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### Belle Fourche, SD Wednesday, December 8, 2021

## 1st Annual Community Christmas Program "The Christmas Belle"



A wide array of gifted and talented performers got the season off on a wonderful note Saturday night at St. James Lutheran Church that provide a holiday backdrop and pleasing acoustics for the first annual Belle Fourche Community Christmas program, "The Christmas Belle". The BFHS Fine Arts Boosters sponsored event showcased a variety of performances. (Clock wise from upper left are some of the performers): **Kim Bachman** performed "That's What Christmas Is"; **The St. James Lutheran Women's Ensemble** sang "Mary Did You Know"; **Alexis Jewett** recited "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening"; **Iva Hale & Sonia Cooper** presented "Auld Lang Syne"; Veteran radio personality **Jim Thompson** with **Rick McBride** on guitar recited "The Man & the Birds"; **Sophia & Timothy Thompson** as violin trio performed "The Holly & the Ivy" & "O Christmas Tree"; **Nathan Schreier** led an audience participation of "The 12 Days of Christmas"; **The Thompson Family: Sharon, Sophia, Timothy, & Nathan** family performed A cappella "White Winter Hymnal"; **Dick Holdhusen** sang and played "Hallelujah" with Christmas Story Lyrics; and the MOH Reader's Theatre, consisting of **Bobbe Ward, Charlotte Fladmoe, Dennis Walkins, Jean Claire Hamblin, Jim Hoff, Julie Watkins, Pat Brady, Pat Rogge, and Wilbur Newland presented "12 Days of Stressmas" and "Christmas Greetings". Also performing, but not pictured were: <b>Veronica Moore**, piano "What Child Is This"; **Killian Mechaley** piano "Christmas is Coming"; **Alanah Pomrenke** piano "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"; **Lucy Cole** piano "O Holy Night"; and in closing an audience Sing-Along with **Angela Hastings & Lucy Cole** of "Have Your-self a Merry Little Christmas". Free will donations of over \$300 for the evening were for the benefit of Student Fine Arts Programs. *Beacon Photos* 

### BH Roundup Wins Rodeo of the Year for 4th Year

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news@bellefourchebeacon.com If the third time was a charm, the fourth time is flat-out fantastic, according to Black Hills Roundup Chairman Keith Anderson. The Belle Fourche community's signature 4th of July event was just named the PRCA medium outdoor rodeo of the year for the fourth straight year. The award was handed out in Las Vegas during the PRCA's annual awards banquet at the South Point Hotel's grand ballroom.

Winning the award in and of itself is a huge achievement. But when you consider the Roundup is able to favorably impress the contestants, officials and contractors enough during the PRCA's busiest weekend of the year to gather ample votes to win in December – that's simply remarkable. Few, if any, rodeo committees can go from one "Cowboy Christmas" to the other with similar success. And to do it four years in a row is a triumph that any rodeo-loving western community would covet.

"As always I was nervous heading into the banquet," said Keith Anderson, Chairman of the Roundup Committee. "There are so many good talk" with officials from the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo who also expressed their congratulations.

"It's pretty awesome when folks like that come up and shake your hand and tell you that you did a good job," Anderson told the Beacon. "To have that caliber of rodeos notice what you're doing is a great feeling and good for the community."

Even top specialty acts and rodeo performers are now approaching the Black Hills Roundup to be a part of the event in the future. "It's kind of funny. Now we are on a lot of those guy's bucket lists," he said. "The rodeo is a century old and getting a lot of recognition so a lot of them want to work it so they can say they've been there." Since the announcement of the award last week the Roundup has seen a bump in ticket sales. Last year's attendance approached what the event used to see in the 1940's. And with the fireworks, cattle drive, carnival, concerts and huge holiday parade the city of Belle Fourche is becoming a 4th of July weekend destination for a lot of rodeo fans and tourists. "Oh, absolutely," said Belle Fourche Mayor Randy Schmidt. "A lot of people like to come out to the Black Hills during that time but knowing there's a four-time rodeo of the year certainly draws folks in. They're looking to have a good time and see a good show. I think it speaks well for the committee, volunteers and Roundup B 5

### A Parade to Cheer For!

MICHAELA HALLAM Special to the Beacon The week went by in a flash. So much preparation has gone into this trip and now it is over. Our adventure started early on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Over our Minneapolis layover, the girls tried to catch up on much-needed sleep. Upon our arrival to the Big Apple, we were met by a Spirit of America (SOA) chaperone. They led us to a bus that took us to the hotel. Straight after check-in, without changing from their travel clothes, the girls went right into rehearsal for 4 hours.

Over the week, in between

Tuesday night was a big night for the cheerleaders. They had their NBC rehearsal in front of the cameras. This is a night when all the performers rehearse. All big-name performers were being secretly shuttled around them. Lacey and I were able to attend the rehearsal and help the 600 girls navigate on and off the subway. SOA did a fantastic job coordinating this. At every turn, they had staff with flags waving the cheerleaders in the right direction. Our three Belle girls stayed close to their chaperone Pete when moving about the city.

\$1.00

The morning was exciting and very exhausting. We started the day with hair and makeup at 5am. (That is 3am Belle Fourche time.) Once they were dressed and out the door, the girls were shuttled to the parade lineup. There they stood in line for 3 hours waiting for the parade to start.



Chairman Keith Anderson with the Roundup's Rodeo of the Year award Clay Guardipee Courtesy Photo

rodeos out there that are in your category, and nothing is a 'for sure' deal. But when they do call your name it's awesome and humbling to know that you did a good enough job that the contestants remembered, noticed and voted for you."

With the recognition the rodeo has received over the past four years attendance has been up and more people within the nation-wide rodeo community are taking notice of Belle Fourche. It's something Anderson personally experienced this year while in Las Vegas. Chad Matthews, Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo Chairman, personally congratulated the Roundup committee on their excellent work. Anderson also said they had kudos and a "nice rehearsals the girls were able to explore the city. Some of the highlights included taking a carriage ride through Central Park, seeing SIX on Broadway (With Michelle Obama in the audience with them), watching The Rockettes perform, shopping on 5th Avenue, and building a Build A Bear at FAO Schwarz.

Macy's Parade B5



Hailey Anderson, Ella Carlson, and Kiara Tingley in New York before the start of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. *Courtesy Photo* 

## "Feeder Flash" at St. Onge Livestock

Corbitt Wall of DV Auction's Feeder Flash at the Cattle Market Power Hour will be at St. Onge Livestock on December 10, 6-8 pm.

It is the kick-off event for the 2021 United States Cattleman's Association Annual Meeting being held in Spearfish at the Spearfish Holiday Inn & Convention Center, December 10-11, 2021.

Justin Tupper, St. Onge Livestock Manager, is Vice-President of the organization.

Feeder Flash (nationalbeefwire.com) is the Latest Daily Cattle Market Commentary from Corbitt Wall. Discusses Cattle Market Trends, Cattle Prices, and News Affecting the Industry.

Be at the Cattle Market Power Hour at St. Onge Livestock Auction for an opportunity to meet USCA members from across the United States while participating in a dynamic discussion on the future and fate of the U.S. cattle industry.



Beef supper will be included - families are encouraged to attend! Children under 12 are welcome to join us free of charge with their parents or guardians.

Live auction to benefit USCA work on Capitol Hill will follow the evening's programming.

Must be registered to attend. Register at https://cattlemensmeeting.square.site/

**Policymaking In Progress** 

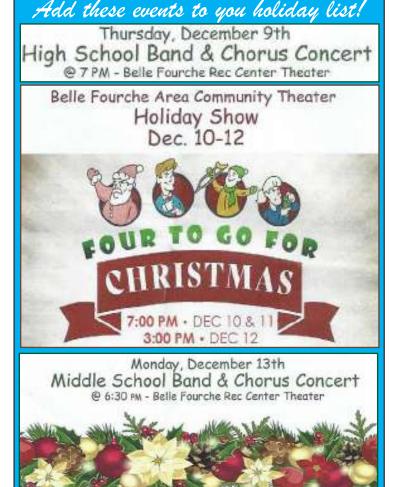
The USCA Annual Meeting brings our nationwide membership together to discuss the past year's successes and their priorities for the year ahead.

Producers from across the U.S. will meet to discuss policy resolutions, nominate regional Board of Directors candidates, and hear updates on USCA's actions and work over the past year.

USCA's member-driven policy and structure depends on the engagement and work of its members, which are discussed and voted on at this year-end meeting.

Schedule: Friday, December 10, 6pm - 8pm: Cattle Market Power Hour at St. Onge Livestock Auction.

Saturday, December 11 8am - 4pm: Annual Meeting of Members.



### Belle Fourche Beacon

### **Obituaries**

Nino was preceded in death by his father,

his mother, Oralia Garduna Ager; one sister,

Rosie Tate and two brothers Alfred and Arthur

Garduna. He is also survived by two daughter

son, Ian Garduna; 4 grandchildren; and many other

Nino was a simple man, kind and genuine, with a

great love for his faith, children, grandchildren, family

Nika Garduna and Blanca Garduna and one

beloved family and friends.

Bernadino D. Garduna. He is survived by

Belle Fourche.

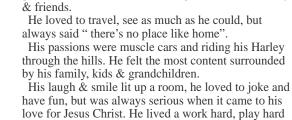
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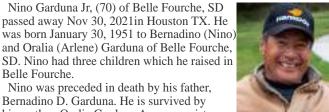








#### Nino Garduna Jr. 70 Nino Garduna Jr, (70) of Belle Fourche, SD



Throughout Nino's life, he worked extremely hard in his jobs from sheep shearing, over the road trucking and hauling logs in the Black Hills. He was well known for his many years in the logging community and had friends as far as he traveled and especially his home in Belle Fourche.

He will forever be loved and forever missed. This isn't "goodbye", it's "I'll see you soon." Descansas en paz.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 11 at 11:00 am at the Belle Fourche REC Center Auditorium with the Reverend Paul Howard and Pastor Stephen Carson officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

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

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



### Brenda Westers 55

Brenda Westers, age 55 of Buffalo, died Thursday, December 2, 2021 at her home, as a result of a tragic house fire.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 A.M. Friday, December 10, 2021 at the Old Harding County High School Gymnasium in Buffalo. Inurnment will take place at a later date, at Buffalo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to assist Brenda's children and grandson.

Brenda LeAnn Westers was born June 29, 1966 in Buffalo. She was the daughter of Norman and Vonda (Loof) Westers. Brenda grew up on the family ranch in Harding County and graduated from Harding County High School in 1984. After high school she moved to Rapid City where she worked at several places, including the Big Boy Restaurant, Holiday Inn and the Alex Johnson hotels. While living there,



she became friends with many people in the local music and skate scenes. In 2006 she moved back to Buffalo. Many people were accustomed to seeing her at the Number 3 Saloon where she worked over the past 13 years. Brenda loved her customers there, and she was dedicated to her work. Brenda was a free-spirited woman who loved animals and nature. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

Brenda is survived by her son, Brandon Wright of Buffalo; daughter, Amanda Wright of Portland OR; grandson, Elijah Caponigro-Wright; father, Norman (Eileen) Westers of Buffalo; sisters, Rhonda Westers of Chicago IL, D.J. Russell of Box Elder; brother, Tory (Deanne Witf) Westers of Buffalo.

Belle Fourche to be close to her daughter.

Arthur Jones of Belle Fourche.

Archie, Paul, and Harold Hunt.

Shirley is survived by her son, Vernon Morrow

of Shellsburg IA; 5 grandchildren; several great

grandchildren; sisters, Martha Santee of Perry

IA, Violet Colgrove of Visalia CA; son-in-law,

She was preceded in death by her parents;

husband, LaVern Freddie Morrow; daughters,

Nadine Jones, Roxanne Arnold; sisters, Esther

Clark, Dorothy Johnson; and brothers, Charles,

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

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### **Shirley Morrow 86**

Shirley Morrow, age 86 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Judy's Assisted Living Center in Belle Fourche. Shirley will be laid to rest beside her husband, in Mount Clark Cemetery, in Central

City, Iowa. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Shirley Mae Hunt was born March 2, 1935 in Ottumwa, Iowa. She was the daughter of Harve and Rosetta (Demmit) Hunt. Shirley was united in marriage to Freddie Morrow in 1953. For the past several years, after Freddie's death, Shirley has lived in

# **Pastor's Perspective**

There have always been people who have believed that one day the world will become a good place when all the people get together and are kind to each other.

They believe that the goodness of human nature will bring this about. They have a vision of world unity where all the nations can demilitarize and there will be no more wars.

But the Bible says that man by nature

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Don McKillop, Trinity Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche "The Bible Is Full of Hope"

> As long as the world is in existence there will be wars and rumors of wars.

But we can thank God that what we are not able or willing to do, God can do. He has prepared an eternity in Heaven where all who go there will be made perfect without that sinful nature which causes so much trouble in the world. Rev. 21:3-4 says, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the



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and will never bring this about by himself. Jer-emiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"

In Matthew 15:19, Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." In John Lennon's song, "Imagine," some of the lyrics are, "Imagine there's no countries, It isn't hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for, And no religion too, Imagine all the people, Livin' life in peace, No need for greed or hunger, A brotherhood of man, Imagine all the people, Sharin' all the world." While those are some very nice thoughts, because of how evil the human heart is, it isn't going to happen in this world.

### Another Perspective "A Pilgrimage to Secure Boundaries"

Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you. (Genesis 13:14b-15, 17)

My visit to Israel at the end of 2002 marked the first time that I have ever referred to one of our trips to the Holy Land as a pilgrimage but it was just that a mandate from the Lord to go and pray in Israel. We were a group under God's hands, joining in prayer with multitudes also praying for the peace of Jerusalem. We knew somehow that our actions in the invisible realm were pivotal, invoking through prayer the rule of God Almighty. Never have I felt involved in a more significant venture. Believers and secular people alike in Israel were deeply moved by our visit.

We went with a sense of mission to exercise the practice of prophetic prayer, literally moving through the land to touch the North, South, East, and West. As a prayer team, we built altars at each of these boundaries of the nation, where we lifted up key issues to be proclaimed over the land. These are the same issues that need to be raised up over your life kingdom principles that apply to all of us.

In the South, we built the Altar of TRUTH (Psalm 119:165), praying that Israel will honor the Word; that the Word be made alive a veil removed to see more than words; to see truth: You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)

In the East, we built the Altar of LIFE (Ezekiel 37:9,14), praying that there would come an outpouring



tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning for the former things have passed away

The Bible is full of hope for those who put their trust in Jesus and trust that His death on the cross is the payment for all their sins. Paul wrote in Romans 8:1-2 "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

This Another Perspective is from the archives of Foursquare pastor Dr. Jack Hayford

> of the Spirit according to Zechariah 12:10: will pour on Israel the Spirit of grace and supplication, and they will look upon Me

whom they pierced. In the North, we built the Altar of WOR-SHIP (Zechariah 14:16-18), praying in intercession that all who worship the Lord now in spirit and in truth would become a token invoking further grace, including breaking the drought in this land.

In the West, we built the Altar of PRAISE (Psalm 113:1-3), praying praise to drive back the darkness; praise for what has begun; and praise that Israel's boundaries not only be secured but expanded in her mission to mankind.

I gained three convictions from this divinely appointed visit to Israel. First, the Spirit of prophecy is ready to come upon people who will rise in faith, obey with action, and work with discernment. Second, the Spirit of life is breathing with force ready to break down walls and bring salvation. Finally, the Spirit of harvest is calling for a cadre of prayer warriors who will resist the Adversary and contend for God's boundaries of intended blessing.

More than ever, there's reason for us as the people of the Lord to let our hearts be quickened with anticipation and stirred with a sense of accountable duty. We are called to occupy until Jesus comes, and that responsibility centers on intercessory prayer and a faithful life of service that shows the love of God in everything we do. As the world faces uncertainty, let us march forward in full confidence that He has called us to action in prayer that will result in the securing and expansion of boundaries of intended blessing in our world and in each of our lives

Isaíah 55:12 IFor you will go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy

before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.





George Wilson, owner of Cowboys Too!, presents a check for \$3,520 to the volunteer members of Chutes for Charity. The donation is the proceeds from the November 13 "When The Work is Done" event. The George Wilson created "Cowboy kickback and relax benefit event" with entertainment, fun, food, and dancing in the four years of it's existence has raised a total of \$13,734 for Chutes for Charity. - Michelle Evans Courtesy Photo

### Gingerbread Village at Tri-State Museum

See our Gingerbread Village! It's up all through the Christmas season!

A beautiful, festive display of "gingerbread" houses and buildings to brighten the holidays for

adults and children. PLUS:

Activity table with craft, coloring sheets, pop-up book to read, and a free take-home workbook.

Enter a drawing for the kids' book "The Secret of Gingerbread Village" Kids! Complete the Ginger-

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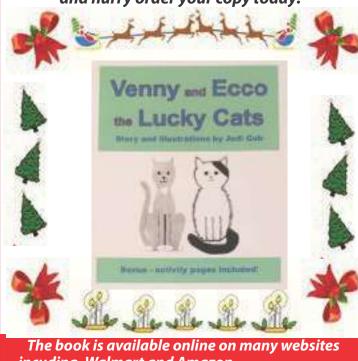
NehlDental.com Venny and Ecco the Lucky Cats South Dakota native, Jodi Gab, authored the children's

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book, Venny and Ecco the Lucky Cats.

It is about two cats being adopted in one home and, despite their differences, they love each other as brothers. She also designed the activity pages at the back of her

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day sweaters in the audience.

Tickets for the performances

Everyone in Christmas fashion can get an extra raffle ticket for the beautiful BFACT quilt. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20.

Anna Robinson will be playing Christmas carols at intermission for the Christmas show performances.

And don't forget to check out the BFACT Bake Sale - Their treats are legendary in the bake sale world!



These are some excellent elves who will be in ths weekends shows. Back row from left- Dew Drop (Kylie Bidwell), Elves (Ember Olson, Ryker Biggs) Santa Claus (Nathan Thompson), Elves (Gunner Olson-Patton, Hayden Kidd). Front row from left- Reindeer (Cade Pearson, Titus Thompson, Piper Davis) and Dew Drop (Talia Thompson). Courtesy photo





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### Broncs Girls and Boys Basketball Season Outlook

news@bellefourchebeacon.com The Belle Fourche Boys and Girls Basketball teams have been busy working out for the 2021-2022 season which will be prove to be an exciting and challenging road for both teams.

The Broncs girls are coming off a season which saw them win 18 games against 7 defeats and finished 8th place in the State A Tournament last March. Head Coach Bill Burr begins his 10th season at the helm of the girls program.

The Lady Broncs have a strong group of experienced players returning. The only senior on the team is 6 foot forward Kaylin Garza who has started the past two years and will be looked on as the leader for the Ladies. Joining her are an experienced and talented group of juniors all of which have seen starting or extensive play time over the past two years. Dylan Stedille and Chloe Crago will do most of the ball handling in the front court with Grace Clooten and Tia Williams providing strong inside play and rebounding. Returning 10th graders expected to step up and contribute for the Broncs are Sloan Young, Reese Larson, Anika Main, Mataya Ward and Sarah Juelfs. Newcomers to the varsity this year are a pair of juniors in Lila McCarty and Lexi Sheeler. The Broncs lost Bella Jensen, Jasmyn Jensen, Kylee Crago and Haley Wilbur to graduation. Coach Burr's outlook on the season: "We have a competitive group of girls that are close knit and play well together. The girls





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have some height and speed and we are looking forward to a fun season."

The Lady Broncs open the season at home on December 9th against defending State B Champs White River and travel the next night to take on the Spearfish Spartans on Friday the 10th.

Boys Head Coach Clay Pottorff, who is beginning his 7th year as the Broncs skipper is readying his team for their first game which will be at Spearfish on December 10th. Belle's home opener will be against the Sturgis Scoopers on December 14th The Broncs Boys have a good nucleus of players who have all had significant experience and production. The Broncs are led by 2 year starter senior Aiden Giffin. Aiden was the leading scorer from a year ago and is expected to provide steady leadership for the Broncs. Other seniors who saw plenty

of action last season are Gabe Heck, Ryker Audiss, and Cole Hockenbary. Three other seniors on the team are Devin Burns, Cayden Stores and Dalton Davis. Broncs junior Anthony Budmayr returns to the point guard position and will run the front court. Junior Anthony Staley is expected to contribute in the paint and on the boards for the Broncs. Lost to graduation from last year's team are Brextin Garza, Lan Fuhrer, Gage Kracht, Logan Goeders, and Blake Vissia.

Coach Pottorff's outlook on the season: "We have a good

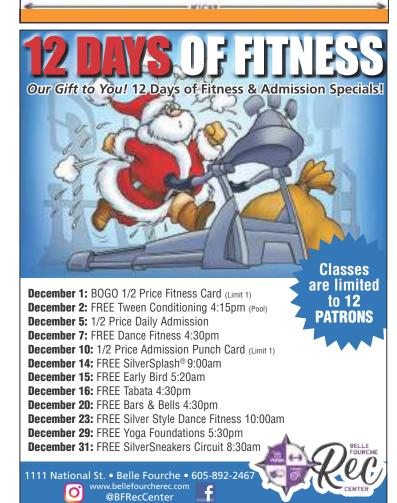








Season runs mid January-March. Team Fee \$250 -Make checks payable to "BFRC. Registrations available at the Rec or www.bellefourcherec.com Contact Tessa for more info @ 892-2467 or tessa@bellefourche.org



group of seniors this year who will provide the leadership and stability we need. We will have to be ready to bring our best game each night in order to break into the top tier in the Black Hills Conference which is loaded with good quality teams. We also get to head to east river to compete in the Redfield Invitational Tournament."

### **Bronc Wrestlers Get Season UnderWay**

The Bronc Wrestlers began the season by winning a home opening dual over the Douglas Patriots 51-21.

The team had dedicated the night to Senior D'Angelo Garduna's Grandfather Nino who passed away earlier in the week.

The Broncs had wins from Logan Tyndall, Cortez Rodriquez, Riley Dighton, Thomas McCoy, Caden Wolfe, Gunnar Gieb, Cade Bickerdyke, Brooks Clooten, and Shawn Wahfedlt.

The Bronc continued the week by finishing as the 3rd place team at Custer's Bill Young Invitational Friday and Saturday.

The Broncs had 11 wrestlers finish as place winners; 106# 3rd Place Logan Tyndall; 113# 2nd Place - D`Angelo Garduna; 120# 5th Place - Riley Dighton; Girls 126# 2nd Place - Alexa Swaney; 138# 5th Place - Owen Schreder; 145# 3rd Place -Thomas McCoy; 152# 5th Place - Cayden Wolfe; 195# 3rd Place - Cade Bickerdyke & 5th Place - Levi Melanson; 220# 3rd Place - Brooks Clooten; 285# 3rd Place - Sean Wahlfeldt.



Douglas Matches: D'Angelo Garduna (I) & Cortez Rodriquez (R) A Bickerdyke photos



The Bronc Wrestling squad poses after the tournament with their 3rd Place Award/ Audrey Bickerdyke Courtesy photo -more wrestling photos A6

### Belle Fourche School Menu

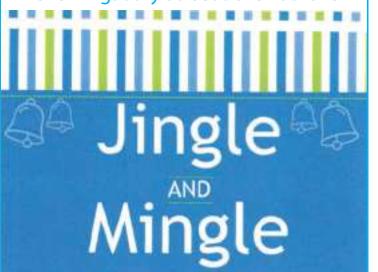
Wed, Dec 8th BRONC Breakfast: Breakfast: Glazed Donut Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Pizza Pasta Bake or Mini Corn Dog Fruit/Veggie/Milk Mon, December 13th **BRONC Breakfast:** Pancake Sausage Stick/Juice Fruit/Milk \*Cereal (K-4) Lunch: Cheeseburger or Hot Pepperoni Sub Fruit/Veggie/Milk Tues, December 14th BRONC Breakfast: Iced Long John Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Chili Cheese Fritos or Spicy Chicken Sandwich/Fruit/Veggie/Milk Wed, December 15th **BRONC Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks Iuice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Shredded BBQ Chicken Sandwich or Corn Dog/Fruit/Veggie/Milk





828 Kingsbury Street Belle Fourche

ship required. Neck,back,shoulder and foot massages are available for free to members from 13:00to 15:00 on Wednesdays. Heartland Home Health provides a monthly clinic for medical consultation,blood pressure and O2 checks. Toe nail clippings are offered once a month. Referral services are provided for individual needs. Grief support classes are also available as well as consulting and referral service for depression. Services are provided by professionals trained in the field. The center promotes SHINE, a advocate for medicare and medicare supplements. Any questions or difficulties you have with these programs will be addressed. We are here to help and look forward to doing so. We are located at 828 Kingsbury street,phone (605) 892-6285,web site is bellesilverlining.com. Give us a shout and check out our website.

















Garden Salad Garlic Knot Fruit	Roasted Reds Maque Choux (Corn) Peppermit Poke Cake	Maple Roasted Brussels Sprouts Roll Fruit	Veggie & Cheese Croissant Fruit Thumbprint Cookies	Veggies Cabbage or Saurkraut Roll Applesauce	Egg Salad Tomato Soup Cornbread Muffin Snowman Cookie	
ALL YOU <b>12</b> CAN EAT: Pancakes Sausage Sweet Potatoes Fruit Juice	Chicken <b>13</b> Alfredo Casserole Brussels Sprouts Garden Salad Breadsticks Fruit	Swiss Steak <b>14</b> Rice Green Beans or Cabbage Roll Rice Krispie Treat	Pulled Pork <b>15</b> Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw Fruit	Taco Salad <b>16</b> Tortilla Chips Fruit	Deluxe <b>17</b> Fish Sandwich OR Deluxe Cheeseburger Potato Salad Peas / Fruit Gingerbread Cookie	LUNCH SERVED 11 a.M. to 1 p.M. Menu Subject to Change





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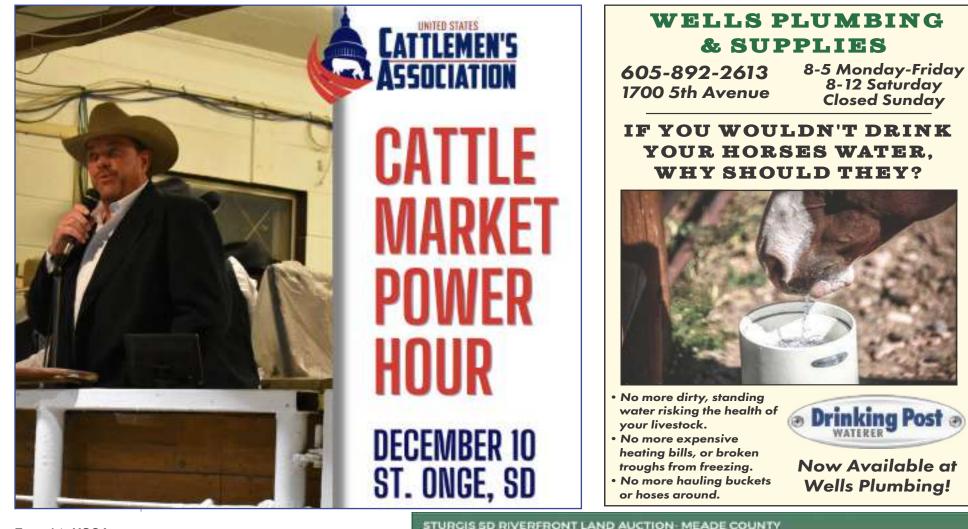
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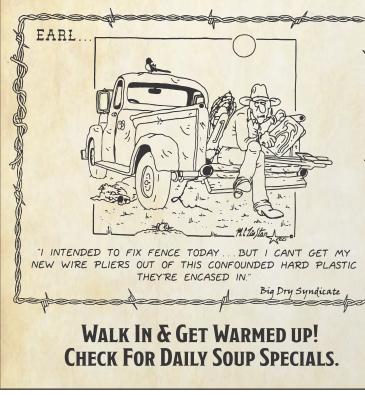






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Some time ago, my cousin Jake Lake sent me a piece that I thought was a great thought starter. Pastors and Sunday school teachers this might be good sermon or learning material eh"? Jake wrote it in 2006. Imagine how much more powerful in 2021

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What if we used it to receive messages from the

rses or What if we gave it to kids as a gift?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency? What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go: hmmm.... where is my Bible?

text?

it?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

This is not intended to make you feel guilty, just to get your mind working a bit. When moments like this come to me I remember what an old forester told me once about trees: The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is...Now. Good counsel. Go find your bible...Jim T



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### **Miss Rodeo America Crowned**

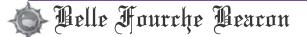


LAS VEGAS, NV - Hailey Frederiksen from Wellington, Colorado, was crowned Miss Rodeo America on Sunday.

She is the 23-year-old daughter of Trevin and Megan Frederiksen. Originally from Platteville, Colorado, she currently resides in the Centennial town of Wellington, Colorado. Growing up on her family's ranch as an only child, Hailey's strong passion for horses and the western way of life began at a very young age. Following in her mom's footsteps, she started entering barrel races at the age of two, which then led her to compete in local saddle clubs and jackpots across the state. When she wasn't in the saddle, she was an active member of 4-H, showing market and breeding swine for ten consecutive years.

First runner-up was Miss Rodeo Idaho, Nicole Jordan, second runner-up was Miss Rodeo Texas, Bobbi Loran, and third runner up was Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Joeli Walrath. Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Martina Loobey was one of the top ten finalist and recipient of the Horsemanship Award.

Fredriksen had the crowned passed to her from Jordan Tierney, Miss Rodeo South Dakota, who served for two terms due to the global pandemic. Tierney is from Oral, SD.



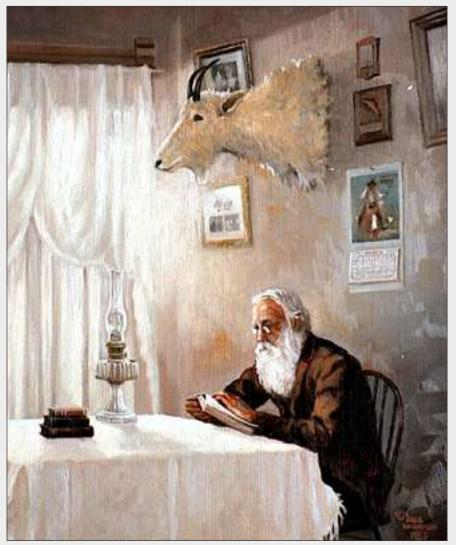
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Mick B. Harrison's Artists License

An old family photo helped to get this one off the ground. My grandmother's father was the focus for this small gouache painting. I took the liberty to add the goat head and a calendar featuring one of yours-truly paintings on the wall behind him.

I've used old family photos for inspiration on a number of pieces over the years. Probably the reason I tend to like the 1920-30s era. It was a time of old-meets-new, horse meets automobile. Everything seemed (at least to my mind) to have a lot of character. I'm not sure those who lived it would always agree but it was a hardy and colorful period in our history.



"Great Grandfather" Gouache Email: mickart@mickharrison.com MickHarrison.com Mailing Address: Mick Harrison Paintings, PO Box 457, Belle Fourche, S. D. 57717

**KAREN ODELL** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Things were quiet at Charlie Odell's after Cody, Kellan and Carson left on Monday. We had

a great Thanksgiving. It was good to meet the new Montana brand supervi-



#### Capitol News

Thanksgiving dinner. The next day, Denin hauled a load of cows to St. Onge. Then last Saturday, Alvin and Marlee went to Ekalaka for a 60th birthday party for Marlee's sister, Tracy Walker. This Tuesday, Alvin made a trip to Buffalo to pick up supplies at the hardware. Marlee went to the funeral for her cousin, Duane Ewalt of Alzada, on Friday in Belle Fourche. Alvin went in to Camp Crook on Saturday to work at the Methodist Church. Will Sacrison came in with a backhoe, and helped him finish up sewer work. Ronald Turbiville and Bobby Cordell came to help, too, and they got the underground work done. Rod Bisgaard came on Saturday for a visit and left for home again on Sunday. Lynn Gustafson has gotten a few Christmas decorations up. Craig Nelson had visited over the Thanksgiving weekend. On Sunday, Bruce and Lynn went in to Camp Crook for the Diligent Doers Extension Club Christmas party, and they had a great time. Wanda and Buff Brown had visited with Donna Lewis's family and have gone back to Wyoming. Donna sent a couple of cakes back with them for birthdays. On Friday, Donna went to Ekalaka for the Kate Frye funeral. Doug and Julia Davis spent their holiday weekend in Spearfish, where they met her brother, Bob Latham's family at the Holiday Inn. Bob's whole family was there, and cousins, kids and grand-kids had a great time together; and so did Bob and Julia. This Saturday, Doug and Julia stayed in town with their grandchildren, while their parents went to Callie's brotherin-law's birthday gathering. In the morning, Doug went to his mother, Alfreda's to help move some of her things to her new condo in Belle Fourche. On Wednesday, a load of hay came from near Miller, SD, bucking the bad wind. Doug went in to the Ron Dingfelder benefit gathering, on Friday evening. Then on Saturday, antelope hunter friends, came with another load of hay. This time Julia had a great time visiting with the wife, whom she had not seen for a few years. Ian and Jena Flatgard had visitors before Thanksgiving. Ian's sister' kids loved the new baby, and spent much time watching her, and getting others to look

at her, too. Ian and Jena spent Thanksgiving in Iowa with family, at Ian's sister, Audrey Flatgard's lake cottage. After getting home, they got a huge twelve-foot Christmas tree, so that will take some serious decorating time. Marla has her own little tree, too. They went to an early Christmas part with friends at Piedmont. Justin Kerr took Kyra to the fa-

ther-daughter dance in Ekalaka. Shirley Melum finished another pair of wool mittens this



## Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver. rdennis@gwtc.net



### Workhorses and Tractors

A poem by Robert Dennis

I've got some neighbors who laugh and make fun When I hook up a team of horse to get my feedin' done

sor from

Miles City, Jake Eshelman, who brought Charlie some new books, on Tuesday. That afternoon, Charlie went to Buffalo to get some cattle cake and groceries. He brought some fruit for Karen to dry and can. Charlie began using his new books right away, and inspected cows on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at Paddens, and at Schells. Luckily, Charlie and Karen learned about the benefit supper and auction, for Ron Dingfelder, at the Camp Crook Community Center on Friday night, and didn't miss it. The town was full, and it was similar to fair time. Dingy knows just about everyone within a hundred mile radius, and they were nearly all there. He could not be there, because he was on his way to Denver, but we learned that two of his sisters have perfect bone marrow matches, and they will go to Denver in January for the transplant. It is quite lucky to have two such good matches, and another sister has a partial match, too. Ronda Cordell stopped by to visit Karen and Charlie Odell, on Saturday. She took home a Siamese kitten for her granddaughter, but after coaxing for a long long time, a second kitten was not going to be caught, so they will have to try to catch it later. Karen is busy drying some fruit and vegetables, and putting up ceiling strips.

Dick and Erma Albert had Thanksgiving dinner at home. This week, Dick made a trip to Arlington near Lake Preston for a funeral. Erma had physical therapy on Tuesday, and Dick got home on Wednesday. They went to Senior Citizens' for the Friday meal, and Erma stayed to play cards. After church, on Sunday, they stayed for the pot luck lunch, and then joined in Bible study in the afternoon.

Jay Cordell came home to join Alvin and Marlee for

week. She has made many of them and they are wonderful in the cold weather. Tommy and Rachel went to Baker for the craft day. Rachel taught a craft for the ladies, and it went over so well that she was kept very busy all day. The kids learned crafts, too, and even some of the kids got to do the Christmas card balls that Rachel was teaching. Nathan Kalbach had come home from college in California, but he will have to go back before New Year's Day.

Dorothy Padden and Brandon's family had a huge gathering on Thanksgiving. Bryce and Dawn and all of their kids and families were there. Raymond and Wayne Lee's families had come. Bryan and Kevin Olmsted's families were there. Bryan's wife, Kelly Ann came on Saturday. It was a busy weekend. On Monday, Dorothy went with Kevin and Lisa to Billings, to stay with Brett for a few days. She got to see Jess and Nichole, Jameson and the new baby, Evelyn. Dorothy got to spend lots of time holding the new baby. Brett brought Dorothy home on Wednesday. On Friday, Dorothy went to the Kate Frye funeral, and later, to Camp Crook for the Ron Dingfelder benefit.

Caleb and Jamie Teigen came to visit at Bryce and Dawn's this week, and they brought their daughter, Lily, with them. On Friday, Jason and Joey, from Castlewood, came to visit. They left again on Sunday. Bryce and Dawn went to Buffalo on Monday, where Brylen played in the little boys' basketball games against Newell. Jason came again on Tuesday, and this time Bryce went back with him to bring home a truck he had bought. That evening, Dawn went to Buffalo for the junior high wrestling matches. Bryce and Dawn went to the sale at Belle Fourche, on Friday. Then on Sunday, the families of the Diligent Doers Extension Club

Or when I hook 'em to a wagon to go and fix some fence They laugh and say, "Jinglebob, he just ain't got no sense!"

But when ol' man winter sets in and it's 10 or 20 below I don't have to plug them horses in just so they can go!

And when the snow is drifted and it's deep and it's hard I just hook up to my old bobsled and slid on over it, pard.

See, I ain't got no oil wells, but I do have oats and hay Horses hooves don't go flat, tho' sometimes tractor tires may

Workhorses get more dependable, the older that they get I ain't never heard of a tractor that that's been said about yet

And tractors won't replace themselves like a good ol' draft horse Just turn a stud out with the mare and nature takes it's course

I only get off and on once to take my team thru' a gate Just open, say, "Git up...... Whoa" then close it, I think thats just great

Can't do that with a tractor, they don't stop when you say "Whoa" Tractors break down often and that costs a pile of dough

So I'll take a team of horse to feed and fence and such And I'll leave them danged ol' tractors to them as don't know as much!

PS.. This is the first "Cowboy poem" I ever wrote.. still true today!



held their Christmas gathering at the Methodist church in Camp Crook. There was a gift exchange, and new secret sisters were chosen for the coming year.

On Monday morning, Diane Wear came from Ekalaka to the Tie Creek turn, where Ronda Cordell met her, and they went on to Spearfish. Diane dropped Ronda off at the hospital for a couple of scans, but Ronda discovered that the machines had recently been moved to the Spearfish Clinic, so she hurriedly 'hoofed' over to that location. On Wednesday, Ronda took her car to Fruit's in Ekalaka for an oil change, and she was back to Ekalaka on Friday, to attend

Kate Frye's funeral service.

On Thursday, Diane Wear, came after work, and then stayed over to attend her brother, Ron Dingfelder's, benefit in at the Community Center in Camp Crook. Ronda drove in to attend the benefit, too, and joined more than three-hundred other people. Diane helped bring a couple of heifers up from the creek, before she headed back to Ekalaka on Saturday. That afternoon, Ronda drove over to Charlie and Karen Odell's to get a kitten for Jayda.

Benjamin Franklin reminds us that doing our own research is most important, for "It is in the region of ignorance that tyranny begins."





#### From A1 Roundup

community who really get behind it and support it.' Mayor Schmidt further praised the work that the Roundup Committee and volunteers de to keep the Roundup grounds in top condition all year long for other city events. He singled out the importance of the efforts of the Roundup through Chutes for Charity in raising funds to give back to the community through charitable causes. He also paid tribute to all the past volunteers and chairpersons who have kept the event thriving through 102 years to take it

to where it is today. "There are so many dedicated committee members through the years that have continued to move the Roundup forward," he said "And they are certainly be commended for the job they do." Overall, it was another good year in rodeo for South Dakota. Rodeo Rapid City was recipient once again of the PRCA Large Indoor Rodeo of the Year. And the Burke (SD) Stampede Rodeo was honored with the Hesston Sowing Good Deeds Award. Martina Loobey, Miss Rodeo South Dakota from Sturgis,

made it into the top ten finalists for Miss Rodeo America and won the Horsemanship Award. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem was the keynote speaker at this year's PRCA Co tion and Anderson said the Roundup Committee had their photo taken with the Governor afterwards. "In her speech she said how much she loved her home state and how she loved rodeo because it stood for God and country. She talked about how we pray before rodeo and sing the national anthem and there's a lot of states and a lot of places that are going away from that," Anderson said. The Governor's speech also drew good reviews from the PRCA staff.

"We were honored to have Governor Noem as our keynote at the convention," said Tom Glause, chief executive officer of the PRCA. "She appreciates the work ethic of our cowboys and what they represent. We couldn't have had a better keynote speaker." lot of work.

"I'll be chairman one more year and I hope we can win it one more time," Anderson said. "And then I hope we keep winning it. But we're always going to rodeo. We have been for 102 years now. The awards we've been fortunate to win are a huge bonus, but we're just going to try to keep getting bigger and better and make the Roundup a destination."

#### From A1 Macy's Parade

Hailey Anderson said, "That is the coldest I have ever been, even in South Dakota."

The day before the parade, the SOA cheerleaders learned that they would be walking the 2.5 miles in the parade instead of being the opener. The parents and coaches claimed spots on the street at 6am waiting for the parade to begin. After the "Blues Clues" balloon passed our hotel, text messages and calls flooded our phones from people in Belle Fourche worried they had missed the girls on TV. It was not until this moment that we realized how many people were tuning in to see the girls from their community.

The community support was overwhelming! We were sent encouraging messages, pictures of people's TV screens with the SOA cheerleaders on it, and one of our biggest little fans from back home has her pee wee pom poms out, dancing with the girls on TV. We later found out that Governor Kristi Noem also sent a letter to each of the girl's houses congratulating them. A nice surprise for when they returned home.

We had Thanksgiving dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square. A very nontraditional, fun ending to Thanksgiving day. We were all ready to come home and see our families for the weekend.

Quotes from the girls: Hailey Anderson-

" My favorite part of the trip

was being treated like a celebrity."

People around the city recognized the SOA jackets and would stop the girls to tell them how excited they were to watch them on Thanksgiving day.

" I would tell other girls wanting to try out to not get in their head about the dancing, you will get it. Have fun and try your hardest!"

Kiana-

" I was most nervous about flying. It was not as scary as I thought (except for the first landing.) In the first rehearsal, I was super tired and wanted to sleep. I loved watching the Broadway show with my mom and spending quality time with her."

To others wanting to try out in the future: "Take everything step by step and learn not to stress. No matter how much you try to prepare for it, things change."

"I have social anxiety and worry about leaving town. I got to meet over 500 girls. I stepped out of my comfort zone and it was not as bad as I thought it would be."

Ella-

"My favorite part was watching the Broadway show and the Rockettes. I am already looking forward to going back to NYC. I would like to visit again without such a tight schedule. I got over some fears. I would say to others trying out, just go for it! It's not that hard and the experience was so worth it." Anderson will serve one more year as chairman of the Roundup Committee in place of Dirk Hoffman. Hoffman was slated to be chairman but stepped down last fall for personal reasons. Yet as the city's public works director he will still be heavily involved in making sure the rodeo grounds are in top condition. Anderson says it takes a community-wide effort and the support of sponsors to make the event a success; and a

#### CORRECTION

The Beacon would like to correct an error made in last week's edition. In the Roundup rodeo story the reasons for Dirk Hoffman's resignation from Roundup chairmanship were incorrect with regard to his letter of notice. It should have said Mr. Hoffman's stated reason for departure was "for personal reasons." In the interest of fairness and accuracy we wish to make that correction. We apologize for the error.











123 years ago **Belle Fourche Times** December 2, 1897 Registering Stock Brands Pierre, S.D. Nov.23 Stock brands are coming into the legistry department of the secretary of state's office at the rate of from twenty to thirty a day, and as the ranchmen have now passed their busy season they will continue to come in rapidly for the next month. Estimate of those who should be in a position to know are that there are in a neighborhood of 5,000 different brands in use in the state, and that a large per cent of these will be filed under the provisions of the state law. Those who wish to get them into the register's office before January, as the state brand meets on the first Monday in January and not again the middle of the summer.

Talk of the Town Clark C. Green, foreman of the CY, was in the city Monday. The Rocking Chair club will meet with Mrs. H. M. Champney Monday a full attendance is requested. Chamberlain Bros. now have their supply of coal in and are prepared to furnish this necessary article to all. Fred Brunger returned from his vacation Monday and is once more at his post in the Palace Shaving Parlors. H. F. Frost held down the chair in the Tonsorial Parlor of D. W. Lothrop, while D. W. was transacting business in Deadwood.

#### 100 years ago

Belle Fourche Bee December 1, 1921 Sugar Co. Suspends Operations Will Not Grow Beets in This District Next Season – Field Men Transferred An announcement that will be read with regret by everyone in this part of the country is the one issued by the officials of the Great Western Sugar Company, that they will not operate in the Belle Fourche district this coming season. The announcement in full following: "The Great Western Sugar Company has now completed its 1921 campaign in the Belle Fourche territory, and some statement is due to the growers as to next season's operations here. Developments in the sugar industry have not made the outlook very encouraging for the future; and the company has decided, for the present at least, to close the Belle Fourche office, and place its men in other localities where their services can be utilized situation, but until that is done it would seem that the growers would not be interested in the growing of beets. The company is contemplating putting the Bullock farm on the market for

### 76 years ago

Belle Fourche Bee December 5, 1946 Busfield Owner of New Bellanca Plane

Ed Busfield, manager of the American Colloid Company and a member of the city council, came back "by air" the night before Thanksgiving, flying a new Bellanca Cruisair 4-passenger plane. It has a cruising speed of 140 miles per hour, and is the largest plane now hangared at the Belle Fourche municipal airport. Ed has his own hangar for his new plane, owning half of the hangar recently constructed, it being a two-plane hangar, the other half belonging to the Belle Fourche Flying club.

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tion held its 1946 convention at San Francisco, California on November 21 and 22. J. F. Koller, manager, represented the Black Hills Round-Up. Joe is vice-president of District 16, which includes North and South Dakota, and was listed on the convention speaking program.

#### 50 years ago

Belle Fourche Bee December 3, 1971 Plans Complete for State Wool Contest Contestants in the state Make It Yourself With Wool contest to be held here Saturday, were named Thursday by Mrs. Walter Crago, state director of the event. There are three contestants from all but one of the nine districts. This includes junior and senior division winners and adult winners. Only junior and senior winners will go to the national competition.



Happy Sankey riding Brown Bomber at the 1947 Black Hills Roundup. The photo was featured on the cover of the November Issue of Rodeo World magazine that year.

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A 1947 Bellanca Cruisair, similar to the one owned by American Colloid manager Ed Busfield.

District 1 - Debra Kay Honadal, Spearfish junior; Clarice Kay Shaykett, Belle Fourche, senior; Mrs. Wayne Albertson, Nisland, adult. District 5 - Debra Hallberg, Clark, Penny Mertz, Brookings; Mrs. Edward Goss, Esmond, adult. The trip to Phoenix for the senior winner will be financed by the First National banks of the Black Hills. The trip for the junior winner will be sponsored by James I. Newland and the Northwest South Dakota Production Credit Association of Newell.

Editorial Too Many People

"Given its current economic base, South Dakota has too many people." There's a statement we haven't seen before, but when one thinks about it, there is much to support it. One small sentence explains the outmigration from the state, the low per capita income and many related problems. The statement was made by State Planning Director Lynn Muchmore recently while discussing the problem of attracting industry to South Dakota. Muchmore said manufacturing holds out a ray of hope to bring South Dakota's problems into balance. He says

South Dakota has paid "only lip service and a little more to the commitment which must be made before industry is to come to South Dakota." He praised the work of IDEA, but said the agency stood almost alone in its quest for industry. He said the people have not conceived a development strategy, have not established goals, have not forced economic growth as a major issue, and until economic growth becomes a major issue in government, "there will remain little leverage for changes in state policy." The apathy probably stems from the fact that most Dakotans are more or less content and are not enthusiastic about inviting the problems that accompany industry. Deep down, we feel the same way. We hate to see our community get too much bigger or the state get more crowded. At the same time, we know that communities and states do not stand still. If we fall behind, the problems will be far more serious than reasonable growth, as the only alternative would seem to be a stepped-up effort to attract suitable industry and a change in attitude toward new industry.



# Local Spending May Be a Matter of Life and Death!

George Bernard Shaw 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 two years, this column has discussed the critical nature for local communities to encourage local spending the best they can. During this Christmas season and after nearly two years of COVID, this has become more critical. I cannot stress this enough. This is indeed a case of either surviving or becoming obsolete as a community.

One cannot under-estimate the true value of spending locally. At the risk of repeating myself, I will share an example from a community of 5000 residents. If each resident spent just \$25 more each month locally that may have been spent elsewhere, the community and your neighbors would see huge results. That small monthly commitment to your community would equal \$125K monthly, \$1,500,000 yearly and nearly \$5,000,000 each year when factoring the compounded impact of dollars spent locally. How many businesses will that keep open? How many jobs will that save? How many tax dollars will that generate? 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 \$3.00 and \$7.00 NOT being spent in your community.

Local communities can't look



Ultimately, after all the free handouts dry up, it reaps disaster on not only the community along with their small business base, but on large corporate chains who will also suffer as no one will ultimately have income to purchase their products and services.

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 was once prosperous only to become a shell of what it once was. They are now shells of themselves because among many reasons, they supported General stores in lieu of their

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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.

I cannot stress this enough; communities MUST act quickly. If this issue isn't on the radar of local community leaders, 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 being done every day around the country. The



"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" weekly column has provided literally dozens of ideas over the years and will continue to do so. It isn't an easy task, but nothing worthy of great effort usually is. I implore you, don't miss the boat, this is an issue that isn't going away and will only worsen in the coming

years.

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



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Charles Or Barb Verhulst, Reva SD		Black-Cow	1515	
Corey A Verhulst, Reva SD	1	Black-Cow	1270	
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	1	Black-Cowette	1165	80.50
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Dennis Dunning, Otter MT	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1305 1/150	74.00 72.00
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	1	Bwf-Cowette	1040	
Flying Diamond Ranch, Volborg MT				
	1	Black-Cow	1485	73.00
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Spyglass Enterprises, Moorcroft WY				
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Jae & Suzanne Notti, Otter MT				
Little Bear Livestock, Otter MT				
Harry Tavegia, Osage WY				
Vm Diamond Ranch Llc, Upton WY				
Middle Prong Land & Lives, Arvada WY	1	Black-Bull		
Wang Ranch Llc, Baker MT	1	Black-Bull		

# Holiday Showsl

## Thurs. Dec. 9th

Belle Fourche High School Band & Chorus Concert 7:00PM BF Rec Center Theater

## Dec. 10-12th

Belle Fourche Area Community Theater Holiday Show "Four to Go For Christmas" 7pm Dec. 10 & 11 | 3pm Dec. 12

## Mon. Dec. 13th

Belle Fourche Middle School Band & Chorus Concert 6:30pm BF Rec Center Theater



Leo's Light up the Night

#### Newell Improvement Holds First Annual Christmas Scavenger Hunt COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – The Newell Improvement Corporation, a 501c3 non-profit, working in the Newell, Vale and Nisland communities to help improve infrastructure and community cohesiveness, came up with a unique idea to bring people and businesses together.

During the Festival of Trees, on Saturday, December 4, the NIC group registered teams who received a set of 10 "clue" cards that they then had to decipher, match to a local business or organization, go to that site and find a specific Christmas item.

Once they did, they had to take a "selfie" pic of all team members and the item at the business or organization and once they had all 10, they submitted them to NIC.

The first team to submit all 10 photos received \$50 in NVN bucks. The second-place team received \$20 in NVN bucks.

Four teams registered during the day, immediately going out to hunt for the items and, in the process, visit businesses they may not have been in before.

"It was so much fun," said Kim Ford, who along with her daughter Megan, mother Donna and sister-in-law Kendahl, made the hunt in record time. Their team was the Wetz team.

The Grinches, made up of family members of the McTaggart family of Newell, were in hot pursuit all during the hunt.

Tanya Kjellsen and Tiffany Tennis were another team that worked hard to figure out all the clues and find all the items, sending back photos to the organizers.

Lisa and Xya Bartlett also formed a team but did not finish the competition.

As the final clue was figured out and the final item found, photos were coming in fast and furious to organizers. Sherry Hocking and Laura Weirzbicki, acted as judges on which team was able to submit all their photos first, watching as they came via text message. The Wetz team was just a bit quicker with their photo submission, although photos from the two top teams were coming in almost simultaneously. The winning team, The Wetz team, donated their \$50 in NVN bucks back to the Festival of Trees and the local EMS services. The Grinches came in second place and the Kjellsen/ Tennis team came in third. It was great fun, according to all who participated, and business owners appreciated the fun and adventure, as well as having some new customers





(Left) The large evergreen in the middle of South Park in Newell is brightly lit for the holiday season, following a Leo Club ceremony on Saturday night. (Upper right) Those Leo Club members helping with the tree-lighting on Saturday in Newell South Park were: Rachel Banks, Sarah Kirby, Sydnee Kjellsen and Megan Jackson. (Lower right) Sarah Kirby and Sydnee Kjellsen serve up some hot chocolate, a needed drink on a cold Saturday in Newell. - Brunner photo

#### COLLEEN BRUNNER

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NEWELL – It was a cold and windy night on Saturday, December 4, but that didn't deter the local Leo club from holding their annual tree-lighting ceremony.

The group is the teen version of the local Newell Lion's club and they are dedicated to providing service in the Newell, Vale and Nisland Communities. Some of their projects have included the lighted stop signs at the 4-way stop in Newell at the 212/79 junction, cleaning road ditches, helping water trees at the Hope Cemetery, and a whole host of other projects. The group is advised by Ken and Donna Wetz and Chris and Kendahl Wetz.

Although they have many members, only a handful turned out at 7 p.m. on Saturday for the lighting. They provided hot chocolate and some really delicious sugar cookies for those who braved the weather to watch the lighting.

The countdown went down from 10 seconds, and then to plusabout five seconds, as Ken and Chris Wetz had a little trouble actually getting the switch thrown to light the tree in South Park in Newell. It will shine brightly through the rest of December.

Those Leo members in attendance on Saturday night included: Rachel Banks, Megan Jackson, Sydnee Kjellsen and Sarah Kirby.

Improvement C4

# **Festival of Trees is Huge Success**

#### **COLLEEN BRUNNER** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – A rough estimate of funds raised during the Newell Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 4 at Newell city hall, pushes the amount to well over \$15,000 for the days' events. And that's not counting the funds raised through a silent auction which took place from 9 a.m. to around 3:30 p.m. just prior to the live auction.

Organizers Sherry Hocking and Laura Weirzbiki worked for hours, starting right after the event last year. The germ of the idea came from Vivian and Ron Sjodin eight years ago.

"We needed the ambulance and fire department several times over the years out at the farm," said Ron. Funds raised go to emergency services in the eastern Butte County area. Hocking and Weirzbiki picked up where Vivian, left off. She was in attendance at the last Festival two years ago, with last year's going viral due to the virus, but poor health and her eventual homegoing to heaven saw these two organized and energetic ladies work tireless hours, not only organizing, but creating many of the items that were auctioned over the evening

Several items came from Sjodin himself, as he has finally closed the Cream Station store which housed many treasures,

Festival C2



Ron Sjodin, left, is presented a custom-made bench, designed and created by the Newell school construction class. I was presented by Festival of trees organizers Laura Weirzbicki, center, and Sherry Hocking, right. - Brunner photo



### Belle Fourche Beacon

#### Newell School Menu Dec. 8 - Dec. 15

Wednesday Dec. 8 Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

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

Thursday Dec. 9 Breakfast: CROISSANT SANDWICH OR CEREAL , FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

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

Monday Dec. 13 Breakfast: YOGURT PARFAIT OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

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

**Tuesday Dec. 14** Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

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

Wednesday Dec. 15 Breakfast: CROISSANT SANDWICH OR CEREAL , FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

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

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some of which were found on the auction block at the Saturday event.

Several specialty "hunts" were auctioned in the first round and raised over \$10,000 alone, with around 5 or 6 people on the phone with bidders from east river and elsewhere in the country. Hunts included: an Antelope Hunt donated by Jim and Jean Smeenk, a buffalo hunt donated by Scott Peterson with guiding by Fred Lamphere, several deer hunts, which raised over \$4800, which were donated by the Erk Ranch, several fishing excursions donated by Girthy Girls of Lake Ponsett and a taxidermy session donated by Extreme

Taxidermy (Fred Lamphere). The group sold 50/50 tickets during the day, with the lucky

#### Department.

Several members of the NAV-FR shared some special music with the help of Vonda Mahaffy, which the Newell department prepared the beef and pork for the complimentary luncheon, which was also supported by Newmart Grocery, as well as Newell Ambulance and the Festival of Trees. A grant was awarded to the organization as well from Black Hills Energy.

Menu Sponsored by:

Entertainment was provided by the Newell Evangelical church as they sang one song from their Christmas Cantata which will be held on Sunday, December 19. They then led the group in Christmas Carols.

Finally, it was time for the annual Hee Haw presentation. This year was especially hilarious as a couple of cast-members were down with a health issue. Taking over their positions were If you have events for the calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenkbrunner@gmail.com.

Dec. 9: MSGBB vs Douglas away, 3:45 p.m.; HSWR @ STM Quad, 5 p.m.

Dec. 10: Story Time with

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

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Dec. 11: Nisland Independent Community Church Women's Christmas Tea, 3 p.m. 402 Olin, Nisland. Kimberly Kaye Bachman will be providing entertainment in song and word. All ladies of the area are invited to this non-denominational event. Tea and Christmas treats follow program; GBB/BBB vs Bison at Newell, JV & V, 1 p.m.; Santa Claus day at Newell City Hall. Hosted by Newell Community Club. Bike giveaway, games, visit with Santa, hot dogs and chips meal. Starts at 10 a.m.

Dec. 13: School Board Meeting at Multipurpose room, 6 p.m.; Newell city commission at admin building, 6 p.m.

### **Community Calendar**

Dec. 14: GBB/BBB vs Lead, away, JV & V, 4 p.m.

Dec. 16: MSWR @ Stagebarn Tournament, 4 p.m.; GBB/BBB vs McIntosh, away, Varsity only, 5 p.m.

Dec. 17: Crafting Circle at Newell Public Library, crafts demonstrated. Cof-

1 p.m. All types of crafts demonstrated. Coffee available; MS/HS Concert, 6 p.m.

Dec. 18: Free movie at Northern Hills Cinema-Elf. 1 p.m. Suggested donation to Meals on Wheels; 7th GBB @ Hill City Tournament, 9 a.m.; 8th GBB @ Newell Tournament, 9 a.m.; HSWR @ Hot Springs Tournament, 9 a.m.

Dec. 19: Nisland Independent Community Church Children's Christmas program during morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Newell Evangelical Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m.

Dec. 20: GBB/BBB vs Lemmon, away, 3 p.m.

Dec. 21: School release at 1:30 for Winter Break.





winner, John Overholt, donating back his winnings of \$164.00.

Literally hundreds of trees, wreaths, centerpieces and other holiday-oriented decorations which were auctioned following the hunts. There was some lively bidding going on with auctioneer Neil Vollmer and his "spotter," Mayor Ken Wetz having a hard time keeping up at some points.

Also, during the auction portion of the event, Hocking and Weirzbiki presented a custom-made bench in Vivian's memory to Ron. The bench was hand-crafted by the Newell school woodworking class and was a beautiful piece of furniture.

There were several drawings of larger financial gifts, the first going to the Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Department, the others going to the Newell Ambulance and Newell Fire newcomers to the show, Maynard Yule and Andrew Fergen. They all did a wonderful job and, of course, Rick Richards and Randy Fox did a great job emceeing the show.

Santa Claus showed up around 11 a.m. and Southern Meadows Photography was doing photo sessions in the NVN Center with a portion of the profits going to the local EMS services.

This event, which has gained in popularity over the years has been a big support for the local EMS services, giving the agencies the opportunity to purchase needed items that the volunteers utilize in service to the community.

"It was just unbelievable," said Hocking of the number of donations as well as those who came to bid and just socialize during the day.

Those attending the Newell Festival of Trees got a sneak peek at the annual Newell Evangelical Church Christmas Cantata, with one song being sung by the group prior to them leading those in attendance in singing Christmas carols. - Brunner photo





Santa is very busy this time of year but he made the effort to show up at the Newell Festival of Trees, much to the delight of all the kiddos, including Andrew Fergen's two children. - Brunner photo



(Left) Hee Haw newcomer, Superintendent Andrew Fergen, took on a last-minute roll of Charlie Parkinson, and did a wonderful job. (Right) Betty (Mini-Pearl) Zwetzig, did a great job telling her stories of Grinder Switch where she is from. - Brunner photos

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## Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

December 7, 1911 Sheriff Craven left Friday for Sioux Falls, accompanying Elmer Stumbaugh to the penitentiary, where he has been sentenced to spend 12 years for the punishment given for killing Louis Arpan, the sentence having been passed upon him by Judge Rice after a jury of his peers found him guilty of manslaughter in the First Degree. His case has been to the Supreme Court, where his attorneys hoped to get a new trial, but which was refused after due deliberation of the Supreme Court. Before departure, Stumbaugh noted that he should have entered imprisonment directly after conviction, as the cost has been enormous and he still has to serve the same sentence. He apparently was left in Sioux Falls in good spirits.

M.W. Read, J.C. Seymour, George Morrell and Glen Walters road about 25 miles Sunday with blood in their eyes for coyotes, but after tiring out the horses and dogs, they had just as many coyotes as before the chase.

Thanksgiving at Newell was observed in a quiet way, union services were held at the Congregational Church at 10:00, Rev. Clough delivering the sermon. At noon an excellent dinner was served at the finishing touches on his new house and the whole building will soon be ready for occupancy. He is putting in an electric light plant and will have a beautiful modern home when all's complete.

December 10, 1931 M.L. Shrader, poultry husbandman of the US Department of Agriculture is in Newell today to help grade the carload of turkeys being shipped out of here by the Black Hills Turkey Growers Association, according to A.E. Ellison County Agriculture Agent assisted by O.J. Weisner, Extension Poultryman at State College. Everyone interested in receiving better prices for his birds, is invited to be present to watch Mr. Shrader work. Schrader will explain the new standards and grades for dressed turkeys and conduct grading demonstrations at the West River Poultry Show at Rapid City.

Lucille Price seems to have rather bad luck when it comes to automobile accidents. The Monday after Thanksgiving she was in a car upset, but luckily no one was hurt. Then this past Monday, in the snow storm on highway 212 east of Newell, Robert Price's car collided with a truck driven by Donald Van Loan, hauling a truckload

# Grand River Roundup

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I found an old box of pictures from my parents and there are some real treasures in there. In church last Sunday I took a bunch of pictures down to give to my Aunt Patsy Wilkinson of her family and gave some to my cousin Joe Wilkinson of his family. I also found a picture of my parents sitting with Lucille Coffield at an event in the old Bison gym that I took along to show Lucille's grandson, Scott Besler. I also found a 1941 annual from Sorum High School that was sent to my father, Bryce White, from the school after he enlisted in the Army in February of 1941 and was no longer the boxing and track coach at Sorum. A lot of the students

the boxing and track coach at Sorum. A lot of the students and teachers wrote notes to him thanking him for being there for them and wishing him luck in the Army. I also found the senior picture of Dad's younger sister Mary (White) Haggart in it. Dad's older sister Claire (White) John and Dad graduated from high school in Hettinger, but his sister Mary went to Sorum high school after their father Clem White died in Hettinger.

Reub and I made a run to Hettinger Monday morning to get some parts and stuff from Runnings. Taz went back to work on the carpenter job near Reeder on Monday and worked up there all week. Casey went to wrestling practice in Buffalo that afternoon and had a junior high wrestling meet against Hettinger Tuesday evening. Brenda Westers, age 55 of Buffalo, died Thursday at her home as a result of a tragic house fire. Services are tentatively being planned for 10:30 A.M. Friday, December 10, at the Rec Center in Buffalo. Inurnment will take place during a private family graveside service at the Buffalo Cemetery. Brenda's family has our sym-

#### pathy.

Galen Niederwerder came to the ranch on Wednesday to update the insurance on the ranch. Casey wasn't here because he had gone to Flasher, ND to get a second load of straw bales, but Missy came over and met with him. Galen's wife is my cousin, but Donna wasn't able to come with him that day be-

cause someone was coming to fix her washing machine that afternoon. Galen had lunch with us and we had a good visit. Donna's father was my Uncle Glen Wilkinson and when I was going through my parents old pictures, I found a picture of Grandpa Harvey and Grandma Lydia Wilkinson with their six oldest kids, including my mother. The two youngest kids, Stanley and Harold, hadn't been born yet but Donna's dad was in the picture so I sent it home with Galen to give to Donna.

Thursday morning Casey and Taz butchered two hogs that they got from Bill Holt and a fat beef they had been feeding. Reub went to Reeder to get something to charge the cooler with from Mike Melmer and they had everything hanging in the cooler by lunch time. That afternoon Reub and I took the Horse Creek Grazing Association information down to Jamie Thybo so she can do the taxes for the association and then went on to Reva to take a couple of old pictures to give to Vince to hang on the wall of the store. The first one was a picture taken by Bill Vroman's mother, Lena (Mitchell) Vroman of the first log Reva Hall in a different local than where Reva is now. The second picture was of the Reva baseball team in 1912, which was also in a different location. Mark Lermeny, Mark Vroman, or Scott Besler might be able to tell us where these pictures were taken.

Mary and Harry Ehlers daughter Jessica Magilke is in Las Vegas this week. She was invited to Las Vegas because she won the breakaway roping at the NDRA in North Dakota. This was the third time she has won the breakaway in North Dakota and she has been invited to rope in Las Vegas before. It's called Roping for the Crown and Missy is able to watch it on her phone, but I'm too dumb to do that. Jessica lives in Solen, North Dakota and operates on the premise that "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me". Thank God for cowgirls like her!

Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Custer for the tournament on Friday so Taz came home from work earlier than usual to help Missy do the feeding. He also hauled in a load of hay to have the hay grinder grind that evening. Casey took the junior high wrestlers to Rapid City on Saturday. Bryce and Braxton came up from Rapid City and Lanie

and Matt and the kids came down from Dickinson to help Taz cut up the two hogs he had hanging in the cooler. Amanda, Reub and I also helped cut and wrap the meat while Grandma Missy kept all seven of the little people at her house. Lanie and Matt's baby Olly is six weeks old and this is the first time I got to see the cute little bugger! Amanda went in to Buffalo that evening for the 11th annual Basket Bash at the #3.

Casey gave the sermon in church Sunday morning because Pastor Henry was sick. The Christmas Tea was after church was really fun. Some of us went to Bison after the Tea to listen to Taffy Howard speak at the Grand Electric social room. Taffy Howard is running for US House of Representatives and gave a good talk that afternoon. I'll leave you with this from Jay Leno: According to a new report, over the last three years Social Security overpaid by \$1.29 billion – thus establishing itself as the government's most efficient program."



Methodist Church of which a large number partook. In the afternoon a shooting match took place on the baseball grounds. E.S. Hartwell, M.W. Read and Earl Dennis each won 2 turkeys and Art Hough, Ora McDermith and Ray Hough each secured 1. In the evening quite a number of private parties took place in which a few couples at each were gathered.

#### December 8, 1921

Through the efforts of Wm. Schmele, the farmers of the Horse Creek community united in purchasing a rail car of coal, which they got at a material reduction in price. Mac Doody, Adolph Johnson and Schmele went to the Black Hills last Saturday to load another car with cut wood.

The Ladies Aid will hold their bazaar Saturday, December 17th on the balcony of Bratton's Store. Lunches will be served from 11:30 AM. Sales will open at 2:00 PM. The nicest things go the quickest; so be on time at the balcony for the Ladies' Bazaar.

Henry Schipke is putting the

of hay. Price was bringing his daughter to Newell for school. The storm was exceptionally bad at the time and visibility for any distance was impossible. Miss Price's face was rather badly cut, but no one else was injured.

#### December 11, 1941

Police protection of all South Dakota Airports was ordered Tuesday and at least one Japanese alien was confined by police as the state mobilized defense measures as predetermined. Chairman T.B. Roberts of the State Aeronautical Commission wired 14 airports to ground all civilian planes except commercials and those operating program and asked immediate steps be taken to assign proper authority to police officers to all known landing fields for the protection of field activities. Chas Kasden, about 60, an unemployed cook who has been in the county 30 years, was sent to quarters and forbidden him to leave without permission. Letters written in Japanese were seized for translation

#### Then 'n' Now in Newell



The Back Hills Airport at Spearfish has a plane completed and awaiting delivery in Cincinnati, Ohio. Manager Clyde Ice promptly delegated Miss Neva Esmay, Belle Fourche, 23-year old up-and-coming aviatrix to get the plane. Neva and her mother, Mrs. Roy Esmay, left Monday, Neva piloted an airport owned plane to Huron, where she and her Mother took an Inland Transport to Cincinnati to pick up the Aeronca Trainer which Neva is to pilot back to Spearfish. The slim, trim aviatrix received her private lesson at Newell Municipal Airport and License early this year and has been working at the Black Hills Airport since that time.

December 13, 1951 "Santa Claus Way" will be Newell's theme this season. The new attractive Santa Claus lights were put up on all light poles in the business district in time for the Annual Santa Claus Day last Saturday and add measurably to the attractiveness of the district for the holiday season. Many homes in town are and will be decorated for the season during this week to make the town even more attractive.

George Hafner investigated a car-gravel truck mishap which occurred about 4:30 PM on US Highway west of Newell near the Owl Creek School house.

#### Then and Now C4



Henry Schipke's new house, with its first winter snow.



The end of a long day of hunting; the horses and the dogs were tired from chasing coyotes.



#### From C3 Then and Now

The car being driven west by Palmer Eide, Nisland, hit the front end of a gravel truck coming onto the highway from the south, pushing it into the borrow pit when it rolled over. But for the fact that the bumper of the truck tore loose, otherwise it might have rolled onto the car as it was just skidding into the ditch without turning over. Neither the driver of the truck nor Eide or any members of his family with were injured.

December 7, 1961

#### From C1 IMPROVEMENT

visit their place of business.

"We nearly scared a North Dakota family to death," laughed Ford. "We all ran into the Conoco yelling, 'Get out of the way, we're in a hurry." She was serious though as she said she actually made a purchase at one local business while visiting the shop.

All in good fun, most want to participate again next year. Businesses and organizations involved in this year's scavenger hunt included: Gayle's Showbox and Boots, Newell Hardware, Newmart Grocery, Newell Ambulance, 212/79 Service, Newell Conoco, Dollar General, Newell Service Center, Leber Ag in 'Vale and the Fire Pit Restaurant and Bar in

Over 580 children greeted Santa Claus, received free treats and enjoyed a free movie all courtesy of the Newell Community Club at the annual Santa Claus Day here Saturday. A sea of faces waiting in line to see Santa in the City Hall enumerating of gifts they wish Santa to bring.

Vic Norlin, Project Manger of the Belle Fourche Irrigation District, will leave Sunday for Denver to attend a workshop for project managers being conducted there by the Bureau of Reclamation, December 11-15. The workshop will include training and project operations,

Nisland.

"I knew it wasn't going to send (at the Fire Pit) as I didn't water control, labor relations, new developments and related subjects designed to benefit irrigation projects in this region.

Myron J. "Curley" Lee former mechanic at the Valley Implement Company in Newell announced this week that he has rented the Anumson building in which that business was located to establish a business of his own. The new business will be known as Curly's Garage & Implement and be local dealer for New Holland farm implements. Lee, who has had over 25 years of shop experience, will also conduct a general repair business there.

have service," said Kjellsen. I just hit send later and tossed my phone in my car.



The Wetz team (far left) Donna Wetz, Megan Jackson, and (far right) Kim Ford and Kendahl Wetz, present their winning \$50 NVN bucks to Sherry Hocking and Laura Weirzbicki of the Festival of Trees. - Brunner photo

# Christmas is Here

**COLLEEN BRUNNER** news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – You know Christmas is here when all the little people from the Newell school district share their songs and their hearts through the elementary Christmas concert. This year, families and friends of all those singing their hearts out, gathered in Austin Auditorium on Thursday, December 2 to listen.

The children brought their music under the direction of Jenn Stomprud.

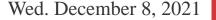
"We'd like to share a special thanks to the Yule family for the sound system,

Komes, Auryon Lewis, Sadie Lindsey, Lane Mailloux, Mc-Coy Mangis, Erin McTaggart, Millie Muckridge, Kimber Oines, Jace Severson, Taylor Wendt, Lucyanna Wilen, and Riggin Wulf. The sang "O Come Little Children."

They were then joined by second-graders: Iantha Ahart, Lillian Barden, Brynlee Barrera, Harper Charles, Ava Cline, Britta Hagen, Huntlee Heath, Gavin Joehnch, Annemarie King, Anna Mc Mahon, Ava Olson, Kendyle Patton, Aaliyah Raisanen, Sophia Schumacher, Abigail Schwede, Bailey Strain, Rosemary Suster, Heath WetWendt, Harper Whitacre, and Kirk Wilen.

Things wrapped up with Kindergarten through fifth grade singing "Silent Night," with 3rd and 4th grade on ukulele and 5th grade on mallets. They also sang and played "We wish you a Merry Christmas," and "Here Comes Santa Claus." The last song ushered in Santa to come and chat with all the kiddos.

Stomprud would like to encourage all families and friends to become involved in the Friends of Fine Arts, an organization that helps support the fine arts programs at Newell School. The organization is made up of adult and student volunteers that help the programs in various ways including, but not limited to: fundraising/ sponsorships, helping with events, concerts, and programs, providing and/or serving food for events and volunteering services where needed. They have recently helped with costumes, props, and stage hands, meals and cake, concessions and collecting donations, supporting students attending the Northern Hills Honor Band Festival, sound technician services, providing and serving a meal for the ADYM banquet as well as providing special awards for that same event.



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The Newell 5th-grade band opened the elementary Christmas concert on Thursday and sounded great. - Brunner photo



the Newell PTO, school staff and administration and custodians, and Jay, Joshua and Kaira Stomprud, as well as the Newell Friends of Fine Arts, who all had a special part," said Stomprud.

The concert began with the fifth-grade band playing two numbers, the first "Foundation Warm-up" and the second "Holiday Sampler." Those playing instruments were: flute-McKenzie Rans, Kylynn Lewis, clarinet-Evelyn Ahart, Alto sax-Holden Thompson, Tenor sax-Justin Strangberg, trumpet-James Gatzke, Rylan Gross, grant Hagen, Bubba Shaykett, Brendt Tifft, Trombone-Oliver Steffey, Tuba-Will Erk, Percussion-Jackson Duncan, Jace Schulte and Oe Schoch.

Next up was the Kindergarten class singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town, accompanied by Kaira and Jenn Stomprud on ukuleles. Some of the children played the mallets. Class members included: Donovan Baumiller, Corbin Bonebrake, Asa Brown, Erica Castillo, Kade Charles, Leonardo Cibic, Kenzie Fesistner-Fox, Levi Grube, Henry Joehenk, Liam Raisanen, Benjamin Schwede, Maddie Steffey, Briar Strain, Hunter Suster, KC Wendt, Olin Wilen, and Landon Witherspoon.

First grade singers were: Gretchen Ahart, Paisley Braun, Mesa Dell, Alyssa Derschan, Jermoe Fergen, Lexi Fox, Jasper Gardener, Deven Johnston, Kyler Johnston, Isen Kitzan, Todd zler, and EllaFay Wonderly. Together the group shared the old familiary "Jingle Bells."

Second grade then went on to share "Holly, Jolly Christmas."

Fifth grade came in to also play the mallets and sing "Carol of the Bells." Those singing were: Evelyn Ahart, Sara Barden, Tiyana Castillo, Jackson Duncan, Will Erk, James Gatzke, Rylan Gross, Grant Hagen, Karley Larson, Kylynn Lewis,, Lily Niles, Autumn Oaks, McKenzie Rans, Khloe Rivera, Aiyana Sackett, Jace Schulte, Bubba Shaykett, Oliver Steffey, Justin Stranberg, Holden Thomas and Brendt Tifft.

The third and fourth grade sang, "A Whacky Winter Song," complete with lyrics, "snow burr, freezing, and shiver." They also sang and played ukulele's on "Mele Kalikimaka,"

Class members were: Annika Bonebrake, Callie Eaton, Riley Fesitner, Grace Fraiser, Lilly Goodine, Noah Grube, Aston Howiie, Zane Johnson, Averi Nelson, Lillian Raisanen, Caitlyn Rans, Jacob Sackett, Vandyn Severson, Jerika Wallery, Weston Wendt, Taylen Wilen, Kiley Yates, Jaedyn Adams, Lucille Ahart, Braylee Barrera, Dylan Evans, Victoria Ginsbach, Kyle Kentsler, Kylee Martin, Blake Patton, Camden Peterson, Diamond Retzlaff, Jaden Retzlaff, Ayricka Schulte, Amber Shaykett, Michael Van Dorn, Whitley

Newell 3rd and 4th graders sing and play their ukuleles during the 2021 elementary Christmas concert. -Brunner photo



From left: Mesa Dell, Auryon Lewis, Paisley Braun and Sadie Lindsey, all first-graders, play the mallets. - Brunner photo



The combined K-5th grade from Newell school singing and playing at their Christmas concert on Thursday, December 2. - Brunner photo





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