role and responsibility of prayer for our People, running for our Ancestors, our Elders, and our next generation Northern Cheyenne People," he said.

High Wind Event Brings Gusts Near 100mph BEACON STAFF

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BELLE FOURCHE - Residents of Belle Fourche, Newell, Vale and Nisland as well as surrounding areas of western South Dakota experienced a high wind event last week. The National Weather Service office in Rapid City reported a potent cold front which swept through the region on the late afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Jan. 13th, and lasting through Thursday night. The front, combined with a meteorological term called "mixing down" led to the jet stream being unusually close to the ground, feeding the high winds. Behind the front, northwesterly winds became very strong. Wednesday night through Thursday night, winds across the area were sustained at 35 to 50 mph, with gusts of 60 to more than 80 mph. Belle Fourche saw a peak wind gust of 70mph. In Harding County, north of Buffalo, a gust of 93 mph was measured with the frontal passage. Winds finally diminished Friday morning. There were some damage reports throughout the area to signs, billboards, structures and roofs. Numerous trees were blown down with some causing property damage. There were



At the school board meeting

Nowowiejski says that things will be evaluated again for the spring season. He says that neighboring districts are by and large recommending to their

No Restrictions B4

Holiday Lights Accepting Donations

Following up on the recent article in The Belle Fourche Beacon concerning a fund established for the enhanced "Holiday Lights" for the 2021 holiday season and beyond.

The account has been established at First Interstate Bank of Belle Fourche with the name "Holiday Lights'

Anyone that would like to donate to this effort may do so by going to the drive up window and asking to deposit the donation in the "Holiday Lights" account. Alternate ways to make a contribution include mailing a contribution to "Holiday Lights" 510 1/2 National, Belle Fourche;

"Holiday Lights" 2312 Dakota Avenue, Belle Fourche; or "Holiday Lights" % First Interstate Bank, PO Box 2160, Belle Fourche.

The fund has received a \$50.00 donation from Sherman Crabill and a \$300.00 donation from South Side Conoco, both of Belle Fourche, to get the fund off to a great start. As the fund grows there will be a small steering group established to disburse funds appropriately.

Thanks to those that suggested the fund and to those that support "Holiday Lights" with their donations.



Holiday lighting scene from Downtown Rochester, MN. Another of many lighting possibilities. Courtesy Photo

High winds brought down trees and caused property damage last week in Belle Fourche. This large tree came down on a vehicle at the corner of Perkins and 10th Ave. in the southern part of the city. - Courtesy Photo

also several rollovers reported during this long duration high wind event, especially along I-90 across western South Dakota. A few homes and busi-

nesses sustained property and roof damage, and several wind driven grass fires produced additional damage.

Plans in Place to Resurface Belle Fourche **High School Track**

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BELLE FOURCHE - At its regular meeting a week ago Monday the Belle Fourche School Board heard plans to resurface the high school track. A bid for the project has already come in with a favorable price according to District Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard. The plans will be presented to the board's facilities committee and following that meeting the board will be asked to approve the proposal.

"This project's been on the books for quite a while," Willard said. "We've been building a fund for this and it's coming in at a price that is under half

what we thought it might be." Once the bid is a bit more firmed up it will be presented to

the school board as a motion. If approved Willard says that Activities Director Adam Nowowiejski can then lock down a timetable for the resurfacing.

Fisher Tracks

from Boone, IA, has prepared a bid for \$69,784. It includes application of a black structural spray with a polyurethane base and colored paste. After two layers of base are laid down a colored rubber granulate is then applied and sealed.

"I tried to get a purple track, but it was going to be \$20,000

more," Willard said. "And they told me that after a few years it kind of turns pink. So we'll go

with black and have lettering in purple and white to make it pop a little bit more." The project in-

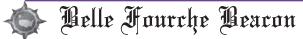
cludes the eight lane track and all event areas related to the track surface. Col-

or-coded metric striping will be added per National Federation of State High School Associations guidelines.

According to its website Fisher Tracks is a member of the American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) and has three certified track builders on staff.



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Obituaries Frances "Rosie" Pierce 88

Frances "Rosie" Pierce, age 88 of Alzada MT, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at her home with her loving family by her side. Rosie's life will be celebrated 10 am Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

The funeral service will be live-streamed on Rosie's obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com Frances Rose Abacherli was born May 7, 1932 in Chino, California. She was the daughter of Louis and Frances (DeLeon) Abacherli. Rosie grew up on a family dairy farm near Chino. She was united in marriage to James Pierce on September 21, 1952 in Chino, CA. Rosie and Jim were born in the same town, just four months apart. They were classmates in school. They enjoyed 68 years of marriage, and they would die within 5 months of each other, in the same place. It was a remarkable life story and a marriage that was surely meant to be. Together Jim and Frances raised six children. After living in Chino for many years, they ranched in Buhl Idaho, raising sheep and cattle. For the past 15 years, they have enjoyed retirement in Alzada, Montana.



Jim went home to heaven in August of 2020. In her younger years, Rosie was very active for many years as a 4H Leader. She also was active with the Young Homemakers, and various aspects of church. She was a talented cake decorator and sewing, and crafts as well. She loved dancing, and she was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. For the past 8 years, Rosie has suffered from Alzheimer's. Now she is home in heaven, set free from the burdens of life on earth. She was

loved and she will be greatly missed by her family. Rosie died at the age of 88 on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at her home, with her loving family by her side. Rosie is survived by her children, Roseann Madole of Alzada MT, James Pierce Jr. of Jerome ID, Andy Pierce and his wife Arlene of Buhl ID, Tony Pierce and his wife Beverly of Twenty Nine Palms CA, Julie Ridinger and her husband Johnie of Alzada MT, Charlie Pierce of Twin Falls ID; 33 grandchildren; 64 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Louis Abacherli.; and great granddaughter, Tristyn Madole.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Nellie F. Kidd 102

Nellie F. Kidd, age 102, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the Rolling Hills Health Care Center in Belle Fourche.

The funeral service will be held 11am Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place

one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

The service will be live-streamed on the funeral home's website, on Nellie's obituary page located at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Nellie Frances Krininger was born October 8, 1918 in Colony, Wyoming. She was the daughter of Louis and Hanna (Niemann) Krininger. Nellie grew up in Belle Fourche where she attended school. Later she moved with her family to the west side of town and attended the Evans Middle Creek School. She met her future husband James Kidd when he and his brother Roy stopped by the place she lived, to get a drink of water. She wasn't there, but her brother was and he told them to come back later and meet his sisters. That was the beginning of the marriage for both brothers. James said, "That one is mine and you can have the red haired one." A short time later, Nellie and James were married in Miles City Montana in 1936. To this union, two daughters and two sons were born. Following their marriage, they herded sheep in Harding and Butte Counties, living in a sheep wagon. In 1940 they returned to Belle Fourche and Nellie began work for Nat Barret Furniture, making mattresses for many years. She also pumped gas at a service station. In 1941 they bought a one room house on 5 acres north of Belle Fourche, and later they put two additions on the house. In 1960 they built a two-bedroom house with running water on the same 5-acre plot. It was heated by wood and coal and a cistern with a pressure pump provided water where she lived until 2018. At that time Nellie moved into Serenity Corners Assisting Living.

Nellie worked in the old Tri State Café and Bob's Café and the Lee Store. In 1964 she began working for Cliff Thomas Drug as a sales clerk. She worked there



for 29 years, until the store was closed. She loved working there and the people she worked with. She also helped at the Senior Center where she received letters and a plaque for her volunteer work. Nellie and Jim enjoyed traveling during their years together. Nellie was a charter member of the Senior Citizens

Half Century Club, a member of the Women of the Moose, Rebekah Lodge, Independent Order of the Odd Fellows; and a life member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was also a long-time member of the First Congregational Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. She enjoyed crafts like macramé and embroidery. She also loved old time country music. She had a large record collection. If you asked her who her favorite singer was, it was her son Lauren and also her daughter-in-law, Peggy and their sons, Murel and Bret. Nellie also loved to take photographs and she has numerous albums, slides, and videos of the family and the many trips she enjoyed. She traveled a lot with her brothers Frank and George and their wives. Las Vegas and Mesquite seemed to be hot on the list of their travels, but she also loved playing slots at First Gold Casino in Deadwood. She loved to play cards. Rummy, canasta and cribbage were probably her top three, with cribbage being number one. She won several cribbage tournaments in the area. Bingo was another favorite game. Nellie had her own bingo box, complete with its own stamps and playing cards. When CB radio were popular, Nellies call name was "Bingo Babe"

Nellie is survived by her son, Jay (Jane) of Belle Fourche; granddaughter, Michelle (Robert) Lewis of Bloomfield NM, grandsons, Murel (Tammy) of Maricopa AZ, Bret (Breanna) of Belle Fourche; great grandsons, Derrick Crane, JP Crane, Levi Kidd, Tyler Kidd, Lauren Kidd, Shanyia Kidd, Cody Kidd, and Thomas Kidd; and numerous great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jim on June 24, 1972; son, Lauren Lee; twin daughters, Jean and Jane; an infant grandson; brothers, Harry, Frank, George, and Earl Krininger; sisters, Annie and Lucille; and daughters-inlaw, Peggy and JoAnn.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Lorman E. Lange 84

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Kinkade Funeral

- Lorman E. Lange, 84, of Sturgis, died Friday, January 8, 2021 at Monument Health Sturgis Hospital.
- Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 16,

Baer officiating. Burial followed at Hope Cemetery in







Rita Septon Assistant



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Larry D. Foos 75

Larry D. Foos, age 75 of Reva and formerly Belle Fourche, died January 17, 2021 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

When services times are set the funeral home's website will be updated immediately: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Larry is survived by his wife, Norma of Reva; daugh-



Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

ters, Colleen Hardesty of Sioux City Iowa, Collette (Vince) Tifft of Reva; 5 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; brother, Carl Foos of Sturgis; and 3 sisters, Sharon (Richard) Kirkman of Belle Fourche, Charlene (Leonard) Lull of Yuma AZ, and Carol (Darwin) Kirschenman of Meadow SD.

> Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Pastor's Perspective This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Paul Howard, Christian Life Center What's in a Name?

As we search the scriptures we find that there are many names for our Lord Jesus Christ in both the Old and the New Testament. The Gospel of John, in particular, cites many of the familiar names that we hear describing Jesus Christ. Son of God, Son of Man, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the Water of Life and the Light of the World, just to name a few. My personal favorite is the name that Jesus used to describe Himself most often. In John's Gospel, Jesus refers to Himself as the "Son of Man' eighty-five times. Jesus is quoted in Mark's Gospel using this particular name and identifying His purpose in His earthly ministry... "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). This name (or title) carries with it a significant truth that is very comforting. This name employed by Jesus, Son of Man, not only expresses His personal qualities as a Man but also identifies Him with humanity that he came to redeem. John tells us that the "Word" (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory. What we find here is the incredible mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus (Son of God) taking on humanity (Son of Man) while maintaining the full characteristics and qualities of both fully and completely. While I do not understand this mystery of Jesus, fully God and fully Man, I do rejoice in the truth that it presents. Jesus became a Man for the purpose of experiencing our humanity and addressing the needs of human beings. The Apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippian church that Jesus took on the form of a servant and was found in



appearance as a man. In the Book of Hebrews we read that Jesus shared in our flesh and blood existence and experienced death that He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. New Testament scripture tells us that He faced the same temptations that we face and overcame them so that He could come to our aid when we face temptation. Jesus was acquainted with grief and stood at a friend's grave and wept as He comforted the deceased man's sisters. It was on this occasion

that Jesus identified Himself as "the Resurrection and Life" and shared the incredible promise of eternal life for those who believed and trusted Him. The Gospels speak of Jesus experiencing sorrow, hunger, poverty, homelessness, grief, weariness, rejection, and that rejection came from those that He loved and came to die for. This title or name that Jesus used to describe Himself (Son of Man) clearly indicates His human experience and points to a Savior who is fully aware of our human condition. He experienced all that we, as human beings, experience for the sole purpose of ministering to us in our times of need and rejoicing with us in our times of celebration. Again the writer of the Book of Hebrews said it best... we have a High Priest who can sympathize with us in our weakness, understand our temptations and help us to overcome them and allow us the privilege of approaching the very throne of God and receive mercy and grace to help us in our time of need. Trust the Lord Jesus Christ to see you through the struggles of life and, in Him, you will find a faithful Friend who is closer than a brother.

"I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them." ~ Isaíah 57:18-19



Black Hills Vision Care "Keeping Your Future in Focus"

were made possible through the \$10,000 CARES Act Humanities Relief Grant by The South Dakota Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom. A new wireless access point that gives patrons a broader connection range, and another two new computers were made possible by the \$2,000 South Dakota State Library CARES Act Technology Grant. A big thank you goes out to the South Dakota State Library for working so hard to facilitate

these grants to all SD libraries! Without their help none of this would have been possible. Also, special thanks the South Dakota Humanities Council for including public and academic libraries in their CARES Act Grant. Please, stop into YOUR library and see all of the wonderful things they have to offer you! Hours are: Monday – Thursday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Closed Sunday.





Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center seeks artifact loans for its "Fabric of our Lives" exhibit

Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center seeks artifact loans for its "Fabric of our Lives" exhibit

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center's new temporary exhibit, "The Fabric of our Lives," will open on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The exhibit is on the history of sewing and textiles and will include photos, storyboards, a touchscreen quiz, a kids' table of related activities, plus artifacts.

"We were recently given a great deal of fabric and some vintage sewing, knitting, crocheting and weaving items," says Collections Archivist Jada Udager. "We also have several sewing machines from early in the 20th century in our collections which we will exhibit."

But as is often the case with small history museums, the Tri-State lacks sewing machines from the second half of the 20th century. "We'd really like to include a few machines from more recent decades," said Udager.

Items loaned for temporary exhibit are returned to the owners once the exhibit closes. "Fabric of our Lives" will be up until the first week in May.

If you have a sewing machine or item you would be willing to loan to the museum, please contact Jada Udager at 723-1200.

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

in order to maintain social distancing. We are happy to say that all 9 computers have been replaced with new computers and are now available for public use, complete with installed plexiglass shields around each workstation.

This past year COVID caused

the library to shut down all but 3 public access computers

Equipment is sanitized after each use and keyboard covers are in use for maintaining clean equipment.

Seven of those computers and the plexiglass surrounding them



The Plexiglas dividers are in place and all computers in the Library are open and available Courtesy photo again.



SPORTS

Wed. January 20, 2021

A-4

Bronc Boys Basketball Split Pair of Games

JIM TRIMBLE

news@bellefourchebeacon.com The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys basketball team hosted the Spearfish Spartans in Belle Fourche on Tuesday January 12th. The Spartans came away with a hard fought 54-38 win over the Broncs.

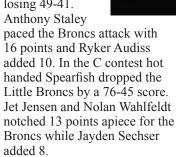
Spearfish started out hot with their half court scramble press giving the Belle Boys lots of problems and they bolted out to a 9-0 lead before Broncs sophomore Anthony Budmayr stopped the run with a hoop with 4 minutes gone in the first quarter. Aiden Giffin then got an inbounds lob shot to go in and Belle cut the lead to 9-4. After Spearfish hit two free throws, Belle broke the press on a nice pass from Giffin to Gabe Heck and Spearfish had the 11-6 lead. Lan Fuhrer was fouled on a three point attempt and hit 2-3 right before the first quarter buzzer and Spearfish led 13-8 after one.

Budmayr hit a three to start the quarter drawing the Brones to within 2. Spearfish extended the lead to 18-11 before senior Lan Fuhrer hit two scoop shots in the lane to close the lead to 3. Spearfish hit a long three before Ryker Audiss and Fuhrer hit 1-2 free tosses each and it was 21-17 heading to the lockers. Budmayr would again get the Broncs within 2 to start the 3rd quarter on another feed by Giffin, but Spearfish's press would force numerous Belle turnovers and they would go on a 15-3 run to hold a commanding 36-22 lead at the end of the third stanza.

Spearfish added to their lead in the fourth quarter with as much as a 20 point lead before the Broncs closed at the end of the contest for the final score of 54-38. Budmayr led the Broncs attack with 11 points and junior Gabe Heck added 9 points on 3-3 shooting from the field. Fuhrer led Belle in rebounding with 6 clears. Spearfish junior

Peyton Millis led all scorers with 22. Spearfish is now 2-6 on the season while the Broncs fell to 3-6.

In the JV contest the Broncs fell to Spearfish in a hard fought game losing 49-41.



On Saturday afternoon the

boys took on the Tigers from Dupree in Belle Fourche. The Broncs were initially to play Red Cloud, but due to the pandemic they are not playing any

games this season. Belle had their best offensive game of the year and smothered the Tigers with a convincing 85-55 victory.

The first quarter was tight as the Broncs opened up an 18-14 lead

at the stop. The Broncs got hot in the second quarter as Aiden Giffin dropped in eight points with Gabe Heck and Anthony Budmayr each knocking down threes and Belle led 40-29 at half.

Belle blew the game open in the third quarter by outscoring Dupree 21-11. Solid play by Giffin and Lan Fuhrer along with another three by Heck and one by Gage Kracht and Belle was in firm control of the game. The Broncs offense wasn't thru as they tacked on 24 more counters in the final period to cruise to the final victory.

The Broncs had five players in double figures. Fuhrer led the way with 20, Giffin 16, Heck 14, Kracht 13, and Budmayr 11. Heck and Kracht each notched 3 three point goals each. "We played hard but under control and everyone that played had great contributions to the win," said Coach Pottorff.

In the JV contest Belle came out on top by a score of 60-45. Anthony Staley led a balanced scoring attack with 14 points followed by Ryker Audiss with 12 and Caiden Stores 11, while Cole Hockenbary chipped in with 9.



Anthony Budmayr makes two look easy as he drives home for the layup against Dupree. *Jamie Hockenbary photo*





Aiden Giffen is under heavy Dupree pressure as he works his way toward the hoop from the left wing. *Jamie Hockenbary photo*



Lan Fuhrer dribbles hard down the court in the game against Spearfish. *Jamie Hockenbary photo*



Cole Hockenbary gets good air as he shoots in the game with Spearfish. *Jamie Hockenbary photo*

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-1

Notice of Destruction of Special Education Records

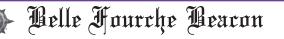
DATE: January 2021

Attention Parents/Guardians, Former Students, Eligible (Adult) Students:

Special Education records which have been collected by the Belle Fourche School District related to the identification, evaluation, educational placement or the provision of Special Education in the District, must be maintained under state and federal law for a period of five (5) years after Special Education Services have been ended for the student. Special Education services end when the student no longer is eligible for services, graduates, completes his or her educational program on June 30th of the year after he/she turn age 22, or moves from the District.

This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of the Belle Fourche School District's intent to destroy the Special Education records of students who received Special Education services during the 2014-2015 school years. These records will be destroyed in accordance with state laws unless the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student notifies the School District otherwise. After five (5) years, the records are no longer useful to the District, but they may be useful to the parent/guardian or former student in applying for Social Security benefits, rehabilitation services, college entrance, etc. The parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request a copy of

Belle Fourche School District 9-1 Attn: Special Education Records 2305 13th Ave. Belle Fourche, SD 57717 (605) 723-3356







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Belle Fourche School Menu

Wed, January 20th

BRONC Breakfast: Breakfast Taco/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe/Crispy Chicken Sandwich/Fruit/ Veggie/Milk

Thurs, January 21st

BRONC Breakfast: French Toast Sticks/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Bosco Sticks/Cheeseburger/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

<u>Fri, January 22nd</u>

BRONC Breakfast: Long John/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Pizza/Breakfast Sandwich/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Mon, January 25th

BRONC Breakfast: Cinni Minis/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese/Crispy Chicken Sandwich/ Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Tues, January 26th

BRONC Breakfast: BeneFIT Bar/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Breaded Beef Patty Sandwich/Chicken Nuggets/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Wed, January 27th

BRONC Breakfast: Waffles/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Spaghetti/Corn Dog/Fruit/Veggie/Milk 2020-2021 South Park Student Council Members



Student council will be involved in encouraging school spirit, abide by the 3 B's: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe. Other duties will include New Student Orientation (giving tours), creating a Bully Free Zone, Holiday Food Drives, Random Acts of Kindness, School Principal Day, Teacher Appreciation, being a key representative at South Park Elementary when needed, & monthly meetings.

Avery Coyle, Raina Reder, Ellie Kukuchka, Braiden Wallace, Aaliyah Lennon, Madisyn Vansickle, Isabel Jones, Alexis Allart, Kasey Dobesh, and Owen Hatling *Courtesy Photo*

BFHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball Defeats Spearfish & Dupree

JIM TRIMBLE news@bellefourchebeacon.com trail again in the contest. Grace Clooten would get a put back

Clooten again started out hot in the third quarter with a shot in the paint followed by a turn around jumper off the glass and Belle had a 13 point cushion. The Spartans would make a run closing the gap to 42-35 but Belle Jensen canned a long three from the corner and Belle regained a 10 point 45-35 lead as the quarter ended. Spearfish made one last run in the fourth as they narrowed the lead to 45-40 before Jensen again took the wind out of their sail as she hit another trey along with a baseline jumper and it was 50-40 Belle. Stedille and Crago finished up the scoring for the Broncs down the stretch. Belle Jensen had another monster night for the Broncs with a

game high 22 points including 5 three pointers. Teammates SteRed Cloud due to the pandemic. The Tigers gave the Broncs a good fight but the Belle girls tamed the Tigers in the end with a 49-37 victory. The Broncs led at all quarter stops and rode the strong play of Tia Williamson who scored 9 first half points and the Lady Broncs led 23-15 at the half. In the third quarter it was Bella Jensen's turn to have the hot hand as she dropped in ten points in the quarter including a trey and Belle led 35-25. In the final stanza Dylan Stedille dropped in seven points including a three and the Broncs outlasted the Tigers with the 12 point win.

The Belle Fourche Girls tangled with the Spearfish Lady Spartans on January 12th in Belle Fourche. The Lady Broncs had steady play throughout the contest and pulled away for a 56-42 victory over their rivals from the south. The Brones drew first blood as sophomore Dylan Stedille got a steal and a bucket. Spearfish went ahead 4-2 before Chloe Crago hit an inbounds play to tie the contest. The Spartans would trade hoops with the Broncs before Bronc senior Bella Jensen hit a 3 from the left key putting Belle up 9-8 from which they would never

off an offensive rebound before Jensen buried another 3 and the Broncs led 14-10. Spearfish would get a buzzer beater to end the quarter but the Broncs still led 19-16.

The Broncs turned on the gas in the second period as Clooten scored the first 5 points of the quarter on and inside bucket followed by a conventional 3 point play off a Stedille assist. Spearfish turned the ball over and Kaylin Garza knocked home a three and Belle was in control 27-16. Stedille and Jensen would each hit three's and inside play of Haley Wilbur staked the Lady Broncs to a 36-27 lead at intermission. dille and Clooten had 12 and 10 points respectively. The Broncs shot a respectable 48% from the field and were 9-16 from the charity stripe.

The Spartans fall to 2-6 on the season while the Brones improve to 7-2.

In the JV Contest Broncs Tia Williamson scored 11 and Mataya Ward added 9 as Belle beat the Spartans 36-26. In the C contest Spearfish came out on top 47-29 with the Broncs Sloan Young the leading scorer with 6 points.

The Lady Broncs also hosted the Dupree Lady Tigers on Saturday afternoon in a replacement game instead of playing



From left: Chloe Crago sinks one for two in win over Dupree. Jasmine Jensen works her way through the Spearfish defense. Bella Jensen drives hard and fast down the court in the victory over Spearfish. - Jamie Hockenbary Photos



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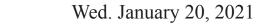
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This weeks Presidential Inauguration will go down as the most heavily fortified transfer of power in the history of our country. counting the Electoral votes, after a presidential election (which, under the Constitution, is also set by Congress)

Watch the Beacon for each week's winner!

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A president becomes empowered as president, not on Election Day, or even after the Electoral votes are counted, but on Inauguration Day after they are administered the oath of office (Article II of the U.S. Constitution).

On April 30, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated in New York City as our first president. Washington was scheduled to be inaugurated on March 4, however weather prevented Congress from being able to make quorum, and thus the beginning of our nation under the original Constitution was delayed almost two months.

Interestingly, the text of the original Constitution did not specify a presidential Inauguration Day, but merely left the matter up to Congress. March 4 became the traditional Inauguration Day until 1937 after the passage of the twentieth amendment. One must wonder at the Constitutional crisis that would have occurred (prior to the twentieth amendment) if a Congress had decided to indefinitely postpone Inaugurating, or even

by Congress).

On March 4, 1801, Thomas Jefferson was the first president inaugurated in Washington,

D.C., our new federal capital. After New York, Philadelphia had become our nation's capital. Though, in order to appease Southern slave

holders fearing a northern capital would be inordinately influenced by Northern Abolitionists, the nation's capital was moved south to its current location.

Inauguration was initially held inside the House and Senate chambers of the Federal Congress. However, in 1817 a fight broke out between the Senate and House of Representatives over which specific chairs should be used in the inauguration (and we thought our current Congressional politics were petty). James Monroe, the newly elected president, struck a grand bargain and began the tradition of holding the inauguration outside, in front of Congress.

The outdoor inauguration would prove fatal in 1841. With great hubris, the newly elected John Tyler president.

subsequently caught pneumonia

and died 31 days later, making

Tyler's presidency created a bit of a Constitutional crisis, as the original Constitution never stated that the vice president would become president if the sitting president died in office. Many argued that John Tyler was still a vice president who merely held the powers of a president.

Abraham Lincoln was elected president in November of 1860, but James Buchanan would still be president until Lincoln's inauguration four months later on March 4, 1861. Knowing that Buchanan would not intervene, Southern states opportunistically began illegally seceding from the union, thus beginning the Civil War before Lincoln could become president.

The vague nature of Article II of the Constitution with regard to when the president actually becomes the president through the inauguration was finally settled in the twentieth amendment, which took effect before Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term began on Jan. 20, 1937.

The twentieth amendment specified that the elected president would become president through

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inauguration at noon on Jan. 20, two months, instead of four, after the presidential election. The twentieth amendment also clarified the presidential secession plan. Who would have ever in their wildest imagination conceived the set of circumstances that has led up to and surrounded this inauguration of the 46th President of the United States

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Michael Streeter Benefit January 24th

Michael Streeter was involved in a motor vehicle accident December 17, 2020 on his way home from college in Dickinson, ND for Christmas break, resulting in a traumatic brain injury.

Michael graduated from BFHS in 2020 and has been very involved in our community through Wrestling, Football, Baseball, and BFVFD along with

supporting other organizations and being a mentor to many.

A community event is being planned to show Michael and his family our support through his recovery.

A benefit for the Streeter Family to Support Michael Streeter Through Recovery will be held January 24, 2021 at Belle Fourche Com-

munity Hall.

Included with the event will be a Cornhole Tournament, silent bid auction, raffles, and food. The BF Volunteer Fire Department will be doing a spaghetti feed from 3-7pm during the event (free will donation).

Time for the event is TBD with a specific schedule of events forthcoming.

The donation committee has started requesting donations for the auction and raffle items this week. Additional tournament sponsors are being sought.

If businesses would like to donate items or sponsor cornhole tournament prizes please contact Kim Curl, 605-892-5737 or email curleagles@gmail.com.

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individuals who meet any one of the above criteria may schedule appointments by calling 605-755-1350 or through MyChart. Please visit monument.health/covidvaccine or our Facebook page for the latest updated information.

Please understand that we are still limited in the number of vaccines that we receive each week and will schedule appointments based on that number.

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Greater Belle Foundation Awards \$18,128.00

The Greater Belle Fourche Foundation ended up getting 17 grant requests and were able to fund all of them at some level. The total amount given out from our fund was \$18,128.00 with grants ranging from \$500.00 up to \$1.578.00. Recipients were: Beaver Creek Rendezvous



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Opening Hitting Sessions Available to Belle Fourche Post 32 Athletes

Belle Fourche Baseball: SD Premier in Spearfish will hold open hitting sessions for baseball athletes in January and February.

Post 32 coach Randy Doran encourages Post 32 eligible athletes to take advantage of this opportunity, if they are able to do so.

"Hitting sessions are a great way to start thinking about and preparing for the 2021 season," said Doran.

"After the large turnout we had for fall baseball, I want to give players the opportunity to start hitting earlier than previous years."

Doran will conduct the sessions. There is no cost to be in the hitting sessions, but there are a limited number of participant spots available. Sessions will take place Sunday, January 17 and 31 from 2 to 3 p.m. These 2 to 3 p.m. sessions will also occur on February 14 and 21. Afternoon sessions, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will take place on January 21 and 28 as well as February 4, 11, 18 and 25. For further information, check the Belle Fourche Post 32 Legion Baseball Facebook Page. Randy Doran may be reached at randall.doran.2@gmail.com.

SD Premier is located at 216 E. Colorado Boulevard in Spearfish.

Letter to the Editor

Many SD citizens have awoken to a day long feared. Congress and the Whitehouse are now controlled by those who oppose our limited government, free enterprise Constitution of 1787. This Constitution's primary purpose is to protect the citizen's inalienable, God-given rights as espoused in our Declaration of Independence.

Governor Noem discovered the quiet, hidden agenda of Progressives in Congress. She relates dismay at their now openly admitted goals of forming a socialist, Marxist government. Their stated intentions include approval of new states into the union, ending the Senate filibuster, packing the Supreme Court, enshrining the New Green Deal, final desecration of our historical monuments, mountains of new taxes, deepening of national debt, narrowing of public education, and more chains on free enterprise.

We have seen unprecedented censorship to opposing ideas and messages. Suspension of our 1st and 2nd amendment rights continue in the name of public safety. Frustration mounts over the Courts and Congress' deafness to examine election security challenging the very survival of our founding ideals, values and liberties.

But we are not without viable recourse. Our Framing Fa-

thers anticipated this day and unanimously approved Article V "convention for Proposing Amendments". The required super majority 34 state compact must preapprove the agenda in a virtually identical state legislative resolution. State delegates then gather to rationally write the final Amendment language in a 1 state = 1 vote framework. Proposed Amendments return for transparent, open debate and potential ratification at 38 states.

With nearly 5 million supporters, Convention of States Action (COS) grassroots movement grows and has assisted 15 states in already passing the resolution for the following 3 pillars:

Impose fiscal restraints on federal

An Open Letter to South Dakotans Regarding Convention of States

government Limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government Limit terms of its officials and for members of Congress Think how different today would look if these 3 pillars were already ratified. Election results are still important but new representatives would not be able to spend us toward economic collapse and build unending bureaucratic rules affecting your daily life. Professional, elite politicians would instead shortly return back to main street USA thus curbing many temptations of power and avarice.

Please consider attending a Convention of States town hall meeting for deeper discussion. I implore you to get involved, sign our SD legislative petition, and join this positive, rational, and safe method to strengthen the Constitution's original intent and spirit.

You are not powerless or alone. The voice of South Dakota and America will be heard if we but use our beloved Constitutional tool!

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Dessert

January 23rd Chicken Noodle Soup Bread & Butter Fruit Dessert

January 24th Beef Stir Fry with Vegetable Rice Egg Roll Pineapple Fortune Cookie

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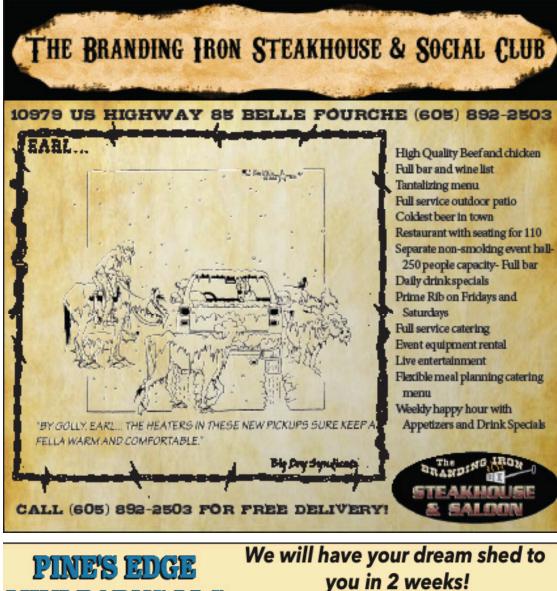
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The ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy will reopen to the public on Jan. 13. The ProRodeo Hall of Fame will have regular winter hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(MT) Wednesday through Sunday. The museum is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

The ProRodeo Hall of Fame will continue to practice public health prevention measures including the enforcement of social distancing requirements,

regularly washing, and sanitizing of hands and the wearing of masks for all staff and guests.

The museum will operate at 25% of the posted occupancy limit within their useable space, not to exceed 50 people, including staff, whichever is less.

The gift shop will also be open

"The current COVID-19 situation in Monterey County and the Central Coast and new guidance from state and local governments have led us to believe that postponing our rodeo is the

> right thing to do at this time," said California Rodeo Salinas President Dave Pedrazzi.

Details about tickets and more will be communicated when they are solidified, and the COVID-19 Response Committee will continue to evaluate other

events the California Rodeo Association hosts. The COVID-19 Response committee meets regularly to review new information regarding the virus.

California Rodeo Salinas is one of the top 10 rodeos in the U.S. for ProRodeo contestants as well as an economic driver for the local community, creating more than \$11 million in economic impact in just one week. That includes donations to local non-profits who work during the events to earn money for their programs.

More for the New Year for your edification!

My Prayer For The New Year from Jake Lake's Connection

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Grant me the strength from day to day To bear what burdens come my way. Grant me throughout this bright New Year More to endure and less to fear.

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Help me live that I may be From spite and petty malice free

Let me not bitterly complain When cherished hopes of mine prove vain,

Or spoil with deeds of hate and rage Some fair tomorrow's spotless page. Lord, as the days shall come and go In courage

let me stronger grow.

Let me with patience stand and wait, A friend to all who find my gate,

Keep me from envy and from scorn; As the sun shines every morn

On great and low, so let me give My love to all who round me live. Lord, as the New Year dawns today Help me to put my faults away.

Let me be big in little things; Grant me the joy which friendship brings. Keep me from selfishness and spite; Let me be wise in what is right.

A happy New Year! Grant that I May bring no tear to any eye When this New Year in time shall end Let it be said I've played the friend,

Have lived and loved and labored here, And made of it a happy year.

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After a recommendation from the California Rodeo's COVID-19 Response Committee, the Executive Board voted unanimously to postpone the 111th California Rodeo Salinas from July 15-18 to Sept. 23-26.

Ongoing updates can also be found at www.CARODEO.com or by following @carodeosalinas on social media

BHSSR Begins Jan. 29th

The Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo will soon be kicking up dust with livestock, shopping, rodeos, concerts and good country fun! A South Dakota staple since 1959, attendance to this annual event is second only to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. This year's event takes place Jan. 29 - Feb. 6, 2021, at both the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center & the James Kjerstad Event Center at the

Central States Fairgrounds. The jam-packed list of events kicks off on Friday, Jan. 29 with the Cinch Trade Show at both the James Kjerstad Events Center and the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. Vendors will be there offering everything from clothing to livestock handling equipment for sale.

Rodeo Rapid City's PRCA event begins Thurs. Feb 4th and runs through Sat. Feb 6.



The number of PRCA word championships won by the Wright family. The list consists of Stetson (3 - 2 in all-around, 1 bull riding); Ryder (2 saddle bronc riding); Cody (2 saddle bronc); Jesse (1 saddle bronc) and Spencer (1 saddle bronc). Stetson is the reigning, two-time

all-around champ and won his inaugural bull riding world title in 2020, while Ryder is the reigning saddle bronc riding world champ.





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2	Stephanie Fryar	Waco, TX	\$10,588.43
3	Tiany Schuster	Krum, TX	\$10,129.95
4	Victoria Williams	Kiln, MS	\$8,609.13
5	Christina Mulford	Franklinville, NJ	\$7,695.09
6	Lori Todd	Willcox, AZ	\$7,619.22
7	Paige Jones	Wayne, OK	\$7,242.86
8	Emily Miller	Weatherford, OK	\$7,210.06
9	Amanda Welsh	Gillette, WY	\$6,449.41
10	Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi	Lampasas, TX	\$6,217.42





KAREN ODELL news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Dick Albert got exercise at the gym in Buffalo, a few days this week. Erma had physical therapy on Monday and Thursday. They went to the Senior Citizen dinner on Friday, and Bobbie served a taco dinner. Erma took along two cakes and some ice cream to help celebrate her birthday. Then they stayed to play cards afterward. On Sunday they went to the Catholic Church, and then they had lunch at Saloon Number Three with the Helms and Erk families. The wind in Buffalo had been clocked at over a 100 miles per hour.

Alvin Cordell went in to the Corner Bar in Camp Crook, on Wednesday, for the beginning of the pool tournament. Marlee went to Belle Fourche on Friday. Then she, and Ashley Pearson, went on to Rapid City to watch Gavin play basketball in a tournament there. Marlee stayed overnight in Belle Fourche, and came home on Saturday. On Wednesday, Denin Cheguis got a call to come to the Long Pines with his lion dog. Ryan Cordell went with him with his dog, too, but by the time they got there, the mountain lion had already been caught. Ryan Cordell, and Clint and Chad Zolnoski went to the Ekalaka coyote calling contest last week, and bagged nine coyotes to place fourth in the competition. There have been lots of coyotes packs around this year.

Doug and Julia Davis went to Sturgis on Saturday, for the Rita Smithburg funeral. Rita was mother-in-law to Julia's brother Bob Latham. The funeral was just for family, and another service will be held next August. There was about ³/₄ inch of snow down there and the roads became very icy, so they came around by Newell to get back to Belle Fourche to avoid the interstate traffic. From Newell on, the roads were dry until after Gustave.

Ian and Jenna Flatgard finally got a few days off. Kyle, Jenna's brother-in-law, came out to the ranch to help Joe out for a few days, so that they could have a few days off for a trip to Buffalo, Wyoming. There was lots of snow over that way, and the big winds made blizzard conditions, but it was good to get away for a few days. They will be moving into a new house over at the Teigen place soon, but the builders were hindered by the strong winds, so that slowed things down. Donna Lewis had about two inches of snow up by the Long Pines. She had gone to Baker on Monday to take Darick a birthday cake. Darick was her first grandchild, and he was born on Lee's birthday. Ekalaka had plenty of snow, and it had been plowed into high piles. The winds hit Baker hard, and blew trash cans away. Then the wind switched, and blew them

back the other way. Donna was home on Tuesday, and didn't dare open the screen door when the wind hit, because the wind would have torn it off. She didn't notice any great damage, but her three cream cans at the old house had been blown into the yard, and they hadn't moved for many years.

Junior and Shirley Melum keep themselves busy, but have not been anywhere for quite some time. Tommy's dog comes to visit them when Tommy comes, and he like to come in and rest upside down.

Dorothy Padden went with Bryce and Dawn Padden to eastern South Dakota this week. They spent a few days ice fishing on ponds back there. The first day was nice, and Dorothy caught the most fish. Then it got windy there, and they had to watch for holes in the ice that had been widened by the splashing water. It became windy, but only half as windy as it was at Buffalo, and they were glad they missed that. They got lots of nice fish, but on Saturday they had to dig the vehicles out of the snow so they could start home. In a few miles they were out of the snow, and it was clear until they got nearly to Camp Crook, where a little blizzard was covering the Long Pines. Bryce and Dawn had very little snow, but Dorothy had about an inch. Dawn has promised that during the one day of the year when the wind is not blowing, it is not 90 degrees, it is not $\overline{40}$ below zero, there are no mosquitoes or snakes or allergies or danger of sunburn or windburn; she is going to have her picture taken sitting on her lawn chair and basking in the shade of the huge tree that shades nothing of value, but drops its dead branches everywhere. That was a promise.

Charlie Odell had some brand inspecting to do this week, but the wind intimidated the truck drivers, so that hauling cattle was called off. He went to the Hills for groceries and supplies on Wednesday, and to Buffalo on Saturday. There was a small snow squall on Saturday, but not much snow for the lowlanders. The Sheep Mountains, and the Long Pines were white with snow. On Sunday, Charlie and Karen watched church on YouTube from Gomer, Ohio. Then Charlie brought lunch home from the Over The Edge. There was a little snow on the ground by Sunday night. Karen has been updating and enhancing pictures in history books for Sugar Creek Township in Ohio, this week. She got some music written for grandchildren to play on their piano, and she is refinishing a chair. Charlie did some work on corrals, and talked to his sister, Carol Smith, on Thursday. Karen talked to her brother Ron, who had gotten her latest novel to read. Her brother, Jim, left her a message on Sunday night, saying he had already finished reading her novel; the one that took her over a year to write. Oh, well, that kept her busy, anyway. Now she has to paint a picture on an old scythe blade that Kellan discovered. She has gotten behind in her projects, and will need to do some art this week. Well, life is interesting at Capitol and on Tie Creek. It's interesting to us, anyway.



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Wisdom From Out West!

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

Why I Listen to My Dog Instead

Lots of wild happenings around the country as far as the "news" goes. I have gotten to the point where I fully believe the old adage, "believe nothing you hear and half of what you see". Sure seemed like life was simpler before "instant" news.

Think of where we have come in the past 20 years. We have an instrument in our house or in our hand or pocket, that can bring us photos, videos and words from people around the world, in an instant. If you had told us this would be possible in my youth, we would have all laughed out loud!

Now we have it and like so many new toys, we are not sure the best way to use it. Seems like some like to use it to spread hate and discontent. When I go to look for info on anything, I have to question if what I have found is true or not.

I come from a pretty black and white world. If I say it is raining, you can believe it is raining. At least where I am, at the moment. And if I say

the wind is blowing, you can believe the wind is blowing, tho' if you live around here, that sure isn't too hard to believe.

I think I am going to just go back to listening to my horses, cows, dogs and cats. At least they are truthful.... Well, maybe not the cats, they are kind of sneaky creatures. Meowing as if they are starving when there is food in their bowl at their feet. Walking around all superior acting. Kind of like some people I have been around. But then the dog shows up and they are not so superior. Maybe what we need is more humans who act like dogs. Brave. Loyal. And just want to be our friends. And keep them sneaky cats straightened up!

I am pretty sure if we give it time, most of these problems will take care of themselves. Just ask my dog. She will tell you!



Area Church Schedules

BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH 1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-569-8380 Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM Bob Davis, Pastor ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 901 Laurel St. Whitewood (605)-920-1959 Reverand Jill Jennewein Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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605-642-0924 Envoys: Tim and Peggy North Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m. Worship Nursery available Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Learning and **Discovery Study** ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF **CHRIST** Sunday School and Worship at 8:30 a.m. • www.bfsoucc.org ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH 855 5th Ave Msgr Michael Woster, Pastor Fr. Zane Pekron Assoc. Pastor Mass Times Sunday 9:30 a.m. Monday 5:15 p.m. followed by adoration, Benediction at 7:00 Wednesday 12:15 p.m. First Friday Mass 8:00 a.m. Confessions Sunday 8:15 a.m. ST. JAMES LUTHERAN 1100 Stanley Street Saturday Worship (Year Round): 5 PM Sunday Worship (School Year): 10:15 AM Sunday Worship (June-August): 9 AM SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE **FELLOWSHIP** Seventh and Summit 892-4630 or 892-4389 Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Kidz Church Immediately Following Wednesday: September - May 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

Funding Available for Trails

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota State Parks Director Scott Simpson announced today that applications are being accepted for grants from the Recreation Trails Program (RTP). The grants will be available for trail projects sponsored by municipalities, counties, state parks, federal land management agencies or tribal governments.

"When it comes to promoting healthy communities, recreational trails are key," Simpson said. "As safe corridors for exercise and recreation, trails give families the opportunity to spend quality time together and enjoy the natural beauty of our state."

The Recreational Trails Program provides partial reimbursement for approved trail projects. Eligible projects include construction of new public trails, rehabilitation of existing public trails, development of trail-related facilities and educational programs that relate to recreational trails.

The application deadline is Friday, April 9, 2021.

RTP funds come to the state through the Federal Highway Administration and are apportioned to states by Congress to fund both motorized and non-motorized public recreation trail projects. The amount of funds available is based upon the number of recreational vehicles licensed in each state.

Application packets are available online at the Game, Fish and Parks website. For more information, contact Grants Coordinator Randy Kittle at 605.773.5490 or by email at randy.kittle@state.sd.us. The Rev. Evelyn Weaver The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer

6th and Roundup · 892-2446

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 1105 Todd St. John Allred, Bishop Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting Sunday School: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m. Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC) 902 Lawrence St. · 723-6899 Andy Anderson, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC) 613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche

(605)-210-2150 Pastor Stephen Carson Worship Pastor Ashton Rone Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST 807 8th Ave. 892-4178 Pastor Tim Smith Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am Morning Worship - 10:30am Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth Kindergarten -12th grade 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - Salt and Light FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish 605-645-3513 · 🕜 Pastor Bruce K. Oyen Sunday: Bible Class - 10:00 a.m. Church Service - 10:45 a.m. We sing traditional hymns & choruses. FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC 892-3402 • www.bfsoucc.org 717 Jackson St. Sunday 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PO Box 46, 200 Dartmouth Ave. Newell 605-456-2767 Worship: 9 a.m. Wednesday afternoon children's time during the school year, 3:45-5:15

BAPTIST CHURCH (ABA) · 2.2 miles east on Hwy 34 723-1092 Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service **NEW COVENANT PCA** 1140 Ames St. Spearfish 642-1122 - Luke Bluhm, Pastor Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service NEWELL CHRISTIAN **FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** 308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760 605-456-2544 Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am Sunday School: 9am Youth Group (Age 13-18): Wednesdays 6pm NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF **CHRIST** 5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167 Thomas Pruett - Minister Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH 10959 Kellem Lane, Spearfish Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM NISLAND INDEPENDENT **COMMUNITY CHURCH** On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356 Pastor Doug Clark Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH

1701 Hwy 212, Newell Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. RANGELAND MINISTRIES

<u>CHURCH</u> Alzada, MT Sunday: Worship: 10:00am Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Sheri Fadley 1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-892-2405 Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am VBS, Small Groups & Studies schedule online at www.bellefourcheumc.com

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From A1 COVID at School

do this but after discussing it with Dr. Willard we just felt it would be best to extend it until the end of the 20-21 school year. And then we'll go from there."

At present if a district employee were to get COVID it would come out of their regular sick leave. But with the board approval of motion to extend the benefit employees now get the COVID sick leave on top of their regular sick leave, according to Proefrock.

"It's the right thing to do and we'll be able to cover it with that CRF money," said Dr. Steve Willard, District Superintendent. "Hopefully if things keep going like they are it won't get used much."

The trend in the number of positive cases has decreased even after Christmas break.

"Over the break I was thinking a lot of about where we might be as far as numbers when we got back and honestly, they are really good," said School Nursing Supervisor Brandi VanSickle. "We have only three positive district-wide and 11 or 12 in quarantine and that really shocked me. I feel like everything has calmed down, in my opinion."

As for vaccine availability for teachers VanSickle says they are currently in Phase 1C, which is offering the vaccine to EMS and health care workers. She says teachers are in Phase D of the vaccine rollout, which places a timetable for shots sometime in February.

"I was thinking more like since it's South Dakota it would be September or October," Van-Sikle said. "So it's a good thing that February of 2021 we're looking at the school getting vaccine."

The district is still doing sentinel testing where every Tuesday two teachers volunteer to be tested for COVID. The random approach to testing is designed to provide a snapshot showing how much, if any, of the COVID-19 virus is circulating throughout the district.

When there is a positive case our principals are doing a really good job of contact tracing with Brandi to track down contacts," Willard said. "I think with social distancing and Tommy's (Coyle, Facilities Manager) crew doing an excellent job of cleaning and individual personal hygiene we're keeping things under control and keeping things open. I'm excited every day when it's 4 o'clock and we've made it through another day. Hopefully we can continue that." Willard adds that the district will be getting another round of funding through CARES-2, which passed congress last month. He says it will about triple what the first round of funding was although no details on a per pupil allocation are available yet. Although it is not known what strings may be attached as to how CARES-2 funding might be spent, Willard expects to present options for funding to the facilities committee with the expectation that some of the projects the district has listed will be paid for.



"This saves us some from our capital outlay budget, so that is a positive thing for us," Willard said.

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From A1 No Restrictions

school boards that things be opened up again. Some of the districts have voucher and mask mandates in place but they are not being enforced.

"I've been to activities in Sturgis and Spearfish and neither district is following their mask mandates. This puts a lot of pressure on everyone involved because there is no consistency there," he said. "So I guess that I'm just looking for some



Fan restrictions and ticket vouchers are a thing of the past for the remainder of the high school winter sports season, pending a uptick in COVID cases. - *Hockenbary Photo*

consistency."

District Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard says this is a hot topic across the state and he has seen dozens of emails form superintendents from across the state.

"Nationwide it seems the numbers are high, both east of us and west," Willard said. "But in Belle Fourche and Butte County they are not too bad. I think as we allow the fans to come we'll keep an eye on it and if we see a surge we'll close it down."

"I think that the people who are really concerned about (COVID) will be able to watch it with what we've set up at home," said Board Vice President Scott Reder. "And I think the people that do come will know the risks. I've had more people asking about opening it up and no one has asked about limiting the tickets."

"I've seen the number of fans at home games be pretty sparse but last Saturday it was quite a few fans," said board member Mike Tyndall. "I think if folks Saturday, January 16, 2021 Wright @ Belle Fourche Boys & Girls at 2:30PM & 4PM

Friday, January 22, 2021 Wright @ Sudance Boys & Girls at 3:30PM & 6PM

JANUARY 2021 NE WY High School Basketball Boys & Girls continued

Saturday, January 23, 2021 Moorcroft @ Wright Boys & Girls at 4PM & 7PM

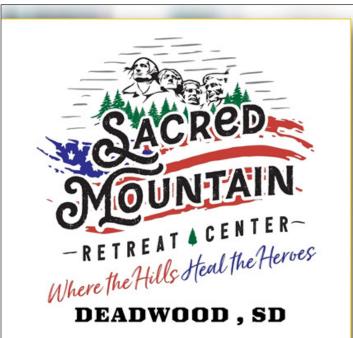
Thursday, January 28, 2021 Moorcroft @ Sundance Boys & Girls at 5:45PM & 7:30PM

Friday, January 29, 2021 Upton @ Hulett Boys & Girls at 5:30PM & 7PM

pull up and see a packed house, there will still be room, but they will decide whether they want to go in or not."

"I think this really gives our parents, our fans and our community what they really need right now, to be honest with you," Nowowiejski said. "I remember we did a drum line at one our games and lot of folks who had to watch the live stream and said it just wasn't the same. They really wanted to see it live."

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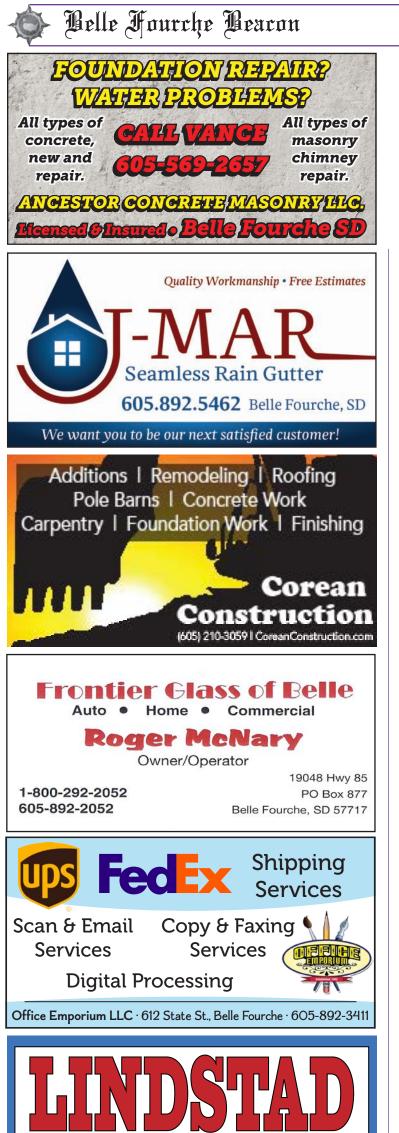
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Looking Back in Belle

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



124 years ago -Northwest Times Jan. 20, 1897 Several sewing machines are in the collection at the Tri-State Museum

100 years ago Northwest Post Jan.13, 1921 Will Complete The Project Nearly a Half Million Dollar Appropriation for the Belle Fourche Project The most welcome news for Belle Fourche and Butte county

in many days was conveyed in a telegram from Congressman Harry L. Candy to the Belle Fourche Commercial club, received last Thursday, and which reads as follows: "The house today agreed to provision in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill appropriating \$485,000 for Belle Fourche reclamation project for year commencing July first, which is an increase of \$365,000 over present year period. The reclamation service proposes to expend \$200,000 in commencing work on the proposed Chicken Creek storage for the Johnson lateral, \$50,000 for draining, \$50,000 for canals and other working connection with the proposed Willow creek extension and the balance for increased cost of operation and maintenance." The importance of this action will be understood when it is know that it means the last steps in the completion of the Belle Fourche irrigation project will be started next summer with the construction of the Chicken creek reservoir.

Never, since the construction of the Belle Fourche project has there been sufficient water for the ranch men along the Johnson lateral, but with the additional storage to be provided by the Chicken creek reservoir, there will be an abundance of water for 3,500 acres of land in that district already under the project, besides an adequate supply for several thousand acres to be added to the project. It will be remembered that one of the chief reasons for the Great Western Sugar company not constructing a sugar refinery in the Belle Fourche valley was the insufficient water for the Johnson lateral. The Belle Fourche Commercial club has taken an active part in furthering this movement and is entitled to due credit.

75 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post Jan. 22, 1946

City to Vote on Swimming Pool Belle Fourche's city council has swung into action on the town's most talked-of improvement projects- a swimming pool and paving of the streets. The board, at a special meeting last night, ordered that petitions be prepared and distributed in paving districts and has decided to vote at the spring election to see if the people want to bond the city \$50,000 (a tentative figure) for construction of a swimming pool. After hearing a report on procedure required for distributing voting district and public decisions in those districts, the board ordered City Attorney Burton Penfold to prepare immediately a petition to be circulated in the various districts. State law requires that 65 per cent of the people in each district must disapprove of a project if it is to be defeated.

Government Draws Up Plans for Seizure of Closed Packinghouses

Washington Jan 21 – The administration is getting ready to use its last-ditch weapon for settling labor disputes - seizure of struck properties. Officials are drafting legal procedure for seizure of the strike-idled packinghouses to avert a national meat famine and kill off revived black market. Seizure is expected within 48 hours or as soon as the government can complete a plan to grant price increase under the stabilization policy which will allow the strikers to return to work for higher wages in the government-operated plants. Suspend Livestock Sales Here Until Meat Workers Return Until meat workers return to their jobs and buyers are once more in the market for livestock, sales at the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange will be suspended, it was announced yesterday by officials. In event of government seizure of the plants and the expected return to work of the strikers, officials plan to resume sales as soon as possible. "We feel operation of the sales while the strike is in



by Mary Buchholz

progress is unfair to sellers," said one of the officials. "Because of the strike, buyers and their demands are limited. As a result bidding, if any, is low."

50 years ago

Belle Fourche Daily Post Jan. 30, 1971 600 At 10th Annual AFS Smorgasbord It was cold Sunday, but in spite of the temperatures, nearly 600 persons gathered Sunday in the warm atmosphere of the 10th annual Foreign Student smorgasbord. To so aptly apply the theme of the day, Love Around the World, foreign students from Uruguay, Switzerland, Costa Rice, Japan, Chili and Norway, joined with Belle Fourche's own students Sia Louka from Greece, in making the day and theme more meaningful. Belle Fourche's first foreign student, Aud WillochFett of Bergen, Norway, returned to Belle Fourche for the 10th annual smorgasbord bringing her husband and small son Per Christian, who won the hearts of many as he toured the Community Hall Sunday. Praise for the students and their work seemed superior to any past accomplishments.

No One Hurt in Alzada Explosion Doors and windows were blown out of the Alzada Garage and a car was demolished, but no one was injured in an explosion Saturday evening. The mishap occurred about 7:45 p.m. Saturday at the Alzada Garage owned by Elmer Peterson. Mrs. Peterson reported yesterday that they believe a short in the ignition of the car ignited fumes in the garage to cause the explosion which blew windows out of the garage building and blew out a door. No serious fire accompanied the explosion. A few spots were slightly charred but most of the damage came from the explosion. Peterson, who was in the garage at the time, was not injured. Dempsey Dodds, Alzada, was just walking in the door. He was pushed back by the impact, but not injured, Mrs. Peterson said. Peterson's car, a 1967 Cadillac, which had recently been converted to use propane gas, was demolished.

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Fabric of Our Lives Feb. 6th 9am - 5pm Tri-State Museum

Temporary exhibit opens featuring artifacts, photos and storyboards about the cultural significance of fabric, and how sewing and needlecrafts have impacted people - especially women - through time.

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 – 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center 828 Kingsbury St. 605-892-6285 The thrift store is now open for your shopping pleasure. Check with the staff if you have items to donate.

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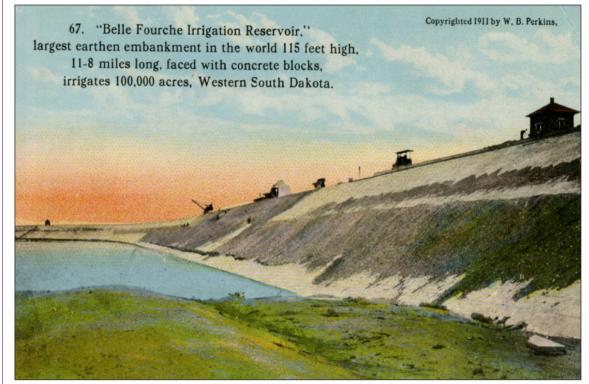
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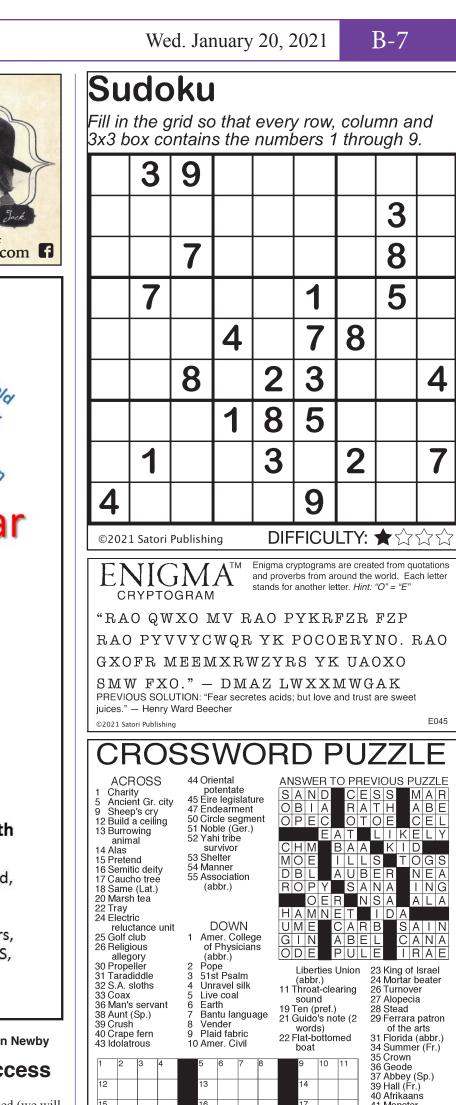
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by Albert Einstein, he said "The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." Simply put, we need to alter

I again use a quote

our traditional thinking to enact and facilitate change within our community.

After a year like 2020, which impacted so many small businesses and communities, it is important that we remind ourselves of the true value small business brings to our community. Analyst Nick Rokke, of the Palm Beach Daily, recently indicated some great small business facts. Small businesses make up 99.7% of U.S. firms. They employ 49% of all Americans and create 64% of all new jobs. Let those figures sink in!

Prior to COVID striking our communities and country, the fact that the business environment was generally robust in many communities throughout the country should come as no surprise. COVID changed that dynamic overnight. Even communities that have incorporated many of the proven tactics such as micro-TIF's, favorable tax rates, fewer regulations, city commitment, and other initiatives to assist small businesses, struggled to survive.

As Rokke also points out, with fewer regulations, businesses can more accurately predict the future allowing them to take on more employees or even expand. With competitive tax rates allowing businesses to keep more of their profits you have the ingredients of a strong small-medium business



community. City commitment instills confidence and support. Why do I bring up the above information? Now

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is the time for every community

in America to shine their light inward and determine if their community is doing everything possible to support and build their future through their small business base. Is your community taking this time to double down on their efforts to assure small business growth? If not, now is the time to spring into action and create the atmosphere of innovation, change, entrepreneurship, collaboration and synergies.

There can be many reasons why this may not be occurring in your community. It may be regional headwinds not seen in other portions of the country, such as being tied to oil prices. It may be local and state taxes coupled with regulation, such as we see in states like Illinois, New Jersey or California that stifle growth. It might be a soft labor market where open positions may be hard to fill. The list of economic reasons is practically endless.

In spite of the reasons above and many others that we can add to the list, each community must take their future in their own hands. Be the future you wish to see. If taxes are too high, offer tax incentives. If regulations are stifling, reduce regulations making start-ups easy and painless. If you haven't taken advantage of micro-TIFs, look into it and see if that fits your community.



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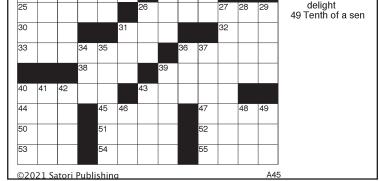
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Many communities invest major dollars in courting national businesses, not that this is all bad. Evaluate the long-term impact of those dollars on your community. In most cases, the long-term impact is much worse than we can imagine or realize. Not to mention, when times get tough, national chains know no loyalty and will leave.

Most importantly, while investing in small business, simultaneously, invest in your current downtown and the surrounding area. National statistics indicate those dollars bring the highest return to your community. When downtowns are left to deteriorate, you can plan on other parts of the community soon following. You won't see it overnight; it will be like a cancer or degenerative process that slowly infects the body until it is too weak to battle back. I have yet to see a rebuilt and vibrant downtown that hasn't positively impacted the entire community.

Our downtowns are treasures, the links between the past, present and future. They are what drives small business growth throughout the entire community. They are what connects the young, middle age and the mature. They are the future for those communities seeking answers to a better tomorrow.

John A. Newby, author of the weekly "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street " column dedi*cated to assisting communities* and local media companies combine synergies allowing them to not just survive, but thrive in a world where their identity is being lost to Amazon, Wall Street chains and others. His email is: john@360MediaAlliance.net.



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Belle Fourche FFA Members Recognized with STAR Awards

On January 11th, two Belle Fourche FFA members competed for STAR awards in District Greenhand and State Farmer and Agribusiness. STAR awards are given to outstanding FFA members. These members have gone above and beyond in their attitude, chapter involvement, community service and supervised agricultural experience. The rewards include receiving medals, plaques and sometimes cash.

The District STAR Greenhand is given at the District level to the most active first year member that has a strong supervised agricultural experience and demonstrates a high level of leadership. Each district in the state interviews and recognizes an outstanding sophomore FFA

member and this year District 5 has recognized Morgan Macke-

ban. She will be presented a degree and plaque at the South Dakota State FFA Convention. State STAR Farmer and State STAR Agribusiness are both awarded at the State level. For the STAR Farmer,

awards are given to members with outstanding achievement in their production agriculture SAE and active participation in FFA. STAR Agribusiness is awarded achievements in their nonproduction agribusiness

SAE and active participation in FFA. This member is recognized by the State



FFA Association. Each District in the state interviews candidates to send on and compete in a series of interviews for recognition of the states top spot. District 5 has nominated Lanev Mackaben for both STAR Farmer and

Agribusiness.

As always keep a lookout for more news from your local FFA chapter and upcoming events. Respectfully yours, Morgyn Barker Belle Fourche FFA Reporter





Laney Mackaben

Morgan Mackaben



Newell School Board

What to do About the Bus

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – The major share of the January 11 school board meeting was taken up with discussion about the bus situation; first with a representative from Harlow's Bus Service and then a discussion and conditional approval of the purchase of a new or used bus for the 2021-2022 school year.

Superintendent Andrew Fergen said he had applied for two grants for a potential 25 percent off of a 2019 or newer bus.

"One we will know mid-January and the other we'll know in May," said Fergen. A representative from Harlow Bus Service presented information about their company serving the Newell district providing buses and drivers. In recent years it has been difficult for the school to obtain drivers, even with increases in pay.

Harlow's proposal was in excess of \$161,000 for a calendar year (9 months) and did not include activities. Board Member Leann Gaer said the biggest struggle for Newell was getting drivers and asked the representative about that issue for their company. He said it was difficult to get drivers and that he and his mechanics often had to drive.

There was the possibility that bill could be cut down by savings on fuel costs by not having the district run buses, as well as selling some or all of the Newell fleet to Harlows as well as potentially storing Harlow buses in the Newell bus barn. Costs for running a route daily (on a Newell district determined schedule) varied.

"We'll have the budget committee take a look at that (proposal)," said Chairman Tyrel Bonnet.

School Bus C2

Ready to Make Beautiful Music



NEWELL – Lot's going on at the Newell school in recent days. With the federal government program that came through recently, with CARES funding, the school district will be able to supplyw free breakfasts and lunches to all students, K-12, excluding seconds and milk, for the remainder of the school year.

"We would like to encourage you to take advantage of this offer and have your child eat lunch at school," said Principal Steve Schoenfish. "We ask that you use this time to pay the accounts which are past due. Questions are to be directed to him at 456-0102.

Barb and Harlan Schnell recently donated aerobic



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equipment, including a stair machine and reclining bicycle to the school for the weight room. Kayden Steele and Sydney Kjellson had to immediately try the equipment, which will be a plus for the school. Harlan Schnell is a former Maintenance/Transportation Department Head.

The girls' basketball program recently presented a game ball to Renee Rhynard, in memory of her late husband John Rhynard. The couple were great support-

ers of Newell basketball even traveling to many away contests.

School Roundup C4

2020 City Sales Tax Revenue Up, New Year Decisions to be Made

BETTY BRUNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – The first regular meeting for the Newell Commissioners met in the Newell Office building while those

outside the commission met via Zoom. As commissioners perused last year's financial statements, they questioned the reason behind the increase in sales tax between 2019 and 2020. Sales tax increased by

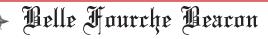
store instead of elsewhere," he said.

Finance Officer Jennifer Parrow informed the commission that she was working on an audit on the water bills this month, along with finalizing the annual

sale) Malt Beverage and Farm Wine License from the Newell Stop & Shop to BJ's Country Store Newell was approved, with Commissioner Tiffany Tennis abstaining.

Tennis suggested to Liquor





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Newell School Menu Jan. 20 - Jan. 27

Wed. January 20

Lunch: Hot turkey sandwich on whole grain bread, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed fruit, fresh fruit, milk.

Thurs. January 21

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito or cereal, fresh fruit or juice, milk

Lunch: Pizza, Brussel sprouts, pineapple, fresh fruit, milk

Mon. January 25

Breakfast: Mini pancakes or cereal, fresh fruit or juice, milk

Lunch: Tangerine chicken, rice, stir-fry vegetables, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, milk

Tues. January 26

Breakfast: Long johns or cereal, fresh fruit or juice, milk

Lunch: Chili, cornbread muffins, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk

Wed. January 27

Breakfast: Apple Pie Oatmeal or cereal, milk

Lunch: Fish sticks, tater wedges, peaches, fresh fruit, milk

From C1 SCHOOL BUS

On they went to the next bus subject, that of the bids for a used or new bus. This was provided by Foreman Bus Sales out of Mitchell. A bid for a "gently used" 2019 bus was a "purchase now price" of \$65,000 with a \$62,900 price tag for July delivery.

The 2019 bus would include seating for 71, with remaining warranty of 9,000 miles on the body, 60,000 miles on the engine and unlimited on the transmission.

The new 2022 bus would have a price tag of \$90,260 and would seat 65, with all

Cara Muckridge had been meeting with students and/or parents who had failed a class the first semester to get them into a program to make up the failed class and help them be in a "good place" to have success. He also said he had contacted Daktronics for the part needed to get the electronic marquee up and running again but found the part needed to be ordered through Conrad Signs in Rapid City. He said the part would be installed soon.

Fergen said he had a quote from Architectural Specialties for 30 security cameras that have 50 feet of coverage each, including on the edges of buildings, and in stairwells. He would get more details and hopefully get a grant to cover the expense. During open forum time, Bonnet singled out Sabrina Harmon to thank for both the gift baskets she gave to each board member at the last meeting and for her work to bring the dental mobile to the school. The dental mobile staff saw and approximate 50 students and did over \$40,000 worth of work. School board election was set for April 13, to coincide with the city election. Petitions can be taken out as early as January 29, and be obtained from the school business office. Up for election this year are Leann Gaer, Chad Lawson, Tyrel Bonnet and Miles Burtzlaff.

If you have Newell ~ Nisland ~ Vale news you would like to share for the KBFS/KYDT radio spot, please call Judy Dague at 892-5303 or Colleen Brunner at 645-9976. We announce the local NVN news Tuesdays and Thursdays and would appreciate your input.

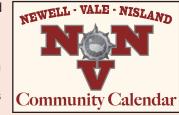
For ANY school related activity-especially AWAY contests, please check the school website at newell.k12.sd.us.

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Here's an opportunity if you have the skill set. Most of the job could be carried out remotely, according to the supervisor. It is a two-year, part-time position working with the Black Hills Farmers Market. See the application letter and job description below. There is not a travel allowance associated with this position. Wednesday mornings in peak season (July through October) is when the wholesale market deliveries are scheduled and would need on site presence. And there would be some Saturdays worked at the market, covering for days when the supervisor can't be there. See contact info and application to print and mail in below. (Please contact Stew Newell via Facebook PM if you would like the Word Documents)

The Town of Newell is taking applications for a Full Time Finance Clerk. Pay will be discussed at time of interview. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at 101 East 3rd Street between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, or printed from the website at 222.townofnewell.org. Applications will be taken until the position is filled. See the job description on the new NVN Area Facebook page at (1) NVN Area I Groups I Facebook.

ULTIMATE CAPS of Belle Fourche, South



Dakota is offering a great opportunity for a Morning Show Broadcaster on KYDT 103.1 FM and KBFS 1450 AM. The ideal candidate should possess an exemplary work ethic, be a self-starter and be highly organized. The position requires an extreme level of

reliability. No experience or education is required, but you must be a fast learner and have familiarity with computers and technology. Knowledge of the Skylla system and Adobe Audition is preferred, but not required.

Jan. 20: One-Act Play @ Pierre, all day

Jan. 21: GBB/BBB at home with Custer. JV begins at 3 p.m

Jan. 22: Third Annual Dodgeball fundraiser for all EMS services in Butte County. Hosted by Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue at Austin Auditorium at 6 p.m. Come watch the fun and donate to your favorite (or all of them) EMS services. Includes NAVFR, Newell, Vale, Castle Rock and Belle Fourche Fire Departments, Newell and Belle Fourche Ambulance, Belle Fourche Police Department and Butte County Sheriff/Dispatch Office. Concessions will be available.

Jan. 23: MSBB-Belle Fourche/Harding Co Triangular at Newell, 9 a.m. HSWR-Chadron Tourney 10 a.m.; Third Annual NAVFR Auxiliary Soup and Dessert Fundraiser, 5-7 p.m. at New Firehall.

Jan. 25: MSBB-Spearfish at Newell 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 26: HSWR-Lemmon Rd. Robin 4:30 p.m.; BBB-at Newell with New Underwood 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 28: MSBB-at Douglas 3:45 p.m.

Jan. 29: HSWR-Belle Fourche Tourney 1 p.m.; GBB/BBB at Faith 3 p.m.

Jan. 30: HSWR-Belle Fourche Tourney 9 a.m.; MSBB-LMC at Timber Lake 10 a.m.; GBB/BBB at Philip 1 p.m.; Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day at Central States Fairgrounds.

From C1

SCHOOL ROUNDUP

The Newell music program received a large donation from Black Hills Energy for the purchase of 20 ukuleles for the department. The department had been fundraising for a while and the donation from BHE put them over the top. The instruments will have plaques on each one with the name of the donator on it.

"We so appreciate this and the kids are excited about getting to know the instruments," said Music Director Jennifer Stomprud.



new warranty. It would come without some options the district would require, such as a video camera. Those would be add-ons.

After a long discussion time when several ideas were batted back and forth, Todd Youngberg motioned to approve either of the bus bids, contingent upon approval of the grant and the budget committee outcome for which of the bids would be accepted.

With the knowledge of the potential grant for discount coming on January 13 and a budget committee approval shortly after, the motion was approved.

In other business, Principal Steve Schoenfish said he and

From C1 City Commission

once she has brought that under control.

Mayor Wetz would like to see prices more prominent on the bottles in the liquor store. Brown explained that her supplies were up more than \$5,000 this past year, due mainly to the special procedures for COVID. She is still having cash register issues and has not received a return call from the company concerning the cash register dilemma.

Public Works Manager Larry Parker, reported that no one had come out to check the well yet. The well is still down.

Parker advocated the need for the commission to investigate what would be needed to complete 5th Street. A culvert needs to be put in over the ditch where 5th and Girard Streets meet. Roy Berry is planning to have a business in the area and the street requires the approximately 60ft. culvert.

Parker also pointed out that once a culvert is placed, the street becomes a city problem. If the commission would decide to complete the street, it would take an engineer to handle the plans. The commissioners took his information under advisement and will consider the future.

Designations were made for the 2021 official depository, legal publication, and Attorney. First National Bank of Newell will be the depository, Black Hills Pioneer the legal publication, and attorney for the City will be Bennett, Main, Gubbrud, and Willert from Belle Fourche.

Commissioner Chad Erk handed in his resignation from the Commission, effective January 11, 2021. The resignation was accepted with regret and Mayor Wetz gave a Thank You for his service.

Wetz continue by saying, "We appreciate what you've done for Newell."

Erk's position will be filled at the city election to be held April 13, 2021. The position is for a two-year service.

The commissioners decided to advertise for a full-time Finance Clerk position to be filled as soon as possible. Applications can be found at the Town of Newell website.

Renee Rhynard, center, was presented a girls' basketball game ball, in memory of her late husband, John Rhynard. The couple enjoyed basketball and were big supporters of the Newell program, both boys and girls. Back row: Lexa Burtzlaff, Kim Johnson, Kassidy Weeldreyer, Kayden Steele, Jaelyn Wendt, Sydney Kjellson. Front: Mary Mahaffy, Rachel Erk, Rhynard, Stacy Mahaffy and Taylor Gaer. - *Courtesy photo*

Newell Grapplers Do Well Over the Weekend

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BENNETT COUNTY – The Newell wrestling squad had a good day at the tournament in Bennett County Gold Invitational this past weekend. Chase VanDerBoom, wrestling at 138 pounds, grabbed first place in the meet, scoring 16 team points. In the first round he won by fall, 2:52, over Talong Krolikowski of Bennett County. In his next match he took on William Costello, of Gordon/ Rushville, beating him by major decision, 13-33.

Round three saw VanDer-Boom pin Caleb Heck of Gordon/Rushville, in 2:38. He finished things out well, with a major decision victory over Connor Beckman of Rapid City Stevens, to make a trek to the top spot on the podium.

Caleb McGregor, wrestling at 195 pounds, also snagged a first-place spot and a trip to the podium following in his teammate's footsteps. He grabbed 18 team points. He beat Trenton Gore of Rapid City Steven by fall in 1:58, in his first round. In his second time on the mats, he beat Elijah Johnson of Bennett County, also by fall in 2:59.



Chase VanDerBoom, top center, placed first at the Bennett County Gold Invitational wrestling tournament last weekend. - Courtesy photo

Round three action saw him go against Ayden Brakke of Lyman, will again by fall in 3:53. His final round that brought him the victory, was by fall over Matthew Merrill of Custer. It took him just 18 seconds to pin Merrill.

Garrett Winkler placed second at the meet and scored 18 team points. In quarterfinal action he won by fall over Connor Adams of Custer, in just 34 seconds. His second match was also won by fall over Tance Wagner of Lyman. This was a tougher match and went 5:58 before Winkler put Wagner's shoulders to the mat.

In the match for first place, he

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BETTY OLSON

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There was a lot of wind this

week and even when the tem-

felt cold outside.

City on Monday

for another test to

make sure he was

healthy enough

replaced and the

test turned out well.

We went back to Rapid

City Tuesday afternoon

to be there early Wednesday

Hills Surgical Center for his

phone to keep me up on what

I stopped at Walmart in Spear-

fish to pick up some meds from

the pharmacy on my way home

and got to visit with two of

my favorite kids, Katie (Doll)

Olson. I stopped at the Belle

Fourche Beacon office on my

way through Belle Fourche and

had a good visit talking politics

with the editor, Doug Cole, who

was a lobbyist in Pierre before

The wind started to blow

ranch and just before dark

when I went to take care of

my chickens, it was blowing

off the steps coming into the

house! If I hadn't held tight to

the door handle, I would have

had a really bad fall. Just after

dark, the electricity clicked off

and on a couple times and then

shut off completely. The wind

was blowing 93 mph in Buffalo

and that caused the outage. The

lights came on and woke me

up when the electricity came

back on just after 2:00 the next

so hard that it almost blew me

hard on the way back to the

my time down there.

Schuelke and our grandson Trig

was happening and that was

much appreciated.

morning to check into the Black

to get his hip

Reub and I took

another trip to Rapid

peratures were in the 50s it sure



Grand River Roundup

gale force wind to restore our power.

A nasty grass fire started Thursday afternoon northwest of Lemmon that burned around 20,000 acres in 56 mph winds. 26 fire departments had it 95% contained by Sunday. Two firemen were injured, but thank God no one was killed. I went to Hettinger Thursday morning to go with Sage to Rapid City

for his Lasix surgery that afternoon. I wasn't allowed in while they did his eye surgery, but it went well and I drove him after his surgery. We stayed overnight iin Rapid and I drove him to the eye doctor for his checkup Friday morning. While I was waiting outside the eye clinic, Reub called to tell me that they were releasing him so I could bring them both home. After Sage was done with his appointment, we went shopping to kill time until Reub was dismissed. We finally went to get him, but he wasn't released until noon!

Sage and I dropped Reub off at the ranch where he is staying in the basement with his walker and then I took Sage back to his house, got in my pickup and drove home. Taz and the little people came to visit Grandpa Reub that evening and we all had fun. Both Reub and Sage are doing well after their surgeries and should be back in working order soon

This Sunday was Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and Slim Buttes Lutheran celebrated by handing out baby bottles for the baby bottle campaign from the Bella pregnancy resource center in Spearfish. Some friends we haven't seen for a while came to church this Sunday. Laura Johnson's sister Marcia Martin is visiting from Seattle, Washington and Patsy Wilkinson's brother Dean Papka came to visit Patsy from his home in Georgia. Ty Hotchkiss was able to come home from overseas, but his wife Rosie is still stuck in Scotland because of the pandemic. Ty could come back to America because he's a citizen,

green card before she will be allowed back into the country. Tom and Betty Goddard sent me this doctor story a while ago:

An old geezer who had been a retired farmer for a long time became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: Dr. Geezer's clinic. "Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured get back \$1,000.'

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

This is what transpired. Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth.'

Dr. Young: "Aaagh!! This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoved and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money. Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything.'

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth.'

Doctor Young: "Oh no you don't, that is gasoline!' Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak. I can hardly see! Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so here's your \$1000 back.'

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500..."

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500.'

Moral of story: Just because you're young, doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old Geezer!

from the Newell Museum

surgery that day. The last time Reub had surgery at that same hospital, I was able to stay in 605-645-7338 the room with him and order 2120 Hillsview Dr the delicious food off the menu. Belle Fourche, SD 57717 With the pandemic, I wasn't even allowed in the building so I headed home. The nurses and his doctor called me on my cell

Then and Now in Newell

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"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

February 2, 1911 From Chief Clerk Earl Mills of the Reclamation Service, we learn that on January 25, 1911, the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project was 856% completed. The principle work is the north side canal which lies north of Newell. There is yet a little more work in laying concrete blocks on the Owl Creek Dam.

At this writing there are 3 house moving outfits in town engaged in moving buildings onto the Townsite and if the weather is favorable within 2 weeks every business building in town will be moved to the new site, except, of course, those buildings where the owner is unable to secure a lot.

The ice saw can be heard in almost every direction, as every farmer and rancher is busy putting up ice.

January 29, 1921

One of the popular events of the season occurred at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chas Wilson, when about 30 friends were invited to celebrate their daughter Ruth's sweet sixteen birthday. Dancing and card playing were indulged in 'til nearly 2 AM. Miss Ruth received several

ing several new courses this semester; Supt Austin will teach "Business Methods", Miss Duckstad will teach "Public Speaking", Mr. Johnson will teach "Commercial Arithmetic" and Mr. Sorbel will teach "Civics". Some of these courses are required while others are offered for those who wish semester electives.

Mrs. Louis Schell and daughter Phyllis, had a narrow escape from death by carbon-monoxide poisoning Thursday morning. Mrs. Schell and daughter were operating a gasoline washing machine in the kitchen and had neglected to place the exhaust tube outside. The daughter complained of feeling ill and at the same time Mrs. Schell felt the effects. Fortunately, both were able to reach the open air and safely in time

H. E. Deschamps came in to Newell from Castle Rock on Monday bringing in some much needed fresh farm produce for sale.

January 23, 1941 Victor Kosola, son Howard and daughter Ione made a business trip to Deadwood Saturday morning. We sure appreciate the linemen at Grand Electric who worked all night in that but Rosie has to wait to get a



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pretty and useful presents. A very good supper was had together with plenty of nut fudge and everybody went away wishing Ruth's birthday came more often then once a year and to say Mr. & Mrs. Wilson are not entertainers of the best sort would be daring it mild to say the least.

The local young ladies basketball club is putting in some good time at practice and soon will be looking for further worlds to conquer. It is intimated that they will try for a date with the Belle Fourche team on the same night as the return game between the local town team and the Belle Fourche Legion.

January 22, 1931 Our High School is offer-

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and were supper guests at the Phillip Montamble home in Lead. On Sunday the Victor Kosola family reciprocated the hospitality and entertained Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Montamble and sons, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Searle, all of Lead and Mrs. Anna Hentila from Upper Horse Creek.

Billy Albright returned Wednesday evening from Rapid City where he had attended a 3-day light adjusting school conducted by the State Motor Vehicle Department. A new addition has been completed to his Standard Service Station here, new equipment has been added and it is now licensed for light adjusting.

Where the food stamp plan has been in operation since May 16, 1939, stores have been selling about 29% more butter



Shown above is Joe Nelson & Company moving either a house or a building to the Newell townsite in January of 1911. He was a "professional" house mover in the area.

Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then 'n' Now in Newell

and about 5% more eggs a week during the experiment period than in the 4 weeks preceding the program.

January 25, 1951

With interest high in the Newell-Nisland basketball re-play scheduled to be held at Nisland next Tuesday, the event has been earmarked as a benefit for the West River Crippled Children's Center, was announced this week. The 2 teams met at Nisland last Tuesday in a game so close that no decision could be reached on the true victor. Both events are Little Ten Conference games with tip-off at 7:00 PM. Price of admission at the benefit will be 10, 35, and 60 cents.

Security measures necessary to protect Orman Dam will probably be determined here this week, it has been reported by Fred C. Winkler, manager of the Irrigation Project, to determine security steps to be taken is a safety engineer from Bureau of Reclamation, Billings. All which would be done at Orman for the present would be to post the dam itself, all the outlet works, the spillway and the earth fill. At present it is not necessary to completely deny access to visitor houses, to reduce fishing and points not involving close proximity



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Shown above is a portable narrow gauge railroad bridge over the Owl Creek Dam in 1910. (Later re-named Orman Dam)

to vital equipment, recreational purposes will remain open to the public except the 500 feet from the restricted areas. During WWII, 2 guards were kept at Orman for 2 years steady and traffic on the road below the dam was cut, along with parking being prohibited in the immediate vacuity.

January 26, 1961

With the prospects for a short supply of irrigation water, it might be well to consider a field or 2 of grain sorghums. Ralph Cline, Extension Agronomist will discuss possibilities at a Crop Meeting scheduled for February 6 at Butte Electric building in Newell. Favorable spring conditions, plus 1 irrigation, plus a few other things should make one good crop, will be discussed.

Thirteen members and 2 leaders of Kookies 4-H Club, met at the Mrs. Herbert Vasknetz home Wednesday after school. Mrs. Vasknetz served

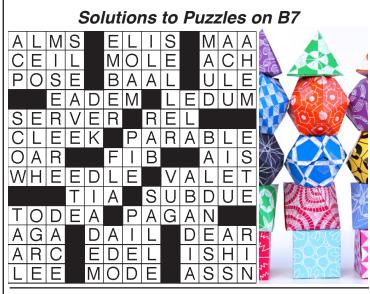
supper followed by a business meeting. Jack McDermott rejoined the club; Stephan and David Vasknetz demonstrated making a salad dressing devil's food cake. The "Best Kookies" Award for the meeting went to James Hopp and was presented a special gift. Runners-up were Marjo Bunney and Jack McDermott. The next meeting, February 8 will be at the home of James Hopp.

About 25 people attended a hearing on the proposed master plan for school district reorganizing in Butte County, as presented by members of the Butte County School Board was held Thursday evening at Nisland School. The meeting was held Thursday evening at Nisland School. Bill Smeenk, Newell, Ruth Fischel and Vernon Black both of Belle Fourche, Bill Williamson of Vale, J. Riley Price Zeona and County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Naomi Spaulding explained the plan and led the discussion.

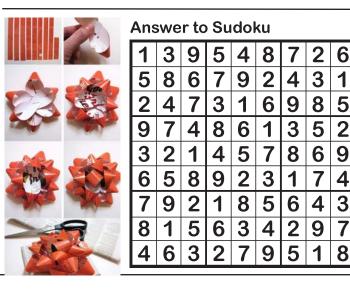
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From C2 Wrestling

lost by forfeit to Caleb Allen of Rapid City Stevens. He scored four points.

Charlie Clements wrestles at 106 pounds. He lost by fall to Riley Scott of Custer in the quarterfinals and his first match. In the consolation round, he

Newell Boys Basketball -

Blaise McGregor, at 113 pounds, wrestled Brayden Voorhees of Rapid City St3evens

took on Toarin Humble of Faith

and lost by technical fall 15-0.

and lost by fall in 3:11. In the consolation round he received a bye. In the semi's he wrestled Neil Hicks and lost by decision 8-7.

Newell Girls Basketball -

Lady Irrigators advance at the WRT

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NEWELL - The Newell Lady Irrigators played the Bison Cardinals in first round action of the 39th Annual West River basketball tournament on Tuesday, January 12 in Austin Auditorium.

Kayden Steele started the scoring for Newell early in the first quarter with a drive-in layup. Jaelyn Wendt followed that with one in the paint and a follow-up free throw to put Newell up 5-0 before two minutes were off the clock.

Steele nailed three field goals and one from just beyond the arc to nine points in the first quarter. Taylor Gaer got a hot hand for the night, starting with two treys in the period to put

the Irrigators up 20-6 in the first period of play.

Things slowed for Newell in the second quarter as they allowed the Cards to gain some momentum, and getting outscored 11-9, leaving Newell up 29-17 at the half. Wendt kept things going with another field goal in the second.

Gaer heated it up again in the third period with a trey and two field goals, while Steele put in a final three-pointer and a field goal. The girls started feeding inside to Kassidy Weeldryer who put four points on the boards. Newell was up 47-33 at the end of three. Wendt added a field goal in the third for her final points.

Weeldreyer remained in the game along with Gaer, while

coach Scott Winch added younger players to give them more experience in the final quarter. She scored four more points, again on a field goal and two of two at the line. Gaer added a final three-pointer, and two of five at the charity stripe. Syndney Kjellson picked up the slack and added her own field goal to give Newell the victory, 58-39 and a bump into the championship round on Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. when they face a tough Upton Bobcat team.

Q: N-20,29,47,58. B-6,17,33,39. Wendt 4/0/1/1-9, Stacy Mahaffy 0/0/0-2/0, Weeldryer 3/0/4-7/10, Kim Johnson 0/0/0-1/0, Kjellson 1/0/0-0/2, Gaer 2/4/1-3/17, Steele 5/3/0-0/19



Kayden Steele, far right, nails a trey in the first period, just one of three she put up for 19 points. Newell advanced to the championship bracket to take on the Upton Bobcats. - Brunner photo

Lady Gators Work Hard Against Upton

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NEWELL – In the third night of action in the 39th annual West River tourney in Austin Auditorium the Newell Lady Irrigators took on a very tough Upton Bobcat team, that shot an unbelievable 81 percent at the free throw line. Like their counterpart in their boys' team, this team had a snappy passing

of two at the free-throw line. Steele went to the line numerous times as both teams ended up shooting from the charity stripe. Steele hit three of seven. Meanwhile Weeldreyer added one more field goal, two of her total nine points in the game. The Irrigators score 17 points

in the final quarter, but the Bobcats scored 17 to keep their lead and win the game, 53-39 Q: N-13, 17, 22, 39. U-13,

21, 36, 53. Burtzlaff 1/0/0-0/2, Wendt 2/0/0-4/4, Weeldreyer 3/0/3-4/9, Johnson 1/0/1-2/3, Gaer 1/1/1-2/6, Steele 2/2/3-9/15.

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NEWELL - In opening night action for the boys' division of the 39th annual West River Tournament on Thursday, January 14, the Irrigators played a tough Upton Bobcats team. The Wyoming team had snappy, accurate passes and six three-pointers in the first quarter.

Colton Burtzlaff stayed steady for Newell scoring four points in the period and Jaden Tennis nailed one from the arc. Ryan Hohenberger added one in the paint on a side-angled jumper to give the Irrigators nine points in the period. But Upton put 26 points on the boards and had the Irrigators totally outmanned. Luca Brooks started the game hot for the Bobcats with 11 points, and remained that way through the second period, with six more. Newell picked things up a bit in the second quarter,

nearly matching Upton for points, 12-14. Tennis nailed two more from beyond the arc while Will Julefs hit two from in the paint and Hohenberger added another two. But, at the end of the first half, the Bobcats were up by 19 points, 40-21.

Things dried up for Newell in the third period. A lone field goal by Burtzlaff was the only bucket and the only two points for the Irrigators. Meanwhile, Upton added 23 points to push the lead to 63-23.

The fourth quarter wasn't much better for the hometown

Irrigators go Down in First Round

team as Burtzlaff was able to put up two field goals, while Hohenberger added one more for six Irrigator points. Upton scored 10 to finish the game with a 73-29 victory and a bump into the championship round.

Q: N-9,21,23,29. U-26,40,63,73. Julefs 2/0/0-0/4. Hohenberger 3/0/0-1/6, Tennis 0/3/0-0/9, Burtzlaff 5/0/0-1/10.



Jaden Tennis scored nine points against Upton in opening action for the West River tournament, all nine on three-pointers. Brunner photo

game, which the Irrigators had trouble combating.

The Lady Gators hung with the Bobcats through the first two periods, ending the first quarter tied up at 13. Newell's points came from Kayden Steele, with two field goals, and a three-pointer, a field goal by Jaelyn Wendt and Lexa Burtzlaff, and two of two at the charity stripe for Kassidy Weeldrever.

Wendt and Weeldreyer both scored field goals in the second quarter, the only points Newell was able to put on the boards. Meanwhile the Bobcats grabbed the lead and bumped it to four, 21-17 at the end of the half.

The third quarter was not much better than the second, with field goals by Steel and Weeldryer, as well as one of two by Weeldryer. For a total of five. Upton started to pull away, 36-22 in three periods.

Kim Johnson finally made her mark with a field goals and one of two at the charity stripe. Also scoring for the first time in the game was Taylor Gaer with a field goal, a trey and one



Kassidy Weeldreyer nails one from outside for two of her nine points against Upton. - Brunner photo

Irrigator Boys Fall for Second Time at West River Tourney

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NEWELL – In second round action at the 39th Annual West River boys' basketball tournament, in Austin Auditorium on January 15, the Newell Irrigators dropped their second game in as many nights. This time around it was the New Underwood Tigers that put the pressure on.

The two teams remained nearly even through the first period, with the Irrigators outscoring the Tigers by one point, 9-8. Newell's points were spread out, with Ryan Hohenberger hitting twice on jump shots for field goals and David Morell going inside to the bucket for two points. Jaden Tennis sank a nice clean shot from the arc for Newell. Jameson Duncan went two for two at the line.

They were all tied up at the half at 16 each. The Irrigators only managed seven points, three by Hohenberger on a field goal and two at the charity stripe. Morell went to the line for one of two. Meanwhile, the Tigers put up eight points to even things up.

From there things started going downhill for Newell. Many missed shots, from both outside and inside, and a bucket-load of turnovers, gave the Tigers the advantage. Newell put two points on the boards on an inside shot from Duncan and Tennis went to the line for one of two. Colton Burtzlaff nailed one at the top of the key and tossed in one of two at the free throw line. With three treys, and several field goals by the Tigers, the score was bumped up quickly, ending the third period with New Underwood on top, 33-27.

The Irrigators struggled to stay with the Tigers, but were outscored in the fourth, 11-8, with Tennis hammering another trey in, and only three more points on a field goal by Morell and one of two at the stripe by Burtzalff to end the scoring for Newell. The Tigers advanced while Newell would go to Rapid City to play for 7th place at the Civic Center.

Q: N-9, 16, 27, 35. NU-8, 16, 33, 44. Davidson-2/0/2-2/6, Hohenberger-4/1/2-3/13, Tennis-0/2/1-2/7, Burtzlaff-1/0/2-6/4, Morell-2/0/1-2/5.



Colton Burtzlaff looks to pass inside to David Morell in the game against New Underwood on Friday night.- Brunner photo





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