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Day Street Lift Station Bid Will Move Forward

City and Council solve funding issue.

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BELLE FOURCHE - Dean Kurtz Construction of Rapid City was awarded the bid to install the new Day Street Lift Station as part of the city's sewer rehabilitation project but only after the city council approved a plan by the city's Public Works, Engineering and Finance departments to close a funding shortfall.

The Rapid City contractor's bid came in at \$2,099,000. It was the lowest of three bids. The two other bids were RCS Construction at \$2,322,700 and Journey Group (Ainsworth-Benning) at \$2,417,000.

At issue was the initial cost estimate for the project. HDR Engineering of Rapid City calculated the costs at \$1,836,000, which left a \$422,720 gap in funding when compared to the low bid. The city had already been approved for a DENR loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) for the \$1.8 million.

"Is this something that we could just go back to the state and ask for an additional \$100,000 in the grant?" asked councilman Troy Shockey.

"In this situation you really can't," said Chris Robinson of HDR who was present in the council chambers. "It's a little like your mortgage. The loan is closed and you really couldn't just go back to your lender and ask for another \$10,000 without going through a whole bunch of paperwork."

LIFT STATION B7

Come to Christmas in Belle Fourche



FFA Movies
Wagon Rides
Santa Claus
Gingerbread
Houses &
More!

DEC. 14 & DEC 21



A Gift of Community Caring!



FESTIVAL OF TREES - The First Interstate Bank annual Festival's fundraising initial tally for the tree auction came to \$41,325. The proceeds benefit local recipients. This year's community recipients are Belle Fourche Ministerial Association; Belle Fourche Senior Meals Program; Imagination Library; and Greater Belle Fourche Foundation. (Inset) A capacity crowd filled the bank lobby awaiting the start of the benefit auction. - *Beacon Photo*

Roundup Repeat!

Black Hills Roundup Named PRCA Rodeo of the Year

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LAS VEGAS - The Black Hills Roundup has kept its lofty perch atop the rodeo world. For the second year in a row Belle Fourche's signature event has been named best in the country by the PRCA.

Rodeo of the Year honors were presented to the Roundup Committee members and city representatives at the annual awards banquet held last Wednesday at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. It was the perfect way to end the 100th anniversary celebration of the Roundup.

"Wow, it's hard to put into words what it was like to hear our name called again," said Keith Anderson, committee chairman. "It's humbling. To think of the 100 other rodeos in our division and just to make the top five is really something."

Anderson says it's especially meaningful to win the award considering that the rodeo contestants themselves nominate and vote on the winner.

"It's just nice to know that the contestants noticed all the hard work from the volunteers and the board members that go into putting on the Roundup," Anderson said. "It says a lot



BEST IN CLASS - Several members of the Black Hills Roundup Committee, Volunteers and City representatives were on hand last Wednesday at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas as the rodeo was again named Rodeo of the Year during the National Finals Rodeo awards banquet. - *Courtesy Photo*

for the support we get from our sponsors and the city."

The Roundup was competing with five other finalists in the Medium Outdoor Rodeo of the Year category; Stephenville, Texas, Coleman Texas, Amarillo, Texas, and Estes Park, Colorado.

"There's so much that goes into putting on this event, it's a lot of moving pieces," Anderson said. "Our goal as the Roundup committee is to try and make it bigger and better every year and we

seemed to have been able to do that for the last few years.

In 2020 we'll be at this thing for 101 years. Maybe we're getting a few things figured out."

For 31 of those 101 years Powder River Rodeo has contracted with the Roundup to provided bucking stock. They were named 2019 Remuda Award winner. This prestigious award

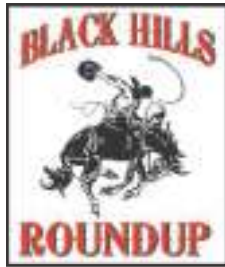
goes to the stock contracting firm that provides the best, most consistent pen of buck-

ing horses, creating the best opportunities for contestants to score well.

"What a spectacular night we had at the 'Rodeo Oscars,'" said Powder River's Lori Franzen. "This is such a prestigious award for our company and family. And for Blackfoot, Idaho winning small rodeo of the year and the second year for the Black Hills Roundup winning, we're so proud to be a part of these amazing shows."

It's been quite a year for the Franzens as daughter Jill Franzen Loden was named

ROUNDUP A6



FFA Movies Return a Holiday Tradition to Belle Fourche

Dec. 14: See Disney's Mickey Mouse Xmas Fun; and Loony Tunes Daffy Duck with a Bah Humbug Attitude.

Prior to 1970's closing of the movie theater on State Street in Belle Fourche one might expect to see kids of all ages filing through the theater doors to see matinee movies at Christmas time.

A bit of that old holiday pastime is available again thanks to the Belle Fourche Chapter of the FFA and local business sponsors.

There are two "Come to Christmas in Belle Saturdays left before Christmas. December 14 & Dec. 21.

Located at 613 6th Ave. (Connection Church) the movies are directed at the children, but are holiday classics that can be enjoyed by kids of any age. So come as a family, or let the FFA supervise your children while you shop in Belle.

Free movies; Free Popcorn; Free candy treats; Free water; and Santa Claus stopping by the end of the show and providing

his treats for kids as well!

Next Saturday's showing (Dec. 14) is a rescheduling of the November 30th cancellations. A movie double feature with: Disney's *Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas* & *Bah, HumDuck!* A Looney Tunes Christmas will be shown starting at 12: 45 on Saturday December 14 and ends approximately 3:00pm. Doors open at 12:30

The final week of movies will be held December 21 with the showing of *The Polar Express*.

Come to Christmas in Belle Fourche. Come downtown to the Movies. Come enjoy wagon rides. Come visit Santa Claus.

The FFA would like to thank the following Belle Fourche businesses whose support made the movie showings possible. In spite of being shown "free to the public" copyright fees still are paid.

Thanks to: ET Sports; New Generation Feeds; Belle Laundry & Dry Cleaning; Pioneer Bank & Trust; Scott Peterson Motors; Dakota Lumber; Lynn's Dakota Mart; Grossenburg Imp.; and First Interstate Bank.



Light Up the Night December 21st

4:15-5:00pm
Stagecoach Rides (free with 2 cans of food for the Compassion Cupboard), State St.
5:00-6:00pm
Cowboy Band Community Chili Feed, Community Hall
5:00-7:00pm
Tri-State Museum Holiday Open House, 415 5th Ave.
6:00pm
Parade of Lights, State St.
7:00pm
Fireworks Display, Center of the Nation Monument (415 5th Ave.)

Top: Isabella Evans shows her Gingerbread house; Santa ready to greet the kids; Sacred Mountain Retreat furnished wagon rides; Advisor Austin Bishop & Sophia Mitchell with treats for FFA's Free Holiday Movie guests. Come to Christmas in Belle and celebrate the Holiday! *Courtesy photos*




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Obituaries

Brian Curtis 39

Brian Curtis 39 of Belle Fourche passed away unexpectedly December 2, 2019 at his home in Belle Fourche.

Brian was born March 3, 1980 to Randy and Billie (Barnes) Curtis at Rapid City, South Dakota. Brian grew up in Belle Fourche from kindergarten till he graduated in 1998. As a child he competed in AAU wrestling and soccer. His father Randy, started him riding horses as soon as he could walk, which led him to riding sheep then calves and on to bulls which was his passion. In his spare time, he started training horses with his uncle Bill Myers. They credit Brian for his help and success in their horse program. Brian was good at horse training but his true passion was bull riding. Brian's bull riding talents were remarkable. He won at many levels and was one of the top bull riders in the country. He won numerous circuit titles and major rodeo wins in his career. He was on his way to great success when his career was cut short by a tragic accident on June 18, 2011. Brian met a lot of cowboys on the road and they meant a lot to him. Fellow riders, to the stock contractors, to the announcers and we can't forget the bull fighters and doctors that helped him along the way. He talked about all of you.

Brian became a father to Noah Nixon (21). He then had two other children, Oaklee (8) and Bayzen (5) with Stephanie (O'Connell) Curtis. He enjoyed supporting and spending time with his family at the sporting events but quite often you would find him at a local barrel race. He always had a smile on his face and ready to offer you a "cold one."

After his many accomplishments he settled



down in Belle Fourche, where he followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps as a field man at The Belle Fourche Livestock, which he enjoyed. Brian was blessed with the ability to share a conversation with anyone. He enjoyed visiting friends, being on the phone and telling stories. His presence, his stories and his smile will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Randy Curtis; his paternal Grandparents, Robert and Marlys Curtis; his maternal Grandfather, Bill Barnes and cousin, Hunter Stoesser.

He will be greatly missed by his children, Noah Nixon of Alzada, MT, Oaklee and Bayzen Curtis of Fruitdale; his Mother, Billie Curtis; his sisters, Kaycee and Karisa Curtis all of Belle Fourche; his step mother, Mary Jo Curtis of Belle Fourche; his maternal grandmother, Violet Barnes of Pierre, SD and many aunts, uncles and cousins; Stephanie (O'Connell) Curtis of Fruitdale, SD and her parents, Glen and Rita O'Connell of Philip, SD.

Visitation was held Friday, December 6 at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 7 at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center Auditorium, 1111 National Street. Burial followed at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

An account has been established in memory of Brian Curtis at Pioneer Bank and Trust in Belle Fourche.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Charles "Chuck" Edward Delzer 60

Charles "Chuck" Edward Delzer, 60, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019 of heart failure at his home in Spearfish, SD.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Rosehill Cemetery in Spearfish.

Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com

He was born on August 8, 1959 at St Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, SD, to Melvin and Gloria (Cheskey) Delzer. Chuck was one of five children and attended school in Selby, SD, through 5th grade. In 1970, Chuck and his family moved to Rapid City where he graduated from Stevens High School in 1978. Chuck was active in all sports but excelled in track and field and baseball. He played four years with American Legion Post 22 as a starting left-handed pitcher and was a member of the Post 22 team that went to the College World Series in 1977. In his final year, 1978, he was named to the All-State team after posting a 1.86 ERA. He earned a baseball scholarship and played college ball in Southern California at Fullerton and Long Beach State.

After graduating from Cal State Fullerton with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance in 1983, Chuck returned to Spearfish, SD, where he worked in the family's construction and agri-businesses. He also owned and operated Northern Hills Racquet Club for several years and fulfilled his penchant for competitive sports by playing regularly in local and regional racquetball tournaments.

In 1988, he sold the racquet club and moved back to Southern California (San Diego) where he worked in real estate. He met Nicole Rudosky during this time and, after dating several years, they were married in Positano, Italy, in 1991. Chuck and Nicole moved to the 76 Ranch just outside of Aladdin, WY, in 1993 where they farmed and raised Black Angus cattle. For several years, Chuck organized and hosted an event that brought his brother and "city" friends from California to the 76 Ranch. The annual roundup and calf-branding was a time for raucous adventures and true friendships that came to be known as "City Slickers".

Chuck and Nicole spent much of their free time socializing with friends in the Spearfish area. So, in 2000 they purchased a home in the Sandstone subdivision and moved to Spearfish. They enjoyed traveling and were avid golfers at the Spearfish Country Club where they were members. Although the couple divorced in 2001, they remained close friends.



Chuck stayed in Spearfish until 2006 when he bought a home and relocated, along with his mother, Gloria "Muzzie", back to California (Huntington Beach) near other family members, especially his younger brother, BJ. For the next three years, Chuck's focus was family, spending most of his time being there for Muzzie. After Muzzie's death in 2009, Chuck split time between residences in Maui, California and Spearfish.

Chuck's naturally happy-go-lucky personality endeared him to friends and strangers no matter where he lived. He seemed to always have a big infectious smile which often led people to call him "Smiley". Chuck was a jokester who loved to tease and displayed a witty sense of humor. He loved spending time on the beaches of Orange County, CA, and Maui where family and friends often gathered for beach volleyball events organized by Chuck and BJ. Although the Delzer family moved from Selby when Chuck was still a child, the friendships that began there stayed with him throughout his life, and he and his brother, BJ, returned there for community reunions and to visit friends and family.

At home in Spearfish, he could often be seen on the golf course or spending time with his older brother, Ross, and his family. Throughout his life, he enjoyed outdoor activities, including golf, tennis, water skiing, snow skiing, biking, and scuba diving. He was an avid sports fan who never tired of cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers and Minnesota Twins.

Wherever Chuck lived, there was a piano. Chuck began playing piano when he was eight years old and never stopped. Throughout his life, he spent time writing and playing all genres of music. At gatherings with friends and family, Chuck often spontaneously slid onto the piano bench and began "tickling the ivory" to entertain. In Maui, he would often visit a nearby resort where he played the piano for guests—most of whom never realized Chuck wasn't a formal entertainer but was only playing for the pure joy of sharing music.

Chuck is survived by his brothers, Roger (Sharon) of Spearfish, Ross (Barb) of Belle Fourche, and Bernard "BJ" (Lauren) of Newport Beach, CA, and 7 nieces and nephews, including Brecklyn, Landon and Bria Delzer, Newport Beach, CA; Jill Delzer Larson, Brandon (Lisa) Delzer and Ryan (Anna) Delzer, Spearfish; Randy (Emily) Delzer, Rapid City, SD and Rayce Delzer, Fort Collins, CO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gloria and Melvin, and his sister, Colleen.

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Ted Elenberger 78

Ted Elenberger, age 78 of Belle Fourche, died suddenly on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at his winter home in Benson, Arizona.

Ted's life was celebrated Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche, with Pastor Paul Howard officiating. Visitation was at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Memorials are preferred to the Belle Fourche Compassion Cupboard.

Friends may leave condolences and view a video tribute at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com.

Theodore Wayne Elenberger was born December 28, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of Theodore Sr. and Emily (Zorn) Elenberger. Ted grew up in several places, and when Ted was 10 years old his family settled down in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There he graduated from the Milwaukee Lutheran High School. IN 1961 he graduated from the Milwaukee Vo Tech College, where he learned the trade of becoming a Master Barber. On November 2, 1963 Ted was united in marriage to Sally Anne Hetzel in Milwaukee. To this union two children were born: Daniel Wayne and Robin Anne. In 1976, Ted and Sally moved to Belle Fourche where Ted owned and operated "Ted's



Barbershop" for many years, retiring in 2011.

Following his retirement, Ted and Sally enjoyed traveling. During their 50th wedding anniversary they enjoyed a trip to the United Kingdom. For the past several winters, they have enjoyed traveling to Benson Arizona. Ted's hobbies included carving gourds, and carving wood canes. Ted was a strong man physically and spiritually.

He was the leader and the "rock" of the family. He was a Bible study teacher, a man of prayer, and his faith was strong. He loved his grandchildren and his family so very much. He will be greatly missed, and treasured forever.

Ted is survived by his wife, Sally; son, Daniel Wayne of Belle Fourche; daughter, Robin Anne (James) Ager of Belle Fourche; 4 grandchildren, Kody (Amber) of Sydney MT, Rachel (Chris) Adams of Belle Fourche, Brant (Molly) Ager of Spearfish, Brittney (Jesse) Frasier of Gilbert AZ; 8 great grandchildren, Rikki, Rhett, Elsie, Madalyn, Delila, Lincoln, Olive, Gwendolyn; sister, Joanne (Jay) Gammons of Benson AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Emily Elenberger; and his infant sister, Gloria Jean.

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Belle Business Bits



The former Aces & 8's Casino building, 516 State Street is in process of being sold. The new owners, a Spearfish couple, are waiting until closing is final to release any information.



The building at the NW corner of 6th & State is to become the new home for the Gold Country Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Dakota Territory Firearms. RMEF Chapter President & Dakota Territory Firearms owner Sam Silacci expects to have a Grand Opening in January 2020. Tony Chytka's Bronze statue of World Champion Bareback Rider Mark Garrett stands on that corner.

Obituaries Cont'd.

Kenneth H. Kluck 76

Kenneth H. Kluck, age 76 of Spearfish, died Saturday, November 30, 2019 at his home, from natural causes.

A memorial service will be held 1pm Monday, December 9, 2019 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 4 to 6pm Sunday at the funeral home. Inurnment will take place in the Vale Cemetery, followed by lunch at the Vale Community Center.

Kenneth Harold Kluck was born December 31, 1942 in Chadron, Nebraska. He was the son of Ernst and Mary Ruth (Robinson) Kluck. Ken grew up in the Broadus Montana area for a time, until 1954 when the family settled in the Vale SD area. Ken attended the Wetz Country School near Vale, and graduated from the Vale High School in 1961. He served in the National Guard during the Vietnam War. In 1965, Ken was united in marriage to Cherlynn Reid. To this union a daughter and a son were born: Julie and Tracy. They were married for 30 years, before divorcing. Later, Ken was married for a short time



to Glenda Komes before divorcing.

Ken ranched his entire life. He worked as a ranch hand for several area ranchers, including Carl Lundgren. For many years he owned his own ranch, located in the Nisland/Arpan area. Ken also owned a trucking business for several years, trucking hay and cattle. Ken retired to Spearfish two years ago.

Ken is survived by his children, Julie Kluck (and close family friend, Max Bowen), and Tracy Kluck, both of Nisland; grandson, Jake Warren; great granddaughter, Letty Marie Warren; 2 brothers, Keith (Hazel) Kluck of Lewistown MT, Bill Kluck of Mud Butte; sister, Peggy (Les) Miller of Des Moines Iowa; He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dan; and nephew, Christian Kluck.

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John F. Kunerth 58

John F. Kunerth was named for his father's only brother, who died in an accident before John was born. The F in his name was both a source of embarrassment and pride: Florian.

He was teased as a kid by children who called him Fluoride. But as an adult, John always signed his name John F. Kunerth, which make him sound a little like President John F. Kennedy. They shared the same initials.

John Kunerth, age 58 of Belle Fourche, died from natural causes on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at his home.

Born September 9, 1961 in Ames, Iowa to Bill and Willie Kunerth, John was the sweet one in the constellation of four children. He was good natured, kind, and pretty well behaved. He possessed what his older brothers never had: a practical intelligence that understood how things work.

John demonstrated that skill with the claw machine at carnivals, splicing barbed wire to a strength that withstood stretching while fencing, and a proficiency with a pool cue. He had a little snort of a laugh when that trick shot on the pool table amazed his opponent.

In the way he sized up angles on the pool table, John could look at a problem and see a hands-on solution.

He might have made a good handyman or carpenter or mechanic, but the jobs John held mostly required that he be dependable and hard working. He drove a forklift for many years in Des Moines, Iowa, and worked in the Thrift Store at the Salvation Army in Spearfish.

He loved, and lost, his wife Kathy, who died of Huntington's Disease. He loved, and treasured, his daughter Stephanie, who inherited of his sweet side.



John was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs and Bears, and all things Iowa State. He had a large appetite for good home cooking and a fondness for animals. There were many dogs in John's life. His last was a three-legged stray he named Neveah – heaven spelled backwards.

Bald-headed and bearded, John tried to disguise his vulnerability by wearing biker attire, a chain linking his wallet to his belt. It was a good façade for someone who lived a hard

life.

But to those who knew him best at the end, John is remembered for his gentle spirit and generous disposition. In the end, his struggles never penetrated to the sensitive tenderness that was the core of Johnny.

"John was a light in our Thrift Store," said Rae Jean Bosley, his boss at the Salvation Army. "He taught us all how to be kind."

John F. Kunerth is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Kunerth of Des Moines IA; mother, Wilma Kunerth of Orlando FL; brothers, Jeff (Gretchen) of Altamonte Springs FL, Bill (Jeri) Kunerth Jr. of Springfield OR; sister, Myla (Russell) Budmayr of Faith SD.

John was preceded in death by his father, William; and his wife, Kathy.

A Celebration of Life service will be held 10 am Saturday, December 14, 2019 at St. James Episcopal Church in Belle Fourche with Pastors Evelyn Weaver and Sandy Williams officiating.

Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com

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Alan L. Harvey 69

Alan L. Harvey, age 69 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

The funeral service will be held 1pm Thursday, December 12th, 2019 at St. James Lutheran Church. Visitation will take place 5 to 7 pm Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be held in the Pine Slope Cemetery.

Alan Lee Harvey was born July 6, 1950 in Deadwood, SD. He was the son of Carl and Opal (Byrne) Harvey. At a young age, Alan moved with his family to Kansas. Later, sometime in his middle school years, they returned to the area and settled in Belle Fourche. He graduated from the Belle Fourche High School in 1970. Alan was united in marriage to Kathy Kendrick in 1972, at the St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. To this union two children were born: Chad and Ryan. Alan worked at American Colloid for 37 years. Following his retirement, Alan enjoyed life with his wife and family.

Alan will be remembered for his care-free way



of life. He was warm and friendly, and always up for a cup of coffee and a conversation. In his younger years he enjoyed playing softball, hunting and fishing, and taking trips to Kansas to see his relatives. Alan was a member of the Belle Fourche Lions Club. He was fun, jolly, and a great husband and father. Alan never complained about his cancer; he never felt sorry for himself. He will be greatly missed by his family.

Alan is survived by his wife, Kathy of Belle Fourche; 2 sons, Chad Harvey of Belle Fourche, Ryan Harvey of Spearfish; brother, Dan (Judy) Harvey of Spearfish; sister, Laura Wheeler of Belle Fourche; and sister-in-law, Marsha Harvey of Topeka, Kansas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Jerry.

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FFA Alumni Cookie Social

Serena Davis
FFA Reporter

On November the 18th the Belle Fourche FFA Alumni Committee held a cookie social to congratulate the members headed to state as well as an Alumni support-club bimonthly meeting. The teams showed off their competition skills and showed what they were going to compete in. The cookie social was held from 5-7 and included the Ag Communi-

cations Team Presentation, Morgan Mackaben recited the FFA Creed. There was also a presentation by Morgan Mackaben and Morgyn Barker for what they learned in Parliamentary Procedure. Dylan Stedilie and Chyanne Shiffar explained what they learned in Conduct of Chapter Meeting. It was a great send off and good to luck to everyone going to state. We look forward to seeing your achievements.

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Indoor Soccer Season Underway



U16 Boys Champions Broncos: (Back) Coach Anthony Carbajal, Ethan Jensen, Sawyer Clarkson, Hunter Cherveney, Anthony Staley (Front) Aiden Voyles, Brayden Carbajal, Charles Alberts *Courtesy Photo Brittany Clarkson*

Christine Mart
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The Sturgis Christmas Classic Indoor Tournament held this past weekend, December 6-8th, kicked off the Indoor Soccer season for the Black Hills region. The Sturgis Christmas Classic offered nine different divisions with a total of 38 teams representing Rapid City, Spearfish, Sturgis, St. Onge, Belle Fourche, Pierre and New-castle. Belle Fourche entered 5 teams into the tournament and 4 of the five teams made it to the championship games on Sunday. In the U12 Boys division, the Avengers, coached by Brittany Clarkson, headed to the championship game against Amistad, a club team from Rapid City. The game was a close one that ended with Avengers falling short as the clock hit zero with a score of 5-4. The Avengers started the season off with a 2nd place medal and a record of 2-2. The U12 Girls division had one of the biggest divisions and the Belle Fourche Lightning, coached by Craig Knapp,

found themselves ending the tournament with a 1-2 record. Lightning's first game and first loss was against Sturgis Select Red with a final score of 3-1. Lightning fell short the next game with a close final score of 3-2 against Sturgis Select White. Lightning were able to strike a win in their last game with a victory over Thunder, a Spearfish team with the score of 5-1. The U14 Girls division had the Grinch Gang, coached by Anthony Carbajal, representing Belle. The girls played Sunday morning against the OFC Green Diamonds, a club team from Pierre in the championship game. Grinch Gang played the Green Diamonds earlier in the tournament losing 10-0 but walked away improving against this club team with a score of 9-1. Even though they fell short in the finals the U14 Belle Fourche team ended the tournament with a 2-2 record and 2nd place medals. The U16 Boys team, Broncos, coached by Anthony Carbajal, faced off against Amistad, a

Rapid City club team, in the championship game Sunday afternoon. Earlier in the tournament these two teams had a close game that ended with the Broncos taking the victory with a score of 8-7 so, all knew the championship would bring nothing less than an intense game. Heartbeats were high as the parents, fans and supporters of the Broncos watched as the two teams played a back and forth game. At the end of regulation, the score was all tied up at 2-2, which required sudden death overtime and with less players. Both teams started overtime with 4 players instead of the regular 5 on the court. Two minutes into overtime both teams had to drop down to 3 players which proved to be all it took for the Broncos to end the game. As Sawyer Clarkson's second attempt at goal hit the net to win the game the crowd went wild. Broncos had a record of 4-0 on the weekend and 1st place medals. The U19 Boys, Below Average, coached by Lucas Trimble, also went undefeated with a 3-0 record over the entire week-end. They were able to keep their high scoring streak in the championship game with a final score 13-2 against SFC Red, a club team from Sturgis. Below Average did not have a close game all weekend with having scored a total of 32 goals in 3 games and only 9 goals scored against them. As the Sturgis Christmas Classic wrapped up the Belle Fourche Indoor Soccer teams ended with a record of 12 wins and 6 losses. Belle Fourche teams prepare for the next tournament, Spearfish Winter Classic, held at the BHSU Young Center, on January 3-5, 2020.

Bronc Boys Look to Up Their Game in 2019-20

Editor's Note: Our girls basketball preview will run next week.

BEACON STAFF
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BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche Broncos tip off the varsity boys basketball season this Friday night at Hill City before returning Saturday to host McLaughlin. Head Coach Clay Pottorff won't have long to wait and see how much his team has improved over last year as a home date with Sturgis awaits the following Tuesday.

The Broncos return two starters



EASY TWO -Brextin Garza drives it strong to the hoop against Lead in a 74-48 win last season.

from a 9-13 team that made it to the Region semi-finals last year. The team graduated nine seniors. Pottorff knows the loss of that experience will be felt but he's very optimistic about the talent he sees while he surveys the practice floor. "We have a group that is very competitive and doesn't back down from tough challenges," he said. "Overall I would say we have a bit more team speed this year and versatility is no doubt one of our strengths this year over last year." Pottorff expects the grit and quickness from the gridiron will transfer to the basketball court. Kelby Olson, a first-team all-state running back, will return to start at the guard/forward spot. Look for Olson to lead the way in penetrating the lane and taking it strong to the hoop. "With him being our focal point on offense getting to the rim and getting to the free throw line it will be nice to see him around 80% from the line which he was a lot of the time last year." Colby Nowowiejski, a first-team all conference at quarterback who just set the school single-season record for passing yards, will return to start at point guard, but at 6' 4"



2019-2020 VARSITY - Front row (l to r) Brextin Garza, Jackson Tyndall, Ryker Audiss, Keaten Benson and Gabe Heck. Back row (l to r) Lan Fuhrer, Colby Nowowiejski, Kelby Olson, Tate Larson, Aiden Giffin and Logan Goeders. *-Courtesy Photo*

he'll have the versatility to play nearly every position. "He's been the general on the football field and has taken that role onto the basketball court. With his height he's got good vision and he's a good ball handler but sometimes he likes to thread the needle a bit much and we'll have to refine that," he said. Rounding out the Senior class are Jackson Tyndall, Tate Larson and Keaton Benson. "I really enjoy the energy I see in this class, but sometimes it's not completely directed to what we need to get done in practice,"

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some chaos and get to the rim," Pottorff said. In the middle will be 6'3" Aiden Giffin, a sophomore who is very athletic and got major minutes last year as a freshman. He'll share some time in the middle with Junior Logan Goeders who will get minutes when the Broncos need to put a body on some of the league's beefier teams. On paper the 2019-2020 Broncos look to be quicker than most of the teams they will face. In those games look for Belle to force the tempo with pressure defense to force quick baskets off turnovers. However, it won't always be the case. "If we do that against More it might backfire," he said. "We'll need to play a strong half court, ball control game as well. Also with Red Cloud and Sturgis we'll have to be able to do the little things and slow it down. We do like to get it up and down but we need to play multiple styles to make it into March." Pottorff sees St. Thomas More and Sturgis as the two top teams in conference. And the test next week at home with Sturgis will allow him to get an idea how they stack up with the team that beat them twice last year by

Pottorff said. "But I think it's an overall positive. Our defensive pressure can definitely force teams to get out of rhythm and create some quick offense for us." Tyndall is coming off a record-setting football year that saw him set a single season record for touchdown receptions. He was honorable mention all state at that position and will be one of the team's top shooting guards. Larson and Benson will occupy forward positions with Larson getting time at guard. "They are competitive and quick with the ability to cause



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Proposed Fireworks Ordinance Raises Liability Concerns

After second reading the ordinance is sent back to committee for further action.

The amended city fireworks ordinance had its second public reading at the City Council meeting on Monday, December 2nd, but was referred back to the Legal & Finance Committee for further consideration on mostly liability insurance issues. If it had not been referred back, the new ordinance would have been published and gone into effect 20 days later.

At issue is Ordinance No. 5-2019, an amendment to Chapter 8.36, Section 8.36.020 of the Belle Fourche City Code that currently prohibits the sale of fireworks within the city limits. The new ordinance would allow the retail sale of approved fireworks within the city as long as vendors had a state license

and their fireworks were sold within the dates allowed by state law, subject to further date restrictions which the city would have the ability to adopt by resolution.

The change would be seen as an opportunity for the city to increase sales tax revenue and perhaps create ancillary forms of revenue (i.e. property tax) that may result from retail sales within the city limits. However, as discussion took place it became known that the vendors are not required by the state to carry insurance (even though most do) and the city could be open to liability issues without guidelines that should be included in the wording of the ordinance.

Council President Monte Talkington questioned if the change was worth the trouble, citing the latest sales tax

ROUNDUP From A1 one of the top 5 rodeo music directors and Powder River also was one of the top five stock contractors of the 2019 season.

However things began with a bang in another way for Hank Franzen during the opening round of the NFR. He was in the chutes with bareback rider Tim O'Connel who was on Powder River's Two Buck Chuck when the horse reared and struck Franzen in the face. According to Lori Franzen he's just fine and will be back.

Also during the pre-rodeo telecast from Las Vegas the Beacon's Kelli Kissack was able to share the story that our staff helped put together on bar-

rel racer Jessica Routier from Buffalo, SD. Kissack was on set with Justin McKee to front the story produced last month here in Belle Fourche.

As we reported last week, Anderson and several committee members were also in Vegas to conduct a little business. They attended seminars on rodeo-specific topics. They also booked performers for the 2020 event. Serving as barrel man will be Slim Gardner and the specialty act will be Jason Goodman with Young Living Percherons.

And while the NFR rolls on, it won't be long until the 101st Black Hills Roundup which will take place June 30th - July 4th, 2020.

19/20 BFHS Wrestling Roster

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Chase Bickerdyke 12	Levi Melanson 9
Jason Carr 10	Chris Opbroek 9
Brooks Clooten 10	Damian Park 9
Aiken Crowley 11	Hunter Quenzer 11
D'Angelo Garduna 10	Izzabella Ramos 9
Gunnar Geib 9	Hailey Rodriguez 9
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data available from the state. It showed that in 2017 Butte County retail fireworks sales totaled \$122,479.67 which generated the state \$5,511.58 in

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CORRECTIONS

In last week's Beacon a mistake was made as we identified the incoming Roundup Chairman as Keith Ferguson. He is in fact Keith Anderson. We apologize Keith.

Also a photo caption on the new Summit Street traffic signal said installation was done by city crews. It was in fact performed by DOT crews. We're sorry for the error.

Thank you for helping us deliver a better paper.

Wrestling Season Takes Off



Freshman **Hailey Rodriguez** wrestled two JV matches at the Sturgis Dual last week.



Thomas McCoy, 132 lbs, was one of two wrestlers to win at Sturgis dual. He has strong command of his Scooper opponent just prior to 3rd period pin. **Michael Streeter**, 285 lbs. also pinned his opponent. The Broncos competed in the Custer Invitational last weekend and are participating in the Rapid City invitational Tourney Dec. 13-14. before heading to Lead for a Triangular with Lead-Deadwood and Custer on December 19



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

Probably one of this writer's favorite forms of witticism is a play on words. It is nice to see the form of humor is still alive and well. The following were contributed by retired Librarian Pat Engbretson whose emails read with this tag line: *If Librarians ruled the world, reading would be a varsity sport.* Pat has been playing professionally for years.

Dogs cannot operate MRI machines, but CATS CAN.

Our mountains aren't just funny, they are hill areas.

Turning Vegan would be a big missed steak.

Well to be Frank, I'd have to change my name.

Life is short. If you can't laugh at yourself call me, I will.

Qu!t \$Teal!ng R Letur\$

What I if told you
You read the top line wrong?

No political bias intended on this one, just fine play on words:
Ban pre-schredded Cheese.
Make America grate again!

Electricians have to strip to make ends meet.

* * *

For chemists alcohol is not a problem it's a solution.

Despite the high cost of living it remains popular.

I scream. You scream.
The police come. It's awkward.

I'm Friends with twenty-five of the letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.

Crushing pop cans is Soda pressing.

In search of fresh vegetable puns. Lettuce know.

He who laugh last didn't get it.

Big shout out to all of my fingers: I can always count on them.

Tried to grab the fog. I mist.
The problem with political jokes is that they sometimes get elected.

Life without music would b FLAT

When you're down by the sea and an eel bites your knee that's a moray.

Whenever I try to eat healthy a chocolate bare looks at me and Snickers.

* * *

A few to add to Pat's collection:
It is okay to make jokes about chemists. Periodically.

With chemists, if you cannot helium and you cannot curium you might as well barium.

What do you mean I'm not a bear? I have all of the Koalifications.

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Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

The energizer bunny was arrested. He was charged with battery.

They told me I had type a blood, but it was a type o.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Broken pencils, like many of these jokes are pointless.

I guess if someone would write a theatrical performance about puns it would be a play on words.

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Beach, Brian Ekalaka MT.....33.....B/R.....Hfr.....809.....\$144.75
Brown, Steve Or Kathy Sturgis SD.....3.....Herf.....Hfr.....860.....\$123.00
Dacar, Curt Spearfish SD.....6.....B/R.....Str.....824.....\$144.00
Grieves Ranch (Chuck Grieves) Newcastle WY18.....Bbid.....Hfr.....887.....\$137.00
Grieves Ranch (Chuck Grieves) Newcastle WY 2.....Rrbl.....Hfr.....845.....\$128.50
J & J Smeenk Ranch Llc Newell SD.....15.....Bbid.....Hfr.....945.....\$133.50
Plucker, Jeff Aladdin WY.....3.....Bld.....Str.....805.....\$138.50
Plucker, Jeff Aladdin WY.....4.....Bld.....Hfr.....685.....\$131.50
Calves
Owens, Tom Baker MT.....102.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....558.....\$166.50
Owens, Tom Baker MT.....8.....Rrbl.....Str Bt Pc.....512.....\$165.50
Owens, Tom Baker MT.....49.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....501.....\$145.00
Owens, Tom Baker MT.....122.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....488.....\$181.50
Owens, Tom Baker MT.....22.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....453.....\$185.00
Owens, Tom Baker MT.....8.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....420.....\$156.00
Owens, Tom Baker MT.....13.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....388.....\$171.00
Horsehoe I Ranch Broadus MT.....54.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....601.....\$155.75
Horsehoe I Ranch Broadus MT.....10.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....542.....\$166.50
Horsehoe I Ranch Broadus MT.....33.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....523.....\$146.00
Elmore Cattle Co Gillette WY.....64.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....636.....\$153.00
Elmore Cattle Co Gillette WY.....66.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....568.....\$161.75
Marinkovich Trust, Dan Missoula MT.....32.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....601.....\$156.00
Marinkovich Trust, Dan Missoula MT.....20.....Hfr Bt Pc.....545.....\$140.50
Marinkovich Trust, Dan Missoula MT.....6.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....463.....\$178.50
Marinkovich Trust, Dan Missoula MT.....5.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....452.....\$147.00
Kretschman, Kale Or Kimberly Gillette WY.....37.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....617.....\$139.25
Kretschman, Kale Or Kimberly Gillette WY.....32.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....604.....\$155.00
Kretschman, Kale Or Kimberly Gillette WY.....7.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....541.....\$138.00
Alexander, Darren Newell SD.....29.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....550.....\$151.00
Alexander, Darren Newell SD.....30.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....546.....\$138.50
Battle Creek Cattle Co Rapid City SD.....50.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....519.....\$169.00
Cotton, Matt Gillette WY.....9.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....667.....\$141.50
Cotton, Matt Gillette WY.....5.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....549.....\$139.00
Dacar, Curt Spearfish SD.....14.....B/R.....Str Bt Pc.....533.....\$157.00
Daly Livestock Gillette WY.....30.....B/R.....Str Bt Pc.....354.....\$184.00
Daly Livestock Gillette WY.....17.....B/R.....Hfr Bt Pc.....345.....\$150.00
Flying F Cattle Co Arvada WY.....21.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....519.....\$141.00
Flying F Cattle Co Arvada WY.....10.....B/R.....Hfr Bt Pc.....440.....\$156.00
Fulton Ranch Llc Broadus MT.....106.....B/R.....Str Bt Pc.....552.....\$159.00
Fulton Ranch Llc Broadus MT.....150.....B/R.....Str Bt Pc.....479.....\$178.00
Fulton Ranch Llc Broadus MT.....30.....B/R.....Hfr Bt Pc.....471.....\$150.00
Fulton Ranch Llc Broadus MT.....47.....B/R.....Str Bt Pc.....391.....\$178.00
Fulton Ranch Llc Broadus MT.....41.....B/R.....Hfr Bt Pc.....391.....\$156.00
Hallman, Mike Baker MT.....29.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....553.....\$161.00
Ham, Don Robert Rozet WY.....12.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....549.....\$159.50
Hay Creek Surface Llc Gillette WY.....15.....Red.....Hfr.....511.....\$137.00
Henwood, Robert A Or Lacey M Belle Fourche SD26.....Red.....Str Bt Pc.....757.....\$144.50
Henwood, Robert A Or Lacey M Belle Fourche SD16.....Rrbl.....Str Bt Pc.....654.....\$144.50
Henwood, Robert A Or Lacey M Belle Fourche SD20.....Red.....Hfr Bt Pc.....635.....\$139.50
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana St Onge SD.....42.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....590.....\$136.50
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana St Onge SD.....16.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....491.....\$142.00
Hughes, Jeff Belle Fourche SD.....8.....B/R.....Str Bt Pc.....548.....\$154.00
Hughes, Jeff Belle Fourche SD.....9.....B/R.....Hfr Bt Pc.....531.....\$136.00
Hughes, Jeff Belle Fourche SD.....4.....B/R.....Hfr Bt Pc.....438.....\$145.00
Hughes, Jeff Belle Fourche SD.....2.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....417.....\$176.00
Ipy Ranch Ltd Devils Tower WY.....19.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....682.....\$143.50
Ipy Ranch Ltd Devils Tower WY.....42.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....568.....\$163.00
Johnson, Will Belle Fourche SD.....16.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....547.....\$159.00
Johnson, Will Belle Fourche SD.....20.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....541.....\$138.50
Johnston, Myron Hammond MT.....72.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....667.....\$150.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim Piedmont SD.....70.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....546.....\$161.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim Piedmont SD.....45.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....536.....\$140.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim Piedmont SD.....54.....Hfr Bt Pc.....470.....\$143.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim Piedmont SD.....39.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....452.....\$186.50
Kleven, Rick & Tim Piedmont SD.....8.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....396.....\$149.00
Lamb, Reese Or Wendy Sundance WY.....18.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....618.....\$150.00
Lamb, Reese Or Wendy Sundance WY.....19.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....581.....\$135.00
Lanning, Danny Alzada MT.....37.....Red.....Hfr Bt Pc.....588.....\$139.50
Lanning, Danny Alzada MT.....11.....Red.....Str Bt Pc.....501.....\$164.00
Lanning, Danny Alzada MT.....14.....Red.....Hfr Bt Pc.....493.....\$142.00
Larson, Ryan Spearfish SD.....63.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....605.....\$153.25
Larson, Ryan Spearfish SD.....65.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....544.....\$141.25
Larson, Ryan Spearfish SD.....26.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....518.....\$171.00
Larson, Ryan Spearfish SD.....6.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....442.....\$180.00
Losing, Larry & Norma Baker MT.....54.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....631.....\$151.00
Mccoy, Neal Belle Fourche SD.....39.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....582.....\$138.25
Painter, Edward Moorcroft WY.....19.....B/R.....Str Bt Pc.....507.....\$166.00
Peterson, John Valier MT.....14.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....654.....\$132.50
Peterson, John Valier MT.....13.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....552.....\$138.00
Policy Ranch Limited Partnership Upton WY.....7.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....509.....\$168.00
Policy Ranch Limited Partnership Upton WY.....72.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....493.....\$155.25
Policy Ranch Limited Partnership Upton WY.....7.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....491.....\$155.25
Policy Ranch Limited Partnership Upton WY.....15.....Bbid.....Hfr Bt Pc.....440.....\$155.00
Powell Ranch Biddle MT.....15.....Bk.....Str.....644.....\$147.50
Pratt, Ken Forsyth MT.....17.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....498.....\$170.00
Pratt, Ken Forsyth MT.....11.....Bk.....Hfr Bt Pc.....480.....\$145.00
Rahja, Bob Whitewood SD.....9.....Bk.....Hfr Bt.....614.....\$149.50
Rahja, Bob Whitewood SD.....5.....Bk.....Hfr Bt.....525.....\$139.00
Rahja, Bob Whitewood SD.....5.....Bk.....Str Bt.....506.....\$169.00
Reynolds, Butch Gillette WY.....11.....Bk.....Str.....627.....\$144.00
Reynolds, Butch Gillette WY.....6.....Bk.....Str.....472.....\$166.00
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....50.....Red.....Str Bt Pc.....679.....\$144.50
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....16.....Red.....Hfr Bt Pc.....646.....\$134.75
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....8.....Red.....Str Bt Pc.....581.....\$142.50
Richards, Duane Hammond MT.....12.....Red.....Hfr Bt Pc.....542.....\$135.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois Douglas WY.....9.....Bk.....Str Bt Pc.....653.....\$143.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois Douglas WY.....41.....Bbid.....Str Bt Pc.....537.....\$166.75
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Sheep Report - December 5, 2019

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Next Sale - December 12th - Feeder Lamb Special
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Feeder Lambs
Horvey, Roy, Ralph SD71.... Lambs.....85.. \$192.00
Janvrin, Clair, Ludlow SD24.... Lambs.....66.. \$195.00
Janvrin, Clair, Ludlow SD139... Lambs.....85.. \$189.50
Bertolotto, Louis, Newell SD16.... Lambs.....73.. \$197.00
Bertolotto, Louis, Newell SD76.... Lambs.....90.. \$178.00
Bertolotto, Louis, Newell SD29.... Lambs.....108 \$164.00
Anderson, Bernie, Dupree SD18.... Lambs.....119 \$142.00
Bomtreger, Levi, Forsyth MT32.... Lambs.....110 \$152.00
Cook, Estelle, Glad Valley SD15.... Lambs.....86.. \$189.00
Edwards, Ted, Gillette WY18.... Lambs.....78.. \$197.00
Edwards, Ted, Gillette WY14.... Lambs.....57.. \$190.00
Humbracht Brothers, Camp Crook SD5.... Lambs.....59.. \$190.00
Kitzan, Dwight Or Gwen, Nisland SD42.... Lambs.....105 \$164.00
Lamont, Marshall, Union Center SD24.... Lambs.....80.. \$189.00
Lamont, Marshall, Union Center SD20.... Lambs.....85.. \$189.00
Myers, Eric, Olive MT18.... Lambs.....81.. \$184.00
Slaughter Ewes
Beardsley, Ava, Miles City MT14.... Ewe.....142. \$53.50
Beardsley, Ava, Miles City MT15.... Ewe.....165. \$53.00
Edwards Trust, Guy, Gillette WY47.... Ewe.....144. \$53.50
Edwards Trust, Guy, Gillette WY18.... Ewe.....170. \$53.00
Edwards, Ted, Gillette WY35.... Ewe.....145. \$53.00
Erk, Paul, Newell SD11.... Ewe.....137. \$53.50
Germann, Derek, Rhame ND42.... Ewe.....154. \$53.50
Germann, Derek, Rhame ND12.... Ewe.....177. \$53.00
Humbracht Brothers, Camp Crook SD47.... Ewe.....144. \$53.50
Humbracht Brothers, Camp Crook SD17.... Ewe.....164. \$53.00
Janvrin, Clair, Ludlow SD11.... Ewe.....170. \$57.00
Janvrin, Clair, Ludlow SD55.... Ewe.....151. \$53.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT12.... Ewe.....155. \$57.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT19.... Ewe.....140. \$53.00
Lake Creek Ranch, Volborg MT10.... Ewe.....177. \$57.00
Lake Creek Ranch, Volborg MT8.... Ewe.....161. \$53.00
Rosencranz, Todd, Belle Fourche SD14.... Ewe.....178. \$57.00
Rosencranz, Todd, Belle Fourche SD6.... Ewe.....154. \$53.50

Belle Fourche Community Calendar

Dec. 12: Downtown Revitalization Meeting, 5:30pm, City Hall
Pioneer Bank Grand Re-opening & Chamber Mixer, 5pm, Pioneer Bank and Trust

Dec. 13: Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining
Saturday on State Market, 12-7pm, 1401 5th Ave
Cowboy Christmas Fair,

Beslers Cadillac Ranch

Dec. 14: Belle Fourche Flea Market, 8am-2pm, Community Hall
Saturday on State Market, 9am-3pm, 1401 5th Ave
Le Belle Marché Indoor Market 10am-3pm, Venue 519
Quilters Sip & Sew Retreat, 1-2pm, Office Emporium

Dec. 15: "Holly Jolly Christmas" Family Fun Day, 2pm, Tri-State Museum

Dec. 16: Fitness Made Fun, 11am, Belle Silver Lining
City Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall

Dec. 18: Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp Meeting, 7am, 5th & Grant Plaza

Dec. 20: Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining

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South Dakota's Jordan Tierney Named Miss Rodeo America

MAX MICHOR
Las Vegas Review-Journal

Just before first runner-up was called, Jordan Tierney and Hannah Leib clasped each other's hands and bowed their heads together onstage at the Tropicana theater.

The pair were the last contestants who could be named Miss Rodeo America 2020. When the emcee announced Leib as the runner-up, both women burst into tears and embraced.

Tierney stood in her lime green gown as last year's winner, Taylor McNair of Mississippi, passed the gold and amazonite tiara to Tierney to adorn her cowgirl hat on Sunday. The blue-eyed redhead also won the appearance category of the contest.

"Growing up, I was always held to the same standards as my brothers: You get out there; you work. Also when you come in, you work just as hard," Tierney said onstage. "I am a hard worker."

She's the 64th woman to be crowned Miss Rodeo America in a pageant that combines traditional categories, such as personality and appearance, with horsemanship and a written test.

Tierney, a South Dakota native, was crowned Miss Rodeo in her state for 2019, is a



RUSHMORE RODEO ROYALTY - Miss Rodeo American 2020 is Jordan Tierney of Oral, SD. She is the fifth South Dakotan to win the honor. - *Courtesy Photo*

competitive barrel racer and has been involved in rodeo for most of her life. She earned a degree in business administration from Chadron State College in Nebraska in 2017.

The Miss Rodeo America pageant is held annually in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Miss Rodeo America serves as an ambassador for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

"I have such a love for the sport that has been able to take men and women that come from nothing and make them influential people," Tierney said.

Miss Rodeo contestants crowned in 27 states spent their week in Las Vegas competing for the national title. Contestants completed a written test and competed in horsemanship, appearance, speech, personality and photogenics.

Runner-up Leib, Miss Rodeo Washington, was awarded a scholarship for her academic achievements. Second runner-up was Eva Oliver, Miss Rodeo Nebraska, scored highest on the written test and won the speech category.

The horsemanship category went to Rachael Ostrem of Iowa, while Kodi Smalygo of Oklahoma was named most photogenic. Miss Rodeo Kansas, Brooke Wallace, won the personality category and was named miss congeniality.

The Miss Rodeo America Scholarship Foundation also awards scholarships to the national winner, runners-up and winners of individual categories. The foundation awarded more than \$90,000 in scholarships at this year's pageant.

The Miss Rodeo America pageant was founded in 1955, hosted in Las Vegas throughout the 1960s and '70s before returning to the city in 1985.

"I always live by the quote, 'For you are fearfully and wonderfully made, and I know your works very well,'" Tierney said. "I want to exude that in the way I carry myself as Miss Rodeo America and make meaningful impacts with those around me, because we don't have a long time on this earth, but your impact can be a big one."

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Highest Honor
by Bob Johnson - Pierre, SD

A son took his old father to a restaurant for an evening dinner. Father being very old and weak, while eating, dropped food on his shirt and trousers. Other diners watched him in disgust while his son was calm.

After he finished eating, his son who was not at all embarrassed, quietly took him to the washroom, wiped the food particles, removed the stains, combed his hair and fitted his spectacles firmly. When they came out, the entire restaurant was watching them in dead silence, not able to grasp how someone could embarrass themselves publicly like that. The son settled the bill and started walking out with his father.

At that time, an old man amongst the diners called out to the son and asked him, "Don't you think you have left something behind?"

The son replied, "No sir, I haven't".

The old man retorted, "Yes, you have! You left a lesson for every son and hope for every father".

The restaurant went silent.

Moral: To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors. We all know, how our parents cared for us for every little thing. Love them, respect them, and care for them.

Enjoy your family in this Holiday Season!

Meeting a Need

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NEWELL | The NVN Food Pantry is trying to meet the needs of families in the Newell, Vale, and Nisland area by having canned food, meat, and fresh food items available. Twice a month 22-25 families show up to receive the fruits of the generosity of the community. Some are regulars who rely on the pantry to round out what they have at home while others are there occasionally.

“The community is wonderful in supporting the pantry when they can,” said Pastor Terri Blanchett, who oversees the operation of the Food Pantry in Newell.

The Home Show brings in money and the Festival of Trees brings in enough canned goods to last three to four months, she pointed out. The Boy and Girl Scouts and the Post Office also aid in supplying bags of goods. Sportsmen Against Hunger donates deer meat, too. Tri County Locker never charges the Pantry for meat storage at the locker.

This past year, the Willow Creek Wind Farm, owned by Pattern Development, donated \$280 and several bag-loads of canned goods.

When the community steps up to help, everyone reaps the benefits. “The Pantry thrives on the donations of the community,” said Blanchett.

But does the Food Pantry need more? There is always a need for Hamburger Helper dinners Blanchett said. And things like soup, pasta, and canned tomatoes. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome. The money is used to purchase items from the Feeding South Dakota program. The Food Pantry can



Betty Baker, left, Terri Blanchett, and Josie South, right, look over the list of food items delivered by the Feeding South Dakota truck this week. The items will be distributed on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Food Pantry located at the NVN Senior Center. -Betty Bruner photo

purchase meat, frozen products, and other canned goods from the program.

Each month Blanchett orders basically 100 pounds of meat plus canned and dry goods, a portion of which goes to the Backpack Program at Newell School. Occasionally, personal items are also available from Feeding South Dakota and Blanchett includes them on her order list. Deliveries are made each month.

Volunteers who are an integral part of the operation staff the Newell Food Pantry. Betty Baker, Pat Lee, Greg Todd, Rhonda Vallery, and Josie South all spend time helping Pastor Terri stock shelves, check in individuals, and keep the organization flowing.

“I have an awesome team,” Blanchett commented. They help things move smoothly.

The requirements to obtain goods from the Food Pantry are fairly simple-name and address. Folks can come in once a month

for three months. After that, proof of government assistance is necessary which includes SNAP benefits, unemployment, housing assistance, or disability.

“Sometimes though,” said Blanchett, “people fall on hard times and need help. That’s what the pantry is for.”

Donations of food and dry goods can be made through the various organizations in the area. Watch for the blue and white bags from the Scouts and for the USPS notices. Or bring a bag of nonperishable items to the Home Show or Festival of Trees. Monetary donations can be sent to Dakota Life Christian Center, PO Box 73, Newell, SD 57760. Be sure to make the check out to the NVN Pantry so that it will be directed to the correct fund.

The NVN Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9-11. It is found in the NVN Senior Center on Third Street.

NVN Roundup

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NEWELL -- Things are gearing up for the holiday season around NVN Land. On Saturday the annual Festival of the Trees kicked things off with bang, raising funds for the Newell Fire Department and Newell Ambulance. The event included a free lunch hosted by area restaurants and businesses, and a free supper hosted by the Newell Fire Department.

There was also a wine and cheese tasting event and the annual Hee Haw hilarity, but the big event was the auction of the trees and wreaths.

The fun and entertaining elementary music concert was Thursday night. (see article elsewhere) The kids and adults had a fun time and the evening wrapped up with a visit from that jolly man in red, as he and his helpers handed out popcorn balls. It made the adults in attendance remember the good old Christmas programs of the past.

The Newell Lions Club will be holding their annual Christmas supper tonight, December 11. This group does a lot through the year, supporting many people and endeavors that need financial or physical assistance.

The Newell Community Club’s annual Santa Claus day will be held, Saturday, December 14, from 2-4 p.m. at Newell City hall. Bring the kids to see Santa, participate in the cake-walk, and possibly your child



could win a brand new bike.

The Newell Improvement Corporation has related information about the down payment on the splashpad to be installed in Newell’s north park in spring 2020. They are currently raffling tickets on two beautiful quilts made and donated by former Newell resident Viola Lyons. They are also hosting a holiday lighting contest with a cash prize.

Decorate the outside of your home and it will be judged on December 17. The group also has a Snowman contest going at Howdy’s Newmart. This started on December 9. You can create an entry, or just vote on the cutest one by donating funds in a jar corresponding to the number on the snowman in the window. The cashiers will be taking the entries. Entries can be any size and created using any medium.

Congrats go to a Newell High School graduate and Nisland resident, Scott Reder, on his new position with Pioneer Bank and Trust. If you have ag-needs, head to Belle Fourche and visit Scott.

Girls’ and boys’ basketball practice has started at the Newell school. High school wrestling practice began on November 18. There is was wrestling tournament at Custer on Saturday, December 7. There will be the first home game for basketball as a double header on December 13 against Harding County.



A few years ago, Finn Ollila had to whisper in his mother’s ear (Holly) what he wanted from Santa. This year St. Nick will be taking all the requests at the Newell Community Club’s annual Santa Claus day on December 14. -Brunner photo

Newell Improvement Changes Name

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NEWELL – At their most recent monthly meeting the Newell Improvement Committee changed their name legally to the Newell Improvement Corporation. The reason behind this incorporation process is that the group is planning to



This is an artist’s rendering of what the Newell Splashpad will be like. Construction is scheduled for spring 2020.

apply for non-profit status.

New officers were installed at the October meeting, with Jo Musemici as chairman, Judy Dague, secretary and Colleen Brunner, treasurer. Others on the board include Dawn Olson, Christina Charles, Jessica Gatzke, Rosemary Johnson, Linda Vollmer, Cheryl McCann,

Marian Neumeyer and Betty Brunner.

After a little over a year of fundraising efforts to construct a splashpad in the north park in Newell, the group has raised over \$7,000 of cash donations as well as receiving several grants totaling over \$31,000, the most recent one awarded, a \$25,000 grant from the Wellmark Foundation. The group has been working cooperatively through the Newell Community Club for anything requiring the non-profit status, but with the endeavors of the group, and the potential for further projects, they decided to pursue their own 501c3 status.

They also reached the milestone of sending a down payment on the kit. With that done, they were able to save over \$2,000 on the total cost of the kit. It also means that the plan set will be delivered so NIC can

connect with a business that plans to do the underground piping work, at a big discount.

The splashpad will be located on the southwest edge of Newell’s north park, between the horseshoe pits and the arbor area. Promised support comes from Belle Fourche Irrigation District digging the hole, Croll Redi-Mix donating the concrete and labor, Black Hills Energy supporting with electrical work and the town of Newell provid-

ing general assistance and the location.

Ground breaking is tentatively scheduled for May 2020.

The group is still raising funds to help pay for any labor costs that may be incurred. Although the underground sprinkler business will donate use of equipment and drop labor costs for employees working on the project, there will still be some related costs.

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IMPROVMENT from B4

The group is working now to identify colors for the splashpad components so the company can start work on creating those pieces. Group members are also continuing to work on fundraisers including attending several craft fairs locally, as well as selling 50/50 tickets at the annual Santa Claus day on December 14 at Newell city hall. They have two quilts, created by Viola Lyons (former Newell resident), that they are raffling. If anyone would like to purchase a ticket they can email newellimprovementcommittee@gmail.com and a member

will be in touch.

The group is also sponsoring a holiday lighting contest and judging will be December 17. If you live in the local area and have decorated outside for the holidays, consider yourself in the running for cash gifts.

They are also sponsoring a Snowman decorating contest which starts December 9 at Howdy’s Newmart, and runs through January 3. Get your entries to the store! You might win a cash prize if your snowman is voted the best! Voting is done by putting cash in the corresponding numbered jar relating to the entry.

NIC is also sponsoring a fun and free event for Newell Middle School students the morning of December 19. The event is a secret but students have to opportunity to win a “movie basket” filled with yummy treats, a gift card to purchase the movie of their choice and other fun items.

The group welcomes new members and the next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 6 p.m. at Butte Electric hospitality room. You can find more information on the NIC Facebook page.



Last year’s lighting contest, sponsored by the Newell Improvement Corporation, saw Charlie Harrison win with his Santa sleigh and reindeer, while Harrison, dressed as Santa encouraged kids to stop and take a photo. -Brunner photo

Community Comes Together

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NEWELL – “It’s a good attendance,” said Pastor Doug Clark, chairman of the NVN Ministerial Association, of the annual free Community Thanksgiving dinner on November 24 at city hall.



Local talent **Vonda Mahaffy** provided entertainment during the annual Community Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the NVN Ministerial Assoc. at Newell City Hall on November 24. -Brunner photo

“Probably one of the best in recent years.”

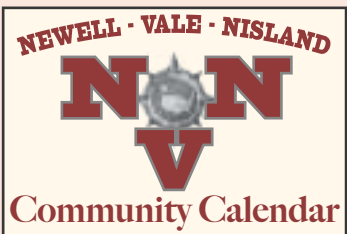
The Ministerial Association cooperates with the Blue Line Diner and owner Dawn Olson who cooks the turkeys, hams, potatoes, stuffing and gravy for the event. Local church members supply side dishes and desserts. And there was no lack of food.

This year, the 150+ in attendance got to listen to a local talent, Vonda Mahaffy, perform some old favorites, hymns, and some “fun stuff,” as she put it. Sitting alone with her guitar, she played and sang for around 40 minutes.

The annual event is the only fundraiser the Association does during the year, but the host many other events and opportunities for the local families in the NVN area. They are responsible for the administration of the NVN Food Bank, located in the NVN Senior Center. This pantry is open twice monthly on Thursday’s, the second and fourth.

They also host the annual Harvest Fest party for local children on October 31 each year. As well as providing benevolence funds for those in need, the association provides for needs that most never know about in the local area.

Once everyone was stuffed like a Thanksgiving turkey, they enjoyed a time of fellowship around the tables. Small autumn leaves were scattered on the tables and those in attendance were encouraged to write something they were thankful for and place the leaves on the tree located in the corner of the city hall. By the evening’s end, there were many leaves on the tree.



Each Wednesday evening: The B.A.S.H. Christian Youth Group is every Wednesday night at Newell Christian Fellowship Church from 6 to 8 p.m. Ages 13-18 A meal is provided. For more information call Holly at 456-2544.

Dec. 13: GBB/BBB at Austin Auditorium with Harding County. JV and Varsity, 3 p.m.

Dec. 13 & 14: Newell Improvement participates in Besler’s Cadillac Ranch craft/business fair. 3 – 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. All types of raffle baskets, as well as two quilts by Vi Lyons of Spearfish.

Dec. 14: Santa Claus day at Newell city hall, 2-4 p.m.. Games, crafts, cake walk. Sponsored by Newell Community Club. Bike Give-away. Visit from Santa. Roller skating sessions-4:30-6 and 7-9:30. Concessions available. All profit will go to Newell Ambulance.

Dec. 16: MS/HS music concert in Austin Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Dec. 17: Butte County Commission @ commissioner’s room in Butte Co. Courthouse. 1 p.m.

Dec. 18: Townhall Meeting at Newell school multipurpose room. 5:30 FREE supper with meeting to follow. Many law enforcement and other drug specialists in the local area. Sponsored by WIT Coalition. Call Sabrina Harmon at 381-9136 for more details or see the flyer on the WIT Coalition Facebook page.

Dec. 19: Newell wrestling Quad in Austin Auditorium, 5 p.m.

Dec. 21: 8th GBB Tourney at Newell, 9 a.m.

Dec. 23: Jan. 6 Winter Break from school.

Jan. 6-9: Delta Dental at Newell School. Check with middle school office for details

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Judy Dague, foreground, and two other young people put their “thankful leaves” on the tree at the annual Community Thanksgiving dinner on November 24. -Brunner photo

Then and Now *in Newell*

Dec. 16, 1909

Captain Stewart, who is in charge of the Pinkerton force employed as guards on the Homestake Mining Company at Lead during the suspension of operations, which is now on, states that it is the mildest thing in the form of a lockout that he has ever experienced and he has had occasion to be on the scene of many similar disputes of big corporations and their employees. He attributes these peaceful conditions to the fact that the great majority of the employees are more thoroughly interested in the welfare of the city, than in all almost any other place in the country where large industrial enterprises are under turmoil. The miners want to preserve order in the company.

Due to the deep snow, the mailman made his trip from Vale to Whitewood and return Wednesday, necessary with sledges and bells.

Loren Eichler has taken the contract for hauling the bridge timbers for the bridge across Owl and Horse Creeks, for the Railroad. J.W. McNeill has the contract for building them.

Dec. 18, 1919

The 7th Annual Firemen’s Ball given by the Newell Volunteer Fire Company is December 31, New Year’s Eve. Come to the Theatorium and you all will dance the old year out and the New Year in. Dance tickets \$1. Good music assured. Big oyster supper at Newell Café.

A number of men are in the neighborhood looking for hay but it seems to be all sold. Many large bands of sheep and herds of cattle have been brought in from Montana and

Wyoming for wintering. Harry Webb sold 150 tons of hay to one man and has plenty of it left. He will hold for better prices in the spring.

Dec. 12, 1929

There was quite a bit of excitement at the Staiger farm Sunday when Anton Carlson’s Ford went on the rampage and started on a mad flight all over the farm, with Mr. Carlson in hot pursuit. It stopped for neither carts nor machinery, but kept on dashing until it came in contact with a woven wire fence and a post. After a few minor repairs “Lizzy” will be ready to dash on again.

Clem Bruggeman delivered some porkers in Newell the past week, some of which touched the scales around 600 pounds. Charles Wilson also butchered hogs last week and supplied his various neighbors with pork and also delivered some in Newell.

Dec. 14, 1939

Children from a wide territory have been invited to Newell this coming Saturday to greet Santa Claus at the annual visit here and to enjoy a free picture show and treats. Arrangements have been made for Eddy Brodsky to meet Santa and fly him to Newell by plane. The show “The Enchanted Valley” in color will be shown at the Arcade Theater at 1:30, followed by special Christmas concert by Newell High School band at City Hall, where Santa will make his appearance and treats distributed. The activity is sponsored by Community Club and Jaycees and co operating businesses that will hold extended hours. To close the day the evening dance at city Hall, music furnished by

Falkoneers.

Mrs. George Sietz, Vale boasts of late of picking large pansies from her pansy bed there in December. They are growing on the north side of the home where the sun cannot reach them and they have never been covered. Is this May or December?

Dec. 8, 1949

The November-December meeting of Nisland PTA was held last week with 70 members and guests present. The Glee Club, under direction of Mr. Peyton, sang “Listen To the Lambs”, Mr. Hare introduced the 2 winners of the Declamatory Contest; Elmer Matthisen and Lois Ann Shevling followed by the movie on “The Inner Ear” and Mrs. Rathbun gave a few ideas on how to hold an ear clinic. Lunch was served after the regular meeting by 5th and 6th grade mothers.

L.A. Gleyre, Butte County Tax Collector, today reminded delinquent tax payers that December 29 is the final date for which applications for compromising delinquent personal property taxes can be made. Compromises are made on personal property taxes more than 2 years past due. After application is approved, the past due must be paid within 30 days of the certification of the compromise. Applications are taken by the board of County Commission after being filed with the County Auditor.

Dec. 10, 1959

There are many ways in which you can help your community grow and prosper, but perhaps the most obvious way is to purchase goods and services

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

from the Newell Museum



Mr. Altwater, rural mail carrier (RFD). In the winter he would replace the wheels on his mail cart with sled runners.

in your own town. It is said by economists that a dollar spent in a town or city turns over or changes hands 7 times. This is also true of dollars spent in other towns; the sad part of this story is that the dollars spent away from home never helps your community.

Randy and Royce Lyons were hosts recently at a Hobo Supper to members of KOOKIE 4-H Club. Nine members, 7 guests and 2 leaders were present. New members enrolled are: James Hopp, Benny Mitchell, Leo Turpen, Jackie McDermott and Curtis Sundstrom. Harlan Jacobsen was elected Secretary. Randy and Royce demonstrated how to make the Hobo supper which had been served earlier. Songs were sung and games played. The next meeting will be at the home of Harlan Jacobsen at 6:30, December 15 at which time the Christmas party will be held.

Dec. 11, 1979

More than 60 women from the Black Hills area came to

the Annual Christmas Tea held at the Nisland Independent Community church Saturday afternoon. Lorna Shelving, gave the opening prayer, Elma Herman read scripture and Roxie Chowen led the audience in singing a medley of Christmas carols with Alice Marrs organist. A religious skit was present during the tea, actresses were: Faith Shuck, Dixie Karlson, Ramona McFarland, Leilani Norwood, special music and vocals was provided by the Brunner Sisters. To close the program, Alice Marrs gave the Benediction followed by the tea consting of finger sandwiches, cookies, candy, punch and tea under the direction of Pauline Yeager.

Marjorie Williamson, Vale, was the top winner in the 4th Annual Newspaper Recipe Contest. Judges selected her Sea Food Salad recipe as best of the more than 180 entries. For her prize, Williamson will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Belle Fourche City Council Kudos

It’s Good to Report When Things Go Right

BELLE FOURCHE - In a time when it seems our politics have gone haywire it is worth nothing those times when things work as they are supposed to. No matter your political leanings the community saw a city council and mayor that worked together through many issues during their December 2nd council meeting.

The meeting wasn’t a marathon by any stretch. But it lasted more than 90 minutes as council members, the mayor, and city directors worked their way through a packed agenda of important city business by asking tough questions, listening to input from citizens and taking action to move the city forward. Issues discussed including finding an important missing piece of information in the new fireworks ordinance, issuing the final payments on a 3-year \$4.1 million city project along 8th Avenue, applying lessons learned from that experience to the upcoming \$2.1 million Day Street Lift Station project and figuring out how best to fund that project after bids came in 35% above projections.

There were a lot of moving pieces. Many of our citizens were affected and will be affected by these issues. But cool heads prevailed and solutions were presented.

Goodness knows it hasn’t always been this way and even now things are not perfect. Any council watcher knows

that members do not always agree on decisions, policy, or methods, and the conversations often continue out onto the front sidewalks of city hall after the meetings. But last week there was a sense of importance in the work that was carried out in a calm, deliberate and productive manner.

Mayor Gloria Landphere applauded the council and summed up the meeting this way. “There were good conversations, we were getting it out there, educating ourselves and sharing with one another,” she said. “It really does reap benefits.”

Dental Mobile Clinic Comes to Belle Dec. 16-19th

The Delta Dental Mobile Program mobile clinic will be in Belle Fourche December 16-19th at St. James Episcopal Church 806 6th Ave. beginning at 1pm on the 16th. The clinic will be open from 8am - 3:30pm the 17th - 19th. The mobile clinic provides oral health services to underserved children. The program includes two trucks that serve as mobile clinics to provide preventive, diagnostic and restorative care to kids across the state, and dental hygienists and community health workers based on the state’s Native American reservations.

Delta Dental manages, operates and staffs the mobile

For the future of the community and to encourage future leadership it is vitally important, especially in this day and age, that we point out when things are working, not just when they break down. As our local community newspaper there is nothing wrong and everything right about reporting, at least every once and a while, when good government is observed. And even though we don’t always agree it was clear that people of good will were doing their best to represent the citizens as best they could, to move Belle Fourche forward. We can all be proud of that.

trucks, and works with local community site partners to identify children most in need of care who can least afford it. Local community sponsors also contribute a modest stipend for the visit. No patient will be denied services due to inability to pay.

The two trucks have visited 82 communities and provided more than \$21 million in dental care to 40,000 patients since the program began. Both trucks travel across the state an average of 40 weeks every year. Around 3,000 total kids are served each year on the trucks.

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can reservations have focused on preventive care through education, cleanings, sealants, and fluoride treatments, reaching another 4,000 children each year.

For more information about the Mobile Program or having a

truck visit your community (being a local site partner), contact Vickie Samuelson, Mobile Program Coordinator at 605-494-2565 or 800-627-3961. Via email at: Vickie.Samuelson@deltadentalsd.com

Looking Back in Belle

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

by Mary Buchholz



123 years ago
Belle Fourche Times
Dec 12, 1896
Irrigation Association

The Black Hills Irrigation will hold its third annual meeting at the city of Sturgis, December 29, and continue two days. It is earnestly desired that all interested in this question of irrigation be present and help make the coming meeting the most interesting and instructive of any yet held. A special invitation will be extended to all the members elect of the legislature from the Black Hills counties, and the officers of the association have the assurance that nearly or quite all will lend their presence to the occasion and aid in promoting a movement for the formation of a system of laws at the coming session of the legislature that will promote practical irrigation in the state. Some of the most prominent men in the state will be present and address the creation of the association.

Decision of 1896 Election
The Doubtful States
The Votes of Several of the Commonwealth Not Yet Known
South Dakota Undecided

Yankton, S.D> Nov 5 – Out of 30,000 votes cast McKinley has 1,500 majority. The gain in the Bryan vote over the estimates is 20 per cent thus far, while McKinley gain is only 3 per cent. If this continues, Bryan will have a majority.

Mine News

The intelligence that the Golden Reward mining company contemplates platting this city in the near future and has withdrawn all restrictions within certain lines, continued with the glorious weather of the past two weeks, has developed a building boom of magnificent proportions in Terry. Fourteen buildings are now in course of construction and at least as many more are already contracted for. A noticeable fact in connection with this impulse is that almost all the new buildings are to be occupied by business enterprises.

Here and There

Beef peddlers have been doing considerable business in town this fall selling meat by the quarter and chunk. It is strange that people are so apt to patronize peddlers of any kind. Take beef for instance, there is not way of knowing their condition.

Mr. Bowman informs the Times that they will sell beef by the quarter or in any quantity, at as law a price as any one can sell it and furthermore, he will guarantee it to be clean, healthy meat and the best that the market provides.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Post
Dec 11, 1919
Garfield O.K.'s Raise For Miners Fuel Administrator Approves Ohio's Plan for 25 Per Cent Increase Opposes Raise In Price Declares Government Will Not Object If Increase Can Be Given Without Boosting Cost of Coal – Southwest Outlook Brighter

Washington, Dec. 8 – “Not one cent can be added to the price of coal to finance any increases in the wages of miners.” Fuel Administrator Garfield declared, after reading press dispatches that Gov. Cox of Ohio had proposed that miners and operators in that state compromise on the basis of a 25 per cent advance in pay for the men.

Train Service Cut
Curtailment in Middle West Unequalled In History
70 Trains Off Burlington

Omaha, Neb. – One of the most extensive curtailments of passenger service in the annals of American railroading was inaugurated Monday morning and effects every road operating in the middle west. The wholesale cutting of train service affecting Omaha and surrounding territory will make travel almost impossible except on most important missions. The drastic order means the reduction of one-third of the passenger train service on main and branch lines. This is the result of the critical coal shortage.

Sundquist Win in Supreme Court

Ed Sundquist this week received notice that the supreme court had reversed the decision of the circuit court of Butte county in the case wherein a judgment had been given against him and in favor of T. C. Gay for \$700. Gay had bargained for a bunch of sheep from Sundquist, tendering a check in payment, but the latter claimed that Gay had agreed to buy both the lambs and ewes, while Gay’s contention was that he only purchased the lambs. The check was returned

to Gay and he brought suit against Sundquist for \$3,000 damages, as lambs at that time were soaring in price. At the trial of the case in circuit court a jury awarded Gay damages in the sum of \$700. Attorney Dan McCutchen, representing Sundquist, appealed the case to the supreme court, where he secured a reversal.

Town News

Dr. Chassell reports the arrival of a boy baby at the Lee Richardson home in Alzada, born last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Arnold are celebrating the arrival of a new daughter at their home Wednesday morning.

More Help In The Postoffice

When Dick Kirkham enlisted, in April, 1917, Dale Adams succeeded him as mailing clerk in the postoffice. The following December Dale got the fever and enlisted in the navy and also went to France. Dick came home last September and on October 1st was reassigned to his position, vice Sam McMaster, resigned. On December 8, Postmaster Fellows was notified by the First Assistant Postmaster General that an inspector who had been detailed to investigate, disclosed that fact that the work of his office had increased to such an extent that additional assistance was necessary and that it had been decided to authorize the appointment of one additional regular clerk, effective December 16, 1919. Fortunately for the Postmaster and the rest of the force, Dale Adams had returned to civil life and was available for re-assignment.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
Dec 15, 1944
Broncs Down Bears 30-18

Paced by Dale Roberts and Warnie Johnson, who together accounted for 26 points, the Broncos last scored their third victory of the season, this time defeating Deadwood 30-18 on the Bear court.

November Debits Show Slight Drop

In Belle Fourche, the volume of bank debits in November, 1944, was five per cent below that of November, 1943, and the cumulative total (January thru November) of 1944 was four per cent above that of 1943. Debits in Belle Fourche last month amounted to \$3,357,000

as compared to \$3,517,000 last year. These bank debit figures represent the dollar volume of check drawn by depositors against their bank accounts to pay for goods, services, debts, etc.

Charles Miller To Be Fire Chief For 21st Year

For the 21st consecutive year, Charles Miller has been named chief of Belle Fourche’s volunteer fire department. The group who selected their chief, heard Fire Chief Miller’s annual report, which revealed that 21 calls were answered in Belle Fourche in the past year. Fires during that time caused \$917 damage. Volunteer firemen also responded to 12 out-of-town calls. Damage in those fires was estimated at \$3873. Mayor W. J. O’Donnell attended the meeting, made one of his rare public talks, praised the fine work of the department.

Yanks Prepare for Frontal Attack on Gateway to Cologne

American troops on Germany’s Rohr river are getting set for a frontal attack on Duren – the gateway to the Cologne plain. Highlighting the heavy fighting all along the western front, American First army tanks and infantry have reached the rim of Duren after driving thru the city’s western suburb. The Germans are concentrating their greatest strength in the Duren sector to guard the arsenal of Cologne and the vital Ruhr region to the east.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
Dec 11, 1969
Seven Employees Honored by IMC

Those employees receiving twenty-year service pins were Ernest Shoop, Warren Leopold, and George Shoop. Receiving five-year service pins were James Will, Byron Davis, Harley Reyman, and Harley Fields. Sixty people were in attendance including employees and their wives. Mr. and Mrs. Kent Whitmore and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis were guests at the dinner. Whitmore retired from the company in 1965 and Davis in 1967.

Who Is to Blame? (Editorial)

It’s not that we condone killing. Shooting a rabbit even bothers us. But this My Lai incident in Vietnam has us puzzled. We are not so much confused by the incident. What bothers us is the uproar at home and the apparent sudden revision to killing. It is as if now – after years of bloody fighting, after years of hearing reports of our young men being killed or maimed in a war that seems to have no end and little pur-

pose – the public has suddenly discovered that people do get hurt in a war.

Nancy Hopes To Enlighten People About South Dakota

“If I can just changed some of the misconceptions about South Dakota, my reign as Miss South Dakota will be worth it.” Telling about her experiences at Atlantic City at the Miss America pageant, Nancy Nickelson, Miss South Dakota, said she could hardly believe that people thought South Dakota was still in the “cowboy and Indian stage”, and that some people seemed to think that it snowed 24 hours a day 12 months of the year.

Work Slowed On MDU Project

Little information was available locally, but available reports indicated yesterday that work on the MDU pipeline northwest of here was slowed this week when a walkout was reported. There was no information on the cause of the walkout, and local officials declined comment. However, it was indicated that about 17 members of the pipeline association union declined to cross picket lines Thursday. Montana Dakota Utilities company is currently constructing a 55-mile, 12 inch pipeline from the Belle Creek oil field to the MDU compressor station about 25 miles northwest of Belle Fourche.

Ruth Ann Marty Reaches Finals

Ruth Ann Marty, Prairie City, Miss Rodeo South Dakota, was one of the five finalists in the Miss Rodeo American competition at Las Vegas Wednesday. Miss Marty won the right to compete in the national by taking top honors of the state contest at the Black Hills Roundup here last summer



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

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

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

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Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service

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10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Capitol News

KAREN ODELL

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Alvin and Marlee Cordell were busy with shipping on the Monday two weeks ago. Rod Bisgaard came out to stay for a while. A Bowman tractor mechanic worked on a tractor for Alvin. The very sad news is that Marlee's mother, Clarice Owen, passed away this week. It has been very hard on the Cordell family lately. Marlee went to Baker on Friday to make arrangements with Stevensons. There was a memorial service for Tawni's mother, Dona, at the Camp Crook Community Center on Saturday. Dona's funeral had been in Forsyth. Alvin and Marlee went to church at the Camp Crook Methodist Church, had lunch at the Over The Edge, and then attended the Lola Oja funeral at Buffalo on Sunday.
Doug and Julia Davis shipped cows to St Onge on Friday.
Pete (Gordon) Anderson has been busy working cows. He is busy working with Ian and Jenna.



Karen and Charlie Odell were busy over Thanksgiving. Karen got the insulation up in the ceiling of the new room, so that she and granddaughter, Kenna, were warm for sleeping there. Last week Charlie inspected for Ryan Cordell, Wade Pearson, and Kent Williams. Cody, Kellan, Kenna, and Carson came on Wednesday. Cody and Kellan went deer hunting for the next three days. Cody brought home his deer on Thursday, and on Friday, Kellan brought home a four-point white tail buck, too. That night they celebrated and Cody took his parents out to the Over The Edge for their anniversary. In the afternoon, Cody Odell's family visited at Gene Odell's. Cody and the kids left on Monday morning and went through Spearfish to visit with Maurice Overn on their way home to Mitchell. Mollie's family had planned to come, too, but Minnesota and North Dakota were hit hard by the ice and snow, so they stayed home. Everyone still texted pictures and comments.
On Tuesday, Charlie left Karen off at the Methodist church to tune the piano, while he went to

Buffalo for salt and groceries. On Wednesday, Charlie took Maurice Overn to Ft Meade to see the doctor. Karen and Charlie went to the Camp Crook School Christmas Program on Thursday night. Dick Albert had a doctor's appointment in the Hills on Friday. They didn't take time to do more than get some supplies and come home. Erma went to church on Sunday at the Catholic Church, but Dick wasn't feeling well, so he stayed home. The children had a program and Father Ed headed over to Bison before the snow started.
Bruce and Lynn Gustafson made a trip to the Hills this week. On Sunday they went to church at Little Missouri.
Shirley and Junior Melum got a call from their daughter, Andrea. Daeson Moncur is going to school in Camp Crook. He was part of the Camp Crook School Christmas Program on Thursday evening. His dad, grandfather and great-grandmother were all there to see him perform.
On Tuesday, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to Buffalo for the wrestling round-robin match that included high school and grade school wrestlers.

There were at least three teams participating, and it was a special night for the senior wrestlers, because it was the only home match. Dorothy went to Spearfish on Wednesday where she visited with her daughter, Gwen, and Alfreda Davis. On Thursday, Dawn, Dorothy and Roger Stevens went to Camp Crook for the school Christmas program. Dawn had taken her camera and got some good pictures of the kids. Dorothy attended the Carter County Sheep and Cattle Growers meeting in Ekalaka on Friday. On Saturday Dorothy and Dawn both attended the Donna Parks' Celebration of Life at the Camp Crook Community Center. Brandon has been getting some help with his barn building from Bryce and Roger. Not sure who the supervisor is in this group.
Ronda Cordell went to an appointment with Crystal Page in Buffalo on Monday. Diane Wear rode along and they ate lunch at Blossoms 'N Brew. After chores on Tuesday, Diane and Ronda went to Belle Fourche and Spearfish. Boozer had an appointment at the Belle

Fourche Vet Clinic for his leg. As they were returning home, Ronda received a call telling that her brother, Lowell, had gone to see Crystal Page and was taken on to Spearfish by Sam Cordell. He was sent on to Rapid City Hospital in an ambulance, and is still in the hospital there, where he may be released on Monday. Diane came to the ranch on Wednesday to help with chores so that Ronda could go to visit Lowell in Rapid City. Ronda stopped to visit Shirley Blake in Belle Fourche on her return home. On Saturday, Ronda attended the Celebration of Life for Dona Parks in Camp Crook, and on Sunday she went to the funeral service for Lola Oja at Buffalo. Clint, Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski spent Sunday in the Black Hills, where they went to the Sleigh Ride and Christmas festivities.
There will be a pot luck lunch after church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook next Sunday. The Sunday School children's Christmas Program will follow the lunch. Hope you can come.

Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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Reub and I were in Bison Monday afternoon for Gene Lenerville's funeral at the Presbyterian Church. Sadly, my cousin Arliss "Jean" Kopren passed away on Monday at the hospital in Rapid City. Jean was probably only 14 years old when she taught our great grandmother Caroline (Kjos) Hallan to drive. Just about everyone in our families were pilots, so Jean had Grandma Hallan keep track of her hours behind the wheel just like the pilots did when they were learning to fly. Jean's funeral will be at Grace Lutheran in Sturgis at 1:00 on Saturday, December 14th.
Lola (Miller) Oja passed away Wednesday at Rapid City Regional hospital. Lola's funeral was at the old Harding County gym in Buffalo on



Sunday.
We had Ladies Aid at Slim Buttes Lutheran Tuesday afternoon. Missy, Amanda, and the little people went up to the Hackamore to help Janet Doll celebrate her birthday that afternoon. Missy also had a birthday this Friday. Our grandson, Cade Olson, had his second knee surgery on Tuesday. Amanda took little River Lu and Grandma Starla to the Black Hills for her sister Josi's bachelorette party Friday evening and help Missy celebrate her birthday. Reub and I went to Hettinger on Friday for his appointment with Mary Eggebo. We took information about his uncle Claude Olson and the Olson Livestock Foundation down to Ruth Wiechmann. Ruth is writing a story for the Tri-State Livestock News about the Olson Livestock Foundation that Claude

started in 1947. Claude's sister Mary Parks saved a lot of Olson family history that Louise Jenson gave Reub after Mary passed away. Mary had saved a wealth of information for Ruth to use in her article.
Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to the tournament in Custer. Reub went to Steve McFarland's for another truck load of corn Saturday morning and Taz went down to work on the new storage building at the church, getting home to do the feeding after dark.
The Slim Buttes Ladies Aid held the annual Christmas tea Sunday afternoon at the church. Ken Amor gave me Judy's Christmas Cactus after she passed away this summer and now it is covered with flowers, reminding us of the Christmas season. I'll leave you with this:
Twas the month before Christmas,
When all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying,
Nor taking a stand.
See the PC Police had taken

away,
The reason for Christmas no one could say.
The children were told by their schools not to sing,
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.
It might hurt people's feelings, the teachers would say
December 25th is just a 'Holiday'.
Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!
CDs from Madonna, an X BOX, an I-pod
Something was changing, something quite odd!
Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.
As Targets were hanging their trees upside down
At Lowe's the word Christmas was nowhere to be found.
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny's and Sears
You won't hear the word Christmas; it won't touch your

ears.
Inclusive, sensitive, diversity
Are words that were used to intimidate me.
Now Bloomberg, now Nadler, now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen
On Warren, on Biden, on Harris, on Clinton.
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace.
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded.
The reason for the season, stopped before it started.
So as you celebrate 'Winter Break' under your 'Dream Tree' Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.
Choose your words carefully, Choose what you say
Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS, Not Happy Holiday!
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(SPEARFISH, SD - 12/02/19) The Matthews Opera House & Arts Center with Director Max G. Merchen announce auditions for the comedy "Dearly Beloved," on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 17-18 at 6:30 p.m. The auditions take place at the Matthews' theater on 612 N. Main St. in Spearfish. They are open to both male and females, ages 18 and up. There are roles available for 5 men and 7 women.

Performance dates for the play are Feb. 7 - 8 & 14 -15 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 9 & 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Auditions will consist of cold reads. No prior experience or registration is necessary.

In this fast-paced, laugh-a-minute comedy, the Futrell sisters of Fayro, Texas - Frankie, Twink, and their estranged sister, Honey Raye - are thrown together to pull off a family wedding. But it is not going well. Frankie's oldest twin daughter is marrying the son of the queen of what passes for high society in Fayro and Frankie is desperate to make this arisbelum-themed wedding an elegant affair. It soon becomes obvious that Fate has other plans.

The next event for The Matthews is the December Bellman Brown Bag "Holiday Piano Duets" from 12-1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the theater. For additional information or to learn about upcoming events, visit www.MatthewsOpera.com.

From A1 Fireworks

tax revenue. If those sales had taken place within the city limits the tax to city coffers would be about \$2,449.59.

"Only six surrounding towns sell fireworks, 14 don't. If this was such a money-maker I would think more towns would be doing it,"

Talkington said. "Having fireworks sales in the city, I think we're asking for more problems than what we'll get back in more benefits."

The data from the state shows that less than half of South Dakota's eighty counties allow firework sales. Of the thirty-seven that do, 21 generated \$5,000 or less in tax revenue. In western South Dakota only Butte, Meade and Fall River counties reported firework sales to the state.

The top three counties in terms of total gross firework sales were Lincoln County, just south of Sioux Falls, at \$1,810,155; Union County, just south of there stretching to N. Sioux City at \$1,702,863, and Codington County, the Watertown area, at \$1,429,214. At the bottom of the list was McCook County, the Salem and Canistota areas, with \$14,373 in gross sales and \$646 in sales tax.

"I know it won't create a lot of tax revenue for us but if someone from Belle Fourche can put a few bucks in their pocket, I think we should allow them to do that," said Councilman James Ager.

Also present and speaking before the council were area fireworks vendors Hans Johnson from Discount Fireworks, Doug Bellinger from All American Sales, and Tom Skoog from Stars and Stripes Fireworks.

"I think it's a great idea and that it probably should have been done years ago," Johnson said. "But I'm a little upset because this very thing was brought up 3 years ago and basically we were shot down. I'm frustrated by that because in the last 15 years most of us have had to jump through hoops to sell fireworks here, between the county and city, it's been nothing but a fight."

The latest push to change the ordinance came from city officials who observed the close proximity of the existing seasonal fireworks vendors to the city limits and the potential of bringing in that sales tax revenue.

"The thought process came out of looking at proximity with things and that the city could collect sales tax with (fireworks sales)," Mayor Gloria Landphere said. "And with everything being so close as it was 'why not?' is what the thought was."

The mayor added that zoning

laws would have to be amended to allow retail fireworks sales in certain locations within the city and with the ordinance being sent back to committee, the agenda item to change the zoning law was tabled.

"To me, if you're a business and you're going to put a fireworks stand by your business, where you're allowed to do

so, to me that's going to help that business guy," said Councilman Randy Schmidt, "you're going to draw that crowd in and they'll come into your store and do a little

shopping. Maybe we can help some of our businesses in Belle Fourche in the process.

"I think this council is more open to generating business to get people into our city," Schmidt added.

Doug Bellinger from All American Sales cautioned the council on the serious nature of the fireworks business and it isn't something that just any retailer would be prepared to do.

"This is what we do to feed our kids, it's not just something we do to earn a little cash on the side," said Doug Bellinger from All American Sales. "There's a lot that goes into selling fireworks. You have to have permits, and insurance. There's a lot of liability. We go to the National Fireworks Association (meetings) and watch products, we see them tested so that we know. We carry only products that are tested by the CPC. It's things you gotta know."

"The insurance is a big deal," said Bellinger. "When fireworks get moved into your building, you may no longer be insured anymore."

According to the vendors present at the council meeting the state of South Dakota does not require proof of insurance to get a state sales permit.

"So, there is no protection for the city if something should go wrong?" asked Councilman Vern Hintz.

"I think it's something that we should check into," said Steve Nafus, Interim City Engineer.

"If you do bring it to town you definitely want to check if they have insurance," said Tom Scoog who operates Stars and Stripes Fireworks, three miles south of Belle Fourche. "I'm comfortable where I'm at but if it does come to town I'd probably buy a lot and pay my property tax. But if you're going to bring (the sales) to town, just do it right."

Since most city permit issues originate with the council's Legal & Finance Committee the matter was unanimously referred back to the committee upon a motion by Travis Martin and a second by Ager. Legal and Finance was scheduled to take up the issue at a later date, likely this month.



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From A1 LIFT STATION

"We'd have to start basically from scratch again," said Interim City Engineer Steve Nafus. "That would set us back six months and then we'd have to re-let the bids again. In the mean time, costs for the project are going to continue to go up. We really need to move forward."

According to Robinson, while preparing their initial estimate, HDR underestimated the cost of underground dirt moving in a site that is very confined. "The biggest area where we missed our estimate was on the underground dirt work," Robinson said. "They had almost a million dollars for relocating underground utilities to make room. We had our estimate about half that so we missed about half a million dollars, that's really where it came from."

Robinson said there would be little point in putting the project out to bid again as the three bids they did receive were "about as good as they could get."

The lift station is a vital piece of city infrastructure. Without it 75% of Belle Fourche would have trouble with tasks as simple as flushing a toilet.

The new pump is to be located adjacent to the existing lift station at the east end of Day Street. Lift stations are facilities designed to pump wastewater from lower to higher elevations. In the case of the Day Street location, gravity moves most of the city's drainage to this location where it is then pumped upwards into a sewage line that is able to then take it to the wastewater treatment plant lagoons on the city's far north side.

The new lift station will have 2.5 times as much capacity as the current one which is nearly 40 years old.

Nafus' department together with Breanna Schaefer, City Finance Officer and Dirk Hoffman, Public Works Director met to try to find the additional funds to cover what Nafus terms "the highest priority project" he has on the books. Nafus outlined to the council their plan which included moving the following items from the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget to next year or when funding would become available.

They were: taking \$150,000 from the 11th Ave. sewer project; \$150,000 from the 11th Ave. drainage project; \$100,000 for a well project; \$50,000 for a flood control study; \$40,000 in savings by using in-house city engineers; and moving back the completion of the police department parking lot and cemetery penning project. In all this would provide \$558,000 for the project that would meet the need to allow for reserves and contingencies.

Nafus says there will be stop-gap measures put in the place to allow the 11th Ave. sewer infrastructure to continue to function and the operation of the well to continue. Public works, he said, will continue to make sure the 11th Ave drainage is unobstructed until a permanent new structure can be put in place. Nafus said the flood control study will have to wait, "flushing a toilet is more important," he added.

Mayor Gloria Landphere said the Day St. project is connected to the 8th Ave project. "We had to do Eighth Avenue first



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because we had to put in the flow lines to connect to the lift station," she said.

When it came to moving funding in the CIP she pointed out that the majority of those decisions were sewer-related CIP projects and not random decisions. "You don't start in the front half and look at airport and all of those," she said.

"And once we get this (Day St) done, we reassess the amount of dollars we have in the CIP. They don't go off the CIP they are just delayed for a period of time to get this done."

The council voted unanimously to award the bid to Kurtz and move forward. Work is expected to begin January 1st with an October completion.



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Robert & Monte Miller, Sundance, WY	49	Black-Hfr Pc	536	148.75
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21	Black-Str Bt	491	170.00	
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29	Black-Hfr Pc	511	149.00	
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Greenwood Ranches Inc, Belle Fourche, SD	33	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	615	155.00
21	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	539	168.25	
35	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	575	140.50	
Jim Mcooy, Belle Fourche, SD	38	Black-Hfr Pc	651	137.50

Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC				
December 6, 2019				
Fully steady cow market				
WEIGH UPS				
Rithaler Cattle Co, Upton, WY	1	Black-Cow	1775	75.00
Roeking Tree Ranch, Sturgis, SD	1	Red-Cow	1275	75.00
VM Diamond Ranch Lk, Upton, WY	1	Black-Cow	1405	74.00
Brian W Birkley, Osage, WY	1	Black-Cow	1730	73.50
Brian W Birkley, Osage, WY	1	Black-Cow	1430	73.00
Roger Croell, Sundance, WY	2	Black-Cow	1273	72.50
Jeff Giamonatti, Ludlow, SD	3	Black-Cow	1710	72.50
JB Cattle Company, Plevna, MT	1	Black-Cow	1440	75.00
JB Cattle Company, Plevna, MT	1	Black-Cowette	1040	82.00
KP & Keith Stevens Inc, Ashland, MT	1	Black-Cow	1555	72.50
Jim Johnstone, Forsyth, MT	1	Black-Cow	1775	72.50
Cody & Donna Stewart, Newcastle, WY	1	Black-Cow	1705	72.00
Johnnie & Julie Ridinger, Alzada, MT	1	Bwf-Cow Df	1645	71.50
Rick Geisler, Sheridan, WY	1	Black-Cow	1545	70.00
Ron & Marilyn Butcher, Banner, WY	2	Black-Cow	1475	69.50
Warren & Greta Crawford, Sundance, WY	5	Black-Hfrt Open	967	98.00
Ron or Cindy Floyd, Ludlow, SD	1	Black-Cow	1425	69.50
Cody Rea, Banner, WY	1	Bwf-Cow	1640	69.50
Crossed Sabres LLP, Hill City, SD	1	Black-Cow	1300	69.50
Pickrel Land & Cattle Co, Gillette, WY	7	Red/Rwf-Cow	1459	69.25
Mike & Dorothy Slatery Revoc, Rozet, WY	1	Black-Cow	1525	68.50
Jon Miller, Newell, SD	1	Black-Cow	1905	68.50
J.J. or Cathy Landa, Boyes, MT	7	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1534	68.00
J.J. or Cathy Landa, Boyes, MT	2	Bwf-Hfrt	1098	88.00
Markuson Ranch, Ekalaka, MT	12	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1261	67.75
Ben Garman, Belle Fourche, SD	9	Black-Cow	1391	67.50
Zack West, New Underwood, SD	5	Black-Cow	1414	67.50
Tope Livestock LLC, Hulett, WY	1	Black-Cow	1500	66.50
Bob or Sally Hagedorn, Volborg, MT	1	Black-Cow	1590	66.00
Tooke Ranch Inc, Ekalaka, MT	1	Black-Cow	1530	66.00
Kagan Lawrence, Alzada, MT	5	Blk/Bwf-Hfrt	1126	90.00
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT	36	Blk/Bwf-Cow Df	1277	65.50
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT	23	Blk/Bwf-Cowette Df	1075	82.00
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond, MT	37	Black-Cow	1458	65.50
Joe Amiotte, Interior, SD	2	Rd/Blk-Cow	1288	65.50
Rick Turnbough, Broadus, MT	1	Black-Cow	1565	65.50
Dennis & Claudia Price Rev Lj, Buffalo, SD	1	Black-Cow	1575	65.00
Emmons Cattle, Olive, MT	9	Rd/Blk-Cow	1595	64.75
Gary Miller, Gillette, WY	4	Black-Cow	1476	64.50
Producers Livestock, Sundance, WY	4	Black-Hfrt	946	98.00
Trevor Garman, Belle Fourche, SD	2	Black-Cow	1370	64.00
Tim Tooke, Ekalaka, MT	11	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1364	63.50
Hepp Livestock, Kaycee, WY	8	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1218	62.50
Jeremy Harper, Powderville, MT	1	Red-Cow	1575	62.50
Livingston Ranch Inc, Sundance, WY	3	Black-Cow	1512	62.00
Livingston Ranch Inc, Sundance, WY	3	Black-Cowette	1232	79.00
Donna Alexander, Hill City, SD	3	Blk/Bwf-Cowette	1108	84.00
Clint Ridley, St Onge, SD	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1275	62.00
Brian Mills, Sundance, WY	4	Black-Cow	1250	62.00
David & Lisa Tescher, Oshoto, WY	1	Black-Cow	1425	61.50
Autumn Rumph, Biddle, MT	2	Black-Cow	1228	60.50
Billy Landa, Boyes, MT	6	Black-Cow	1459	60.50
Billy J Gergen, Broadus, MT	2	Black-Cow	1380	59.00
Curtis Laughery, Lodgegrass, MT	1	Black-Cow	1550	58.00
Cliff or Cheyenne Conry Belle Fourche, SD	11	Black-Cow	1284	58.00
Bob & Vickie Olsen, Gillette, WY	1	Black-Bull Df	1970	88.50
Michelle McGraw, Newell, SD	1	Black-Bull Df	1950	85.50
Bryce Foos, Immokalee FL	1	Black-Bull	1925	85.00
Kaufman Ranch LLC, Alzada, MT	1	Black-Bull Lane	2335	85.00
Warman Ranch LLC & JB Ran, Reva, SD	1	Black-Bull	1975	84.50
Consignment from WY	2	Black-Bull	1825	84.50
Mickey Strohschein, Newell, SD	1	Black-Bull	2070	84.00
Scott E Sewell, Newcastle, WY	1	Black-Bull Df	1945	83.00
Carl Laughery, Ekalaka, MT	1	Black-Bull	1820	83.00
Lacy Williams, Broadus, MT	1	Black-Bull	1985	82.50
Eb Ranch Corp, Broadus, MT	1	Black-Bull	2075	80.00
Bar H Ranch, Reva, SD	1	Char-Bull	2050	79.50
Duane Talcott, Hammond, MT	1	Black-Bull Lane	1815	79.00
Leory Schallenberger, Ekalaka, MT	2	Black-Bull	1940	78.00

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE		
Thursday, December 12th	Feeder Cattle Special	10 AM Start Time
Friday, December 13th	Weighup Cattle Sale	9 AM Start Time
Christmas Classic	Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special	12 PM Start Time
Thursday, December 19th	Weighup Cattle Sale	9 AM Start Time
	Feeder Cattle Special	12 PM Start Time
	Stock Cow/Bred Heifer Special	To Follow
Thursday, January 2nd	Regular Cattle Sale	10 Am
Thursday, January 9th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, January 16th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, January 23th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, January 30th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, February 6th	No Sale Enjoy The Stock Show	
Thursday, February 13th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, February 20th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, February 27th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 5th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 12th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 19th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 26th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 2th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 9th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 16th	Bred Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 23th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 30th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 7th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 14th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 21th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 28th	Pair, Bred Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 28th	Feeder & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time

BELLE FOURCHE LIVESTOCK MARKET, LLC
Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special
Thursday December 12th, 2019
Weigh Ups- 8:00 AM Feeders- 10:00 AM

CALVES
2Tone Cattle Co-SD
200 blk/bwf mxd clvs 600-650# PC, NI, DF, weaned
Ben & Lori Garmen -WY
180 blk mis clvs 525-575# PC NI
Bill Proctor-WY
90 blk & red clvs 550-650# PC
Craig Mollman-SD
340 blk mix clvs 550-650# PC NI DF
Dale & Helen King-MT
85 blk mxd clvs 550-600# PC, NI, weaned 45 days
Dan Gali-MT
200 blk str 525-575# PC
Dan Stearns-WY
105 blk & bwf mxd clvs 550-600# PC, NI
Diamond Hook Ranch-MT
100 blk mxd clvs 500-600# PC, weaned, poured
Garman Ranch-MT
450 blk mix clvs 450-600# BT PC NI no heifers kept
John Kissack-SD
28 char, herf blk cross clvs 550-600# PC DF NI Poured
Lyle Wetz-SD
60 blk & bldy mostly str 600-700# PC, NI, poured

Mark Fix-MT
70 blk str 600# PC
Pilster Ranch Inc-MT
55 blk mxd clvs 600# PC, NI
Randy Olsen-WY
12 blk mix clvs 750 # PC
Ron Rooney-MT
250 blk mxd clvs 550-600# BT, NI, DF
Saddle Tree Ranch-WY
160 blk mix clvs 500-600# PC NI 80 sts 80 hfrs
Samuelson Ranch-MT
450 blk heifer clvs 550-575# PC
Shane Finn-SD
80 red angus str 700# PC
Shannon & Emily Wiggers-SD
55 mixed blk/bwf 550-625# PC, weaned 45 days
Tony Rathburn-WY
100 str, blk/bwf 6000-650# PC, NI
Troy Mills-MT
190 blk str 600-650# PC, DF
Will West-WY
100 blk/bwf mxd clvs 550-600# BT, NI
YEARLINGS
Dave & Chase Hayden-MT
100 blk hfrs 800-850# tested open
Randy Olson-WY
30 blk hfrs 900# tested open

BELLE FOURCHE LIVESTOCK MARKET, LLC
Christmas Classic- Bred Stock Sale
Friday December 13th, 2019
Start Time 11AM

DISPERSION & PRODUCTIONS
Fredrickson Ranch-MT
70 blk/bwf 3&4 yr olds bred blk, ultrasound tested, poured, calve 4/1 for 22 days
Gary Krell-WY
80 blk 3&4 yr olds calve 4/5 for 60 days
Jason Miller-WY
36 blk coming 3's bred blk, calve 4/2 for 45 days
TC Outfit-SD
250 blk 4's coming 5's bred blk to Green Mountain bulls, calve 4/1 for 60 days, shots, poured Bred Heifers Name Kind Comments
21 Ranch-WY
10 red bred hfrs bred blk, calve 3/1 for 5 days
21 Ranch-WY
15 blk hfrs bred to low bw hereford bulls, calve 3/15 for 30 days
21 Ranch-WY
21 rwf f-1 hfrs bred to low bw red angus bulls, calve 3/15 for 30 days
21 Ranch-WY
38 red bred hfrs bred to low bw hereford bulls, calve 3/15 for 30 days
Avery & Graham-WY
63 blk bred hfrs calve 3/20, 2 groups
Boot Jack Ranch-WY
45 blk bred hfrs bred to low bw angus bulls, shots, poured, calve 3/1 for 30 days
Cross W Livestock-MT
110 blk bred hfrs bred blk, calve 3/13, AI 2 days, Genex Rainmaker 4404
X-Ranch/Dennis Miller-WY
70 blk bred hfrs calve 2/1, AI for 1 day, bred to conally comrad, originated from Todd Message Stock

Cows Name Kind Comments
Boot Jack Ranch-WY
45 3-7 yr old cows bred blk, shots, poured, calve 3/1 for 45 days
Mike Morrison-WY
10 blk bred cows bred blk, calve 5/1 for 30 days
Ondriezek & Flegge-WY
27 blk mxd age cows bred blk, shots, poured, calve 4/15 for 60 days
Randy Ottwell-WY
9 3-8 yr olds calve 3/20 for 45 days
Seth Weishaar-SD
50 3-5 yr olds bred blk & char, calve in April for 45 days Solid & Broken Mouth Cows Name Kind Comments
Diamond Hook-MT
30 blk BM cows bred blk, calve 4/1
Gilbert Rittberger-SD
38 blk/bldy BM cows bred blk & char, calve 4/1
John Johnson-SD
40 blk BM bred cows bred blk, calve 4/1
Kaufman Ranch-MT
60 SM to BM cows bred blk, calve 4/1 for 60 days
Kuhbacher Ranch-WY
40 red SM & BM bred cows bred red, calve 4/10, BT, poured
Pilster Ranch Inc-MT
13 blk BM cows bred blk, calve 3/25 for 60 days
Randy Ottwell-WY
22 blk ST bred cows calve 3/20 for 45 days
Tooke Ranch-MT
40 blk ST cows bred blk, calve 4/1 for 45 days
Wade Schaff-ND
15 bwr BM cow bred blk, calve 3/25 for 60 days

BROADUS, MT RECEIVING STATION
County Stock Yards every Wednesday from 1 pm – 3 pm (for special arrangements, give Rod a call)
For more information contact
Rod Schaffer – 406-436-2235 (home) 406-672-5546 (cell)

We now have our Miles City Receiving Station open! Located at 1132 HWY 12 Wednesday from noon – 4 pm Please call Jason Twitchell 406-480-2345 for arrangements

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