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Festival Raises \$50,000 For Local Causes

The Ag Committee of the Black Hills Roundup kicked off the Holiday season by hosting the 21st Annual Belle Fourche Community's Festival of Trees at the Belle Fourche Community Hall.

The event which had been hosted the past several years in the First Interstate Bank lobby was moved to the more spacious venue in the interest of current Covid-19 concerns.

Under the Ag Committee's guidance a spirited audience came together to raise approximately \$50,000 for local causes.

The funds raised will be distributed to beneficiaries: The Belle Fourche Ministerial Association; Belle Fourche Senior Meals Program; BelleKids & Cops; and the Greater Belle Fourche Fund.

Harlan Stephens, a member of the BHR Ag Committee and a Financial Advisor for Pioneer Bank & Trusts Wealth Management team served as the evenings Master of Ceremonies.

Local Auctioneer, Curt Westland, skillfully handled bidding duties for the evening's active

Festival of Trees B7

BHR Ag Committee Hosts Festival of Trees



Pioneer Bank's Harlan Stephens served as Master of Ceremonies for the Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee as they hosted the 2020 **Festival of Trees**. The event raised approximately \$50,000. The Community Hall provided a spacious setting for the large turnout. With Covid-19 restrictions as they are, First Interstate Bank that has hosted the event for many years prior, yielded to the Ag Committee and the larger setting. (Inset photo) Stephens and Auctioneer Curt Westland with a table full of auction items. *Hunter Anderson photos*



Christmas Dinner Canceled

Take away the lights, the trees, the presents, and the carols and it wouldn't seem like Christmas.

To the many that have participated in, and put on the Community Christmas Dinner for all or part of the previous 37 years, as the song goes: "it'll be a blue Christmas without you."

The Community event, in the story the Beacon printed in 2019, was started in the early 1980's. Steve Evans of the Butte Co. Sheriff's Department thought there was a need for a free community Christmas dinner. Joined by BF policeman Paul Bombeck who had helped with a similar idea in Pierre, along with BF Realtor Pat Lozier, the first ever dinner was

planned and carried out. Not well advertised with little public notice, the turnout was minimal, but the leftovers went to needy folks and the idea was born.

Janie Stevens is one who has been at every one of the past Christmas dinners.

Janie got roped into helping with the first ever event, and 36 years later, in 2019, she, along with her husband Kendell and son Jon, and over 50 volunteers pulled off what she said was "the most people ever this year!"

For almost two hours, folks at Community Hall continued to line the outside walls up to the serving table, with guests

Dinner Canceled B5

BH Roundup Wins for the Third Straight Year

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Ft. Worth, TX - For the third year in a row the Black Hills Roundup has won a Rodeo of the Year award from the PRCA. Last July's event was the 101st in the long history of the signature Belle Fourche event and adds yet another jewel to the community's crown of accomplishment.

"You can have good years and bad years but to have three good years in a row, it just doesn't get any better than that," Keith Anderson, Committee Chairman told the Beacon.

The award for 2020 Medium Outdoor Rodeo of the Year was given on Wednesday evening,

Dec. 2nd at the PRCA's annual Award's Banquet held at Dickie's Arena in Ft. Worth, Texas. A sizeable contingent from the Roundup was on hand to witness the presentation and to see

Anderson accept the trophy on behalf of the committee.

"It is so humbling to have someone recognize all the hard work that our committee and

Three Straight B2

New Ownership at Scott Peterson Motors

Belle Fourche, SD – Scott Peterson Motors has announced the appointment of Paul Wareing as its new managing owner and operator of the automotive sales and service group located in Belle Fourche and Sturgis.

Paul Wareing brings more than a decade of experience in the automotive industry to the Scott Peterson Motors family of dealerships. Having recently sold his successful dealerships in Idaho, Wareing and his wife Dalena decided to relocate to the Black Hills after finding this investment opportunity.

"My wife and I have always run our own businesses and we simply love working with people. Being a native of Idaho, I have an affinity for the West, and the Black Hills truly represents the best parts of living in rural America," stated Wareing.

"The entire team is doing a great job at the Scott Peterson Motors. Our plan is to keep everyone on staff, and continue to offer the same great brands and impressive customer service everyone has come to expect from these dealerships,"

Wareing said.

Scott Peterson Motors has served the region since 1987, selling pre-owned vehicles at a humble lot on the south side of Belle Fourche before purchasing the new dealership in 1991 on the north end of town at 30 5th Ave. That move expanded their offerings to include new automotive brands from Ford, Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep, along with quality pre-owned vehicles, and pre-owned tractor-trailer rigs as well as parts and service departments. The strong commitment to customer satisfaction around which the business has built its reputation, will remain at the core of the operation for products, parts, service and repairs.

In 2013 Scott Peterson Motors, acquired the Sturgis Ford dealership from the Jacobsen family, and expanded it to the current location at 1 Ford Place.

Scott Peterson, president and co-owner stated "My two favorite things are cars and people, so what a great stroke of luck for me to find a career that involved both. My wife Susan and I have been blessed to live

the American dream, right here in the Black Hills. It is truly a land of great opportunity. We look forward to helping the Wareing family step in and continue the traditions established by our company. We wish them much success in the years to come."

Scott Peterson Motors has over 70 employees in the Northern Hills. The dealership has been the recipient of multiple Ford President's Awards based on sales and overall customer satisfaction; multiple Ford Elite Dealer awards- presented to the top 100 dealers in the nation; multiple Chrysler 5-Star Customer Experience awards; South Dakota Retailer of the Year in 2017; and in 2019 they were nominated for the TIME Magazine Dealer of the Year. Annual philanthropic works established by the dealership include the Crush Cancer fundraiser, December Food Drive, and multiple blood drives throughout the year.

The formal transition will take place on January 1, 2021 To learn more visit their website at: ScottPetersonMotors.com



Scott Peterson Motors with stores at 30 5th Avenue and in Sturgis will be under new ownership January 1, 2021 - *Courtesy Photo*



Keith Anderson, Black Hills Roundup Chairman accepting the award on behalf of the Black Hills Roundup Committee. - *Courtesy photo*

FireFly Purchases Shopko Building



FireFly Builders, Inc will move from their current office at 1411 5th Avenue to the old Shopko building. - *Beacon photo*

Builder strives for perfection and achieves excellence

COLLEEN BRUNNER

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Belle Fourche – Wayne Koistinen and his wife were sitting on the porch one night in Northeast South Dakota watching the lightning bugs flit around. The comment was made that Firefly would be a unique name for a property management or construction company. The germ of the idea began and eventually became a reality.

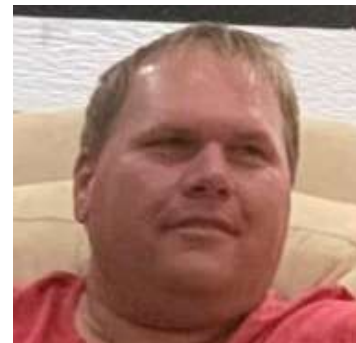
Koistinen worked in construction for 22 years, owning his own business, obtaining a SD contractor's license when he was 18-years-old. He did construction in eastern SD in the Watertown and Brookings areas from 1998 to 2010.

He began the rebranding of his

company in 2016 after receiving news that his father had lost his job of 22 years. He offered his father a position in his company as an owner and moved to Belle Fourche.

Firefly Builders, Inc. has been successful in building many projects throughout South Dakota, both east and west river. With the ability to perform industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, and

FireFly B4



Wayne Koistinen

Floral Holiday Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Dec. 11- Hanukkah

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

January 1st New Years Day

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So we hope you feel God's love. We hope your faith is renewed. We hope you feel some hope and joy. May God bless you through and through!

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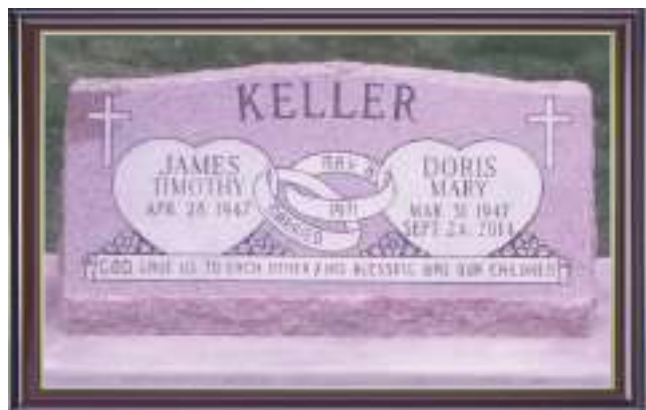
From our family to yours -

Merry Christmas!

605.892.3320 LeveringtonFH.com

When you are sorrowful, Look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.

-Kahlil Gilbran-



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Obituaries

Mary Jane Hatzzenbiler 74

Mary Jane Hatzzenbiler, age 74 of Belle Fourche, died Friday December 4, 2020 at her home, following a long and courageous fight against COPD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 am Thursday, December 10th, 2020 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Following, a lunch will be served at the Branding Iron in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place 11 am Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in New England, ND.

The Mass will be live-streamed online on the funeral home's website, located on Mary's obituary page. Please visit: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Mary Jane Reisenauer was born June 29, 1946 in Dickinson, North Dakota. She was the daughter of Jack and Barbara (Hutzenbiler) Reisenauer. Mary Jane grew up on the family ranch near New England, North Dakota. She was united in marriage to Peter Hatzzenbiler on June 30, 1965 in Dickinson. To this union one son was born, Jacob. Shortly after their marriage, Peter



and Mary Jane lived in Idaho, before settling in Williston ND in 1973. For 34 years, Mary Jane was at Peter's side as they owned and operated Pete's Truck and Salvage. In 2011 they retired and moved to Belle Fourche where they have lived since.

Mary Jane showed great courage and strength as she fought the effects of COPD for the past 10 years. She was kind, loving, smart, and very caring. She was a loving wife and grandmother, and she loved her family very much. She will be greatly missed.

Mary Jane is survived by her husband, Peter of Belle Fourche; son, Jacob (Kirsten) of Belle Fourche; granddaughter, Paige (John Fabris) Hatzzenbiler of Sundance WY; great grandsons, Rylan and Walker; brother, Gary (Linda) Reisenauer of New England ND; and her half-brother, Ron (Beverly) Hutzenbiler of Billings MT.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Jackie Urlacher and Sharon Leach.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Scott C. Moses 79

Scott C. Moses, age 79 of Rapid City, died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Scott is survived by his daughter, Kelli Dolfi of Myrtle Beach, SC; granddaughter, Tia (Christopher) Mishoe of Lake City SC; brother, Kirk



(Inge) Moses of Las Vegas NV; sisters, Viktoria Moses, and Darby (John) Reeves of Denver CO. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, including Jami Albrecht and her daughter, Lauren of Belle Fourche, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Sharon in 1996.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Pastor's Perspective

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

Turn to the Light

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

☐ John 1:4-5

It's interesting how the world and our government has responded to the Corona virus pandemic this year. The virus is so unpredictable. For some people it's annoying cold-like condition; for others, it saps their energy and leaves them exhausted for several weeks; for still others, it can permanently damage organs and leave them with life changing health conditions; and for some it has taken their life.

In the meantime, people's lives have been radically altered in trying to control the spread. There are repercussions rippling into third world nations that depend on a vibrant global economy.

The threat is real and yet trying to create policies to limit its more serious repercussions has proved to be like trying to put a rubber band around a square of jello.

While our attention has been focused on the virus, something more ominous and more life threatening has descended upon our region: recreational use of marijuana. To be honest, I was shocked when I heard the news that the voters had passed this constitutional amendment. I was dismayed when I learned that 47% of Butte County voters voted for this life-threatening activity.

We are in the season of Advent, where one of the primary themes of the season is God's light shining in the darkness. This has been an extremely challenging year for so many people. Yet turning to marijuana as way to cope with the challenges is a rut and as you walk along that rut, it gets deeper and deeper until it sucks the life out of your soul.



God sent Jesus Christ to live upon the earth. We can trust Jesus and his teachings because he's lived here as a human being. He knows about tough challenges, injustices, and corruption.

If you are considering to take up the habit of smoking marijuana recreationally or you already have started, my heart aches and weeps for you—and not only my heart, but the hearts of many pastors in our community.

Please turn to the light of Christ.

Christ will help you steer away from or overcome recreational use of marijuana and any other drug that is sucking the life out of your soul.

Advent and Christmas is a season where new life germinates. In the stillness of the winter, God can begin to heal you. By spring, there can be a rejuvenation. Seek Christ in this season, talk with your pastor, worship God with a congregation, and experience God's profound love for you.

The Coronavirus called our leaders into action...Recreational Marijuana is going to require a stronger commitment from them. Those leaders who don't take the threat seriously or actually support it will be held accountable for their actions one day. This is not a rubberband and jello situation. Taking a stand, saying NO, is powerful and needed on every level. If people think the repercussions from the coronavirus are bad...we've not seen anything if recreational marijuana becomes commonly used.

Turn to the Light of Christ, let's make it brilliant Belle Fourche!

Area Church Schedules

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Bob Davis, Pastor

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The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests
Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1105 Todd St.
Brad Buchholz, Bishop
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC)

902 Lawrence St. • 723-6899
Andy Anderson, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service
CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)
613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche
(605)-210-2150
Pastor Stephen Carson
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST

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

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Sunday:
Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.
Church Service - 10:45 a.m. We sing traditional hymns & choruses.

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9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
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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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Reverend Jill Jennewein
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10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
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Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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

RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH

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Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

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Friday: 7:30 p.m.

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1403 5th Ave, Belle Plaza
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Pastor McKillop (605) 840-0554
Sunday: 9am Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am Worship

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 am
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Mark 1: 1-3 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: ☐ I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way ☐ A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ☐ Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ☐




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DECEMBER 18TH & 19TH



Tickets will be on sale at the Chamber of Commerce Starting December 1st- Limited seating
Come enjoy a ride through Belle Fourche and see the beautiful Christmas decorations.
First stop on the Polar Express will be at the North Pole (Chamber of Commerce) to see Santa & his helpers.

December 18th & 19th- Belle Fourche Black Friday Event- Regular store hours
For more information contact the chamber at 605-892-2627

Notes from the Chamber
By: Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher

Chamber of Commerce Weekly Scoop: The Chamber of Commerce offers an opportunity to become involved in strengthening the business climate in our community. I believe active participation in the community affairs is the most effective way of shaping the future of the Belle Fourche area.

Over the past week the Chamber has been involved in many activities in our community such as the Light up the Night parade, Lighting of the Tree, Firework Show, and the Festival of Trees.

Not all these events in Belle Fourche are hosted by the Chamber, but I feel working together with other organizations is especially important.

I hope that whether you own/manage a business, or you are a part of our community that you get involved in our community activities and help shape the future of Belle Fourche.

The Chamber of Commerce is always looking for volunteers to help in the office or during events. If you feel that you would like to volunteer and get more involved, please reach out to the Chamber office at 605-892-2676.

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Open Tuesday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm






Fun Day in December is "Christmas Crafts: Bells"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold its final Family Fun Day of 2020 on Sunday, December 20th at 2 p.m. The event is entitled, "Christmas Crafts: Bells." Families will learn the history of bells - including Christmas bells - then get a chance to do some bell-related crafts, while

watching holiday films on the TVs in the complex.

There will be a drawing for the holiday book, "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bell," and free take-home packets with puzzles, games and info about bells will be available for all. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is \$2 per person or free with membership. Masks are strongly suggested; sanitizing and social distancing will be utilized. For more information or to make reservations, call 605-723-1200.

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

Tri-State Christmas Play entitled "Reindeer Games"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will conduct a Play Off the Page for young actors, on Saturday, December 19th.

"In a Play Off the Page, young actors rehearse a short reader's theatre script for two hours and then immediately perform it," says Museum and Visitor Center Director Kristi Thielen, who will direct the two productions. "The play is entitled 'Reindeer Games,' and is a Christmas comedy about a year

when Santa's reindeer threaten to go on strike."

Students in third grade and older may sign up to be in the production. A morning session will rehearse from 10 a.m. to noon, then immediately perform the play for family and friends. The afternoon session will rehearse from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and then immediately perform.

The script has roles for 10 - nine reindeer and an elf. Participants sign up for either the morning session or the after-

noon session.

Cost for participation is \$2 per person or free with membership; all participants must register by Thursday, December 17; walk-ins cannot be accepted. There is no admission charge for those who attend the performances.

For more information about "Reindeer Games," please call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Annual Gingerbread Village Is Now On Display At The Tri-State Museum And Visitor Center

The Gingerbread Village has been assembled for display at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche. This is the fourth year it has been featured during holiday time; the village and its sets was a gift to the Tri-State from Johanna Meier of Spearfish.

The village includes 15 ceramic gingerbread houses and a wide variety of accent pieces. This year, it has been arranged to indicate a village business area, and a "gingerbread recreation" area - including skaters on a pond - flanking a center residential area. These residences include a peppermint fence leading to the Gingerbread King's castle.

The design concept for 2020 was created by Tri-State volunteers Mary Wendt and Gary and



Charlotte Fladmoe, with assistance by the complex's Collections Archivist Jada Udager and Store and Volunteer Manager Kim Reausaw.

Children who visit the Gingerbread Village are encouraged to complete the coordinating scavenger hunt. Those who successfully do so are given a peppermint candy cane in the

Gift Shop.

Accompanying the Gingerbread Village is a gingerbread children's activity table. The table includes coloring sheets, a take-home workbook, materials to make a craft gingerbread girl or boy and an interactive picture book, "Gingerbread Land," for young readers. Children may also put their name in the drawing for the book "Gingerbread Pirates," which will be given away on December 23.

The Gingerbread Village and accompanying activity table are on display in the Visitor Center through the holiday season. There is no admission charge to visit it or the museum. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue. For more information, call 605-723-1200.

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Dallerie Neff

Q: Does Highmark Credit Union work with local auto/rec vehicle dealers for vehicle financing?

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when shopping so that both you and your neighbors can be safe.

2020 has been a tough year for everyone. That is especially true for many main street businesses in South Dakota who closed their doors to the public temporarily due to the pandemic. For those small businesses, this holiday shopping season will be especially important. The National Retail Federation estimates that nearly 20 percent of a business's sales come during the holiday season. With the pandemic taking its toll earlier this year, I anticipate that the support from holiday shopping will be more critical than ever before for many small businesses.

This year, I look forward to shopping at local small businesses in Pierre. While I can't spoil the surprise for my kids and grandkids by telling you what I'll be buying locally, I can tell you I will be shopping at one of our local jewelry stores. Jean has come to expect jewelry under the tree from me, as I buy her some every year. Creative, I know but at least I'm consistent. She knows it's coming, and she knows it's coming from a local store, but what's in the box is always a surprise. And I'm doing my part to shop locally.

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FFA Active For The Holidays

Morgyn Barker
FFA Reporter

Friday, November 27th, your local FFA chapter took part in the annual Parade of Lights with a chuckwagon covered in lights of blue and gold, and members full of Christmas spirit. Along with the wagon, FFA officers Serena Davis, Morgan Mackeben and Laney Mackaben brought their sheep ornamented in tinsel and bows.

With the parade beginning at 6pm, hours full of Christmas cheer kicked off our month of FFA holiday activities.

A special thank you to Keith Jensen, who provided the side-by-side, Dennis Lindskov, providing the wagon, and Jeff

Smeenk who led the float.

On December 1st, FFA took part in the annual Festival of Trees benefit auction put on by First Interstate Bank. Officers Morgyn Barker, Serena Davis, Reese McKenna and Kyha Trainor assisted by holding wreaths and various items as they were being auctioned off.

To follow, there will be a Christmas themed chapter meeting on Friday, December 11th which will be a "Christmas party" full of games, food and fun. We hope to see all members there, and as always watch for more updates about your local FFA Chapter. Respectfully yours, Morgyn Barker



Featuring officers Reese McKenna (Secretary), Morgyn Barker (Reporter), Serena Davis (Treasurer) and second-year member Kyha Trainor.



Members who took part in the Parade of Lights- (from left bottom) Carter McKenna, Trey Smeenk, Isabella Ramos, Ava McLennon, Bryton Oedekoven. (From left top) Madison Selby, Marlee Smeenk, Reese McKenna and Laney Mackaben. All Photos Courtesy of FFA

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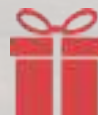
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FFA members holding the "Crown Jewel" at the Festival of Trees Benefit. From left to right: Kyha Trainor, Reese McKenna, Serena Davis and Morgyn Barker. Also pictured, event Auctioneer Curt Westland, and BH Roundup Ag Committee member Joan Manke



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Bronc Wrestlers Open Season at Custer Tourney

The Bronc wrestling season got underway last week as the Belle grapplers headed south to the Custer Invitational.

Head Coach Bill Abell commented, "We had some good, some bad and some ugly things in Custer. Lots to work on in preparation for this weekends Rapid City Invitational Tourney."

Abell is assisted by Josh Schleusner, John McCoy, Andrew Deighton, Ramsay Norton, and Mike Ryan. This season's Bronc Roster consists of: Seniors: Aiken Crowley, Gunner Jensen, Isaac Mckenney, Hunter Quenzer, and Colton Shelley. Juniors: Sean Wahlfeldt and Cade Bickerdyke; Sophomores: Gunner Geib, Brooks Clooten, Nic Lambert, Nic Lambert, Thomas McCoy, Levi Melanson, Devin Nowowiejski, Damien Park, Andy Tonsager, and Cayden Wolfe; and Freshman Logan Tyndall.

Belle finished fourth in the twelve team Custer Tourney. Lane Longbrake (126) and Aiken Crowley (Hwt) both finished 2nd; with Thomas

McCoy (145) 3rd, and Gunnar Gieb (170) 4th.

Hunter Quenzer, Devin Nowowiejski, Cade Bickerdyke and Levi Melanson added team points on the day. After the journey to Rapid

for the weekend Tourney the Broncs will travel to Douglas on Dec. 18 to end 2020, before beginning 2021 action at Spearfish Quadrangular with the Spartans, Hill City, and St. Thomas More.



Senior Colton Shelley in action at the Custer Invitational. Colton Finished 3rd in the 132 weight class. This is the only photo available, as, with Covid restrictions no parents or fans were allowed at the Tourney. *Courtesy Photo*

Middle School Students of the Month



The Belle Fourche MS Students of the Month were recognized at the BFMS Veterans Day Program: 6th Grade for October: **Denali Biegert, Gabe Raba, and Sidney Hendricks**; 7th Grade for October: **Jace Tracy, Mandi Mitchel, Gavin Linch**; 8th Grade for October: **Kaisa Tanninen and Dane Heidegger (not pictured)**; 5th Grade for October: **Noah Mailloux and Emma Nehl (front right)** *Courtesy Photo*

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Great Leaders Know, Many Hands Make Light Work

George Bernard Shaw once said, "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man". For nearly a year, this column has expounded on the critical nature for small and mid-sized local communities to work hard at keeping their dollars local as best as they can. In the age of COVID, this has become not only the right thing to do, I cannot stress enough this is indeed a case of survival or becoming obsolete as a community.

When one looks at the true value of shopping local and spending hyper-local, communities have often been known to overlook one of the most critical elements. I have shown the impact on the community if every resident spent just \$25 more each month in their local community. This equates to between \$900 - \$2100 additional dollars floating through the community each year per resident. Put another way, in a community of 10,000 residents, that is an additional \$9,000,000 - \$21,000,000 per year floating through the community. We can simplify by saying for every dollar a resident of your community spends online, out-of-town or with a corporate chain, that is between \$3 and \$7 NOT spent in your community. This is huge!

When we add to this, our small business base is under assault from government forced lockdowns and mandates. One



John Newby

need not be a rocket scientist to understand this assault is actually on every small community in the country. Large corporate chains remain open for business while many small local businesses are deemed non-essential and are forced to conform. Since when is providing support for one's family deemed non-essential? What even government fails to understand is that in their infinite wisdom, when small businesses go under, so do their incomes, employment base, the supplies they order and so forth. Ultimately, it reaps disaster on not only the community along with their small business base, but also the large corporate chains who will also suffer as no one will ultimately have income to purchase their products and services as well.

The numerical reasons for keeping dollars local has been well established and is beyond dispute. The proof is readily apparent across the country. Most need not travel very far from home to see a nearby town that once was prosperous only to become a shell of what it once was. They are now shells of themselves because among many reasons, they supported Wall Street in lieu of their own Main Street.

Unlike in past years, the current situation of local communities losing dollars to out-of-town corporations, chains and online entities is accelerating very rapidly, dollars are leaving local communities at an alarming rate due to COVID pandemic. This trend is unlikely to

subside anytime soon. With this acceleration, towns that are now doing well, will do less well in the near future. Towns that have been struggling will struggle even more. Towns teetering on the brink will be pushed off into the abyss.

As the outflow of dollars accelerates, the impact on the local community becomes more apparent. Civic engagement and volunteering decrease, poverty rates increase, more local businesses go under, local jobs are lost, housing prices decrease, tax base dwindles, crime rates increase, and the list goes on.

What to do? I cannot stress this enough; communities MUST act now. This issue may not be on the radar of local community leaders, but it must be placed on that radar. Once on the community radar, communities need to quickly assemble a task force with the sole purpose of addressing this critical issue. To be effective, this task force must include city leaders, chamber and/or Main Street representation, business leaders, media representation, civic club and economic development leaders and whomever else makes sense. As a team, they must brainstorm potential solutions, possible community initiatives, citywide promotions and other tactics. Proactive communities can tackle and impact these problems, it is done every day around the country. The "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" weekly column has provided literally dozens of ideas over the past year. It isn't an easy task, but nothing worthy of great effort usually is. I implore you, don't delay, this is an issue that isn't going away and will only deepen the problems within the community.

John A. Newby, "dedicated to helping communities and local media companies. His email at: john@360MediaAlliance.net."

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I'm not sure if we can ever reverse the trend of people going on line and buying



By: Doug Cole

items and gifts from the Billionaire companies who have lured us into thinking it is great to shop with them.

* * *
It makes my heart ache when I think of the good those dollars, if spent locally could do for everyone in the community.

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Belle Fourche Boys and Girls Basketball Preview

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The Belle Fourche Broncos Boys Varsity Basketball Team has started practice and Head Coach Clay Pottorff says he and his boys are excited to compete this winter. The Broncos coming off a productive 12-9 season last year have some big shoes to fill this season. Gone from last season are Kelby Olson, Colby Nowowiejski, Keaton Benson, Tate Larson, and Jackson Tyndall.

The Broncos will return two starters from last year in 5'11 senior Brextin Garza-Clarkson and 6'3" junior Aiden Giffin. Garza is solidly built and tough to keep out of the paint and Giffin who was honorable mention Black Hills conference last season where he averaged 10 points and 7 rebounds per contest. Six-foot two seniors Lan Fuhrer and Logan Goeders along with 5'10" senior Gage Kracht all saw considerable action for the Broncos last season and are expected to step up and play some competitive ball.

Pottorff said he is also looking for contributions from two juniors Gabe Heck who is 5'10" and 6'3" Ryan Audiss. Soph-

omore Anthony Budmayr who is 5'10" is expected to carry the load of the ball handling for the Broncos this year. Coach mentioned two seniors who are both 5'11" Bryton Oedekoven and Blake Vissia who did not play last year but decided to suit up and join the team for their senior campaign.

"We will continue to work hard day in and day out to keep the building the culture and trying to live up to the BRONC PRIDE and success of past great Belle Fourche boys basketball teams", said Coach Pottorff. The Broncos will open at home against Hill City on Friday December 11th.

The Lady Broncos, led by Coach Bill Burr, have also been on the hardwood readying themselves for their first game also on December 11th but they will travel to Hill City to take on the Lady Rangers. The Ladies have a good mix of experience and youth, many of which saw lots of playing time last year. They will be led by four seniors in Haley Wilbur, Jasmyn Jensen, Kylee Crago and Bella Jensen, who has been a starter for the last two seasons. Wilbur and Bella Jensen go 5'11" and 5'10" respectively and will be

a force inside. Three juniors on the squad are McKenzie Lyons, Dru Keegan and Kaylin Garza who is a returning starter and stands 5'11" which adds to the team's tall presence in the paint. The Broncos have five sophomores in Gracy Clooten, Chloe Crago, Charley Henwood, Tia Williamson and Dylan Stedillie. Stedillie started most of the games last year as a freshman. Ten freshmen who will be playing mainly on the JV's are Shaine Weishaar, Anika Main, Reese Larson, Sloan Young, Allison Hayes, Sarah Juelfs, Mataya Ward, Avery Cherveney, Hannah Kirksey and Ariana Richter. Lost to graduation from last year's squad are Harley Fischer, Bree Pierce, Savannah Rosales, and Taryn Stedille. "This season we should be very competitive and be able to play deep into our bench", commented Coach Burr. "We know for us to be successful we have to be able to play solid defense and create some points off of turnovers", he added. He also believes the Black Hills Conference will be very competitive and nabs St. Thomas More and Hill City as the pre-season favorites.



Seniors: Bella Jensen, Kylee Crago, Jasmyn Jensen, Haley Wilbur.



Sophomores: Tia Williamson, Chloe Crago, Dylan Stedillie, Charlie Henwood, Grace Clooten



Freshman- Front row: Manager Morgan Krul, Allison Hayes, Sarah Juelfs, Shaine Weishaar, Anika Main. Back row: Ariana Richter, Reese Larsen, Hanna Kirksey, Mataya Ward, Sloan Young, Avery Cherveney. - Courtesy Photos



Juniors: Dru Keegan, Kaylin Garza, McKenzie Lyons



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Heart Tail Ranch, Belle Fourche SD.....	104.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	578.....	\$168.25
Heart Tail Ranch, Belle Fourche SD.....	30.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	495.....	\$174.50
Owens, Tom, Baker MT.....	189.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	520.....	\$184.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT.....	97.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	456.....	\$164.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT.....	104.....	Strs.....	437.....	\$196.50	
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT.....	65.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	567.....	\$166.75
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT.....	42.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	507.....	\$160.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT.....	25.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	454.....	\$186.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT.....	10.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	404.....	\$158.00
Carson, Waylon, Arvada WY.....	95.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	550.....	\$154.50
Carson, Waylon, Arvada WY.....	50.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	544.....	\$170.00
Carson, Waylon, Arvada WY.....	23.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	459.....	\$190.00
Carson, Waylon, Arvada WY.....	21.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	437.....	\$158.50
Carson, Waylon, Arvada WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	362.....	\$207.50
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulet WY.....	6.....	Rbld.....	Hftrs.....	865.....	\$133.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulet WY.....	59.....	Rbld.....	Strs.....	541.....	\$169.75
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulet WY.....	29.....	Rbld.....	Strs.....	424.....	\$192.00
Baile McCree Inc, Deadwood SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	1025.....	\$126.50
Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD.....	61.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	527.....	\$172.50
Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD.....	21.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	422.....	\$187.00
Battle Creek Cattle Co, Rapid City SD.....	12.....	B/R.....	Hftrs.....	901.....	\$132.75
Bird, Logan, Volborg MT.....	26.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	492.....	\$181.00
Blankenship, Jess, Miles City MT.....	10.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	549.....	\$166.00
Blankenship, Jess, Miles City MT.....	37.....	Herf.....	Strs.....	456.....	\$177.50
Blankenship, Jess, Miles City MT.....	35.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	454.....	\$162.50
Blankenship, Jess, Miles City MT.....	34.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	448.....	\$189.50
Blankenship, Jess, Miles City MT.....	17.....	Herf.....	Hftrs.....	402.....	\$159.00
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT.....	22.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	578.....	\$161.00
Cady, Larry & Deb, Ashland MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	855.....	\$128.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	602.....	\$154.50
Calvert, Dave, Broadus MT.....	40.....	Red.....	Strs.....	597.....	\$157.00
Calvert, Dave, Broadus MT.....	23.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	517.....	\$154.00
Calvert, Dave, Broadus MT.....	13.....	Red.....	Strs.....	491.....	\$179.00
Clanton, Bret, Buffalo SD.....	22.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	644.....	\$142.00
Clanton, Bret, Buffalo SD.....	41.....	Red.....	Strs.....	636.....	\$153.25
Clanton, Bret, Buffalo SD.....	14.....	B/R.....	Hftrs.....	562.....	\$148.50
Clarys Ranch, Olive MT.....	26.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	501.....	\$182.00
Clarys Ranch, Olive MT.....	25.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	444.....	\$189.00
Crago, Ralph & Becky, St Onge SD.....	16.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	458.....	\$187.50
Crago, Ralph & Becky, St Onge SD.....	8.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	438.....	\$155.00
Dobrenz, Larry J Or Jackie N, Gillette WY.....	28.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	528.....	\$177.00
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT.....	21.....	B/R.....	Hftrs.....	477.....	\$176.00
Eaton, Wayne, St Onge SD.....	40.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	616.....	\$156.25
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	542.....	\$162.00
Edwards, Lane Thomas, Gillette WY.....	3.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	488.....	\$145.00
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....	100.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	462.....	\$164.50
Elmore Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....	82.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	415.....	\$163.50
Erik, Paul, Newell SD.....	70.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	528.....	\$177.50
Erik, Paul, Newell SD.....	39.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	474.....	\$153.00
Erik, Paul, Newell SD.....	41.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	448.....	\$189.50
Erik, Paul, Newell SD.....	25.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	374.....	\$161.00
Erik, Paul, Newell SD.....	11.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	352.....	\$191.00
Frame, Cody, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	430.....	\$177.50
Garbel, Levi, St Onge SD.....	1.....	Bld.....	Hftrs.....	1015.....	\$124.00
Gaskill, Dan, Volborg MT.....	88.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	675.....	\$158.75
Gaskill, Kenneth, Volborg MT.....	68.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	506.....	\$182.25
Gaskill, Kenneth, Volborg MT.....	72.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	429.....	\$193.00
Griffis, Chad & Dee, Sundance WY.....	8.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	591.....	\$161.50
Griffis, Chad & Dee, Sundance WY.....	3.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	478.....	\$181.00
Hayden, Barry, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	820.....	\$135.00
Hayden, Ryan Or Constance, Gillette WY.....	37.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	507.....	\$149.00
Henwood, Robert Or Lacey, Belle Fourche SD.....	36.....	Red.....	Strs.....	730.....	\$147.00
Henwood, Robert Or Lacey, Belle Fourche SD.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	618.....	\$146.00	
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	17.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	513.....	\$151.50
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	21.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	506.....	\$179.50
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	423.....	\$189.00	
Humble, Casey Or Jenna, Mud Butte SD.....	36.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	499.....	\$182.00
Humble, Casey Or Jenna, Mud Butte SD.....	16.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	392.....	\$205.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche SD.....	24.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	538.....	\$157.50
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche SD.....	10.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	474.....	\$185.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	440.....	\$185.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	365.....	\$190.00
Jones, Todd Or Nicole, Sturgis SD.....	3.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	443.....	\$185.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD.....	4.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	532.....	\$165.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD.....	4.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	412.....	\$187.00
Kammerer, Riley, Piedmont SD.....	14.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	423.....	\$192.00
Kammerer, Riley, Piedmont SD.....	6.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	351.....	\$202.00
Kidner, Kermit, Rapid City SD.....	12.....	B/Ch.....	Strs.....	782.....	\$140.50
Kidner, Kermit, Rapid City SD.....	5.....	B/Ch.....	Strs.....	596.....	\$160.50
Kieffer, Markor Pam, Rapid City SD.....	100.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	632.....	\$153.25
Kieffer, Markor Pam, Rapid City SD.....	65.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	574.....	\$155.25
Kieffer, Markor Pam, Rapid City SD.....	81.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	530.....	\$178.75
Kieffer, Markor Pam, Rapid City SD.....	46.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	461.....	\$163.00
Kinghom, Ray, St Onge SD.....	7.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	607.....	\$158.00
Kolka, Dean Or Jill, Olive MT.....	9.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	488.....	\$159.00
Kolka, Dean Or Jill, Olive MT.....	6.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	430.....	\$151.00
Larson, Hadyen, Piedmont SD.....	4.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	533.....	\$169.00

Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD.....	63.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	580.....	\$165.50
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD.....	59.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	558.....	\$155.50
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD.....	33.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	476.....	\$187.00
Lawrence, Linda, Broadus MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	577.....	\$159.00
Lawrence, Linda, Broadus MT.....	9.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	428.....	\$192.00
Lawrence, Linda, Broadus MT.....	10.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	337.....	\$199.00
Lee, Eugene Or Kathleen, Vale SD.....	7.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	585.....	\$161.50
Meccage, Mark, Baker MT.....	1.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	780.....	\$147.00
Montgomery, Cole, Belle Fourche SD.....	6.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	593.....	\$153.00
Myhre, Rex, Chinook MT.....	52.....	Rbld.....	Hftrs.....	520.....	\$151.50
Myhre, Rex, Chinook MT.....	27.....	Rbld.....	Hftrs.....	454.....	\$166.00
Oleson Ranch Lp, Newcastle WY.....	29.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	890.....	\$132.00
Oleson Ranch Lp, Newcastle WY.....	9.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	802.....	\$136.50
Olson, Tim Or Chandy, St Onge SD.....	3.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	1116.....	\$122.00
Pillard, Larry, Custer SD.....	2.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	905.....	\$131.00
Pitts, Clint, Vale SD.....	5.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	724.....	\$140.50
Robbins, Jt, Melstone MT.....	36.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	423.....	\$163.00
Roush, Rusty A, Gillette WY.....	10.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	628.....	\$151.50
Schroeder, Jay Or Jamie Jo, Broadus MT.....	13.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	552.....	\$146.00
Schulz, Dana Or Krysti, Piedmont SD.....	15.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	577.....	\$155.00
Severson, Brad, Vale SD.....	18.....	Red.....	Hftrs.....	620.....	\$145.00
Severson, Brad, Vale SD.....	4.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	576.....	\$146.50
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY.....	45.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	515.....	\$176.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY.....	61.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	417.....	\$194.00
Shy Cattle Co, Billings MT.....	2.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	855.....	\$133.50
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	605.....	\$151.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD.....	2.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	497.....	\$147.00
Soelzer, Ronald L, Piedmont SD.....	15.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	604.....	\$148.50
Stevens, William Or Janice, Ashland MT.....	18.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	554.....	\$166.00
Stockman Exchange Inc, Miles City MT.....	23.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	495.....	\$181.00
Sweet, Shane & Marissa, Newcastle WY.....	5.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	555.....	\$161.00
Taylor, Zach, Kaycee WY.....	7.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	494.....	\$174.00
Taylor, Zach, Kaycee WY.....	7.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	467.....	\$157.50
Taylor, Zach, Kaycee WY.....	6.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	419.....	\$194.00
Thar Angus LLC, Gillette WY.....	22.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	491.....	\$179.00
Thar Angus LLC, Gillette WY.....	22.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	490.....	\$152.50
Triple T Enterprises, Newcastle WY.....	26.....	B/R.....	Strs.....	555.....	\$164.50
Triple T Enterprises, Newcastle WY.....	44.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	538.....	\$155.50
Triple T Enterprises, Newcastle WY.....	11.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	500.....	\$181.00
Wetz, Leroy Or Shirley, Vale SD.....	17.....	Strs.....	560.....	\$165.00	
Wetz, Leroy Or Shirley, Vale SD.....	29.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	520.....	\$151.00
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY.....	27.....	Bbld.....	Strs.....	564.....	\$163.25
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY.....	14.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	526.....	\$149.50
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY.....	10.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	447.....	\$186.50
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY.....	16.....	Bbld.....	Hftrs.....	433.....	\$158.00
Wilson, Wayne R Or Susan, Alva WY.....	26.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	603.....	\$165.00
Wilson, Wayne R Or Susan, Alva WY.....	9.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	515.....	\$170.00
Wood, James & Teresa G, Moorcroft WY.....	45.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	449.....	\$182.00
Wood, James & Teresa G, Moorcroft WY.....	48.....	Blk.....	Hftrs.....	397.....	\$167.50
Wood, James & Teresa G, Moorcroft WY.....	40.....	Blk.....	Strs.....	386.....	\$196.00

Friday - Decemeber 11, 2020**Spring Calf Special****9:00 AM - Weigh Ups - 12:00 Noon - Bred Cows****Followed By Calves**

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-Precondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI - No Implants

CalvesRandy Oleson - 240 Blk Strs & Hftrs - 450-525# - BT, PC, NI
Bull Ranch - 220 Blk Strs & Hftrs - 450-550# - BT, NI
Gary Bischoff - 100 Red Str - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI
Daly Livestock - 100 Blk & Red Strs - 400-450# - BT, PC
Justin Smith - 40 Red Angus Hftrs - 550-600# - BT, PC, Replacement Quality
JD Anderson - 45 Blk & Red Strs & Hftrs - 575-625# - BT, PC
Thad Olson - 30 Blk & Red Strs & Hftrs - 525-575# - BT, PC
Dean Hackens - 25 Red Angus Strs & Hftrs - 500-550# - BT
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Lambs Under 70# Sold Steady To \$4 Higher
Slaughter Ewes Sold Stead To \$3 LowerNext Sale - December 10th - Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM
Thank You For Your Business!**Feeder Lambs**

Johnson Sheep&Cattle LLC, Belle Fourche SD.	111 Lamb	73	\$231.00
Johnson Sheep&Cattle LLC, Belle Fourche SD.	108 Lamb	90	\$195.00
Horvey, Roy Or Nola, Ralph SD.	40 Lamb	89	\$192.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	33Lamb	61	\$240.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	115 Lamb	83	\$220.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	47 Lamb	101	\$168.00
Billing, Lauryn, Olive MT.	20 Lamb	91	\$192.00
Ehlers, Earl Or Jane, Hettinger ND.	18 Lamb	111	\$155.00
Ehlers, Earl Or Jane, Hettinger ND.	74 Lamb	126	\$144.00
Farm In The Dell, Broadus MT.	16 Lamb	65	\$241.00
Farm In The Dell, Broadus MT.	42 Lamb	87	\$205.00
Franke, Keith, Belle Fourche SD.	6. Lamb	65	\$241.00
Franke, Keith, Belle Fourche SD.	16 Lamb	79	\$230.00
Humble, Casey, Mud Butte SD.	40 Lamb	72	\$231.00
Randall, Jackee, Broadus MT	43 Lamb	78	\$229.00
Randall, Jackee, Broadus MT	68 Lamb	96	\$185.00
Rodriguez, Betty, Buffalo WY.	16 Lamb	62	\$241.00
Rodriguez, Betty, Buffalo WY.	34 Lamb	78	\$219.50
Rodriguez, Betty, Buffalo WY.	22 Lamb	92	\$189.00
Triple S Ranch	15 Lamb	65	\$241.00
Triple S Ranch	71 Lamb	82	\$216.00

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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

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

Today's message could be for anyone, but I especially offer it to young ladies: The message is timeless, and I can't find an author to credit.

How Are You Valued?

A father said to his daughter: You graduated with honors, here is a car that I acquired many years ago... it is several years old.

But before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them I want to sell it and see how much they offer you.

The daughter went to the used car lot, returned to her father and said, "They offered me \$1,000 because it looks very worn out."

The father said, "Take it to the pawn shop."

The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father and said, "The pawn shop offered \$100 because it was a very old car."

The father asked his daughter to go to a car club and show them the car.

The daughter took the car to the club,

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson nearly 2 decades ago. The Beacon is the only newspaper that it appears in. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00

Roundup Wins for the Third Straight Year South Dakota Rodeos Sweep Three of Four Top Awards for First Time Ever

From A1 Three Straight

volunteers put in to produce this rodeo," Anderson said. "When the contestants recognize it and vote on it's pretty heartwarming."

In his acceptance speech Anderson thanked the state's governor and city officials for allowing the rodeo to go on during a year when many events were canceled due to the virus.

"We were so grateful to even have a rodeo," he told the Beacon. "They could have stopped us at anytime they wanted but they didn't. They believed in us and we had a rodeo and won the award. It's really for them as much as for us. I thanked our sponsors and volunteers and our personnel at the rodeo grounds, our contractors and announcers, everyone who works for us and helped us put on a good show."

Anderson says the Roundup Committee spends time at each NFR attending meetings and listening for feedback on what makes a rodeo successful. There seem to be three factors that they hear the most. The first is the hospitality the contestants and sponsors receive. The second is the overall organization of the event. And the third is the commitment that is seen from the community to support and grow the rodeo.

Last year's rodeo saw a few milestones. There were more contestants than ever before, a record payout, and the event was live streamed on the Cowboy Channel.

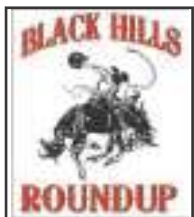
"It isn't always easy but we try to be two or three years ahead in our planning with new and upcoming specialty acts. It helps to try and be one step ahead of everybody else," he said.

The award is voted on by PRCA cardholders. An email goes out usually in September asking for nominations in each category. Then the top five nominated rodeos in each category are determined and a second email is sent asking for the eventual winners. This year the Roundup was up against Burwell, NE, Coleman, TX, Guymon, OK, and Cave Creek, Arizona.

Anderson gave a tip of his hat to the Arizona event. "Boy I really thought Cave Creek had a shot at it," Anderson said. "They were the trailblazers this year saying they wanted to have a rodeo no matter what. They were the first ones back."

Not only was it a big year for the Roundup but it was a good year for South Dakota all the way around. Three of the four major awards went to South Dakota rodeos. Rodeo Rapid City (the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo) won for large indoor rodeo of the year and the Deadwood Days of '76 won the award for large outdoor rodeo of the year. It was the first time this has ever happened.

And that wasn't all. "It was really cool because Miss Rodeo America presents the buckle up on stage and that happens to be Jordan Tierney, (from Hot Springs) one of our



For the third year in a row the Black Hills Round won Rodeo of the Year honors from the PRCA, being named top event in the Medium Outdoor Rodeo category. Several committee members, volunteers along with announcer Steve Goedert and music directors Dave and Nicki Kimm posed under the Ft. Worth Stock Yards banner on East Exchange Ave. *Courtesy photo*

own," Anderson said.

"With all those South Dakota rodeos winning makes you kind of wonder why we had to come all this way for the awards," Anderson said with a laugh.

Small rodeos are classified by the PRCA as those with less than \$3,000 added money.



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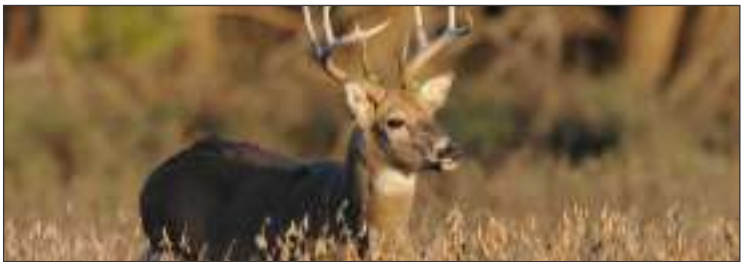
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Ziebach County is now considered in the CWD endemic area, meaning the disease has been confirmed and hunters who harvest deer from these counties must now follow the new CWD regulations to help reduce the spread of CWD.

South Dakota has now confirmed CWD in 15 counties of western and central South Dakota, which includes three counties added during the 2020 hunting season.

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal brain disease

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Butte County Commissioners Discuss Bridges and Sheriff Department

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BELLE FOURCHE – People of eastern Butte County will see work beginning very soon on the bridge over Indian Creek on the Orman Road, as the county commissioners approved the agreement between Butte County and Grangaard Construction, Inc. for the \$1.7 million dollar project. This structure was part of the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) process that the county has had some success with lately.

"They'll (Grangaard) begin as soon as they finish a bridge west of Belle," said Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich. It will be a complete structure replacement and approach grading. "The county crew has started taking out the bridge."

During the meeting on Tuesday, December 1, the commission also approved a Bridge Replacement Funding Agreement for a bridge on Old Highway 85. This bridge will be let out for bids, as the engineering is already finished.

Another approval in the same vein was the bridge on Old Highway 212, with it being let out for bids following the engineering process.

A third structure was approved for the bid letting process following engineering on another bridge on Old Highway 212.

Chairman of the commission, Stan Harms asked, "Do we have enough money to cover our part (of the bridge replacement)?"

Auditor Elaine Jensen laughed and said, "We're good. We wouldn't have gotten this far otherwise."

A question came for the highway department on the Viken bridge northeast of Nisland about why it had not been started to be repaired. Highway Commissioner Kim Richards answered saying, "The company's crane broke down on their current project. It will probably take a week longer than expected, but should be started in a couple weeks. When we made the agreement with them, we said to fit it in when they could."

All jury trials have been sus-



Bridge over Indian Creek on Orman Road. - Beacon Photo

pended through the New Year, according to Assistant State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney. There was one trial this past week that involved an abuse/neglect case and was a two-day trial. There are currently 15 people in jail, and some are in for drugs. But several are probation violations, bond violations and failures to appear or arrested on warrants, so it is necessary that they be held. Harms questioned why the monthly invoice for the sheriff's department was \$35,000 and Jensen said at times there was a lag.

A discussion on the dispatch proposal between Butte County and the City of Belle Fourche brought about requests for changes from Belle Fourche City Mayor Gloria Landphere. A letter by Dwight Gubbrud of Bennett, Main, Gubbrud and Williams was discussed regarding the agreement for services coming due. Lamphere said her office could do the contract as they have done in the past.

"We put it together last time, and we are working on this one," said Lamphere. "I'd like to resurrect the dispatch advisory board, to talk about the future. We need something to get us to the next period."

Head of Dispatch, Vicki Greenwood said, "The radio system is the question." McCartney, representing the commission's legal standing asked if the topic should be tabled until the next meeting. The letter from Grubbrud's office listed figures for the coming year, with \$333,750 for 2021, \$293,750 for 2022, and \$299,625 for 2023.

"We'll need to approve it at the meeting on the 15th," said Harms.

McCartney also brought up

the approval of the employee handbook and questions regarding law enforcement overtime and comp time.

"We have to comply with the federal labor standards act," said McCartney. Questions arose about why law enforcement was different, why employees would take comp time over overtime when the pay was the same.

An example of this was an employee who needed surgery and recovery would take more time than the employee had in sick leave and vacation days. By using comp time, he was able to be paid while he was recovering, where if he had used sick time and run out, he would have had to be off without pay.

Another topic involving the sheriff's department was the purchase of another vehicle for the department. Sheriff Lamphere presented several proposals from Wegner Auto in Pierre. They included Jeep Cherokees, Durangos and Pickup trucks. After a period of discussion Lamphere was directed to reach out to local dealers.

"We need to get some hard numbers and see where we shake out at the end of the year," said Jensen. Lamphere said even if they ordered a vehicle from Wegner it might take four to six months to take delivery.

Lamphere also reported that he had another deputy resign, but that he would continue to work as a reserve officer. He will begin looking for a replacement.

"It's getting tougher to get applications in, it's probably not the most sought-after profession right now," said Lamphere. He is also short one of the new deputies who is currently in Pierre at the academy.

Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

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Erma Albert is still having trouble with her allergies, so she stayed home most of this week. Dick went to town on Thursday to pick up their deer, and do some shopping. On Sunday, Dick went to mass at the Catholic church, and then stayed for lunch and Bible study afterward.

Alvin Cordell and Denin Cheguis spent a couple of days working on a dam at the Yates place, early in the week. Marlee Cordell had a dentist's appointment in Belle Fourche on Thursday. Denin hauled a load of cows to Belle Fourche for Alvin that day, too.

Lynn Gustafson had a doctor's appointment in the Hills, on Tuesday. She and Bruce went to church at Little Missouri, on Sunday. There was a good number of people there. Pete Anderson went to church in Camp Crook, on Sunday. He has been having trouble with his phone again, and it has quit completely, now.

Jake Davis, and his family, came out to Doug and Julia's over the weekend. They worked cows, and cut out culls, and separated the herds for two separate pastures. Doug and Julia are staying close to home, and Julia goes to work at the court-house, but is secluded there to keep from the virus.

Donna Lewis made a trip to Baker, for a check up at the doctor's. She got some groceries, and the mail, before coming home. She has been baking, again, for her family. She has a great chocolate cookie recipe with cottage cheese that keeps the cookies moist and delicious.

Billy Roadifer has been getting ready for shipping. He spent the weekend hauling hay up the mountain. Last Sunday, Nita Loken picked up Dawn Padden, and they went to visit their sister Michelle Tooke at Ekalaka. They always have a great time on their sister visits. Bryce took three grand-

kids to the shooting sports lessons at Ludlow Hall, that day. On Monday, Bryce and Dawn took Dorothy to Buffalo for the Junior High girls basketball games against Bison. On Tuesday, the all went back to Buffalo for the wrestling home meet. She got to see Brenton win his matches. Bryce and Dawn took Dorothy, Ashley, Kanyin, and Brylen to Ludlow for the school Christmas Concert, on Thursday. It was a great program.

Terry Cordell came out to Ronda Cordell's to help sort heifer calves, on Monday. Clint Zolnoski came after he had the feeding done. They both stayed, and ate a late lunch after the job was finished. When Tuesday dawned, Ronda was glad the sorting had been done the day before. The temp went from shirt-sleeve weather to the need for layers. Ronda called Curt Zolnoski on Tuesday morning, to wish him a Happy Birthday. Later she went to Camp Crook to get a package mailed, and enjoyed chili at Wolffy's Garage. Tuesday is soup day at Wolffy's. Ronda has eaten there twice lately, and it's delicious. She had a delicious supper out at the white trailer house, as a guest of the Toney Hannahs. He cooked Alaskan halibut. On Wednesday, Mindy Yates and Kalie Kennedy came to bangs vaccinate heifer calves. Justin Kerr, Clint and Ronda were the helpers. Everyone stayed for lunch after the job was done. That evening, Ronda made a hot mustard and brittle delivery to Camp Crook, and stopped for coffee at the Over the Edge. On Friday, Ronda went to see Denise, Darby and Abby's beautiful Christmas decorations. The girls are all excited about Christmas and the decorating. They both have their own trees in their bedrooms. Gene Secrest has been working on a couple of house projects for them. He had a ride back to Spearfish in the afternoon, so he drove Ronda's pickup to Camp Crook, and left it for some repairs.

Chad, Debby, Roudy, Caden and Carsen Zolnoski came from Wyoming to get a Christmas tree, and pick up some elk meat. They ate lunch with Ronda, before stopping briefly at Clint and Denise's. Then they headed to Spearfish to meet Curt Zolnoski for a kid exchange. Chad had picked up Caden and

Carsen on Saturday. Then they went to help Roudy celebrate his 10th birthday at Gillette.

On Monday, Karen Odell got the rest of her Christmas presents ordered. She got to see a Broadway Show on YouTube on Tuesday evening. She has gotten to see three shows in New York on Broadway, and they are absolutely wonderful. Listening to the orchestra, live, is superb, and the musicals are the best. Still the YouTube show was wonderful, even though the sound was not as spectacular from the TV. A few good things have come out of this miserable year, and the creativity of people has been greatly enhanced. Charlie went to Camp Crook for groceries on Wednesday. On Thursday, Charlie inspected cows for Justin Kerr, and went to Buffalo that afternoon for salt and posts. Jeff and Amanda

texted to remind Karen to go to the Luther College Christmas concert online, on Saturday. It was truly ingenious, and beautiful. The voices were very professional, and the group video was taken from various settings, to make it even more interesting than if she had really been there. The songs got better and better, and ended with a Sleigh Ride piano duet as background for the script at the end; and that was the best of all. On Sunday, Karen and Charlie went to church in Camp Crook, and had lunch at the Over The Edge. Then at home, Karen went to a performance of the Messiah at the First Mennonite church in Berne, Indiana, that was presented online. Karen's friend from college days has performed in it a couple of years. It is a yearly performance, and always includes some of the most

wonderful singing voices in the choir, and as soloists. This year was no exception. The voices were superb, and the soloists were wonderful, and Karen got to sing along, because she knew most of the concert by heart. She got some new artwork on her Evans Odell facebook page this week.

It is finally, really time for Christmas music, and Karen enjoyed playing some for church. It feels good to have missed all that canned Christmas music in malls and stores. These December concerts are perfect, and presented as a gift, instead of an enticement to buy something. Tuesday is expected to have a record high temperature for December, but I think winter is on its way. We need some moisture and even snow would be alright.



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All donations go directly to the children / families. The children / families that are chosen is a difficult task. The officers have direct contact with many of the families and we contact the school district to identify where the resources could be best used.

The two programs that need your support are:

Holiday Meals- The officers collect monetary donations and put together food baskets or gift cards depending on family needs. These baskets or gift cards are then delivered to the families.

Kids-n-Cops - This is a nationwide program. The Belle Fourche Police Dept. collects money then uses those funds to take children Christmas shopping for gifts for their families and themselves. Traditionally, after the shopping trip all the children and officers wrap the gifts and have a pizza party. This program is entirely funded by local donations. The shopping is also done locally.

Any support that you can give towards these programs is much appreciated. Please indicate below the area you would like to make your donation and the amount. Please submit all donations to Belle Fourche PD no later than 12/4/20. If you have any questions, please call me anytime.

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Rapid City, truckers from the truck stops, and every town in the Tri-State area. The food was delicious with very little leftover, and nary a drop of the homemade dressing. Local volunteers Bob & Trudy Hoard, Bob & Dee Wagner, Ted Corean and son, Bonnie Rosander, and Steve Evans (still), along with numerous other folks from Belle Fourche, pitched in to make the meal a memorable feast.

A lady from New York, here visiting her mother, jumped in to help serve pie. Volunteers from Spearfish and Ekalaka were also present to help.

Close to 50 meals were delivered to shut-ins, the workers at Dispatch and other businesses that were open. Community

support was unmatched. Dave at Lueders, Jim at Lynn's Dakotamart, area businesses, and the City of Belle Fourche, under the direction and organization of Janie, fits the adage "many hands make light work". When asked why she continues to head up this event, Janie said she doesn't do it for any personal accolades. Looking out at the crowd, she sees it as a place for people to come and meet old friends or make new ones. The joy on everyone's face, young and old visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoying the day, is heartwarming to say the least.

Unfortunately, 2020 is the year of Covid and Cancellations and the "family" that has been doing our community Christmas dinners past will take a break. God bless you everyone!



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Every day of the week
11:00 am – 1:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center; 828 Kingsbury St 605-892-6285
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124 years ago
Northwest Times
Dec 12, 1896
Butte County Thrown Out; State Canvassing Board Passes Butte and Lawrence Counties; Looks Like a Plot to Thwart the Will of the People

A Pierre dispatch of the 4th says: At the afternoon meeting of the state canvassers the board canvassed the returns from Lincoln county, but declared there were no returns from Lawrence and Butte counties, and the un-organized counties attached to Butte, and adjourned to December 17, during which time the secretary of state is instructed to secure duly certified returns from those counties, bearing the required seal of the auditor. This year, as soon as it was ascertained that the gang had been defeated, the date for the final count was set for the last day named in the law for the purpose of giving as much time for manipulation as possible.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
Dec 14, 1920
State News

Dakota's "blue laws" should be repealed or amended so that they may be enforced, according to a recommendation prepared by Attorney General Bryon S. Payne for the presentation to the January session of the state legislature. The recommendation specifically states that baseball games, moving pictures, public dances, etc., on the Sabbath be given a legal standing or that the proper legislation be enacted to allow the enforcement of the law prohibiting them.

Financing the state of South Dakota

This will be a big issue before the new legislature. The chief finance problem will be providing the means to raise the \$6,000,000 to be used for a soldier bonus. This will mean the levying of a tax approximately \$700,000 a year for the next ten years. The state university probably will ask for \$500,000 for new buildings and about the same amount for maintenance. The capitol is now crowded, and it is believed the solons will make an appropriations.

Town and Country

A son was born Monday of this week to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horman of Belle Fourche. Miss Dorothy Alexander arrived Monday from Minneapolis

where she spent two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Townsend of Alazada, were Belle Fourche visitors Friday of this week. Ole Ornes of the Gustave country was a Belle Fourche business caller the first of the week.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
Dec. 14, 1945
Patton Condition Reported Critical

Frankfort, Germany Dec. 10 – General George Patton fighting for his life on a hospital bed in Germany – is responding well to treatment, but doctors say his condition remains critical. Patton was injured in an automobile accident yesterday. He suffered a fracture of the third cervical vertebra and a dislocation of the fourth. Army bulletins issued throughout the day by doctors attending the colorful general say he is completely paralyzed below the shoulders. All the bulletins end with the words: "Prognosis guarded." That means the doctors are not willing to commit themselves as to whether Patton will recover.

Alex Kling Completes 15 Years Service To Hills Beet Growers

Fifteen years of service to the sugar beet growers of the Belle Fourche area were completed when Alex Kling, Fruitdale farmer, stepped down as president of the Black Hills Beet Growers Cooperative Association at their annual meeting here yesterday. Kling, who has lived in the Belle Fourche



by Mary Buchholz

valley 17 years, is planning to leave Jan. 1 for Ft. Collins, Colo., where he will take care of farming interests there. In 1930, he helped organize the Evangelical Lutheran church at Nisland and has been its president for 15 years. Kling also helped to organize the Patrons Oil Company at Fruitdale and was supervisor of the Lawrence-Butte soil conservation district in 1940. Incidentally, Kling is quite proud of the fact that the REA line which now runs down the valley, travels the route he pointed out to the engineer who was running the first pre-approval survey of the line. Two of Alex's sons - Ruben and Raymond - are going to operate the farm, while Alex attends to his Ft. Collins interests. Five of Mr. and Mrs. Kling's nine surviving children will accompany them to Colorado. A tenth child, Eddie, was killed in action on the European front last winter.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
Dec 1, 1970
You Can Help! Anyone Who Knows a Doctor?

Recently, a committee was formed here to establish a recruiting campaign to obtain more physicians for Belle Fourche and the surrounding area. That committee is now at work. It has secured the names and addresses of physicians who are completing their training, due to be released from service or currently practicing but planning a change in location. "No matter how much we advertise," said the committee, "the most effective contact is still the personal one." Members of the committee are Art Jones, Cliff Thomas, Dr. O.A. Jewett, L. J. Paulson and Harry Creal. The committee went on to say that the more leads they receive, the better chance of securing a physician for the area.



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Dec 17th & 18th
Belle Fourche Area Community Center. This year's programs will be held over two days at various times during the day. Each student is given 4 tickets. See school website for times

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Family Fun Day: Tri-State Museum Christmas Crafts - Bells
December 20, 2020
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21 Pink grape	12 Soggy	ERICA AUBEN
22 Fish	13 Soggy	YLLON
24 Unit	14 Soggy	
26 Funeral oration	15 Soggy	
31 Award	16 Soggy	
32 Corridor	17 Soggy	
34 Lies	18 Soggy	
35 Fill	19 Soggy	
37 Father of A.C.	20 Soggy	

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Puzzle Answers on C4



BF FFA Club Members helped display Auction items at the Festival of Trees. (below) **Cowboys Too!** donated tree.
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From A1 Festival of Trees

and generous crowd.

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Market Report - Thursday, December 3, 2020
NICE RUN OF CATTLE. MOST CLASSES OF CATTLE WERE HIGHER.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Calves
Shane Finn, Nisland SD.....74.....Red-Str Pc.....648.....155.50
Ed & Justin Lawrence, Alzada MT.....94.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....612.....158.00
.....89.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....525.....175.00
Justin Lawrence, Alzada MT.....54.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....465.....155.00
Steve & Troy Mills, Boyes MT.....98.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....582.....162.75
.....55.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....510.....181.75
.....19.....Black-Str Pc.....492.....179.75
.....14.....Black-Str Pc.....409.....196.00
.....96.....Black-Hfr Pc.....545.....152.50
.....65.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....485.....156.00
.....23.....Black-Hfr Pc.....408.....161.00
Ron Rooney, Miles City MT.....105.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....522.....175.25
.....47.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....431.....190.00
.....6.....Black-Str Pc.....321.....202.00
.....63.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....463.....159.00
.....18.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....380.....171.00
Tom H Hadley, Wheatland WY.....61.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....583.....158.50
.....28.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....514.....177.50
.....13.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....409.....196.00
.....49.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....584.....147.50
.....34.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....493.....154.00
.....15.....Red/Rwf-Hfr Pc.....536.....147.00
Arrow Cattle Company, Otter MT.....65.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....465.....187.25
.....27.....Black-Str Pc.....372.....204.00
.....9.....Black-Str Pc.....278.....215.00
.....79.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....421.....162.00
.....33.....Black-Hfr Pc.....336.....162.00
Clint Krambeck, Spearfish SD.....38.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....606.....155.50
.....10.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....498.....177.00
.....26.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....608.....151.25
.....12.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....505.....152.00
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....118.....Black-Str Pc.....467.....191.50
.....74.....Black-Str Pc.....408.....197.00
.....18.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....333.....210.00
.....10.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....261.....203.00
Arthur L Hauber, Hulett WY.....9.....Blk/Bwf-Str Bt.....528.....162.00
.....12.....Blk/Bwf-Str Bt.....600.....162.00
.....15.....Blk/Bwf-Str Bt.....437.....187.00
.....13.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt.....502.....148.00
.....11.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt.....419.....167.00
Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT.....103.....Blk/Bwf-Str Bt.....526.....172.50
.....41.....Black-Str Bt.....420.....190.00
.....42.....Black-Hfr Bt.....437.....158.00
.....10.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt.....316.....155.00
Cross Crown Llc, Buffalo WY.....33.....Black-Hfr Pc.....457.....156.00
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT.....58.....Black-Hfr Pc.....467.....162.00
Lloyd Jung, Piedmont SD.....14.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....615.....146.50
.....14.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....561.....146.00
U Three Ranch, Aladdin WY.....26.....Black-Str Pc.....489.....179.00
.....28.....Black-Hfr Pc.....438.....164.00
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....14.....Black-Str Pc.....328.....187.50
.....15.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....345.....166.00
Askins Kirk, Broadus MT.....12.....Char-Str Pc.....575.....157.50
Pilster Ranch Inc, Alzada MT.....30.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....521.....173.50
.....17.....Black-Hfr Pc.....502.....155.00
Josh & Darleen Stieg, Ekalaka MT.....25.....Black-Str Pc.....573.....160.00
.....31.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....493.....177.50
.....10.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....418.....189.00
.....18.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....550.....147.00
Clyde Gorsuch, Fairburn SD.....19.....Bwf-Hfr Pc.....582.....145.50
Brenda Nimick, Buffalo WY.....8.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....630.....144.00
Dave J Watt Ranch Llc, Buffalo WY.....10.....Black-Str Pc.....566.....161.50
.....14.....Black-Str Pc.....390.....199.00

Market Report - Friday, December 4, 2020
BRED CATTLE WERE HIGHER. HIGHER MARKET ON SHORT TERM COWS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!!

Bred Stock
Sheridan & Belinda Burgess, Wyarno WY.....49.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3-Yo.....974.....1650.00
Consignment From MT.....47.....Black-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo.....1365.....1300.00
.....11.....Black-Brd Cow 3-4 Yo.....1231.....1450.00
.....16.....Black-Brd Cow Sm.....1445.....975.00
.....9.....Black-Brd Cow Bm.....1444.....825.00
Brianna Hamon, Sundance WY.....49.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3-4 Yo.....1122.....1500.00
.....18.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo.....1273.....1275.00
.....10.....Black-Brd Hfr.....1031.....1325.00
.....20.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm.....1399.....1025.00
.....21.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm.....1320.....775.00
.....8.....Black-Brd Cow Lates.....1103.....1250.00
Dave Nisley, Broadus MT.....20.....Black-Brd Hfr.....871.....1300.00
Zach & Kim Davis, Buffalo WY.....32.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm.....1311.....1000.00
.....32.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm.....1245.....775.00
Graham Livestock Inc, Moorcroft WY.....18.....Black-Brd Cow Sm/Bm.....1372.....875.00
Ehret Land Co, Baker MT.....6.....Black-Brd Cow Sm.....1391.....825.00
.....14.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm.....1352.....750.00
Hackamore Ranch, Prairie City SD.....19.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm.....1337.....775.00
Tooke Ranch, Ekalaka MT.....23.....Black-Brd Cow Sm.....1335.....1010.00
.....14.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm.....1321.....950.00
Sully & Debbie Simons, Beulah WY.....39.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm.....1335.....850.00
Rafter Diamond Lp, Buffalo SD.....11.....Black-Brd Cow Sm.....1432.....860.00
.....16.....Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm.....1413.....835.00
Tom Riggs, Broadus MT.....22.....Black-Brd Cow Bm.....1410.....800.00
Gladson Family, Gillette WY.....11.....Black-Brd Cow Bm.....1321.....775.00
Dave Or Denise Wagner, Hulett WY.....4.....Red-Brd Cow Bm.....1231.....825.00
Tom Giacometto, Broadus MT.....23.....Rd/Blk-Brd Cow Bm.....1302.....800.00
Dale & Helen King, Hammond MT.....23.....Black-Cow Rch Tested.....1331.....57.00
.....2.....Black-Cowette Rch Tested.....1225.....90.00

Weighups
Ben Or Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD.....38.....Black-Cow.....1456.....59.50
.....1.....Black-Cowette.....1285.....67.00
.....6.....Black-Cow.....1646.....62.50
Hackamore Ranch, Prairie City SD.....21.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr.....939.....95.00
.....6.....Black-Cowette.....955.....82.00
.....11.....Rwf/Bwf-Cow.....1300.....53.50
.....12.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1241.....53.50
Clabaugh Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....7.....Red-Cow.....1425.....62.00
.....2.....Red-Cow.....1348.....54.00
Rafter Diamond Lp, Buffalo SD.....7.....Black-Cow.....1333.....56.50
.....7.....Black-Cow.....1313.....55.00
Busenitz Ranch Inc, Hulett WY.....6.....Black-Cow.....1290.....60.00
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1435.....55.50
Zach & Kim Davis, Buffalo WY.....17.....Black-Cow.....1176.....53.50
Dave Or Denise Wagner, Hulett WY.....2.....Red/Rwf-Hfr.....945.....82.00
Craig Monnens, Hulett WY.....1.....Black-Cowette.....1095.....76.00
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1050.....47.50
Colin Or Whitney Lamont, Lodgepole SD.....7.....Black-Cow.....1397.....55.50
.....12.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1336.....53.50
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1580.....53.50
Ted & Bonnie Quade, Broadus MT.....3.....Black-Cowette.....1047.....81.00
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1410.....63.00
.....8.....Black-Cow.....1306.....49.00
Cole Robinson, Moorcroft WY.....1.....Black-Cowette.....1350.....65.00
Brianna Hamon, Sundance WY.....5.....Black-Cow.....1293.....62.50
.....4.....Black-Hfr.....909.....88.50
Robert & Monte Miller, Sundance WY.....7.....Black-Cow.....1381.....53.50
.....5.....Black-Cow.....1344.....53.00
Wade Helkenn, Sundance WY.....4.....Black-Cow.....1351.....52.50
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....1.....Black-Cow.....1475.....59.50
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1270.....53.00
Ron Or Gayleen Raber, Belle Fourche SD.....3.....Black-Cow.....1393.....59.50
Consignment From MT.....3.....Black-Cow.....1292.....60.50
Clark Blake, Belle Fourche SD.....4.....Black-Cowette.....1010.....72.00

22.....Black-Hfr Pc.....394.....165.50
Jb Wheatcroft, Miles City MT.....6.....Black-Str.....573.....159.50
.....17.....Black-Str.....490.....181.50
.....42.....Black-Str Pc.....585.....158.50
.....26.....Black-Str Pc.....516.....178.50
.....32.....Black-Hfr Pc.....554.....150.00
.....32.....Black-Hfr Pc.....489.....154.00
.....6.....Black-Hfr Pc.....418.....165.00
969 Ranch, Broadus MT.....11.....Black-Str Pc.....369.....166.00
Ballek Land & Livestock, Clearmont WY.....7.....Black-Str Pc.....416.....195.00
.....11.....Black-Hfr Pc.....434.....164.00
Benny Bachand, Sturgis SD.....16.....Black-Hfr Pc.....497.....158.00
William & Bryan Nicholas, Spearfish SD.....11.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....654.....127.00
.....10.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....605.....141.50
Quintin Whiteman, Crow Agency MT.....40.....Char-Str Pc.....521.....167.50
.....8.....Char-Str Pc.....418.....188.00
.....46.....Char-Hfr Pc.....483.....155.00
.....6.....Char-Hfr Pc.....402.....153.00
Snook Land & Lvstik Llc, Sundance WY.....26.....Char-Hfr Pc.....531.....149.00
Randy & Sheila Burggraf, Aladdin WY.....12.....Black-Str Pc.....691.....138.00
Steve Or Renee Mcamis, Belle Fourche SD.....12.....Black-Str Pc.....587.....160.25
.....11.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....520.....172.50
.....3.....Black-Str Pc.....418.....184.00
.....11.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....410.....170.00
Jb Cattle Company, Plevna MT.....76.....Black-Hfr Pc.....513.....153.75
.....23.....Black-Hfr Pc.....412.....172.00
.....18.....Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....427.....189.00
FarOn E & Sheryl A Morgan Re, Wright WY.....13.....Black-Str Pc.....645.....138.00
.....4.....Black-Hfr Pc.....584.....145.00
Douglas A Carr, Gillette WY.....12.....Red-Str Pc.....508.....167.50
.....4.....Red/Rwf-Str Pc.....431.....188.00
.....9.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....519.....171.00
Homer Or Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka MT.....44.....Black-Str Pc.....576.....158.00
.....21.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....486.....179.00
Consignment From MT.....24.....Black-Str Pc.....510.....177.00
.....14.....Black-Str Pc.....423.....190.00
.....54.....Black-Hfr Pc.....528.....152.50
.....32.....Black-Hfr Pc.....456.....160.00
Tom Andrews, Biddle MT.....15.....Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....393.....205.50
.....5.....Black-Str Pc.....501.....176.00
.....15.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....374.....170.00
Craig & Jewel Lambrecht, Bigfork MT.....21.....Black-Str Bt.....582.....155.50
.....19.....Black-Hfr Bt.....529.....147.00
Tom Wilson, Buffalo SD.....50.....Black-Hfr Pc.....455.....161.50
.....23.....Black-Hfr Pc.....370.....164.00
.....13.....Black-Str Pc.....511.....168.00
Bray Cattle Company, Kaycee WY.....10.....Black-Str Pc.....521.....176.50
.....32.....Black-Str Pc.....505.....176.50
.....17.....Black-Hfr Pc.....412.....171.50
.....4.....Black-Hfr Pc.....369.....145.00
Richard A Smith Ranch Llc, Redig SD.....21.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....534.....169.50
.....10.....Black-Hfr Pc.....515.....147.00
.....20.....Rwf/Hfr-Str Pc.....608.....152.00
Shawn Donahey, Newell SD.....15.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....588.....156.50
Eric & Andrea Thomas, Hulett WY.....21.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....537.....166.50
.....10.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....555.....148.50
Diamond Hook Ranch Inc, Ashland MT.....12.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....513.....183.50
.....26.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....482.....183.50
.....17.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....491.....156.00
Gabe Carroll, Ekalaka MT.....5.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....421.....183.00
.....12.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc.....538.....147.50
Tom D Trusler Jr., Ashland MT.....27.....Black-Str Bt.....531.....170.00
.....14.....Black-Str Bt.....412.....190.00
.....17.....Black-Hfr Bt.....466.....151.50
.....11.....Black-Hfr Bt.....373.....163.00
Darwin Or Kay Latham, Camp Crook SD.....3.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....510.....169.00
.....7.....Black-Hfr Pc.....386.....157.00
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche SD.....35.....Blk/Bwf-Str Pc.....380.....200.00

Pickrel Land & Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....11.....Red-Cow.....1386.....57.50
.....7.....Red/Rwf-Cow.....1364.....55.00
Carnie Ann Baier, Camp Crook SD.....5.....Black-Cow.....1329.....48.50
.....1.....Black-Hfr.....975.....75.00
Gosney Ranch, Kaycee WY.....13.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1377.....59.50
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1425.....52.00
.....1.....Bwf-Cow.....1430.....52.50
Dan Johnson, Forsyth MT.....9.....Black-Cow.....1244.....53.50
.....2.....Black-Cowette.....1100.....73.00
Sheridan & Belinda Burgess, Wyarno WY.....1.....Black-Cowette.....1000.....73.00
Victor Jones, Sundance WY.....1.....Black-Cow.....1425.....61.50
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1345.....63.00
.....2.....Black-Cowette.....930.....83.00
.....14.....Black-Cow.....1193.....55.50
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1570.....52.00
Graham Livestock Inc, Moorcroft WY.....8.....Black-Cow.....1447.....52.50
.....6.....Black-Cow.....1408.....53.00
.....1.....Black-Cow.....1630.....53.00
Pilster Ranch Inc, Alzada MT.....2.....Black-Cow.....1408.....51.50
Carl Or Jason King, Hammond MT.....5.....Black-Cow.....1133.....87.00
.....7.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1321.....58.00
.....4.....Black-Cow.....1456.....57.50
Todd Meccage, Baker MT.....15.....Black-Cow.....1462.....60.50
.....10.....Black-Cowette.....1250.....66.00
Raydelle Or Meria Sperle, Newell SD.....8.....Black-Cow.....1428.....57.00
.....12.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1207.....63.00
Neiman Cattle Co Llc, Alva WY.....7.....Black-Cow.....1212.....58.00
.....2.....Black-Cow.....1435.....49.50
.....1.....Black-Cowette.....825.....89.00
Tenadore Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT.....23.....Blk/Bwf-Hfr.....924.....89.00
.....17.....Blk/Bwf-Cowette.....1044.....73.00
Shane & Marissa Sweet, Newcastle WY.....22.....Red/Rwf-Cow.....1117.....61.50
.....6.....Red-Cow.....1310.....55.50
Mark & Mackenzie Oster, Buffalo SD.....2.....Black-Cow.....1350.....52.50
Johnson Ranch Lp, Buffalo SD.....7.....Rd/Blk-Cow.....1371.....54.50
.....9.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1294.....52.50
Sully & Debbie Simons, Beulah WY.....6.....Black-Cowette.....1070.....70.50
Bryan Tarter, Ashland MT.....10.....Black-Cowette.....1018.....72.00
.....6.....Black-Cow.....1218.....54.00
.....13.....Black-Cow.....1024.....47.50
Pilster Ranch Inc, Alzada MT.....5.....Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1347.....56.50
.....8.....Black-Cow.....1283.....53.50
.....2.....Black-Cow.....1460.....53.00
Tom Giacometto, Broadus MT.....18.....Red-Cowette.....1004.....75.00
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PC, weaned
Lyle Carroll-WY
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425-525#
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Darrell Stockert-SD
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Love, Peace and Joy, with a Little Percussion

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NEWELL – With the advent of a new band and choir teacher in the Newell school district, comes the opportunity to add some new perspective and quite a few new instruments as well. Jennifer Stomprud and children performed their very first concert together, following this musician taking over the reins. She titled the concert, Love, Peace and Joy. And then added a little percussion.

She added some new and unique instrumental sounds at the Elementary Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 3, in Austin Auditorium. There were around 130 in attendance to listen to kindergarten through fifth grade since, clap, and make interesting music on some instruments not seen yet at a Newell school concert.

The evening’s entertainment began with the fifth-grade band playing Good King Wenceslas and Dreydl, Dredl, Dreydl. For a small group they made a big noise.

Kindergarten sang an old familiar favorite, Twinkle, Twinkle, utilizing an instrument called Contra Bass Bars. They also performed Santa Claus is Coming to Town.

First grade gave a new twist to Jingle Bell Rock with a combined sleigh-bell shake and a thump on a Conga Drum. This group also presented a softer sound titled While By My Sheep.

Second grade also followed the first-grade lead using the Conga Drums and sleigh bells on their songs, Here Comes Santa Claus, with Zane Johnson playing the part of Santa, popping up at various times. They also shared This Little Light of Mine.

Lucille Ahart made a really special Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, complete with a light-up nose, on the Third Grade’s presentation of the song by the same name. They also used Orff Instruments, for the song O Christmas Tree. The Orff Schulwerk, or simply the Orff Approach, is a developmental approach used in music education. It combines music, movement, drama, and speech into lessons that are similar to child’s world of play. It was developed by the German composer Carl Orff and colleague Gunild Keetman during the 1920s.

It was finally time for the fourth grade and their rendition of the old, familiar favorite, Silent Night. They wrapped up their portion of the concert with an instrumental piece, using all



Zane Johnson, played a pretty great Santa Claus in a sea of percussion called Contra Bass Bars. Brunner photo

Bringing Home the Hardware



FIRST PLACE - The Newell 6th/7th grade girls basketball team brought home some 1st place hardware from the annual Cartwright tournament in Lead-Deadwood. They are coached by Emylee Hency and Kecia Miller. - Courtesy photo

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NEWELL – The days before the holiday break are dwindling down, but the school is still going full-force. With girls’ basketball practice starting and wrestling going, it’s going to be a busy few weeks.

Congrats to the following female athletes on their selection to the 2020 All-conference volleyball teams for the Little Moreau Conference. Kayden Steel was named to the 1st team, and Sydnee Kjellson and Taylor Gaer to the 2nd team.

Congratulations also go out to Neuly Mahaffey, Chase VanDerBoom, Caleb McGregor and Orin Bender on being selected to the All-conference football team for the Little Moreau.

The wrestlers had a great meet this past weekend in Custer,

types of percussion instruments on Terpak, from the Nutcracker.

Once more it was time for all the fifth grade to entertain. They did a wonderful job on Carol of the Bells, using small, varying tone bells and boomwhackers, which are lightweight, hollow, color-coded, plastic tubes, tuned to a musical pitch by length. Boomwhackers are used as musical instruments in the percussion family and were first

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even though no fans were allowed to attend. VanDerBoom placed second, Garrett Winkler placed fourth, and McGregor placed second. The event was broadcast on custer.liveticket.tv or Custer Wildcats on YouTube.

And speaking of wrestlers, a former NHS wrestler and graduate, Dylan VanDerBoom, has taken on the task of head wrestling



coach. VanDerBoom has a small team, but in a recent Black Hills TV interview he said, “It’s a small team, a young team, but we’ll see what we can do.” The other members of the team include Charlie Clements, Blaise McGregor and Chase Johnston.

VanDerBoom wrestled at Newell, graduating in 2017, and he went to the state tournament

three times. He stood on the podium in a seventh-place finish there in his junior year.

The Newell sixth- and seventh-grade girls headed to their first tournament, the Cartwright in Lead-Deadwood and came away with the first-place hardware. These girls work well as a team and are doing well. They are coached by Emylee Hency and Kecia Miller.

October Students of the Month were named at the

School Roundup C2



Three Newell wrestlers placed at the Custer tournament on Friday. From left: Caleb McGregor placed second, Chase VanDerBoom placed second and Garrett Winkler placed fourth. - Courtesy photo

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- Mentored youth deer hunts on the Erk Ranch north of Newell. Four separate non-guided hunts being offered for two boys and two girls. Hunt in the shadow of majestic Castle Rock Butte. October dates only. For more information call 605-391-9299.
- Lamb donated by Waylon and LeaAnn Strohschein. Processing donated by Integrity Meats of Belle Fourche, SD.

Offering the following hunts again this year:

- 2-Day guided deer hunt for white tail or mule deer on the Erk Ranch north of Newell, SD. Dining and lodging will be available at the Newell Hotel if needed. For more information call Mark Erk at 605-391-9299.
- 2-Day Guided Antelope hunt on the Smeenk Ranch north of Newell, SD. For more information call Jim or Jean Smeenk at 605-748-2449
- Auction will also include Decorated Trees, Decorated Wreaths, Outside Lighted Christmas Decorations and numerous other auction items.

Food donations will still be accepted for Newell Food Pantry. Drop off donations at First National Bank at 217 Girard.



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.
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From C1 School Roundup

at the Newell school. They include: high school-Eli Myers, middle school-Kianna Miller, elementary 3-5-Alex Yates, and elementary Pre-K-2-Caitlyn Rans.

The school has put up a snowman at the school in a corner of the lunchroom, where those who wish to donate mittens, scarves, winter accessories, can do so. This was the brainstorm of Patty Karas who lined it up. Dollar General and Lisa Wonderly, who runs her own

business, Creative Ripplies, helped by donating several items. You can find more info about Lisa at facebook.com/creativeripplesbylisa. If you'd like to donate please take your items to the middle school office.



Newell students of the month for October include: high school-Eli Myers, middle school-Kianna Miller, elementary 3-5-Alex Yates, and elementary Pre-K-2-Caitlyn Rans. - *Courtesy photo*



(Above Left) A brainstorm by Patty Karas brought this beautiful tree, decorated with mittens from Dollar General and Creative Ripplies by Lisa Wonderly to a corner of the Newell multipurpose room. If you'd like to gift a pair of mittens, a scarf or some other cold weather accessory, please bring to the Newell middle school office. (Above right) Dylan VanDerBoom, NHS grad and former Newell wrestler, has been named the new head wrestling coach for the season. He was interviewed this week on Black Hills TV. - *Courtesy photos*



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School Menu Dec. 9 - Dec. 16

Wed. December 9

Breakfast: PIZZA BAGEL OR CEREAL / FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE / MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN ALFREDO / WHOLE GRAIN PASTA / BROCCOLI / MIXED FRUIT / FRESH FRUIT / MILK

Thurs. December 10

Breakfast: WAFFLE STICKS OR CEREAL / FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE / MILK

Lunch: QUESADILLA / MIXED VEGETABLES ' PEARS FRESH FRUIT / MILK

Mon. December 14

Breakfast: BREAKFAST BITES OR CEREAL / FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE / MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN PARMESAN / WHOLE GRAIN PASTA / PEAS / APRICOTS / FRESH FRUIT / MILK

Tues. December 15

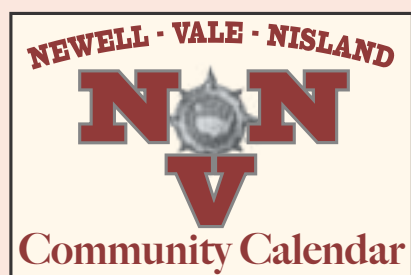
Breakfast: MUFFINS OR CEREAL / FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE / MILK

Lunch: FINGER STEAKS / BEETS APPLESAUCE / FRESH FRUIT / MILK

Wed. December 16

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

Lunch: WALKING TACOS / WHOLE GRAIN CHIPS / REFRIED BEANS / PINEAPPLE / FRESH FRUIT / MILK



Dec. 10: MSGBB with Douglas, 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 11: HSWR-Lusk Tourney, all day; GBB/BBB at Harding County, 3 p.m.

Dec. 12: ACT Test-all day, GBB/BBB at Bison, 1 p.m.

Dec. 12: Santa Claus day at Newell city hall. Santa will be on the big red fire truck handing out goodies. They will still be having the BIG BIKE GIVEAWAY! 10-11 a.m. in front of the hall. No indoor activities this year.

Dec. 13: Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Get-together. 4:30 p.m. Newell South Park Shelter. Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Caroling, Goodies. Marshmallow roasting. Hosted by the Leo Club.

Dec. 14: Newell school board meeting in multi-purpose room, 6 p.m.; Newell city commission meeting in city admin offices, 6 p.m.

Dec. 15: GBB/BBB - Lead JV & V (H) 3 p.m.

Dec. 17: HSWT Douglas Quad (A), 3 p.m.

Dec. 18: No school; BBB/BBB-Tiospaye Topa JV & V (H); NVN Food Pantry Carmel Roll Fundraiser, 9 a.m. at Dakota Life Christian Center, 321 Fisk. To pre-order or if you have any questions please call Pat Lee at 605-456-2615, Betty Kozur-Baker at 605-456-2956 or Sabrina Harmon at 605-381-9136. \$2.50 each or can order by the dozen.

Dec. 19: 8th GBB - Newell Tourney (H) 9 a.m.; HSWR - Hot Springs Tourney (A), 9 a.m.; 7th GBB - Hill City Tourney (A) 9 a.m.

Dec. 21: GBB/BBB-Lemmon JV & V (H), 3 p.m.

Dec. 23-Dec. through Jan. 3, 2021 NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve service at Nisland Independent Community Church, 5 p.m.

Dec. 30: GBB-Big Sioux Classic @ Wolsey TBA



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Then and Now *in Newell*

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

December 8, 1910
Peter Laitala, the Horse Creek merchant, informs us that the stage from Orman to Horse Creek is going to be discontinued and a route from Horse Creek to Newell established. The mail will leave Horse Creek about noon every alternate day and leave Newell after the train arrives from the east. This will give Indian Creek and Horse Creek people first class mail service and enable the Irrigator to reach them from 1 to 2 days earlier.

Make these long evenings pleasant for all the family, get an Edison Phonograph at the Wide-Awake. They make an excellent Christmas present for your wife.

Since last week about a dozen shacks have gone up, mostly living rooms. Because men, as well as laborers are putting up temporary buildings so that their family can be with them. Had the Government sold residential lots this fall, a large number of substantial residences would have gone up this winter. Several however, are putting residences on the townsite and taking chances of having Uncle Sam torn down and put them off. Among them are G.E. Brandner, T.J. Whordall and H.S. Sprague.

December 16, 1920
At the meeting of the American Legion Tuesday night it was decided that the local Post should sponsor a basketball team. The local post contains several men who have played college ball and if they can be prevailed upon to don the jerseys and cushion soles again there is no reason why the local Post cannot turn out a quintet of “go-getters”.

A lonely homesteader man made a vain attempt at suicide because he couldn’t find a wife.



The Chicago & NW railway depot located on the NE edge of Newell. Photo taken probably prior to 1920.

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It was another nice warm week with temperatures in the fifties most days. It sure doesn’t feel like Christmas yet, but it sounds like it’s going to get colder soon.

Taz went up to Reeder to help Sage with another roofing project on Monday. I took advantage of the 53 degree weather to take a long walk up to the top of Deadman Butte west of our place. Deadman was given that name because it looks like a dead man lying in a casket with his hands across his chest. Every time I walk up Deadman I’m reminded of the time that Bryce and I ended a long walk through the west pasture on top of the butte when Bryce was just a young girl. You can see for miles from the top of Deadman and I was showing her all the places you can see from there when I stepped back into a hole where a half-eaten deer carcass was buried! A mountain lion is the only predator that buries its prey and knowing that one of those large cats was somewhere around here terrified me. We took the shortest way home from the top of the butte and I kept an eye over my shoulder until we were safely back home. We quit taking long hikes around the pastures for quite a while after that!

Taz went up to help Sage again Tuesday morning and Casey and Missy went to Buffalo that afternoon for the Harding County Middle School Round Robin wrestling tournament.

Missy left for Dickinson really early Wednesday morning to take care of Lanie’s kids while Lanie was at work. Taz stayed



home because Sage had gone to Rapid City for an eye appointment. I went to Buffalo that evening to take the self-defense class but found out it had been canceled when I got to town.

Missy and Amanda and the kids went to Buffalo on Thursday to have Kami Jenson cut their hair and Taz went up to help Sage again. They all got home in time to watch the first performance of the National Finals Rodeo that evening. Nevada canceled the rodeo that has been held in Las Vegas for several years, so the NFR was moved to Arlington, Texas. That was a good move! The rodeo comes on at 6pm instead of having to stay up way past our bedtime to watch it. There are several Dakota cowboys and cowgirls to watch and Friday night South Dakota’s Gov. Kristi Noem rode into the area carrying the flag for the Grand Entry! Watching the NFR is sure different from watching other professional sports. It begins with a prayer and the National Anthem, they honor the flag and our country, and if anyone takes a knee it’s because they’re praying!

There were four more deaths to report. Charlotte (Quamme) Meschke, 68, of Mankato, Minnesota and formerly from Hettinger, passed away Monday, November 23. Her memorial service was Sunday, November 29 in Mankato with interment in the Richland Cemetery in Adams County, ND.

LeRoy Spoering, 94, long time Perkins County rancher passed away at his home near Prairie City on Thursday. His graveside committal service was Monday afternoon at the Prairie City Cemetery.

Lloyd Dale, age 82 of Lemmon, passed away on Friday at Sanford Health in Bismarck.

Kelvin Englehart, age 66 of Meadow, passed away on Saturday at Sanford Health in Bismarck. Kelvin will be buried next to his folks at the Bison Cemetery.

Patsy Wilkinson is a great grandma again! Kyle and Brittany Wilkinson had a baby girl on Thursday. Her name is Harper Lin and she arrived weighing 8lbs 6oz and is 20 1/4 inches long. Harper joins a big sister Hailey.

Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to the tournament in Custer on Friday. It is usually a two day tournament but this year it was only one day because of the pandemic. Taz was helping Sage the roofing project that day in spite of the nasty wind.

The Borderline Singers had the Sing Along at Holland Center Saturday evening and that was really entertaining. Those guys are terrific singers.

The Christmas Tea was Sunday afternoon at Slim Buttes Lutheran with a lot of ladies attending. We really enjoyed ourselves!

With the NFR in Texas I’ll leave you with this cowboy joke:

This cowboy rides into town one day and stops at the saloon for a drink.

The locals in the saloon have a nasty habit of picking on strangers, which of course the cowboy was.

After he finishes his drink, the cowboy goes outside only to find his horse has been stolen. So he goes back into the bar, flips his gun into the air, catches it over his head without looking and finally fires a shot into the ceiling.

He then angrily yells, “Which

Grand River C4



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then ‘n’ Now in Newell

ing and conducting community rabbit hunts; it was announced this week by A.L. Ford, state Director. In previous years the many community hunts sponsored by various local organizations have proved very beneficial to the Forest Service in its rodent control program. Last year a total of 250 hunts, covering 1,650,000 acres were held in co-operation with this agency and more than 16,000 people participated in the hunts bagging a total of 60,000 rabbits.

With a number of cattle and livestock losses reported the past week as probable “rustling” cases, it is suggested at this time that all possible precautions be taken by stockmen and others especially in view of present cattle prices holding tempting values. It is well to maintain herders constantly and to keep stock corralled when not watched and to report all losses and possible clues promptly to law enforcement officers. Neither should inspectors be lax in their duties. Both stockmen and poultry raisers may be victims at this time of the year of “meanest” thieves and such marauders, when caught, should be handed the stiffest kind of penalties.

December 21, 1950
Cliff Stromer, who has been employed as a barber at Shorty (E.J.) Erdman’s Barber Shop for about 2 years, recently completed a deal for purchase of the business. Erdman has been in the business here for about 10 years and about 2 weeks ago purchased the Corner Café. Stromer is well known



The scene prior to a “Rabbit Hunt”. The rabbits are in the distance and barely visible

over the west river territory, having previously engaged in the barber business at Eagle Butte, Dupree, Faith and Sturgis before coming to Newell.

Organization of South Dakota’s Civil Defense program has been completed and training programs and surveys necessary for meeting any type of emergency are in progress, Defense Director R.P. Harmon reported this week. Radiological detection schools have been held for chemistry instructors from 10 colleges, members of State Motor Patrol, Game Wardens, Fire Departments and an Agent from the Attorney General’s office. A state wide forest fire fighting equipment and a blood bank plan will be ready soon as a doctor’s and nurse’s organization is completed. All departments are asked to bring their units up to full strength and to recruit new members. Only 10 county seat towns in the state have not appointed a director for Civil Defense.

A special meeting for further consideration of a new artesian well to be held January 4th was planned at a meeting of the Vale Community Club last Wednesday evening. A well driller and a geologist from the School of Mines will be present to discuss the new well which would be a club project. Stanley Lyman presided at the business meeting, at which it was voted to donate funds for candy for

the Empire and Vale School Christmas programs. Members voted to sponsor a benefit dance for the Fred Scholl family. Also discussed were the proposed skating rink and the problem of title to the cemetery plots. A delicious lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

December 15, 1960
The Newell Cribbage club gathered at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Erickson on Sunday evening for their annual Christmas party. Mr. & Mrs. Fogelberg, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Bonestell and Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Williamson were entertained with an elegant dinner and a table decorated in the Christmas theme, followed by cribbage in play.

Newell Future Farmers of America (FFA) Sweetheart Ball Committee was appointed by President Mickey Irvin to be held February 17. Candidates will include any girl who is a junior or senior and lives on a farm or ranch. The local members of the FFA will select the sweetheart.

Carl Lukkes, Newell High School science instructor, was one of 5 West River teachers selected to attend the South Dakota Academy of Science at the School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City last Friday and Saturday. The Academy was sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

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This group finished the concert with a special version of The Little Drummer Boy.

Stomprud thanked guests for their attendance, and, although the concert was livestreamed on the Newell school network at NFHSNetwork.com, it looked like most of the parents and grandparents showed up in person.

She also made an announcement that the music department is seeking to purchase a number of Ukulele's.

“We'd love for you to participate in a fundraiser to purchase quite a few ukulele's,” said Stomprud. She said they hope to purchase at least 20 starter kits for third and fourth grade students that they can share. A form has gone home with students, but the instructor opened the opportunity up to the general public.

“We can even put a plaque on in memory of someone and that information will be shared with the students,” she said. The starter kits are \$56 each and come from Kala Brand Music Company. They include a soprano ukulele, tuner, and bag.

Sponsors will be recognized on the school website, social media pages, and at concerts when the ukuleles are used. Placards will be mounted on the instruments that are donated in honor or memory of someone special.

Stomprud first learned to play ukulele in Hawaii, where she grew up. She would like to provide that same opportunity to her students. You can find more information on the school webpage through a Google Doc registration form, or you can contact the school. The link is below.
<https://bit.ly/3ot4zCz>



(Top Left) Newell's fifth-grade music class shared the Carol of the Bells instrumentally with bells and boomwhackers. It was a delight. (Top Right) Lucille Ahart made a great Rudolph, complete with lighted nose during the third-grade's rendition of the song by the same name. (Above) A crowd of 130+ gathered to listen to the musicality of the elementary music students on Thursday night in Newell. - Brunner photos

Solutions to Puzzles on D4

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PERFECT SOLUTION: There are many made to help, but only if the therapist is there with it. — Author Unknown



Answer to Sudoku

4	2	6	8	3	7	5	9	1
8	3	9	4	5	1	2	6	7
1	7	5	6	2	9	8	4	3
9	4	3	2	1	8	7	5	6
7	6	8	3	4	5	9	1	2
5	1	2	7	9	6	4	3	8
2	5	1	9	8	3	6	7	4
6	9	4	1	7	2	3	8	5
3	8	7	5	6	4	1	2	9

From C3
Grand River
one of you fools stole my horse?"

There's a silence as no one answers, so the cowboy yells even more angrily, "Alright, I'm gonna have one more beer, and if my horse ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I did in Texas! And let me tell you I don't like to have to do what I did in Texas!"

Some of the locals shift nervously in their seats.

The cowboy has another beer as he said he would and then walks outside. His horse has been returned and tied to the post where he originally left it.

So the cowboy saddles up and starts to ride out of town. As he does so, the bartender walks out of the bar and asks him, "Say pardner, before you go... what happened in Texas?"

The cowboy turns to him and says, "I had to walk home."

Butte County Shooting Sports Kids Lay Wreaths

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BELLE FOURCHE – “We first started seven or eight years ago,” said Christy Frerichs, one of the parents who helped supervise the Butte County Shooting Sports kids laid wreaths at the National Cemetery in Sturgis. “Usually laying Wreaths Across America comes next weekend.”

Each family or group gets a handful of wreaths and cards with names and stone ID numbers and they go lay them. “This year we started out with 14, but our club leader found 60 more, so about six families joined in and helped lay those after they had placed their own.”

Frerichs said there weren't as many helping years ago, so it would take most of a morning. Now, with so many young people coming to help out, it only takes about an hour.

“I think it is a great way to teach kids respect for those who fought for this country, and also about how the cemetery system works. I didn't know until I

started doing this that each headstone is marked with an ID number.”

The group met at the National Cemetery on Saturday, December 5. The event is a fundraiser for various 4H and Scout Troops in the hills. They sell wreaths that people can buy for themselves to lay on a grave that they choose. Or the people purchasing the wreaths can choose a grave at the Black Hills National Cemetery and the group will lay the wreath on a grave the purchaser chooses.

The kids start selling wreaths the first week of October and have everything turned in my October 31.

“It always seems rushed,” said Frerichs. She said the kids are truly busy running around selling wreaths. This year the Butte County Shooting Sports Club sold over 700 wreaths, with around 50 kids and parents helping to lay the wreaths on Saturday.

Some of the kids, like two daughters of Courtney and Tommy Barrera of Newell, laid a wreath on their grandfather's grave in the National Cemetery.



The daughters of Tommy and Courtney Barrera laid a wreath on the grave of their grandfather during the annual Butte County Shooting Sports wreath laying at the National Cemetery. - Courtesy photo

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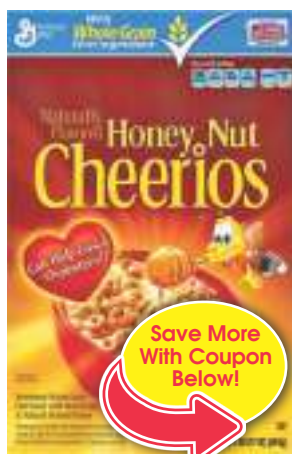
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