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"A Christmas Carol"

Belle Fourche Area Community Theater rang in the holidays with great cheer and great crowds! Folks, young and old, from all over the surrounding area came to see "A Christmas Carol" performed at the Belle Fourche Rec Center Auditori-

And after a busy season of producing local entertainment and culture, this production was the star on top of the tree and a heart-warming end to a year of

Featuring actors both veteran and rookie to the organization, the cast did a fantastic job bringing every emotion from humbug to fa-la-la-la. Led by director, Toi Lyn Flick, the story came to life on stage and in the audience.

A Christmas Carol C4

BF Area Community Theatre Players Ring in the Holidays



BFACT final show of their 2022 Season, A Christmas Carol. Back: Jeff Reason, Tracy Pena, Olivia Furrow, Ethan Staley, Ariel Jones, Kynlee Henderson, Becca Lee, Nathan Thompson, Joel Edgar, Gideon Gilger, Kaeli Thompson, Colleen Anderson, Blaine Anderson, Kathryn Anderson, Emma Tinsley. Front: Jasmine Reason, Braxxton Reid, Ember Olson, Zach Gerbracht, Kelsie Reid, Titus Thompson, Tace Hartman, Sonja Cropper, Siah Jones, Madisyn Carson. Not pictured: Olivia Carlisle; Director: ToiLyn Flick; Stage Manager: Rachel Johnson; Lights: Jacey Fowler; Spotlight: Garrect Juso Verry; Sound: Allie Juso Verry; Costumes: Reva Potter & Rachel Johnson; Producer: Derek Olson.

December 5 City Council Meeting

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news@bellefourchebeacon.com In addition to regular business on Monday evening December 5, the Belle Fourche City Council discussed the revision of some wording in the proposed approval of Policy 5.19 Residency Requirement/Response Time in the Personnel Manual. Currently the city maintains a "residency" map depicting an area surrounding the corporate limits of the City and within Butte County in which the City Administrator and Department Heads must reside unless an exemption is granted by a majority vote of the Common Council.

Currently, unless exempted, all regular full-time employees who are not department heads must reside within an area that permits them to physically report to work under normal driving conditions within 25 minutes of receiving a call to duty

The proposed new language adds a time extension up to 45

Councilperson Talkington raised an objection, "Employees should live in Belle Fourche." He said. "We preach shopping local." He went on to explain that to a certain extent, shopping local and hiring local go together. Councilperson Clark Sowers agreed by pointing out that raises have been provided to attract workers to Belle Fourche and that we should expect those workers to be part of the community.

Councilperson Derrick Erhart added, "We're really limited sometimes. Do we hire an experienced equipment operator who lives out of the residency map or an inexperienced one who lives in Belle Fourche?"

Mayor Randy Schmidt noted, "We're just getting our employee pool back to where it needs to be. We really need these workers."

Councilperson Rebecca Larson raised questions about the value of keeping the time distance to 25 minutes. She offered her research into the policies of similar regional communities, including Spearfish, Sturgis, Deadwood, Rapid City, and Gillette. Most of these communities are opening rather than closing response times. She explained. Policy 5.19 Residency Requirement/ Response Time was returned to the Finance Committee for further discussion when the

full council did not come to agreement.

The council set forth to approve Resolution 57-2002 a document that sets rate schedules for use by the city in the coming year 2023. This document outlines establish fees established by such as library fines, rental space for building use, animal licensure, etc. The question of a \$15 fee for unsecured loads delivered to the Landfill was discussed.

Kristi Thielen spoke on behalf of the Tri-State Museum, giving a recap of the museum events that took place in November. These included the First Saturday Brunch presentation "Goin' to the Store", the opening of "The Moon" mini exhibit, Family Fun Day "It's About Time" featuring local clocksmith Dan Braxton, and the Light Up the Night Festivities, which drew over 700 visitors into the museum. Additionally, Thielen spoke of

City Council Contd.B8



City Council members discuss where workers need to reside to qualify for employment in the City of Belle. File Photo

The Pencil is Passed.

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When Tim Speidel and Jake O'Byrne stand side-by-side one assumes that all tax preparers must be smart... and tall.

In an open house celebration, on Friday December 2, 2022, the "pencil" was officially passed from Tim to Jake O'Byrne. Jake will move into Tim's office as he takes over the

Jake O'Byrne is up for the job. Following college graduation he soon began working for Tim. That was two years ago and long enough for both Tim and Jake to know that it was a good fit. Jake and his wife Lauren look forward to raising their two young children in Belle Fourche. Tim has some plans too.

Both Tim and Jake are native to western South Dakota. Jake grew up in Belle Fourche and



Paula Speidel greets well-wishers at her husband's "pass the pencil" career celebration. **Tim Speidel** (in the background) reflects on a long and satisfying accounting career with good friends. English Photo

graduated from high school here. Tim is a 1973 graduate of Newell High School. Despite his family moving around some, he has good memories of attending high school in Newell.

During our conversation, Tim reflected on his journey to the accounting and tax service business. Tim went to work after high school. He described a job at American Colloid. "I had a little money saved and thought I might like to be a history major." College was a serious decision even in those

In 1985, Tim graduated from Black Hills State with a double major in business and account-

Somewhere along the line he decided that switching to business and accounting "made more sense" although he maintains his interest in history.

With his dairy farm background, natural gift for conversation, and genuine concern for people, Tim has made many friends among his clients. That was apparent from the well attended open house. "People are not just clients." He said. "They are people."

Now that the pencil has been passed, Tim will occupy the back office where the old fashioned filing cabinets are located. He will work as hard as he wants to work, which could mean taking Sundays off during tax season.

Butte County Republicans Elect Officers for 2023-2024 Term

The Butte county Republican central committee met recently and elected officers for the coming 2023-24 term. The county central committee consists of all elected officials from Butte county, the precinct committee men and women and elected officers of the Butte county central committee.

Selected to lead the group as chairman was Tom Brunner of Nisland, vice chair is Dusta Ismay of Vale, treasurer is Ken Wetz of Newell, and secretary is Cody Skogberg of Belle-Fourche. Also selected as state central committees man was Travis Ismay of Vale and committee woman is Quin Brunner of Nisland.

Brunner explained that the purpose of the central committee is to promote republican candidates for public office and to encourage those values that

the Republican Party stands for including limited government, personal responsibility and less government intrusion into our daily lives.

The local party has been somewhat dormant the last few years but that is going to change. Several new people to the community have become precinct committee men and women and the desire is to have a more active local organization. Brunner stated "we will be having more frequent meetings to include more public involvement and we will be having a Lincoln Day dinner and event in February of 2023."

The group would also like to publicly thank Cassie Wendt and James Ager for their leadership the past 2 years. Submitted by Tom Brunner, Butte County Republican



Chairman

Beacon collaborator Bryan Lesley was on a trip to Hawaii the past couple weeks and shot this photo 1.2 Kilometers from the approaching lava of the Mauna Loa eruption. The small bright spot in the center right of the photo is the caldera at the top showing through the clouds. It was shooting up more than 200



Cowboys Too! donated 10% of their sales from Black Friday to BF Compassion Cupboard. Pastor Tim Smith, pictured with Michelle Evans and owner, George Wilson, receives the donation on behalf of Compassion Cupboard. Beacon Photos



The Chamber of Commerce held at ribbon cutting Saturday at the Black Hills Diner for new member Pooter Q Original BBQ. Beacon Photo



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Marlin Main 75

Marlin Main, age 75 of Aladdin WY, went home to heaven on December 4, 2022 at his home, following a sudden cardiac event.

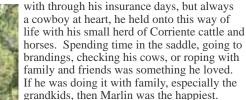
Obituaries

The funeral service was held Monday, December 12, 2022 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Visitation took place Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment was in in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Marlin's service can be viewed live or afterwards from his obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.Lever-

Marlin Main was born March 25, 1947 in Mobridge, South Dakota. He was the son of Lester and Vivian (Trager) Main. Marlin grew up on the family ranch located south of Keldron, South Dakota. He attended White

Deer Country School and graduated from Lemmon High School in 1965. Marlin was married to Patricia Brams on December 28, 1968 in Dupree, SD. To this union two children were born: Jeff and Juliet. Following their marriage, Marlin and Pat finished their college educations. Marlin graduated with degrees in Animal Science and Business from the SD State University. After college, they moved back to the family ranch where they raised Hereford cattle. In March of 1988, the family moved to Belle Fourche and Marlin became an insurance agent. He started selling life and health insurance and later expanded into property and casualty. In 1997 he became the owner of Main Insurance, which his son Jeff now operates. He served on the Christian Life Center board for many years and especially enjoyed the Men's prayer breakfasts on Thursday mornings. Marlin enjoyed his many clients and the friendships that he was blessed



If he was doing it with family, especially the grandkids, then Marlin was the happiest. Marlin will be remembered for his solid faith in the Lord, quiet inner strength and for always putting his family first. He was a man of few words. If he said it, you knew he meant it. Nothing was ever for show with Marlin and his word was his bond. He was well respected for his integrity, honesty, kindness, and for being a true gentleman. He

loved his grandchildren dearly and was so

proud of them – always making time to help them in the arena or to cheer them on at their games, rodeos and all their activities - just like he did with his kids when they were growing up. Marlin and Pat enjoyed over 50 years of marriage and God blessed them abundantly. He will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and neighbors.

Marlin is survived by his wife, Pat of Aladdin WY; son, Jeff (Holly) of Belle Fourche; daughter, Juliet Main of Washington DC; 3 grandchildren, Anika, Lydia, Joshua; and brother, Max (Mary) Main of Aladdin WY. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Carlene (Jeff) Hayward of Glasgow MT, and their daughter, Sydney, and Kathy (Mike) Moorman of Riverton WY, and their children, Matt and Brett.

Leverington Funeral Home of the

Josh Ryan Britton 63

Josh Ryan Britton, 63, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at Monument Health Hospital in Rapid City.

Josh was born November 2, 1959. outside of Pierre, South Dakota to GW and Patricia (Poseley) Britton. In the mid 1960's the family moved to Whitewood. Josh graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1978. After graduation he continued doing what he loved and that was to work.

He was known to be able to fix anything and would help anyone. He first got his start fixing things as a child becoming known as a "wizard of lawnmowers" in Whitewood. He grew up chasing adrenaline gaining a love for dirt bikes, motorcycles and vehicles of all types. Josh spent a short time in Alaska where he lied about his age to work on a fishing boat and in a crab processing plant. He would often tell the story of that being the best crab he ever had in his entire life. After Alaska he spent his time on the Crago Ranch working as a ranch hand and cowboy, Josh always had a love for horses and cowboying. After ranching he started over the road trucking mainly hauling sheep. After his time trucking, he finally found his true calling as a logger. Josh always had a love for the outdoors, he really cared for the beauty of the Black Hills and how the forest was managed. Josh's only son, Walker Britton was born on October 14, 1995, he would often say "I've done a lot in life but my proudest achievement I ever did was my boy." One of the only things Josh asked for from his son was grandchildren, he got that wish on March 30, 2022, when his beautiful granddaughter was welcomed into this world. The first time Josh met his granddaughter he said "I knew it! She looks just like me!"

Josh loved his family and would do anything for them including all of his friends that he loved just the same as family.

Josh is survived by his son, Walker (Ariel Lewis) Britton; granddaughter, Ember Britton; sister, Becky (Ralph) Crago; brother, Kelly (Kandy) Britton; sister, Tracy (Rick) Zwingleberg; and brother, Patrick (Anne) Britton.

He was preceded in death by his father, GW Britton and his mother, Patricia Hamilton.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the I-Bar in Whitewood.

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Friends and family may sign his online guestbook at ∾Black Hills∽

Christi Durr 55

Christi Durr, age 55 of Belle Fourche, went home to heaven on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the Hospice House in Rapid City, following a courageous fight against cancer.

A memorial service will be held 10:30am Monday, December 19th, 2022 at the Spearfish United Church of Christ. There will be no visitation. Interment will be held in Pine Slope Cemetery. Following the service lunch and a time of fellowship will be held at the Branding Iron.

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

Memorials are preferred to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and Hospice of the Northern Hills.

Christi Lynn Thomas was born October 31, 1967 in Rapid City. She was the daughter of Kenneth and Loretta (Moran) Thomas. Christi grew up in Belle Fourche where she graduated from high school in 1986. She attended Black Hills State University and Mitchell Technical College, and graduated from Western Dakota Tech in 1988, with a degree in Office Management. She was united in marriage to Darin Durr at the First Congregational United

Church of Christ on August 25, 1990. Following their marriage, they farmed near Belle Fourche. For the past several years, Christi has worked at Hersrud's of Belle Fourche. Christi loved her three cats very much. She

was the type of person who enjoyed life and people. She enjoyed camping and going to the lake in the summer. For the past 3 ½ years, Christi has battled AML Leukemia. She was

always a strong person, and showed great character throughout these past years. She will be missed greatly by her friends and family.

Christi is survived by her husband, Darin of Belle Fourche; parents, Kenneth and Loretta Thomas of Belle Fourche; brother, Kenneth C. Thomas (Kathy) of Alaska; sister, Ronda Thomas of Belle Fourche; nephews, Cole and Seth Thomas; niece, Anna Thomas; brother-inlaw. Eric Durr of Sturgis; and sister-in-law, Kristin Durr of Belle Fourche.

> Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

Pastor's Perspective

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

"John 6:16-21, Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52" The disciples had just witnessed the miraculous event of Jesus multiplying five barley loaves and two fish for the purpose of feeding 5,000 men plus women and

children. It was a scene that should have caused the fatigued disciples to fall on their knees before the Messiah! However, Mark 6:52 records these astonishing

words, "The disciples had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.' The disciples were tired. They wanted to be alone with Jesus. They didn't want this crowd disturbing their rest. So, rather than serving this crowd joyfully and looking with wonder on the miracle Jesus did, they allowed their hearts to be hardened. What the disciples should have learned was to trust Jesus more deeply and love people

Since they didn't get the message, Jesus was about to give them another opportunity to learn. After the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus sent His disciples away in a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. As they were in the middle of the Sea, at the darkest time of the night in the midst of a horrendous storm, the disciples became terrified! They thought they were going to die. In that moment another miraculous event occurred... Jesus walked to the disciples on the water! Once He got in the boat, the waves stopped crashing, the rain stopped, the wind stopped, and all was

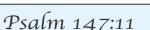
calm! The disciples were astonished and worshipped Him saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"

There are several things we can learn from this story. First, Jesus purposely sent His disciples into a storm that He had ordained. Why? He did so in order that they would learn to trust Him more. He wanted their faith in Him to grow. Are you in a storm? If so, perhaps God is trying to teach you to trust Him more deeply. Second, it is often at our darkest point that we see Jesus most clearly. It was the darkest part of the night when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water. Are you in a dark place? Look to Jesus! Finally, we learn from this story that when Jesus shows up, things change! When Jesus got into the boat everything was calm. The disciples no longer feared the storm because the Master of the Sea was with them. If you are going through a hard time in life, rest in Jesus. With Jesus there is peace!

Remember what God says in Isaiah 55:8-9, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than yours and My thoughts than your thoughts." We don't know the beginning from the end. He does. Trust Him, seek Him, and grow in your love for Him. Are you going through difficult times? If so, seek God and see what He is wanting to teach you. Take your eyes off of your circumstance and put them on Jesus, the Master of

Bell Ringers will be at Runnings, Lueder's and Lynn's Dakotamart again this season! They are local volunteers collecting Holiday donations for our local Compassion **Cupboard Food Pantry. All of the** money raised stays here in town. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Collecting donations until Dec. 17th. Have a great Holiday Season!





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Gingerbread Village Doubles in Size and Delight

Five years ago, Johanna Meier of Spearfish gifted the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center with her charming Gingerbread Village, which included a number of ceramic houses and buildings, as well as a spectacular "castle on a hill," considered the home of the "Ginger King."

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The museum staff was excited to receive the donation and with the help of board members and volunteers Mary Wendt and Charlotte Dougherty Fladmoe, they have put it up for the holiday season each year since its arrival.

After the Gingerbread Village was set up in December of 2021, Dougherty decided that she wanted to try her hand at making some additional sets. A playwright by profession, she had never done the kind of intensive crafting that such an endeavor calls for.

"But I was really inspired by the beautiful pieces Johanna Meier had given us and I wanted to enhance it any way I could," she recalls.

And that's just what she did - when she surprised the museum staff in December 2022 by providing not one or two – but 12 additional village sets all but one designed and made entirely through her own efforts.

The sets include both people and wildlife and feature ponds, a waterfall, skiers, ice skaters and carolers. There are interesting touches everywhere, such as a man sitting on a park bench feeding birds and a car driving down a street with a freshly cut tree on its

Dougherty scoured flea markets, antique stores, and second-hand stores for the small items that she felt gave the sets what she calls "a sense of life going on."

"Nothing was really expensive," she recalls. "I could have bought everything but enjoyed coming up with homemade solutions. And I got more confident as I worked.'

Some of those solutions included mixtures of shaving cream and glue to make the snow; ponds of silicone topped with a resin and painted "cobblestone" streets in which the cobbles were shaped by a pencil tip eraser.

She was able to purchase bottle brush trees in bulk which she then capped with snow. But each set sits on a base of Styrofoam, and supply chain issues prevented her from

ordering that material in bulk. She credits downtown Belle Fourche's Budget Appliance for giving her large Styrofoam pieces that she could cut into the sizes she needed.

The centerpiece of her work is a village center, with a train station and a battery-powered train that goes around a track. "Because every kid wants to see a train!" said Dougherty with a laugh. The train is easy to maintain and those who want to see it in action can request that a staffer turn it on for them.

A concern about how to blend the existing village pieces with these new ones turned out to be no concern at all; the new pieces wend their way nicely to the more traditional ginger houses and on to the snow-capped peak where the Ginger King's castle majestically sits. Volunteer Mary Wendt was instrumental in placing the accent pieces throughout the village, including cottony snow, glistening blue and white stones, shiny green and red garland and over-sized ginger people around the front of each table.

Then Mary got her son, Todd, to make a metal device that allows the village's Santa and reindeer fly high over a housetop. "Santa needs to be

up in the air!" she said.

While there are ginger villages akin to this one in Rapid City and the southern hills, the museum staff is unaware of one in the northern hills. It will remain up through the holiday season and has several hands-on accompaniments, including a Ginger Village scavenger hunt, which kids can complete in order to receive a candy cane, plus an activity table with a special takehome workbook, coloring sheets, craft materials, a gingerbread village pop-up book to read and a drawing for a gingerbread reindeer

and sleigh kit. Dougherty has spent the last year working at a table between her living and dining rooms, but it may not be put away any time soon. "I'd like to do more, and I think my project

for next year will be a ski slope!' The Tri-State Museum's Gingerbread Village will continue to grow - and when the museum finally has its long-awaited addition, this exhibit will be an annual holiday fixture within in it.

Johanna Meier's gift continues to inspire and foster the holiday spirit in all those who visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center and its Gingerbread Village.



Skiers in front of the pond is just one of the many scenes depitced in the Museum's Gingerbread Village. Courtesy Photo

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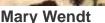
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A lunch and learn was held on December 7th at the 519 Venue with presenter Meg McNeese with Rose Group Int'l on Time Management.

The group learned several "tips and tricks" to help manage time in chaos.

One step to managing time is to see where your time goes, a "time audit" is suggested, but to also not feel guilty when completing this as most find some amount of time is wasted.

The goal of the audit is to see how much of your time is wasted and to make a realistic goal of changing it. An example would be, you waste 3 hours of the day; changing that to wasting 2 hours of the day and continuously working on the goal. The Eisenhower Matrix was a

tool of reference for managing



Meg McNeese

time in chaos, learning how to "do, schedule, delegate, and eliminate."

Learning these tips and tricks is only the beginning as it all takes TIME and practice to become effective and routine.

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State FFA Leadership **Development Placings**

Nicole Kraft FFA Reporter

BROOKINGS, S.D. --- On December 5, 2022, nearly 600 FFA members from across South Dakota met in Pierre for the State FFA Leadership Develop-

ment Events (LDEs). Students qualified through district competitions, advancing the top two teams and top three individuals from each of the seven FFA districts in South Dakota. While waiting for competitive events, students had the opportunity to interact with agriculture industry leaders, who are SD FFA Star Partners, at the Career Carnival. Additionally, a representative from Pioneer-Corteva presented two workshops, which engaged members in discussion on future educational and career opportunities as well as identifying needed leadership qualities in the workforce.

FFA members and chapters

were recognized for their success in 11 leadership areas at the awards banquet. State-winning teams and individuals advance to the National FFA Leadership Development Events in Indianapolis next fall.

Parliamentary Procedure teams, consisting of six members per team, demonstrate an FFA business meeting. The team results had Belle Fourche 4th.

Employment Interview Skills challenges FFA members to complete a job application, write a letter of application and resume, participate in an actual interview and compose a follow-up letter. The results were 1st. Bennett Gordon, Sturgis: 2nd Morgan Mackaben, Belle Fourche.

The Conduct of Chapter Meetings event is designed for high school freshmen to present a mock FFA meeting. The team results had Belle Fourche placing 5th.



FFA members attended "Christmas at the Capitol". Courtesy Photo

113 Logan Tyndall (1-2) place is unknown and scored 4.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Logan Tyndall 1-2 won by fall over Carson Mitchell (Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood) 3-5 (Fall 3:57) • Champ. Round 2 - Isaiah Sisneros (Lakewood) 8-0 won by tech fall over Logan Tyndall 1-2 (TF-1.5 3:29 (15-0)) • Cons. Round 2 - River Osborne (Sheridan) 4-3 won by decision over Logan Tyndall 1-2 (Dec 9-5)

120 Toarin Humble (0-2) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points. • Champ. Round 1 - John Jeffery (Spearfish) 9-2 won by fall over Toarin Humble 0-2 (Fall 1:23) Cons. Round 1 - Derek Ranschau (Sioux Falls Jefferson) 5-3 won by fall over Toarin Humble 0-2 (Fall 2:09)

145 Riley Dighton (3-2) place is unknown and scored 9.0 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Stuntebeck (Tea Area) 10-2 won by major decision over Riley Dighton 3-2 (MD 11-0) • Cons. Round 1 - Riley Dighton 3-2 won by fall over Jesse Jost (West Central) 3-3 (Fall 2:11) • Cons. Round 2 - Riley Dighton 3-2 won by fall over Ross Goncalves (Worland) 1-2 (Fall 1:43) • Cons. Round 3 - Riley Dighton 3-2 won by fall over Tate Winter (Rapid City Central) 3-7 (Fall 2:32) • Cons. Round 4 - Lance Streifel (Thunder Basin High School) 4-3 won by major decision over Riley Dighton 3-2

152 Thomas McCoy (3-3) placed 6th and scored 13.0 team points. • Champ. Round 1 - Thomas McCoy 3-3 won by fall over Connor Adams (Custer) 6-5 (Fall 0:44) • Champ. Round 2 - Thomas McCoy 3-3 won by fall over Dillian Wornkey (Rapid City Stevens) 4-5 (Fall 0:22) • Quarterfinal - Thomas McCoy 3-3 won by decision over Chase Carda (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 6-5 (Dec 8-4) • Semifinal - Blasi Blasius (Philip Area) 7-0 won by injury default over Thomas McCoy 3-3 (Inj. 0:00) • Cons. Semi - Dawson Goss (Sheridan) 5-2 won by forfeit over Thomas McCoy 3-3 (For.) ●5th Place Match - Jais Rose (Thunder Basin High School) 5-2 won by medical forfeit over Thomas McCoy 3-3 (M. For.)

220 Gunnar Geib (1-2) place is unknown and scored 1.0 team points. • Champ. Round 1 - Asher Peil (Spearfish) 4-3 won by fall over Gunnar Geib 1-2 (Fall 3:15) Cons. Round 1 - Gunnar Geib (Belle Fourche) 1-2 won by decision over Connor Degen (Mitchell) 4-4 (Dec 7-4)

• Cons. Round 2 - Abraham Myers (Sioux Falls Washington) 5-2 won by fall over Gunnar Geib (Belle Fourche) 1-2 (Fall 0:01)

JV 113 Garet Huston (4-2) placed 5th. Champ. Round 1 - Garet Huston

(Belle Fourche) 4-2 received a bye ● Champ. Round 2 - Garet Huston (Belle Fourche) 4-2 won by fall over Kordell Bruha (Harding County) 5-6 (Fall 5:39) • Quarterfinal - Ethan Samuelson (Mandan) 4-6 won by fall over Garet Huston (Belle Fourche) 4-2 Fall 5:24) • Cons. Round 4 - Garet Huston (Belle Fourche) 4-2 won by fall over Aiden Ellerbroek (O'Gorman) 1-2 (Fall 3:24) • Cons. Round 5 - Garet Huston (Belle Fourche) 4-2 won by fall over Jacob Kurtenbach (Rapid City Stevens) 7-4 (Fall 2:07) • Cons. Semi - Corban Sorenson (Watford City) 4-8 won by fall over Garet Huston (Belle Fourche) 4-2 (Fall 3:41) • 5th Place Match - Garet Huston (Belle Fourche) 4-2 won by fall over Korbyn Coots(Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood) 3-6

JV 120 Alexander Norlin (1-2) place is unknown. • Champ. Round 1 -Alexander Norlin (Belle Fourche) 1-2 received a bye ()● Champ. Round 2 - Colton Ireland (Bismarck) 5-4 won by fall over Alexander Norlin (Belle Fourche) 1-2 (Fall 2:36) • Cons. Round 2 - Alexander Norlin (Belle Fourche) 1-2 received a bye • Cons. Round 3 - Alexander Norlin (Belle Fourche) 1-2 won by fall over Thomas Ellis (Sioux Falls Lincoln) 3-3 (Fall 3:33) • Cons. Round 4 - Landon Huck (Bismarck St Mary's) 4-2 won by fall over

Alexander Norlin (Belle Fourche) 1-2 (Fall 0:35)

JV 126 Riggin Lutter (1-2) place is unknown. ● Champ. Round 1 - Riggin Lutter (Belle Fourche) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye)● Champ. Round 2 - Tyson Taylor (Williston) 2-3 won by fall over RigginLutter (Belle Fourche) 1-2 (Fall 0:45) • Cons. Round 2 - Riggin Lutter (Belle Fourche) 1-2 received a bye • Cons. Round 3 - Riggin Lutter (Belle Fourche) 1-2 won by decision over Blent LEr (Huron) 0-2 (Dec 12-6) Cons. Round 4 - Gage Studer (Sturgis Brown) 7-5 won by fall over Riggin Lutter (Belle Fourche) 1-2 (Fall 0:30) JV 132 Malachi Funk (0-2) place is unknown. • Champ. Round 1 - Jaxon Salander (Bismarck) 2-4 won by fall over Malachi Funk 0-2 (Fall 1:28)● Cons. Round 1 - Malachi Funk 0-2 received a bye ● Cons. Round 2 - Jonah Crow (O'Gorman) 1-2 won by fall over Malachi Funk 0-2(Fall 2:51)

JV 152 Elijah Braning (4-2) placed 7th. • Champ. Round 1 - Elijah Braning
4-2 won by decision over William Roundy (Killdeer) 7-1 (Dec 4-2) • Champ. Round 2 - Elijah Braning 4-2 won by fall over Justice Almquist (Watford City) 1-2 (Fall 0:50) Quarterfinal - Dawson Inhofer (Sturgis Brown) 8-1 won by decision over Elijah Braning 4-2 (Dec 4-0) Cons. Round 4 - Elijah Braning 4-2 won by major decision over Timmy Duenow (Sheridan) 3-2

decision over Elijah Braning 4-2 (Dec 5-4)

• 7th Place Match - Elijah Braning 4-2 won by fall over Cody Crosland (Wil-

(MD 10-2) Cons. Round 5 - Devin Greff (Hettinger/Scranton) 6-6 won by

JV 152 Spencer Bush-Graslie (1-2) place is unknown. Champ. Round 1 - Spencer Bush-Graslie 1-2 won by fall over Isaac Vasquez (O`Gorman) 0-2 (Fall 1:13) ● Champ. Round 2 - Tanner Blackwell (Hettinger/Scranton) 3-3 won by decision over Spencer Bush-Graslie 1-2 (Dec 4-3)● Cons. Round 2 - William Roundy (Killdeer) 7-1 won by tech fall over Spencer Bush-Graslie 1-2 (TF-1.5 4:12 (17-0))

JV 160 Matthew Goodwin (1-2) place is unknown. • Champ. Round 1 -Matthew Goodwin 1-2 received a bye • Champ. Round 2 - Matthew Goodwin 1-2 won by fall over Taylin Bennett (Williston) 0-2 (Fall 1:20) • Quarterfinal - Isaac Foster (Lead-Deadwood) 4-1 won by fall over Matthew Goodwin 1-2 (Fall 0:45) Cons. Round 4 - Tiernan Glass (Bismarck) 7-3 won by fall over Matthew Goodwin 1-2 (Fall 2:09)

JV 170 Owyn Schreder (4-1) placed 2nd. Champ. Round 1 - Owyn Schreder 4-1 won by fall over TJ Lien (Huron) 4-3 (Fall 3:30) Champ. Round 2
- Owyn Schreder (Belle Fourche) 4-1 won by fall over Travis Schlafman (Bismarck) 1-6 (Fall 1:25) • Quarterfinal - Owyn Schreder 4-1 won by decision over Kellen Cihak-Brozik (Winner Area) 6-3 (Dec 7-6) • Semifinal - Owyn Schreder 4-1 won by fall over Kannon Shay (Douglas/Rapid City Christian/ New Underwood) 6-5 (Fall 3:42) • 1st Place Match - Brody Thompson (Rapid City Stevens) 9-1 won by major decision over Owyn Schreder 4-1 (MD 9-0) JV 170 Andrew Tonsager (0-2) place is unknown. • Champ. Round 1 - Andrew Tonsager 0-2 received a bye • Champ. Round 2 - Kamryn Meek (Winner Area) 5-4 won by fall over Andrew Tonsager 0-2 (Fall 2:35) ● Cons. Round 2 - TJ Lien (Huron) 4-3 won by fall over Andrew Tonsager 0-2 (Fall

JV 182 Caleb Dosch (0-2) place is unknown. ● Champ. Round 1 - Caleb Dosch 0-2 received a bye () (Bye) ● Champ. Round 2 - Caleb Dosch 0-2 received a bye () (Bye) Quarterfinal - Tyler Minogue (Tea Area) 2-3 won by fall over Caleb Dosch 0-2 (Fall 0:26) • Cons. Round 4 - Corbin Spalding (Sioux Falls Washington) 3-6 won by fall over Caleb Dosch 0-2 (Fall 0:26)

JV 182 Lucas Green (3-2) placed 7th. • Champ. Round 1 - Lucas Green
3-2 received a bye () (Bye) • Champ. Round 2 - Lucas Green 3-2 won by fall over Cyrus Maras (West Central)4-2 (Fall 1:53) • Quarterfinal - Ethan Hess (Lead-Deadwood) 2-1 won by decision over Lucas Green (3-2 (Dec 9-2) Cons. Round 4 - Lucas Green 3-2 won by fall over Okay Htoo (Huron) 1-6 (Fall 3:25) ● Cons. Round 5 - Cyrus Maras (West Central) 4-2 won by fall over Lucas Green 3-2 (Fall 1:57) ● 7th Place Match - Lucas Green (3-2 won by major decision over Corbin Spalding (Sioux Falls Washington) 3-6 (MD

JV 195 Mason Nehl (1-2) place is unknown. ● Champ. Round 1 - Mason Nehl 1-2 received a bye () (Bye) ● Champ. Round 2 - Alex Munce (O'Gorman) 4-2 won by fall over Mason Nehl 1-2 (Fall 1:17) ● Cons. Round 2 -Mason Nehl (Belle Fourche) 1-2 won by fall over Blake Bloxom (Rapid City Stevens) 0-2 (Fall 4:05) • Cons. Round 3 - Cain Grocott (West Central) 3-5

won by fall over Mason Nehl 1-2 (Fall 1:15) JV 285 Lucas Tonsager (3-3) placed 8th. • Champ. Round 1 - Lucas Tonsager 3-3 won by fall over Owen Coody (Rapid City Stevens) 3-4 (Fall 1:34) • Champ. Round 2 - Lucas Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 3-3 won by fall over Jordan Murillo (Williston) 0-2 (Fall 1:55)• Quarterfinal - Patrick Ohanesyan

(Sioux Falls Lincoln) 6-1 won by fall over Lucas Tonsager 3-3 (Fall 5:00) • Cons. Round 4 - Lucas Tonsager 3-3 won by fall over Natan Blue Coat (Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree) 2-2 (Fall 3:00) • Cons. Round 5 - Louis Whirlwind Horse (Rapid City Central) 4-2 won by fall over Lucas Tonsager (Belle Fourche) 3-3 (Fall 4:46) • 7th Place Match - Daniel Vazquez (O'Gor-

man) 3-2 won by fall over Lucas Tonsager 3-3 (Fall 4:08)

Rapid City GIRLS Invitational Results for Belle Fourche

100 Kyra Vandenberg (3-1) placed 2nd. Champ. Round 1 - Kyra Vandenberg 3-1 received a bye () ● Champ.
 Round 2 - Kyra Vandenberg 3-1 won by fall over Naw Htoo Ywe (Huron) 2-5 (Fall 1:34) • Quarterfinal - Kyra Vandenberg 3-1 won by fall over Savannah Rondell (Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood) 3-2 (Fall 4:32) • Semifinal - Kyra Vandenberg 3-1 won by major decision over Brooklyn La-frenz (Mandan) 7-4 (MD 12-2) • 1st Place Match - Jennifer Verdin (Hettinger/Scranton) 9-0 won by fall over Kyra Vandenberg3-1 (Fall 2:41)

120 Hailey Rodriguez (3-2) placed 5th and scored 16.0 team points. • Champ, Round 1 - Hailey Rodriguez (Belle Fourche) 3-2 received a bye () (Bye) • Champ. Round 2 - Hailey Rodriguez 3-2 won by fall over Adali Simmons (Killdeer) 3-2 (Fall 1:14) • Quarterfinal - Hailey Rodriguez 3-2 won by major decision over Kezrey Benning (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 4-2 (MD 9-1) •Semifinal - Brookyln Baird (Sturgis Brown) 9-1 won by medical forfeit over Hailey Rodriguez 3-2 (M. For.) Cons. Semi - Madelynn Schlup (Spearfish) 9-5 won by injury default over Hailey Rodriguez 3-2 (Inj. 0:00) • 5th Place Match - Hailey Rodriguez 3-2 won by injury default over Tavyn Valder (Beresford/Alcester-Hudson) 8-3 (Inj. 0:00)

120 Fiona Krug (0-2) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points. • Champ. Round 1 - Madelynn Schlup (Spearfish) 9-5 won by fall over Fiona Krug 0-2 (Fall 2:44)• Cons. Round 1 - Fiona Krug (Belle Fourche) 0-2 re-



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ceived a bye • Cons. Round 2 - Claire Abbitt (Spearfish) 4-4 won by fall over Fiona Krug 0-2 (Fall 3:56)

126 Aleyah Carbajal (0-2) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points. • Champ. Round 1 - Hanna Horvath (O'Gorman) 2-2 won by fall over Aleyah Carbajal 0-2 (Fall 1:20) Cons. Round 1 - Olivia Kolbrek (Sioux Falls Washington) 7-4 won by fall over Aleyah Carbajal 0-2 (Fall 2:25)

132 Alexa Swaney (1-2) place is unknown and scored 6.0 team points. • Champ. Round 1 - Alexa Swaney 1-2 received a bye • Champ. Round 2 - Alexa Swaney 1-2 won by fall over Dina Beyers (Lemmon/McIntosh) 0-5 (Fall 0:33) • Quarterfinal - Gianna Stangeland (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 4-1 won by fall over Alexa Swaney 1-2 (Fall 2:40) • Cons. Round 4 - Paityn Covolo (Sheridan) 5-2 won by decision over Alexa Swaney 1-2 (Dec 9-7)

142 Olivia Nehl (3-2) place is unknown and scored 9.0 team points. • Champ. Round 1 - Paige Baumgartner (Bismarck) 11-3 won by fall over Olivia Nehl 3-2 (Fall 1:36) Cons. Round 1 - Olivia Nehl (3-2 won by fall over Emalee Von Eye (Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood) 0-5 (Fall 0:21) • Cons. Round 2 - Olivia Nehl 3-2 won by fall over Jaelyn Carrizales (Sioux Falls Roosevelt) 0-2 (Fall 0:35) • Cons. Round 3 - Olivia Nehl 3-2 won by fall over Trinity Peterson (Sheridan) 2-2 (Fall 0:39) • Cons. Round 4 - Emerson Skuodas (Harrisburg) 5-4 won by fall over Olivia Nehl 3-2 (Fall

154 Izzabella Ramos (2-2) place is unknown and scored 6.0 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Izzabella Ramos 2-2 won by decision over Jaci Cox (Aberdeen Central) 1-4 (Dec 8-4) • Champ. Round 2 - Izzabella Ramos 2-2 won by fall over Daisy Munoz (Hill City) 5-3 (Fall 3:07) • Quarterfinal - Ireland Templeton (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 3-2 won by fall over Izzabella Ramos 2-2 (Fall 1:27) Cons. Round 4 - Avalon Brenner (O'Gorman) 3-3 won by forfeit over Izzabella Ramos 2-2 (For.)

190 Adelae Grusing (0-2) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

• Champ. Round 1 - Adelae Grusing 0-2 received a bye () • Champ. Round 2 - Adelae Grusing 0-2 received a bye () ● Quarterfinal - Marlee Shorter (Pierre T.F. Riggs) 4-0 won by fall over Adelae Grusing 0-2 (Fall 0:27) • Cons. Round 4 - Brianna Johnson (Tea Area) 5-3 won by fall over Adelae Grusing 0-2 (Fall 0:00)

Bronc Boys Drop Opener to Spartans

Jim Trimble



The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys varsity basketball opened their season Friday night in Belle Fourche hosting the

Spearfish Spartans. Spearfish led the whole contest and held off a couple of good Broncs rallies to come away with a 64-44 victory.

The Spartans jumped out to a 15-9 lead after one, but the Broncs tightened up and outscored Spearfish 11-10 in the second quarter and only trailed by 5 at half. Spearfish led 41-34 after three but caught fire in the fourth quarter dropping in 23 points for the final margin of victory.

"I thought we stayed together through a choppy first half and found some balance and flow in the third quarter. We just didn't have enough in the tank at the end," commented Brones head coach Clay Pottorff. "I'm excited to see how we grow as a team this year," he added. Sophomore Jet Jensen paced the Brones with 12 points including 3 netters from behind the arc. Senior post Anthony Staley chipped in 11 and senior guard Anthony Budmayr added 7. Belle had trouble at the free throw line going only 5-12. Junior guard Seth Hamilton bombed in 29 for the Spartans, and seniors Antonio Serrano and Smith Funke added 14 and 9 respectively. Spearfish was cold at the line also going

Spearfish took the JV game with a hard fought 47-43 win. Belle was led by Rance Bowden with 15 and Payton Dvorak adding 10.

The Broncs travel to Sturgis to take on the Scoopers on December 13, while Spearfish will have their home opener on the 16th when Aberdeen Central comes to town



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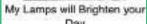
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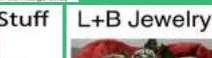
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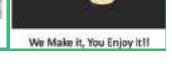
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Biscults & Gravy 4 Veggie Scramble Berries	Tater Tot Hot Dish 5 Spinach Salad Fruit, Dinner Roll Orange Cranberry Bars	Baked Chicken 6 Roasted Reds Scalloped Corn, Fruit Peppermint Poke Cake	Smoked Sausage 7 With Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potatoes Glazed Carrots, Fruit	Open Faced Turkey 8 Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Fruit, Molasses Cookie	Egg or Tuna Salad 9 On Leafy Greens Fresh Tomato Soup Corn Bread Muffin Fruit	Ham & Bean Soup 10 Veggie & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Thumbprint Cookie
Goulash 11. Asparagus, Leafy Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit	Chicken Fried Rice 12 Asian Vegetables Egg Roll Fortune Cookies	Pulled Pork 13 Sandwich, Baked Beans, Veggie Pasta Salad, Fruit	Cowboy Steak Tips 14 French Fries, Green Beans, Garden Salad Fruit, Root Beer Float	Chicken Noodle 15 Soup, Biscuit Baked Broccoli Jello with Fruit	Meetloaf 16 Baked Potato, Cabbage, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll Fruit	Turkey Pot Pie 17 Maple Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Fruit Christmas Crispy Treat
Juan's Famous 18 Chicken Tacos, Rice & Beans Fruit, Mexican Wedding Cookle	Chef Salad 19 Homemade Cracked Wheat Cracker, Fruit Hot Chocolate Peppermint Cookie	Roast Beef 20 Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Root Veggies Dinner Roll, Fruit	White Chicken Chili 21 Garden Salad Corn Muffin Fruit Ginger Brend Cake	Pork Stew 22 Green Beans Cheddar Biscuit Fruit	Deluxe Burger 23 or Fish Sandwich Cauliflower Bake Fruit, Brownie	Ham & Broccoli 24 Macaroni Bake Carrots Fruit
25 Chef's Choice	Turkey Noodle 26 Veggie Bars Fruit Pudding	Pork Roast 27 Cabbage or Sour Kraut Potato Pancakes Apple Sauce	Swiss Steak 28 Rice Zucchini Bake Fruit	Chicken Salad 29 Sandwich Sweet Potato Wedges Cranberry Sauce Lemon Cookie	Chicken Fried Steak 30 Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Fruit Dinner Roll	Pork Enchilada 31 Slaw Refried Beans, Fruit Peanut Butter Bars



High School Band and Choir Winter Concert

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On Thursday evening Belle Fourche high school students paid tribute to the holiday season with their voices and instruments.

The music directed by Micah Pennel featured a blend of familiar, traditional, and classical favorites.

The winter concert is a popular annual event one of many memorable traditions in Belle Fourche.

This year, an original composition specifically written for the Belle Fourche choir was performed for the first time with the composer present to introduce his work.

Director Pennel introduced

composition being performed for the first time at this concert". The composer was Belle Fourche High School senior, Nick Lampert.

Lampert told the audience that the work, "Alluluia, Vidmus Stellam" might remind them of a Christmas Mass. The composition was written specifically for the Belle Fourche High School Choir and was very well received.

Director Pennel commented, "I feel very fortunate to have such a talented young man in my ensemble. It is my honor to highlight his talent and affinity for music by premiering his original composition at our concert."

The students and music department thanked the Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters for keeping the arts alive in Belle Fourche. They also extended thanks to the Rec Center for the use of the auditorium, Tommy Coyle for setting up the chairs, risers and sound shells, Principal Raba, A.D. Nowowiejski and Brooks Audiss for behind the scenes help and Lucy Cole for her hard work as accompa-

Not left out were the parents and teachers for providing support and encouragement.

The spring concert will be held on March 13 at 7 PM.



BF Highschool Choir performs at Winter concert. Beacon photo



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Cattle Report - Friday, December 9, 2022

Just Under 2700 Hd Today Feeder Cattle Market Was Steady Weigh Up Cow Market Was \$3 Higher

Next Sale - December 16th - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - - 9 AM -- Last Sale of 2022

Thank You For Marketing With St Onge Livestock! Feeder Cattle Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD. Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD. .29B/R Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD .11 Rrbl. Str.. ..569 \$206.00 Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD .92Bbld \$193.75 ..562 Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD... \$194.00 .43B/R .484 Green Acre Ranch Inc, Olive MT. \$211.00 .564 Green Acre Ranch Inc, Olive MT. .26Blk \$235.25 \$210.50 \$214.50 Mickelson, Wayne, White Owl SD. .44B/R .515 Alexander, Bryan, Laramie WY.. .29Bbld ..509 Str... \$182.00 Alexander, Bryan, Laramie WY.. 29Bbld. .502 Burch, Dallas J, Oshoto WY.. 10Blk \$183.50 ..601 Burghduff, Cheryl, Camp Crook SD...... D Amico, Frank Or Joelle, Sonnette MT \$218.50 \$187.00 .28Bbld ..522 ...618 .10Blk. Forder Land & Cattle, Highwood MT. .61 Bbld. \$197.25 ..459 Gratwohl, Cynthia, Ashland MT \$202.00 Hidden Water Ranch, Willard MT. 10B/R Str. ..500 \$215.00 Hidden Water Ranch, Willard MT. .39Bbld .549 \$189.50 Humble, Casey, Mud Butte SD. Humble, Casey, Mud Butte SD. .41 Bbld. ..545 \$215.50 \$241.00 .14Bbld ..428 J3 Enterprises LLC, Belle Fourche SD. .64Bbld. .539 \$217.00 J3 Enterprises LLC, Belle Fourche SD. 12Bbld Str. .427 \$243.00 J3 Enterprises LLC, Belle Fourche SD. \$194.50 .51 Bbld513

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Wulf, Rex, Newell SD	1Red	Bull 16	85 \$96.50

Friday, December 16, 2022 **Bred Cow Special**

9:00 AM - Weigh Up Cattle 12:00 Noon - MT Brand followed by Feeder Cattle & Bred Cows

Dispersions

Bob & Alica Olson -- 265 Blk 4 Yr To Broken Mouth Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/1 Kevin Bossman -- 41 Blk 4 Yr Old Cow -- Bred Blk -- 3/10 - 15 Blk 5 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/10

Bred Heifers

Boone Huffman -- 53 Blk & Bldy Hfrs -- A-I Bred To Ext Crossfire -- 2/14 - 105 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Blk - 3/1 For 25 Days
Cassidy Jesperson - 100 Blk Hfrs - A-I Bred Io Ext Crosstire - 2/14
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Cassidy Jesperson - 100 Blk Hfrs - A-I Bred Kg Justified - 3/20
Matt Hoffman - 75 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Angus - Sorted In 2 Groups Starting 3/1
Ted Williams - 50 Blk Hfrs - Ai Bred - 2/25
- 23 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Blk - 3/20 For 21 Days
Fredrickson Ranch - 60 Blk Hfrs - A-I Bred - 3/3 For 2 Days
Jeremy & Kari Stadheim - 30 F-1 Baldy Hfrs - Bred Lbw Blk - 4/10
- 10 Blk Hfrs - Bred I bw Blk - 4/10

- 10 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blk -- 4/10

Foothills Ranch -- 15 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Blair Bros -- 4/20 For 20 Days

Bred Cows
Little Bear Livestock -- 90 Blk Solid & Shortterm Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/25 Keaton Or Enoch Schaffer -- 61 Blk & Bldy Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/15 Jack Owen -- 50 Red 8 & 9 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Red -- 4/5 Ole Olson -- 50 Blk Short Term Cows -- 4/1 For 60 Days Hooker Cattle Co -- 50 Blk Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/ Lindsey Ranch -- 40 Blk Kshort Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 5/1 For 30 Days Jim Palo -- 37 Blk Sohort Term Cows -- Bred Char -- 3/10 Jensen Ranch -- 30 Red Mixed Age Cows -- Bred Red -- 3/1 Bill & Will Lambert -- 26 Red 3 Yr To Ss Cows -- Bred Red -- 6/1 For 30 Days Clay Redding -- 12 Red Mixed Age Cows -- Bred Red -- 5/1 - 10 Red Shortterm Cows -- Bred Red -- 3/1 For 45 Days Elliot Kammerer -- 20 Blk Or Bldy 8 & 9 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/30

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January 13th - Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes January 20th – Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes January 27th - Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes February 3rd – No Sale – Enjoy The Black Hills Stock Show February 10th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All

February 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes February 24th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes

March 3rd – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes March 10th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All

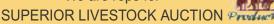
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Sheep Report - Thursday, December 8, 2022

Big December Run of 5250 Hd Lamb Market Was A Little Softer Than Last Week's Good Sale Bred Ewes Sold Higher Slaughter Ewes Sold \$10 Lower

Next Sale - December 15th - Regular Sale - 1 PM

Animals Should Be Here By Noon So They Can Be Weighed Before The Sale Thank You For Your Business

Bred Ewes - Sold by the Head		
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Feeder Lambs	,	
Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX	88Lamb	65 \$217.00
Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX	554Lamb	85 \$175.00
Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX	244Lamb	101 \$140.00
Watt Sheep LLC, Upton WY	255Lamb	83 \$175.00
Watt Sheep LLC, Upton WY	103Lamb	101 \$151.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	104Lamb	70 \$204.00
Askin, Kirk, Broadus MT	46Lamb	86 \$161.00
Brimmer, Hilda Or Leland, Biddle MT	54Lamb	90 \$159.00
Brimmer, Hilda Or Leland, Biddle MT	89Lamb	108 \$135.00
Brown, Tim, Buffalo SD	89Lamb	75 \$205.00
Harrison, Richard Or Stacy, Fruitdale SD	176Lamb	67 \$215.00
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Johnson, Rick Or Wendy, Quinn SD	86Lamb	101 \$157.00
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Randall, Jackee, Broadus MT		
Wendt, Jay D Or Lisa, Newell SD	128Lamb	93 \$161.00
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Slaughter Ewes		
Askin, Kirk, Broadus MT	21K Ewe	148 \$76.00
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Ballou Angus, Hulett WY	82K Ewe	149 \$84.00
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Ballou Angus, Hulett WY	19K Ewe	\$72.00
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Regular Sale 1:00 PM

Please Have Animals In By Noon So They Can All Be Weighed Before 1 PM Last Sheep Sale for 2022 See You January 5, 2023

2023 SHEEP SALES

January 5th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats January 12th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats January 19th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats January 26th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats February 2nd - No Sale - Check Out The Black Hills Stock Show February 9th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats February 16th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats February 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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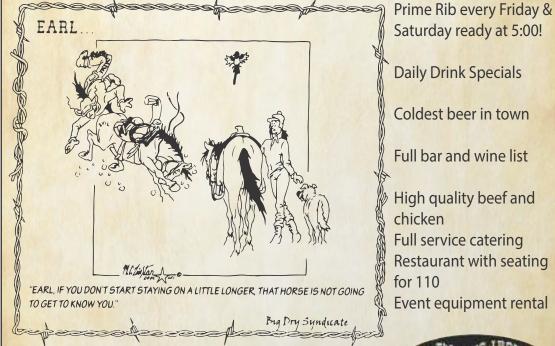
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One of my favorites for Christmas..

The Christmas Guest by Helen Steiner Rice

It happened one day near December's end, Two neighbors called on an old-time friend And they found his shop so meager and mean, Made gay with a thousand boughs of green,

And Conrad was sitting with face a-shine When he suddenly stopped as he stitched a twine And he said, "Old friends, at dawn today, When the cock was crowing the night away,

The Lord appeared in a dream to me And said, 'I am coming your guest to be'. So I've been busy with feet astir, Strewing my shop with branches of fir,

The table is spread and the kettle is shined And over the rafters the holly is twined, And now I will wait for my Lord to appear And listen closely so I will hear

His step as He nears my humble place, And I open the door and look on His face. . ." So his friends went home and left Conrad alone, For this was the happiest day he had known,

For, long since, his family had passed away And Conrad had spent many a sad Christmas

But he knew with the Lord as his Christmas guest This Christmas would be the dearest and best,

So he listened with only joy in his heart. And with every sound he would rise with a start And look for the Lord to be at his door Like the vision he had a few hours before.

So he ran to the window after hearing a sound, But all he could see on the snow-covered ground

Was a shabby beggar whose shoes were torn And all of his clothes were ragged and worn.

But Conrad was touched and went to the door And he said, "Your feet must be frozen and

I have some shoes in my shop for you And a coat that will keep you warmer, too."

So with grateful heart the man went away, But Conrad noticed the time of day. He wondered what made the Lord so late And how much longer he'd have to wait,

When he heard a knock and ran to the door, But it was only a stranger once more.

A bent, old lady with a shawl of black, With a

bundle of kindling piled on her back.

She asked for only a place to rest, But that was reserved for Conrad's Great Guest. But her voice seemed to plead, "Don't send me away Let me rest for awhile on Christmas day."

So Conrad brewed her a steaming cup And told her to sit at the table and sup. But after she left he was filled with dismay For he saw that the hours were slipping away

And the Lord had not come as He said He would, And Conrad felt sure he had misunderstood.

When out of the stillness he heard a cry, "Please help me and tell me where am I."

So again he opened his friendly door And stood disappointed as twice before, It was only a child who had wandered away And was lost from her family on Christmas

Again Conrad's heart was heavy and sad, But he knew he should make the little girl glad, So he called her in and wiped her tears And quieted all her childish fears.

Then he led her back to her home once more But as he entered his own darkened door, He knew that the Lord was not coming today For the hours of Christmas had passed away.

So he went to his room and knelt down to pray And he said, "Dear Lord, why did you delay, What kept You from coming to call on me, For I wanted so much Your face to see. . ."

When soft in the silence a voice he heard, "Lift up your head for I kept My word-Three times My shadow crossed your floor--Three times I came to your lowly door—

For I was the beggar with bruised, cold feet, I was the woman you gave something to eat, And I was the child on the homeless street. Three times I knocked and three times I came in, And each time I found the warmth of a

Of all the gifts, love is the best, I was honored to be your Christmas guest."

Wiping my eyes as I read this for the umpteenth time, I'm Jim Thompspon.



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Stetson Wright Caps Epic Season With All-around, Bull Riding Titles at NFR

LAS VEGAS - Stetson Wright capped his Wrangler NFR season for the ages Saturday night.

Wright set the single-season PRCA earnings record (\$927,940), all-around single-season record (\$758,829), bull riding single-season record at \$592,144 and bull riding earnings at the NFR at \$271,545, counting ground money before 17,788 spectators at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo presented by Teton

"This year has been the best and the hardest year I have had in the PRCA," said Wright, 23. "It started off really hot, moving to No. 1 in the world in broncs and bulls. And it kind of didn't slow down from that point on. But I had a few injuries where I had to have surgery, sit out and miss some rodeos. When you are missing stuff like that, you don't feel like you are doing your best. I had to learn a lot of patience. I had to trust everything my mom and dad said when I needed to sit out. I learned that if you wait and get healthy, you will do a lot better."

The Milford Utah, cowboy now has seven career world championships - four in allaround (2019-22); two in bulls (2020 and 2022) and saddle bronc riding (2021).

Barrel racer Hailey Kinsel concluded her 2022 season with her fourth world championship in five years.

The Texas cowgirl finished as the world standings leader with \$302,172 to capture her latest world title. She also won world titles in 2018-2020.

South Dakota's Lisa Lockhart finished 4th in the world standings and Buffalo, SD, racer Jessica Routier was 15th.

The wait is over for Jess

Pope. After finishing third and second in the world standings in 2020 and 2021, respectively, the Waverly, Kan., cowboy is a world champion in 2022.

"This is awesome. The emotions right now, there isn't anything like them. It is just so rewarding. I worked my whole life for this, and it finally came

Tie-down roper Caleb Smidt doubled his pleasure at the 2022 Wrangler NFR. The Bellville, Texas, cowboy won his fourth world title and fourth NFR average honor.

Smidt, a model of consistency, earned a PRCA tie-down roping single-season record \$374,737. He also earned an NFR tie-down roping record of \$225,221.

The favorites to win the world title in Steer Wrestling – Stetson Jorgensen and Will Lummus stumbled. Jorgensen received a no time in Round 10 and Lummus broke the barrier. In came Tyler Waguespack to win his fourth world title. Waguespack also was the world champ in 2016, 2018 and 2021 and 2022.

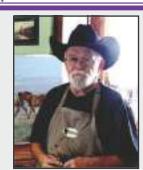
Canadian Saddle Bronc rider Zeke Thurston made it a hat trick on Saturday night.

Thurston won his third career gold buckle in 2022, thanks to earning a PRCA single-season saddle bronc riding record with \$399,316. Thurston of Big Valley, Alberta, also won world titles in 2016 and 2019.

Make it back-to-back for team ropers - header Kaleb Driggers and heeler Junior Nogueira who won their second straight world championships.

Driggers/Nogueira finished atop their respective world standings with \$340,708 each. They earned \$112,830 each at the NFR and finished second in the average with a 71.4-second time on nine head.





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this week, because of the snow. On Sunday, Dick went to church at the Catholic Church, and stayed for the study class afterward.

Alvin Cordell's snow was gone by Sunday. On Wednesday, he went to Belle Fourche to have work done on his pick-up. On Thursday, Marlee, Tawni and the kids, went to Buffalo for the junior high girls' basketball game. Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to watch grandson, Gavin Pearson, play basketball on Friday. They stayed for the varsity girls' game and part of the varsity boys' game. They could listen to the rest of the game on the radio as they drove back to the ranch. Jay Cordell came out for the weekend. Alvin and Mariee went to the Over the Edge in Camp Crook, on Sunday night, where they met and had supper with Laurie and Terry Gehring. Alvin has been feeding every-other day, this week.

Lynn Gustafson went to Rapid City on Monday, for a doctor's appointment, and to do some shopping. This week she got some Christmas decorations up. On Sunday, they both went to Dorothy Padden's for the Diligent Doers Extension Club family Christmas party. It was a fun time, and there was lots of food.

Doug and Julia Davis went to the Hills, on Wednesday, for a dentist appointment. They stopped at Walmart, and spent most of the time visiting with people they had not seen for some time. It was lots of fun. On Thursday, both Doug and Julia, went to Buffalo for physical therapy appointments, and they were feeling better when they got home. They had stopped by the Over The Edge in Camp Crook, to get a burger for supper. Doug is really enjoying his heated shop, and spends lots of time working

Donna Lewis had gotten an MRI on her shoulder, and learned that she could get a cortizone injection in Baker. She went to Baker again, on Thursday, for bowling, and had a good game. She stayed overnight, and came home on Friday.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum took Junior and Shirley Melum to town, on Friday, for their doctor's appointments. Rachel had made pine cone snowmen for the Saturday craft show at their church in Baker. Rachel and Tommy stayed overnight, and they all went to church on Sunday. Their Christmas program at the church in Baker, will be on Wednesday evening, December 21, at 7 o'clock. Luther and Marlene

Melum's on Saturday. Shirley had just mailed her wool quilt to California, so Marlene didn't get to see it.

Bryce and Dorothy Padden went to Buffalo, on Wednesday, for the school Christmas Concert. On Thursday, Bryce, Dawn, Dorothy and Karen Odell, went over to the junior high girls' basketball games at Buffalo. On Friday, they went back to see the JV and varsity girls' basketball games. The boys' JV played Newell and the girls varsity won an impressive game. Dawn spent lots of time taking action pictures of the games. On Sunday, Dorothy and Ashley, hosted the Diligent Doers family Christmas party. A beautiful, tall Christmas tree reached up toward Dorothy's high ceilings, and everyone had a great time. There was turkey, lamb, stuffing, and all the rest, for a perfect Christmas dinner.

December first, was Curt Zolnoski's birthday, so Ronda Cordell went to Spearfish for an appointment, and then on to Rapid City for another appointment, that day, and she stopped at Curt's. Curt and Krista had the day off from work, and they all went to for dinner at the Texas Roadhouse. Ronda spent the night with Cristen and Jayda Westling.

This week, Ross Phelps installed the Channel Master antenna kit at Ronda's, and it picks up local channels perfectly, so now, she is able to watch the KOTA News again. On Tuesday, Ronda took her car to Fruit's in Ekalaka, for an oil change. Diane Wear picked her up, and took her for lunch at the Wagon Wheel. Ronda hung out downtown 'till the car was finished. She took Luke Basler's family Christmas gifts to Camp Crook to mail, on Thursday. With the power off, she was lucky to have weighed the package at home, or there would have been no way to figure the postage. Diane Wear stopped at Ronda's on Friday, as she was heading to Hettinger. She was going to enjoy an early Christmas with some of her family. Ronda checked for Facebook messages, on Saturday morning, as usual. The first post on the site was a picture of a Border Collie/Blue Heeler puppy on the Montana Farm & Ranch site. Her son, Curt, had just told her, a couple weeks ago, "You need to get a young dog to train to get the cows in the chute like Newt does", so the Facebook post caught her eye. Newt is her ranch dog that is ten, and over-weight, so it's hard work for him nowadays. The picture of the pup reminded her of her four Jack Russell X Mini Aussies. He was mostly

white with a few black spots

and speckles, and had a smart look in the picture. When she responded to the Facebook message regarding the pup, it was still available, and in a town near Jake Reynolds. She messaged Jake on Facebook, and Jake was packing to head to Ekalaka that very afternoon, so Jake and Jason Berg arrived at Ronda's on Saturday morning, and brought the pup. The pup had been only two miles from where Jake had been working. She named the pup, 'Smiley'. Smiley was taken aback a bit when four other little black and white dogs greeted him, but everybody is on friendly terms; except the three-legged cat. The cat hasn't decided about the situation yet. It'll probably take a while to find out just how smart the new guy is, but he minds good, and comes good, so that's a start. Jake and Jason had breakfast with Ronda, on Sunday, before going to Ekalaka to see relatives. Then they will head to Wisconsin on Monday, ahead of the storm.

Charlie and Karen Odell had

a couple of inches of snow, on Monday. The electricity was off for a few hours on Tuesday, so Charlie went in to Wolffy's to get a few things. On Wednesday, Charlie inspected cattle at Capitol LLC. He inspected some steers at Padden's, the next day. The electricity was off again for about three hours, on Thursday, and when Charlie and Karen went in to Camp Crook, Wolffy's electricity was off, too, but the store was still open. Karen drove to the Tie Creek hill, that afternoon, and hitched a ride to Buffalo with Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden, for the junior high girls' basketball games. It was fun for Karen, who had not seen a game in quite some time. Bryce's stadium seat was quite comfortable, too. In Buffalo, Karen got a call from Cody Odell, who told her that grandson, Kellan, would be at the big wrestling meet in Rapid City, the next day. On Friday morning, Karen hurried to make a stand for the dog door, before she drove them to the Civic Center in Rapid City for wrestling. It was a huge competition with students from North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska. Cody had saved seats, and they had a good view of all twelve mats, but it wasn't until four o'clock that Kellan finally got to wrestle his first match. It was a tough match and he lost. They waited until eight o'clock for the next match, and it was worth the wait, because Kellan won that one with a pin. Charlie

decided to go to Spearfish and



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Belle Fourche, on Saturday, to get supplies before the predicted snowstorms. On Sunday, Karen and Charlie went to church at the Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia, on YouTube. Karen spent much time writing books, putting up the Christmas tree, writing Christmas music, and practicing the violin.

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Looking Back in Belle-

125 years ago Belle TIMES December 16, 1897 Plead Guilty

Waren Taylor, ex-postmaster of Butte, Butte county, S.D., was arrested by Chief of Police Beaver last Saturday night, and turned over to a deputy United States marshal for misappropriating postage stamps while in office. It is said John neil, of Whitewood, had to pay \$250 for Taylor as one of his bondsmen, not long ago, the case having come up before the United States court. Taylor, it was supposed, had skipped the country, but in fact had been in this city and Deadwood all the time, but no one knew him and he was not apprehended. He has a wife and four children. Mr. Taylor was taken before Judge Carland and plead guilty to the charges. He was sentenced to three months in the county jail at Sturgis.

Recording Brands Down in South Dakota they are just preparing to have all stock brands recorded, and there is awful kicking, say the Miles City Stock Growers Journal. Considerable dissatisfaction is shown among the smaller stockmen against the brand law. There has been but little mixing of brands and very little trouble in the past, they claim, and it is thought the new law will cause a great deal of trouble among the cattlemen of the east and west ranges of the state. Without a doubt the same brands are in use in both sections of the state, and no conflictions ever occur, according to the little stockmen, but when the brands are all registered there can be but one brand of the same design, which will necessitate the rebranding of the great many cattle, and this extra labor is what causes the objection to the law, those interested not taking into account the extra security given by the recording of brands. Of course there is a possibility tust with a conflict of brands an owner may get all that is due him, but there is a greater possibility that he will not get what is coming, particularly in the returns from market, where the conflict in brands continually occurs. Though some inconvenience may be experienced in rebranding, the security given in subsequent seasons will repay one for all the trouble taken. This statement is made in the light of the experience of the livestock owners of Montana, who have profited much by the system of branding recording opted in this

100 years ago Belle Fourche Bee December 14, 1922 May Retain Assay Office Last week it was learned that there was a possibility that congress would not make an appropriation for the retention of the assay office at Deadwood. The Commercial club of Belle Fourche and several business men immediately advised the Deadwood Business Club that every possible assistance would be given, and telegrams were sent to Congressman Williamson asking him to use his influence in having an appropriation made for the assay office. Advice from Deadwood the first of this week was to the effect that there was now a possibility that the office would be retained. The assay office at Deadwood is the only one of the kind in this part of the west, the nearest one being Denver. Gold mining, one of the chief industries of the Black Hills country, needs the office, and should it be eliminated an additional burden would be placed on the shoulders of the men who are developing this important industry. Additional Payment for Beets:

Great Western Sugar Co. Will Makes First Payment on Sliding Scale Contact

Beet growers in the Belle Fourche valley are being notified this week that they will receive on December 22 an addi-

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

tional dollar per ton on all beets delivered to the Great Western Sugar Co. during the past season, this being in addition to the amount already paid of \$4.10 per ton, as provided by the sliding scale contract in effect this year. The contract providing for a minimum of \$5.00 per ton for beets averaging 15 per cent sugar content, and an average price of sugar at seaboard of \$4.50 per hundred. The growers were to pay 90 cent per ton of the \$2.00 per ton freight charge on beets from Belle Fourche to Scottsbluff, leaving the grower \$4.10 per ton. The amount to be distributed to growers in the Belle Fourche valley by this additional payment will be in excess of \$6,000, which will be nice Christmas present.

75 years ago Belle Fourche Bee December 18, 1947 Community Program at Legion Hall on Christmas Eve

The American Legion Auxiliary has planned the following program for the Community Christmas party to be held in the Legion hall on Christmas Eve, Christmas carol singing led by American Legion Auxiliary chorus; number on electric steel guitar, by Jean Brownell; vocal solo "White Christmas," by Edith Ferris; "Winter Wonderland," and "I'll Be Home for Christmas," by the Lindstad family orchestra and "Jingle Bells" sung by the group. The program is start at 7 o'clock.

Belle Theater Gives Free Picture Show to Youngsters Monday

Al Vincent, manager, announces that the Free Christmas movies for the boys and girls will be given at the Belle Theatre on Monday of next week, December 22. It is the annual holiday treat tendered by the Black Hills Amusement Company for the boys and girls not over twelve years of age. The holiday show will begin at 1:30 Monday afternoon. Manager Vincent has also been advised that Santa Claus is coming back for another visit. The movie subjects will be all comedy strips with plenty of color and appeal to all youngsters who might attend.

Santa Claus Comes to Belle Fourche Saturday This Week Saturday of this week Santa Claus will come to Belle Fourche for his first official visit of the 1947 holiday season. He has advised the retailers and trade extension committees of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce that he expects to make his appearance at one o'clock in the afternoon, stopping in the vicinity of Belle Theatre. Santa says that he will spend most of the afternoon looking around in the various stores to ascertain if everything is set for the holidays. The Christmas street decorations are expected to be in their place by the end of this week. The special holiday shopping hours will start Tuesday evening, December 16, and continue through the following Tuesday evening, December 23. These hours are from 8 in the morning until eight in the evening. Hodges Bootery Winner; First

Week Window Contest The annual Christmas window decoration contest ended tis first week Saturday night, with Hodges Bootery taking the honors for top place. Carters Drug placed second, and Penney's third. Honorable mention went to Smith Jewelry, Saunders Ready to Wear, Golden Rule, Freys and New York Store. As in the past, any business establishment is eligible to participate. Store decorations and window displays are judged each week by a committee. Points considered are cleanliness, balance of merchandise on display, attractiveness and holiday spirit in display. Judges award points. First place winner of the week can hold the Merchants loving cup for a week. Winner of the three week contest can hold the

cup for a year.



by Mary Buchholz

Cream Station Man Gets State Award

D. A. Corson, manager of the Belle Fourche cream station for the Farmers' Produce Company of St. Onge, was advised Monday of this week that he had earned a certificate of excellence, issued by the South Dakota State Dairy Association, in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture and the Department of Dairy Husbandry of South Dakota State College. His certificate, the only one to be issued to cream station managers west of the river, was for his efforts to improve quality of cream and for careful grading. According to a letter, which accompanied his certificate of excellence, only seven such certificates were issued to creameries in the state, and that his was one of th enime issued to cream station managers in the state.

> 50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee December 18, 1972 Sturgis Livestock Exchange Is Sold

Dale and Margaret Madoox are to assume ownership of the Sturgis Livestock Exchange in January, it was announced this week. The exchange has been in the Roth family for 26 years and is currently owned by Jim, Junita and Freddie Roth. The firm handled 96,719 head of cattle worth over \$18 million last year. Mr. Maddox, 51, has been a field man and auctioneer with the Sturgis Exchnge for the past six years.

Impasse Reported in Butte County Negotiations

A second impasse involving labor negotiations in Belle Fourche came to light this week, this time in the monthlong discussions between Butte county and local 205 of the Laborers International Union, representing Butte county employees. Several weeks ago a similar condition was reported in discussions between the Belle Fourche Education Association and the Belle Fourche school district board of education. Little is known about the county dispute except what was revealed in a letter which State Attorney Leroy Hill, negotiating for the county, wrote this week to Donald Schmidt, representation of local 205. Hill said he had learned via a TV report that an impasse had been declared in negotiations, but that he was unaware of that development. The contract between the county employees and the county expired Nov. 1 and negotiations have been taking place since that time, according to Hill, who indicates in his letter that the county is willing to negotiate, and was unaware that discussions had reached impasse. The county had agreed to a 5 1/2 % increase effective June 1, 1973.

Graveside Rites for Alfred Barr Tuesday Graveside rites were held Tuesday afternoon for Alfred T. Barr, 79, former Belle Fourche resident, who died Thursday at Tucson, Ariz. Services were held at Pineslope cemetery with Masonic rites by members of Cedar Lodge. Alfred Batt, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barr, was born March 8, 1893. He attended school at Belle Fourche and was graduated from high school here in 1911. He moved to Arizona in 191 and has lived there since. Prior to his retirement, Barr was a mining engineer. Surviving are his widow, Ruth C Barr at Tucson, a son Richard at Texas City, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Fitting, Midland, Texas' seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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Citizen Comments Bring Cannabis to the Front Lines Again

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BELLE FOURCHE-The Butte County Commissioners were confronted with questions concerning their decision on the temporary Medical Cannabis Ordinance that was passed in June 2021. Katie Hoffman questioned the commissioners on their personal research done prior to enacting a more permanent medical cannabis

Hoffman read part of the temporary ordinance, Ordinance 2021-0, that outlined the issuance of local medical cannabis establishment permits and/or licenses. The specific portion Hoffman referred to reads, "the public interest requires that the County have the ability to fully study, analyze, and evaluate the impacts of medical cannabis establishments and to fully explore the impacts of any proposed State regulations regarding medical cannabis establishments;" She asked the commissioners for copies of their research and wondered if they had actually done any research themselves.

Commission Chair Kim Richards assured her that he had personally done research, but that all of his fact-finding was his own personal records. He said that since this was from the temporary ordinance, the reference was that the State's Attorney was waiting for the State to clarify the rules. No formal study was done, but each commissioner did his or her own research.

Commissioner James Ager explained to Hoffman that he had done his own exploration and had talked to his constituents on many occasions.

Richards went on to explain that the commissioners formulated an ordinance according to State Statute. According to Richards, the public was given opportunity to voice an opinion, but the only ones who appeared were pro-cannabis.

He thanked her for her comments with no further discussion.

Kellen Willert also came before the commissioners to give his comments on renewal of cannabis cultivation permits. Since the present orginance gives the commissioners the option of renewing or not renewing a permit, Willert asked commissioners to consider ceasing any renewals. He asked that a consideration be given to allocating funds received from cannabis licensing to abuse education and mental health concerns.

Willert encouraged the com-

missioners to broadcast meetings beyond Facebook and to do so in a professional manner.

A presentation was given to the commissioners on upgrading the heating/cooling system of the courthouse. Joel Porch, from G & R Controls, and Shey Bauer, from Daikon/McQuay, listed several areas in need of repair and replacement. The roof units need replaced, better zoning areas need created in the courtroom, and new controls will be needed throughout the building are a few of the major areas that were listed. A rough budget would be around \$1.4 million according to Porch.

Stan Harms asked about a time frame for the project. Porch indicated that the "chillers" could be done now, while the boilers would be done in the spring.

The 2023 application for Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) funds for the bridge over Horse Creek on Dillinger Road was pulled when Highway Superintendent Duane Heidrich explained that county workers could replace the bridge for a fraction of what the application called for. The cost listed on the application over \$2 million. With the use of a metal bridge replacement and county equipment, Heidrich thought that it could be done for less than

The BIG funding for the Gaver Bridge was approved considering the historical background of the bridge. The proposed grant is approximately \$2.4 million.

The question surrounding Hermitage Lane was explained by Heidrich as he pointed out that according to the state map, it is listed as "other" and really is not considered a private road.

If the road is added to the state map, it would have to be maintained by the county. The commissioners did not want to add the road and leave the road

A new belly dump trailer was purchased from Butler Machine and will be delivered in March.

State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney asked the commissioners what their preference is on medical cannabis license renewals. According to

Ordinance 2021-02, medical cannabis establishments must renew their license annually.

"Do you want a policy to send a letter?" McCartney asked. And she added what time frame should be used.

"Handle them like the liquor licensing," commented Commissioner Frank Walton.

After several minutes of discussion, the commissioners voted to send notices prior to

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the establishments' renewal. McCartney indicated that she would coordinate with the auditor's office to formulate a notice similar to the liquor license renewals.

County Health Nurse Malynda Wolf, RN, reported her office activities for the last several months. Belle Fourche currently has 235 clients per month and Newell averages 28 clients per month who participate in the WIC Program. The program continues to provide certification assessments and follow-up nutrition counseling.

The office conducts an annual needs assessment through the Strategic Communities Outreach & Outcomes Plan (SCOOP). The SCOOP plan a three-year plan that includes improving breastfeeding rates, identifies partnerships to promote WIC, reduce suicide rates and infant deaths related to unsafe sleep environment, and reduces obesity.

The next county commission meeting will be December 20 at 6 p.m. in the Butte County Courthouse.



Commissioner Frank Walton presented with Kim Richards with a plaque to honor his many years with the Butte County Commission, Richards has served as Commission Board President for the past year.



Darryl Raber was recognized for his 29 years of service to the Butte County Highway Department. Betty Bruner Photos

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I had a horse in my string one time, that could jump and buck real high Not to hard to ride I guess, If

you was a bronc riding guy

But my butt is sure pretty round and heights kind'a scare me a little

You know the Doc always warned me, "Be careful cuz' your bones are kind of brittle"

So when it was this horses turn, to pack me around for the day

I would spend most of the previous night, just worrying' and trying to pray!

Then I had a real bright idea! What about using a para-

I figured that would sure save

my bacon, I'd teach that high jumping brute!

So I got one, next trip to town, it had straps and a harness and such I'd seen them used in movies before, figure learning wouldn't amount to much

But I knew the rest of the crew, was gonna harass me, sure as heck

So I had to plan out my initial trip, when none of them was around on deck

One night it worked out great! Happened to be Christmas Eve

The crew was headed into town so I played sick and waited for them to leave



T'was dark before they all got gone, but there was a light on the front of the barn So I caught up ol' bronc and saddled, now comes the odd part of this yarn

I had got my 'chute on my back, so when I stepped on I was all set But the bronc just stood there gentle like, I muttered, "Now, what the heck?"

Then I reached up and scratched his shoulders, with the spurs there on my boots I was really wanting to test out this deal with this here cool

parachute

gentle, he gave a real wicked high ump Looked like he was spookin' from something, just above the water pump

Just when I thought he was

saw a streak, it was deer and a little red sleigh! And it dawned on me why he spooked, then noticed I was off on my way!

Out of the corner of my eye I

At the last second I pulled the rip cord! Poof! Out came the parachute

Then I was falling too fast for a second, then jerked up by the heels of my boots

Next thing I remember there was a crash and when I opened I'm layin' on a heap on the



ground, but what really took the

Was all them deer and that sleigh and ol Santa all decked out in red "Son," he says,"that woulda been cool, if your chute hadn't

hooked on my sled"! Merry Christmas! From us to







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Market Report - Thursday December 8 9099

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MARKET STEADY FOR	THE L	AST FEEDER CATTLE SAI	E OF TH	E YEAR	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!					
FEEDER CATTLE					
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD					
WY Consignment					
K & D Livestock Inc, Volborg MT					
Ben Garman, Belle Fourche SD		•			
Trusler Inc, Ashland MT		•			
Mike & Lucy Moullet, Volborg MT					
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Saddle Tree Ranch, Sundance WY					
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Dennis Denson. Ashland MT					
	12	Black-Str Pc Ni	619	192.501.191.09 \$	
Arthur L Hauber, Hulett WY					
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Troy Mills, Boyes MT					
	51	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	554	213.001,180.06 \$	
Lucas Furhman, Scranton Nd	32	Black-Str Pc Ni	546	211.501,154.65 \$	
	20	Black-Str Pc Ni	452	247.001,116.44 \$	
Kenzie Palczewski, Scranton Nd	29	Black-Str Pc Ni	610	190.501,161.39 \$	
Marcus Denny, Lame Deer MT	16	Black-Str Pc Ni	738	187.501,383.98 \$	
Ben Greenough, Buffalo WY					
Pilster Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	11	Black-Str Pc Ni	540	216.501,170.08 \$	
Howard & Diana White, Upton WY					
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Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY				,	
Daniel N Stearns, Edgemont SD					
Carr Ranch, Prairie City SD					
Wesley Rogers, Hysham MT					
Bruce Ranch Inc, Newcastle WY					
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Staple-Three Sheep Co, Midwest WY					
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David Bierlein, Forsyth MT					
L.L. E.J. D. L. MT					
Luke Earley, Broadus MT					

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12 Black-Hfr Pc Ni

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. 10...... Black-Hfr ...

Randy Or Aletta Shannon, Broadus MT.... 26...... Black-Hfr

Darla Dunning, Ashland MT..

Ti Strub. Ekalaka MT.

Shannon Wiggers, Newell SD...

...730 181.00....1.321.30 \$

...618...... 180.00.... 1.112.06 \$

...419......200.00......837.00 \$

....613...... 193.00....1.183.44 \$

...643 186.00....1.196.79 \$...582......183.50....1,067.74 \$

...606.......192.50....1,167.19 \$

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	29	Black-Str Bt Ni	527	216.001,138.46 \$
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT				
	33	Black-Str Pc Ni An	591	189.501,119.19 \$
	23	Black-Hfr Pc Ni An	563	180.001,014.26 \$
	18	Black-Hfr Pc Ni An	479	191.00914.14 \$
Keith Perli, Piedmont SD	6	Black-Hfr Pc Ni Bv	433	203.00877.97 \$
Lynn Jespersen, Upton WY	4	Black-Str	491	206.001,011.97 \$
Trusler Inc, Ashland MT	5	Black-Str Pc Ni	395	242.00955.90 \$
	4	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	454	203.50923.38 \$
Zackary Cunningham, Rapid City SD	1	Xbrd-Yrlng Str	650	120.00780.00 \$
COWS	HD		WT	BID\$/HD
Neiman 77 Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	3	Black-Cowette	1225	90.001,102.50 \$
	4	Black-Hfrt	1203	111.001,334.77 \$
	1	Black-Hfrt	1025	106.001,086.50 \$
Arnie Mader, Biddle MT				
	1	Black-Hfrt	1015	127.001,289.05 \$
	1	Red-Hfrt	960	128.001,228.80 \$
	1	Black-Cow	1300	65.50851.50 \$
	6	Rd/Blk-Cow	1428	69.00984.97 \$
	1	Red-Cow	1310	67.50884.25 \$
	1	Red-Hfrt	1200	138.001,656.00 \$
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY				
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Neiman 77 Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	4	Black-Bull	1206	140.001,688.75 \$
Mobley Land Inc, Olive MT	11	Black-Cow	1230	54.00664.20 \$
Historic Gunn Ranch, Spearfish SD				
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Johnson Ranch Llp, Buffalo SD				, , ,
Trusler Inc, Ashland MT				
Shawn Patton, Bozeman MT				
Jim Klein, Dell Rapids SD				
Justin Or Brandi Pihl, Buffalo SD				
John & Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD				
	2	Black-Hfrt	860	102.00877.20 \$
Quarter Circle U Ranch, Birney MT	2	Black-Cow	1613	70.501.136.81 \$
Clint Hahn, Hammond MT				
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WYoming Mike Greenough 307-620-2597

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..1350......65.00......877.50 \$

REGULAR CATTLE SALE - SELLING ALL CLASSES **DECEMBER 15, 2022**

SALES TIME - 10:00 AM

CALVES Woods Ranch-MT 150 blk mxd clvs

BT, NI, NHK

Walters Land & Livestock-MT 90 blk/bwf mxd clvs

Jerry Vossler-WY PC. Nl. weaned

DECEMBER 19, 2022 CHRISTMAS CLASSIC STOCK COW & BRED **HEIFER SPECIAL**

Sales Times

WEIGH UPS - 9:00 AM | BRED STOCK - 12:00 PM



WYoming Brand For Sale Left Rib Cattle & Left Shoulder Horse

BRED HEIFERS Price Ranch-SD 50 blk bred hfrs

bred blk to Schiefelbien bulls, calve 3/20 for 21 days, repro shots, poured

Brian Peterson-NE 40 blk bred hfrs bred lbw blk, calve 3/1 for 30 days, HR Tauck Stock & Barrel-MT

35 blk/bwf bred hfrs bred blk, calve 3/20, HR. repro shots, poured, 2 cycles Bohle Angus Ranch-ND 34 blk/bwf bred hfrs bred blk, calve 4/2 for 40 days, shots, poured

Kyle Sampson-WY 23 blk/bwf bred hfrs bred lbw blk, calve 4/5

J & D Cattle-WY 17 blk/bwf bred hfrs bred Ibw blk to sons of Casino Bomber, calve 3/20 for 21 days, poured, HR, repro shots, on grass

McKee Ranch-SD 6 blk bred hfrs, bred lbw blk to Lewis Bros Enhance bulls, calve 3/20 for 40 days, HR, poured, cake broke, gentle, repro shots PRODUCTIONS &

DISPERSIONS TC Outfit-SD 260 blk coming 5's, bred blk to Green Mountain Angus & Cowboy Up 1/2 Bros bulls, calve 4/1 for 60 days, repro shots, poured, age dispersion

Moke Ranch-SD 15 F1 Bldy 3 y/o cows bred blk, calve 3/15 for 60 days, HR, all bldys in town

Ed Murnion-MT 55 blk coming 3's & 4's

bred blk, calve 3/10 for 60 days Shawn Fugier-SD 38 blk 3-8 y/o cows bred blk/hereford, calve 4/25 for 45 days, HR, one iron, 21

hd 3-4 y/o, 17 hd 6-8 y/o Jones Farms 1 jersey gurnsey cow bred red, calve 3/5 for 1 day SM & BM COWS Rice Family-SD

34 blk/bwf/red/rwf SM/BM cows bred blk/hereford, calve 4/1, cake broke Moke Ranch-SD 20 blk/hereford BM cows bred blk, calve 3/15 for 60 days

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

January 5, 2023.....FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL – FEATURING .. WEANED CALVES

January 12, 2023.......BRED STOCK SPECIAL - SELLING ..ALL CLASSES

January 19, 2023.......FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL - FEATURING ..WEANED CALVES

January 26, 2023.......BRED STOCK SPECIAL – SELLING

..ALL CLASSES

February 2, 2023......NO SALE - BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW

February 9, 2023......FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL – FEATURING ..WEANED CALVES

February 16, 2023......BRED STOCK SPECIAL - SELLING

..ALL CLASSES

February 23, 2023......FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL – FEATURING

...WEANED CALVES

Too Tall's Café now open! Located in Belle Fourche Livestock Market

Coming December 16th Belle Black Friday

Opportunity to support Belle Business and take advantage of Christmas Opportunties Throughout

From A1 City Council

upcoming events for the month of December. Gingerbread Village will open at the museum on Saturday, December 10 with a reception from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Tri-State Performers will present Christmas Storytellers on December 16 at 7 p.m. and December 17th at 2 p.m. Family Fun Day, "Christmas Crafts," will be held December 18th at 2 p.m.

Speaking for the Belle Fourche Rec Center was Nathan

Velander, who recapped the recent Breakfast With Santa event. Velander was pleased with the amount of community members in attendance, noting that there was steady traffic in



the Santa line for the duration of the event. Velander also touched on a few other December events at the Rec Center - a Babysitting Class & Child Care Course for youth ages 11-15 on Saturday December 9 and Teen Nights, which will take place

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December 21 and 22.

In other business, the council approved Project 2022-25, the replacement of the Rec Center roof. Black Hills Roofing was the lowest bidder at \$546,495. The roof was damaged in the June Storm.

The Council approved Invoice 8203 to Brosz Engineering Inc. for Project

2019-17 for a landfill scale and damage in the amount of

\$3,060. Other small bills were also approved.

Councilperson Larson point-

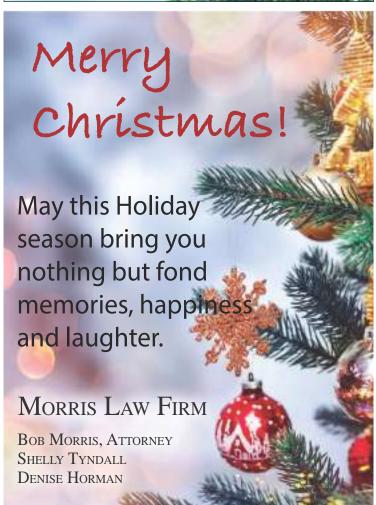
ed out that the Belle Fourche recreation sound system might need upgrades. She also noted that to avoid water issues, the council members should be diligent in contacting the State Water Board regarding water availability before approving projects involving water usage and distribution.

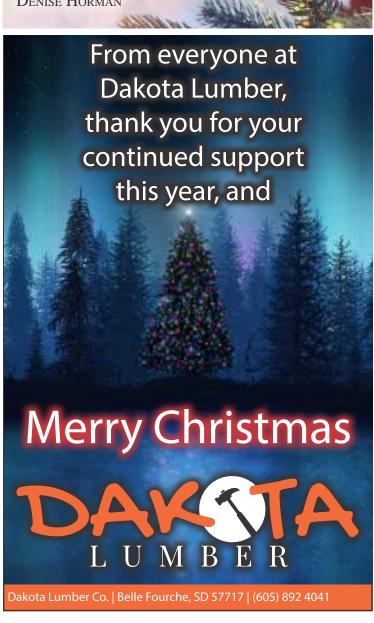


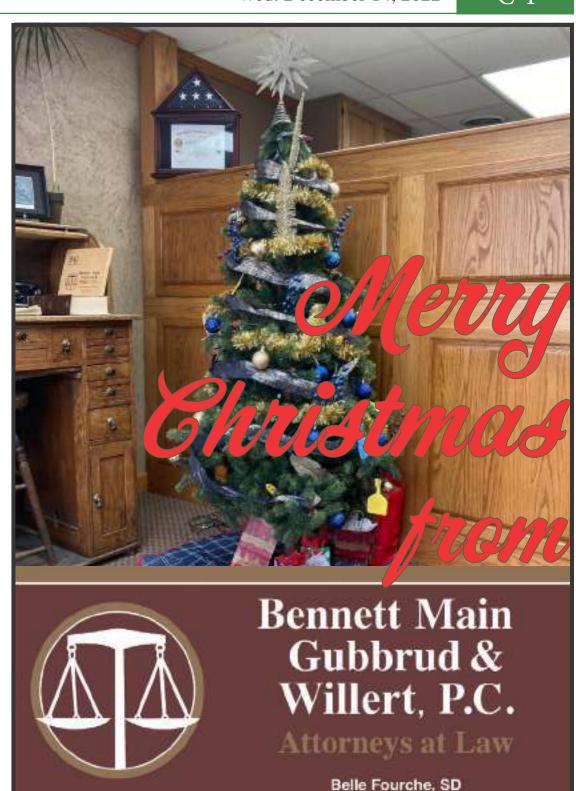














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The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests
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Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Dan Carlson, Pastor 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: 10:30 a.m.

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11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Emmanuel Baptist

902 Lawrence St. · 723-6899
Andy Anderson, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
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10am every Wednesday
Services Streamed Facebook Live

website: ebcbf.org CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC) 613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150

Pastor Stephen Carson
Associate Pastor Chad McCord
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
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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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Red Water Church of Christ Belle Fourche Rec Center

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Dec. 16
7PM



Saturday Dec. 17 2PM

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A holiday item is mentioned by each character, kids in the audience can guess what it is and enter a drawing for a gift basket.

\$2 per person or free with membership AFTER THE PLAY

Visit our Gingerbread Village, do the scavenger hunt and get a candy cane!



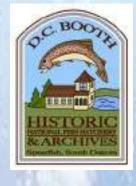
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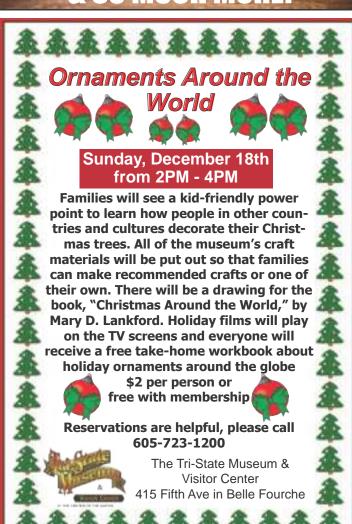
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"The Scout at the State Capitol"

Outgoing South Dakota legislators criticized after taxpayer-paid Hawaii trip

House Speaker Spencer Gosch, Rep. Jamie Smith, both attended national conference in the final month of their tenure in office

Joe Sneve & Jonathan Ellis joe@thedakotascout.com

The revelation that South Dakota House Speaker Spencer Gosch was injured during a national conference in Hawaii has turned attention to the Legislature's travel policy.

Gosch, as well as Rep. Jamie Smith, both went on a trip to Hawaii to attend the Council of State Governments' national conference in Honolulu. They were among a dozen South Dakota lawmakers to

But neither Gosch nor Smith are returning to the Legislature in January. Both are lame-duck lawmakers. Gosch, a Republican from Glenham, lost his bid for a Senate seat while Smith, a Sioux Falls Democrat, was defeated in his bid for governor by Gov. Kristi Noem.

Their presence on the taxpayer-funded trip has not gone unnoticed among their fellow

"Legislators not returning to the Legislature should not be traveling on the taxpayers' dime," Rep. Fred Deutsch, R-Florence, said.

Lawmakers belong to a handful

Former senator vows to add South Dakota to states seeking convention

Jonathan Ellis jonathan@thedakotascout.com



PIERRE, S.D. -Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum on Tuesday took another shot at trying to persuade South Dakota

lawmakers to pass a resolution calling for a constitutional convention.

Santorum, who ran for the GOP presidential nomination in 2012 and 2016, serves as a senior adviser to Convention of States, a conservative organization that wants to use one of the processes spelled out in the U.S. Constitution to propose amend-

That process requires 34 states to call for a convention. Santorum testified earlier this year in the last legislative session in hopes of persuading South Dakota lawmakers to join the effort. Ultimately, it fell

of national organizations that discuss policy goals and strategies. The Council of State Governments holds itself up to "champion excellence in state government." The organizations hold conferences, often at desirable tourist locations, in order to boost attendance.

More than a decade ago, the South Dakota Legislature had a come-to-Jesus moment about outof-state travel. During the Great Recession, then former Gov. Dennis Daugaard ordered state agencies to cut their budgets by 10 percent.

Sen. Al Novstrup, who was in the Legislature at the time, recalls that the Legislature reduced its travel budget by 50 percent. It also put restrictions in place by requiring either the House speaker or the Senate president pro tempore to approve travel of respective members of those chambers.

"You'd think that would solve the problem," Novstrup said.

Under that policy, Gosch would have approved his own travel to Hawaii, as well as Smith's and six other House members who are returning in January.

Novstrup said he sees two issues: should lawmakers who aren't returning to the Legislature be permitted to travel, and are travel expenses reasonable?

There is value to some of the trips, he said, but the costs can't outweigh the value, and in some cases they do. In his two decades in the Legislature, Novstrup said he has been to Washington, D.C., six

"It's really hard not to spend

short in a Senate committee. Backers of a convention hope to rewrite the Constitution to restrain federal government spending and its power.

Santorum addressed more than two dozen supporters less than an hour before lawmakers gathered to hear Gov. Kristi Noem's budget address. Santorum said he was "bothered" that South Dakota hadn't already passed a resolution supporting a convention because the state is run by the Republican Party.

You would think conservatives in a super red state would be one of the first, but we're not," he said.

Santorum blamed legislative leadership in the state Senate for its failure. Last session, Sen. Lee Schoenbeck, the Senate's president pro tempore, opposed the resolution.

Santorum predicted that incoming leadership in the House would also prove a challenge. But he said Convention of States would persevere until it adds South Dakota to the list of states calling for a convention.

We're coming back next year," he said. "We'll be back

a bunch of money," he said. "As you know, hotel bills can be \$250 a night."

The Council of State Governments' conference ran from Dec. 7 to Dec. 10. Gosch was injured on Dec. 9 while cliff diving miles from where the conference was taking place. Gosch suffered multiple fractures to

Both Gosch and Smith were critical of Noem's use of the state plane to attend policy events. Incoming Sen. Brent Hoffman, R-Sioux Falls, said he was praying for Gosch's recovery, but he added that Gosch's and Smith's criticism of Noem was hypocritical given their trip to Hawaii.

"As God is my witness, I can think of no justifiable reason for the outgoing House speaker, with less than 30 days left in his term, to be at a taxpayer-funded legislative conference in Hawaii," Hoffman said. "My constituents will not be pleased to hear of it."

The Dakota Scout confirmed the presence of 12 South Dakota lawmakers on the trip. Ten of them are returning to the Legislature in January.

Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck approved the travel for four Senate members. They are all returning in January.

"This is just sticking the wood to the taxpayer," Schoenbeck said of the travel authorized by Gosch for himself and Smith.

Smith did not respond for com-

Gosch confirmed his injury but declined to comment further.

the following year, or the following year, or the following year. We're not going away.'

The two-term former senator took questions from a friendly crowd. Shirlee Meier, the state director for Convention of States, handed out T-shirts and buttons supporting the cause.

Nineteen states have already passed the resolution, including



Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum addressed supporters for a convention of states on Dec. 6, 2022. Santorum spoke at the Capitol Visitors Center in Pierre. *Jonathan* Ellis Photo

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"————

_by John Newby

Know Your Competition

I am often asked why I selected the title of "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" as the title for my weekly column. The response is always the same, whether we accept the notion that we are in a battle or not, we are

in an epic battle for the life and livelihood of small towns and communities. If we don't begin to act like we are a player in this struggle, we have already lost.

This week is a week of quotes. Let me start off with two short quotes that convey and support this week's topic. The first is by Mehmet Murat ildan when he said, "You can't get the taste of wining in a running competition with a turtle". I'll follow it with a quote by the famous military leader Sun Tzu, when he said, "Knowing the enemy enables you to take the offensive, knowing yourself enables you to stand on the defensive".

It is imperative that local communities understand the



battle or competition they are in. Communities far too long have courted, allowed, and encouraged retail Wall Street companies to setup shop in their towns. They provide incentives, they realign zoning, they provide tax breaks, and

the list goes on. Communities do this in the hopes that it will create high-paying jobs and lift the local economy.

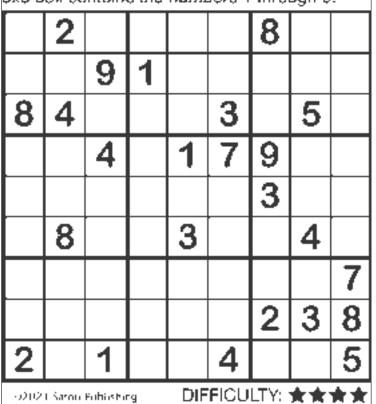
Make no mistake, Wall Steet companies don't sit around their board rooms discussing how they can help your local community. Wall Street companies have one thing that matters, their return on the investment of their shareholders. Their investors are relentless and want a substantial return. Finding ways to bring dollars into their coffers is the sole purpose of their existence. They look at communities, and where they choose to locate is where they can extract or remove the most local dollars investors.

Studies show that local communities with more National retail establishments have lower average incomes. Contrary, those with more locally owned and operated businesses have higher average incomes. Local communities must understand that they are in an epic struggle for their very survival. Every dollar they allow to leave is a dollar that will never return. It is important that we understand the importance of local spending and the impact of keeping the dollars local; it is a necessity that must always be considered.

That said, bear in mind, on occasion there may be some businesses that your local business base may not be able to provide, this is very common in many smaller communities. In these cases, bringing in outside business, suppliers and/or entrepreneurs may be your only option. Always think long and hard before you alter zoning, tax incentives, and other potential incentives for outside business entities to assure there are no other options. Other than those rare instances, think more about how you can incentivize local investors, entrepreneurs, and innovative minds to build

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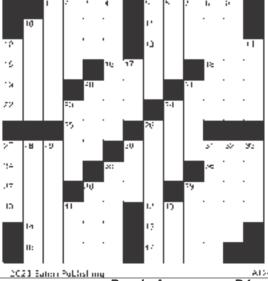
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Lastly, let me touch on local government spending. The local government is often the entity that spends the most outside the community. If any local government is to be taken seriously when it comes to truly being local, they must always seek to spend their dollars with local companies. If there is a comparable local option and they choose an outside source, that can be considered local government fiscal malpractice. Local government must lead by example to let the entire community know they are loyal to their community – they will follow your example.

I began my column with two quotes, let me end with one as

well. Robert Jordan most appropriately once said, "Never make a plan without knowing as much as you can of the competition. Never be afraid to change your plans when you receive new information. Never believe you know everything. And never wait to know everything".

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Gingerbread Village



Santa and Reindeer flying over bakery is on display as part of the Gingerbread Village at the Tri-State Museum.



Village at the Tri-State Museum.

From A1 **A Christmas Carol**

In addition to the performance, the colorful and historical costumes struck a merry chord with attendees. Thanks to such a dedicated and experienced cast and crew, many were left with great anticipation for the group's 2023 season.

The heartening tale, the tables filled with delicious treats. the carols playing in the background - all made BFACT's A Christmas Carol a holiday event fit for a family's seasonal traditions.

This was one of the best attended shows put on by BFACT in recent years, which makes one wonder if all should prebuy tickets for the group's next show, because if this show was any indication, you know it's going to be good.

Show Up

FINE ARTS & MORE!

by Belle LaVenue

Belle LaVenue here, your festive & reliable source for Holiday Happenings in Belle Fourche. So many ways to combine holiday & community spirit!

The opportunities for festive holiday attendance just keep coming! For instance, this weekend is The Nutcracker Showcase presented by the dancers of LeBelle Ballet & Studio B Saturday (12/17) at 6 PM. The show features the most popular solos and dances from The Nutcracker as well as performances by the competition dance team. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at llbstudiob.com.

MARK YOUR AUTUMN CALENDARS for these Fine Arts Events in our schools:

This weekend Friday, December 16 at 7 PM & Saturday, December 17 at 2 PM brings more theater with the play, Christmas Storytellers performed by the Tri-State Performers. Kristi Thielen, Director, explains how the audience and the museum itself is part of the show: "The short, family-friendly comedy features six characters who explain to the audience why their tasks are important to the holiday season. These characters include a candle maker, a candy tester, a tree seller and more. One holiday item is mentioned in each of the character's speeches; children in the audience are asked to guess what it is and put their guess into a drawing. The winner of the drawing receives a gift basket of toys and games from the Tri-State Museum Gift Store. A gift basket will be awarded at each of the two performances. Those families that attend the play will also be encouraged to visit the Gingerbread Village, located in the Visitor Center. Children can do a scavenger hunt through the village and receive a candy cane if they complete it successfully." Admission to the play is \$2 per person or free with membership.

DECEMBER 17th @ 12 PM: Presentation at the Belle Fourche Public Library noon to 2 PM. Three Belle Fourche writers, Three Belle Fourche Writers members will present at the Belle Fourche Public Library: Kathy Bjornstad, Dawn Newland, and JeanHelmer.

DECEMBER 17th - A NUTCRACKER SHOWCASE @ 7 PM - presented by La Belle Ballet at 6 PM at the BELLE FOURCHE REC CENTER THEATER. Tickets: \$15.

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!

Scenes from The Christmas Carol



Fan (Ember Olson) visits with her brother Ebenezer (Zach Gerbracht) while the Ghost of Christmas Past (Kaeli Thompson) and Scrooge (Nathan Thompson) watch



Mr. Fezziwig (Blaine Anderson) shares some relationship wisdom with Young Scrooge (Zach Gerbracht) and Belle (Olivia Furrow). Olivia Furrow stepped into the role that night when the original Belle, Olivia Carlisle, unfortunately was too ill to perform.



Fred (Ethan Staley) and his wife (Olivia Furrow) enjoy a Christmas game with their guests (Colleen Anderson, Ariel Jones, Blaine Anderson, Kynlee Henderson, Tracy Pena, and Siah Jones). Courtesy Photos



The Cratchit family (Titus Thompson, Tace Hartman, Sonja Cropper, Kelsie Reid, and Joel Edgar) enjoy their modest Christmas dinner as the Ghost of Christmas Present (Katie Anderson) forces Scrooge (Nathan Thompson) to watch.



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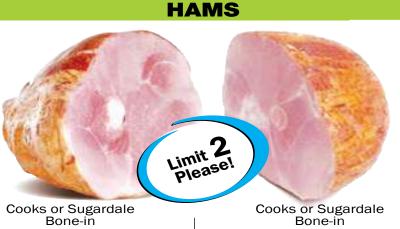


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Church **Holiday Plans** in NVN Land

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NEWELL/VALE/NISLAND Many churches in the NVN area have already begun celebrating the holiday season. Nisland Independent Community Church kicked things off with the "hanging of the greens" on November 30 following a soup and sandwich meal. This is their annual decorating of the church and setting up the outdoor Nativity which was created by Barbara Garness and Judy Dague several years ago. Each year the men of the church pull out each of the Nativity pieces and set up lights that shine on the characters at night for people to enjoy.

This past week the church held a free holiday meal and movie on Friday, December 9 at the church. The movie was "The Candle," set in the 1900's and was a story set in 19th-century England, about a minister's quest to modernize his village that puts him at odds with people who believe that whoever lights the candle that an angel touched will receive a miracle on Christmas Eve. The church coordinated the meal with a cabbage soup, circa 1900's with homemade buns made by Garness, the official "baker" of the church.

The church will also hold its children's Christmas program on December 18 during the morning worship service at 10:45. Cookies and coffee will be shared following the program. There will be a Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 5 p.m. at the church and Christmas morning service at 9:30. There will not be Sunday school on December 25. Each Sunday prior to Christmas

Church Plans D2

Community Christmas Giving



Volunteers who help monthly to distribute food during the Feeding South Dakota distribution the first Tuesday of each month gathered at Dakota Life Christian for a meal. Back row from left: Kila Crockford, Kathy Hogen, Judy Dague, Rhonda Vallery, Delia Barrera, Barb Lamb, Anna and Riley Crockford. Seated from left: Colleen Brunner, Terri Blanchett, Pat Lee, Sabrina Harmon, Betty Baker and Tracy Seieroe. Not pictured but volunteering: Holly and Finn Ollila. - Brunner photo

They Did it Again - Making the Holiday Merrier

Colleen Brunner news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – The final Feeding South Dakota distribution for 2022 was Tuesday, December 6 and the regular crew of volunteers did not disappoint. Coming together first in the fellowship room of the Dakota

Life Christian Church for a holiday meal, put on by Pastor Terri Blanchett and Betty Baker, were 14 of the regulars who show up rain or shine and even the 20-degree weather that they experienced on Tuesday.

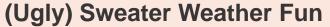
Those attending the meal and then moving to the NVN Senior Center for the distribution included: Pastor Blanchett, Baker, Anna, Kila and Riley Crockford, Delia Barrera, Kathy Hogen, Pat Lee, Judy Dague, Rhonda Vallery, Barb Lamb,

Colleen Brunner and Sabrina Harmon. Missing, but part of the force was Holly and Finn Ollila.

Did it Again D2



A lot of fun happens during the food distributions on the Feeding SD dates. Here the smiling faces include: Tracy Seieroe, Patty (Frosty the snowman) Kayras, Judy Dague (back) and Betty (the jester) Baker. - Brunner photo





The Newell Lady Irrigators had a fun night at Bison as they participated in Bison's annual Ugly Sweater basketball night on December 10. - Courtesy photo



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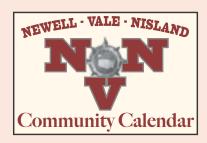


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Dec. 15: GBB/BBB at home vs McIntosh, 5 p.m.' HSWR Quad at Hot Springs, 5 p.m.

Dec. 16: GBB at Kadoka, 4 p.m.

Dec. 17: HSWR at Hot Spring tourney; 7th GBB Hill City Tourney 8 a.m.; 8th GBB Newell Tourney, 8 a.m.

Dec. 18: Nisland Independent Community Church Christmas program, 10:45 a.m. If you would like your child (K-6th grade) to be involved the group practices each Sunday morning through 12/11. All children of the

community are welcome to participate. Call Anna Crockford at 605-892-5928 for more information. NICC is non-denominational.

Dec. 22: Leadership day at Newell school. All students/staff will participate in this daylong event.

December 23: Newell Evangelical Church Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m. at the church on Highway 212 across from Blue Line Diner.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. at Nisland Independent Community Church-Nisland; Christmas Eve service at Newell Evangelical Church, 7 p.m.; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Newell Baptist 4 p.m.

December 24: Christmas morning service at Nisland Independent Community Church, 9:30 a.m. NO Sunday school-Nisland. Christmas day service at Newell Evangelical Church.

Dec, 29: HSWRR Harding Co Tourney, 9

Dec. 30: GBB/BBB at Lemmon, 1 p.m.

From D1 **Church Plans**

day one of the families of the church does a reading. So far, Courtney Rans, Jeremy Butcher and their daughters McKenzie and Caitlyn shared a reading on December 4. Tracy Seieroe and her daughter Brianna will share the Word on December 11. Another family will share on Christmas morning.

Newell First Baptist Church will hold Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. The church is located at 205 Ash Street. The Newell Christian Fellowship church, located at 308 4th Street in Newell. It is not known if these two churches will have a Christmas morning service.

Newell Evangelical will host a Christmas Cantata on December 23 at 7 p.m. This will be a musical and narrated program.

They will hold Christmas eve services on the 24th at 7 p.m. and Christmas day services at their normal time. Please call the church at 605-456-1770 or email at Tmartin@sdplains.com for more information.

Dakota Life Christian Church will host Christmas eve service at 5:30 p.m. on December 24. There will be NO Christmas morning services.



Jeremy Butcher and his wife Courtney Rans and daughters Caitlyn and McKenzie, share a portion of the Christmas story during the service on December 4. at Nisland Independent Community Church. - Brunner photo

Newell School Menu Dec 15 - Dec 31

THURSDAY, DEC 15

Breakfast: Muffins or Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

MONDAY, DEC 19

Breakfast: Mini Pancakes or Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice,

Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Tri-Taters, Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY, DEC 20

Breakfast: Egg and Sausage Patty or Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Pizza Crunchers, Green Beans, Pineapple, Fresh Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY, DEC 21

Breakfast: Biscuits and Gravy or Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Cook's Choice, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fresh Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY, DEC 22

Breakfast: Cook's Choice or Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Corn, Pears, Fresh Fruit, Christmas Cookie, Milk

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From D1 Did it Again

pork tenderloin, sweet potatoes, green beans, and rolls, all food provided to the food pantry by the trucks that roll into town the first Tuesday of each month. This hardy group enjoyed the hot meal prior to heading out into the chill to load non-perishables as well as perishable items for more than 50 Newell, Nisland and Vale area residents. Items provided this month included the standard non-perishable box, chicken breasts, burger patties, chicken strips, grapes, pies and baked goods, roasted almonds, pork roasts,

The group enjoyed a meal of

Usually, one person takes one item to place in the people's vehicles. This month with the large turnout of volunteers, some were able to keep emptied boxes with, load up boxes with smaller items and help open and close vehicle doors.

and other items.

The NVN Food Pantry makes one other distribution the third Tuesday of the month, this one at the Food Pantry building just south of Dakota Life church.

The camaraderie among the volunteers is always a joy to share and they try to greet each person who lines up from the front of the senior center, east to Girard and north on that street. Feeding South Dakota employees take names and hand out numbered strips to place on the vehicle windshield so the volunteers know how much food to load as some people come two or more families per vehicle.

If you would like to donate or volunteer to this worthwhile effort, please call Pastor Blanchett at 401-524-4475 or email at pastordlcc@sdplains.com.

Season Greetings

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Holly and Finn Ollila, far right load non-perishables and a bag of chicken breasts as others wait in line to place their items in the vehicle. Pastor Blanchett pulls the numbered card from the vehicle's windshield. Meanwhile, another group loads a second batch of food to a vehicle in the distance. - Brunner photo



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Grand River Roundup

Betty Olson news@bellefourchebeacon.com

It snowed last Monday morning and the highway north to Reeder was icy when I went to Lemmon for the funeral of 100 year old John Emmett Wells. John was a cousin of Helen and Maxine Marty and grew up in the Bixby area southwest of Bison, one of twelve children of John and Mollie (Red Fox) Wells. A US Marine, he served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII, including Iwo Jima. Sam and Leah Marty also came to bid goodbye to Sam's relative and WWII hero.

Missy had a birthday on Tuesday and Amanda invited Starla Jenson and Becky Holt down to her house for a birthday party for Missy. Reub and I are reading the 50 State Prayer Project book Becky Holt gave each of us, entitled "If We Will...Then He Will" based on II Chronicles 7:14 which says "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I

will forgive their sin and will heal their land." It started December 1st and we read a page every day and then we read the chapter in Proverbs that corresponds with that day. This is something our nation really needs right now!

Reub and I and the rest of the family here on the ranch went to Buffalo Tuesday evening and joined a huge crowd to watch the Christmas program at the school. It was very entertaining with lots of kids singing and the bands playing some beautiful music.

Wednesday, December 7, was the day that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor leaving over two thousand Americans dead in 1941. My father had joined the Army in February of 1941 and after the Japs bombed us and our country joined the war, he didn't get out of the Army until WWII was over in

Patsy Wilkinson and I went quilting at the church on Wednesday and got a really

pretty quilt put together. With so much going on in December, we decided that this was the last day of quilting for a while. Dr. Nate Beck was Bangs vaccinating for Ron and Jace Jenson

> that day and Casey took a heifer up there for Nate to do surgery on

Casey, Taz and Trig went up to help Bill Holt butcher several hogs on Thursday and they

brought one of the hogs home with them. It was a nice warm day so I washed clothes and hung them on the clothesline outside to dry. It was "Muffins with Moms" day at the school in Buffalo so Grandma Louise Jenson went in to have muffins with Copper and then took Copper home with her to Ralph for a sleep-over that night at her house.

Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Rapid City on Friday for the wrestling tournament on Friday and Saturday. After hearing the weather report for next week, Reub and I went to Hettinger Friday

afternoon to get warm clothes from Runnings and meds from White Drug. Taz and Trig were finishing up a job in North Dakota, so Missy fed the calves that afternoon.

Saturday was nice and warm outside and I was finally able to get the clothes off the clothesline because they took three days to get dry. Taz and Trig saddled up and helped Bill Holt trail his cows home from south of our place up to his place west of Ralph and Clint Doll helped them move the cows through the Hackamore's winter pasture. Reub fed the cows that morning and Taz and Trig did all the other chores that day. Reub and I helped Taz and Amanda cut and wrap the hog they got from Bill Holt that afternoon. Trig went to practice bulldogging late that afternoon, then came home to get his car to go up to take care of Sage and Alaina's dogs while their family is vacationing in Florida for a few days. Our daughter Dr. Teri McNelis was in California for a surgery conference while California was in the middle of a snow storm

on Sunday.

Reub and I went down to the Gideon meeting Sunday afternoon at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner. There were nine Gideons and four Gideon Auxiliary members in attendance and it was a very good meeting. We made sure we got to this meeting because with all the snowstorms predicted, we might not be able to have another meeting until spring.

With all the winter snow storms and my brother-in-law still stuck up in Canada, I'll leave you with this: Canadian winter

The Michaels family owned a small farm in Canada, just yards away from the North Dakota border. Their land had been the subject of a minor dispute between the United States and Canada for generations. Mrs. Michaels, who had just celebrated her ninetieth birthday, lived on the farm with her son and three grandchildren.

One day, her son came into her room holding a letter. "I just got some news, Mom," he said. "The government has come to an agreement with the people in Washington. They've decided that our land is really part of the United States. We have the right to approve or disapprove of the agreement. What do you think?"

"What do I think?" his mother said. "Jump at it! Call them right now and tell them we accept! I don't think I could stand another one of those Canadian winters!"



Then and Now in Newell

by Linda Velder

"Looking Forward to our Past"

December 12, 1912

Only an inch of space stood between W.H.Bagley, a prominent farmer and instant death when he was kicked by 1 of his horses. It was many hours before he regained consciousness. His skull was found to have been fractured, but it was not indented, so it was not necessary to perform an operation. Had the horse's hoof struck an inch further to one side Bagley would have been killed instant-

Mr. Dykstra started the Vale Literary Society's meeting with a nice little crowd of interested people. which was a complete success. The next meeting is this Friday evening with the following question will be discussed pro and con: "Resolved that an irrigated farm in Butte County is not as profitable as a dry ranch".

December 7, 1922

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kenstler left on Saturday's train for Chicago to be in attendance at the International Livestock Show. Fritz, Arthur and Miss Rose Kenstler came into town from Willow Creek on Wednesday for supplies and shopping.

According to the will of the late Captain Francis a. Gaskell, who died a few weeks ago at his ranch near Vale, Miss Ruth Brown, on of the young teachers in the Belle Fourche schools, is named as sole heiress. Mrs. Louis Brown is named as administratrix of the estate, which consists of some valuable farm lands in Butte County.

We understand George Bashara, who lives about 3 miles northeast of Nisland was arrested on Friday of last week for not sending his children to school. We also understand that there will be a few more arrests made in the near future for the same offense.

December 8, 1932

During the strong wind which prevailed Saturday, 2 large plate glass windows at the Bratton Store were broken out. Opening of a locked rear door allowing a strong gust of wind to sweep through the store was said to have been responsible.

Vital statistics in Butte County for November, showed a decline in births and an increase in divorce, Clerk of Courts Effie A. Ross has reported. The figures show 13 births, 3 deaths, 11 marriages, 5 divorces, 1 petition for naturalization and 1 declaration for naturalization.

Newell Boy Scouts are again doing their share to make this a Merry Christmas for children of the poor and needy by repairing old discarded toys. Anyone having toys for the purpose is asked to phone David Richards, who will see that, the Scouts call for them. They will be repaired and put in first-class condition for presentation to children in this vicinity.

December 10, 1942

here on a 30-day furlough visiting his father, Otto Roemerman of Vale. He has been serving in Uncle Sam's airplane carriers, one of which went down and left the crew to their own resources in the briny deep. William spent 3½ hours at sea before being rescued. He knows war is hell, but he's still r'rin'

to go.

Old Santa Claus is still on the preferred list, is not being rationed by the War Production Board and is due to make his annual appearance in Newell on Saturday, December 19. This pre-Christmas party for the kids will extract some expense and the townspeople are solicited to help the good cause along by providing the community with the needed funds, President James Gadsden President of Community Club announced. One thing however, the WPB has turned thumbs down on all forms of street and outside decorative lighting and this Yuletide and Newell will follow the suggestion. But you can still light your stores and homes windows and the Christmas

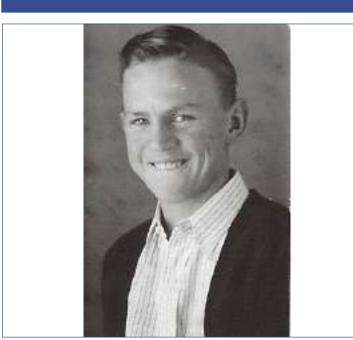
The Power & Light Company purchased from Newell City the small building formerly used for the hose cart, along with the old fire bell tower in the City Park. Manager James Gadsden says they will use the material for erection of a garage in rear of the local Power & Light office. The Volunteer Fire Department in regular meeting Tuesday evening, decided to call off their dance usually given at New Years time. The



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A picture or Richard Kumpula, WWII, taken about the time he was home on Furlough.

difficulty of getting a dance orchestra is the principal reason for having to abandon the affair.

December 11, 1952

Justin McCarthy, Fairpoint rancher, sunk a deep hole near his new shed with the hopes of getting enough water for his stock there, but was unable to bring in a worthwhile stream.

The Vale PTA will hold their regular meeting next Monday, December 15. This will be "Men's Night" and Mrs. L.C. Williamson will be in charge of the program. Lunch will be prepared and served by the men.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kumpula and children left Tuesday for Pierre, where the former has accepted a radio eminence job with the State Motor Patrol. They arrived here last Thursday night from Chicago, Ill, where he had been employed by the US Air Lines. He is a 1950 graduate of Newell High School and son of Mr. & Mrs. Gust Kampala.

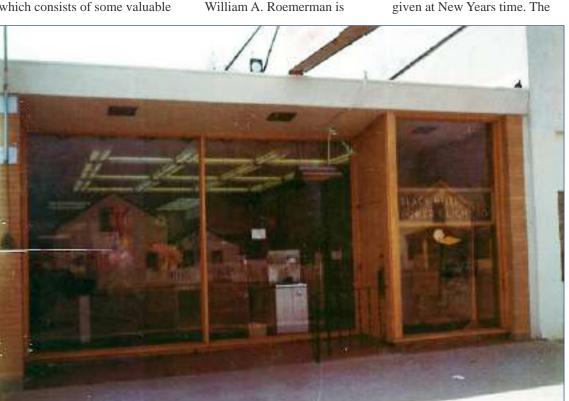
December 6, 1962

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Breidenbach were hosts of the 500 Club at the co-hosts home, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bober, Sunday evening. Cards were played at 4 tables with Mrs. Lottie Ellis and

Clarence Anderson winning high score and Mrs. Bober and Carl Orwick receiving low. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fabricius were honored with a surprise 28th wedding anniversary reception. After a luncheon, the couple cut and served the decorated anniversary cake and were presented with a gift from the group.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Laumer, Jack, Joel and Jill left Friday Morning for Kenyon, Minn where they were houseguests at the home of Pastor and Mrs. K.A. Knutson. On Saturday Mr. & Mrs. Laumer and Jack toured St. Olaf' College and Northfield, Minn. Saturday evening Alan Grundahl, who was formerly Assistant Pastor here, and Miss Janice Davidson and Laumer family were dinner guests at the Knutson home. Enroute home on Monday, the Laumers toured the Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

The Lions Club has announced that tickets for the Texas Cowgirl's basketball game to be held here will go on sale in January. The event is scheduled to help raise funds for the PA system for Newell School. Committee members include: Chairman Kenneth Hauge, Institutional representative Laurence Bentz and other members Myron Lee, Vern Hafner and Gene Barber.



The modern Black Hill Power & Light office and warehouse, built about 1956. This picture was

taken 1974.



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Santa Claus Day Success

NEWELL – Ho, ho, ho, the kids did show. Around 70 children and their parents enjoyed the Newell Community Club-sponsored annual Santa Claus day at Newell city hall on December 10. The event began at 10 a.m. and it wasn't long before Santa showed up with a goodie bag for each child. Newell's Jr. Miss Labor Day Rodeo Queen Victoria Ginsbach helped Santa by handing them their treat.

No one really remembers just how long the community club has been sponsoring the annual day of fun and activities, but the kids enjoyed a cake walk, ring toss, bean bag throw, bowling and won candy at each. They even had the opportunity to make some Christmas crafts under the direction of club trea-

surer Karen Jensen. Other club members involved included: Colleen Schreiner, Shannon Dirk, Jill McTaggert, Cindy Hippen, Cheyenne Winkler, Morgan Wulf and a host of others who worked behind the

scenes to create this fun day.
Sheila Smith handed out candy and emergency information cards from the Butte County Sheriff's Department.

Those who attended could enjoy a hot dog, chips and water or lemonade lunch and that was served by volunteers in the kitchen.

The Newell Community Club would like to thank all those who donated time, money, food, treats, baked goods, craft supplies and other items to make the day a success.



Children taking home a new bike or strider from the annual Newell Community Club hosted Santa Claus day included: Wrenly Boylan, Lyla Nelson, Lincoln Petersen, Evelynn Bean, Erin McTaggart, Avery Nelson, Trivion Grass and Victoria Ginsbach. - Brunner photo

K-12 Christmas Concert

Colleen Brunner with Judy Heisler news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – This year things ended up a little different for the Newell school music program, as Instructor Jenn Stomprud combined all ages in a K-12 Christmas concert on December 1 at 6:30 in Austin Auditorium. But that made it no less enjoyable. And the house was packed. Along with Stomprud, guest accompanist was Addison Wich and Stage Manager was Kaira Stomprud.

The evening's entertainment started off with the fifth-grade band playing "Jamacian Fold Song & Holiday Sampler."
Band members included: Jaedyn Adams, Braylee Barrera, Victoria Ginsbach, Jaden Retzlaff, Ayricka Schulte, Michael Van Dorn, Whitley Wendt, Kylee Martin, Bruno Harms, Cooper Orr and Camden Peterson.

Next up was the middle school/high school band, playing "First Rockin' Christmas." Those members included: Mattie Barden, Biance Bierman, Jonah Branding, Will Erk, Rylan Gross, Kylynn Lewis, Bubba Shakett, Justin Stranberg, Holden Thompson, Just Yates, Jenna Yule, Jace Schulte and McKenzie Rans. Mattie Barden, Holden Thompson and Jenna Yule teamed up on "The Christmas song," and Barden played a flue solo, "Siciliana & Giga"

The kindergarten, as always, brought laughter and smiles with their rendition of the traditional, "Jingle Bells." Those students included: Eilza Ahart, Haiden Anderson, Eleanor Baker, Ryker Barrera, Zeb Bierman, Clancy Braun, Evelyn Cox, Coy Donahey, Matthew Erk, Cora Fergen, Raelyn Fox, Oscar Gardner, Mesa Grant, Windsor Jackson, Elizabeth Kitzan, Paysley Komes, ViviAnne Komes, Bowen Lindsey, Brett McMahon, Chaizley McTaggart, Elliot Oliver, Kiasynn Riter, Sterling Takes the Gun, Remi Thorstenson, Ryan Van-Dusen, Johnathan Wise, and Jaxon Wohan-Skidmore.

Kindergarten and first grade sang a rousing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and the first grade students included: Corbin Bonevrake, Asa Brown, Erica Castillo, Kade Charles, Leonardo Cibic, Kenzie Fiestner-Fox, Lucia Harms, Yuya Lishi Jr., Henry Joehenk, Sophia Lewis, Liam Raisanen, Andrew Ran-



Everyone enjoyed music from the middle/high school band. - Courtesy photo

dolph, Benjamin Schwede, Lancy Sheeler, Briar Strain, Hunter suster, KC Wendt, Olin Wilen and Landon Witherspoon.

Second graders: Gretchen Ahart, Paisley Braun, Mesa Dell, Alyssa Derschan, Jermoe Fergen, Lexi Fox, Jasper Gardner, Deven Johnston, Kyler Johnston, Isen Kitzan, Todd Komes, Auryon Lewis, Sadie Lindsey, Lane Mailloux, McCoy Mangis, Erin McTaggart, Millie Muckridge, Kimber Oines, Jace Severson, Taylor Wendt, Lucyanna Wilen and Riggin Wulf, joined the first grade on "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and then sang their own song, "Deck the Halls."

It seemed Stomprud had tradition in mind as the Third Grade brought the song "Gently Sleep." Singers included: Iantha Ahart, Lillian Barden, Brynlee Barrera, Harper Charles, Ava Cline, Huntlee Heath, Cooper High, Derick Kreitel, Gavin Joelnch, Annemarie King, Anna McMahon, Ava Olson, Kendyl Patton, Aaliyah Raisanen, Eric Randolph, Crisstopher Riter, Sophia Schumacher, Abigail Schweded, Bailey Strain, Rosemary Suster, Heath Wetzler and EllaFay Wonderly.

Fourth grade came in with the familiar, "I Saw Three Ships." Those singers incuded: Annika Bonebrake, Chrstian Boyer, Callie Eaton, Riley Feistner, Grace Fraiser, illy Goodine, Aston Howier, Zane Johnson, Novella Liggett, Averi Nelson, Kaylee Orr, Lillian Raisanen, Caitlyn Rans, Jacob Sackett, Vandyn Severson, Jerika Wallery, Weston Wendt, Taylen Wilen and Kiley Yates.

Fifth graders enjoyed sharing the song "We Wish you a Merry Christmas." Students includ-

ed: Jaedyn Adams, Lucilee Ahart, Jessi Bachman, Braylee Barrera, Dylan Evans, Victoria Ginsbach, Trivion Grass, Bruno Harms, Kyle Kenstler, Kylee Martin, Camden Peterson, Jaden Retzlaff, Ayicka Schulte, Amber Shaykett, Mihael Van Dorn, Whitley Wendt, Harper Whitacre and Kirk Wilen.

The Middle/High school choir shared "Carol of the Bells," with Addison Wich and Aundra Stark on vocal soloes. The students in these grades included: Emma Barden, Karley Larson, Kylynn Lewis, Kely Link, Neha Raisanen, McKenzie Rans, Khloe Rivera, Aiyana Sackett, Oe Schoch, Aundra Stark, Bailey Takes the Gun, Paide Wise and Natalie Yates.

The whole school music department joined together on "Silent Night," and "Here Comes Santa Claus," who showed up surprisingly at just that moment.

The school music department would like to thank the Yule family for the sound system, Addison Wich for accompaniment, Kaira Stomprud, the Newell PTO, the Newell school staff and custodians and administrators, the Newell Friends of Fine Arts. The NOFO is an organization made up of adult and student volunteers that help the fine arts program including fundraising/sponsorships, helping with events, concerts and programs, providing and/or serving good and volunteering services where needed. You are welcome to join.

Also of note: Bubba Shaykett, Will Erk, Jenna Yule and Mattie Barden participated in the Northern Hills Honor Band at Spearfish recently. Barden also went to the 65th Annual Augustana Band Festival in Sioux Falls.



Addison Wich was a great accompanist for some of the familiar Christmas songs sung during the K-12 Christmas concert on Thursday night. - Courtesy photo



That jolly old elf showed up at the Newell K-12 Christmas concert, just as his song, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," was being sung. - Courtesy photo

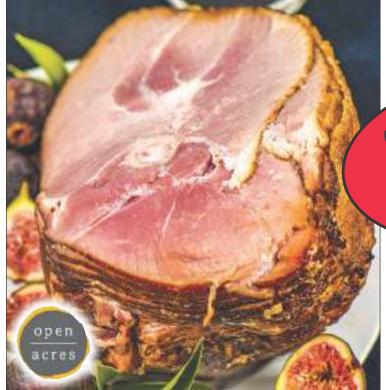


Mattie Barden played a flute solor during the Christmas concert, "Siciliana & Giga," from Sonata V by G. F. Handel. - Courtesy photo



Aundra Stark shared her beautiful voice during the annual Christmas concert on December 1. Courtesy photo





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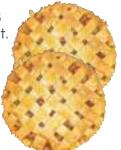


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J. Skinner Cinnamon Rolls Select 18-22 oz.



Our Family ~ 10.5 oz. **2.99**ea.



Kretschmar Virginia **Smoked** or Honey Ham Sliced



King's Hawaiian Original Rolls 12 ct.

3.99_{ea}.



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Angel Food Cake

Sliced





Steakhouse Potato Salad .49_{lb.}

BEVERAGES



Coke Products 12 oz. 12 pk. or 12 oz. 8 pk. asst.



Dasani Water .5 Liter 24 pk.



Powerade 20 oz. 8 pk. asst.



Pepsi **Products** 12 oz. 24 pk. asst.



Aquafina Water .5 Liter 24 pk.



Bubbl'R Sparkling Water 12 oz. 6 pk. asst.