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Look Who Came to "Christmas in Belle Fourche"!













The Belle Chamber of Commerce's "Polar Express" rides were a big draw during "Come to Christmas" this past week. The Express embarked from State Street in front of Pete's, Lifestyles, and Cowboys Too! At Cowboys Too! families were greeted by the Polar Express Conductor, Slade Hansen, or could pass on to Santa what they wanted for Christmas, or be greeted by the Grinch. Members of the Westland, Larson, and Theil familes pose with Santa Claus. *Michelle Evans Photos.*

Traffic Lights Installed at Hwy 85/34 Intersection

Traffic signals have been installed at the busy intersection of Highway 85 and SD 34 on the south side of Belle Fourche but when they will be activated is uncertain.

It will be soon according to the SD Dept. of Transportation.

"We wanted to have them activated this week but there has been a delay," said Chris Bliss, Project Director. "The wrong height pedestal poles were delivered, which are the smaller poles on two of the corners.

We're waiting to hear when those will be shipped out."
Bliss says it is possible the poles will be delivered after Christmas in which case the lights would be activated before the end of the year.

Otherwise it may have to wait until after January 1st.

Motorists will be notified via roadside electronic message boards a few days prior to activation, according to Bliss.

There are four temporary electronic message boards in place; two on Hwy 85 and two on SD 34.

There are now four sets of

traffic lights along Highway 85 through the city. Bliss says the highway sees more than 11,000 vehicles on average per day through the city.

The \$1.1 million project is part of a larger upgrade of three intersections in Belle Fourche.

Earlier this summer at Summit St. and Hwy. 85 there was Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) work completed.

This included redoing all four corners of the intersection with curb ramps and placing crosswalk push buttons on separate poles away from the traffic light standards.

The new push buttons have yet to arrive, Bliss says, but are expected very soon.

ADA work was also done on the north side of town including curb ramps on Hwy. 85 north of the Belle Fourche River bridge and curb cutting and crosswalk improvements at the Hwy. 212/

85 intersection.

There has been talk of a need for traffic lights at that intersection but Bliss says there is nothing in the works right now.

First Interstate Bank & FI Foundation Present Awards



The organizations who received end of year donations from First Interstate Bank and the First Interstate Bank Foundation are as follows: Belle Fourche Youth Baseball (Ryan Stedillie); Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 12 (Marlyn Pomrenke, Jucole Jones, Ryan Cherveny); A Bed in Need (Cheri Tripp); West River Spay/Neuter Coalition (Beth Morey); Compassion Cupboard (Paul Howard); Purple Pride (Kelly Milliken); Parents Who Care (Kelly Keegan); Moose Lodge Santa Shop (representative unable to attend); Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department (Asst. Chief Jim Groseclose, Asst. Chief Andy Anderson); Belle Silver Lining Senior Center (Laura Bennett). Back Row (Left to Right): Jim Groseclose, Andy Anderson, Paul Howard, Ryan Stedillie, Kelly Keegan, Marlyn Pomrenke, Ryan Cherveny; Front Row (Left to Right) Laura Bennett, Kelly Milliken, Beth Morey, Cheri Tripp, Sandra Kringen, Jucole Jones. Hunter Anderson Photo



Coy Thompson, Whitewood, heeler, and **Lance Horner**, Missouri, header, won 2nd Place in the World Series of Team Roping held at South Point Cawsino in Las Vegas. *Courtesy Photo*

Middle School Students of the Month for November

Belle Fourche Middle School students of the month for November were recognized on Monday, December 13, at the school district's regular monthly board meeting.

The middle school teachers nominate the students and two are chosen from each grade, fifth through eighth. They are chosen based on leadership qualities, academic achievement, excellence in behavior, and good citizenship. The students are presented with a certificate of recognition and a personalized school t-shirt.

For the 5th grade Rebecca Stumpf and Mars Hill were honored. The 5th grade award was sponsored by Steroes 'N Stuff, Radio Shack.

In the 6th grade Mollie Collins and Gabriel Schaefer were presented certificates. Pete's Clothing sponsored the 6th grade award.

In the 7th grade, Mary Jane Hayworth and Kenneth Leatherman were recognized. Twisted Apparel sponsored the 7th grade award.

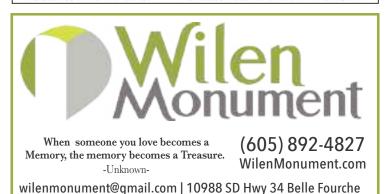
In the 8th grade Ysabelle Angeles and Justus Marshall were honored as students of the month. Nehl Dental sponsored the 8th grade award.



These are the Belle Fourche Middle School students of the month for November 2021. From left: **Justus Marshal**l (8th grade); **Kenneth Leatherman** (7th grade); **Mary Jane Hayworth** (7th grade); **Rebecca Stumpf** (5th grade); **Mars Hill** (5th grade). Not pictured are **Mollie Collins** (6th grade), **Gabriel Shaefer** (6th grade) and **Ysabelle Angeles** (8th grade). *Beacon photo*









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Obituaries

James Joseph Donohue 94

James, "Jimmie", was born in Hettinger, ND, the youngest of 9 children to James S. and Mary R. Donohue. They lived on a ranch south of Sorum, SD, then moved to Sheep Mountain southeast of the Slim Buttes.

Jimmie attended grade school at Sorum and Govert. For his freshman year, he rode the train out to Madison and lived with an aunt. The following year he returned to western SD, graduating from St. Martin's in Sturgis.

He enlisted in the Army on Sept 19.1946, serving during the occupation and rehabilitation of Japan, honorably discharged Jan 2, 1948. James received a service medal of victory. Upon his return from war he attended Black Hills State College graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1954. After teaching one year in Phillip, SD, he returned to the ranch to help his parents.

James married Marie Thybo at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Buffalo, SD August 16, 1961. Jimmie was the teacher at Govert for 3 years, taking over the operation of the ranch when his father passed away. Jim and Marie were blessed with 4 children.

Jimmie was a pilot and would fly to church at Reva, landing on the highway. Jim often flew to Belle Fourche for groceries. Jimmie and his dad found a plane that had crashed in the Slim Buttes and fashioned a ski plane, with no wings or wheels, it could move quickly over the prairie. The plane had no brakes, so it took a specific technique to

James enjoyed team roping and playing cribbage with family and friends in the Slim Buttes area. Jim loved to garden. Coyote hunting and trapping kept him busy until Jimmie and Marie took up golf. Jimmie designed and built a 9-hole golf course on the ranch. After losing too many golf balls on the Sheep Mountain course, they started golfing in Newell.

Jimmie served on the West River Cooperative Telephone board of directors for 23 years, enjoyed helping manage the challenges of a rural telephone coop, going to meetings and traveling.

He was a devout Catholic, had a strong faith in God and spent many an hour in prayer throughout his life. Jim was a member of Our Lady of the Prairie, Reva, and later St. Anthony's in Buffalo, SD. After achieving the age of 94, Jimmie died peacefully the evening of December 9, 2021, surrounded by his family. He often told us "I have lived a

He is survived by his wife, Marie, their 4 children: Anita (Dave), Kellie (Gary), Janine (Rob) and Jay, 6 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, and

A memorial has been established to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Marvin Oster Jr. 61

Marvin Jake Oster Jr. 61, of Nisland, SD died December 12, 2021 at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

Marvin was born to Marvin Sr. and Lucy (Rodriguez) Oster in Belle Fourche, South Dakota on June 5th, 1960. During his early childhood he spent his young boy days out on a farm in Fruitdale, South Dakota where he learned the first steps of being a hard worker. His education was done in Belle Fourche through the eighth grade, but he later went on to receive his General Education Degree. While he was in school, he was part of many organizations and sports including basketball and track and field.

During his teen years his first relationship was with Charlene (Reed) Pool, and they had one daughter, Wendi Dean, who currently lives in Tennessee. In October of 1981, he was married to his first wife, Barbra Udager. The couple lived in Belle Fourche throughout the duration of their marriage and had two children, Stephanie (Oster) Smith and Kevin Oster. Marvin later remarried to his second wife, Pamela (Hopfinger) Oster in July of 2000 and remain married to this day. Pam has worked at the Rolling Hills Healthcare of Belle Fourche and Spearfish Canyon Healthcare facility the duration of their marriage, while they lived in South Dakota. With this marriage Marvin gained two stepsons, Nick, and Nathan VanDusen.

Marvin began his working career out on the farm in Fruitdale alongside his family. After the family moved to town, he spent most of his career working in the lumber field. He worked most of his lumber field career at the Belle Fourche Sawmill before the business shutdown. Afterwards Marvin worked various places around the area and Colorado. He was currently working in the lumber yard of Knechts of Spearfish.

Marvin was a lover of family, he always seemed hap-

piest when surrounded by the conversations of those he cared about and loved. During the summer months Marvin could be found out at Orman Dam camping and fishing with his loved ones. His free time was also spent fixing up vehicles and teaching anyone he had the chance to teach about them. He enjoyed his days working out on his own farm with his horses and cows. Marvin was always the kind of grandpa to offer tractor rides for his grandchildren because of the joy each of them brought him. He enjoyed the simple

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things in life, family, love, and laughter. To many of his family, he will always be remembered as the jokester. He is survived by his mother, Lucy Oster of Belle Fourche; wife, Pamela Oster of Nisland; children, Wendi (Mark) Dean of Clinton, Tennessee, Stephanie (Blair) Smith of Fruitdale and Kevin Oster of Fruitdale; stepchildren, Nicholas VanDusen of Belle Fourche and

Nathan VanDusen (Ashley Kreitel) of Newell; grand-children, Mikayla Kinyon (Ben Gray), Madyn Dean, Zuri Smith, Jaden Bear, Ryan VanDusen, Rose Marie VanDusen and Derick Kreitel; great granddaughter, Serenity Binders; his brother, Danny Sr. (Dee) Oster of Loveland, CO; sisters, Rosemary (Dave) Abbot of Boulder, CO, Linda (Rodney) Taylor of Belle Fourche and Doris (Chucky) Isenberg of Belle Fourche; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Oster Sr.; nephew, Terry Samples Sr.; niece, Jennifer Taylor. Visitation was held Friday, December 17 at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Funeral services were

11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel. An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-

chapel.com

Saturday, December 18 at

Gwenn Vallery 92

Gwenn Vallery, age 92 of Nisland, passed away Saturday, December 18, 2021 at the Monument Health Spearfish Hospital surrounded by family.

The funeral service will be held 10 am Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place 5 to 7 pm Tuesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Gwenn's funeral will be broadcast live online, on her obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Gwenivere (Gwenn) L. Earles Vallery was born on a blustery day, February 4, 1929 in Mitchell, SD to George and Frances (Wheeler) Earles. She joined a 13-month sister, Betty Alice and was later joined by siblings Arlene Faye, Vernon George, and Carol Lee.

She attended elementary school at Longfellow and Litchfield in Mitchell. Junior and senior high were also in Mitchell, graduating in 1947. She attended Dakota Wesleyan for one year. Gwenn then headed to western South Dakota to Black Hills State College for two summer school sessions before going to California to teach. She was 19. With a teacher's certificate in her hand, she left her South Dakota home and took the train to a remote logging community in Northern California. For two years she taught all eight grades in a one-room school.

Gwenn returned to South Dakota and eventually received her B.S. (1972) & M.S. (1982) in education from Black Hills State University.

She married the love of her life, R. Thornton Vallery, on September 3, 1950 in Mitchell, SD. They settled on the Vallery home place, near Nisland, and raised their family of three - Rick, Randy, and Rene'.

Gwenn took a 15-year hiatus to raise the couple's children, and then when the youngest was five, she returned to her teaching career, which would span over 45 years. Much of that time was spent teaching in the elementary grades at various schools in the Newell School District. Upon her "retirement" she could still be found substitute teaching where needed and helping GED students achieve

their dreams. After her husband's death, the call of teaching returned, and in her late 70's she spent one year teaching on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Then in her early 80's she finished her teaching legacy at a two-room schoolhouse in Alzada, MT.

She was active in numerous organizations and erved in many leadership roles. She especially enjoyed her work with Extension. Gwenn served 5 years as a 4-H leader for the Eager Beavers 4-H Club. She was a charter member of Tot-n-Twen-

ty Extension Club and was a member for over 65 years. In 2017 she was awarded South Dakota State University's Eminent Homemaker honor.

Gwenn enjoyed anything to do with travel making it to all 50 states; playing cards (she was very competitive) and gardening where she earned a Master Gardener certification. But teaching remained her true passion clear to the end. She often commented about a former student's success and would say, "They were one of my kids." She was deeply interested in and proud of, the children she taught through the years.

Survivors include her children, Rick (Carrel) Vallery, Ft. Pierre; Randy (Rhonda) Vallery, Nisland; and Rene (Terry) LaFrance, Hot Springs. Grandchildren include Sonia (Jim) Morrison, Dunlap, IL; Travis (Kerri) Vallery, Pierre; Dallas (Tara) Vallery, Summerset; and Codi (Brian) Mills, Nisland. Great-grandchildren include Chase Vallery, Boone, NC; Reagan Vallery, Jacksonville, NC; Ryan Morrison, Grant Morrison, Dunlap, IL; and Kimber Mills, Nisland. Sister, Carol (Lloyd) Hendrix, Mitchell, sister-in-law, Marge Earles and numerous nieces and

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, parents-in-law (Philip and Helen Vallery) and two sisters, and one brother.

Memorials may be made to the Tot-n-Twenty Scholarship Fund and the Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of your choosing.

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Pastor's Perspective

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

"Twelve Days of Christmas"

For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ~Colos sians 1:19-20

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! For some Christians who follow the church calendar, Christmas lasts for 12 days. Honoring Christmastime gives us the opportunity to live into the fullness of God's blessings in our lives. It doesn't mean that we get to shop or pig out for 12 days. When God came to dwell upon the earth as Jesus Christ, Jesus was sowing the seeds and reconciling the tarnished creation into the kingdom to come. Advent and Christmastime gives us the opportunity to examine our lives with God's loving Spirit and make changes that can sow good habits to reconcile or redeem parts of our lives.

The best suggestion I can give to you if you want to celebrate 12 days of Christmas is to slow down! How does one do that? By making quiet time with the Lord a priority each day, you will realize there is at least one thing and possibly more that you can not bother doing to make room for better activities.

This is often a time when families can enjoy being together and begin to develop traditions or make wonderful memories. Making some changes in the rhythms of the day can be the beginning of a better life. These ideas aren't expensive, but rather require an intentional spirit to make them actually be meaningful.

-- Read a children's Christmas story --Listen to the song "12 Days of Christmas" and look up the meaning of the legend involved with the lyrics



--Stand outside one clear night for 5 minutes

--play a game with children, family, spouse, or friends before watching tv or playing any video games.

--Leave an empty place at a meal; talk about who you'd like to invite to join you for a meal; then call them

--Worship God with your church family and

enjoy a Sabbath rest day -Watch a sunset and give thanks to God for

your blessings from this past year --Watch a sunrise and give thanks to God for new beginnings

--Write thank you notes for your gifts

--Prepare and share that meal with your

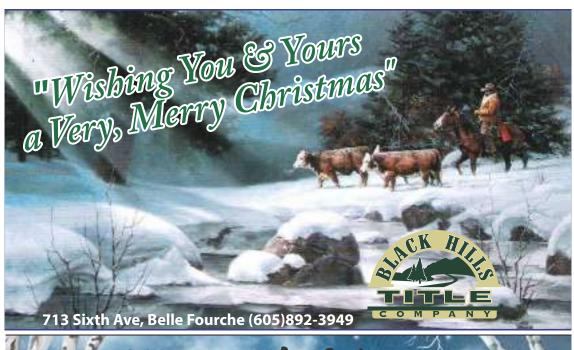
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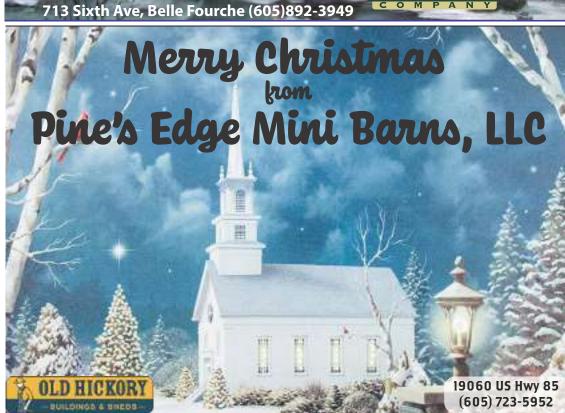
--Read all the Christmas cards and letters vou received

-- Do something creative: make, bake, create One of the characteristics of the Christmas Spirit is that of wonder and many of these activities will nurture a sense of wonder in all that God creates. These ideas may inspire your own list of activities that may cultivate a sense of wonder. We live in a culture that is so full of opinion, information and drama that our spirits can easily slip into pessimistic and cynical ways of seeing and experiencing life. Cultivating wonder is a counter activity to this bombardment. Of course, reading and studying scripture, prayer, and worship are also excellent ways to nurture wonder and battle those life-robbing influences too.

By celebrating Christmas for 12 days, you may find that you'll carry the Christmas Spirit of love and good will towards others for a longer time! Merry Christmas!









Area Church Schedules

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL

6th and Roundup · 892-2446 The Rev. Evelyn Weaver The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 2020 Vista St · 892-4767

Paul Howard, Pastor Sunday Schedule: Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m. Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

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

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

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

Pastor Stephen Carson Associate Pastor Chad McCord Worship Pastor Ashton Rone Sunday Worship: 8, 9:15, or 10:30am

> **FIRST BAPTIST** 807 8th Ave. 892-4178

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

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Newell 605-456-2767 Worship: 9 a.m. Wednesday afternoon children's tir during the school year, 3:45-5:15 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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605-456-2544 Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am Sunday School: 9am Youth Group (Age 13-18): Wednesdays 6pm

NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF **CHRIST**

5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167 Calvin Chapman - Int. Minister Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN **CHURCH**

10959 Kellem Lane, Spearfish Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM **NISLAND INDEPENDENT**

COMMUNITY CHURCH On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356 Pastor Doug Clark Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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

RANGELAND MINISTRIES **CHURCH**

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

BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY 1/2 Mile east on Hwy 34 · 210-1374 Kenny Riley, pastor

Sunday: 1 p.m. Friday: 7:30 p.m.
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NORTHERN HILLS 120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish 605-642-0924

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Msgr Michael Woster, Pastor Fr. Zane Pekron Assoc. Pastor Mass Times Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Monday 5:15 p.m. followed by ad ation, Benediction at 7:00 Wednesday 12:15 p.m. First Friday Mass 8:00 a.m. Confessions Sunday 8:15 a.m.

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Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Kidz Church Immediately Following Wednesday: September - May 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1403 5th Ave, Belle Plaza

(605) 723-1651 Pastor McKillop (605) 840-0554 Sunday: 9am Sunday School and Bible Class, 10am Worship Advent worship services will be Wed. Dec. 15 at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve program 6:00 p.m.

No Christmas Day worship service. **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor Sheri Fadley 1804 7th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-892-2405 Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am VBS, Small Groups & Studies schedule online at

www.bellefourcheumc.com VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY

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Christmas Eve Friday, December 24th Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Joseph Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Paul Mass at 9:00 pm at St. Joseph

Christmas Day Saturday, December 25th Mass at 8:00 am at St. Joseph Mass at 9:30 am at St. Paul Mass at 10:00 am at St. Joseph

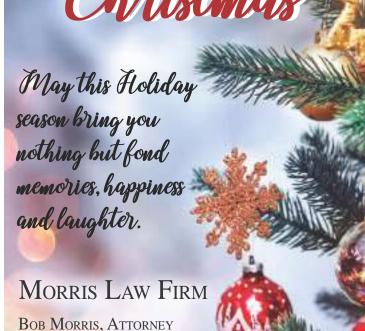
Sunday Mass Sunday, December 26th & January 2nd Mass at 8:00 am at St. Joseph Mass at 9:30 am at St. Paul

Mass at 10:00 am at St. Joseph

Friday, December 31st Mass at 8:30 pm at St. Joseph Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Paul

Saturday, January 1st Mass at 9:00 am at St. Joseph





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Monument Health thanked local residents for their seven years of service on the Spearfish-Belle Fourche market Community Advisory Council at the December meeting held recently. Pictured left to right are Dr. Christopher Gasbarre, continuing board member, Fred Romkema, Spearfish, LaVern Bills, Belle Fourche, Stacey Raisanen, Belle Fourche, and Thomas Worley market President and Spearfish Hospital CEO. Not pictured are Kirk Easton and Dr. Loren Jones both of Spearfish. Romkema and Bills have served Monument Health (formerly Regional Health) on various boards for over ten years and twenty years respectively. New members from each community will be seated beginning early in 2022. Courtesy Photo

Marine Recruit Loki Larive Receives SD Flag

VFW Post 3312 in Belle Fourche presents a South Dakota state Flag to Loki Larive of Belle Fourche.

Loki is a 2021 graduate of Belle Fourche High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. His occupational specialty will be in the Logistics field of operations.

He departed for Marine Corps Recruit Training (Boot Camp) on 28 November, 2021 in San Diego, CA, where he will attend his initial 13 weeks of training. From that point, he will move on to the School of Infantry then to his Military Occupational School before arriving at his unit of assignment.

(Wm. Blaine Anderson, VFW Post 3312 Quartermas-

"All veterans' organizations understand the importance of not only serving your country, but also remembering your



point of origin as well. Once Loki arrives at his unit of assignment, he will have a piece of South Dakota to take with him anywhere his adventures take him. Post 3312 is proud to send new service members with a small part of their home

state."

For more information on how vou can help serve Service Members, Veterans and your community through VFW Post 3312, contact Wm. Blaine Anderson at 605 210 0172 or Nathan Juelfs at 605 641 0849.

Leading the Bronc Cheers!



Leading the cheers this 2021-2022 for Bronc Basketball are: From left: Manager Lucy Merjil, Kiana Tingley, Miryah Lundin, Ella Carlson, Bottom row: Baylee Clendening, Naveah Balderas, Amiyah Gomez. Cheerleader adviser is Michaela Hallam. Courtesy Photo

Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center opens its Gingerbread Village

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center has its Gingerbread Village in place and ready for visitation.

The original Gingerbread Village was a gift to the Tri-State from Johanna Meier of Spearfish, who exhibited it in her Doll Museum. It is put up each year at holiday time and additional houses and décor items have been added to the original collection.

Children who visit the Gingerbread Village will enjoy a scavenger hunt and may enter a drawing for a book to be given away this week. There is no admission charge to visit the village, which is set up in the Visitor Center. The exhibit will be in place until Christmas.



Johanna Meier personally visited the Gingerbread Village earlier this month. - Courtesy Photo

the dollar.

Belle Fourche Ministerial Association Helps Meet Practical Needs

PASTOR TIM SMITH

Special to the Beacon With the Holiday seasons coming upon us, we want to remind you of a local charity that is in place to assist local families who are facing challenges. The Belle Fourche area churches have banded together to form a Ministerial Association. The Belle Fourche Ministerial Association formed many years ago, and they've been instrumental in meeting many practical needs of our area families. One of the ways that the Ministerial helps is to provide a benevolence ministry. Funds are made available to assist with emergencies, whether it is assisting with gas money to help families in need get to the Doctor, or help families cover overdue utility bills.

Sometimes, life is filled with challenges that get to be a bit much, and the Ministerial seeks to help out when they can, and when funds are available. Our local Compassion Cupboard is an outreach of our area churches. It is located at 522 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche. Families can come in once a month, and the Cupboard has basic staples, and each family receives everything from canned goods, to frozen meat, and some basic

Throughout the year, donations are provided through canned food drives, purchases that are made with Ministerial funds at local grocery stores, and through Feeding South Dakota, where the Ministerial is able to purchase food for pennies on

From the week before Thanksgiving, until the week before Christmas the Ministerial sponsored Bell Ringing at Lynn's Dakotamart, Lueder's, and Runnings. All the money that was donated through Bell Ringing stays local. However, if you missed them during this holiday season, you can still donate through dropping a check or donation at one of the

passion Cupboard. Truly, the Compassion Cupboard, as well as the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association are ministries that purposes to assist our local families when

area churches, or by mailing it

to the Belle Fourche Ministerial

Association PO Box 242, Belle

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Compassion Cupboard 522 5th Avenue (US Hwy 85)

in need. In seeking to fulfill the Great Commandment of Scripture, (i.e. to love our neighbors as ourself) we purpose to be there when we can, to assist our community with needs that they

might have. If you are looking for a charity that meets local needs, please consider the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association, PO

A Compassionate and Caring Community

MARGARET BOLTE Special to the Beacon

Editor's note: This essay was recognized as Best In Show - Feature Story by South Dakota State Fair - Literature Category - Huron, South Dakota for September 2021.

There is a corner building located off a main highway and a side street in this small, rural, town in northwestern South Dakota. The sign in the large front window of this building reads "Compassion Cupboard. Hours: Tues. 9-12 am. and Thurs. 2-6 pm."

As you walk in the front door, you enter a small grocery store. There are two aisles with shelving in the center of this establishment displaying groceries: boxes of cereal, packages of flour, salt, and sugar. The shelving along the walls contained canned goods such as beans, fruit,

and soup and bagged rice and pasta. On one far wall, there is a rack containing toilet paper, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. There is a refrigerator that stores eggs and margarine and a freezer with meat products and baked goods.

This place is more than just a food pantry. It is an active community service fulfilling a vital need. Donations of food products and monetary contributions come from local churches and community members. There is no cost for families, couples, and individuals to utilize the Compassion Cupboard. People from all walks of life use this service all year long.

Everyone is welcome. The middle age man, wearing a cap and a denim jacket, walks

in with two pre-teen children. He shared with us that he was recently laid off from his construction job. He never thought he would need to use our food pantry. After he obtains several bags of food, we hear him say, "Once I am working again, I would like to donate back to the Compassion Cupboard." The two young daughters smile as they leave and say "thank you."

The older lady comes in walking slowly. Her gray hair is in a ponytail and she is wearing a long overcoat. Every step she takes is made carefully with her cane. She shared that the high cost of medications that she needs make it difficult to shop at the grocery store. The food she gets from the food pantry helps her so much. We ask her if she would like flour? She replies, "I don't need flour but I could use sugar; and, yes, I can use ground beef." Several times tells us, "you are a blessing".

A man with a backpack opens the door and walks in. The dark haired, bearded, young man was very thin and wearing a long sleeve shirt and faded jeans. His dark eyes were wide open with curiosity. He stated that he is hitch hiking through town and saw our sign in the window.

"Could I have some food, please" he asks. "I can only take items that need no refrigeration (non-perishable), for I am living under a highway overpass near the park in town." Volunteers assist him in placing canned goods in bags and provide him with personal toiletries that he placed in his backpack. He spoke softly and thanked us. He quietly left just as quietly as he came in.

There is a lady, middle age, who visits the Compassion

Cupboard intermittently. She is unique in that she is deaf and mute. Communication with her is a challenge. On this visit, she grabs a grocery cart and demands her independence by selecting her own items. At times she is very forward and aggressive; we place her items in plastic bags. We give her space and treat her with respect. She is allowed to take the food she chooses; after all, she deals with her own challenge(s) everyday.

One day a young lady with three children enters and says that she ran out of food stamps and it will be a few weeks before she can buy food. She is welcome to take what she needs. Her two girls around the age of 9 and 10 are delighted to push the grocery cart; for them it is a shopping spree at a grocery store. The kids enjoy selecting a box of cereal and getting a jar of peanut butter. The quiet mother holds on to a baby boy in her arms. Upon leaving, she remarks, "I am so glad you are here for my family.

The Lord provides. The pantry ran out of boxes of instant mashed potatoes. An hour later, a man comes in and donates six bags containing several potatoes in each bag. The man says he tries to donate to the Compassion Cupboard when he can and thought the potatoes would benefit a few families.

Two men come in with a donation of fresh eggs; 15 dozen eggs taken from their farm were given to the pantry. One of the men asked if we had empty egg cartons; as they periodically have extra eggs to donate. No empty egg cartons were found. The rancher said that they will be back in a few days



The Ministerial Association and volunteers work to keep the shelves stocked with necessity items at the Compassion Cupboard building at 522 Fifth Avenue. Courtesy Photo

o check if we receive any empty cartons. A couple hours later, another rancher came in and asked if we could use egg cartons. He was carrying twenty empty cartons. Talk about excellent timing!

The same day, as we were stocking the shelves, we noticed we were out of boxes of pancake mix. After looking in the backroom several times, a volunteer noticed a box placed in a lower shelf in a corner. The carton contained 12 boxes of pancake mix.

Christ said, "Feed my sheep." Compassion Cupboard is a community gift to those in need. A gift from the people of

the community to the families in the community. A caring and compassionate service located in this small corner building in a small town.

Due to the pandemic, Compassion Cupboard has implemented safety measures and continue to provide essential items to families in our community. Grocery carts are filled with pre-bagged groceries to give out to community residents when they visit the pantry. Volunteers wear face masks. The shelves remain full at Compassion Cupboard, where everyone is welcome.

Broncs Boys Top Sturgis, Win Two in Stateline Shootout

JIM TRIMBLE

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The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys Basketball team got a big win in Belle Fourche on Tuesday night in Belle Fourche defeating the Scoopers by a 48-32 margins. Both teams found the hoop hard to find in the first quarter but Belle would find a way to take a 12-8 lead at the end of one. Broncs point guard Anthony Budmayr got in early foul trouble and had to set the bench for the remainder of the first half. The Broncs were able to push the lead to 22-14 at halftime.

Budmayr, the junior point guard would return in the second half and hit two three pointers and another jumper and the Bronc defense clamped down only allowing 5 points for Sturgis in the quarter and Belle led 35-19 after three quarters. Both

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teams played an even final quarter as the Broncs prevailed with the 16 point victory.

Anthony Budmayr led Belle with 13 points and Ryker Audiss added 11. Aiden Giffin led the Broncs in rebounding with 7 clears while Gabe Heck and Anthony Staley had 6 clears apiece.

"We were very sound defensively the whole game. Our balance offensively was good as we have a number of players that are stepping up and keeping the opponents off balance," said head coach Clay Pottorrf. In the JV game the Broncs were victorious in a hard fought 53-49 score. Jayden Sechser poured in 20 points for Belle while Jet Jenson and Nolan Wahlfeldt chipped in with 12

In the C game Sturgis had their way with the little Broncs pulling away with a 70-32 win. Carter McKenna and Harvey Walding led Belle with 8 points apiece.

On Friday and Saturday the Broncs played in the Stateline Shootout held in Lead. In the Friday contest Belle dropped the Newcastle Doggies 64-53. Belle led at all quarter stops. Broncs Senior swingman Aiden Giffin led all scorers with 20 points while teammates Anthony Budmayr and Ryker Audiss notched 10 each.

In Saturday's matchup Belle overcame a poor first quarter to defeat Newcastle 46-43 in overtime. Giffin knocked in 17 points and Budmayr added 10 in the victory. The Broncs now 3-1 on the year next action will be at perennial power St. Thomas More in Rapid City on January 4th.

Lady Broncs Girls Basketball Pick Up 3 Wins

JIM TRIMBLE news@bellefourchebeacon.com

After two early losses the Lady Broncs won three games in last week's action. On Tuesday the Broncs dropped Sturgis 40-28 and then won both games in the Stateline Shootout in Lead beating Newcastle 58-54 on Friday night before defeating Sundance 47-24 on Saturday. Against Sturgis, both teams had trouble finding the hoop in the first half as tight defense, turnovers, and cold shooting prevailed. Sturgis jumped out to a 13-6 first quarter lead, but Belle would rally to take a 19-14 lead at halftime.

Junior guard Lily McCarty started the second half with two three pointers and hit a pair of free throws along with Grace Clooten and Mataya Ward buckets and the Broncs extended the lead to 33-16 after three periods. Sturgis made a short run in the last quarter outscoring Belle 12-7, but the lead was too much to overcome and the Broncs held on for the win. McCarty led the Ladies with 10 points. Clooten, Ward and Tia Williamson each added 7.

"It's always good to get that first win. We played good defense. We weren't patient on offense in the first half but settled in and moved the ball much better in the second half," commented head coach Bill Burr after the win.

In the JV game the Broncs remained undefeated as they notched a 45-40 win over the Scoopers. Mataya Ward led the attack with 16 counters and Sloan Young added 11, with Grace Clooten and Reece Larson dropping in 8 and 7 points

respectively. In the C game the Broncs little ladies made it a sweep over the Scoopers as they came away with a 40-35 victory. Peyton Staley had 13 points to pace Belle with Kailey Nowowiejski scoring 8 and Anika Main 7. The Ladies also took part in the Stateline Shootout held in Lead. On Friday night Belle slipped by Newcastle 58-54.

The Broncs placed 4 girls in double figures with Dylan Stedillie leading the way with 17 points. Grace Clooten had 14 counters, Chloe Crago 12, and Kaylin Garza 10. On Saturday the Broncs held Sundance scoreless in the first quarter and never looked back as they cruised to a 47-24 victory. Stedillie again paced Belle with 10 points with Tia Williamson and Mataya Ward chipping in 7 points each.

The Broncs now 3-2 on the season travel to Wall on December 21st to take on the take on the Lady Eagles.

Basketball Photos begin A6



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End of Season Volleyball Awards



left to right: Mataya Ward (sophomore), Selected for all conference, all state honorable mention and voted most valuable offensive player by team; Dylan Stedillie (junior) all conference honorable mention; Chloe Crago (junior) all conference honorable mention and voted most valuable defensive player; Coach Schlichtemeier; Adryanna Hovland (junior) voted most improved player; Allison Labrier (senior) voted the Bronc Spirit Award; Kaylin Garza (senior) All conference and voted MVP by team; McKenzie Lyons (senior) received all state academic award (played for at least 3 years and maintained 3.5 gpa). Laurie Ward Courtesy Photo

Lady Broncs Basketball in Action

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21 Chloe Crago



27 Kaylin Garza



3 Lily McCarty



11 Tia Williamson



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Belle Fourche Broncs **Broadcast Schedule**

Fri. December 17th Stateline Shootout @ Lead Boys & Girls Times TBD Sat. December 18th Stateline Shootout @ Lead Boys & Girls Times TBD

JANUARY 2021

Fri, Jan. 1, 2021 Wall @ BF Girls at 2:30PM

NE WY High School BB Broadcast Schedule

Thursday, December 17,

Glenrock @ Moorcroft Boys & Girls at 5PM & 6:30PM

Friday, December 18, 2020 Belle Fourche @ Sundance Boys & Girls at 5PM & 6:30PM

Saturday, December 19, 2020

Belle Fourche @ Upton Boys & Girls at 11 AM & 12:30 PM

JANUARY 2021

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 Hulett @ Wright Boys & Girls at 4:30PM & 6PM

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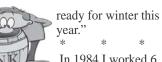
By: Doug Cole

Come to "Christmas in Belle Fourche" was a 2021 Holiday highlight.

The Polar Express conductor, Santa Claus and the Grinch were all on hand to the delight of young and old.

The business involved with Come to Christmas and the Polar Express rides wanted to thank the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater for the use of their wingback chair?

Yesterday, December 21 was the first day of Winter 2021. I'd agree with many I've heard comment, "it doesn't seem like Christmas already, and I'm not



In 1984 I worked 6 months in Washington, DC. They were

having a warm winter. I flew back to South Dakota in January for the legislative session.

It was 72 degrees in DC when I got on the plance and -7 in Sioux Falls when I landed that same

I was cold all winter and never did warm up. With our recent cold snap I've been feeling that same way this year. Just can't seem to get used to anything

Merry Christmas from the Beacon! Wishing you happiness and God's Blessings!





Upcoming BF Chamber Schedule:

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve - Office closed

Dec 25th Merry Christmas! - Office Closed

Dec. 27th- Rush Hockey Night Dec. 29th- Rush Hockey Night

Dec. 31st- New Year's Eve - Office Closed

Dec. 31st- Rush Hockey Night



Getting to Know your Belle Silver Linings Center

Greetings from your Belle Silver Lining Senior Center. Just a short note to let you know that we are hosting a New Year's eve dance from 6:00PM till? There is a slight chance, very slight chance of

dancing in the new year.

Music will be provided by Shawn Hight and non alcoholic beverages will be available. Come on down

and bring a pair of happy feet! There has been a slight delay on the thrift shop opening. It now scheduled for 4/Jan/22. It will be 8 rooms with each room featuring a different de-partment product. Glassware to baby

clothes, we have it all. Stop in and browse our selections. 828 Kingsbury Street, Belle Fourche. 605/892/6285. Looking forward to seeing you.

Getting to know your Silver Linings Board Members

My name is Marce Hobbs, My husband Sam and I moved here in 2013 from Powell Wyoming. We have 3 daughters and 2 sweet granddaughters, and we will be blessed in April with a grandson. Our youngest Aubrie, is a Junior at BFHS. I have been a florist, and interior designer for the last 21 years. I am currently



a part of the talented team at Belle Flower. I am so excited to be a part of Silver Linings Senior Center. It is such a fantastic organization, that has so much to offer all ages in our community. I am grateful to have the opportunity to contribute my creativity and energy, to the incredible, hard working team at Silver Linings! I look forward to meeting the young at heart, treasured seniors, and new friends in our community as well.

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Belle Silver Linings Senior Center Weekly Menu

December 22 Smoked Sausage w/Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potatoes **Glazed Carrots Brownies**

December 23 Pieapple chicken w/rice Egg roll Veggie Medley Blueberry muffin

December 24 Broccolli Macaroni Cheese Bake Garden Salad w/egg Roll Sugar Cookies

Christmas! Chef's Choice



December 25 | December 26 Veggie Beef Soup Garden Salad Garlic Knot Fruit

December 27 Pork Chops In Mushroom Gravy **Butter & Parsley** Noodles Peas / Roll Peanutbutter kiss

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December 28 | December 29 Chicken Noodle Soup Baked Broccoli Buscuit Fruit

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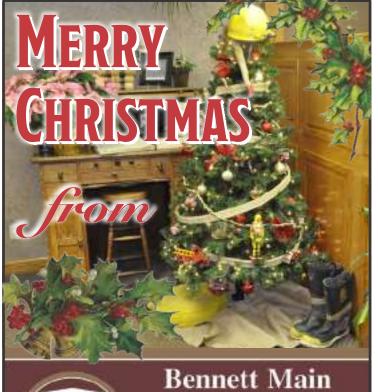
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Col. Rick Miller, superintendent of the Highway Patrol, said those who are traveling need to focus on their driving first and think about holiday activities

"It is easy to get distracted with everything that happens during this season, but if you want to make this time memorable for all the right reasons, you need to focus on your

driving when you travel," he said. "Please remember to slow down, pay attention, drive sober and wear a seat belt."

The Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies also are participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign that runs now through Jan. 1. The project focuses on keeping impaired drivers off roadways. In South Dakota, the campaign is sponsored by the Office of Highway Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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https://sd511.org/ The Highway Patrol and Office of Highway Safety are agencies of the Department of Public Safety.

Make Safe Driving a Priority During the Holidays





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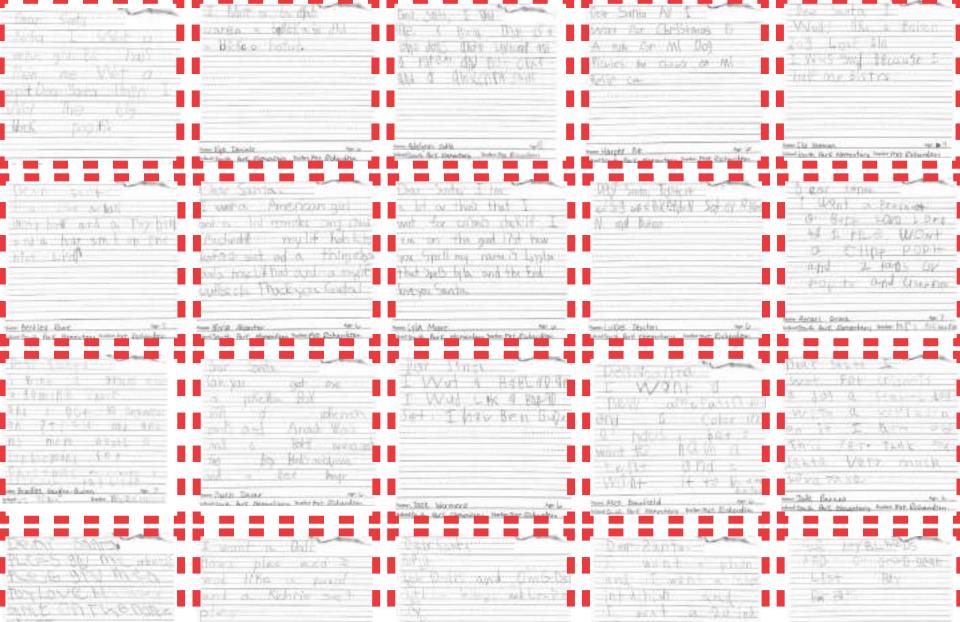








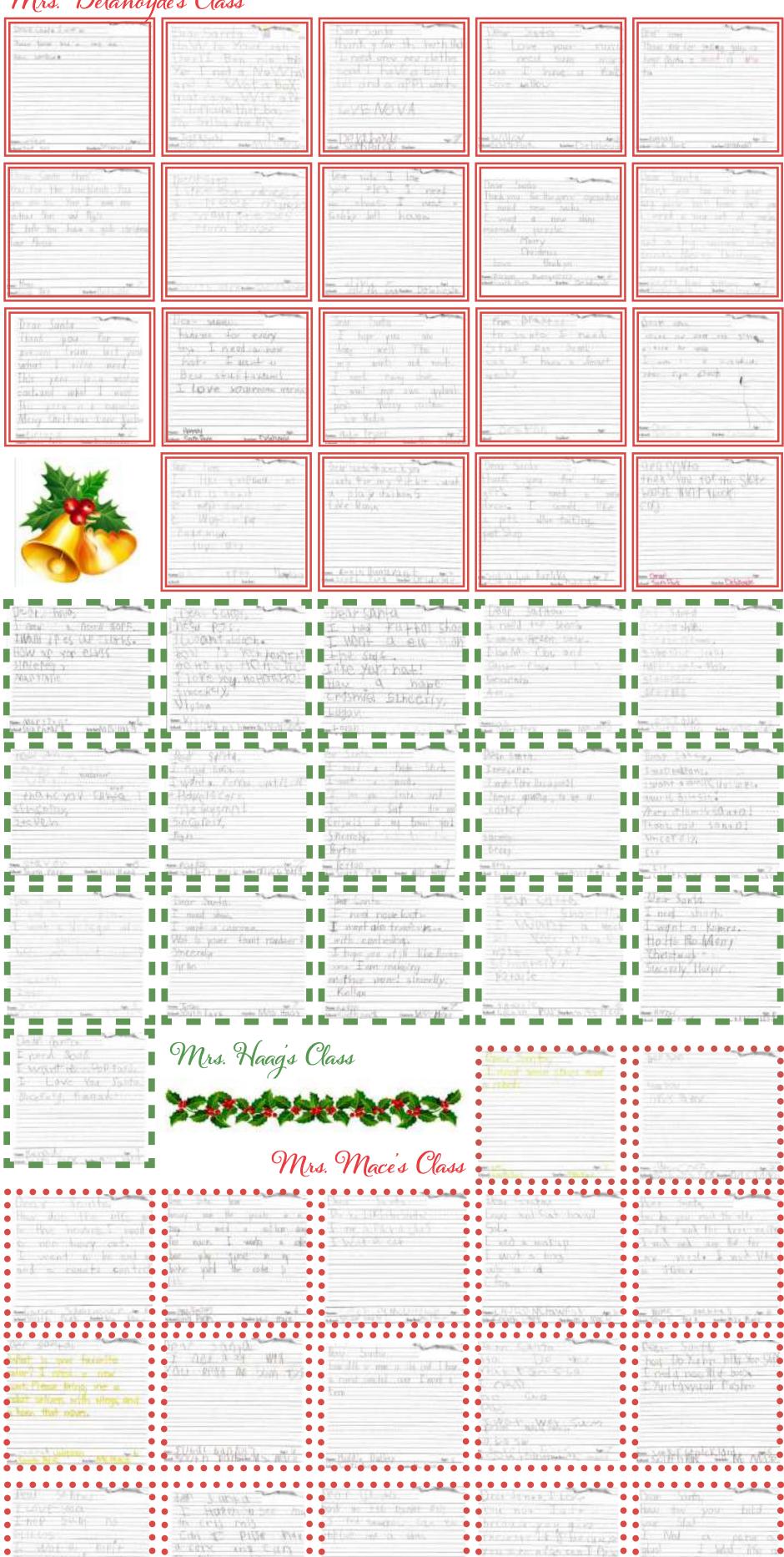




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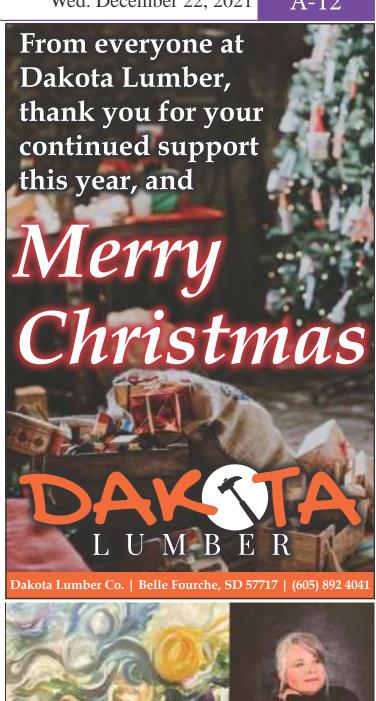




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Feeder Lambs Sold Steady To \$7 Lower For The Last Sale Of 2021 Slaughter Ewes Hit A New Top Again This Week At \$10 To \$20 Higher

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Next Sale - January 6th - Regular Sale - 1 PM Thank You For Your Business! Feeder Lambs

Jay, Leon, Hulett WY. .69.... \$310.00 .52Lamb .. Jay, Leon, Hulett WY165..Lamb..... .86.... \$301.00 Capp Brothers, Nisland SD... 58Lamb. .84.... \$292.00 Britain, Kelly, Powder River WY.. 15....l amb .78.... \$289.00 Davis, Marlene, Belle Fourche SD. .6.....Lamb 75.... \$289.00 Harrison, Richard Or Stacy, Fruitdale SD36Lamb .. .76.... \$309.00 March, Tiegen, Miles City MTLamb83.... \$293.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head Humble, Casey, Mud Butte SD......111...2-3vr.................174... \$325.00

Slaughter Ewes Britain, Kelly, Powder River WY.... ..9Ewes Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD.. Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD13Ewes Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD....... ..5Ewes Moore Ranch & Livestock LLC, Midwest WY.......7 Ewes...... 172.. \$187.00 Moore Ranch & Livestock LLC, Midwest WY.......10 ... Ewes...... 147.. \$177.00 Moore Ranch & Livestock LLC, Midwest WY.......12 ... Ewes...... 139.. \$163.00 Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD11Ewes170.. \$187.00 Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD6Ewes Ward, Cassidy, Meadow SD......11Ewes ... X-X Ranch, Ludlow SD74Ewes .. X-X Ranch, Ludlow SD.. .46....Ewes ..

X-X Ranch, Ludlow SD6.....Ewes .. . 145.. \$163.00 Slaughter Bucks Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD..7Bucks ... Lauing, Denny & Dorris, Sturgis SD......4....Bucks.....

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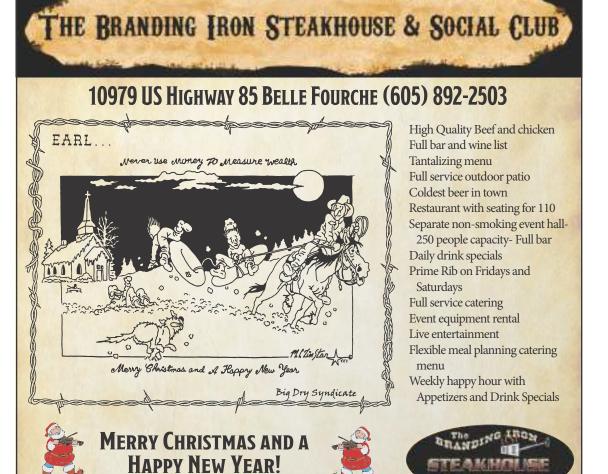
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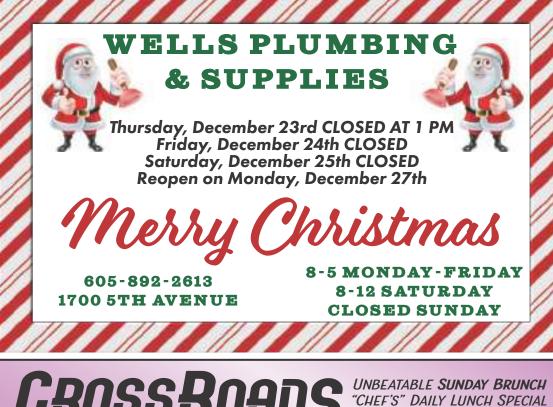
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Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.

There's not much to add to this one. The author has not been identified.

Dear Children,

Christmas Letter from Jesus 1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of It has come to my attention that many of you are love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. Maybe you've forgotten that I wasn't actually terribly afraid, and lonely this time of year. I know,

they tell Me all the time.

someone cares about them.

will be nice to hear from you again.)

remind them that I love them.

forgive them.

(although I do appreciate being remembered anytime). How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE

born during this time of the year and that it was some

birthday on what was actually a time of pagan festival

of your predecessors who decided to celebrate My

ANOTHER. Now, having said that, let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town you live in doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that, there wouldn't be a need for such a scene on the town square because there would be so many of them

Stop worrying about people calling the tree a Holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. I made all the trees. You can remember Me any time you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish. (I actually spoke of that one in a teaching explaining who I am in relation to you, and what each of our tasks were. If you have

forgotten that one, look up John 15:1-8.)

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of

My birth, here is My wish list.

attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile. It could make the difference. Also, you might consider supporting the local Hotline: they talk with people like that every day.

2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have

to know them personally. They just need to know that

3. Instead of writing your President complaining

about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this

year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be

praying for him and his family? Then follow up. (It

Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to

live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and

5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and

6. Did you know that someone in your town will

4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you

can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them.

7. Instead of nit-picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind

word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas," that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families.

8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary — especially one who takes My love and good news to those who have never heard My name. You may already know someone like that.

9. Here's a good one. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them (and I suspect you don't) buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the Marines, Salvation Army or some other charity and they will make the delivery for you.

10. Finally if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of Mine.

Have a truly Merry Christmas,

P. S. Don't forget — I am God, and can take care of Myself. You don't have to protect or defend me. Just love Me, mind your own business, and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest.





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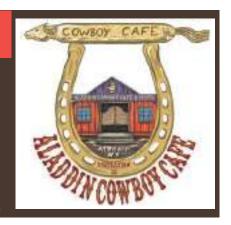
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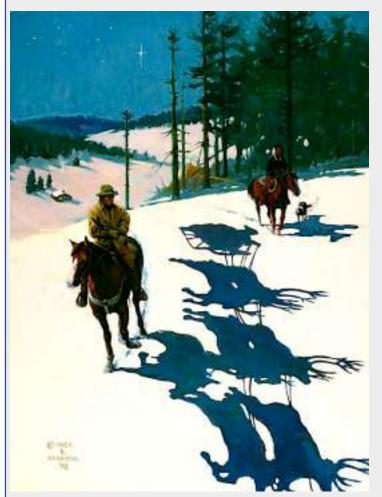


I had my uncle's hired hand, his son and their dog pose for this on a hot day in

Wintercoats and all, they patiently accommodated my directions until I got what I

I stood on the roof of an old calf barn for the right angle. The reindeer shadows came from a privately owned local herd near Belle Fourche.

This first appeared as a cover for Today's Horse magazine and has since become my annual Christmas greeting. Have a very Merry Christmas!



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Have a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year!



from the staff at Highmark: **Dallerie Neff, Dawn Pilster, Sascha Schulze, Raysha Newell, Vicky Thiel**





The BFMS Winter Concert entertained a packed house of community, family, and friends on Monday, December 13th in the Belle Fourche Rec Center. Sixth through eighth grade band and chorus groups performed holiday favorites. Chorus director, Karlee Gusso, band director Rebecca Fahy, and accompanist, Darla Meyer, led the students in the evening's program. Principal Kevin Smidt also joined in the fun. *Courtesy Photos*



8th Grade Choir: Ysabelle Angeles, Shantell Benson, Nathan Bowers, Hunter Brown, Riley Dighton, Ryan Evans, Malachi Funk, Adelae Grusing, Reagan Hatling, Adeline Hayes, Dierks Hayworth, Sidney Hendricks, Javlynn Hess, Ashtyn Hight, Trinity Hostetter, Garet Huston, Jakera Jones, Emma Juelfs, Baxter Kayras, Brooklynn Kelley, Tyson Kracht, Leah Lambert, Aurora Larive, Denali Larson, Wynter Liggett, Journee Littleton, Mandi Mitchell, Jaedyn Moore, Atlee Olson, Jazlyn Olson, Chloe Pick, Alexis Pickett, Izaac Runyan, Janessa Sechser, Rylan Stedillie, Isabel Svetcoff, Julie Swanson, Trista Tefre, Timothy Thompson, Lily Tippmann, Owen Walding, Kate Williamson



7th Grade Choir: Elsie Adams, Omara Avalos, Denali Biegert, EC Blair, Mya Bush, Micah Canfield, Michaela Carlson, Tacen Carr, Madisyn Carson, Sonja Cropper, Conner Crowser, Madison Dalton, Misty Drieling, Ophellia Grusing, Iva Hale, Tace Harman, MJ Haywort, Bryn Hockenbary, Alexis Jewett, Taliyah Johnson, Kora Knapp, Blayde Krul, Lucila Merjil, Aubri Moody, Alexis Overweg, Riley Owen, Gabriel Raba, Vivienne Riesland, Casen Schmidt, Elliot Schreder, Aidan Schulze, Ember Shannon, Evelyn Stearns Austey Stiefvater, Olivia Sutter, Ian Voyles, Logan Willert, Kaylyn Wolf, &Kylie Wright.







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My Christmas Poem

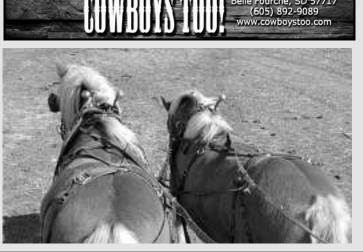
Wow! Christmas is almost here! Amazing how time flies. Out here on the prairie we had a little early snow that melted off and other than the date on the calendar you would be hard pressed to prove it is late December. We have short green grass, something we lacked all summer and much of last spring. Tho' we have had some cooler weather, all in all it has been real nice. Sure is a great time for a drought and a heat wave. And I just saw one prediction today saying it should stay like this until the end of the month. I will take it.

We have been to one Christmas concert with a grandchild with a couple more coming up. I get real tired of the commercialization of this season so am usually pretty bah humbug until Christmas Eve at least. But seeing all those cute little kids all dressed up and playing their instruments and singing Christmas songs got my Christmas spirit fired up.

Most years I write a Christmas poem and after about so many years it is hard to come up with anything original. A buddy who does similar sent his the other day and after reading it, I got inspired. So here is this years'.

When I write my Christmas poem Usually I write about a guy Who lives not far from Nome I had started this dang thing At least a couple of times But I always seemed to quit When I couldn't make good rhymes Or the subject matter ran away Got twisted and perverse I just couldn't share such balderdash In a simple rhyme and verse And just how many different ways Are there to send the seasons greeting And as busy as most people are My greeting seems kind of fleeting And so this year I've devised a plan That should really raise a cheer I ain't writing a Christmas poem at all But one about Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!



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Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

news@bellefourchebeacon.com It sure feels like winter. The week started out pretty nice, but by Wednesday it turned to winter with the snow storm and terrible wind we had that

Casey and Taz butchered another beef Monday morning. Reub listened to the weather so we went down and cut up more firewood to fill the entry before the cold set in. Taz went to his carpenter job near Reeder and Trig came home from college that evening.

Taz and Trig went back to the carpenter job on Tuesday and Casey helped Bill Holt move his cows home from the Grinde place. Missy, Amanda and the kids went to Rapid City and Copper got her ears pierced. The weather was beautiful that day, 59 degrees with no wind, so I took another long walk across the prairie. I didn't find any more artifacts, but brought home more petrified wood. We're getting blamed for global warming and climate change, but before there was anyone living around here, there were huge forests and warm, wet weather. At one time this area was under water and sea fossils can be found all over the top of the Slim Buttes and we're to blame for climate change? I don't think so! We used to call it weather and it changed every day.

The weather sure changed on Wednesday when Reub and I went to Bowman to get another bushing for the meat grinder that Clay Titus made for us at Randy's Welding. The wind was howling that day and it was snowing hard in Bowman when we left for Hettinger. We picked up some stuff in Hettinger and got a birthday present for Copper because Copper and Grandpa Reub shared a birthday that day. It was snowing and blowing so hard we could hardly see the road coming home, but at least we didn't get blown off the road. Taz and Trig were working on the carpenter

job that day and I'll bet that was fun!

Taz and Amanda invited us down for a delicious pancake and sausage supper to celebrate the mutual birthday of Copper

and Reub Wednesday evening. RonE and Starla Jenson; Jace, Kami and Keen Jenson; Casey, Missy and Trig came to help Copper and Reub celebrate their birthdays and we had some good visits.

I went to Sturgis for the funeral of our old friend, Jimmie Donohue on Thursday and got to visit with a lot of friends and neighbors. I found an old story from the Bison Courier that I intended to take to Marie (Thybo) Donohue, but I forgot it at home so I'll have to mail it to her. The story about the death of Mrs. Otis Tie in the Slim Buttes in 1888 was written in 1940 by the old 1902 cowboy, Fred Jennewein, who ran the old Museum in Bison that was built by my great grandfather, Carl Hallan. Fred got his information from Marie Donohue's grandfather and 1902 cowboy, Andrew Thybo. Andrew got the details from Bill Rambaugh in Reeder, who helped to find Mrs. Tie after she died in a blizzard just north of Reva Gap.

I got home from the funeral in time for the South Dakota Stockgrowers meeting at the Reva Hall that evening. Bill Kluck, the Stockgrowers Private Property Committee Chairman, gave a private property issue update. Rep. Trish Ladner (Dist. 30) and Sen. Jessica Castleberry (Dist. 35) explained the grassland tax relief bill they will be bringing to the South Dakota Legislature in January. It's an act to provide for the assessment of certain agricultural land as non-cropland. Regardless of what your soil classification is, if your land has been used for grazing for the last 20 years and is 1,950 feet above sea-level, you will only be taxed as grazing and not cropland. The Stockgrowers also showed a video of Margaret Byfield, Executive Director

of American Stewards, addressing the Biden 30x30 Land Grab, which is really scary! Steve Haugaard is running for governor in South Dakota, Bruce Whalen is running for US Senate and both of them gave short talks after the meeting letting us know what they stand for.

Teri Dee had Karen and Fred Smith come over and get our basement in good shape for Christmas when lots of our family will be coming home. They did a great job and sure saved us a lot of work. The weather cooled off again on Friday. It was 18 degrees when we woke up that morning and -2 degrees when we went to bed. That afternoon Taz joined a bunch of other cowboys to drive to the rodeo in Denver, CO, and Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Hot Springs for the tournament Saturday morning.

Amanda went to a craft fair in Deadwood on Saturday. It was really cold when we woke up Saturday morning with the temperature at -13 degrees. There wasn't much wind though, and it warmed up in the afternoon.

It was warm on Sunday for the Slim Buttes Lutheran Sunday school Christmas program that morning. There was a delicious potluck dinner after the pro-

Lisa Voss sent me this: It's a romantic full moon, when Pedro said, "Hey, mamacita, let's do Weeweechu."

"Oh no, not now, let's look at the moon!" said Rosita.

"Oh, c'mon baby, let's you and I do Weeweechu. I love you and it's the perfect time," Pedro begged.

"But I wanna just hold your hand and watch the moon." replied Rosita.

"Please, corazoncito, just once, do Weeweechu with me." Rosita looked at Pedro and said, "OK, one time, we'll do Weeweechu.'

Pedro grabbed his guitar and they both sang..... "Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.."

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



KAREN ODELL

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We got some Christmas snow at last. It was not a lot at Capitol and on Tie Creek, but we got a little more for the next two days, too, and every little bit of moisture helps to keep the dust down. It seems very strange to worry about dust at Christmas time in our part of the country. The terrible tornadoes missed this area, but we have heard of terrible destruction

in huge areas of many states. Dick and Erma Albert spent Thursday in the Hills shopping. They went to the Senior Citizen Dinner on Friday and Bobbie had a wonderful big Christmas dinner for all of them. Erma stayed to play cards afterward. On Sunday, they went to the Catholic mass and stayed afterward to help do the Christmas decorating. Then they had lunch at Saloon Number Three with John and Carol Helms.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson enjoyed a Tuesday at the dentist in Belle Fourche. On Thursday, Lynn went to Pete Anderson's to have coffee with Dixie Garr. Bruce and Lynn went to church at Little Missouri on Sunday, and Pete and Dixie went in to Camp Crook to the Methodist Church. Lynn has been keeping track of the Alabama football winning team. She gets a little nervous, and prefers to tape the games and watch them later.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum took Junior and Shirley Melum to the children's Christmas program at the First Baptist Church in Baker on Sunday. Tommy played guitar for a special number and there were lots of talented children playing

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mandolin, violin and other in-

struments. Rachel's sister-in-law, Jessica Kalbach gives violin lessons to some of the children. As usual, the children's program was great. It seems that kids can make any program even better. The adult choir had a special Christmas number

during the regular church service, too. After church, the Melums went to have dinner at the home of the Waterland family, in Baker. Tommy is on Christmas vacation, and will not have school for awhile. Shirley talked to her daughter, Bertha, who mentioned that Manhattan, Kansas was without electricity after tornadoes went through the area. Manhattan was not in the direct path of the storm, but the power plant was.

Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to Buffalo for the school Christmas concert on Monday evening. Bryce went to help Tom Brewer work cattle on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Helen Stevens and Dawn Padden had lunch at Blossom and Brew in Buffalo after Helen had her hair done. Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went back to Buffalo on Thursday for the boys and girls JV and varsity basketball games with Timber Lake. Since Bryce went to call coyotes on Saturday, Dawn called Dorothy and they had a little drive through the cows, and to check water. They enjoyed doing the chores together. Dawn is looking forward to Christmas with her mom and sisters, where the theme this year is going to be 'black tie and formals'. Sounds quite interesting to me, and I'm wondering if the ball room will be up in the Chalk Buttes.

It was mostly quiet around the Odell Ranch this week. Charlie inspected cows for Tom brewer on Tuesday; Justin Kerr on Thursday, and Tim Schell on Friday. He got some Christmas lights put up outside and put up the tree. Karen did some ceiling work, wrote some music, and practiced some Christmas songs on piano and violin. Amanda texted that Jeff Odell was honored with an official ceremony for his rank as Major in the army. On Friday, Cody texted that Kellan's wrestling matches were going to be on YouTube. Then again on Saturday Kellan wrestled on YouTube again at the Sioux Valley tournament. It was great to be able to watch our grandson compete on the other side of the state. Micki sent pictures of the Christmas lighted boat parade that passed their house on Puget Sound. Mollie's family visited their favorite park in Christmas decorations on a cold Minnesota day, and Karen got an email from her sister-in-law, Sally Evans, who was staying home in Ohio for her Christmas. Cody Odell is a Cincinnati fan, and will be up against Lynn Gustafson's team soon. I'm afraid that Cody's team is the underdog, but it may be an interesting game.

The Methodist Church in Camp Crook will have their Christmas Eve service at 5:00, and the Little Missouri Church will have theirs at 4:00 on Friday.

Beware of those who would use you to spread their lies; for thus, you become the camouflage behind which they attempt to hide their own guilt, while innocently blaming their viciousness upon you.

Hope it is a Merry Christmas for one and all.

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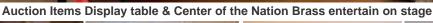












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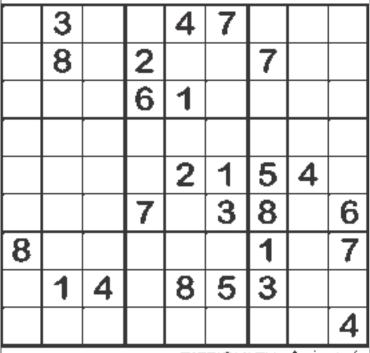
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123 years ago Belle Fourche Times 76 years ago December 23, 1897 Belle Fourche Daily Post Talk of the Town Send to Dana's for your

Christmas present. Miss Lola Scotney, who is attending the Spearfish Normal, is spending her vacation with

her parents. The Belle Fourche Furniture company has been doing a rushing business the past week, having sent out several loads of furniture.

Tuesday night Marshall Brooks arrested Wm. Tracy for shooting at "Brock" the Chinaman. Brook and Tracy had some trouble previous to this, Tracy is now reposing upon luxury in the city jail.

The preliminary hearing of William Tracy was held yesterday before Justice Martis, T. W. LaFlirche appeared for the state and Jay Woolston for the defendant. The defendant was turned loose.

A black bear was brought in Monday and shipped to Zoeckler Brors., Deadwood. It was killed a few weeks ago on Oak Creek by a man named Whitney and weighed about 350 pounds. Mr. Jostin took a snap shot with his "Vive," which, by the way is a "daisy."

> 100 years ago Northwest Post December 22, 1921

Below is the Christmas ad L.A. Stearns Co. ran in the Belle Fourche Post 100 years new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.

December 25, 1946

SLY'S GROCERY NEWS

Our Christmas business this year has been the heaviest we have ever known and for this we thank our many loyal customers. We already have orders in for the New Year's Day foods, and will have a complete assortment for you. If you have not received one of our 1947 calendars, be sure to ask or write for one. They are both good looking and useful, and we want each of our

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may live and have good health to enjoy many more. E.M. Sly, Gene Sly, Randolph Sly, Kenneth Brems, Joe Wattier, Howard Tope, Clifford Glidden, Dale Wright, Bert Marchant, Dick Jones, Arlene Glidden, Grace Driscoll, Ruth

> 50 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post December 25, 1971

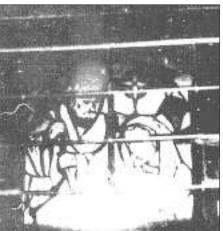
An Ordinary black and white photograph cannot do justice to the intricate design and colors of the stained glass window effect created over



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the entrance of Belle Fourche High School by members of the high school art department under the supervision of Willard Strong. The big window is a must for everyone who makes a Christmas lighting tour of the community. The window is only one part of the work done by the students. They also created a papier mache Santa, made a number of Christmas posters which decorated the halls. Add to this murals of the "Grinch Who Stole Christmas" and you get some idea of the capabilities of the art students.







(Upper) The location of the Stearns Store was on State Street currently Olive Branch. It was originally the Gay Store, then the Lancaster Store. (Lower) The Stearns brush was a give away from the Stearns Store.

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Leaders Must Always Seek New Opportunity

Dallas Mavericks owner, Mark Cuban once said, "Creating opportunities means looking where others are not". Whether you are a community, business, or media company leader, you must constantly seek for new opportunities. One cannot rest on their current business model in these rapidly changing times.

This past week, it occurred to me that throughout the years of writing this column, I tend to focus on harnessing internal community resources to accomplish our goals and objectives. I still believe this is the most assured way to meet your goals because those internal resources are usually predictable and consistent. That said, this past week I was able to get a taste of the importance of available outside resources, that while not always predictable and consistent, can nonetheless be game changers in your local community.

What brought this to my attention? I was able to attend a Chamber function in Pineville, MO. where unbeknown to me, they were receiving a \$50,000 grant from T-Mobile to assist with a county-wide project. It was during this award ceremony it occurred to me there are so

many resources such as these

which are available to those who are willing to seek after such grants, awards, rewards and so forth.

Turns out, T-Mobile has had this program for quite some time and is awarding 24 communities with \$50,000 each by John Newby during this award cycle.

T-Mobile has committed approximately \$25,000,000 to this program over a period of a few years, and I suspect or wouldn't be surprised if this continues beyond their initial projected program length. I applaud T-Mobile for their interest in smaller communities around the country, dedicating time, money, and need I forget, hiring of 7500 employees specializing in assisting those in small and

local communities. For a community such as Pineville which is part of a broader Countywide Chamber, these types of grants can be game changers. Like many other local communities around the country, picturesque McDonald County sits in the shadow of the larger community, Bentonville, AR. This can be two-edged sword. On one hand, while the distance isn't far, it provides an escape from the hustle

and bustle, the crime and the congestion of the larger market. On the other hand, sitting in the shadow of a larger community, out-flowing dollars from these smaller communities into the larger nearby community can be a huge roadblock to increased economic development in these impacted smaller communities. Smaller communities must

find ways to fight back and retain their dollars. This is done in two ways. First as we have seen through T-Mobile, going after those types of dollars is critical and can change the course of a community. I have seen communities hire a person whose sole role is to apply for grants fulltime. It takes only one award to justify this position. There are literally hundreds of grants and reward opportunities in which to look at and apply for.

The second way communities can fight back is to adopt a truly local campaign educate their community to the value of thinking local. I have over 100 columns discussing ways to do this. Being Truly Local involves much more than shopping local. It's local government committing to spend their money local whenever possible. It is building a local marketing program that brings money into the community in lieu of businesses spending marketing dollars on out-of-market and less effective products. So easily done, yet few attempt to do this. The ones doing this make great strides in a short period of time.

Smaller communities must



understand their issues are their own, there are no big brothers coming along to save the day. The saying, "put your money where your house is" has never rung truer. With each dollar spent locally being 3-7X more impactful than dollars leaving the community, small communities must find ways to keep as many dollars local as possible. With rapidly changing micro-economic conditions, key decisions made today may very well determine your long-term survival as a community. John A. Newby, author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street "weekly column and CEO of Truly-Local, LLC, dedicated to assisting communities create excitement, energy and combine synergies with their local media. email: info@ Truly-Localllc.com

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Gideon Funk; Parents: Samuel & Naomi Funk; Siblings: Josiah, James, Justus, Malachi, Evangeline; Activities: Wrestling; Future Plans: Joining the work



Cade Bickerdyke; Parents: Tyler & Audrey Bickerdyke; Siblings: Chase; Activities: Football & Wrestling; Future Plans: To attend BHSU and study wildlife biology



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Your local Lynn's DAKOTAMART and Lynn's SUPERFOODS stores have seen this need in the various communities that we serve and that is why we started the We Care program. As a company, we have donated well over \$1 Million dollars with our We Care program to date.

How does it work? Register your organization in the We Care program. Encourage your members to shop at Lynn's DAKOTAMART or Lynn's SUPERFOODS store. Participating in We Care is very simple. After registering your organization have your school, church, or organization collect and save any register receipts from Lynn's DAKOTAMART and Lynn's SUPERFOODS. After your organization collects \$10,000 in register receipts, bring them to your local Lynn's store location and your organization will receive a check for \$100.

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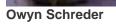
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Laurel Leaf Livestock, Kaycee WY				
	. 1	Red-Cowette	1185	72.00
	. 16	. Blk/Bwf-Cow	1301	60.50
Dave Or Wendy Garman, Belle Fourche SD				
John Ismay, Sturgis SD				
Travis Or Dusta Ismay, Newell SD	.	. Diack-Cowelle	1200	/ 5.50
Colin Or Whitney Lamont, Lodgepole SD	. 2	. Black-Cow	1465	58.50
Jack Witcher, Miles City MT				
Michael & Heather Bales, Otter MT	. 10	. Blk/Bwf-Cowette	1034	81.50
Ben Or Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD				
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Rick Meyers, Buffalo WY				
Statham Real Estate Llc, Battle Ground WA				
Brownfield Ranch Inc, Hammond MT				
		. BWt-Cow	12/8	65.00
Betty Or Penny Nelson, Bison SD	. 1	. Black-Cowette		
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Betty Or Penny Nelson, Bison SD	. 1 . 1	. Black-Cowette	980	81.00

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Curren Ranch, Aladdin WY	1	Red-Cow	1325	60.5
Wes & Lisa Steppler, Culbertson MT				
Shane Garman, Bainville MT				
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Larry & Kimberley Ligocki, Sheridan WY				
Sharron J Campbell, Gillette WY				
Evan Stimpson, Lodge Grass MT				
Dane Or Amy Clementson, Weston WY				
Alyn Haughian, Kinsey MT				
Ed Lawrence, Alzada MT				
Dave Or Wendy Garman, Belle Fourche SD				
Michael & Heather Bales, Otter MT	1	Black-Cow	1535	62.5
Robert Dehaan, Miles City MT	5	Black-Cow	1398	58.0
Bradley J Johnson, Reva SD	1	Bwf-Cowette	1105	86.0
Harry Tavegia, Osage WY	1	Bwf-Cow	1325	57.5
Longreach Buffalo Co Llc, Weston WY				
Tom Deyoe, Newell SD				
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD				
Sean Carroll, Ranchester WY				
2k Cattle Company, Kaycee WY	1	Black-Cow	1250	61.0
	1	Bwf-Cow	1505	57.5
John S Or Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD	6	Black-Cowette	1146	72.0
,	2	Black-Cow	1280	61.5
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Larry & Kimberley Ligocki, Sheridan WY				
Jay Slaba, Ludlow SD				
Jason Bollinger, Jordan MT				
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Paula Or Greg Richter, Buffalo Sd				
Drew & Judy Hutchinson, Aladdin Wy	1	Kea-Bull	1840	89.0

Market Report - Friday, December 17, 2021

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Shane Garman, Bainville MT	. 55	. Black-Brd Cow	5-6 Yo	.1230	1525.00
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	. 44	. Black-Brd Cow	Sm	.1260	1025.00
	. 41	. Black-Brd Cow	Bm	.1375	850.00
Ben Or Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD	. 23	. Black-Brd Cow	Sm	.1350	1200.00
	. 41	. Black-Brd Cow	Bm	.1295	875.00
Darla Dunning, Ashland MT	. 13	. Black-Brd Hfr		.1078	1600.00
Carl King, Hammond MT	. 11	. Black-Brd Hfr		.1055	1575.00
Dane Or Amy Clementson, Weston WY	. 15	. Black-Brd Hfr		.936	1475.00
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	. 5	. Black-Brd Cow	5-6 Yo	1279	1400.00
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Larry & Kimberley Ligocki, Sheridan WY	. 10	. Black-Brd Cow	3-4 Yo	1049	1450.00
	. 8	. Black-Brd Cow	Sm	1346	1100.00
Evan Stimpson, Lodge Grass MT	. 30	. Black-Brd Cow	Bm	.1343	835.00
Jeff Giannonatti, Ludlow SD	. 20	. Black-Brd Cow	Bm	.1418	925.00
Jay Slaha, Ludlow SD	16	Blk/Bwf-Brd Co	w Rm	1395	800.00

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Miles City, MT Jason Twitchell 406-480-2345

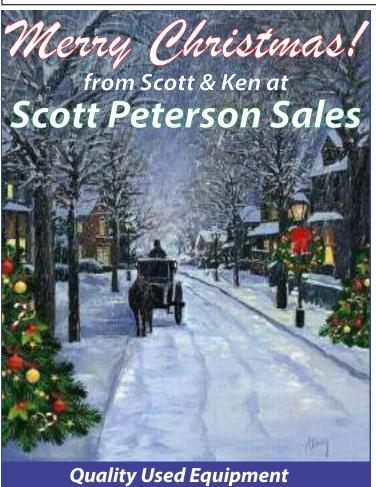
406-672-5546 (cell)

Lodge Grass, MT Justin Hecker 307-752-3718

> **Wyoming** Mike Greenough 307-620-2597

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CITY COMMISSION

Citizens' **Complaints** Take Priority

BETTY BRUNER

news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL-Newell City Commissioners heard concerns from Newell citizens at the regular December 13 meeting led by Commission Chairperson Allen Youngberg.

Ken Ballou requested to be heard about the matter of an abandoned mobile home located in the lot on the north end of Newell near the alley behind his home on Seventh Street.

According to Ballou, the mobile home is unlivable and not fit for storage. The porch, said Ballou, is four feet into the alley and is a hazard for emergency vehicles.

Commissioner Allen Youngberg said that he believed the mobile home was also placed too close to the city right of

Youngberg told Ballou that he should fill out and sign a complaint form to provide a means for the commission to act on the violation.

Another complaint had been passed onto the commission concerning a camper on Sixth Street. It seems that the camper is being skirted and readied for the winter. Since it is against

City Commission C2

Boylan wins national contest



Garrett Boylan, left, shown with Wolff's Plumbing and Heating owner Greg Hartman (center) and Seth Hartman (right) won a national first-place at the PHCC plumbing contest in Kansas City in November. Hartman placed third in the HVAC portio of the contest. - Boylan photo

STORY ON PAGE C2

A New Virtual Home Business

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NISLAND - After a couple of years of taking photos, primarily of birds and later all sorts

of wildlife and landscapes in the local area and beyond, Aileen Brunner, Nisland, has put all that talent in place for people to enjoy.

Brunner, who a couple years retired from the education and technology field at Newell school, started traveling locally and, with the help of her husband Gary, has turned her enjoyment of nature photography into a business

Focus on Nature with Aileen began in late January of 2021.

"I've been posting photos almost every day for 10 months," said Brunner. She has 611 page likes and 629 followers so far. "I think that's pretty good for only 10 months."

The links for Facebook and Instagram are: https:// facebook.com/FocusOnNatureWithAileen and https://instagram.com/FocusOnNatureWithAileen. She also has a website at https://aileen-brunner.pixels.com. And that's the important part. It's her brand-new online home-based business where you can find everything from photo prints to clothing with Brunner's special nature photography photos on every piece. They make great gifts, especially for Christmas. You can purchase cups, throw blankets, pillows, tote bags, ornaments and

more. Brunner loves focusing on the wonders of nature, whether scenery, wildlife or birds She likes to share her nature photos for other to enjoy. She has always taken scenery photos, but a couple years ago she got a camera with a big zoom. That changed her life and allowed her to also take the closeups she always wanted.



The contrasting colors of this beautiful woodpecker, makes this a favorite photo of viewers. The Red-headed Woodpecker is the only woodpecker known to not only store food but also cover it with wood or bark. - Courtesy

Photos are mostly South Dakota with a sprinkling of other places. The website needs to be checked frequently as she is constantly posting new photos. She also takes requests for a particular bird or wildlife photo or scenery. If you click

Virtual Business C3





(Top) With more than 17,000 likes, this Spearfish Falls photo by Focus on Nature by Aileen, is her top hit. Visit her website https://aileen-brunner.pixels.com to purchase items with this beautiful photo on them. (Above) The male tree swallow was singing his sweet song to his mate at their nestbox. - Courtesy photos

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Newell School Menu Jan. 3 - Jan. 6

Monday Jan. 3, 2022

Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: TANGERINE CHICKEN, RICE, STIR FRY VEGE-TABLES, MANDARIN ORANGES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Tuesday Jan. 4, 2022 Breakfast: YOGURT PARFAIT OR CEREAL, FRESH

FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: SCALLOPED POTATOES WITH HAM, WHOLE GRAIN DINNER ROLL, APRICOTS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Wednesday Jan. 5

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

Lunch: MEATBALL SUB, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, PEAS, MIXED FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

Thursday Jan. 6

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

Lunch: HOT DOGS, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, BAKED BEANS, PEARS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK



From C1 **City Commission**

city ordinance to live in a camper within the city limits, a Nuisance Complaint letter will be sent to the owners by the

In final business, the commissioners approved the first reading of Ordinance 09-2020 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance. There is an increase in Solid Waste of \$8,300 because the dumpster prices have been higher than the city has charged. The commissioners

will look at that budget item and perhaps increase rates.

The Liquor Store line item was increased by \$55,000 because expenditures were higher than income. However, income has been steadily increasing.

Also, there was a supplement of \$15,000 for the well work done this summer.

A special meeting will be held December 29, 2021 at 6 p.m. to discuss final 2020 business.

The next regular meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the City Offices.

Boylan Wins National Contest

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

SPEARFISH – "My dad always said to pursue a trade," said Garrett Boylan, former Newell high school student and graduate of Harding County High School in Buffalo in 2016. His parents are Robert and Becky Boylan of Newell.

Boylan did pursue that trade, hiring on as an apprentice plumber with Wolff's Plumbing and Heating of Spearfish in October 2017. The family has run a successful livestock ranch north of Newell where Garrett learned things the tough way-school of hard work and learning by doing. It's the same in his current position where he is getting ready to take his journeyman test. He hopes to, in the next few years, complete his contractors licensing and own his own business.

The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors National Association (PHCC) Educational Foundation hosts and annual national plumbing and HVAC apprentice contest. This year it was in Kansas City, Mo. On October 21-22.

Garrett Boylan, of Wolff's Plumbing & Heating in Spearfish placed first in the plumbing division. In addition, Seth Hartman, also from Wolff's Plumbing & Heating placed third in the HVAC division.

The plumbing apprentices were required to rough-in a bathroom system. The set-up includes a toilet, sink and shower, complete with supply, waste and vent lines, plus cleanouts and extra features designed to test the contestants' knowledge and skills. The test set-up includes a variety of pipe materials - cast iron, copper, PVC and PEX, and corresponding joining methods

"I was a little nervous at first," said Boylan. "They had all the stuff there and I just started and kind of got in the zone." He said once he got going, both at the state and national level, it was just like being on the job.

Boylan learned about the contest almost as soon as he started working for Wolff's, with several lower-level hoops to jump

through first. Once someone has worked as apprentice for two years, they can take testing to make it through the contest.

"I had to take a written test, and they take the top three," said Boylan. "Then I competed at state, and I won the bid to go to the national competition." Boylan was actually slated to go to the national contest last year, which was to be held in Dallas, Tex., but was cancelled due to Covid. "So, they held us over to this year." The conference each year is held for different PHCC companies to showcase their products and services.

Boylan originally had not thought to go into the plumbing and heating career, but his older brother Wacey, started as an apprentice electrician for Heartland Electrical of Nisland. He now runs that business with assistance from previous owner Jack Johnson. Since there was already an electrician in the family, Garrett decided to check out the heating and plumbing

Since starting with Wolff's he has lived for the past three years in Spearfish. He said he enjoys the 'artwork' of the process of plumbing. Diagnosing the service work, making a plan, putting in all the pipes and making it look good, is always his goal. He enjoys the work and hopes to someday own his own business.

He said he has enjoyed making his life where he is and what he is doing.

"I like living here," he said. "I've gotten back in shape and have a great girlfriend." Boylan played football during high school.

He said the most interesting he has done was the trip to Kansas City for the competition, but the most frustrating thing in his career has been dealing with the issues of having tools and supplies stolen from the job.

"You have to take stuff home with you every day," he said, obviously frustrated. "If you work late, sometimes that doesn't seem practical." But with every aspect of any business, he is learning that things don't always work out for the best. But sometimes they do.



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

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

Dec. 24: Nisland Independent Community Church Christmas eve service, 5 p.m. 402 Olin, Nisland.

(Just off Highway 212). All are welcome.

Dec. 30: HSWR @ Harding County

Jan. 3: School resumes.

Jan. 3-6: Delta Dental Bus. Free dental care provided for Newell school students-check with office to sign up.

Jan. 4: GBB at home with Wall. 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 6: BBB at home with Sundance. 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 7: HSWR @ Lyman Tournament, 9 a.m. GBB/BBB @ TioSpaye Topa, 2:30 p.m. Jan. 8: HSWR @ Lyman Tournament, 9 a.m.

Jan. 11: GBB at home

Community Calendar West River Tournament. 6:00 p.m.

> Jan. 14: GBB at home West River Tournament. 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 28: GBB/BBB at home with Faith. 3:00

Jan. 29: GBB / BBB at home with Philip. 1:00 p.m.

Feb 1: HSWR Newell round robin at Austin Auditorium. 5:00 p.m.

Newell Community Club Presents

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Tuesday night: 7:00 pm Drawing at the Newell Bar.

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munity Club. If they find another card, the game continues next weekas the Jackpot grows with ticket Other Aces will pay \$100 and Jokers are \$25.

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The Deck is reduced by 1 card increasing your chance to find the **Ace of Hearts.** Tickets can be purchased on line @ newellcommunityclub.com



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Newell High School Senior Profiles

Editor's Note: Reporter Colleen Brunner begins her series profiling the Class of 2022 at Newell High School.

NEWELL – Mieka is the daughter of Robby and Wanda and has two biological siblings and three step-sib-

"I'm originally from Sturgis and went to Sturgis Brown High School till I was 16,' said this very-involved senior at Newell High school.

This busy gal has been in drama club, from 2017 to the present, basketball since 5th grade, Students Against Destructive Decisions this year and dance since 2016.

She also has a host of other activities she enjoys outside of school hours and those include photography, drawing, detailing cars for car shows and being with young children.

Howie hopes to go to college to get a degree in teaching. Currently she helps with the after-school program at Newell.

"I learned how to speak up in front of people and not be afraid of being in front of big crowds because of drama," she said as the most important thing she has learned at NHS. Her favorite class currently



is photography and art portfolio with Mrs. Burt.

"I think I learned and had the most fund during the Alice in Wonderland play practices sophomore year," she said. "I want to be a director of photography."

Howie said the paraprofessionals in her school have had a big impact on her life, especially Heather McCann and Erica Dershan.

The Valley Irrigator December 22, 2021





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Betty Olson's Grand River Roundup can be found on page B5

From C1
VIRTUAL BUSINESS

the contact button, let her know what you're looking for, and she may already have the photo in her inventory, even if it isn't listed on the website.

The most popular photo on Facebook was the fall color photo of Spearfish Falls. It reached 17,049 people and was shared nearly 80 times.

"I have ordered a metal print for myself of this photo," said Brunner.

Gary is her current driver and spotter, as Aileen's eye is usually peering through the viewfinder of her camera.

"When Gary goes with me, he is looking around for things I might miss as my camera is zoomed out like a spotting scope," she said. "My great-nephew, Jakin, from Texas, was excited to go birding with me this summer and we had a great time. We need to interest the younger generations in bird watching." Images are listed as they are posted, or you can click on "collections" for categories of

Images are listed as they are posted, or you can click on "collections" for categories of photos which include: birds, birds of prey, wildlife, scenery, water birds, flowers and butterflies. She has over 100 photos on the website and continues to add more. Each photo can be placed on any of the items available for purchase. Brunner posts photos on several Facebook groups including South Dakota Birding, South Dakota Plants and Wildlife, Black Hills Bird Watchers, Photography South Dakota, South Dakota Photography and

"I was at the DC Booth Fish Hatchery one day this (past) spring to check on the mother

Birds of Prey, an international

goose and her goslings," said Brunner. "A gentleman standing there had been watching the nest and eggs every day. He said they had hatched the morning I was there. I was telling the man how I had gotten photos a few days earlier and had posted them to a Facebook group. I had asked the mother goose to 'just let me have a peek at her eggs'. She obliged, stood up just a little, and changed directions. She settled back down, pulled the nesting material around closer to her and tried to move a stick that was now sticking up in front of her. There was a couple standing by the railing near me and she said, 'I saw your pictures on Facebook.' She said it was South Dakota Plants and Wildlife."

Brunner has found Cedar Waxwings at a location in Rapid City, courtesy of the Kiwanis. That led to a connection to someone who had seen Brun-

ner's photos in South Dakota Birding. She has had photos published on the Rapid City Journal Shopper cover several times as well as becoming the Reader Photo of the Day. "My camera goes everywhere I go," she said. She was able to take a photo of a bat when she saw people chasing something

with a fly swatter.
"As I watched through my lens, it looked like he (the bat) took a big breath, let out a sigh as if to say, 'that was a bad experience."

Brunner has visited two of the top birding spots in the U.S. which include Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico and Madera Canyon south of Tucson.

So, look for Aileen's photos on her nature photography Facebook page, or visit her website and find some special items to purchase for a gift or for decor for your home.



One of Aileen's favorite photos shows a mother Osprey offering just the right-sized bite of fish to her hungry chick.
-Courtesy photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past" -

December 21, 1911

Ross Confectionery has great Christmas presents: books, box stationary; boxed candy; nuts; fruits; cigars by the box; phonographs and records.

The school is steadily growing in numbers and in interest. While examinations are still far below what they should be, still there is a general improvement in habits of study and also to some extent in habits of expression. Currently: total enrollment at 88; cases of tardiness 144; visitors during month 10; neither absent nor tardy 26; monthly attendance 82 and daily attendance 81.

December 22, 1921

Bonnie Martin and the state Rural School inspector have been checking up the schools of Butte County the past week which have made application for State Aid. Only 7 schools were visited at this time, leaving 6 more to be inspected as soon as the roads are passable. Most of the schools would qualify after a few minor improvements have been made: a first grade teacher; modern building with lighting equal to 1/5 the floor space (coming from the back of the pupils); single desks, good water supply; translucent shades; maps; dictionaries;

sufficient black boards space; standard heating & ventilating system and school grounds must be at least 1 acre, with flag pole and separate toilets.

On account of the Christmas programs in both local churches, the picture show at Liberty Theater for Saturday evening has been postponed until 8:45. The bill for the performance is "The Servant in the House" to anyone familiar with either the book or the play this bill will mean one of the highest class entertainments possible.

December 24, 1931

Henry Jacobsen had decided a year or more ago to do away with the hitching posts, as they appeared to have become useless. But the past season has shown quite a change back to horses. Many people have experienced their inability to buy gasoline since the fruits of labor on mother earth in producing food for the nation are constantly shrinking, while the price of gasoline is on the basis of cost plus much profit – a system which seems to be unavailable to the government.

The Richards Hotel has been completed the installation of a modern lavatory and bath room on each floor of the building and both fitted with the latest

by Linda Velder

approved equipment with the addition of those facilities, the Richards now offer its guests every comfort and convenience to be found in any first class hostelry anywhere. Mr. & Mrs. Richards are to be congratulated on their showing of enterprise.

December 18, 1941

Rev Harry Blunt, Chairman of the Butte County Red Cross Chapter, announced receipt of a plea from National Red Cross Headquarters which calls for a war fund drive quota of \$1300. Sam H. Bober, Newell area Finance Chairman was called to action. To complete plans for their war fund drive, he is scheduled to meet at the Commercial Club in Belle Fourche Friday morning. The Red Cross is called upon to serve our nation in war, both nationally and locally. We face vast and definite responsibilities for service to our armed forces and for relief to distressed civilians.

The strong wind early Wednesday morning moved the north addition which is being built on the Phillip 66 Service Station here off the foundation; but little damage resulted and the section was moved back before noon.

A large crowd attended the



Episcopal services conducted here Sunday afternoon by Bishop Roberts of Sioux Falls, who gave a very interesting sermon. Also at the service, little Jon Martin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Malcolm, was baptized. Mr. & Mrs. George Malcolm of Sturgis were Sunday visitors at the Kirk Malcolm home. The George Malcolm's were overnight guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Maass, on Horse Creek.

December 27, 1951

December 27, 1951
Walter Duprel, Vale and Paul
Lehman, Opal received each
a new Oliver 77 diesel tractor
from Hedrick's Sales Company here last week. Ralph
reminds everyone; Hedrick's
offer 24-hour wrecker service,
anytime – anywhere, phone
7132 for service. The total sales
by the local firm of Oliver farm
machinery and tractors is one of
the largest of all Oliver dealers
in the nation.

Those six attractive bunnies on the A&F Cleaners in Newell, foretell a change in name of the local business which will be effective January 1, 1952. The name will change to "Bunney's Cleaners" representing, respectively Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bunney, their children Ronald and Gloria (twins), Marjo and Michael. The colorful art was designed and constructed of

heavy ply-wood by Mr. & Mrs. Bunney and Dr. & Mrs. Carl Spencer.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hice will observe a double event tonight at "Bob's Recreation" parlor in Newell, the re-opening of their bowling alley after a 3-year suspension and also their silver wedding anniversary. For the occasion, it will call for free coffee and doughnuts to be served from 7:00 - 10:00 PM, with everyone invited to attend. Mrs. Hice was raised in the Sulphur area and taught country school near Newell for several years. Mr. Hice was a homesteader from Pennsylvania in the Twilight area. They purchased the Knuteson Bowling Alley & Lunch in 1945. They suspended the business in 1948 to raze and rebuild a new modern brick and tile building, and then re-opened the recreation parlor in their new building January 1, 1949. However, they had delayed re-building the bowling alley until this fall.

December 21, 1961

Mrs. George Ruff entertained members of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Christmas party at her home last Wednesday. 10 members were in attendance. President Mrs. Carl D. Anderson presided and reported that 6 members assisted with

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This photo is of the Nisland High School Basketball Team 1930-1931, 90 years ago. Back Row: left to right - Willard Piekkola, Bill Killinen, Raymond White, Maurice Sorenson, Coach: Ted Cantrel. Seated: Dan Sullivan, Louis Matthesen, Grant Kelsey



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Newell High School Senior Profiles

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NEWELL - This busy young lady is a well-known person in both her high school class, the Newell district and the town and area. And she has been busy all during her high school career. She is the daughter of Tanya and John Kjellsen and has just one sibling, an older brother Brock, who also attended Newell.

"I have lived in Newell my entire life, and have always attended Newell school," she said.

On her list of activities, Kjellson lists varsity volleyball, basketball and track. She is also part of the National Honor Society and the FFA.

One more notch on the board of activities is participating in the local LEO (teen Lions) club since 2016.

"I like sleeping, reading and being a teacher's aide," said Kjellsen. "And spending time with family and friends."

She plans to attend Black Hills State University in the fall of 2022 and major in Elementary education, with a minor in either Athletic Coaching or Reading.

"I am an active member in the LEO club and particservice," she said. You can be sure she will be part of the LEO club group that hosts the annual tree lighting ceremony and serving up hot chocolate



and marshmallows to roast in South Park on December 4 at 5 p.m.

She also helps with painting bleachers at the rodeo grounds, helping put together boxes of goodies for the New Dawn Center and many other activities.

"While being in the sports I am in, I have learned teamwork, dedication, hard work and other life skills I will need in my future," said this senior girl. "I was able to learn from my peers, but mostly from my wonderful coaches. They have taught me more about life than any textbook every could."

Kjellsen names Mrs. Ronda Price as her favorite teacher. "Mrs. Price will always hold an extremely special place in my heart. She was the first teacher to really expand my learning capabilities and she continued it through my whole life. I now am a teacher's aid for her every day, and she has made me want to follow in her footsteps. She has become one of my biggest supporters, inspires me and is my favorite mentor."

"Only dead fish go with

the flow," a quote from her basketball coach Scott Wince is something Kjellsen will remember forever. "This quote was used every year I participated in basketball. It has a great meaning and reminds me of Mr. Wince," she shared.

Kjellsen said her biggest dream involves creating a life for herself. "I want to find the perfect school for me to teach and coach in, along with a great community."

Kjellsen credits her mother as the biggest influence in her life, saying she always felt her support and knows that her mom is always there for her, helping her

"She never misses a game, event, or activity I am participating in," she said. "She has shown me hard work will get you further than anything else. She not only is my biggest influence, but my biggest role model. I couldn't imagine my life without her or the person I would be."

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NEWELL - Newell high school senior Trinity Henry is the daughter of Jim and Tena Henry. She has two siblings, Sage and Justice Miller.

"I enjoy art," said this senior. "I've always been creative and love making artwork. I also enjoy reading. When I was in elementary school, I was always seen with a book in my hand."

During her high school career Henry has participated in drama and was a wrestling manager. She was also part of the TATU team (Teens Against Tobacco Use) and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

She is also part of the local LEO (teen Lion's club) and said she enjoys helping in the community and helping support the area.

"I plan to attend college after I graduate from high school," she said, possibly in the area of elementary education.



er is Sabrina Harmon. "She has been an overflowing fountain of knowledge to me. Her values have shown me what true kindness and respect is."

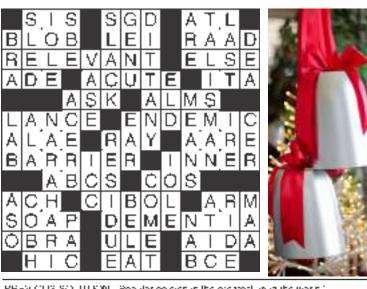
Henry said that she has learned not to expect anything from anyone except herself. She has learned that she can often expect to be disappointed in some way, shape or form. But the optimism shines through as she shared her biggest dream:

To be content with her life. "My parents have been my biggest influence," said Henry. "They have taught me that you can come from nothing and still do the best you can for your family. They have taught me to have strength throughout any obstacle that may be in your

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gift wrapping in the gift shop at Ft. Meade recently. Assisting was: Mrs. Anderson; Mrs. Paul Oksol; Mrs. Henry Anderson; Mrs. Clarence Smith; Mrs. Margaret Eickelman: and Mrs. Ruff. A donation was made to the Sky Ranch for Boys at Buffalo. Plans were made to serve lunch for the New Year's Eve dance. Appointed to the lunch committee were: Mrs. Eickelman; Mrs. Catherine Hice; Mrs. Ode Mutchler and Mrs. Ruff. Following the meeting; Christmas songs were sung, gifts were exchanged and refreshments served by Mrs. Ruff and Mrs. Charles Lawell.

Wind blowing and howling with snow blowing, should bring to mind the windbreak that isn't there. Butte County Agent Kenneth Leslie now has Tree-order Blanks available in

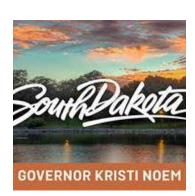
his office. 23 different species of trees and shrubs are listed from which to make selections. Cost varies from \$2.50 per 100 trees to \$5.00 per 100, can be purchased in multiples of 50.

All Mobil Homes must be registered for taxation by January 10, 1962, Rosemary Mc-Mahon, Butte County Auditor said today. The new registration tax procedure was set up by the 1961 Legislature and provides that the Mobile Home owner must list for tax purposes his trailer in the County in which it is located. After registering, the mobile home owner will have 30 days in which to pay the first half installment, if paid; he will have until June 3 to pay the second half. Mrs. McMahon urged the cooperation of all trailer owners in Butte County in coming in to register their mobile home, before January 10, since failure to list was made a misdemeanor by the 1961 law.

Gov. Noem Announces Bill to Restore Protections for Prayer in Schools

PIERRE, S.D. - Today, Governor Kristi Noem released the text of legislation to restore protections for prayer in schools. This bill will guarantee an opportunity to pray in schools at the start of every school day.

"Every student deserves the opportunity to begin their day with a calm, silent moment," said Governor Kristi Noem. "I hope students will take this opportunity to say a quick prayer or reflect on their upcoming day. However they choose to take advantage of this time, it will be beneficial to students and teachers alike.'



Governor Noem previewed this legislation earlier this year when she promised to put prayer back in South Dakota schools.



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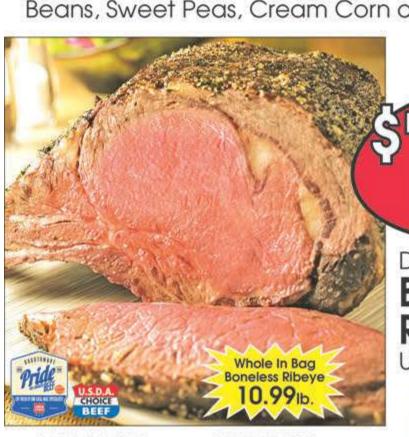
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