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Marijuana Law Struck Down by Supreme Court

By Staff & Wire Reports

PIERRE – The South Dakota Supreme Court last Wednesday upheld a lower court’s ruling that nullified a voter-passed amendment to the state constitution that would have legalized recreational marijuana use. However medical cannabis use regulations still remain legal.

Gov. Kristi Noem instigated the legal fight to strike down the amendment passed by voters last November. Governor Noem opposed marijuana legalization as a social ill, but her administration’s arguments in court centered on technical violations to the state constitution.

The high court sided with those arguments in a 4-1 decision, ruling that the measure — Amendment A — would have violated the state’s requirement that constitutional amendments deal with just one subject.

“It is clear that Amendment A contains provisions embracing at least three separate subjects, each with distinct objects or purposes,” Chief Justice Steven Jensen wrote in the majority opinion, which found recreational marijuana, medical marijuana, and hemp each to be separate issues.

Noem said in a statement that she is pleased with court’s decision.

“South Dakota is a place where the rule of law and our Constitution matter, and that’s what today’s decision is about. We do things right – and how we do things matters just as much as what we are doing. We are still governed by the rule of law,” she said.

About 54% of voters had approved the amendment — known as Amendment A — to legalize adult recreational pot use, medical marijuana and hemp cultivation. Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. Rick Miller sued on Noem’s behalf.

Tony Mangan, spokesperson for the South Dakota Highway Patrol, said it they will now be following the same recommendations as before regarding marijuana offense violations. Those guidelines state that the Highway Patrol will not make an arrest for possession as long as an individual has no more than three ounces of marijuana and can present an unexpired medical marijuana card issued by another state, or if the individual is an enrolled tribal member with a valid card issued by their tribe.

Matthew Schweich, the campaign director for South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws, called the ruling “extremely flawed” and reliant on “a disrespectful assumption that South Dakota voters were intellectually incapable of understanding the initiative.

“The court has rejected common sense and instead used a far-fetched legal theory to overturn a law passed by over 225,000 South Dakota voters based on no logical or evidentiary support,” he said in a statement.

The issue of recreational use legalization shows no sign of

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Black Friday Fireworks Light Up the Night



A large crowd was on hand at the Tri-State Museum to watch The Center of the Nation Business Association’s Black Friday Fireworks display. Hunter Anderson Photo

Roundup Committee Delegation Leaves for NFR; Rodeo Nominated Again

For the fourth straight year the Black Hills Roundup in Belle Fourche, SD, has been nominated for Medium Rodeo of the Year by PRCA athletes and contractors.

A delegation of about a dozen representatives from the rodeo committee has made the trip from Belle Fourche to Las Vegas this week for the awards banquet where the rodeo of the year is to be announced the evening of December 1st.

The Black Hills Roundup has won top honors three years in a row and the delegation hopes to accept the award for the fourth straight year.

“It’s an honor to even be nominated and it would be pretty cool to win the award again,” said Keith Anderson, Roundup Committee Chairman. “It takes a lot of work and lot of coordination with so many volunteers and community organizations to put on a rodeo that Belle Fourche can be proud of. We’re up against good competition once again and we’ll just have to wait and see.”

Others nominated in the category of Medium Rodeo of the year are as follows: Cave Creek, Ariz., Arcadia, Fla., Jackson, Miss. and Amarillo, Texas. The nominations come from the rodeo athletes, contractors and others who hold PRCA membership cards.

In 2020, when rodeos were sparse, South Dakota swept nearly every category with Belle Fourche winning, Deadwood’s Days of ‘76 winning large outdoor rodeo and the Black Hills Stock Show taking large indoor honors. The latter two are also nominated once again this year.

“There are really three big parts to putting on the Roundup,” Anderson told the Beacon. “One is to have the support of community through spon-



sorships and all the community does to help make Belle Fourche a destination over the Fourth of July. And then the second is the volunteers who show up and do their job every year.

We have so many long-time and loyal volunteers that often do a lot of the legwork that doesn’t get noticed enough. And the third thing is everything coming together to put on a good show at the rodeo. That includes the specialty acts, the stock contractors and all the parts that make the rodeo a great show.”

Long-time Roundup stock contractor Powder River Rodeo has also been nominated as one of five finalists for stock contractor of the year. Additionally, Black Hills Roundup Veterinarian Rhett Scoggin was one of five finalists for PRCA Veterinarian of the Year. That winner was named in early November, Dr. Benjamin Espy of San

Antonio, TX. It was Scoggin’s second time to be named a finalist for the award.

The chairman of the Roundup Committee is once again this year going to be Keith Anderson. Normally an incoming chairman serves as vice-chair while “learning the ropes” from the current committee chairman and then in the second year is elevated to the chairmanship while training the next chairman.

The incoming chairman was to be Dirk Hoffman who currently serves as the Belle Fourche Director of Public Works. He resigned that post earlier this fall citing lack of time to serve both the city and the Roundup at the same time, and to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

Clay Crago will serve as vice-chairman this year while Dallas Connor, Committee Secretary, will assume the post as Roundup Committee Chairwoman in 2023. She is a veteran committee board member and Anderson says she will step into the role without any problems. “She knows about as much as any of us about how things operate as the chairman,” Anderson said.

While in Las Vegas at the NFR the committee plans to hold meetings with their stock contractor, specialty acts and generally keep a pulse on what rodeos are doing nationwide to attract top talent and draw crowds.

“One of the things we’ve added this year is an announcer on horseback, Andy Seiler, to go along with Steve Goedert who will be in the Goerdert’s nest,” Anderson said. “The Roundup is getting to the stage where we’ve got to look at doing some of those things that larger rodeos do.”

With the growth of the event the Roundup has also added two additional board members to make a total of nine.

Brett Crowser took Hoffman’s place on the board, Levi Conry has been added and the ninth position will be filled soon according to Anderson.

Anderson said the main areas of focus for the Black Hills Roundup will continue to be improving the rodeo grounds and elevating the rodeo experience for fans.

In the last 3 years improvements have been made to the grandstands, VIP boxes were added, a mercantile building was built, a permanent hospitality building is in place and a new larger announcer’s box was installed last summer.

The next project will be building a raised observation deck by the west concessions area with permanent seating instead of folding chairs, allowing more room for fans to watch the rodeo.

“Last year we ran into an issue with seating. We hadn’t had that much attendance since the 1940’s and we were taken a bit by surprise,” Anderson said.

The proposed party deck will be about 12-feet off the ground with a roof over it and is expected to cost in the range of \$70,000. If plans come together construction could begin this spring.

The past two weekends the Roundup Committee and Chutes for Charity organized a Christmas photo shoot at the Roundup grounds as a fundraiser. Families and individuals came to the rodeo grounds to have their Christmas card photos made in front of an old wagon decorated for Christmas. Anderson said close to \$2,000 was raised to benefit local charities.

Free Community Christmas Concert

Reva Potter
Special to the Beacon

The BFHS Fine Arts Boosters is ringing in the holiday season

with “The Christmas Belle”, a Community Christmas Program at St. James Lutheran Church on Saturday, December

4th at 7 PM.

Local talent will fill the night with 20 holiday performances including piano, guitar, and vocal pieces by Kim Bachman, Lucy Cole, Dick Holdhusen, Jim Thompson, Veronica Moore, Killian Mechaley, Nathan Schreier, Amanda Wolterstorff, Rebecca Fahey, Alanah Pomrenke, the St. James Lutheran women’s trio, the Thompson Family singers, the Matthews Opera House Readers Theater, and more!

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Marilyn Meckle 80

Marilyn (Nana) Pauline Meckle was born August 22nd, 1941, in Mobridge, SD. Her parents were Daniel and Martha (Dabbert) Hintz. Thirteen years later Vernon joined the family, whom Marilyn helped raise, after their mother died, in 1963. She graduated from Mobridge High School in 1959. Marilyn married in June 1959. They lived on numerous ranches. On October 1st, 1967, they adopted Tracey. (8-1-67—6-26-07, she died in a MVA). They later divorced. Marilyn raised Jasmine, her granddaughter, who was her pride and joy.



Jasmine or Leann to bring her that treat while at the nursing home in Rapid City. Her family will miss their beloved Nana, her quick wit and one liners could break up tension and make everyone laugh. Her faith was extremely important to her, and she could often be found reading her Bible. This faith provided comfort and direction for her thru many difficult times. She lived very frugally and was always willing to give to others.

Marilyn was a selfless individual, helping many in need, especially her family. She was a wonderful cook/baker. Her family and friends often found themselves with gifts of her "goodies." She worked in food service of some kind most of her life. She was employed at National Tea, a grocery store. Worked at Dean's Drive Inn many years, alongside with her nieces. She also worked at Dakota Country. She enjoyed her work at Paylessfood's, and you could find her on the first till, chatting with everyone. She cooked at The Depot Coffeeshop. Made many a cheesecake and even sold a few. Due to a stroke, in 2012, she had to retire. Otherwise, she would have continued working. Her family remembers the wonderful meals and treats she would make including favorites of knoeffla soup, strudels, cheesecakes, chocolate popcorn balls, and many more. She would "gift" bowls of knoeffla soup for birthdays with the instruction that "you don't have to share" that's for you. That was the same advice she gave if you asked for certain for recipes, "no I don't share, family recipes." She loved banana bread and always wanted

In 2013 she moved to Belle Fourche due to health reasons. In April 2017 she moved to Rapid City, Avantara Arrowhead LTC, where she passed away on 11-17-2021

Marilyn is survived by her brother Vernon (Leann) Hintz of Belle Fourche, SD. Her granddaughter, Jasmine (Mat) Millage of Williston, ND. 6 other grandchildren, Dakota, Konacin, Freedom, Diamond, Autumn, and Alex, Nieces and Nephew, Ginger Hintz (Ed Gore) Oakland Cal., Hollie Hendricks, Milwaukie, Or., Jessie Hintz, Sioux Falls, SD, Cara Sue (Nathan) Krell, Sioux Falls, SD, Kayla Hintz, Sioux Falls SD., Daniel (Leah) Hintz, Broomfield, CO. Her Great Grandchildren. Great nieces and nephews. Her honorary daughter Simone Red Bear.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martha and Daniel Hintz, and daughter Tracey.

Her memorial service was held November 29th at Cornerstone Community Church, Mobridge, S.D. Kesling's Funeral Home, is in charge of her arrangements.



Leslie (Sonny) Bradley, Sr. 85

Leslie (Sonny) A. Bradley Sr., 85, passed away on November 20, 2021.

He was born August 28th 1936 to Leslie R. Bradley and Anna (Steuer) Bradley and grew up in Belle Fourche. In 1953 and at the age of 17 he joined the United States Marine Corp. where he served 20 years. In 1958 he met and then in 1959 married the love of his life Carol Schallenkamp. To this union they had three boys Les Jr., Tony and Dan.

After retiring from the Marines, he moved onto a career in law enforcement where he served his communities for another two decades in law enforcement including Chief of Police in Newell SD, Officer and Chief of Police in Deadwood, SD and then as a Deputy Sheriff in Butte County until his retirement.

He enjoyed fishing and playing cards, Yahtzee and



other board games.

He is survived by his sons Les Jr. (Lynn), Tony and Dan; his grandchildren, Jesse (Daisha), Dani (Pete), Kodi (Robbie), Hunter (Brooke), and Colt (Carolyn); and great-grandsons, Connor and Jaxon. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carol; his parents, 10 siblings, and grandson, Marshall.

Visitation will be from 10:00-10:45 am on Friday, November 26, 2021 at the Lead-Deadwood Chapel in Lead. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 am at the Chapel with burial following at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Deadwood.

Arrangements are under the care of Lead-Deadwood Memorial Chapel in Lead. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburg-funeralchapel.com



Raymond Hatch 90

Raymond Andrew Hatch, 90, of Belle Fourche, went home to be with his wife Monday, November 22, 2021 at Spearfish Canyon Healthcare.

Ray was born in 1931 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Raymond K. and Elvera (Anderson) Hatch. When the Great Depression began, his father moved to Sacramento, Calif., in search of work and Ray and his mother joined him soon after. The family eventually settled in Tulare, Calif., where he was joined by a younger sister, Rose Ellen and brother, Elvin.

Ray enlisted in the Marine Reserves and attended basic training at Camp Pendleton. He was called up for service during the Korean War, but received emergency leave before shipping out when his sister was killed in a car accident. At the age of 20 he was sent to Bainbridge, Md., with a group of 400 soldiers and sailors to compete for one of 200 positions in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp. He was chosen and spent six weeks on a destroyer in the Pacific Ocean over his 21st birthday.

Ray attended college at the University of Southern California, where he obtained a degree in teaching. It was his career in teaching that led him to meet the love of his life, Patricia (Pat) Hageman. He and Pat were married in August 1960 and eventually moved to Buena Park, Ca., where they raised eight children together.

Ray decided to give up teaching in the early 1960s and became a CPA. He worked for a few companies before landing at Parsons Federal Credit Union, where he worked until retiring in 1994. After retiring, Ray and Pat moved to Belle Fourche. He spent his days



gardening, chopping wood and driving around the property on his putt-putt (four-wheeler.) He loved the peace and quiet they had finally found.

Ray was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was the first one in the building and the last one to leave every Sunday. His church gave him the opportunity to get into genealogy, which would become one of his favorite pastimes. He could tell you stories about ancestors who lived hundreds of years ago and it brought him great joy.

Ray is survived by his brother, Elvin; sons George (Joanne), Carlsbad, CA, James, Beaverton, OR., Daniel, Belle Fourche, Erik, Spearfish and Jeff, Long Beach, CA; daughters Cynthia (Tim) Hukill, Bakersfield, CA., Melissa Davis, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, and Dawn (Tyler) Hatch, Spearfish, as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Rose Ellen, and his beloved wife Pat, who he was so excited to see again.

We hope the colors in heaven are as beautiful as he thought they would be.

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Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 30 at 11:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Belle Fourche. Interment will follow at 2:00 pm at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Duane Ewalt 75

Duane Ewalt, age 75 of Alzada, Montana, died Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

The funeral service will be held 11am Friday, December 3rd, 2021 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Thursday, December 2nd at the funeral home. Interment will be held at Black Hills National Cemetery, in Sturgis, with Military Honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.

Duane's funeral will be broadcasted live online, on his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com, where there is a video tribute as well.

Kenneth Duane Ewalt was born September 3, 1946 in Spearfish, SD to parents Robert "Bud" and Margaret (Owen) Ewalt. He grew up in Alzada, Hammond, Newell and Terry, MT with his parents and two sisters and moved to California in 1962 for high school. He was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1966 and served America in the Vietnam War for two years. Duane was honored in receiving the Purple Heart from his injuries in the war and that experience stayed with him for the rest of his life. After the war, Duane moved to Las Vegas where he took classes at the University of Nevada and dealt blackjack at the Horseshoe. Later he lived in Phoenix where he worked in photography, Miami where he began dismantling ships and Houston.

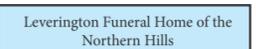
Duane moved back to Miami in 1975 where he met and married the love of his life, Debbie Kucaba. Together they have three children, Sophia, Samuel and Sara. Duane and Debbie settled in Houston in the



late seventies where they spent time practicing Taekwon-Do, Aikido, Kung Fu and Judo with Van-Binh Self Defense Academy and the Houston Judo Club. Duane worked extremely hard to achieve a brown belt in Taekwon-Do. Duane took accounting, business and computer courses and was forever fascinated with computers. He took advantage of the industrial and entrepreneurial spirit of Houston and made his living across various pursuits including scrap metal, land and property investment and concrete crushing. He notably was awarded the job of dismantling the bow of the Chevron Hawaii, put the land deal together in San Leon, TX to dredge a barge slip notably named "Ewalt's Cut", and owned and operated a Kumatsu excavator that utilized a special attachment that he personally designed to demolish concrete structures.

Duane and Debbie made their way back to Alzada in 2009 where they began attending Rangeland Ministries Church and built from it a community of wonderful friends. Duane enjoyed playing percussion on the church worship team and working at the bentonite mine where he operated a disking tractor.

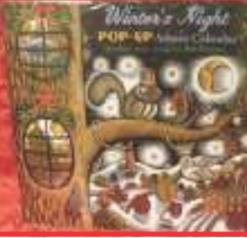
Duane is survived by his wife, Debbie of Alzada, MT; children, Sophia (Matthew) of Houston, TX, Samuel of Bozeman, MT, Sara of Tallahassee, FL; grandson, Arthur Behrmann; sisters, Celia Taylor of Sacramento, CA, Anita (Geoff) Burnaford of Alameda, CA; half-brother, Mark Schwartz of California; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and stepfather, David Schwartz.



Romans 8:37-39 ☐ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ☐

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Obituaries contd.

Doris Barker 92

Doris C. Barker, 92, of Belle Fourche died Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at her family home.



Barker of Spearfish, Kelly Barker and Morgyn Barker both of Belle Fourche.

Doris was born April 28, 1929 in Montana to Jack and Irene (Hammond) Sollars. She attended school in Miles City, Montana before moving to the Belle Fourche area.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Barker; son, Bobby "Robert" Hutton; foster daughter, Jeanne Sisson; stepson, Duane Barker; her brother, Marvin Stanley; half-sister, Vesta Best and half-brother, Jean Stanley.

In March of 1950 she married Chester Barker, having a son, Dale S. Barker. They remained married over 64 years. Her entire adult life was spent in the Belle Fourche area.

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She took great and caring pleasure in her family and close friends. She enjoyed the simple things in life such as gardening, as well as various crafts throughout the years. In her younger years she was an accomplished rider. She enjoyed family gatherings, the Holidays, and had an exceptional love for horses.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 2, at 1:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche with Pastor Tim Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

She is survived by her son, Dale (Kim) Barker of Belle Fourche; step sons, Clyde Barker, Merle Barker and Loren Barker; grandchildren, Chad

The funeral will be published for viewing at klinefuneralchapel.com live streaming site following the funeral.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Andy Anderson of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

"God Transforms Lives"

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable to you, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. AMEN



And how can we thank Him who has given us everything?

In the Gospel lesson from Mark chapter 12 verses 38-44 we read the account of The Widow's Offering. Verses 41 through 44 reads:

By offering our very selves to the Kingdom of God, holding nothing back, like the widow in the Scripture lesson. She was a child of God who placed her whole life into His hands.

Jesus called his disciples and said to them: "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Giving is an act of worship. When the widow gives and when we give, we are worshipping our God.

In this lesson, Jesus has been teaching in the temple courts. On his way out of the temple, he watches as people make their offerings to the temple treasury. He witnessed people in fine clothing tossing in large sums of money and calling out to all gathered how much they gave.

Worship is our response to the love that God has for each and everyone of us.

Jesus notices the widow tossing her two small coins into the offering and he calls attention to this act of faith to his disciples.

This is not a lesson about tithing for the widow did not give ten percent of her income. She gave everything she had.

Who is this widow whom Jesus noticed and spoke to his disciples about? What do we know about her?

This is a lesson about trusting our lives and all we have to our God.

We are not given her name. We are told she was a widow and she was poor.

We are told in the lesson that Jesus noticed the widow and what she placed in the temple treasury.

She must have been a woman of great faith. Because at that moment in time she put her whole trust in God, not holding back anything.

Perhaps another lesson I could learn from this Scripture lesson today is that Jesus noticed the widow.

The word for "widow" in Hebrew carries the meaning of one who is silent, who is unable to speak for herself.

Jesus walked among us to show us those among us who might be invisible, like the widow in today's story.

In the Mediterranean culture there is a division along gender lines. Men belong in the public sphere; whereas the women remain secluded at home with the children. Men play the public role and the women do not speak on their own behalf.

Maybe I am to pay more attention and notice those who are on the fringes of our society.

Because widows were not included in Hebrew inheritance laws, they had a difficult time trying to simply live from day to day.

Those who at the present time are in need of clothing, shelter, a helping hand or a friend. Those, for whatever reason, need a little help right now.

But even with all of this uncertainty, not knowing what her future held for her, she reached out to God and trusted Him. She held nothing back.

See them for who they are. A child of God, just like everyone else.

Why would she do that? Because she understood that everything we have is God's already.

Help those I can. Find others who can help those I cannot. Show them by word and example the love that God has for each and everyone of us.

Sometimes it is as simple as just showing up and listening. And remembering when things go right, to give the credit to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

This point is reinforced in Psalm 127 verse one: "Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who builds it."

Only if God is the builder will all be well. Watch over us, O Lord in all our efforts to notice and help those in need who we encounter in our daily walk.

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Two Belle Fourche Broncos Boys soccer players were recently named to the First Team

All-State A Soccer squad. Senior Midfielder-Defender Tristin Hendricks has been a mainstay for the Broncos since he was an eighth grader. A versatile player who can play practically anywhere on the pitch was responsible for keeping opposing teams away from the net as well as moving forward to hit some spectacular free kicks. Senior goal keeper Hunter Cherveney was also named to the first team. Hunter has been the Broncos starter since his sophomore year. In most games, Cherveney had multiple saves and was responsible for the Broncos being competitive in most of their games. The boys led this year's Broncos to their first winning season since Boys soccer has

been sanctioned as well as their first playoff victory which sent them to the state semi-finals.



Tristin Hendricks

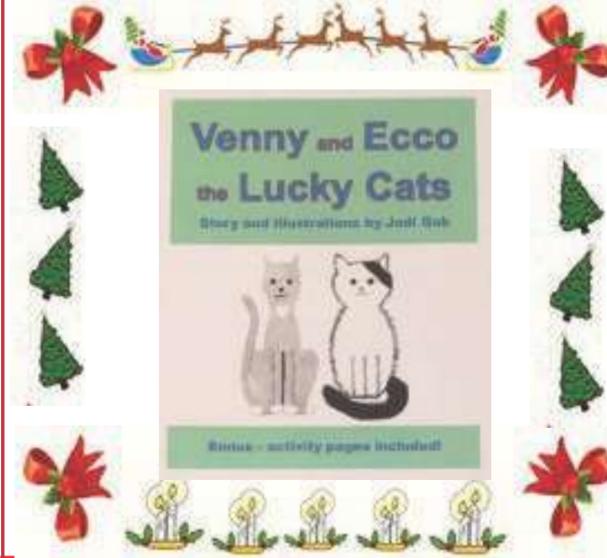


Hunter Cherveney

Venny and Ecco the Lucky Cats

South Dakota native, Jodi Gab, authored the children's book, Venny and Ecco the Lucky Cats. It is about two cats being adopted in one home and, despite their differences, they love each other as brothers. She also designed the activity pages at the back of her book for children ages 2-12.

Start your Christmas Shopping now and hurry order your copy today!



The book is available online on many websites including, Walmart and Amazon.

Long Live Rock and Roll Leaves Audiences "All Shook Up"

Toi Lyn Flick
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche High School play November 18, 19 and 20 left audiences all shook up... with laughter! Long Live Rock and Roll by Cynthia Mercati led older audience members back to the world of bobby socks, DAs, and Fabian while simultaneously introducing younger audience members to these same things. The cast, crew, and set all worked together to transport audiences back to the 1950s. Cast and crew worked diligently to create the look and feel of the Gordon Girls Academy circa 1955. After some research, chartreuse and turquoise were the colors chosen to represent the 1950s, along with set pieces and décor indicative of that decade. The stage was designed smaller than usual to enhance the feel of a crowded room overflowing with activity. A window and window seat that several characters climbed in and onto added to the scenes. Although the set did not change, the backstage tech person was kept busy removing various props and making sure the curtains remained close after entrances. The music tech kept the show moving with music clips and the light crew hit their marks every time. Creating a believable and appealing set was only one piece of the puzzle. The actors and actresses also had to create credible characters that captured

the excitement, innocence and flamboyancy of 1950s America. It took a great deal of work, but in the end the students rocked and rolled to success! Gillian Gordon (Olivia Furrow), headmistress of Gordon Girls Academy, definitely had her hands full every performance. One of her students, Wilhelmina, aka Willie (Rose Sprigler) was convinced that alien life does exist and was constantly pushing some sort of get rich quick scheme- Wonder Hair Tonic and 3-D glasses to name a couple. Wilhelmina's peers, students Nancy (Sophia Thompson), Ramona (Naomi Bricker), Gloria (Aleyah Carbajal), Peggy Sue (Elizabeth Ann McCord), Connie (Brenna Leitner) and Frannie (Joselyn Shockey) were VERY excited when another student, Corliss (Alex Schofield) won a weekend date with rock and roll super star Eustice Early (Orin Olson) and the Early Birds, Rocco (Dustin Kolb) and Weasel (Elijah Pomrenke). Too bad Eustice, Rocco, Weasel, and their roadie Worm (Tyce Hostetter) arrived on the same day Gillian had invited the school's anti-rock and roll benefactress, Hermione Macklucknee Van Pelt (Rebecca Lee) and her brow-beaten husband Hughie (Dyllen Martin) to dinner in order to discuss an upcoming loan payment the school could not make. Also not overly thrilled with the arrival of Eustice and the Early Birds was Corliss' boyfriend,

Stretch (Ethan Staley). When Eustice mistook Gillian as the winner of the weekend date and laid a kiss on her, the students and the audience were surprised. Not surprised was King Kenny Kool (Treyton Johnson), the thrivin' jivin' man alivin' DJ who set up the contest. However, he did get a surprise when the oldest member of the Gordon Girls Academy faculty, Maude (Alyssa Frisbie) decided she wanted to join the Early Birds! Kenny, the Early Birds and everyone else received another surprise when hillbillies Ma (Nyomi Woltkamp), Thelma Jean (Evelyn Lyons) and Calhoun (Carston Sechser) turned out to be Eustice's family! Sent to check on all of the people entering Gordon Girls Academy but never seen leaving it, were Sgt. Thursday (Thomas Nash) and Officer Trench (Wyatt Lesmeister) who Wilhelmina, Maude and another faculty member, Augusta (Emma Crawford) believed to be talent scouts for the Ed Sullivan Show. This lead to a hilarious "talent showdown" between Willie and Augusta. Eventually, Gillian and Eustice became a couple, Corliss and Stretch reconciled, Hughie stood up to Hermione, and Eustice and the Early Birds saved the day with a rock hop at the academy. In the end, everyone was willing to believe, long live rock and roll!

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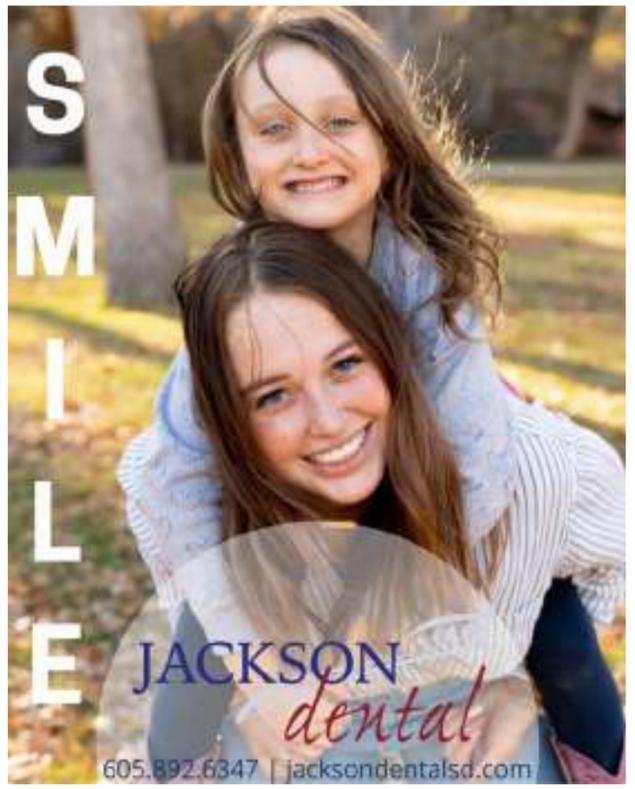
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Cast and Crew of Long Live Rock & Roll

12 Days of December Fitness

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- Dec. 2: **FREE Tween Conditioning 4:15 pm (Pool)**
- Dec. 5: **1/2 Price Daily Admission**
- Dec. 7: **FREE Dance Fitness 4:30 pm**
- Dec. 10: **1/2 Price Admission Punch Card (Limit 1)**
- Dec. 15: **FREE Early Bird 5:20 AM**
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Lighting of the community Christmas Tree (above); and Tender Care Assisted Livings Chamber of Commerce "Parade of Lights" float. Hunter Anderson Photos



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- Wed, Dec 1st**
BRONC Breakfast: French Toast Sticks
 Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Chicken Chili or Breaded Steak Fried
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- Thurs, Dec 2nd**
BRONC Breakfast: Muffin Top & Yogurt
 Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Grilled Cheese or Scalloped Potatoes &
 Ham/Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Mon, Dec 6th**
BRONC Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Taco Roll
 Juice/Fruit/Milk *Cereal (K-4)
Lunch: Mac 'N Cheese or Hot Dog
 Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Tues, Dec 7th**
BRONC Breakfast: Waffles/Juice/Fruit/Milk
Lunch: Christmas Dinner or Popcorn Chicken
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- Wed, Dec 8th**
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Coed A: Regulators Back Row: Katie Whalen, Nichole Tippmann, Kody Johnson, Nick Olson, Tyler Neiman; Front Row: Hayden Johnston; Not pictured: Laramie Noyce



Coed B: How I Set Your Mother: Back Row: Aaron Croff, Byron Sutherland, Bob Tanska, Stephen Palmer; Front Row: Bailee Hulm, Heather Henderson, April Sutherland, Jerilynn Rhoads



Women's B: Hitting Pause: Angela Reich, Tiffany James, Maclyn Westland, Billie Seidel, Yvette Kirkman Courtesy Photos



Women's A: Paris 2024: Jen Meier, Regan Enos, Molly Harr, Julie Gueswel, Shelli Skjoldal, Shelly Miller; Not pictured: Jen Enos



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Cash for Compassion Cupboard



Instead of a typical Black Friday Sale, customers at Cowboy's Too! were told that 10% of their sales were given to the Belle Fourche Compassion Cupboard. It totaled \$511.00. Accepting on behalf of the Ministerial Association from Cowboys Too owner **George Wilson** was **Pastor Tim Smith**. *Courtesy Photo*

From A1 Marijuana

going away in South Dakota. Marijuana advocates are trying to bring recreational marijuana back to voters next year through a ballot measure that would instruct the Legislature to legalize it. Lawmakers are also considering legalizing pot for adults in the upcoming legislative session. South Dakota Secretary of Health Kim Malsam-Rysdon told residents in a press release that the state still intends to implement the medical marijuana program. "Amendment A does not impact or affect the program, which is on schedule and meeting all statutory timelines approved by the voters," she said. At least one Belle Fourche resident, Mike Driessen, plans to apply for a medical marijuana dispensary license

within the city. He also plans to apply for a permit to operate a grow facility. The city's new medical marijuana ordinances and application form is now. There is a \$20,000 application fee and an annual renewal fee of \$10,000 along with a \$150 administration fee. The city also has in place zoning regulations that dictate where a dispensary of grow facility can be located within city limits. A facility must be more than 500 feet from the nearest property line of any school, residential district, church, licensed childcare facility, correctional facility, mental health facility of substance abuse facility. The majority of allowable areas within the city lie along Highway 212, northwest of the intersection with Highway 85. Driessen told the Beacon that operation of a medical marijuana dispensary is a break-even at best proposition and his hope

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is to also operate a recreational use shop to increase profit potential. "The markup is pretty big but when you figure in building costs, product costs the margins get pretty slim. Because it is federally illegal you can't write off wages or building costs," Driessen said. "And area physicians right now are saying they are not writing prescriptions for medical use." Simply put Driessen says he won't be able to stay in business if he cannot sell recreational use. With the current ruling by the State Supreme Court it's not certain if Driessen's timeline to go into business will be altered. "Or plan was to focus on the medical and sell the recreational," he said. "We won't be able to stay in business if we don't."

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

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Chuck and Betty Bruner family.

Betty is a correspondent for the Belle Fourche Beacon/Newell Irrigator and as the result of a tragic plane crash they lost a son and grandson on November 21, 2021.

The story is on the front of this issue's Irrigator section.

Holidays can be difficult when they evoke sad memories. To share Christ's hope, grace, and love the Belle Fourche United Methodist Church will host a "Blue Christmas" event December 15 at 6:30 pm at the church at 1804 6th Avenue.

Christmas can be a sad or painful time for those suffering loss, dealing with anxiety, depression, trauma, change...or just feeling overwhelmed.

The feelings are real and felt by many at this season. Blue Christmas acknowledges the hurts and worries, and looks to



the hope, grace and love found in Jesus Christ.

December Quotes:
In December ring
Every day the chimes;
Loud the gleemen sing
In the streets their merry rhymes.
Let us by the fire Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Yet my heart loves December's smile as much as July's golden beam; then let us sit and watch the while the blue ice curdling on the stream.
Emily Jane Brontë

If we make it through December, everything's gonna be alright I know; it's the coldest time of winter and I shiver when I see the falling snow.
Merle Haggard

In cold December fragrant chaplets blow, And heavy harvests nod beneath the snow.
Alexander Pope

In a drear-nighted December, Too happy, happy brook, Thy bubblings ne'er remember Apollo's summer look; But with a sweet forgetting, They stay their crystal fretting, Never, never petting About the frozen time.
John Keats

If cold December gave you birth, The month of snow and

ice and mirth. Place on you hand a Turquoise blue, Success will bless whate'er you do.
unknown

On the 1st day of December, 1830, I was confirmed, and in accordance with the word of the Lord I was ordained an Elder under the hands of the Prophet.
Orson Pratt

Of all the months of the year there is not a month one half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year.
Charles Dickens

How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flew. How did it get so late so soon?
Dr. Seuss

Shout now! The months with loud acclaim, Take up the cry and send it forth; May breathing sweet her Spring perfumes, November thundering from the North. With hands upraised, as with one voice, They join their notes in grand accord; Hail to December! say they all, It gave to Earth our Christ the Lord!
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Leadership Class Tours City Operations



The November session of Leadership Belle Fourche was a tour and overview of the City of Belle Fourche operations. The session started out with a council overview with Mayor Randy Schmidt that included general structure and operations with HR department head, CharLee Bachman. Department tours included the finance and engineering departments, public works (water, sewer, streets, safety, and general duties), landfill and the REC Center. Class members I-r are: **Patrick Olson** of Grossenburg Implement, **Levi Buck** of Black Hills Energy, **Brent Hardy** - city engineer, **Mayor Randy Schmidt**, **Brady Harr** of Pain & Movement Solutions, **Glenda Larson** - City of Belle Fourche and **Hollie Stalder** -economic development director and Leadership Belle Fourche coordinator & instructor. Not pictured is Samantha Gill. Upcoming session: December - Regional Industry Yesterday & Today January - Economics, Community Development. *Courtesy Photo*

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 February 18th - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes
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The Answer's Written Down
by Bob Petermann

Some folks read the paper,
or watch the TV news
To hear the country's leaders
expound upon their views.

Then they try to figure out
what's happenin' today
why the problems just keep building
and don't seem to go away.

Friends, the answer can't be found
in Washington, D.C.
Congress cannot write a law
to alter history.

History's course has been decided,
it's all written in a book
Our nations problems could be answered
if they'd just slow down and look.

They're found in the Old Testament
where Daniel prophesied
How the governments would self destruct
from their false wisdom and their pride.

Then it tells in Revelation
and explains to us just how
Christ returns to claim what's His
and every knee shall bow.

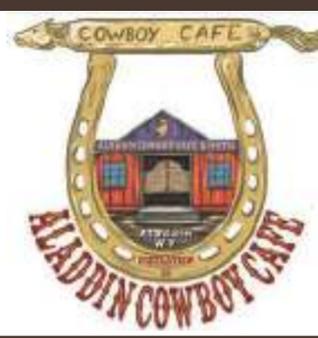
So why don't Congress throw about
half those laws away
and call a special session
just to bow their heads and pray.

To ask for Gods forgiveness
for the mess this country's in
and help us all to trust in Him
to make it great again.

Thanks Bob...and thanks folks for reading. - Jim T.

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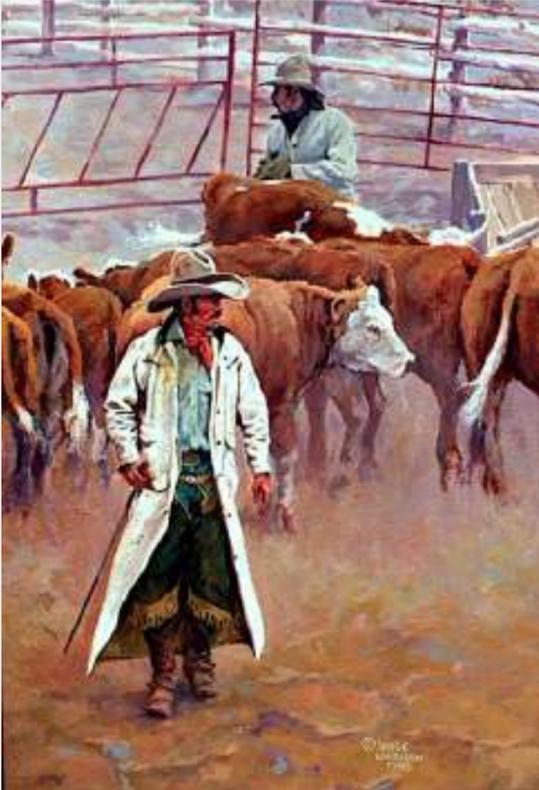


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...and other wonderments.

Lee and Weed were a couple of fellas I once worked with on the Star Bar Ranch, Cody, WY. Weed was originally from Kansas and Lee was from Florida. Both made for interesting subjects and I used them in a number of pieces over the years. These were fairly small "practice" paintings. At the time it was my way of working on color combinations, use of light and composition plus honing the drawing skills. Since gouache (gwash) is a water-based paint and dries fast it made for perfect experimenting.



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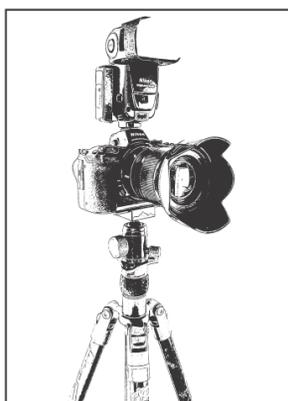
Thanksgiving week at Capitol and on Tie Creek was cool, but dry. We are still looking forward to getting some rain. On Monday, Ronda Cordell loaded Leilah and Angel, for a visit at the Belle Fourche Vet Clinic, while she went to the bred cow sale at Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange. She drove to Camp Crook, the next day, to take Hot Mustards and Coconut Cashew Brittle to Wolff's Garage. All the proceeds will go to the Camp Crook Area Community Center. She met Jake Reynolds up at the Bergstrom place, on Wednesday. Jake had come for her tote of Christmas decorations and a few other belongings. Toney and Linda Hannah are staying in the mobile home this winter, while they are here from Alaska working on their house. It's kind of nice to have someone there to keep the heat checked. Ronda is still working on getting information to Sabre Moore for the Carter County Shifting Scenes book, because the deadline is fast approaching. The past four volumes of Shifting Scenes are quite interesting, and cover lots of history of people and times in the county. Ronda is very anxious for the fifth volume.



Ronda spent Thanksgiving dinner at Clint and Denise Zolnoski's with quite a group in attendance. Kim and Gene Secrest, Grandpa Gene and Marilyn Secrest, their friend, Margaret and Norm and Sally Cook, (all from Spearfish) and Shannon, Ashley, Brayden, Josie Secrest, and Ashley's parents, Bob and Amy Heflin joined the group. There was lots of delicious food prepared by all that attended, so if anyone left hungry, it was their own fault. On Friday, Ronda made four more batches of brittle, and

took them to Wolff's, before she went out scouting for elk. Jerry Janvrin hauled in some corn stalk bales, to Ronda's this weekend, from up north. Her cows have never seen any of those, but they look like feed, so she is sure they'll be good. She's hoping to get Fruit's to pour them, because they've heard they'll devour them like candy with that on them. It's always good to try a new adventure once in a while. Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski and Gene and Kim Secrest went to Bowman on Black Friday. Clint Zolnoski did some hunting, and harvested both an elk and deer. Tyler Wolf and his family came out to Charlie Odell's, on Tuesday, to get a couple of kittens, for the boys to keep in the garage. The boys were excited to have the cats, and Asher greeted Karen, because he remembered visiting before. Later, when Charlie was at Wolff's, the boys brought out the kittens, that were already tame, and their good friends. This week, Karen spent some time finding research and videos, on how to use her new vacuum-mop. She studied, and figured out the new vacuum, and it worked great. Charlie hauled gravel to the gate, and Karen had spent one whole day attempting to get a new router connected, but had to reconnect the old one again, because the new one had messed up Karen's computer. She had to restore her computer to a previous date to get things running again. Cody, Kellan and Carson Odell came from Mitchell, on Wednesday afternoon, so the house suddenly became busy. Karen had finished making one of two cushions to put on a chest. The Ryarson family had come to Tie Creek from Helena, for Thanksgiving, and Charlie visited with them. On Friday, Charlie, Cody, Kellan and Carson went hunting. Cody and Kellan went hunting each day. Charlie joined them on Sunday, and each one got a deer that day. Karen tried out Donna Lewis's recipe for 'turkey in a bag', and it turned out great. It was crisp and

delicious. She also tried a good stew that Donna had suggested. Ernie and Rachel Melum spent Thanksgiving with Rachel's family and her mom. They took Junior to the James Courtney funeral in Belle Fourche, on Saturday. Tommy went to spend the day with Carson Odell. The boys got in lots of interesting activities during the day. Then in the evening, Rachel and Ernie came to Odell's to get Tommy, and everyone had such a good time visiting, that the evening just slipped past too quickly. Tommy and Carson have lots of interests in common. Tommy is learning guitar and Carson is learning French horn. They both love inventing, and exploring, too, and playing the piano. Charlie did some inspecting for Rolphs, on Saturday, too. On Sunday, he had gone out early, with Kellan and Cody and they all got their deer. Charlie did some cattle inspecting for Paddens. They did the butchering and then Cody and Carson took Hywel and spent time exploring at Maurice's. The men cooked deer burgers and ribs for supper to give Karen a break. The news is a little shorter this week, so that the writer can visit with family. Hope you will jot down your news, and save it for next week, if I missed you. Charlie and I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.



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Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

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I am loving this mild fall and beginning or winter weather. Hard to believe Thanksgiving is past and December is here. Or knocking on the door anyway! I remember so many years at this time where we had lots of cold and snow. After a drought like we had we sure need lots of moisture. And I know the Black Hills and the mountains west of us need a big snow pack to keep the water flowing. But I have seen our water flow from spring rains. Granted, not as often as from winter snow fall, but we have lots of time for it to snow. The old timers used to talk about the winter of 49 and how tuff it was. What some of us fail to remember was that it started in January. And they didn't have front wheel assist tractors and loaders and all the equipment we have at our resources now. I remember back in the 80's we had a long hard winter. Lots of snow. I read that by the records it was worse than 49. I mentioned that to several old timers and they had a fit! Why, there was no way that could be true. And they were kind of right because in the 80's, tho' front wheel assist tractors were not the norm, we did have much better equipment than they had in 49. All a matter of perspective. For many of those years I fed with a team. I had access to a tractor with cab and loader, but I preferred to feed with the team. And when we started using round bales, I could actually feed faster, in rougher ground with a team than I could with a tractor with no bale unroller on the back. I remember one day when we had an appointment in town pretty early, so I fed with the

tractor.. I was pretty startled to see it took longer than it had with the team. When I got my first team, Dad had a fit. He always accused me that he had switched all of his fathers equipment over from horses to tractors and I was switching them all back! And I got quite a few of the older guys chewing me out and telling me that if I HAD to feed with a team, like that had, growing up, I wouldn't enjoy it. They were wrong. It got to be a bet with myself to see how many days I could go without starting a tractor. And the cool thing was, the more I used my team, the better they got. We used a team last spring some to feed grain to the calves and cows with our wheel feeder we made. Hook it on the back of my horse drawn round bale feeder and it worked slick. We buy all of our hay so we take what we can get and afford and most of these bales are 1300 to 1500 hundred plus. My horse drawn equipment is not built to handle that kind of weight. But not to worry, I have plans to build one that will. And as soon as I get healed up from my next surgery on my foot, I plan on at least feeding grain with them every day. I notice when I use a team all winter my clothes seem to stretch and are real loose fitting on me in the spring. That hasn't happened for quite awhile and I think it is time to make it happen again. And at the price of fuel and oil (Go Brandon!) that these tractors and pickups use, that looks like a win to me. Next week I will post a poem about all this. Enjoy this wonderful weather. We never know how long it will last!

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“Adoption creates stability, sets the stage for a positive future, and nurtures a sense of belonging and stability that is so important in healthy youth development,” said Department of Social Services (DSS) Cabinet Secretary Laurie Gill. “The impact of an adoptive family’s love, commitment, and encouragement in these children’s lives

is immeasurable.”

November is Adoption Awareness Month in South Dakota and DSS wants more families to consider the blessings adoption of children with special needs can bring.

“The thing about being adopted is it’s amazing,” said one 16-year-old South Dakota youth who now has an adoptive family, “because you finally have a home you’ve been waiting for, for how many years of your life!”

It is more of a challenge to find forever homes for older children, sibling groups, and children with medical conditions or physical,

mental or emotional disabilities, Gill said. There are children in South Dakota waiting for a family. During Adoption Awareness Month, DSS is issuing a call to families across the state to consider adoption as an option.

To learn more about adoption, please call 605.221.2390 or toll-free at 844.344.9482 or visit <https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/adoption/>.

The Stronger Families Together initiative was launched in May as a broad-based team focus on recruiting, preparing, and supporting more foster and adoptive families in South Dakota.

Ranch History Worth Writing About

Ruby Gabriel was born and raised on her parents’ ranch in western South Dakota. When she and her sister were home, visiting their mother on Christmas day, 2007, Ruby noticed the most amazing sunrise behind the Pleasant View country schoolhouse which they both attended. After taking a picture of it, she mentioned that someone should write a book about the schoolhouse.

As they were enjoying breakfast her sister asked, “Where do you think the records for the school are?” Later that day their mother, said “Why don’t you look in your dad’s desk drawer?” Upon her suggestion they look and when they pulled the drawer out the bottom fell out which did indeed hold many records of the history of the school.

After researching the school history for a year, Ruby felt the only people this information would interest, would be those who attend the school. She decided to research the history of the area creating a community, in need of this school. She completed her first volume of “It’s More than a Place... West River, in 2012.

Her dedication read, “ I would like to dedicate this writing to my dad, Floyd Gabriel. As I grew up on his ranch in western South Dakota, I had the opportunity to work with him and learn the greatest things I think a father can teach his children.



Ruby Gabriel at a book signing last Saturday for her book “It’s More than a Place... West River” at the Tilted Gallery in Belle Fourche. Courtesy Photo

As we rode to move cattle from pasture to pasture, we visited. He taught me not to be scared if I thought I was lost; a good horse would find the way home in the snow storms. He taught me how to rely on God as we prayed together when the land was dry in need of water, and we prayed thanking God, for providing for us.”

As she began researching volume II, Ruby met Vern and

Rosalie Simons, who were very instrumental in lining up people she could interview about the history of Meade County.

A few highlights in Volume II include range wars, mail order brides, and the KKK. She truly had a wonderful time, meeting people, hearing their stories, and writing it.

She looks forward to her next adventure, as she heads over to Butte County, South Dakota.

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Ruby Gabriel presents a signed copy of her book to Lee Hodge at a recent book signing at the Olive Branch in Belle. Courtesy Photo

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123 years ago
 Belle Fourche Times
 November 25, 1897
National Government Deficit
 We notice with sorrow that the authorities at Washington are furnishing ammunition to the "calamity howlers." They publish a statement that the treasury deficit since July 1 has grown to be \$37,258,978! It is possible that Hanna prosperity and dollar wheat and Dingley tariffs and gold bug confidence and peace and plenty and abundance on every hand, the deficit still climbs up! This piece of news should hereafter be suppressed or the people will see it. We notice however that the republican papers are not publishing this statement.

cial Club gathered around the banquet board at the Hampton house last Thursday evening to enjoy the splendid menu prepared and served by the ladies of St. James Guild. While the feasting was in progress the Masonic male quartet of Deadwood, with Mrs. Lothrop as accompanist, and Mos. Curran of Lead, a reader of rare ability, entertained in a manner most pleasing to everyone, as was proven by the hearty applause following each number.



by Mary Buchholz

38 days the Lions Club sponsored milk program was in operation here in 1946. Those figures were disclosed yesterday by the Lions Club as the organization made preparations for its annual milk fund benefit dance to be held at the Legion Hall here Dec. 7.

Churches to Hold United Service Thanksgiving Day
 Several Belle Fourche churches will join tomorrow united Thanksgiving services – to be held this year at the Foursquare church for 10 to 11 a.m. Joining in the services will be the Lutheran, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, and Foursquare churches. Rev. L. A. Johnson of the Methodist church will deliver the sermon of the day. Rev. Richard Bunge of the Lutheran church will give the scripture reading, and Rev. Harold Salem of the Baptist church will conduct the prayer.

76 years ago
 Belle Fourche Daily Post
 November 27, 1946
C of C Protests Abandonment of Weather Station
 Belle Fourche's Chamber of Commerce, at its regular weekly noon luncheon yesterday, voted to protest the CAA announced plans for abandonment of the weather bureau station at the Black Hills airport at Spearfish. The action came after Secretary J. F. Koller read a brief notification announcing that several mid-west weather station were to be closed, Spearfish among them. Local officials fear that abandoning the weather station may eventually lead to cutting off the air mail pick-up service at the Black Hills airport. The matter has been turned over to the airport committee, which will prepare a letter of protest.

50 years ago
 Belle Fourche Daily Post
 November 24, 1971
Butte Vets Fail to Ask For Bonus

Glen Horman, Butte county veterans service officer reports many Butte county veterans who were in military service since August 1964 have not filed for their state bonus. Horman said on a recent survey he made he found many veterans had not applied for their Vietnam bonus. Upon questioning a sampling of these veterans on why they had not applied the answer he received was "I did not serve in Vietnam." The fact is, bonus will be paid to veterans and to dependents of those deceased veterans who were legal residents of South Dakota for a period of not less than six months immediately preceding their entry into the Armed Forces, and who served for 90 days.

Window Contest To Be Staged Again
 Belle Fourche's Christmas store window display contest will be staged again this year, it was announced yesterday by J.F. Koller, Chamber of Commerce secretary. Windows will be judged Dec. 7, 14 and 21. Winners each week will be announced the following Monday, and the winner for the three weeks will be entitled to keep the first prize window display trophy for a year. The silver first prize display trophy won last year by the New York Store.
Belle Fourche Youngsters Like Mike; They Drank 12,812 Bottles
 Belle Fourche school students like milk, and they drink it – at least they consumed 12,812 one-half pints of it during the

Talk of The Town
 Nice assortment of Jewelry at Mrs. Isbell's Edd Woods, came up from Rapid City Monday on business. J. O. McDonald was in from Riverdale, Wyo., Tuesday Undertaking – Belle Fourche Furniture Co., Hotel Dyer. Chas. S. Small went up in the Hills Tuesday on a business trip. Mrs. Geo. S. Fuller went down to Sturgis Tuesday for a short visit. Hard on the bed bugs. Iron Beds, complete with woven wire springs, \$7. Belle Fourche Furniture Co., Hotel Dyer.

"Looking Back in Belle Fourche 40 Years Old Aug. 23, 1906"
 Capt Seth Bullock, accompanied by Kermit Roosevelt, son of the president; John Heard, a Washington friend of the latter, and Paul Martin, son of Congressman Martin, drove over from Deadwood last Friday. They were joined here by Stanley Bullock and Clyde Giddings and the party left Saturday with a complete camping outfit for Medora, N.D., which is near the old Roosevelt ranch, and where the president lived years gone by. They will probably be absent a fortnight, and will undoubtedly have a fine time hunting, and the roughing will make them feel like new people.

100 years ago
 Northwest Daily Post
 November 24, 1921
Commercial Club Banquet
 Nearly one hundred members of the Belle Fourche Commer-

NUMBER 38 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1971

"Over the River and thru the Wood to"
 This annual feature is the story, complete as we have been able to make it, of how residents of the Tri-State area are spending this Thanksgiving Day.

Belle Fourche Community Calendar

Meals Program Ongoing
 11:30am – 12:00 pm
 Please call Bonnie at 892-5472 in the mornings

Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program
 Every day of the week 11:00 am – 1:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center; 828 Kingsbury St 605-892-6285
 Chuck Wagon Café is open so come and enjoy a different lunch menu everyday of the week. \$5 suggested donation.

Belle Silver Lining Thrift Store
 Tuesday thru Friday 1:00pm – 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center 828 Kingsbury St. 605-892-6285 your shopping pleasure. Check with the staff if you have items to donate.

AA Meetings
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Mrs. Nadine Wood will be in Rapid City today as guest of her niece, Mrs. Arvid Stolpe. Others coming for the day will be Mrs. Roger Remschel of Spearfish and Melcolm Driskill of Alva. Relatives from the area will gather this year at the home of the Ben Drolcs for the festive meal. Present will be Mr. and Mrs. David Drolc and family, Mr. and Mrs. Teuben Drolc and family, and Ben's father, Frank Drolc, all of Ralph; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Drolc and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rothermel and family, city. One of Belle Fourche's older families – the

G. F. Mortimers – will be in Eureka, Calif. To have Thanksgiving with their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. James Mortimer, son Jeb and daughter S.G. The Mortimers left Friday and will visit in California for a couple of weeks. At the Lem Overpeck home today will be their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ledebuhr of Vermillion, Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Donnell, and Mr. Ledebuhr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ledebuhr of Bismarck if weather permits. Also present will be Mr. and Mrs. Dick Warren and family.

Belle Fourche Community HOLIDAY Calendar

Bell Ringers Around Town
 The Bell ringers you see at Runnings, Leuder's and Lynn's Dakotamart are local people who are collecting Holiday donations for our local Compassion Cupboard. All of the money raised stays here in town. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Have a great Holiday season.

Spotlight on the Business of the Week
 Week of November 29 to December 4... Mason's 5th Avenue Convenience Store and Buckstop Sporting Goods both businesses are located at 510 5th Avenue and locally owned for 20 years. Mason's has a lot of your convenience items and homemade items including different hot homemade lunch items every day. Buckstop has most of your sporting goods needs, stop in for your hunting items. Stop in at either location where you will always receive a warm welcome. Check out their FACEBOOK page for more information or call 605-892-4564 for their specialty home cooked items.

Meals on Wheels Program
 Ongoing 11:30am – 12:00pm for pickup
 Please call Bonnie at 892-5472 in the mornings for Meals on Wheels Program for either delivered meals or if you want to just get out of the house and pick up a meal to go.

Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program
 Every day of the week 11:00 am – 1:00pm
 Belle Silver Lining Senior Center 828 Kingsbury St 605-892-6285
 Chuck Wagon Café is open so come and enjoy a different lunch menu every day of the week. \$5 suggested donation. After lunch stop by the thrift store for that item you have always wanted it just might be there. Thrift Store hours are Tuesday – Friday 11:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Red Onion Marketplace
 19024 Olive Lane, off East Highway 34 behind Runnings. The stand is closed for the season, but Robin still does pre-order breads, cakes, and other assorted pastries for pick-up. She focuses on her own baked from scratch breads, cakes, and pies. Please contact Robin at 605-210-1273 for additional information or to order your favorite baked goods for pickup.

Rose Boutique
 The Rose Boutique located at 1828 5th Ave. Come in and browse the wonderful gift items, sewing notions, and quilting supplies. Sometimes there are special sales events going on so please stop by and say Hi to Rose. Please call (605) 520-6222 for additional information.

Wreath Decorating Classes
 Friday, Dec 3, 6pm at Americlnn; Saturday, Dec 4, 10:30 am at the Rec Center and next Friday, Dec 10, 6 pm at Americlnn.
 We have been busy at the Farm preparing Fresh Christmas decor! AJ Farms 605 is hosting Wreath Decorating Classes! Classes include Pre-made, Farm Fresh, Standard Door Wreaths with Embellishments—Pinecones, berries, bells & bows, wire and all materials to create your masterpiece and if needed guidance to create your perfect winter wreath. Extra decorative embellishments for purchase. The cost is \$65 and there is room for 15 participants per class To save your spot please contact us to pre-register at 605-569-0687. Let us know if you have any questions.
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Belle Fourche Tour of Homes
 Saturday, Dec 4 1:00pm – 4:00pm
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Country Club and B.H. Roundup Chutes for Charity. Pre-sale tickets (\$20/person) are available at the chamber or by calling Dallerie at 605-210-2615. Ticket sales on day of event (\$25/person) are available at the B.F. Country club where the tour maps will be available. After the tour stop by the Country Club from 3 to 5 pm for a little Holiday Cheer.

FUTURE UP-COMING EVENTS
Spotlight on the Business of the Week
 Week of December 6 to December 11... Dairy Queen is located at 208 Pine Street just off Hiway 85 in town. They have wonderful meals, burgers, chicken, and fabulous ice cream sensations. Please check them out for dine in service or drive thru from 10:30 am to 9:00pm. They are proud sponsors of Miracle Treat Day where a portion of every Blizzard is donated to the local Children's Miracle Network. Follow them on their FACEBOOK page or website.

Festival of Trees
 Tuesday, Dec 7 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 Join us for this annual event at the Community Hall sponsored by First Interstate Bank and the B.H. Round-up Ag Committee. Refreshments start at 5:30pm with the tree, wreath, and gift basket auction at 6:30pm. This event helps raise money for several local charities.

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The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests
Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

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

EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC)
902 Lawrence St. - 723-6899
Andy Anderson, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
Services Streamed Facebook Live
website: ebcbf.org

CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)
613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche
(605)-210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
Associate Pastor Chad McCord
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15, or 10:30am

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1120 North Fifth Street, Spearfish
605-645-3513
Pastor Bruce K. Oyen
Sunday:
Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.
Church Service - 10:45 a.m. We sing
traditional hymns & choruses.

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717 Jackson St. Sunday:
9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship

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

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901 Laurel St. Whitewood
(605)-920-1959
Reverend Jill Jennewein

Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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10 a.m. Worship Service

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Sunday School: 9am
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10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 Kelleme Lane, Spearfish
Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH
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(605) 257-2356
Pastor Doug Clark
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH
1701 Hwy 212, Newell
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH
Alzada, MT
Sunday: Worship: 10:00am
Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

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ACROSS
1. Spring al-
2. Rat
3. Circular count of
4. Appeals
5. Child
6. End of
7. Canning tree
8. Milk
9. Fat
10. Induce
11. Wash school
12. Sewer
13. Need
14. Food
15. Single
16. Color portion of
17. Listen
18. Limestone
19. Wheel shaft
20. Milk
21. United States
22. Postal Service
23. Abbreviation
24. Sleep
25. King of Israel
26. Emperor
27. Mallet
28. Bill of War

DOWN
1. System of lines
2. Sp. article
3. Oddball sacred
4. Playwright
5. Cleric
6. Hour settlement
7. No. middle initial
8. Child
9. Ingot
10. Wood
11. Area
12. Automobile
13. Sp. article
14. Light
15. Western
16. Inland
17. Intermittent
18. Wagon tongue
19. Ocean

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" by John Newby

Best Community Bet Is Small Business!

Michael J. Marx once said, "Decision making and problem solving are not the same. To solve a problem, one needs to find a solution. To make a decision, one needs to make a choice." As a community, we must solve problems and make the right decisions best for our community. At the risk of redundancy, I will share some statistics I shared a couple years ago. From the report, "Where Our Jobs Come From," the author of this piece, Don Macke from the Center of Rural Entrepreneurship, shared valuable information regarding where jobs come from. Every local community and media company, take note.



going against the odds, the deck is firmly stacked against your community succeeding in this quest. With 10,000+ communities courting these larger businesses, the odds of success are small. Communities succeeding are usually advanced in the courtship game. Put another way, the odds of securing one of these large businesses are like the odds of winning the national lottery. Don't be mistaken, if you are situated and fortunate enough to be successful, that is awesome! But don't make the mistake of resting easy, that is also the best opportunity to enhance your efforts to support and grow small business, as well. But for the rest of those communities not able to attract those larger businesses, you have little option other than turning your efforts to a more lucrative playground of small and local businesses.

proceeds in building your community's infrastructure, your downtowns, and your commercial zones.

Imagine your community today with half of the workforce self-employed. What would you be doing differently as you plan for the future if you knew this today? Would you be subsidizing new commercial space such as malls or large developments which may become albatrosses? Instead, you might think about high-speed fiber, Wi-Fi locations or smaller office suites? These could be entrepreneur or innovation suites where multiple businesses or the self-employed locate with minimal space needs yet share essential office services. Advanced communities might provide financial or tax incentives for this future workforce transition driving even more to your community.

The future is rapidly approaching. The signs of the current glut of big boxes, malls and chains have been showing the chinks in their armor for years. In the age of COVID, these trends are accelerating across the country today. Communities clinging to traditional revitalization strategies are destined for a bleak and blighted future. Those communities fortunate to still have large employers are blessed. Treat them well as that adds to the balance in your community. Communities seeking to find their way in this challenging economic climate, the numbers are over-whelming telling you small and medium sized business development is the direction to be going. America was built on the backs of small businesses. Small business has always been the road map to sustainable community success. Communities

- 1) Pre-Covid, in a recent 10-year period, 48 million net new jobs were created, a solid 31% increase in new jobs.
- 2) Stage 1 (1-9 employees) and Stage 2 (10-99 employees) businesses accounted for 95% of those 48 million jobs.
- 3) Stage 3 businesses (100-499 employees) created 2.6 million jobs or the other 5%.
- 4) Stage 4 businesses (500+ employees) lost a million jobs in that same time period.

Figures can present false narratives. The above figures create a compelling argument for jumping aboard the small business and entrepreneurship bandwagon. We can see placing all our eggs in the basket of only courting large and medium manufacturing businesses are

The above numbers are worth their weight in gold to communities that understand and build their future success on the reality of what is taking place in the overall economy. Don Macke also indicates over the next generation, between a third and a half of all workers will be self-employed or part of this new gig economy which is highly outsourced and entrepreneurial in nature. This study was pre COVID-19 which has sped up this transition. Knowing these statistics should weigh heavily on how your community

decisions you make today!
John A. Newby, author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" weekly column and CEO of Truly-Local, LLC, dedicated to assisting communities create excitement, energy and combine synergies with their local media. email: info@Truly-Localllc.com

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Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	12	Blk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	907	1350.00
Consignment From WY	7	Blk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	1030	1500.00
Tuf Ranch Inc, Beulah WY	6	Blk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	1028	1500.00

Bred Stock

Latisha Bilbrey, Boyes MT	32	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1243	1435.00
	15	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1406	1175.00
Brian Creek Cattle Co Llc, Dayton WY	42	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1318	1100.00
	44	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1314	1100.00
	15	Black-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo	1248	1375.00
	41	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1341	925.00
	11	Black-Brd Cow 3-6 Yo After 6/1		1143
				1000.00
C & N Livestock, Alva WY	30	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1384	950.00
Clark Pinkerton, Hysham MT	36	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1356	1100.00
John & Michelle Koltiska, Big Horn WY	7	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo	1459	1250.00
	9	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1527	1100.00
	13	Rd/Blk-Brd Cow Bm	1448	800.00
Dakota Brown, Sheridan WY	8	Black-Brd Cow 3-6 Yo	1419	1375.00
	4	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1366	1100.00

	8	Red-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1351	925.00
Brenda Fazekas, Ekalaka MT	25	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1435	1035.00
	16	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1317	760.00
Logan Schlinz, Whitewood SD	11	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo	1195	1400.00
	20	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1267	1050.00
Wesley J Dobrenz, Sheridan WY	5	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3-4 Yo	1283	1450.00
	7	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo	1384	1350.00
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	11	Black-Brd Cow 3-4 Yo	1035	1450.00
	6	Black-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo	1285	1275.00
Bryan Tarter, Ashland MT	13	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1318	1135.00
	15	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1293	900.00
Duane Talcott, Hammond MT	22	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1334	985.00
	13	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1337	825.00
Jade Blackwell, Box Elder SD	6	Black-Brd Cow 5-Sm	1248	1250.00
Cave Hills Cattle Co, Buffalo SD	7	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1379	975.00
	18	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1365	725.00
Mark Vroman, Saint Onge SD	16	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1278	950.00
Rob Strackbein, Broadus MT	21	Black-Brd Cow 3-4 Yo	1288	1375.00
	11	Black-Brd Cow 3-6 Yo After 6/1	1176	960.00
	8	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1353	1000.00
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	10	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1297	1075.00
	14	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1295	1110.00
	11	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1221	900.00
	14	Black-Brd Cow 3-6 Yo After 6/1	1056	1050.00

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Brian Creek Cattle Co Llc, Dayton WY	15	Black-Hfr Open	862	101.00
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DECEMBER 2, 2021

SALES TIMES

FEEDER CATTLE & CALVES- 10:00 AM

CALVES	Steve & Pat Thoney-MT
Lazy U Cattle Co-MT	93 blk mxd clvs
320 blk mxd clvs	450-600#
575-625#	NI, 3 rounds of shots, poured, weaned 30 days
BT, PC, NI, weaned 9/25	Janet Evans-WY
Ron Rooney-MT	90 blk hfr clvs
250 blk mxd clvs	400-450#
500-600#	BT, PC, NI, poured, complete mineral program
PC, DF, poured	S Lazy R Ranch-WY
Jim Maupin-MT	80 blk mxd clvs
140 blk/bwf mxd clvs	500-600#
500-600#	PC, NI
PC, DF	Bob Wright-WY
Gary & Wendy Bischoff-MT	72 blk mxd clvs
140 red str	450-500#
450-500#	PC, NI
PC, NI, poured	Bruce Ranch Inc-WY
Sams Livestock-WY	11 blk/bwf str
100 blk/bwf str	525#
500-600#	BT, NI
PC, NI, weaned 45 days	Bill Lewis-SD
Stanley Stieber -MT	8 blk hfrs
100 blk/bwf/red str	550-600#
675#	BT
PC, weaned 45 days	

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

December 2, 2021	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
December 3, 2021	WEIGH UP & BRED STOCK SPECIAL
December 9, 2021	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
December 10, 2021	WEIGH UP SPECIAL
December 16, 2021	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL
December 17, 2021	CHRISTMAS CLASSIC STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL

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It's Christmas Time in Newell

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NEWELL/NISLAND/VALE – The NVN area has always been proud of their annual Labor Day traditions but the Christmas season has started to grow in this little area and there are plenty of opportunities to have lots of fun, and also to promote and support the entire area. It's Christmas time in Newell for sure.

The Newell Improvement Corporation is promoting Giving Tuesday by giving back to the community. They will be promoting a Christmas Scavenger Hunt in cooperation with the Festival of Trees, which is held Saturday, December 4.

The Scavenger hunt contest is open to anyone 18 and over. Teams must include at least two people. Registration will be taken at the Festival at Newell city hall, starting at 9 a.m. The way the contest will work follows. Teams will register, receive a pack of 10 clue cards and then must visit Newell, Vale and Nisland businesses to find a "Christmas item," which they will then take a selfie with. Once they have found all 10 items they must post those photos to the Newell Improvement Corporation Facebook page, or text them to a set phone number. The prize is a \$50 gift certificate to be spent at any of the 10 businesses participating in the contest. The event is completely free to register.

The Festival of Trees committee is gearing up for a big day starting at 9 a.m. with the tree preview and silent auction. There will be a complimentary lunch provided by the Newell Ambulance, Fire Department, FOT, and Newmart Grocery starting at 11:30. This will be followed by Christmas Caroling with Newell Evangelical Church choir and a visit from Santa. At 1:45 there will be special music provided by the Nisland/Arpan Fire Department.

A wine, meat and cheese tasting is set for 2:30 p.m. followed by the annual Hee-Haw Show. Finally, at 4 p.m., is the annual tree auction, as well as an Erk Ranch Deer Hunt, Nefzger Guided Fishing Excursion, Peterson Buffalo Hunt, Smeenk Ranch Antelope Hunt and a deer or antelope head mount from Extreme Taxidermy all will be auctioned off.

The event will wrap up with a live band, Dakota Country, at the Newell bar.

Next on the slate of holiday events is December 11, which begins with the annual Newell Community Club Santa Claus Day, beginning at 10 a.m. at city hall.

This event has been around a long time and many bikes

Christmas C4

Former Newell Graduate Dies in Nebraska Plane Crash



From the left is Noah, Jocelyn, Dr. Matthew Bruner, Deidra, and James. In the front are Josiah and Nyah. - Courtesy photo

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CHADRON, NE- Dr. Matthew Bruner, former Newell resident and 1995 NHS graduate, died in a tragic plane crash near Chadron, NE November 21, 2021. He was taking off from Chadron Airport when the Cessna 310 lost altitude and crashed within a few seconds of taking off. Dr. Bruner, his son Noah, and another passenger, Sydnee Brester died in the crash.

The group was returning from the Vikings/Packer football game in the Twin Cities. Dr. Bruner had dropped off his younger son, James, at Chadron so that he could attend classes at Chadron State College. After refueling, Dr. Bruner took off to return to Scottsbluff.

Dr. Bruner was the Chief Medical Officer for Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, NE. He had served the

Panhandle since 2009, joining the practice at the Women's Center.

John Mentgen, FACHE, president and CEO of Regional West Health Services, released a statement saying, "Dr. Bruner was a medical staff leader, physician, and friend to many." Speaking at a Scottsbluff-Gering Chamber function, Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts told the crowd Dr. Matt would be deeply missed.

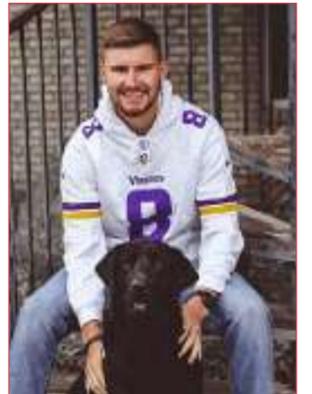
"Our [State] Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gary Anthonie, worked very, very closely with him, and it's a loss felt all across the state, not only here in Scottsbluff," said Ricketts. Dr. Bruner's son, Noah, was a 2018 graduate of Scottsbluff High School. He graduated from Chadron State College in 2021 and began a career in sports marketing as operations assistant for Power2Play Sports in Ft. Collins, CO. His interest in sports also led him to become



Dr. Matthew Bruner

active as a referee in Nebraska School Activities.

Dr. Bruner was known in the Newell area as a leader in school, church, and community. Those leadership skills carried Matt throughout his life. He was energetic and enthusiastic in carrying out any detail handed him. He kept busy as a leader in the church youth group, sharing the Word of God with many of his fellow classmates. He continued to be an example



Noah Bruner

of Jesus throughout his life. He leaves behind wife, Deidra, sons James and Josiah, and daughters Jocelyn and Nyah.

His parents are Chuck and Betty Bruner of rural Newell.

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Community Thanksgiving Gathering

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NEWELL – Sunday, November 21, saw a large crowd turn out for the annual Thanksgiving community gathering and meal. The event was abandoned in 2020 due to the virus and this year the previous organizers declined to sponsor it, so a group of enthusiastic citizens, spearheaded by Sabrina Harmon and Terri Dutton Blanchett took on the task.

Early meetings saw others involved and as time went on, enthusiasm grew for a true community gathering, hosted by a group excited by community

involvement finally became reality. With invitations going to each local church and civic group to participate, the turnout from all area churches was nearly 100 percent.

With a nice evening weather-wise for November in South Dakota, people started trickling into the Newell city hall in mid-afternoon to start laying out the food. Harmon, along with a group of young people had already set up tables and done some decorating for the occasion.

The event began with Newell Mayor Ken Wetz speaking a

Thanksgiving C2



Nearly 200 people gathered together on Sunday, November 21 at Newell city hall to share in a true community meal, as nearly all churches and organizations in the NVN area came together for a meal and fellowship. -Brunner photo

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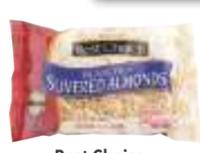
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Newell School Menu Dec. 2 - Dec. 9

Thursday Dec. 2

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

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

Monday Dec. 6

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

Lunch: BEEF NOODLE SOUP, CRACKERS, CHEESE STICKS, MIXED FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Tuesday Dec. 7

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

Lunch: PULLED PORK SANDWICH, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, CALIFORNIA BLEND, APRICOTS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Wednesday Dec. 8

Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: TACO BURGER, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, REFRIED BEANS, MANDARIN ORANGES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thursday Dec. 9

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

Lunch: PIZZA CRUNCHERS, BROCCOLI, PEARS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

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December 4th, 2021 at Newell City Hall

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9:00am-4:00pm: Tree Preview and Silent Auction Bidding Open

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11:30am - 1:00pm: Holiday Festivities

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1:00-1:30pm: Christmas Caroling with Newell Evangelical Church Choir

1:45-2:15pm: Special Music provided by the Nisland/Arpan Fire Department

2:30pm: Wine, Meat and Cheese Tasting

2:30-3:30pm: Hee-Haw Show

4:00pm: Tree Auction

- Erk Ranch Deer Hunt
- Extreme Taxidermy Deer or Antelope European Head Mount
- Nefzger Guided Fishing Excursion
- Peterson Buffalo Hunt
- Smeenk Ranch Antelope Hunt

8:00pm-12:00am: Live Band at the Newell Bar

- Come dance and enjoy the music of Dakota Country!

A special thank you to the Community Club and all the local businesses and churches for donating trees, wreaths, food and silent auction items. Proceeds will be donated to the Newell Ambulance and Fire Department. Sponsored by: FIRST NATIONAL BANK - MEMBER FDIC



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few words of welcome and praying over the event. "There's a true sense of community her tonight," said Wetz as he asked for God's blessing on the event, the fellowship and the food. The main food, including turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy and stuffing had been purchased with donations and prepared prior by Betty Bruner, Pat Lee and Betty Baker among others at the Blue Line Diner, which is now closed for the season. Area church members supplied the rest including side dishes, salads and desserts. And there was plenty of food as many went back to the buffet table for second and even third helpings. Following the meal and fellowship, Blanchett took the microphone to welcome each one and start the program. Jason Blanchett sang a song, which was the epitome of the event, called "Everything Good." That was followed by Betty Bruner playing a flute solo entitled, "Presence of Jehova." The crowd was treated to the beautiful male voices of a choir of eight of the Mennonite men from the community. They sang two songs, "Just a Little Walk with Jesus," and "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem". Members included Daniel and Duane John-

son, Shannon Wigger, Chris and Tony Penner, Mike Dirks, Troy Jantz and Rod Peachey. The kids got their chance to participate in an impromptu and with no practice got up to sing "If You're Happy and You Know It." Pastor Terri Blanchett, in the absence of Pastor Walter Rasmussen of the First Baptist Church of Newell, who had been scheduled to emcee and speak at the event but had been called away, shared a bit about giving thanks in all circumstances. She spoke about the true spirit of community that was felt during the evening and how those participating brought joy to the Lord's heart. "When you complain it brings you down," shared Blanchett. "We need to make a switch and set aside negative attitudes and give our Heavenly Father thanks in all things. We must be doers of the word." Pastor Derek Anderson of Newell Christian Fellowship closed the evening's festivities with thanks for all who attended, the spirit of togetherness and a prayer for God's mercies to follow all who were in attendance. Following the closing there was one more act of community as everyone grabbed chairs and tables to store, cleaned the hall and wished each other a happy Thanksgiving holiday as they departed.



A choir of eight Mennonite men shared two songs, singing acapella, during the Thanksgiving community meal at Newell city hall. They included: Daniel and Duane Johnson, Shannon Wigger, Chris and Tony Penner, Mike Dirks, Troy Jantz and Rod Peachey. - Brunner photo



Even the kids got to participate, sharing an unpracticed and impromptu rendition of "If You're Happy." - Brunner photo

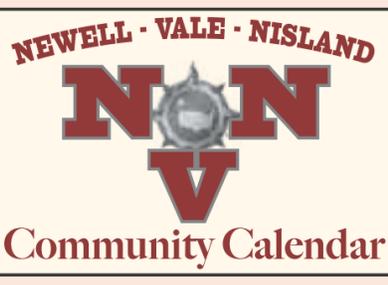
Newell Community Club Presents Chase The Ace



Purchase your ticket for from any Community Club Member or at Newell Area Businesses. Proceeds go to the Newell Rodeo Arena Grandstand Fund.

Tuesday night: 7:00 pm Drawing at the Newell Bar. One name from the tickets sold each week will be drawn. That person will win 10% of the week's ticket sales and draw 1 card from the deck. If they find the **Ace of Hearts** they will split the jackpot 50/50 with the Newell Community Club. If they find another card, the game continues next week as the Jackpot grows with ticket sales. **Other Aces will pay \$100 and Jokers are \$25.** The Deck is reduced by 1 card increasing your chance to find the **Ace of Hearts.** Tickets can be purchased on line @ newellcommunityclub.com **Must be 18 years or older to participate. Must be a South Dakota resident.**

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



Dec. 10: Story Time with Miss Patty at Newell Public Library. Geared to 0-5 years old. 11 a.m.; HSWR @ Lusk Tournament, 9 a.m.; GBB/BBB vs Harding County at home. JV & V, 3 p.m.

- Each Tuesday and Thursday the After School Program will be held for any student who wants to stay and get help with their homework.
- Dec. 1: Nisland Independent Community Church, Hanging of the Greens following carry-in dinner at 5 p.m. 402 Olin.
- Dec. 2&3: Revival in the Land. At First Baptist Church, 205 Ash Street, Newell, 7 p.m. Evangelists Paul and Vanessa Cherry will be sharing in music and the Word.
- Dec. 2: Elementary Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 3: MSGBB @ Lead Cartwright Tourney, 2-3 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Festival of Trees at City Hall. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Silent and live auction, entertainment, meal; MSWR @ Rapid City Tournament, 9 a.m.; MSGBB @ LMC Tournament at Newell, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 3/4: Oral Interp-State; HSWR at Custer Tournament, 10-11 on 3rd and 9-10 on 4th; Crafting Circle at Newell Public Library, 1 p.m. All types of crafts demonstrated. Coffee available.
- Dec. 4: Free Christmas movie at Northern Hills theater in Spearfish: Polar Express, 1 p.m. Suggested donation to charity listed-Spearfish Food Pantry.
- Dec. 5&6: FFA State LDE=Pierre.
- Dec. 7: MSGBB vs Spearfish away, 4 p.m., MSWR @ Douglas Tournament, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9: MSGBB vs Douglas away, 3:45 p.m.; HSWR @ STM Quad, 5 p.m.

- Dec. 11: Nisland Independent Community Church Women's Christmas Tea, 3 p.m. 402 Olin, Nisland. Kimberly Kaye Bachman will be providing entertainment in song and word. All ladies of the area are invited to this non-denominational event. Tea and Christmas treats follow program; GBB/BBB vs Bison at Newell, JV & V, 1 p.m.
- Dec. 11: Santa Claus day at Newell City Hall. Hosted by Newell Community Club. Bike giveaway, games, visit with Santa, hot dogs and chips meal. Starts at 10 a.m.
- Dec. 13: School Board Meeting at Multipurpose room, 6 p.m.; Newell city commission at admin building, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 14: GBB/BBB vs Lead, away, JV & V, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 16: MSWR @ Stagebarn Tournament, 4 p.m.; GBB/BBB vs McIntosh, away, Varsity only, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Crafting Circle at Newell Public Library, 1 p.m. All types of crafts demonstrated. Coffee available; MS/HS Concert, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18: Free movie at Northern Hills Cinema-Elf. 1 p.m. Suggested donation to Meals on Wheels; 7th GBB @ Hill City Tournament, 9 a.m.; 8th GBB @ Newell Tournament, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 19: Nisland Independent Community Church Children's Christmas program during morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Newell Evangelical Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m.

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Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”
 by Linda Velder

November 30, 1911
 A black and white spotted cow, quite old, dehorned, no brand, rather worthless, gone from the Chas Tommerson place since October 10 in 8 -7 Section 6 near Castle Rock.

The Band Boys gave a smoker to the citizens of the town Monday evening at the Theatorium to celebrate the event of completing the payment for their uniforms. A fine lunch and cigars were served and the band entertained their guests by playing a large number of selections and were heartily encored. At nearly 11:00 “Home Sweet Home” was played and all departed after a vote of thanks to the Band Boys for their royal entertainment.

N.S. Nelson, of Inland, was in town Monday with a large quantity of dressed chickens which he had no trouble disposing of at 10 cents per pound.

December 1, 1921
 Mr. Farmer of Minneapolis arrived at Vale and will take charge of the Grammar and English classes. His duties are to begin the 28th. In other school news; the basket social was a decided success in every way. The money is to be used for the purchase of a piano for one of the rooms. Mr. Fry auctioned the baskets in his usual effectible manner. The Newell High School Grammar grades and Intermediate grades were invited down to the Primary room Wednesday afternoon to witness the little playette put on by Mrs. Cook's pupils. Among those present on the stage were: Governor Wm. Bradford, Miles Standish, Massasoit, John Alden and Pricilla.

December 3, 1931
 With the hearing of only two Minor civil actions completed, the November Term of Circuit Court for this year is ended. No Jury was ordered for this hearing before Judge James McNeeney. In a civil action involving N.J. Thompson and Wm. Pridgeon, Vale, the Court granted a permanent injunction restraining Pridgeon, defendant, from attaching buildings to property owned by Thompson, plaintiff. The Court also granted a divorce decree to Madeline Storey, plaintiff, against Walter Storey, defendant.

A chicken pox epidemic is making its rounds in the Horse Creek neighborhood and several children are absent from school. Mrs. Wm. Schemele and daughter Luverne were both recent inmates of the Deadwood Hospital. Mrs. Schemele had her tonsils removed and Luverne was treated for a nose and throat ailment not related to chicken pox. Harrison Loup, member of the Belle Fourche High School football team and last year a member of the Newell unit, was named as tackle on the first All-Black Hills High School Football Team. Newell friends join in offering congratulations to Loup and also to Coach R.B. Sorbel, whose work at Belle Fourche this year has met with more than ordinary success.

December 4, 1941
 Plans were made at the regu-

lar meeting of the Newell Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday evening of this week for the New Year's Day Firemen's Ball to be held at the Newell City Hall January 1st. This will be the first dance on the new floor being put in the hall. Harry Turner and his Orchestra will furnish music for the gala occasion and tickets will go on sale soon. Material for the new all-maple floor arrived here about a month ago, but the workmen have been completing remodeling work on the interior of the hall preparatory to laying of the floor.

Miss Nida Hafner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hafner, Govert, became the bride of Harold E. Snoozy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Snoozy of Redig, at a ceremony performed in the Presbyterian Manse in Sturgis Friday evening by the Rev. C.D. Erskine. The couple was attended by Richard and Leah Deutscher, both of Belle Fourche. Also present at the ceremony were the parents of the bride and groom and Mr. & Mrs. George Hafner and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wald and children all of Govert. The bride has been teaching at Gill, the groom ranching at Redig. The couple will reside on the ranch.

Although more than 1,000 rabbits have been brought in to one dealer in Newell, it appears that many “irresponsible” persons are joining in the profitable sport and making the sport unprofitable for farmers. Complaints have come in of gates being left open, stock being let out of pastures and chased and of fences being damaged. Farmers are willing to grant permission to hunters who are good enough sports to ask to hunt in their pastures, but they cannot be blamed if they deny the privilege to those who have no regard for livestock, poultry or farm implements. The sad part of this is when persons pursue such a course in hunting, they are no longer sportsmen.

December 6, 1951
 C.G. Cartner, Aberdeen, arrived in Newell this week to succeed Robert Fabricius as bulk agent for the Standard Oil Company. The latter resigning to accept employment with the Falk Construction Company. Cartner has served with the Standard Company for the past 3 years and plans to move his family here as soon as he can locate suitable housing.

Luella Brunner has been named editor of the 1952 Vale school year book. Other staff members are: Assistant Editor Jean Bader; Typists Lydia Sheeler, Eva Nedella, Jimmy Smith and Donald Lungren; Sports Editors Eugene Pauley and Glenn Knaub; Photography Marion Burk and Lawrence Benzel; Make-up men Ross Michaels and Melvin Fritz and Sponsor A. John Deputy. The name of the year book has been changed from “El Cavadore” to the “V”. The publication will be distributed before the end of the school year.

Ted Bekken, Newell young man was appointed new Butte County Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff Maurice Cavin announced and this week was his first major assignment; delivering of a prisoner to the state peniten-

Grand River Roundup

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Monday was nice out when Taz worked on the carpenter job near Reeder. Casey had wrestling practice in Buffalo that afternoon. When Casey got home he and Missy, Taz and Amanda and the kids went down to clean the church that evening before Peg Johnson's funeral on Wednesday.

Taz went carpentering again Tuesday morning and Casey went in to the last wrestling practice that afternoon. Brad and William Burkhalter came to see us Tuesday afternoon to look at Reub's old pickup that William is interested in fixing. We had a good visit before they headed back to Prairie City.

A huge crowd of family and friends came to say goodbye to Peg Johnson on Wednesday at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church. It's a good thing the addition on the church was open so everyone had some place to sit. Peg was buried beside her husband Edgar Johnson and it was really cold outside. We fed everyone lunch in the new addition after the funeral. Peg's husband Edgar was a wonderful man. He grew up in the Slim Buttes with my father and Edgar's parents saved my grandfather Clem White's life after he was shot.

Clem came to Harding County in 1908 to cowboy for John Livingston in the Slim Buttes. When homesteaders started to file homestead claims on land that used to be open range, Livingston decided that his hired men should also file on homesteads that they should later deed over to Livingston. Grandpa homesteaded next to Flat Top Butte, but the idea of turning his homestead over to Livingston didn't appeal to him so Clem kept the patent to his own land. His refusal to go along with his former boss's orders ignited a years-long feud with Livingston that nearly cost Grandpa his life.

In 1914 Clem married my grandmother, Manda Hallan, who had homesteaded on the other side of Flat Top Butte

from Clem's claim and, with the later addition of two desert patents on all of the land surrounding and including Flat Top Butte where my father and his two sisters were born. In 1923 Clem's milk cow disappeared and when he couldn't find her, he stopped to ask Livingston's son Harvey if he had seen the missing bovine.



While Clem was talking to Harvey, John Livingston and his hired man, Allen C. Cooper rode up and an altercation ensued. Livingston ordered Cooper to shoot Clem and Cooper fired several shots with one bullet hitting Clem.

Grandpa was riding away as fast as he could, but the bullet went through his leg, severing his femoral artery and lodging in the saddle. Clem was saved from bleeding to death by the quick actions of his neighbors, John and Nina Johnson, who heard the shots and saw Clem fall from the saddle. Nina got the bleeding stopped, saving Clem's life, while John fetched a doctor.

Reub wasn't feeling good so he didn't go to Peg's funeral, but he made it to the Thanksgiving pie social at the church Wednesday evening. Vaughn and Lois Meyer gave me a local history packet that Vaughn's parents and grandparents collected that I find very interesting. There lots of pictures of the Slim Buttes taken years ago and two Sorum High School annuals from 1939 and 1940 containing pictures of my father Bryce White when he was the boxing and track coach at Sorum.

I knew most of the students pictured in the annuals, including Dixie (Blomberg) Hamilton who was my first grade teacher at North Stool School east of Prairie City. Dixie's cousins, Clarence Blomberg, Lester Blomberg, and Willis Blomberg went to Sorum and they were also Dad's cousins. Until I read the 1940 annual, I didn't know that my Dad's younger sister, Mary (White) Haggart attended

school in Sorum as a junior that year following the death of their father. We didn't realize that Reub's Aunt Virginia (Lenville) Olson and some of her siblings also went to school at Sorum. There is a lot of interesting history in these annuals and I thank Vaughn and Lois for blessing me with them.

We had a quiet Thanksgiving here on the ranch. Reub and I didn't feel very good so we stayed home, ate fried chicken instead of turkey, and took a nice nap. Casey and Missy went to Hettinger for Thanksgiving with Missy's family at her Aunt Sylvia Engle's house. Taz and Amanda and the kids went to the Hight Thanksgiving celebration in Belle Fourche that day, so it was almost too quiet here!

Casey, Taz and Reub went to Wilken's bull sale on Friday, visited with a lot of friends, and bought a couple nice bulls. It was a beautiful day so I was able to take another walk before the weather turns cold again.

Taz and Sage did carpenter work near Reeder on Saturday and Amanda went to Buffalo for Small Business Saturday while Casey drove to Flasher, ND to get a load of straw bales.

South Dakota Rep. Taffy Howard from Rapid City is running for the US House of Representatives and she is having a Meet and Greet in Bison at the Grand Electric Social Room on Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 in the afternoon. The Slim Buttes Lutheran ladies are having the Christmas Tea at the church at 1:00 December 5 and I'm looking forward to making it to both of them. This Sunday was the first day of Advent and our Ladies Aid made plans for the Christmas Tea and for the baby shower for Nolan Besler on Sunday, December 12th at 2:00 at the Reva Hall.

Jim Oatman sent me this: The Supreme Court rules NO nativity scene in U.S. Capitol this Christmas season! This isn't for any religious reason. They simply have not been able to find 3 Wise Men in Washington (a search for a Virgin continues). There was no problem, however, finding enough asses to fill the stable.



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tiary at Sioux Falls. Bekken, son of Mr. & Mrs. T.H. Bekken of Newell, taught schools in Butte County, clerked at Frey's Hardware, Belle Fourche and Bratton's in Newell and more recently by Hugh Caton local Socony-Vacuum bulk dealer. Bekken replaces former Sheriff Elmer Conner, who accepted a position with the Belle Fourche Police Force.

November 30, 1961
 The annual FFA parents and sons banquet will be held at the Newell High School banquet room next Thursday at 7 PM, it is announced by Walter Johnson, FFA Instructor. Final plans for the banquet were made and 7 green hands were raised to Chapter Farmers at the meeting at the school Ag room. Raised were: Edward Humble, Albert Munroe, Bobby Barber, Leslie Stumpf, Wesley Wahlfeldt, Dan Conner and Richard Voorhees. The program will include the showing of the movie “Four Seasons West”. Everyone is welcome and tickets may be secured from any FFA member for \$1.25.

The Newell office of the First National Bank of the Black Hills announced this week

that December 4, next Monday, will be their final date for redemption of Dakota Centennial Coins, F.J. Boettger, Vice President and Manager of the bank, noted this week. Such coins have been in circulation during 1960 and 1961 and will be redeemed by the South Dakota Centennial Commission only if submitted by the specific deadline date.

Four cars were moderately damaged in an accident at 1:45 AM Saturday on US Highway 85 north of Spearfish. The mishap occurred as a car driven by Robert Bruce; Newell topped the crest of a hill and seeing a car in the ditch and occupant out of the car, stopped to give

assistance. Larry Pilster of Alzada went into the ditch to avoid a slow moving vehicle in front of him. Bruce's car was struck in the rear by one driven by Larry Talley, Nisland. A third car driven by Antonia Burkhard also Nisland, slowed and was struck by Rollie Ericsson of Belle Fourche. None of the young people were reported injured. Passengers in the vehicles were: Bruce's auto Judy DeGarlais, Chuck Turbiville, Tom Pickard and Celene Milberg all Newell; Burckhard car Karen Eide, Sebastian Burckhard and Donald Maeder; in the Ericsson car Jack O'Conner and Bob Geis, Talley and Pilster driving solo.



Photo of the Newell Band - 1911. They were performing at the Nisland Opera House. Charlie McClung was the band director. He later moved to Belle Fourche and formed a new band, The Belle Fourche Cowboy Band. Which is still alive and going

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CHRISTMAS

have been given away over the years. This year there will be six of them handed out to eager youngsters in different age groups. There will also be games, a Christmas movie, popcorn, hot dogs and chips lunch and the visit from the big man, Jolly Old St. Nick. The event is hosted by the Newell Community Club.

That afternoon is something just for the ladies in the NVN and surrounding area. The annual Nisland Independent Community Church Ladies' Christmas Tea will be held at 3 p.m. at the church in Nisland. There will be a program immediately at 3 with Kimberly Kaye Bachman sharing in music and word. Bachman is a well-known musician around the area and will bring lots of fun to the event, which centers on the theme, "All Hearts go Home for Christmas."

Following the program there will be a time of visiting and fellowship and lots of delicious holiday treats. The event is open to all women of the area.

The church will also provide an opportunity for children of the area to participate in an annual Christmas program, on Sunday, December 19 at 10:45 a.m. during the morning



Santa arrives in fashion from a Newell fire department engine truck on a cold morning in Newell a few years ago for the annual Santa Claus Day hosted by the Newell Community Club. - Brunner photo

worship. A program titled the same as the ladies' tea will be presented by the church Sunday school and directed by Anna Crockford. This is open to all children in the area but they are practicing each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10 so children should attend those practices.

That evening the Newell Evangelical Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. at the church in Newell. Pastor Tom Martin is excited about the program this year as the practices have been

going well.

The Mennonite families in the area are once again planning their annual Christmas caroling in the area on various nights during the season. More information will be shared on the STEW Newell Facebook page as dates and times are confirmed. The men's choir recently shared an acapella presentation at the annual Thanksgiving dinner, giving the community a taste of the beautiful music this group can share.



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Answer to Sudoku

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Obituaries

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Matthew Raymond Bruner, OB/GYN, 44

Matthew Raymond Bruner, OB/GYN and Chief Medical Officer at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, NE, died on November 21, 2021. Matthew and his wife, Deidra, had five children; Jocelyn, Noah, James, Josiah, and Nyah.



Matthew was born to Chuck (Robert) and Betty (Deyo) in Rapid City, SD. He was raised on a dairy farm founded by his grandfather, Bob (Brunner) near Box Elder, SD until he was three. The family moved to the Newell, SD area to begin their own dairy farm in 1980. Matthew spent his days working hard on the farm doing chores, milking cows and driving a tractor. He was active in the church youth group, the Newell, SD FFA chapter and high school sports focusing mainly on football and basketball. He was an outstanding leader in everything he put his hand to. He was an avid antelope and deer hunter, and looked forward to the annual hunting trips with his dad, brother and family friends. He had a deep faith that kept him focused on what was important and a desire to serve.

Matthew graduated as Salutatorian in 1995, from Newell High School, Summa Cum Laude.

Following high school graduation, Matthew went on to pursue his education at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, ND. He met the love of his life, Deidra and they married on December 20, 1996. His life's

direction changed and this put him on the path of his dream to become a doctor.

He was a traditional pre-med student at Chadron State College, graduating in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science. He continued on to medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. Matthew ventured to Scottsbluff to complete his month rotation in obstetrics and gynecology where he grew to love the people and his calling was evident. He continued his four year residency in Omaha in obstetrics and gynecology. In 2009, Matthew officially began his career at Regional West Medical Center as an Ob/Gyn and then in 2019 stepped into the role as Chief Medical Officer. In addition to his education, he received his private pilot's license in 2004 and later earned his instrument rating in 2015.

Matthew's drive and purpose was first and foremost, his family. In January 1997, Matthew

and Deidra moved to Chadron, NE to pursue his dream of being a doctor but also, where they started a family. On Mother's Day, he became a proud daddy when held his little "Miss Muffet"; Jocelyn Danne', for the first time. She gave him a deeper sense of purpose knowing the new responsibilities he had as a father. He worked hard juggling his family, going to school, working construction and shoveling snow for the neighbor ladies. One particular snowy morning on December 14, 1999, he went out to shovel, "quickly", he said, as Deidra was laboring with their second child, Noah Hunter. Hours later, he was ecstatic as he held his boy and future hunting buddy. Shortly after Noah's birth, Matt and Deidra said goodbye to their first home, family and friends to continue their journey to medical school.

Matthew was like a little kid with all the adventures, challenges and learning opportunities that came with medical school. He would talk a hundred miles an hour telling Deidra about all the "cool" stuff that he was learning. Then sit on the floor and wrestle with his kids, read them a book or they would go for a walk. Matthew's life shattered in August 2002, when he learned his brother was killed in a car accident. Matthew and Deidra learned that in the midst of tragedy, there were always blessings. They announced the news of their third child and James Daniel

Noah Bruner 21



Noah Hunter Bruner passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021. His parents are Dr. Matthew and Deidra Bruner of Scottsbluff. He has 4 siblings; Jocelyn, James, Josiah and Nyah.

Noah was born December 14, 1999 in Chadron hospital to Matthew and Deidra Bruner. At eight months old, they moved to Omaha where he grew up and started elementary school. In 2009, his family moved to Scottsbluff where he continued his education at Community Christian School. He attended Bluffs Middle School and then Scottsbluff High School where he participated in football, basketball, golf, and DECA. He graduated with honors in 2018 from Scottsbluff High School and went on to pursue his education at Chadron State College. While in Chadron, he worked in the CSC training room, the Nelson Physical Activity Center, and enjoyed playing intramural basketball. He graduated from Chadron State in May of 2021 with his Bachelor of Arts in Business with a minor in Sports Leadership, Magna Cum Laude. After graduation, he resided in Johnstown, CO where he spent his time between his summer job working at the "shack" at the Country Club in Scottsbluff and the Power to Play Sports Event Center in Windsor, CO. He was the Operations Assistant for Power 2 Play Sports where he

coached, managed concessions and court rentals and was a Colorado certified official.

He was an admired leader in everything he did. He demonstrated his strong leadership skills in a quiet, competitive, and positive way. He was the silent one whose punchline and timing to any joke was impeccable. He was meticulous in many ways and had planned how to accomplish his goals without hesitation. His favorite things included his family, his friends, the Minnesota Vikings, and loved the challenging aspects of business especially sports related. His extensive knowledge of sports, stats, records, picks, analysis and predictions was a constant conversation that he enjoyed having with his dad. He spent numerous hours in the great outdoors, hiking and walking his dog, Ryker. Noah

cared for others deeply and had a way of showing it in the gifts he carefully chose. He loved family game nights where his deep competitive spirit reflected the record hanging on the fridge as proof that he did not like to lose. You knew he had the upper hand when he bellowed, "Let's go!"

Noah is survived by his mother, Deidra; siblings Jocelyn (fiancé Zane Richards), James, Josiah, and Nyah; grandparents Robert "Toby" and Barbara Miller and Robert "Chuck" and Betty Bruner.

Aunts and uncles including Michael Miller, Mindy (Josh) Lively, Matthew (Andrea) Miller, Mary (Chad) Blair, Sarah (Lee) Basco and 15 cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Matthew Bruner; his uncle, Daniel Bruner, and many loved ones.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm at Scottsbluff High School Gymnasium in Scottsbluff, NE. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made at Platte Valley Bank in Scottsbluff. Services will be live-stream through therockne.com. The family has asked attendees to wear their favorite Scottsbluff/Gering sports gear or Vikings (NFL) apparel. Online condolences may be left at www.dugankramer.com. Dugan Kramer Funeral Chapel is assisting the family with services.



joined the bunch in 2003. Matthew was a proud daddy and loved spending time with his kids.

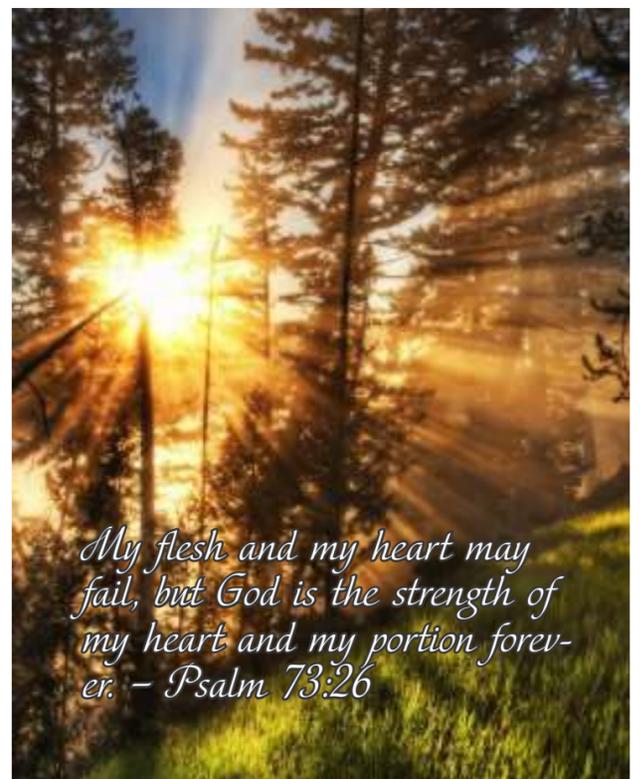
There were numerous trips to the park, the Omaha Zoo, baseball games, and BBQ, fireworks and water balloons with friends. Matthew was in his last year of residency when "Toad" made his debut. Josiah Nathan, was born in November 2008, tipping the gender pendulum even more. As June rolled around, Matthew and Deidra packed up their four children and made the move to Scottsbluff. Matthew joined the Women's Center at Regional West Medical Center on August 1st. Not only did he officially start his career that day, Matthew and Deidra were told they were expecting their fifth child. Nyah "Peanut" Kristine was born in March 2010, completing the Bruner Bunch.

Matthew could be easily found at sporting events cheering on his kids. He encouraged them to work hard, never give up and be a good teammate. He loved spending time with his kids shooting hoops, playing board games or a seasonal hunting session. Each moment was cherished. Combining his love for his kids and flying, made a long distance event easy to get to.

Matthew was a rigorous pilot and loved the feeling when you get up in the clouds and soar. When he wasn't in the air, occasionally the kids' phones would ring and you would hear, "banana split", an ongoing car game that he played with them. When he wasn't chasing kids to their events, he would fire up the grill or smoker to practice his other love for cooking. The perfect recipe was to mix his love for BBQ with loved ones and turn on a Vikings game. He would snatch a bite ensuring the smoke ring and flavor were spot on. He was a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan and rarely missed

a game. It was no secret that the house was divided when the Vikings played the Packers. The rivalry game became an annual trip and highlight of the year. Matt loved that time with his boys. If he couldn't make the game, he would turn the game on, volume up and the banter would begin. Matt was a prankster so there were many water fights, towel wars, scare tactics and an occasional, "that's what she said." The roar of laughter ringing throughout the house made you wonder what someone said or did. He was the spiritual rock, devoted husband, loving father and compassionate physician. Matthew is survived by his wife Deidra (Miller) Bruner, children; Jocelyn (fiancé Zane Richards), James, Josiah, and Nyah; his parents Robert "Chuck" and Betty Bruner; sisters are Sarah (Brunner) & Lee Basco, Mary (Brunner) & Chad Blair and their children Edward Charles "E.C.", Kate, and Claire; sister-in-law Mindy (Josh) Lively, brother-in-law, Michael Miller; and Matthew (Andrea) Miller and 15 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Noah Hunter Bruner, Uncle Daniel Bruner and many loved ones.

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