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## School District Enrollment Up

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(BELLE FOURCHE) - Official enrollment figures from the Belle Fourche School District show a 2% increase in students over last year.

The official head count for the 2019-2020 school year stands at 1,413. Last year the figure stood at 1,386, which represents an increase of 27 students.

There are 541 students enrolled in kindergarten through 4th grade, 427 students in 5th - 8th grade and 407 in 9th- 12th.

The official K-12 state aid fall enrollment figure is 1,379.24 students. That represents an increase of about 18 students from last year and is the second highest in the past five years.

State aid fall enrollment figures are used to calculate the amount of funding the school district will receive from the State of South Dakota. According to the South Dakota Department of Education the student head count for state aid purposes is taken on the last Friday in September and is used to fund the current fiscal year. Several other factors go into the complex formula used to determine state aid.

With the exception of last year, student population has held fairly steady over the past five years. In 2018-2019 the number dipped to a 5-year low of 1,361. In 2017-2018 it reached a 5-year high of 1,385, according to school district figures. But that high-water mark may be challenged in the near future.

“With the coming of the pipeline we can probably expect an influx of students next year but whether that number holds for the entire school year we’ll have to wait and see,” said Dr. Steve Willard, Superintendent of Schools during the school board’s regular meeting last week.

## New Chamber Director in Town



**Mark Rambow**, Belle’s new Chamber of Commerce director introduces himself to Kim, a barista at the Green Bean Coffeehouse on State Street in Belle Fourche.

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There’s a whole lotta shakin’ goin’ on in the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce.

Specifically hand-shaking. And attributable to new Chamber Executive Director Mark Rambow whose first order of business has been to travel throughout the community to meet local business owners.

The Sturgis native is now busy setting up the Chamber’s new office at 509 Grant Street, ably assisted by long-time administrative assistant Hazel Maher, and notes one of the primary attractions of his new position is the fact he has always been drawn to community work.

“There’s a developing business atmosphere in Belle Fourche,” Mark emphasizes. “It’s a beautiful community where the business end is really getting strong.” Mark’s 20 years working for nonprofits affords him the credentials to utilize this well-earned expertise to promote

## Serving Those Who Have Served Us



**DENTAL DONATION** - Flags lined 5th Avenue in front of **Jackson Dental** on Veteran’s Day. The Dental Clinic had an amazing turnout for their Veteran Donated Dental Services on November 11, 2019, Veteran’s Day. They completed 45 appointments for Veterans. All kinds of treatment from preventative hygiene and exam appointments to restorative appointments such as fillings, extractions, and crowns. Every Veteran served on November 11 was extremely grateful, thankful, and genuinely appreciated the services provided. “It was such a pleasure to be able to give back to those who have served us. The service provided was minute compared to the service and sacrifices they have made for us”. Jackson Dental hopes to provide the service to Veterans again in the future.

## Regional Health Will Become Monument Health

Health care system and Belle Fourche Clinic will also join the Mayo Clinic Care Network

(RAPID CITY) – On Thursday, Nov. 14th, Regional Health announced it will become Monument Health and partner with Mayo Clinic’s Care Network. According to a news release from the organization the change will take place January 17th. The organization says it will continue to employ more than 4,500 physicians and

caregivers in 20 Western South Dakota and Eastern Wyoming communities under the Monument Health banner.

Regional Health currently operates the Belle Fourche Medical Clinic and Regional Health Rehabilitation unit on the city’s southeast side. One family medical and primary care doctor, Bobbi Thuen, M.D., is based out of this location along with Dr. Heath Eggleston and John Palmer who have hours at the clinic as well. Regional also lists three Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP’s) who are based in Belle Fourche, LaDonna Bender, Andrea Pedersen and Gail Wild.

The new partnership with

Mayo Clinic’s Care Network means Belle Fourche’s Monument Health providers will now have access to Mayo’s resources, expertise and physicians. These resources can be vital when timely decisions need to be made regarding local patient’s healthcare diagnoses, care plans and especially with challenging cases.

“I think that this is really a step forward for healthcare in our community,” said Mayor Gloria Landphere. “Healthcare is just so important to our community and having this partnership is really moving things in the right direction.”

Access to the network means

local doctors can connect electronically with Mayo Clinic specialists live to ask questions about patient care, consult specific medical experts, participate in video conferences providing advanced medical updates, and access Mayo’s extensive library and archives of medical information.

Monument will join 43 other health care organizations worldwide who have been certified to be a part of its network. They will be the first one in South Dakota.

“Monument Health was selected to become a Mayo Clinic Care network member



**MONUMENT** A6

## Hay Creek Crossing, Police Parking Lot Completed

(BELLE FOURCHE) - Area residents have noticed that the Hay Creek bridge at 8th Avenue is finally open (below right). Work was completed last week after some crack sealing and patching work was completed.

According to the City, the project came in slightly over budget after some stabilization issues occurred with one of the box culverts following some heavy spring rain.

However, the project came in well within budget when considering that crews also completed a new parking lot on the south side of the police station (at right) that was scheduled for next year. That item was budgeted separately and when combining the two projects the city saved money getting them both done at the same time.


“Actually,” says Mark, “my perspective as a person from outside Belle Fourche gives me the ability to perhaps see things in a little different light.”

And although his plate is getting full with all the various Chamber-sponsored activities coming with the approaching holidays, Mark will continue his involvement in the Sturgis community as president of the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society and member of the board of the Old Fort Meade Museum. And then there’s the book he’s writing on the early history of Sturgis.

This isn’t a case of Sturgis’ loss being Belle Fourche’s gain. More likely it’s a case of two growing South Dakota communities profiting from one talented man.







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### Upcoming Community Events We Offer

**"How You Can Help Hurting Friends During the Holiday Season" - 6pm, November 21st**

**13th Annual "Hope for the Holidays" Service - 7pm, December 12th**

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## Obituaries

### Renada M. Wendland 76

Renada M. Wendland, age 76 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, November 16, 2019. She was surrounded by her loving family when she was called home to heaven.

A Celebration of Life service will take place 10am, December 2, 2019 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche, with Pastor Paul Howard officiating. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm, December 1st, at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will be held in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute at: www.funeralhomeofthenorth-

ernhills.com

Renada is survived by her daughters, Valynn (Douglas) Mednansky of Belle Fourche, Renee (Phil) Melkun of Colorado Springs; 5 grandchildren, Aaron (Callie), Eric, and Michael (Rachel) Mednansky, Allison and Nathaniel Shoemaker; 3 greatgrandchildren, Grace, Abigail, and James; brother, Gene (Joyce) Diedtrich of Newcastle; sisters, Della (Bob) Flocchini of Aberdeen, Donna Bland of Rapid City; and sister-in-law, Jean Diedtrich of Custer.

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### Pastor's Perspective

#### Blessings of Fruitful Fields and Healthful Skies

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



On October 3, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln instituted Thanksgiving as a national holiday. This declaration occurred during an awful period in our nation's history, as America was embroiled in a bloody civil war. Here is an excerpt from his declaration: "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God..... No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless

remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

The Scriptures likewise teach us to be people of gratitude for God's innumerable blessings. In Colossians 4:2 we read, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Being a person of thanksgiving is important on many levels. We should thank God for His spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1). If a person has trusted in Christ alone for their salvation then

they have received adoption into God's family. They have experienced the grace and mercy and love of God. Followers of Jesus have much to celebrate! Beyond these spiritual blessings, we have so much more to humbly thank God for. We have food to eat, air to breathe, friends, family, among so many other things. When we count our blessings we are reminded of God's faithfulness.

When we acknowledge and joyfully thank God as the Source of those good gifts (James 1) that brings glory to God. It also takes our focus off of negative things and opens up our eyes to the abundant goodness of God that is so prevalent in our lives. Ultimately the blessings we have in life should draw our hearts to worship God as the fountain from whom all blessings flow. This Thanksgiving season may we all be intentional to take note of our blessings and worship the One who has blessed us so well. Happy Thanksgiving!

### BF Ministerial Assoc. To Have Local Bell Ringers

The Holiday season is upon us, and we are thinking of those around us that are less fortunate. It is also the time when Americans are typically more generous.

Each year, our local Belle Fourche Ministerial Association accepts donations for our local Compassion Cupboard, which is located at 522 5th Avenue, here in Belle Fourche. Our community has been very generous through the years, and we have already seen that this year is no exception.

This year we have already had food drives from the Boy Scouts, Belle Fourche High School National Honor Society, Purple Pride, Black Hills Roundup, South Park Third Grade, Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department and many individuals through the year.

This year, the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association is also planning on conducting an additional fundraiser by conducting our own Bell Ringing campaign at Lynns, Lueder's and Runnings. Thursdays and Friday

from 5-7 pm, and Saturdays from 10-3 pm. If you are interested in donating meet us there, or you can mail a check to the Compassion Cupboard, PO Box 242, Belle Fourche.



**Scouts bring Food to Compassion Cupboard**

### St. James Annual Feast November 24th

St. James Lutheran Church will be hosting its 14th Annual Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday, November 24, from 5-7 PM at 1100 Stanley Street. This is a free event enjoyed by many in the community featuring a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and many scrumptious desserts.

This Thanksgiving tradition was begun in 2006 as a way to invite the community to give thanks and share the blessings given to us. The meal is meant for families to enjoy, those who might not otherwise have a Thanksgiving meal, and those who just like to eat. The meal itself has evolved over the years to the present day where there is a set menu. While the meal is completely free, any freewill donations will be given to the Compassion Cupboard.

Each year the number of guests attending the meal ranges from 250 to 400 people with the weather sometimes playing a factor in the number. Sometimes there is a scramble to set up more tables and sometimes people are eating in the pews, no one is ever turned away.

St. James Lutheran volunteers do the set up, prepare the stuffing and all of the side dishes, serve the food, and take care of the clean

up. A debt of gratitude goes to Jim Grapentine who for many years has graciously cooked and carved each of the turkeys for the feast using the ovens at Lynn's Dakotamart, as long as the turkeys were purchased at Lynn's. We also thank the Chamber of Commerce for providing extra tables and the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department for loaning roasters. Thrivent Financial provides funds to purchase supplies and some of the food for the meal.

In conjunction with the meal, the

St. James Lutheran Quilters sell quilts made during their monthly quilting days. Proceeds of the sale purchase supplies to make more quilts that are distributed to local charities and to worldwide disaster response through Lutheran World Relief. If you are interested in purchasing a quilt, they are 60 x 80 and are \$40.00 each. The quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary the night of the Thanksgiving Feast.

All are welcome to come and share in our blessings!



**St. James volunteers shown at 2018 Feast. Volunteers do the set up, prepare the stuffing and side dishes, serve the food, and take care of clean up. Skogberg photo**

*Psalm 100:1-5: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.*





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## Open Houses Spur on Christmas Season



Last week's Holiday Open House activities got the State Street shopping possibilities in Belle Fourche under way and on the move. Top photo: Sheila Hodge and Shannon Davis, **Pete's Clothing/Hodge Bootery** assist a customer in his boot buying. Middle photo: George Wilson, of **Cow-boy's Too!** explains the store's Shop & Go program. Bottom photo: LaRae Hanson, one of the business proprietors of the **Olive Branch**, eclectic mercantile, is all smiles as the Holiday Open house is underway.

Black Friday, November 29, will ring in the "official" start of the Christmas Shopping. What has started with an open house promises to be a celebration of the season.

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Belle Fourche Area Community Center

## FFA Travels to the Far East



### Serena Davis FFA Reporter

Thursday November 7th, thirty-three Belle Fourche FFA members took a 6-hour bus trip to Brookings and competed in the Jackrabbit LDE (leadership development event).

The bus rides are one of the best parts of FFA. They get everyone in the chapter involved, especially when it's that long of a trip. There is always someone that brings a speaker, and everyone gets into the beat.

On the bus ride home everyone is thinking about results and how they did individually

or as a team. In Creed Speaking Morgan Mackaben was 3rd of 83. Next was Ag Broadcasting with Serena Davis tying for 7th, Elijah Pomrenke coming in 23rd and Matthew Goodwin coming in 25th out of 74. Emma Crawford was 10th out of 29 in Extemporaneous Speaking and in Employment skills Laney Mackaben was 4th, Destanie Lugamou was 30th and Charlie Henwood was 43rd out of 68.

Starting off the team events the Ag Communications team including Laney Mackaben, Lanee Powers, Shaylie Holben and Brooks Clooten came in

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2nd out of 9. The next team was Ag Sales consisting of Aiken Crowley, Hayley Wilbur, Acelyn Brink and Hannah Satterfield, they came in 13th out of 27 teams. Parliamentary Procedure team 2 came in 3rd, that team is Morgan Mackaben, Olivia Furrow, Ava McLennan, Kyrstin Hayworth, Nicole Kraft and Shaylee Pickett.

The parliamentary procedure team 1 came in 7th and was

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Last but not least is CCM (conduct of chapter meeting), this team was Dustin Kolb,

Dylan Stedillie, Tia Williamson, Cheyenne Shiffar, Izzy Ramos, Chloe Crago and Grace Clooten and they got 6th out of 13.

Congrats to all those who competed and represented Belle Fourche FFA

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Pioneer Bank & Trust Sponsored the winning Brong Bird Baster team from their year-end *calcutta*. The team was made up of Aiken Crowley, Jake Konechne, Orin Olson, Riley Newman, and Alex Voyles.

The Bird Busters Trap and Street Teams would also thank the local businesses and community that supported them this past year. Businesses include: Carl's Trailer Sales, West Tire & Alignment, Tim Speidel Business & Tax, Jackson Dental, Dairy Queen, Tri State Realty, Tri State Construction, Randy's Tire, Auto Pro's, Bronding Iron, Nordic Marine, K&K Customs, Frontier Glass, Buckston, Blake Machine, Nelsrud, Belle Fourche Livestock, Vast Broadband, Duke Boston, Harshard's, Wheeler Lumber, Rannings, Spearfish Rifle & Trap Club, Morris Law Firm, Center of the Nation VFW, Center of the Nation Sportsman's Club, NRA, SD Community Foundation, Black Hills Shooters, SD Game Fish & Parks, and the Golf Foundation!!

## BFMS October Students of the Month



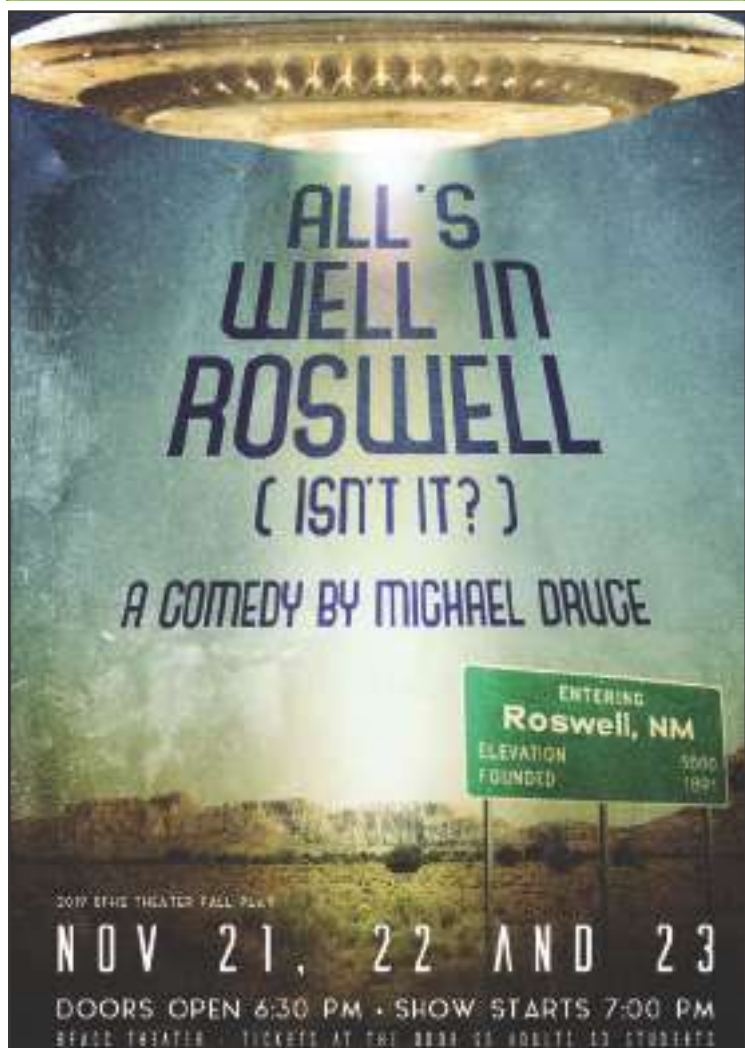
**PURPLE PROUD** - From left: Reagan Hatling (7th Grade); Chloe Schmoker (8th Grade); Nolan Wahfeldt (8th Grade); Eli Sechser (7th Grade); Griffen Biehl (6th Grade); Ryan Wood (5th Grade); Kailey Nowowiesjki (7th Grade); Lucila Merjil (5th Grade). -Beacon Photo

The Belle Fourche Middle School is honoring its students of the month for the month of October 2019.

The Belle Fourche Middle School honored their October Students of the Month at the School Board's regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 11th. The students were chosen by faculty and staff for demonstrating leadership, kindness

and model citizenship both inside the classroom and in other activities.

This month's 5th grade awards were sponsored by Stereos 'N Stuff, the 6th grade by Morris Law Firm, Prof LLC, the 7th grade by Fast Break Screen Printing and the 8th grade by Johnson Electric.





# Middle School Veteran’s Day Program



Mayor Gloria Landphere delivers the Veterans’ Day proclamation to open the Veterans’ Day Program with BFMS student council officers, **Shaine Weishaar, Jacie Baxendale, and Sloan Young.** *Courtesy Photo*



**Curtis Hanzlik** recites “In Flanders Fields” after the musical selection sung by the 7th and 8th grade choir under the direction of Ms. Gusso. *Courtesy Photo*



**Nathan Juefls** (left) and **Blaine Anderson** (front right) lead BF Middle School 8th Graders to the Flag Retirement Ceremony. *Courtesy Photo*



Outstanding Veterans’ Day Program Supporter, **Monte Talkington**, and his family, (L to R), **Veron Talkington, Carol Talkington, Monte, Amber & Arthur (AJ) Johnson** *Courtesy Photo*

## Museum and Visitor Center to open at 2 p.m. on day after Thanksgiving

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open at 2 p.m. on Nov. 28, the day after Thanksgiving. The Tri-State’s Light Up the Night Open House will take place that evening, beginning at 6 p.m. Some light refreshments as well as coffee and lemonade will be offered to visitors who come to see the museum. Light Up the Night also includes a holiday parade, sponsored by the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce; a chili feed at Com-

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“The city council has given departments permission to decide hours for the day after Thanksgiving,” said director Kristi Thielen., this gives our staff a

chance to have a breather after Thanksgiving Day and before Light Up the Night.”  
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will resume its usual winter hours after the 28th. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the Tri-State, call 605-723-1200.



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## Sewer Lift Station Replacement Plans Backed-up a Bit

Bids for the project 50% higher than estimate.

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(Belle Fourche) - Plans to replace the aging Day Street lift station have been pushed back after bids for the project came in considerably higher than the initial estimate.

The new structure is to be located adjacent to the existing lift station at the east end of Day Street. It is a very important part of the city’s infrastructure as the lift station serves more than 75% of the city of Belle Fourche, roughly from Custer Street to the south edge of town.

Lift stations are facilities designed to pump wastewater from lower to higher elevations. In the case of the Day Street location, gravity moves most of the city’s drainage to this location where it is then pumped upwards into a sewage line that is able to then take it to the wastewater treatment plant lagoons on the city’s far north side.

The bids for the new lift station were opened on Thursday Nov. 7th with Dean Kurtz Construction of Rapid City presenting the lowest bid at \$2,099,000. RCS Construction was next at \$2,322,700 and Journey Group (Ainsworth-Benning) at \$2,417,000. The original cost estimate by HDR Engineering had the project pegged at \$1,400,000.

We haven’t quite seen any-

thing like this and we’re asking a lot of questions to see if we can get the cost down to something we can live with,” said Interim City Engineer Steve Nafus. “At this time we’re exploring our options.”

The low bid is nearly \$700,000 more than the project estimate. According to Nafus the city has three main options moving forward.

The first option would be to get with HDR and break down the low bid and see if there are ways to negotiate a cost reduction. “It could be that, for example, we’ve got an enclosure over a generator that is a ‘Cadillac’ when we could do just as well with a ‘Chevy.’” If the cost gap cannot be closed the city could throw out the bids and re-let the project.

The second option would be to go back to the state and apply for an additional bond to cover the additional expense. Already the city approved a \$1.8 million bond to finance the project. That total includes about \$400,000 in engineering costs.

“We would have until January 1st to apply for an additional bond,” Nafus said. “And it would probably set the project back by another six months.”

The third option would be to see if financing could be done in-house using any reserve from the sewer fund. “It’s something we will need to take up with the City Finance Office to see where

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by demonstrating commitment to the highest quality, patience-centered care,” said Dr. David Hayes, Medical Dir. for Mayo Clinic. “In addition, Monument Health passed Mayo’s comprehensive evaluation process that included an in depth review of the organization, clinical and business practices, and quality, safety and service efforts.”

Hayes says the partnership is not a signal of healthcare shortcomings within Regional’s structure that needed to be fixed but rather a reflection of the organization’s worthiness to be part of the Mayo network.

“This collaboration doesn’t in any way reflect a perceived gap here, in fact it reflects the incredible strength of the

organization after the deep due diligence process that we look at,” he said.

With the Mayo Clinic partnership, Regional Health felt it was important to evaluate it’s current public image and launch a rebranding.

“The time is right. We are a different health system than we were even two years ago and we will look different in the years to come,” said Regional CEO and president Paulette Davidson, who was named to her post in September of 2018 after serving two months on an interim basis. “Our new name, Monument Health, will more accurately represent who we are to the region. We need a brand that will represent our vision and will carry us into the future.”

Davidson wanted to be clear that the partnership with Mayo is not a merger. She says the decisions made regarding Monument Health’s system will remain local.

Along with the name change comes a new logo featuring five diamonds arranged in an M-shape. According to Regional, the diamonds represent these five priorities: Delivering high-quality care, providing a caring experience, being a great place to work, impacting our communities and being here for generations to come. The three filled-in center diamonds represent Monument Health’s vision: It starts with heart. Diamonds also hold strong symbolism to signify transformation, according to Davidson.

## 2020 Western South Dakota Winter Outlook

### BEACON STAFF

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**BELLE FOURCHE** - Going into last winter it was all about the El Nino. It forecasted the potential for a milder winter and a bit drier. And while the first part of the winter held fairly true to form, February through March record cold settled in and we recorded our 2nd coldest February on record. Add to that, we had a fair amount of snow.

This winter the “tea leaves” are a bit unclear. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is forecasting an equal chance for slightly colder- normal - or slightly warmer than normal temperatures from December through the end of February. That is due to the face that neutral conditions are in place over western South Dakota, meaning no El Nino or La Nina. If anything, the weather forecasters say it’s slightly more likely we’ll have a bit warmer that normal temperatures they caution that we will still have plenty of cold weather. Hard to argue with that after a cold and snowy October.

Precipitation looks to be another story. Wetter than average weather is likely across western South Dakota and the northern tier of states.

“Without either El Nino or La Nina conditions, short-term climate patterns like the Arctic Oscillation will drive winter weather and could result in large swings in temperature and precipitation,” said Mike Halpert, deputy director of NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center.

Jeff Johnson of the Rapid City National Weather Service

Office says that for December the Belle Fourche region’s average high is in the mid-30’s and the average lows would be teens to low 20’s.

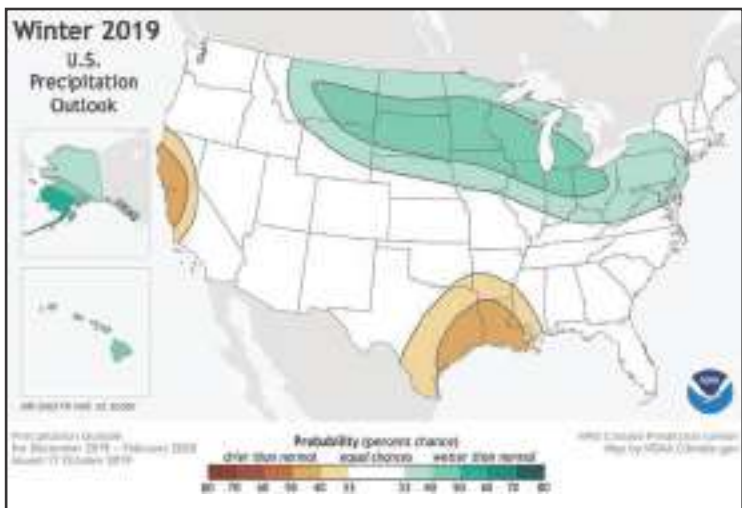
As for precipitation the Belle Fourche region would normally see 18 inches of snow between December and the end of February. It would be likely that we see that amount or more this winter, according to the forecast.

NOAA says a more likely predictor of winter weather, other than El Nino or La Nina,

is the Arctic Oscillation (AO). The AO influences the number of arctic air masses that intrude into the U.S., but its predictability is limited to a couple weeks.

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we’re at,” he said.

Whichever option, or combination of options are chosen, the city has 30 days to make a decision. And the current lift station, which went online in 1980, is not getting any younger.

“The current lift station has been in use for almost 40 years and the pumps are showing signs of wear, the shell is rusting and it’s time to replace it with a more modern facility,” said Chris Robinson of HDR Engineering. “There are times when the pumps have a hard time keeping up, especially after a heavy rain.”

Robinson says the proposed lift station will have three times the pumping capacity of the current one. He said this should serve the city’s growing needs. “The new one will be able to meet those needs without risking backups into basements,” he said.

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# Anything Left in the Barrel? By: Doug Cole

Last week's Holiday Open House events on State Street turned the first page on this year's Belle Fourche Holiday events. There was even one unconfirmed sighting of the "Grinch".

State Street saw: Shoppers; Christmas Decorations; Holiday Lighting; Food & Refreshments; Sales & Discounts; Giveaways; Drawings; Gift Wrapping; and more!

It is fun to see the enthusiasm of the season underway. We tell our retail friends in Belle Fourche, "as a newspaper man it's our favorite thing to walk into their stores and find them too busy with customers to be able to talk with us."

The activity of the past week is only a hint at what is in store for Belle Fourche soon.



**Friday, November 29:** Light Up the Night 4-9 PM  
Parade of Lights;  
Holiday Shopping;  
Cowboy Band Annual Chili Feed and Music;  
Fireworks;  
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides;  
Lighting of Community Christmas Tree; and  
Saturdays: Starting **November 30 Through December 21:** Free Saturday Afternoon Matinée Holiday Movies 12:45 to 3:00 pm. Let the kids enjoy the movies under the supervision of the Belle Fourche FFA chapter while you shop, dine, browse, nap, or whatever.  
Movie times: 12:45 to 3:00 PM.  
Santa Claus will be in town (10

to 1); as well as horse drawn wagon rides.

Community wide shopping opportunities! From **Dakota Lumber** on the north end of Belle Fourche to **ET Sports** on the south end; and every place in between what you need can be found. **Come to Christmas!** Come to Christmas in Belle!

Watch next week's Beacon and each week through the Holiday Season for more details on Events, Movies, Santa, and shopping.

There was a story of some undercover Federal drug agents working on a case northeast of our state's capitol of Pierre.

There had been rumors of a farmers in that area growing hemp.

Apparently, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) officer stopped at a farm and told the owners, "We need to inspect your farm for illegally growing drugs."

The farmer said, "Okay, but don't go behind that shed over there."

The DEA agent verbally exploded and said, "Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government behind me!" He reached into his vest pocket pulled out his badge, and said, "You see this badge! I am allowed to go wherever I wish, whenever I want! On any land! No questions asked or explanations need be given. Do I make myself clear?!! Do you understand?!!

The farmer nodded in the affirmative, meekly apologized and went on about his chores.

A short time later he heard a big commotion and loud screams and as he looked up the

DEA agent was running for his life being chased from behind the shed by the farmer's big old mean horned bull.

With every step the bull was gaining ground on the terrified officer and it surely he would get gored before reaching safety when the farmer ran to the fence and yelled loudly, "Show him your badge! Show him your badge!"

There is the story of the young computer programmer who said he had so much technical jargon on his mind he had trouble sleeping last night.

Instead of using water he made his morning's coffee with Red Bull instead of water.

He made it half way to work before he realized he had forgot his car.

This may not be true, but it certainly should be.

Policeman stops a car for speeding. Driver rolls down window. Officer says, "Ma'am you were speeding." Driver, "Yes, I am a teacher, and I'm late." Officer, "I won't give you a ticket, but after school today please write on the blackboard, "I will not speed." 100 times.

In the foyer of a church in commemoration of Veterans there is a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. A young boy reading the names asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in the service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

## PT Can Prevent Unnecessary Surgery

Recent research is showing that surgery might not be needed as often as we think. A large review estimates that 10% to 20% of surgeries might be unnecessary and that in some specialties such as cardiology and orthopedics, that number might be higher. The reasons for so many unneeded surgeries being performed are varied, but the most common are that more conservative options aren't tried first, or lack of knowledge by the operating physician.

Physicians undergo long and rigorous training programs to become surgeons, but if they don't work hard to keep learning, their knowledge often stops growing when they leave residency. Recent research is showing that certain common surgeries aren't any better than a placebo. Two such examples are kyphoplasty - a procedure for spinal compression fractures, and partial meniscectomy - a procedure used to treat tears of the meniscus in the knee. If a surgeon hasn't continued to learn, they won't know that these surgeries often don't

offer any more benefit than a non-surgical treatment and will continue to perform them.

Every surgery, even "minor" ones carry risks. These include complications from anesthesia, blood clots after surgery, delayed healing of the incision, infection, and unintended damage to nerves or other organs near the surgical site. Some of these risks cause discomfort for a period after surgery and go away, but others can result in permanent disability or even death. For some patients and conditions, surgery is a great treatment option, but with all the associated risks, when surgery can be avoided, it should be.

For musculoskeletal problems like back and joint pain, sprains, and strains, seeing your PT before a surgeon can help keep you out of the operating room and get you back to life without surgery. Studies have shown that physical therapy is just as

good if not better than surgery for a multitude of conditions and carries less risk. Some examples would include rotator cuff tears, meniscal tears, spinal stenosis, low back pain, and osteoarthritis.

Physical therapy can't fix every problem, and for some patients surgery is the best choice. However, research is showing that surgery isn't a cure-all, and is sometimes just a very expensive and risky placebo. In most cases, starting with physical therapy is the right choice, and for many patients, PT is the only treatment necessary.

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**Nov. 22:** Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining  
Healthy Habits Made Easy, 10am, Belle Silver Lining  
**Nov. 23:** Last Stop to Vegas NFR Send Off Party, 6-10pm, Besler's Cadillac Ranch  
**Nov. 25:** Fitness Made Fun, 11am, Belle Silver Lining  
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**Nov. 26:** Girls BB, 8th/A/B vs. Sturgis, 4:30pm @Home Wrestling MS Quad, 4:30pm, HS Gym

**Nov. 29:** Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining  
**Dec. 2:** Fitness Made Fun, 11am, Belle Silver Lining  
City Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall  
**Dec. 3:** Girls BB, 8th/A/B vs. Douglas, 4:30pm @Home  
**Dec. 5:** Festival of Trees, 6pm, First Interstate Bank  
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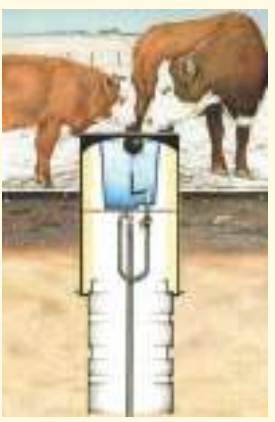


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Hansen & Sons, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....104.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....618.....\$160.75  
Hansen & Sons, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....10.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....583.....\$160.75  
Hansen & Sons, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....62.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....530.....\$167.00  
Bowman, Tracy, Fairburn SD.....40.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....688.....\$145.00  
Bowman, Tracy, Fairburn SD.....30.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....651.....\$137.50  
Simons, Sully & Debbie, Beulah WY.....39.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....488.....\$174.50  
Simons, Sully & Debbie, Beulah WY.....23.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....423.....\$190.00  
Simons, Sully & Debbie, Beulah WY.....17.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....466.....\$148.00  
Monnens & Elshere, Hulett WY.....83.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....594.....\$159.00  
Monnens & Elshere, Hulett WY.....30.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....492.....\$174.00  
Monnens & Elshere, Hulett WY.....70.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....560.....\$144.25  
Monnens & Elshere, Hulett WY.....29.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....477.....\$155.50  
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....90.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....632.....\$153.00  
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....81.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....549.....\$166.00  
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....66.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....562.....\$140.00  
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....26.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....490.....\$150.00  
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood SD.....39.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....630.....\$154.00  
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood SD.....45.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....533.....\$165.50  
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood SD.....33.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....582.....\$134.75  
Aldren, Jon Or Heidi, Whitewood SD.....30.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....503.....\$141.50  
Bonefield, Michael, Nisland SD.....20.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....451.....\$178.00  
Bonefield, Michael, Nisland SD.....11.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....395.....\$174.00  
Conry, Levi , St Onge SD.....17.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....548.....\$161.00  
Conry, Levi , St Onge SD.....10.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....436.....\$183.00  
Conry, Levi , St Onge SD.....18.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....487.....\$150.50  
Conry, Levi , St Onge SD.....6.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....435.....\$154.00  
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada MT.....29.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....665.....\$148.00  
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada MT.....5.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....522.....\$162.50  
Dirks, Michael T & Karen E, Hulett WY.....35.....Bld Str Bt Pc.....634.....\$155.25  
Dirks, Michael T & Karen E, Hulett WY.....5.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....521.....\$168.00  
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY.....78.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....603.....\$157.00  
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY.....21.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....515.....\$165.00  
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY.....42.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....522.....\$147.00  
Driskill Ranch Inc, Joe, Upton WY.....11.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....458.....\$157.00  
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT.....69.....Herf Str Bt.....541.....\$151.00  
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT.....19.....Herf Str Bt.....480.....\$166.50  
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT.....32.....Rbld Str Bt.....445.....\$175.00  
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT.....25.....Herf Str Bt.....425.....\$136.50  
Edwards , Guy, Gillette WY.....43.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....567.....\$160.00  
Edwards , Guy, Gillette WY.....42.....Red Hfr Bt Pc.....521.....\$149.00  
Edwards , Guy, Gillette WY.....34.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....496.....\$170.00  
Edwards , Guy, Gillette WY.....32.....B/R Hfr Bt Pc.....477.....\$148.00  
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....35.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....584.....\$160.25  
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....27.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....509.....\$172.00  
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....8.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....431.....\$189.00  
Fields, Nancy, Sturgis SD.....24.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....679.....\$142.75  
Fields, Nancy, Sturgis SD.....12.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....635.....\$134.25  
Gaer Ranch, Newell SD.....52.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....560.....\$159.25  
Gaer Ranch, Newell SD.....5.....Herf Str Bt.....536.....\$154.00  
Gaer Ranch, Newell SD.....56.....B/R Hfr Bt Pc.....552.....\$134.50  
Gaer Ranch, Newell SD.....6.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....471.....\$179.00  
Geis, James R, Aladdin WY.....23.....Bld Str Bt Pc.....549.....\$164.00  
Geis, James R, Aladdin WY.....5.....Bld Str Bt Pc.....430.....\$185.00  
Gordon , Watler J, Aladdin WY.....8.....Bbld Str Bt.....738.....\$140.50  
Gordon , Watler J, Aladdin WY.....6.....Bbld Str Bt.....678.....\$142.50  
Gordon , Watler J, Aladdin WY.....10.....Bbld Hfr Bt.....618.....\$134.50  
Hagen, Clair D Or Darlene, Piedmont SD.....31.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....692.....\$145.00  
Hagen, Clair D Or Darlene, Piedmont SD.....14.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....538.....\$164.50  
Hagen, Clair D Or Darlene, Piedmont SD.....15.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....592.....\$136.25  
Hagen, Clair D Or Darlene, Piedmont SD.....5.....Rbld Str Bt Pc.....587.....\$136.50  
Hansen, Leroy, Bowman ND.....7.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....689.....\$141.00  
Hansen, Leroy, Bowman ND.....48.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....555.....\$158.75  
Hansen, Leroy, Bowman ND.....12.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....465.....\$180.00  
Hogan, Jane, Vale SD.....8.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....523.....\$142.00  
Hogan, Jane, Vale SD.....4.....Str Bt Pc.....428.....\$183.00  
Howie, Ronald D, White Owl SD.....30.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....433.....\$161.00  
Howie, Ronald D, White Owl SD.....14.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....408.....\$180.00  
Janssen, William, Volborg MT.....75.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....657.....\$155.75  
Janssen, William, Volborg MT.....7.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....579.....\$158.00  
Jump Off Ranch LLC, Buffalo SD.....42.....B/R Str Bt.....470.....\$178.50  
Jump Off Ranch LLC, Buffalo SD.....32.....B/R Str Bt.....403.....\$171.00  
Kanode, Joey, Moorcroft WY.....35.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....596.....\$161.25  
Kanode, Joey, Moorcroft WY.....9.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....481.....\$178.00  
Larsen , Todd, Belle Fourche SD.....61.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....540.....\$165.00  
Larsen , Todd, Belle Fourche SD.....48.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....430.....\$187.25  
Larsen , Todd, Belle Fourche SD.....84.....B/R Hfr Bt Pc.....498.....\$144.50  
Larsen , Todd, Belle Fourche SD.....35.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....406.....\$171.00  
Lindsey Ranch, Newell SD.....16.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....615.....\$151.50  
Longreach Buffalo Co, Weston WY.....11.....Blk Str.....518.....\$168.00  
Longreach Buffalo Co, Weston WY.....10.....Blk Hfr.....495.....\$147.00  
Marchant, Deven, SuNDance WY.....34.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....616.....\$152.00  
Marchant, Deven, SuNDance WY.....4.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....421.....\$185.00  
Marchant, Deven, SuNDance WY.....23.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....600.....\$135.50  
Martin, JT, AshlaND MT.....17.....Blk Str.....588.....\$156.50  
Martin, JT, AshlaND MT.....19.....Blk Hfr.....594.....\$134.00  
Mutchler, JD, Newell SD.....19.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....517.....\$173.00  
Mutchler, JD, Newell SD.....50.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....433.....\$186.50  
Mutchler, JD, Newell SD.....7.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....359.....\$206.00  
Mutchler, JD, Newell SD.....40.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....466.....\$155.00  
Mutchler, JD, Newell SD.....37.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....387.....\$168.00  
Nelson, Don, Spearfish SD.....4.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....582.....\$155.00  
Nelson, Don, Spearfish SD.....47.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....483.....\$175.50  
Nelson, Don, Spearfish SD.....18.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....406.....\$180.50  
Nelson, Don, Spearfish SD.....14.....B/R Hfr Bt Pc.....492.....\$144.00  
Nelson, Don, Spearfish SD.....26.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....412.....\$154.00  
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD.....59.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....528.....\$165.50  
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD.....19.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....430.....\$193.00  
Pzinski, Matt & Chris, Newcastle WY.....84.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....577.....\$160.25  
Pzinski, Matt & Chris, Newcastle WY.....30.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....465.....\$181.00

Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine, Camp Crook SD ..35.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....589.....\$158.25  
Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine, Camp Crook SD ..24.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....588.....\$158.25  
Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine, Camp Crook SD ..58.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....474.....\$178.50  
Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine, Camp Crook SD ..10.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....391.....\$190.00  
Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine, Camp Crook SD ..58.....Hfr Bt Pc.....530.....\$148.50  
Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine, Camp Crook SD ..43.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....451.....\$158.00  
Reinke Properties LLC, Sheridan WY.....13.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....479.....\$173.00  
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY.....22.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....622.....\$142.50  
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY.....13.....B/R Str Bt Pc.....521.....\$161.00  
Rogers, Travis, Sturgis SD.....31.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....595.....\$157.75  
Rogers, Travis, Sturgis SD.....20.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....551.....\$144.50  
Ruby Creek Ranch, Custer SD.....9.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....566.....\$146.00  
Ruby Creek Ranch, Custer SD.....5.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....437.....\$185.00  
Snook, Taylor , Hulett WY.....10.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....556.....\$160.00  
Snook, Taylor , Hulett WY.....10.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....462.....\$151.50  
Sunnyside Livestock, Gillette WY.....28.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....590.....\$145.00  
Sunnyside Livestock, Gillette WY.....13.....Blk Str Bt Pc.....449.....\$175.00  
Sunnyside Livestock, Gillette WY.....71.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....510.....\$138.00  
Sunnyside Livestock, Gillette WY.....10.....Blk Hfr Bt Pc.....418.....\$157.00  
Westover, Clint Or Ada, Moorcroft WY.....25.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....631.....\$146.00  
Westover, Clint Or Ada, Moorcroft WY.....13.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....519.....\$168.00  
Westover, Clint Or Ada, Moorcroft WY.....27.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....562.....\$134.50  
Wetz, Leroy Or Shirley, Vale SD.....22.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....562.....\$163.75  
Wetz, Leroy Or Shirley, Vale SD.....5.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....462.....\$175.00  
Wetz, Leroy Or Shirley, Vale SD.....20.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....526.....\$140.50  
Wetz, Leroy Or Shirley, Vale SD.....10.....Bbld Hfr Bt Pc.....474.....\$152.00  
Woodward, Connie, Custer SD.....21.....Bbld Str Bt Pc.....564.....\$157.00

**Friday - November 22, 2019**  
**Spring Calf Special**  
**8:00 am –Yearlings Followed By Calves**  
**BT-BraNDing Time Shots PC-PrecoNDition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants**  
**Calves**  
Crago Land & Livestock – 500 Blk & Few Red Strs & Hfrs – 475-575# - Bt, Pc  
Beach Farms – 250 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc  
The 1200 Ranch – 200 Blk Mostly Strs – 575-650# - Bt, Pc  
Schell Long Pine – 190 Blk Strs & Few Hfrs – 550-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni  
Smith Ranch – 170 Blk Strs – 858-630# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Fancy  
Clarys Ranch – 150 Blk Strs – 600-650# - Bt, Pc  
Jason Garman – 120 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 525-575# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Df  
Bob & Julie Shepperson – 110 Blk Strs – 525-550# - Bt, Ni  
Reder Ranch – 100 Blk & Char Strs & Hfrs – 500-525# - Bt, Pc, Weaned  
Mitch Paulsen – 100 Blk Hfrs – 450-550# - Bt, Pc  
Bryan Tarter – 100 Blk Strs – 550-650# - Bt, Pc  
Ray & Sandie Smith – 98 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 550-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni  
Trent Mills – 85 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 475-575# - Bt, Pc  
Spear E – 85 Blk Strs – 575-625# - Bt, Pc, Ni  
Jim Palo – 60 Blk & Char Strs & Hfrs – 550-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Weaned 45 Days  
Jerry Vossler – 60 Blk Mostly Strs – 600-650# - Bt, Pc, Df, Weaned 45 Days  
Casey & Jenna Humble – 60 Blk & Bldy Strs – 450-600#  
Boylan Family – 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc  
Mick Quaal – 45 Red Angus X Strs – 475-525# - Bt, Ppc, Ni, Poured  
Frank Sheehan – 35 Char & Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc  
Tyler Fritz – 34 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni  
Tim Tetrault – 10 Red Strs – 500# - Bt, Pc, Weaned 45 Days  
  
**Yearlings**  
Pitchfork Ranch – 100 Herf Strs & Hfrs – 700-850#  
Ista Ranch – 20 Blk Hfrs – 850# - Open  
  
**Plus More By Sale Time!**

**Saturday - November 23, 2019**  
**Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special**  
**9:00 am –Weigh Ups Noon - Breds & Pairs**  
**BT-BraNDing Time Shots PC-PrecoNDition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants**  
**Bred Heifers**  
O'connor Crops & Cattle – 250 Blk Hfrs – 850-950# - Bred Blk – 3/20 To 5/10, Sorted In 2 Groups  
X Bar Ranch – 100 Blk Hfrs – Ai Bred Connealy Comrade – 2/1  
Ryan Xz Ranch – 49 Blk Hfrs – Bred Blk Angus – 3/5 For 20 Days  
- 20 Blk Hfrs – Bred Blk Angus – 3/25 For 25 Days  
Troy Johnson – 79 Blk Hfrs – Ai Bred Toham Tahoe – 3/1 For 3 Days  
WW Thompson & Sons – 39 Blk & F1 Bldy Hfrs – Bred Sons Of Connealy Comrade – 3/7  
  
**Bred Cows**  
X Bar Ranch – 100 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows – Bred Jorgensen & Reyes – 3/1 For 60 Days  
Troy Johnson – 60 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows – Bred ½ Bro Sav Mustang – 4/1 For 21 Days  
- 20 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows – Bred ½ Bro Sav Mustang – 4/21 For 40 Days  
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Hat Ranch – 70 Blk Solid To Short Solid Cow S- Bred Blk – 4/1  
SD Consignment – 50 Blk Short Term Cows – Bred Blk – 3/25  
Brent Nelson – 20 Blk 4 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk – 3/20  
- 15 Blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – 3/20  
MB Ranch – 18 Blk 4 To 9 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk - 4/20 For 45 Days  
Arledge Ranch – 12 Blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – 3/20  
  
**Pairs**  
Arledge Ranch – 13 Young Fall Pair  
  
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**Sheep Report - November 14, 2019**  
Feeder Lambs Sold Steady Today  
Slaughter Ewes Sold \$5 Higher  
  
Next Sale - November 21st- Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special  
Thank You For Your Business!  
  
**Feeder Lambs**  
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....294.....Lambs.....111...\$149.00  
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....86.....Lambs.....93.....\$171.50  
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC Belle Fourche SD.....200.....Lambs.....97.....\$162.00  
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC Belle Fourche SD.....60.....Lambs.....75.....\$185.00  
Bucklin Ranches Redstone MT.....67.....Lambs.....89.....\$171.50  
Bollinger, Tim Timber Lake SD.....16.....Lambs.....64.....\$202.00  
Bollinger, Tim Timber Lake SD.....83.....Lambs.....84.....\$179.00  
Bucklin, John Scobey MT.....59.....Lambs.....99.....\$166.00  
Chapman, Beau Bison SD.....12.....Lambs.....68.....\$195.00  
Chapman, Beau Bison SD.....59.....Lambs.....78.....\$188.00  
Gilger Ranch, DD Boyes MT.....29.....Lambs.....67.....\$200.00  
Hollenbeck, Mark Edgemont SD.....40.....Lambs.....68.....\$198.00  
King, Marvin Newell SD.....34.....Lambs.....111.....\$145.00  
Rosencranz, Todd Belle Fourche SD.....62.....Lambs.....108.....\$149.50  
Young, Robert R Union Center SD.....19.....Lambs.....88.....\$170.75  
**Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head**  
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy Newell SD.....110.....6 Yr Old Ewes.....165...\$190.00  
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy Newell SD.....63.....6 Yr Old Ewes.....165...\$165.00  
**Slaughter Ewes**  
Gilger Ranch, DD Boyes MT.....28.....Ewe.....152.....\$50.00  
Gilger Ranch, DD Boyes MT.....22.....Ewe.....140.....\$45.00  
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC Belle Fourche SD.....50.....Ewe.....159.....\$47.00  
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC Belle Fourche SD.....33.....Ewe.....142.....\$45.00  
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC Belle Fourche SD.....14.....Ewe.....181.....\$44.00  
Orwick, Jack Or CINDY Newell SD.....24.....Ewe.....152.....\$45.00  
Reed LaND & Livestock Douglas WY.....68.....Ewe.....152.....\$47.00  
Reed LaND & Livestock Douglas WY.....14.....Ewe.....133.....\$45.00  
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....11.....Ewe.....153.....\$50.00  
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....24.....Ewe.....168.....\$44.00  
Seaman, Tom Or Karen Newell SD.....9.....Ewe.....153.....\$50.00  
Turbiville, Don Buffalo SD.....24.....Ewe.....174.....\$50.00  
Turbiville, Don Buffalo SD.....14.....Ewe.....197.....\$44.00  
West, Kyle & Shelly Oshoto WY.....12.....Ewe.....167.....\$50.00  
West, Kyle & Shelly Oshoto WY.....14.....Ewe.....149.....\$45.00

**NEWELL SHEEP YARDS**  
**November 21, 2019**  
**1:00 pm**  
**REPLACEMENT EWES & FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL**  
Expecting 2000 Feeder Lambs & 600-800 Replacement Ewes  
  
**Replacement Ewes**  
WY Dispersion – 170 4 Yr Old Targee Ewes – Fine Wool  
50 3 Yr Old Targee Ewes  
MT – 100 6 Yr Old Ewes – 175#  
SD – 50 3 Yr Old Ewes – 160#  
SD – 50 6 Yr Old Ewes – 160#  
SD – 150 7 Yr Old Ewes – 155# - Fine Wool  
  
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**Upcoming Sheep Sale 2019**  
November 21st – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
December 5th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
December 12th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
December 19th – Replacement Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$2/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

**2019 CATTLE SALES**  
Friday, November 22nd – All Breeds Spring Calf Special  
Saturday, November 23rd – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special  
Saturday, November 30th – Annual thanksgiving Bred Heifer & stock Cow Special  
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**The Good Stuff** — by Jim Thompson

Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.



**Warning**

by Jenny Joseph

This is a wonderful story of inspiration as we age. Jenny Joseph wrote it. And I'm sure that you have heard it or read it, or know of it. Lets be reminded;

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple  
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't  
suit me.  
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and  
summer gloves  
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for  
butter.  
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired  
And gobble up samples in shops and press  
alarm bells  
And run my stick along the public railings  
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.  
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain  
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens  
And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat  
And eat three pounds of sausages at a go  
Or only bread and pickle for a week  
And hoard pens and pencils and beermats and  
things in boxes.  
But now we must have clothes that keep us dry  
And pay our rent and not swear in the street  
And set a good example for the children.  
We must have friends to dinner and read the  
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## NVN Roundup

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NEWELL – A lot has been going on in NVN land the past couple weeks. Since I have been on the incommunicado list during some recovery from surgery, I’m going to try to do two weeks in one.

Kudos go out to the NHS All-State Choir quartet, who recently returned from Sioux Falls and an awesome presentation earlier in the month. Advisor/instructor Marty Jump and the kids also had some fun as well as sharing their musicality with the state.



The Newell High School Native American Studies class took a trip to Crazy Horse on Native American Day. “This was a great day to go as the weather was beautiful and Crazy Horse had a full day of programs,” said Sabrina Harmon, one of the chaperone’s. “There were tours and activities to take part in, and we also enjoyed a free Buffalo Stew lunch.” The group also watched hoop dancers.

Thanks to the Whatever it Takes Coalition, Mike Long, of Youth and Family Services of Rapid City also came to share with the NHS students on October 8, about the Native American Culture and how treaties came about.

Long also came to the school on October 22 to share with the Newell middle school students about the dangers of meth-amphetamines, an event also sponsored by WIT.

Meth Changes Everything is a campaign that was started in 2016 by the South Dakota Department of Social Services. “Think of the things that are

important to you,” shared Long. “Use meth, and chances are, they’ll all be gone. That’s because suing meth just once can lead to addiction. And it’s an addiction that will completely take over your life. You’ll like, you’ll cheat, you’ll steal. You’ll become someone you’re not. Do yourself a favor and stay away from it.”

Long encouraged students to take the pledge to be meth free by logging on to <http://methchangeseverything.com>.

The kindergarten class, along with their teacher Mrs. Samuelson and other chaperones, took a field trip to Rapid City on Tuesday, October 15. They traveled to the Rapid City Fire Department and got to watch the trucks leave on a call and then return quickly. Before the students were done with their tour the trucks were back.

“That is how quickly the Fire Department handled the situation,” said Harmon, who also accompanied this group. “They (kids) also got to see the inside of an ambulance and go up into the fire tower and look over Rapid City.”

The kids had a nice lunch break and then got to play a little at the park before going to the Black Hills National Forest Mystic Ranger District Office, meeting Smokey the Bear. They checked out the trucks that are used when firefighters fight fire in the forest. The students were told that the Green Fire Trucks are the best, referring to Forest Service trucks.

“Smokey reminded them not to play with fire and to always put out campfires,” said Harmon.



The Newell High School All-State chorus members, under the direction of instructor Marty Jump, attended the state event recently in Sioux Falls. Not only did they sing well, but they celebrated pretty well too. Following the presentation (from left, clockwise) Kai Banks, Caleb McGregor, Bailee Yule, Rachel Banks and instructor Marty Jump (center), enjoy a little fancy dessert. -Courtesy photo

## Under New Management

### Newell Bar & Liquor Store Poised For A Major Turnaround

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The November 12th regular meeting of The Town of Newell Commissioners had a new face at the table. After the Commissioners entered into an Executive Session following the October 21st meeting, Buffy Yung was tapped to take over management of the Newell Bar & Liquor Store. Her updates during the current meeting would confirm the Commissioner’s made an admirable choice in leadership.



Buffy Yung stands proudly in front of the historic back bar in the Newell Bar & Liquor Store. She’s taken on her new role of Manager with a sense of vigor and purpose.

With the meeting underway and the agenda approved, Newell Mayor Ken Wetz expertly moved through standard operating procedure. Following opening remarks, the floor was open to public comments. The only concern voiced was that of gates being locked on the rodeo grounds. This was later addressed during an update by Public Works Foreman Larry Parker. Parker had locked the gates when he had been concerned for the grounds after he had seen “cookies spun” in the area.

After approval of the bills, everyone was eager to hear an update from Buffy Yung on how things were going at the bar.

Yung is a wife and mother who recently moved from Nebraska with her husband to the Hoover area, just north of Newell. She had found bar tending an enjoyable and profitable experience while also working full time as a Patient Care Technician in Hemodialysis. Yung had taken traveling nursing assignments to Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming, but was now very happy to have found a pleasant home in the Newell area.

The report given by Yung to the Commissioners was one of effective changes and careful staffing decisions. Yung had kept one bartender and brought on three new hires which were unanimously approved by the Commission. The employees had successfully passed a background check, and were undergoing drug tests as well. “I honestly love what I’m

seeing,” Yung said. “I love the turnaround that’s happened.”

Since her new leadership role was formalized after the October meeting, she has also updated inventory on the liquor store side, listened to countless concerns from patrons, and mitigated security problems which had been present since her arrival.

One particularly concerning issue to the Commissioners was the discovery that an unknown party had allegedly scratched the lens cover of a security camera overlooking the cash register. “So, at some point,” Yung said, “We had Knight Security come out and investigate why some cameras were so foggy and dense, and one was so clear. At some point someone had climbed up and scratched the lens [cover] of the camera over the registers.”

Several updates and camera additions were suggested by Knight Security, and the Newell Commissioners are currently reviewing bids to repair the system which has suffered from lack of maintenance and timely updates.

During the remainder of the meeting, A Christmas Party for Town of Newell employees on December 8th, beginning at 5:00p.m. at the Newell Bar. Also discussed was the sewer treatment project which Parker said, “It will be another week of

unpleasantness.” He added that a few potholes on Ash Street will be getting attention soon.

Concerning the roads in Newell, Mayor Wetz made the observation that the snow removal budget is already nearing an end due to an exceptionally harsh spring.

The meeting wrapped up with everyone sharing a few tales of vaguely comedic break-ins at the Newell Bar and various recollections of local taverns.

After the meeting concluded, Yung opened up about the success she’s been seeing. By reorganizing the liquor store and adjusting prices to better serve local patrons, that side of the business has drastically increased sales and profitability. In the future, Yung hopes to bring in more live entertainment and restore the original Western aesthetic of the historic bar. “I’ve heard so many stories about this bar, I can’t even keep up,” she said. “It’s really got a phenomenal, hilarious, dark history.”

It appears an exciting era has dawned for the Newell Bar & Liquor Store with the new staff and manager. For those interested in local nightlife, watch for more live events, specials, and an increased standard of customer service at this classic watering-hole.



The Newell High School Native American Studies class, enjoyed learning in a hands on way, as they took a little field trip to Crazy Horse recently. They were able to enjoy a buffalo stew lunch and see a hoop dancing demonstration. -Courtesy photo

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# NICC Does OCC



Those participating in the packing party for OCC this year at NICC, were: from back left: Paul and Linda Marrs, Rhonda Vallery, Lisa Noziska, Terri, Mariah and Clancy Todd, Leanne Wells, Alice Marrs and Judy Dague. Not pictured Doug and Leanne Clark. Others in the church packed boxes on their own to include with the NICC shipment. -*Courtesy Photo*

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NISLAND – The Nisland Independent Community Church has participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program for many years, each year packing a few more boxes than before.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled

with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

In 2013, NICC was fortunate to have Lejla Allison, one of the original recipients of the first

OCC distribution. It literally changed her life. She said, as a young elementary age child in the war-torn country of Bosnia, she was ready to commit suicide due to her desperate situation. On the last day of school before carrying out her final act, she as given an OCC shoebox which contained a pair of tennis shoes. She was told how Christ could change her life and she decided if God could provide a pair of tennis shoes, something she had been

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hoping for, since her shoes were held together with twine, He could do anything. The rest, as is said, is history.

Since then the OCC program has distributed millions of shoeboxes world-wide.

Each year NICC members gather items all year long to place in the shoeboxes. Big cardboard boxes hold the items, most of which are listed on the OCC website, until the middle of November, just before the deadline for pickup. Dean and Julie Brunner of Belle Fourche are the regional representatives and pick up the boxes at each designated spot, one of which is NICC.

The church gathers funds throughout October to help pay for the shipping of the boxes. This allows NICC to “follow”

their boxes to the destination country where they are distributed.

This year, the NICC “packing party” was held on Wednesday, November 13 at the church. Eleven of the NICC members gathered to lovingly and prayerfully pack each box, place a label on the outside and pile high, ready for pickup. A personal letter from the church is placed inside, along with a Christmas ornament. Then, with prayers following, the boxes are sent to the nearest distribution center, Denver, Colo.

“We feel like we have been blessed by being able to participate in this program,” said Pastor Doug Clark, who, along with his wife LeAnne, helped pack up the boxes this year.

## Newell School Veterans Day Program Brings Generations Together

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The annual Veteran’s Day Program on Monday, November 11th, and the Newell School was a success despite the cold weather.

With a slight dip in attendance of Veterans, previous years have seen as many as 50 former and current members of the Armed Forces. This year was still a strong showing of 30 Veterans

despite the ice and snow.

The lead speaker was Trevin Smeenck, a graduate of Newell High School class of 1998. He enlisted in the US Army in 1999 and was a Combat Engineer specializing in demolitions, explosives, and infantry tactics. While in service, Smeenck served in Kosovo and Iraq. His military awards include a Bronze Star Medal as well as being an Honor Graduate from



The Newell Elementary gave a big “Thank You” to Veterans on November 11th.



Patriot Pen winners are: 1st place - Hailey McCann (left side in Maroon), 2nd - Jessica Raisenan (right side with teal), 3rd - Damian Wise (not pictured). Newell VFW member Nila Charles presented the winners with checks (center).

the US Army Sapper Leader Course. Smeenck currently lives with his wife Audrey and daughter Addley in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Smeenck addressed the crowd with a speech that focused on being the type of person that Veterans fight for, and how important it was to be involved in community focused organizations.

Other features of the program included Superintendent Robin

Dutt playing Taps, the National Anthem lead by the MS/HS Choir, and “A Tribute to the Armed Services” also by the choir.

Several students also participated in the Patriot Pen essay contest put on by the Newell VFW. 1st Place winner was Hailey McCann, 2nd Place went to Jessica Raisenan, and 3rd Place to Damian Wise. Newell VFW member Nila Charles presented checks to the winners.

At the conclusion of the program, the Newell VFW and Newell School Flag Team retired the Colors while the Newell School Band played “Military Escort” under the direction of Ms. Marty Jump. After the flags were retired and while the ceremonies were wrapping up, students had an opportunity to shake the Veterans hands.

The Newell School Veterans Day Program is held each year at the Austin Auditorium.

## Then and Now in Newell

## “Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

from the Newell Museum

**Nov. 25, 1909**

Earl Ireland was a visitor to Belle Fourche last week in the capacity of a juror in the condemnation proceeding instigated by the Northwestern Railroad for a right-of-way through the Bullock pasture.

Harry Abbott, White Owl was in town yesterday walking on 2 sticks. Harry recently mistook his big toe for a coyote and tried to shoot it off.

Beyer Aune, Superintendent of the Government Experiment Farm near the Government Townsite, departed Monday for Washington, DC where he will probably remain 2 months. While absent he will go to Minnesota to see the big football game between Minnesota and Michigan.

**Nov. 27, 1919**

A deal was closed this week between C.D. Sanders and the Newell Printing Co, which by the latter taken over the possession of the two lots and building now occupied by the Valley Irrigator plant.

State officials made a raid here the forepart of the week and confiscated several slot machines, dice boxes, turkey raffle wheels and like materials which were being operated. The proprietors of the places were found were summoned to appear in court. Their little devices’ presence was not highly conducive to raising the moral standing in our little city; their presence was not deemed necessary and will not be greatly missed by either

the proprietors or the general public.

Owing to the shortage of fuel and cream, all local cream stations will test cream only 3 days a week, beginning December 1. This announcement came from O. J. Soma and Charles R. Nelson who advice tests will be only on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

**Nov. 21, 1929**

A Chevrolet coach driven by Leo Kirk and a Chrysler coupe driven by John Hoover locked horns on Highway 212 near the Belle Fourche River Wednesday afternoon, with the result that the Chevrolet was wrecked practically beyond repair. The Chrysler was also considerably jammed. Mr. Kirk claims Mr. Hoover was responsible for the accident and Mr. Hoover, on the other hand, denies the charge. According to information given us the matter is to be taken to court. Leo Kirk was accompanied by Ed Jacobsen and Chris Carlson, both of Hoover, the party returning from Belle Fourche where they had attended court. Mr. Carlson suffered injuries to both hands and the others sustained slight bruises.

The boys of the 5th and 6th grades at Newell schools brought National honors to their school this week when announcement was made that they had tied for first place with Maine and Cuba in a contest sponsored by the School of Education of Boston University. The prize was a large colored

picture, “The Torn Hat” and was offered to the school sending in the best boys’ booklet on the picture as the theme. Miss Jackson is the teacher, 17 boys entered the contest, the boys accepted assistance from 18 girls and finished product contained at least one specimen of each pupil’s work.

**Nov. 23, 1939**

Mrs. A. O’Neill, RN, is now in charge of the Newell Hospital and Maternity Home. You are invited to bring babies in for weighing or check-up. Dr. Clark is prepared to vaccinate for common colds and influenza, oral or hypodermic.

T.H. Bekken and Donald Bekken of the Zeona community were brief visitors in Newell Tuesday enroute home from a few days spent hunting in the Hills. The former shot his deer, a fine specimen, Monday afternoon, a matter of hours before the closing of the season for this year.

**Nov. 17, 1949**

County Commissioner R.D. Long, James Glover and Edward Brodsky of Newell and LeRoy Webb, Nisland were honored by Butte County Chapter of the Red Cross when presented with Red Cross certificates for work which they did during the devastating blizzard. Long and Glover (a highway department employee) were cited for their resource and relief work done on the ground, while Brodsky and Webb brought relief from the air. The work, the certificates noted,

it was “over and above their regular duties”. Following the presentation, a lunch was served and stories of the blizzard and various air and group operations through the deep snow and cold were recounted by the group.

A group of 35 friends gathered at the Sam Michelson home Saturday evening and surprised them on their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Russell Wilson, on behalf of the group, presented them with a purse containing silver dollars, after which a nice carry-in lunch was served.

**Nov. 19, 1959**

A special Thanks offering will be received for missions for Lutheran fields in Japan which was so violently disrupted by typhoon “Vera” last in September. The Thanksgiving clothing drive will come to a close November 30, when the box car furnished by the Railroad companies will be loaded at Rapid City. Clean warm clothing and shoes of all sizes are welcomed and should be in good repair so as to be immediately wearable. Shoes and clothing may be left at the Lutheran church at any time.

Several young men from the Vale vicinity have received their Army discharges; Roff Michael recently discharged after spending several months in Spain came to Mr. & Mrs. Chas Grant’s home, Jerry Nedella, son of Mrs. George Nedella returned home November 7 and Sp4 Orville Edwards, son of Mrs. Vernon Edwards, discharged November 1, spent several days

in Washington, DC sightseeing before he arrived home.

**Nov. 21, 1979**

Ida May Doud, Vale, retired teacher has worked voluntarily off and on all summer cutting weeds around the headstones and footstones of more than 56 graves in the Beals Cemetery. Using a hatchet and sheep shears, she hand-cut an 8 inch swath around each grave and lot in the cemetery. Out of her own pocket, she did repairs and hired Ernest Kluck to mow the remaining large unfilled grassy area with a mower. She remapped the entire cemetery.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Yoder, long time Newell residents, left Wednesday for Hawaii where they will be spending the winter. Their sons Dale Yoder & family of Fairbanks, Alaska and Paul Yoder & family of Maui, Hawaii will join them to help them celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary December 24. The Yoder’s expect to return home in March.

The Hillside Women’s Club held its November meeting at the home of Loretta Freed. Eight members and 1 guest, Tricia Green of Fruitdale were present. Since the chimney on the community school house needs rebuilding, no meetings can be held there until that job is done. Possibly the annual holiday program, will have to be cancelled for the first time in many years. Lorna Shevling will be hostess for the December 4 meeting of the club.



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# Newell’s Pool Named to Univ. of Wyoming Athletics Hall of Fame

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LARAMIE, Wyo. – The name Pool may not be as well-known in the Newell area as Stapp, but most have followed the career of Courtney Stapp Pool over the years, ever since she led the Newell Lady Irrigators on the path to state basketball tournaments for several years in a row. She also coached in Newell, during her youngest sister’s time as a Newell Irrigator.

“I hate talking about myself,” said Pool of her accolades, including her induction into the Hall of Fame. The former Newell High School All-American, All-Stater, Gatorade Player of the Year, and 1993 South Dakota Miss Basketball, was named to the University of Wyoming Athletics Hall of Fame, after a notable career as a Cowgirl.

Pool played at Laramie from 1995 to 1999 and was a shooting guard. She was an All-Western Athletic Conference scholar athlete, a WAC newcomer team, and a two-time All-WAC Conference Player.

“Probably the greatest thing was having my friends and family there (at the induction),” said Pool. “So many old teammates showed up, and my coaches, and that meant the world to me.”

Pool said athletics are unique in the way they forge friendships through adversity and hard work. “I have a lifetime of love with both my high school and college teammates,” she shared.

Pool said she has never been one to not work hard, and that she can remember putting up shots in Austin Auditorium at 10 p.m. at night after working a full day in the summer. Most of her friends were out having a good time.

“I would say that my parents taught me two invaluable life lessons,” said Pool. The first is a strong faith in God. She said it will not prevent life from happening, but it will carry you



**COWBOY HONORS** - Courtney Stapp Pool (second from right) poses with her Hall of Fame plaque along with her two sisters, Jordan Stapp Proefrock (far left) and Taran Stapp Corson (third from left), three of her teammates, and a surprise guest, the girls’ lunch lady, far right (no name). The group is seen at the UW Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Laramie, Wyoming last August. - Courtesy photo

through the difficult times. “What most don’t know is, that during my time at UW, I probably spent almost a season and a half hurt. I dislocated my knee cap, broke my ankle, and had two stress fractures in about a year’s time. That was tough working so hard to come back from those, only to get injured again. But Faith gets you through.”

The second thing she was taught was to work hard. Many in the Newell area remember driving by the Stapp household in the evenings and on weekends to see Pool and possibly one or both of her sisters shooting hoops in the old tree her father, Harry, had put up.

“There’s no denying you need for things to go your way, and God gifts everyone in different ways,” said Pool. “But, if you want to achieve something special in life, you have to put in the work; period.” She said any person who is successful in anything in any aspect, will say that very thing.

Pool never played for the awards, though she has many. She never anticipated being named to halls of fame. But she is proof that it can happen with competition and hard work. The induction even was very



**INDUCTION** - Courtney Stapp Pool is shown during the Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the University of Wyoming in late August. - Courtesy Photo

special for Pool. Her former UW Coach, Chad Lavin called her prior to the ceremony and they just talked. They shared stories about her time at the university. Pool scored 1278 points during her Cowgirl career. She made an immediate impact, even as a freshman. / during her senior season she led the team in scoring at 17.6 points per game, assists, three-point shooting, minutes played and field goals.

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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.

**123 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche Times**  
**Nov 21, 1896**  
**Monroe Doctrine**

The heart of every liberty loving man and especially the heart of every American, must swell with patriotism, when we view the stand taken by our government with reference to the “Monroe Doctrine,” regardless of the results to Venezuela. Whether or not her boundary line is established as she desires, our triumph is complete, and the Monroe Doctrine is henceforth an established fact rather than an implied and uncertain claim. England has admitted through the instrumentality of her rulers, that we have the right to prevent further acquisition of territory on the American continent by European powers.

**Talk of the Town**

Mrs. Smith Folsom, of Redwater, registered at the Belle Fourche Hotel latter part of the week. Mr. Folsom and son made a shipment of cattle this week, part to South Omaha and part to Chicago. T.W. McDonald has sold his stock of goods to his father “Mac the Saddler” of Deadwood. He expects to remain in Belle Fourche, however, at present Mr. McDonald has been located here the past three years, and we hope that he may remain permanently.

**100 years ago**  
**Northwest Bee**  
**Nov. 27, 1919**  
**Prosecute Profiteers**

A determined effort is being made over the country to stamp out profiteering in the necessities of life, and to this end the federal

authorities are asking the aid of state and county officials in compiling a list of those guilty of charging an excessive profit. State’s Attorney Seward of this county has received a letter from Attorney General Payne of Pierre, asking he report any violations of the food control act as follows: “It is unlawful to make any unjust or unreasonable rate of charge in handling or dealing in or with any necessities.”

**Special Meeting**

of the city commission was called by the mayor for the purpose of appointing fuel administrator of the city of Belle Fourche, and other businesses. Present Mayor Hickey, Brandner and Lefors. Meeting called November 14, 1919. Situation with reference to coal shortage was discussed and it was deemed advisable that a fuel administrator for the city be appointed.

**75 years ago**  
**The Belle Fourche Bee**  
**Nov 30, 1944**  
**Society News**

Wm. Schmele of Horse creek and his ranch hand, John Sheimbein, of Horse creek were in Deadwood Friday to meet Pvt. Henry Noziska of Ft. Swift, Texas, and his sister, Rose of Denver, who will visit at the Schmele ranch while Mr. Noziska gets acquainted with his son, born September 30. Mrs. Noziska is the former Luverne Schmele.

**Ready To Go**

Word comes out from Pierre that the state highway commission is ready to give the “go” signal on some 398 miles of highway construction, just as soon as the present war restrictions on highway building is lifted. Included in this mileage are several sectors on U.S. Highway 212 – from Belle Fourche to Nisland, from Nisland to Newell, from Edson to Faith, and tentative project from Mud Butte to Edson. Also State Highway 24 from Sturgis to White Owl is on the program.

**P.E.O. Met At Runkel Home**

At the meeting of the P.E.O. Monday evening at the home of Mrs. G. Q. Runkel, Mrs. C. S. Small presented the program showing slides of pictures taken on trips. At the next meeting of the group, December eleventh the ladies will entertain the B. I. L’s at a Christmas party.

**50 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche Bee**  
**Nov. 28, 1969**  
**Martindale Named Junior Miss**

Marty Martindale, the brown-haired, brown-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Martindale of Belle Fourche, will represent Belle Fourche at the state Junior Miss Pageant in January. Marty was named the local winner from a field of nine contestants following the local pageant at the Community Hall Saturday night. First runner-up was Diane McTavish. Miss Congeniality honors went to Donna Stover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stover. Lise Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lang, was named the most talented non-finalist.

**Capital News**

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bickerdyke attended the convention of the

Montana Association of Soil and Water Conservation districts in Bozeman Nov. 12-14. Ted Bickerdyke is chairman of the Box Elder district. They also expected to visit their son and family, the Paul Bickerdykes at Absarokee, while on this trip.

**Indian Creek News by Mrs. Minor Shaykett - New Industry**

A new industry 25 miles north of Belle Fourche, on the Camp Crook road is attracting much attention these days. Omega Gas Company of Texas is building a new plant. It will be a plant to make propane and butane gas from the natural gas plant at that place. At the present time there are 25 employees, and when all is complete, which will be determined by weather and available material, will employ 15 permanent. A plant is also being built between Broadus and Gillette.

**About Shopping Centers**

Belle Fourche is getting ready for the Christmas season. This week city crews have been busy with the task of hanging street decorations. The huge Christmas tree at the corner of Fifth and State is up and decorated. Everything is in readiness for the opening of the season here Friday. Belle Fourche will be one of the most colorful and tastefully decorated communities in the area – an inviting place to visit. When you plan your holiday shopping tours, we hope you will make your first stop in Belle Fourche. Well aware of the extent of their competition, Belle Fourche merchants are making special efforts to provide an attractive variety of items for your holiday needs.



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## Capitol News

**KAREN ODELL**  
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We learned that there is a new citizen of Capitol. Jenna Flatgaard's brother is working in the community, now.

Erma and Dick Albert made a trip to town on Thursday. Dick went to the barber while they were there. On Sunday they went to church at the Catholic Church and stayed for the pot luck dinner afterward. Alvin and Marlee Cordell had some visitors. Rod Bisgaard came out from Spearfigh to stay for a week. Rod is retired and enjoyed the visit. Marlee got home on Thursday after spending some time doctoring. Tawni went back to Denver to visit her mother in the hospital there, for a few days. Hunters came from Watertown to stay at the Horton place. They did some hunting over at Leroy and Ester Oleson's. On Saturday, Marlee went back to Belle Fourche to visit her mother and to see the little girls play in a basketball tournament at the Rec Center. She got to watch Kimber and Kynlee play in the games that Michelle Padden and Jessica Holmes were coaching. A few days ago, Alvin had seen two bull elk along the river on Sky Ranch. Ryan flew the next morning and saw four bull elk near the same place. Then the next day, Alvin saw 6 bull elk along the river. Brandon Padden stopped by on Sunday to borrow the semi for hauling building materials from town. He plans to use the material to build a calving shed.

Dorothy Padden had gone to Laurel, MT to visit with Brett and Stacy Padden for a few days. On the 11th, grandson, Jess and Nicole Padden had a son at the Billings hospital, and Dorothy got to see her new great-grandson, Jamison William Padden. There was a rocking chair in Nicole's room, and Dorothy got to use it for rocking the new baby. She came home on Thursday. On Saturday, she went with Dawn to the little girl's basketball tournament in Belle Fourche, where

she got to see great-grand-daughters play.

Dawn Padden and Roger Stevens went to Buffalo for the junior high basketball games on Tuesday. Dawn went to Camp

Crook for the Diligent Doers Extension Club meeting on Wednesday. Laurie Elmore was host-ess for the meeting at her house. On Thursday, Bryce and Dawn went Belle Fourche with a load of calves for the sale. Dawn and Roger went to Ekalaka on Fri-

day to have lunch with Michelle Tooke. It was Michelle's turn to pay for lunch. Volleyball had been keeping her busy the past few weeks. Roger stayed to spend a few days with Michelle. On Saturday Dawn and Dorothy went to Belle Fourche for the little girls' basketball tournament at the Rec Center. Spring and Michelle were both coaching the little girls, and Kalla, Kadi, Kamry and Brayden all played in different age groups from first to sixth grade. Several towns had teams there, and there were lots of Harding County people in the stands. When Dawn and Dorothy headed home in the dark, they had no trouble with deer on the road, but they encountered lots of huge birds, and an eagle with a wing span wider than the car might do lots of damage, so they were careful to avoid them. .

Two weeks ago, Clint Zolnoski and Ron Dingfelder made a trip to Jamestown, ND to haul an older semi back. Diane Wear had gone to Spearfish. Chad and Curt Zolnoski came to the ranch that Friday, to help Clint finish work on two windbreaks. Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski traveled with her parents, Gene and Kim Secrest to Billings for the long weekend.

Ronda Cordell went to a birthday party for granddaughter Jayda Westling last week, but the trip down was long, due to the terrible road conditions and weather. One good thing was that there was not much traffic. Cristen Westling held the party for her daughter at the

Journey Museum. Ronda stayed over for an early Monday dentist's appointment. Diane Wear stayed out at the ranch while Ronda was away. Diane Wear came this Tuesday to help Ronda gather cattle at the Gap. Clint finished gathering bales on the Yates place that day. Then on Wednesday, Ronda, Clint and Diane went to bring pairs home from the Gap. Toney Hannah, who had come from Anchorage, called to get Clint's help getting a cow elk from the muddy pasture over Belltower Hill. Ronda went to the Buffalo Clinic for a check-up prior to her upcoming shoulder surgery. Curt and Clint came on Saturday and Sunday to try to get the foot-deep muddy corrals ready for shopping. Ronda went to the Bullock Hall on Sunday for the Holiday Craft Sale

Charlie Odell made a trip to Ft Meade on Tuesday. On Wednesday, he inspected cows for Tom and Mary Brewer. That afternoon, he went to Buffalo twice for new electrical breakers. On Thursday, he inspected heifers for Paddens. Then he went to the Hills to get a replacement heating element for the stove. Hywell, the pup, is learning all kinds of things quickly. On Sunday, Karen and Charlie went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook. Karen played piano for the hymns. The weather was more cooperative for Reverend and Mrs. Dinsmore. Last week, the pastor's car had accumulated so much ice by the time they were outside Rapid City, that they had to turn around and go back. The Smith boys were acolytes this week; lighting the candles and then snuffing them out at the end of the service. One of the boys play a guitar solo as a special number during the service, too,. After churcj they had a good visit with Michelle Teigen and Pete (Gordon) Anderson.

Hope you will remember the many people around the community who have health problems. They could use your prayers. Some, who prefer to remain unknown, need our prayers, too, but God will know who you are talking about.



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## Grand River Roundup

**BETTY OLSON**  
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Casey and Missy came home from the NRCA Finals in Rapid City Monday morning. Missy is the NRCA secretary and she spent the whole weekend down there running the rodeo with the help of Karen Stevenson, Bryn Brown, and Jacy Buffington.

It was really cold on Veterans Day. It was 4 below zero when we got up and the warmest it got all day was 14 degrees. Thankfully it warmed up the rest of the week with a high of 54 degrees on Thursday. The warmth made it difficult to haul hay without getting stuck in the mud though.

Taz went over to Lodgepole on Tuesday to help Jace Jenson gather and load his Corrientes to bring them home for the winter. It was so muddy over there that the loaded semi had a terrible time getting back out to the highway and they had to get help.

We preg tested our cows on Wednesday at the Jacob's place. Jace Jenson, Bill Holt, and Clint Doll came to help with the project. Missy and Amanda made some delicious goodies for the crew and Missy and I took them over to the guys after they got

the cows penned before the vet got there. I fed the crew dinner at our house after they were done testing. Doug Doll usually comes to help but he and Janet were headed to Arizona that day for Andy Clarys' wedding on Saturday.

It was 50 degrees here and really muddy on Thursday. I took lunch over to our east place where Reub was hauling hay and dang near got the pickup stuck in 4 wheel drive! Thankfully I made it through because I was hosting the Slim Buttes Ladies Aid that afternoon at the church and I was running a little late.

We lost a lot of old friends this week. Dan Baumgarten, 76, of Lemmon, passed away November 7th at the Hettinger hospital. His funeral was Tuesday in Lemmon with burial at the Greenhill Cemetery in Lemmon.

Marvin Soehren, 76, of Dickinson, passed away November 7th. His funeral was Wednesday, November 13th in Reeder with burial in the Hettinger Cemetery.

Mary "Jean" Simon, 97, formerly from Zeona, passed away Monday, November 11, 2019,

at Avera Maryhouse in Pierre. Her memorial service was held on Monday at the Black Hills Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Faye (Englehart) Schell, age 76, passed away Wednesday, November 13th at the nursing home in Hettinger.

Her funeral was held in Hettinger on Monday, November 18th with private inurnment at a later date.

Tom Ginsbach, 97, passed away on November 11, 2019 at Southwest Healthcare Long Term Center in Bowman. Tom's funeral was held this Sunday at the Community Rec Center in Buffalo. Reub used to shear sheep with Tom and we just loved that man! We attended his funeral Sunday afternoon after church at Reva.

The families of these old friends have our sincere sympathy.

RonE and Starla Jenson and Casey and Missy went down to Spearfish on Saturday to watch Jarrett and Trig's last football game beat a team from California. Casey also picked up a horse that Taygen Schuelke broke for them.

Sunday evening we rode over

to Les and Sharon Longwood's with Tom and Kathy Fabris for Bible study. It had been quite a while since we were able to get together, but Brad and Linda Abelseth were able to come up from the Hills and we had a fun evening. Todd and Anna Buer were there and I forget to bring a piece of family history to Anna. Anna's dad, Gene Smith, and my mom were cousins and I'd made a copy of our great grandparents marriage certificate for Anna. Andreas Schmidt and Carolina Wentz, both from Odessa in Yankton County, SD, were married in November 15, 1889, the same year that North and South Dakota became states.

Have you been watching the impeachment fiasco? It reminded me of this:

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America will not ever agree on what is right for us all, so let's just end it on friendly terms.

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\*We don't like redistributive taxes so you can keep them.

\*You are welcome to the liberal judges and the ACLU.

\*Since you hate guns and war, we'll take our firearms, the cops, the NRA and the military.

\*We'll take the nasty, smelly oil industry and you can go with wind, solar and biodiesel.

\*We'll keep capitalism, greedy corporations, pharmaceutical companies, Wal-Mart and Wall Street.

\*We'll keep the Bibles and give you CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, and Hollywood.

\*We'll keep FOX, OAN, RFD, and our Judeo-Christian values.

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2-D			
1. Cassidy Barrett	Docs Lil Dana	16.491	\$ 30.00
3-D			
1. Cash McPherson Dollar		19.496	\$ 20.00
SIDE-POTS			
100 NOVICE			
1. Maegan McPherson Lil Red Shooter		15.877	\$ 10.00
500 NOVICE			
1. Terri Kissack	SL Preoccupied Lena	15.498	\$ 10.00
SENIOR			
1. Mary Mitzel	Flasy Bay Lena	14.299	\$ 50.00
FUTURITY			
1. Jana Grimesman Victor		16.025	\$ 20.00

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From Newell to Puerto Rico

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CAROLINA, Puerto Rico – “We both grew up and lived in western South Dakota our entire lives, graduating from Newell High School,” said Matt Brunner, now residing in Carolina, Puerto Rice, an unincorporated territory of the United States, located in the northeast Caribbean Sea, approximately a thousand miles southeast of Miami. This is the least likely place they ever thought they’d ever thought they’d find themselves.

From a rural background, Matt and his wife Vanessa and three children, Rachel (16), Jacob (14) and Reesa (9), were following a path that the couple did not know would lead to where they currently reside.

The Brunner’s path led from the farm at Nisland, to a coal mine in Wyoming, to a home recently built on the outskirts of Custer. Primarily in the past few years Vanessa has spent her time homeschooling their three children, and running her own photography business.

In April of 2018, the couple, who have always been regular attenders at church and intent on following the Lord as His servants, went on a cruise out of San Juan. Since it started on Sunday, they found time to attend Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, in Carolina, Puerto Rico. They contacted the pastor of this church, who picked them up. They had a great time and learned of the church’s mission to reach people for the gospel, through a Christian day school and the Bible college run through the church. This church and school were still in recovery mode from hurricane Maria (Sept. 2017), and they talked with the pastor about teams coming from churches to help restore the complex. That hurricane, which hit as a category 4 and estimated more

than \$100 billion in damage with more than 25,000 homes damaged, was what the Brunner’s would eventually address.

In 2018, Pastor Daniels and his wife traveled to Custer and visited with the Brunner’s at their home church, Mountainview Baptist. While there he explained how they appreciate the work team who come to help rebuild. A men’s group, which included Matt, traveled to the small island in January 2019 to work on the campus. The school and church have been on the island for the past 38 years, started by Daniels. The wanted to start an English-speaking independent Baptist church, and needed a school for their children. The rest has evolved naturally and, since 1995, hundreds have graduated from the Bible College that was formed. With a growing English and Spanish congregation at Calvary, a Christian school, Bible college, Spanish ministry, deaf ministry and a worldwide outreach in missions, Calvary Baptist Tabernacle Ministries is poised for even greater opportunities in the ripened fields.

“While in Puerto Rico during that trip in 2019, pastor Daniels expressed that they could always use teachers and that they were looking for someone to help maintain the building and grounds as it is a large campus,” Matt said. From there, it was feeling that tug the Lord put on their hearts to go and explore God’s leading, and allow their children to see first-hand what they had been talking about.

“After returning home, and a lot of prayer, we decided that the Lord wanted us to move to Puerto Rico.” Following that trip, it was confirmed in the couple’s minds and hearts that this was to be their destiny. Every step they took, from beginning to share their hearts with family, church and friends,

to selling all that they owned, felt right; like God’s leading. And the rest, shows that God has a plan and a path for each one, according to the Brunner’s.

Since the couple didn’t need to raise support funds, as many missionaries do, they were soon on a projected pathway to that final goodbye in a going away party held by their family and their church. In mid-July they were winging their way to Puerto Rico. Since then, life has been a series of experiences and events that they could not foresee.

Since their arrival in July 2019, they have been hit by hurricane Dorian, which did little damage to the Carolina area. “We didn’t feel anything, but it was like waiting for a blizzard to come,” said Matt. “(But) we also believe that God put us here so He would take care of us.” They also experienced an earthquake, a result of tropical storm Karen, which, according to Vanessa “shook the house a bit and rattled the cupboards.”

One of the bigger concerns as the family readied to move, was Jacob’s wrestling career. As a 14-year-old, he had already been wrestling on the Custer Wildcat varsity squad and was looking forward to multiple trips to state during a middle/high school career. Even God had that taken care of, as just recently, Jacob stepped on the mat once more during the Copa de Sparta, where he took second place in the 53 kg, schoolboy division. There were teams from New York, Florida, Canada and other countries.

The family has experienced many cultural differences in their short time, the main one is that they are some of the relatively few white people on the island. Although most speak English, the language barrier is kind of hard, according to Brunner.



Matt and Vanessa Brunner, and children (from left) Jacob, Rachel and Reesa (front), recently moved to Carolina, Puerto Rico, to minister at the Calvary Baptist Tabernacle Ministries. - Courtesy photo

“Their native language is Spanish, so that is what is spoken basically all the time,” he said. “But people are basically very helpful, and we haven’t been anywhere when we couldn’t get things communicated.”

“The biggest obstacle we have had has been racism,” said Brunner. “Not anything we can’t handle, and it’s not violent at all, but we believe we have been put to the ‘back of the line’ several times, and because we don’t know the language it is hard sometimes. But God knows it all.”

Brunner said there is a general belief by the nationals that mainland American’s are rich and spoiled, and that things are different here (in America). But he said it is hard to explain to those they meet that they are just ordinary people, and not wealthy

or snobbish.

The couple finally found a home to rent. God settling them in Canovanas. His work as a maintenance person at the school, and Vanessa’s as a teacher in a classroom, don’t keep them so busy that they can’t have fun. An after dinner walk on the beach is the norm. Recently they trekked through the El Yunque National (Rainforest) for the day.

Brunner said the best thing about following God to an unlikely place is that the worst place to be is out of God’s will.

“Not everything has been perfect and easy, but I know that this is what He wants for my family,” he said, quoting I Peter 4:19 KJV, ‘Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.”



