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## Christ Was Born in a Manger



**Belle Fourche United Methodist Church's** Living Nativity is an annual tradition. It is a blessed reminder of what the season is truly about. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6** - *Courtesy photo*

## Law Firm Expands to Belle Fourche

The tradition a hundred years ago was for a lawyer to "hang out their shingle" when they started a law practice. This American colloquialism dates from the first half of the 1800s, when lawyers used shingles for signboards.

Well there is not wooden shingle at 1409 5th Avenue, Belle Plaza location, but Melling & Roseland Law, PC, expanded their Hettinger, ND practice to include Belle Fourche and they

are open for business.

The two principles are Erin Melling and Aaron Roseland. The history of the firm began in Hettinger, North Dakota in 2009 when Faulkton native, Aaron Roseland, moved there upon graduation from the University of South Dakota School of Law School.

Aaron was thrust into a major role with the firm as he immediately replaced the Adams County State's Attorney, who was

retiring. A position he maintains to this day. In addition to his duties as State's Attorney, he has practiced civil law as well, specializing in criminal defense, real estate transactions, and general litigation. He is licensed in North Dakota and South Dakota

Melling who, bought a house and has relocated to Belle in November, will be full time in the Belle office.

Her legal focus is primarily family law, estate planning, probates, and other general civil litigation. She is licensed in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana.

It has long been a goal of Melling's to open the practice.

"I love the area, the community, and most of all, the people."

The firm, had discussed the possibilities of expanding south for several years prior to making the move. "As the years passed, I seemed to gain more and more clientele from South Dakota." Early in 2020, the

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County Commissioners

## Kling Road Issue Wrapped Up

Judge rules in favor of the county board, closing 1.5 miles of road and bridge.

**COLLEEN BRUNNER**

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BELLE FOURCHE – "I don't think we have anything else to worry about," said State's Attorney Cassie Wendt, reporting on the Kling Road lawsuit that has been dragging on for more several years. Previous to the June 2017 approval of the vacation petition from Chris Kling, a rancher who lived near the road and bridge by the same name that same board had closed the bridge due to its unsafe condition.

In March 2018, three people who lived in the vicinity filed an appeal to the decision. They included Abby Olson, Ben Blake, and Jodi Massie, who disagreed with the decision to vacate, calling it arbitrary and unreasonable.

In September of this year, after several years of rulings and appeals, and postponements due to the Covid 19 virus, the case was finally back underway in the Butte County Courthouse. The matter was put before 4th Circuit Court Judge Michelle Comer to decide if the February 2018 decision to vacate the road was appropriate.

Although dozens of community members spoke against the action at the time, the majority of the testimony in September was dominated by Butte County Commissioner Kim Richards. He said the decision was a difficult one, but the only option available, and that the highway department's annual budget

regularly required supplementation just to keep up with the minimum amount of operational expenses, let alone, repair, rebuilding or replacement of a bridge for minimal use.

Richards said that due the age and condition of the Kling Road Bridge, combined with available detour routes, contributed to the structure being classified as "low priority" and placed on the potential closure list. Following the wrap-up of the trial, it was a waiting game and at each board meeting the answer was the same, "no news yet."

Finally, this week, Wendt relayed the information that the judge handed down the ruling in favor of the county board.

"Now you just need to decide what you want to do," said Wendt. "If you institute an appraisal and it is under \$500 it does not have to be sold with notice, if over, it does. If you take sealed bids, you need someone to assist in the opening as a witness."

The board approved the purchase of two new vehicles for the sheriff's department, the first is a 2021 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab 4x4, to be purchased for \$31,714.00 from Scott Peterson Motors. The second was a 2021 Durango Pursuit Vehicle AWD, again, to be purchased from Scott Peterson Motors. Sheriff Fred Lamphere had brought previous proposals from Wegner Auto in Pierre to the board, but had been asked to seek proposals from local dealerships.

In news from the state's attorney's office, Wendt said it is expected that due to the ongoing

Commissioners B5



After a three-year process the closure and vacation of a stretch of Kling Road, six miles west of Belle Fourche will proceed. - Hunter Anderson Photo

## City Sales Tax Revenue Above Last Year Despite Virus

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BELLE FOURCHE - The city of Belle Fourche is poised to see one of its biggest years ever in terms of sales tax revenue, despite a year that saw the emergence of the coronavirus on the national scene.

Through November the total collected already exceeded \$3 million for the first 11 months of the year. That total does not yet add the usually strong December Christmas shopping season. The 2020 total number will be available in January.

It's clear that Belle Fourche is bucking the national trend. Nationwide local and state sales tax revenue is on pace to decline by and average of 5% according to statistics from the Brookings Institution. Conversely, in Belle Fourche, it is expected to rise by at least 7% over last year. In fact many municipalities in the Northern Black Hills region are seeing similar increases.

"I think we're pretty positive about it," said Jason LaFayette, Assistant City Finance Director. "We're running higher than we were last year at this time and it's a very good sign."

The city made the decision not to go to into mandatory lockdown last March, leaving that decision to the discretion of the local business owners.

At that time there were no cases of coronavirus in Butte County. Keeping the doors to local business consistently open during the year was a contributing factor but LaFayette also says there was probably another contributing factor.

"Some of that probably came from a lot of online sales," LaFayette said. "During the pandemic people were staying home and not travelling as much to Rapid and other cities. They were shopping local and shopping online."

This year was the first full year that local municipalities were allowed to collect sales tax for online purchases made from vendors who were out of state. That law was made possible by the South Dakota v. Wayfair decision handed down by a 5-4 vote of the United States Supreme Court in June of 2018. That decision allowed states to write laws that would allow charging local sales tax on purchases made through vendors with no brick and mortar presence with a state, such as Amazon.

"During the year I have to think that the online sales were a factor," he said.

The city finance department had expected a drop in local sales tax revenue due to the closure of ShopKo earlier in the year but that does not seem to have materialized.

"That is something that we just haven't seen and it's probably because people are staying local, shopping local and shopping from home," LaFayette said. "We're seeing those tax dollars being spent in town and that's really causing a rise in those numbers for us."

But the news wasn't all good. With the increase in sales tax

has come a decrease in third penny revenue over last year. The third penny revenue is often referred to as the "bed and booze" tax and is directly affected by the level of tourism and convention activity. Through eleven months the city was off by about 4% over last year.

"We're just going to have

reign back in a bit the funding for our third-penny projects, such as what we were going to put in down there at the Roundup Grounds," he said. "It won't necessarily stop what we're doing down there but it will probably slow things down, especially things that may or

Tax Revenue B5

## Rev. Harold Salem, Legendary Belle Native, Son Passes

**ELISA SAND**

AberdeenAmerican News

ABERDEEN, S.D. The Rev. Harold Salem, a longtime pastor and voice of the Christian Worship Hour, died Friday morning.

Salem had been in the hospital about 2 1/2 weeks receiving treatment for pneumonia, according to Bill Edwards, president of the Christian Worship Hour.

Salem, who turned 99 this summer, started as a pastor at 23.

His first job in June 1944 was at First Baptist Church in his hometown of Belle Fourche. He stayed there for a little over 13 years before he moved to Aberdeen where he spent the next 52 years and eight months as pastor at Aberdeen's First Baptist Church. Salem started broadcasting his sermons on the Christian Worship Hour in 1979.

Although he left his post at the church in 2010, he remained the church's pastor emeritus. He also continued his life of ministry on the Christian Worship Hour television show, which is broadcast around the world and today reaches 1.6 billion homes. "He loved what he did and was totally absorbed in his work," Edwards said of Salem in a phone interview Friday. Salem was known to provide personal responses to those who wrote in with questions. Edwards said he wrote dozens of responses each week to those who wrote with theological questions or if it was someone in dire need. "His preaching was legendary," Edwards said. Salem was widowed in 2005 when his wife Beulah died on Christmas Eve. They had four children, Mike, of Aberdeen, Daniel, of Carroll, Iowa, Patty Becker of Aberdeen and



**The Rev. Harold Salem**, a longtime pastor and voice of the Christian Worship Hour, died Dec. 18. - *American News Photo by John Davis*

Sharron Salwei of Coon Rapids, Minn. Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (visit www.aberdeennews.com)



Floral Holiday Calendar

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**Dec. 25** - Christmas Day

**Dec. 26** - Boxing Day (Canada)

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**Obituaries**

**Roger William Hines 82**

Roger William Hines, 82, died Monday, December 14, 2020 at his home in Nemo.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at LifeSpring Wesleyan Church in Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



**Louise Porterfield 90**

Louise L. Porterfield, 90, of Belle Fourche, South Dakota died Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare in Belle Fourche.

She was born March 29, 1930 in Maryville, MO to Frank and Etta (Reed) Young. She grew up on a farm and attended school in Clearmont.

On April 2, 1948 she married Cople Porterfield. They lived on a farm near Clearmont and moved from there to Shenandoah, IA and eventually to Belle Fourche.

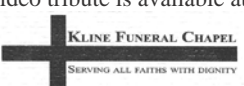
Louise enjoyed playing Aggravation with the girls. She loved gardening, sewing and crocheting.

Survivors include her daughters, Janet (Roger) Shea of Greely, CO, Teresa (Bob) Somervold of Belle Fourche; sons, Merlin (Judy) Porterfield and Scott (Sandie) Porterfield all of Belle Fourche. She was also blessed with 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cople and a son, Gilbert Porterfield.

All family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service Tuesday, December 29 at 11:00 AM at the Pine Slope Cemetery Chapel in Belle Fourche. Lunch will be served at the Branding Iron following the service.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)



**Rev. Harold Salem 99**

Harold Salem's service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Aberdeen, SD on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 10:30 a.m. It will also be live streamed.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Dec. 22 from noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home in Aberdeen, SD.

For more information on the services, to the Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home website.

**Darald Hayworth 80**

Derald Gene Hayworth, 80, of Carlile, WY died Saturday, December 19, 2020 at the Ft. Meade VA Medical Center.

He was born November 22, 1940 in Moorcroft, WY to Doyle and Violet (Cushman) Hayworth. He attended school in Hulett, WY where he graduated High School. In 1963 he enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a ranger in the special forces. Following his honorable discharge, he returned home to live on the family ranch, which was his true love. He worked many jobs operating heavy equipment and became known as the king of equipment operators.


In July of 1966 he married Caroline Kay Miller. To this marriage two sons, Jim and Gary were born. They later divorced. Derald enjoyed coming to town to socialize and dance the night away, normally closing the place down. He was loved by many and will be truly missed.

He is survived by his sons, Jim (Kim) Hayworth and Gary (Carrie) Hayworth all of Belle Fourche; grandchildren, Michael, Brandon, Kyrstin, Dante, Dierks and Mary Jane; sisters, Wanda Hayworth of WA, Sarah Roth of MT and Susan Hayworth of MT; brothers, Roger Hayworth, Tim Hayworth, Verlin (Marcia) Hayworth all of WY and Cy (Rachel) Hayworth of SD; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Doyle and Violet; ex-wife, Caroline Kay Flanagan; brothers, Jack Hayworth and Dan Hayworth.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at Black Hills National Cemetery. Memorials can be sent to Kline Funeral Chapel, 838 State St. Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

An online guest book is available at [klinefuneral-chapel.com](http://klinefuneral-chapel.com)



**Pastor's Perspective**

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Jean Helmer, Joy Fisher Ministries.*

**For Unto Us A Child Is Born**

My favorite Christmas music is Handel's Messiah, the musical version of the Book of Isaiah. Two songs speak directly to me this year. "For Unto Us a Child is Born" quotes Isaiah 9:6. A more somber song is "Comfort, O Comfort My People," focuses on Isaiah 40:1-2. Together, these give the heart of the Christmas message.

The passage states the child, born to be Counselor, Father, and Prince of will have "the government on his shoulders." Isaiah is proclaiming that this child will take over the running of the world. Did you notice that this duty is given to a child? There is no mention of "after he has grown to adulthood. Thus, in the Book of Isaiah, we get an upclose view of how God thinks.

Isaiah 40: 1-2 states: "'Comfort my people," says your God. 'Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.'" The final phrase, "received double for all her sins," is troublesome when seen from a modern world perspective. Is it stating that "God has given them double the typical punishment for their transgressions?" That God would be arbitrary and unnecessarily harsh—and a God quite different than the God Jesus presents to us in his teaching. Recently, I discovered an explanation of the handling of debts during the time period of this text. Knowing the cultural practice transformed the passage into a powerful statement of love. It also made the the Messiah coming as a baby a profound statement of what God asks of us.

Hebrew laws forbid charging and receiving interest on loans. Still, there were times when borrowing was necessary. If a loan was not repaid in a timely manner, the lender posted notice on the debtor's door stating the amount owed. Imagine the humiliation of one's neighbors seeing that notice. If someone wished to redeem the debt, that person paid the debt, then "doubled the debt notice," folded it in half and reposted it on the door signifying that the debt had been fully satisfied. So, "Comfort my people [by telling them] that their debt has been doubled," means the debt has been forgiven, totally erased. In reading further, we discover the people had not requested this forgiveness. God simply said that the time had come—He was erasing the debt to restore His covenant with the Hebrews. Imagine discovering that all your debts, all your transgressions, were erased! They have been. God is giving us a clean slate for the coming year!

Now, about the Christ Child. The passage does not say "the government will be on his shoulders when he grows to adulthood." Why would God send an infant rather than a fully mature man? Think what happens when a baby is present. All must devote energy to the care and protection of the child. Now imagine a world in which we focused on caring for one another rather than on struggling for positions of strength. The presence of a baby brings peace, joy, and refocuses our priorities. And isn't that what God has been asking us to do for centuries? May 2021 be the year that we get our focus right. May the Christ Child dwelling in your heart bring you comfort, peace and hope. Amen.

*Luke 2:17-20 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

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## Dick Pluimer Retirement

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## Hey Highmark--Question?

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Vicki Thiel

### Q: Do you think it is safe to shop online for hard to find gifts and toys?

A: One thing that never changes from year to year is that stressed-out parents will do anything to find the hottest holiday toys for their kids or grandkids, and that's where toy scammers come in. Beware of sites offering hard-to-find toys at deep discounts, especially if they're not secure and it seems too good to be true. Only pay with credit cards if you do decide to chance an online

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### Belle Silver Lining Meals for the week of December 23rd-26th

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Dessert

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Stuffed Pepper  
Soup  
Roll & Butter  
Fruit  
Dessert

**Christmas  
Dinner**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Left-over Surprise

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Chili  
Cornbread  
Fruit



The F. L. Clarkson Family Foundation and Pioneer Bank & Trust recently made a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Belle Fourche Senior Citizens Center. Pictured from left to right are Jay Cordell, Vice President of Pioneer Bank, Irene Schuchard, Bayli Talkington and Scott McCart on behalf of the Senior Citizens Center. *Courtesy photo*



Chamber Ribbon Cutting at **Rose's Boutique** located at 1853 5th Ave, Suite D (Ski's Bldg) Owner Rosanne Koistinen (with scissors); her daughters and Grandchildren with Belle Chamber members at the shop. *Photo Courtesy Chamber Board member Andy Bears*

## Merry Christmas



Trista Carbajal, Wendy Bowers, Duke Boston,  
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## FFA Leadership Development

South Dakota FFA's annual State Leadership Development Events continued this year in a new format, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. South Dakota FFA members from across the state traded an in-person State Leadership Development Event, in Pierre, for virtual events throughout December and January. Members qualified through district competitions, advancing the top two teams and top three individuals from each of the seven FFA districts in South Dakota. Despite the changes, students still had the opportunity to interact with agriculture industry leaders, through our SD FFA Star Partners, with a "Career Carnival in a Box". Twenty-five chapters received a box filled with Ag-Swag and educational materials from our Star Partners. FFA members and chapters were recognized for their success in 3 of the 11 leadership areas at a special live Zoom awards announcement. Each state qualifying participant will receive a portable charger



sponsored by SD Midwest Dairy Association and SD FFA Star Partners: CHS Foundation, Agtegra, Bayer, Butler Machinery Company, BankWest, and Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Dealers. State-winning teams and individuals now advance to the National FFA Leadership Development Events in Indianapolis next fall.

In Ag Broadcasting/Journalism, students have 30 minutes to prepare a five-minute agricultural radio newscast and then "air" it. This event is sponsored by Ludens Inc.

Belle Fourche FFA members Elijah Pomeranke placed 6th and Serena Davis placed 8th.

Prepared Public Speaking, each contestant presents a 6-8 minute agriculture-oriented speech and answers five minutes of related questions. The event and travel scholarship are sponsored by Ag PhD.

Belle's Morgan Mackaben place first and Sturgis's Matea Gordon was second.



Elijah Pomeranke



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## Broncs Boys Win at Sturgis

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The Belle Fourche Broncs boys traveled to Sturgis December 15 to take on the Scoopers and came away with their second win of the season by taming the Scoopers 51-43.

The Broncs would jump out to a 12-7 lead at the end of one period as Brextin Garza would hit a three and the inside play of Aiden Giffin and Lan Fuhrer would stake the Broncs to the early lead.

The Broncs pressure defense disrupted the Scoopers in the second quarter. Gage Kracht, along with Fuhrer and Garza, would each knock down three pointers and Giffin would score ten points in the quarter as the Broncs cruised to a 32-11 half-time lead.

The Scoopers brought their version of pressure and intensity in the third quarter as they outscored the Broncs 12-3. The Belle boys could only muster a two pointer by Giffin and a free toss by Kracht and Belle’s lead was cut to 35-23.

The fourth quarter saw both teams heat up from the field. The Broncs got a good balance of scoring in the quarter as the Scoopers made a run at the Broncs. Senior Logan Goeders stripped a ball from the Scoopers late in the game and came

back down and got a put back off an offensive board that gave the Broncs some breathing room near end of the contest. Giffin led the Broncs with 18 points and Garza chipped in with 13. Fuhrer had a great night on the boards with 9 clears and Giffin added 6. The Broncs had 13 steals in the game with Giffin nabbing 5 take aways and Anthony Budmayr 3. Budmayr also dealt out 3 assists in the contest.

“I thought we played a great first half. We rebounded the ball well and forced them into a lot of turnovers and were able to capitalize on it. We lost our intensity in the third quarter but were able to gain it back in the end”, said Head Coach Clay Pottorff.

In the JV contest the Broncs dropped a close contest 40-36 to the Scoopers. Anthony Staley led the Broncs with ten points and Nolan Wahlfeldt added 8.

In the C contest Sturgis prevailed with a convincing 58-28 win over the Little Broncs. Jet Jensen paced the Bronc attack with 10 points.

The Broncs lost to Sundance and Upton in the past week-ends Stateline Action. Details of those games will be in next weeks Beacon. The Broncs travel to Lemmon January 2 to start 2021 off.



**Gage Kracht** driving the lane for two against Sturgis. Logan Goeders working underneath.*Hockenbary Courtesy Photos*



**Anthony Budmayr** applying stingy defensive pressure against Sturgis. *Hockenbary Courtesy Photos*

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**Lan Fuhrer** and **Bryton Odekoven** double team in the paint vs. Scoopers *Hockenbary Courtesy Photos*



**Ryker Audiss** and **Aiden Giffin** trap on defense vs. Scoopers *Hockenbary Courtesy Photos*



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## Wrestlers Season Progressing

The Belle Wrestling Squad bested Douglas 54-27 in dual action Dec. 18 before heading to the Lemmon Invitational Saturday where the Broncos put together a second place team finish.

Aiken Crowley 285# and Thomas McCoy 145# both earned first place medals to lead the team.

Levi Melanson 220# and Gunner Geib 170# won 2nd, as well as Hailey Rodriguez 2nd in the Girls division.

Cade Bickerdyke 182#, D'Angelo Garduna 113#, Colton Shelley 120#, Lane Longbrake 126#, Brooks Clooten 220# all placed 3rd. They were followed by Hunter Quenzer 132#, Isaac McKenney 160#, Sean Wahlfeldt 220# at 4th.

Zach 132# and Andy 152# Tonsager both finished 6th. 145 Nic Lambert 145# finished 7th and Riley Dighton at 106#

also scored team points for the Broncos second place finish.

Douglas Results: Belle Fourche 54.0 Douglas 27.0

106: Ian Fleming over Riley Dighton (Dec 8-4) 113: Hailey Rodriguez over Taylor Lindstrom (Fall 1:18) 120: Kale Crowser over Colton Shelley (Fall 4:31) 126: Lane Longbrake over Aiden Russell (Fall 0:39) 132: Casen Tibbetts over Zach Tonsager (Fall 0:53) 138: Hunter Quenzer over John Updike (Fall 1:33) 145: Thomas McCoy over Logan Huber (Fall 2:21) 152: Kannon Shay over Andy Tonsager (Fall 1:53) 160: Payton DeWitt over Isaac McKenney (Fall 2:49) 170: Gunner Geib over (For.) 182: Cade Bickerdyke over (For.) 195: Levi Melanson over Jake Canaday (Fall 0:29) 220: Brooks Clooten over (For.) 285: Aiken Crowley over Jase Canaday (Fall 0:39)

**Coach Bill Burr** has the Lady Broncos on the sidelines for a time out against Sundance last Friday. The girl's won both games in Wyoming over the weekend. to move to 4-0 on the year. - Courtesy Photo

## Broncs Notch Big Win In Home Opener

**JIM TRIMBLE**  
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

The Belle Fourche Lady Broncos got their second win of the young season Dec. 15 in their home opener by smothering the Sturgis Lady Scoopers by a score of 39-24.

The Ladies got on the board first with Chloe Crago scoring a hoop on an assist from Bella Jensen and then Dylan Stedille buried a long three pointer and it was 5-0. After a Scooper score the Broncos went on an 8-0 run with tenacious defensive pressure applied. Jensen hit a runner in the lane followed by another Stedille 3 point bomb. Kaylin Garza had a nice dish to Hayley Wilbur who was fouled

on the play and she calmly knocked down both free tosses and the Lady Broncos led 13-2 at the end of one.

Garza opened the second stanza with a conventional three point play as she was fouled making an offensive rebound put back and the Broncos led 16-2. The Lady Scoopers went on a short run scoring the next eight points but Grace Clooten and Jensen both got put backs on the offensive glass and the Ladies regained a ten-point cushion at 20-10. Jasmyn Jensen closed out the scoring late in the quarter with a sweet swish from the elbow and the Broncos led by 12 going into the lockers.

Both teams got a slow start in

the second half as turnovers caused by defensive pressure hampered both teams. After a Scooper basket closed the gap to 10, Wilbur again got a conventional 3 pointer on another offensive board put back. That was followed up by Bella Jensen with a 3 from deep in the corner that pushed the Lady Bronc lead to 28-12. After Sturgis hit a couple of free throws Clooten rejected a shot on a Scooper fast break. Chloe Crago immediately made a steal and went the full length of the floor for a layup. A minute later Tia Williamson hit a baseline jumper before the Lady Scoopers would nail a near half court shot at the

buzzer, giving the Broncos a 32-17 lead after 3.

Bella Jensen dropped in her second three with almost two minutes gone in the final quarter then proceeded to find Clooten who hit the jumper near the free throw stripe and Belle Fourche's lead ballooned to 20. Garza knocked down a long two pointer to finish the scoring for the Lady Broncos. Sturgis would make a few baskets late as the final buzzer sounded.

"We pride ourselves on our defense and I think we played pretty good defense tonight", commented Lady Broncos Head Coach Bill Burr. "Our defense helps us create some good offense also", he added.

Bella Jensen had 10 points and Stedille added 7 to pace the Broncos in scoring.

In the JV game Grace Clooten had a big night with 21 points and 10 boards to lead the Ladies to a 54-44 win over the Scoopers. Charlie Henwood and Tia Williamson had nine points each. Williamson also collected 9 rebounds and Dru Keegan handed out 5 assists.

In the C game Sloan Young led the way with 12 points and 8 rebounds as the Lady Broncos won 47-35. She was followed closely by Mataya Ward with 11 points and 8 rebounds and Reese Larson with 10 counters with 7 caroms for the night.

The Lady Broncos earned two wins December 18 at Sundance and December 19 at Upton.

Over Sundance 62-50 and Upton 71-53. Complete etails in next weeks Beacon.



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Thank you to everyone who donated this Holiday Season to the 2020 Kids and Cops and Holiday Meals Programs! With the numerous donations we were able to have a huge impact on families in the communities! This year we were able to help over 36 families with groceries and meals, 12 High School age students received gift cards to buy gifts, 12 children participated in Kids and Cops, and care packages were given to 2 individuals in need.

The Kids and Cops Event was as usual a great success and we are grateful for all who volunteered time and other items to the cause. Each child was paired with a law enforcement officer to shop for gifts for themselves and their entire families! After shopping a gift wrapping and pizza party took place at Community Hall.

We would like to thank Runnings for allowing us to take over the store for the morning! Pizza Hut graciously donated all the pizza for the event as well as take home certificates for the children who participated!

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

I admit to being “technically challenged” and have some difficulty keeping up with the rapidly changing information age.

I remember in school when it was considered “cheating” if you used a calculator in math class. Nowadays I can hardly count past twenty without one.

What about phone numbers? I used to remember hundreds and now have to look at my smart phone to check on my own.

The search for those powers of recollection sometimes make this weekly uncoiling of ramblings a challenge to produce.

As we enter this Christmas and New Year Holiday period I pledge to do my best to improve in 2021. That is, unless I forget. Here is a sample:

The local Lions Club was getting ready to receive an out-of-town emissary to community event.

At their monthly meeting they were assigning responsibilities

for the event.

As they arrived to the point of discussing the emcee a seasoned member of the Lions roared and said, “I’m against it. The guy shows up eats food he doesn’t want so he can get up and tell stories he doesn’t remember to people who have already heard them.”

The Butte County Sheriff’s Department several years ago hired a part-time Deputy with the hope and intention that they would develop into a full time County officer.

His first week on the job on a very slow afternoon he pulled over a Nisland area farm truck for a routine spot check.

Everything: License, registration, Insurance, CDL was in legal order.

The officer when reviewing the operator’s license saw that it said, “corrective lenses required.” and said, “You should be wearing glasses!”

The driver, somewhat annoyed



The Chamber of Commerce **Polar Express** Trolley heading East down State Street giving Holiday revelers rides around the community to see the Christmas Lights. *Courtesy Photo*

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at the young officers delving, said curtly, “I have contacts!”

The young officer replied, “I don’t care who you know. You’re supposed to be wearing glasses!”

Politics these days is like a herd of longhorn cattle. Many strong points visible on both sides, but the herd comes with a lot of manure being spread no matter where they graze.

A contemporary of his once said, “Will Rodgers was one of the few humorists who could use a rope to hold an audience.”

My father was someone who believed a ‘pat on the back’ built character in young men. His interpretation meant application frequently, firmly, and lower on the anatomy.

I mentioned last week the amount of money you could keep in your local economy if

you stopped loading the Amazon online shopping cart.

If the comment made you feel empathetic toward to poor Billionaires who own Amazon, fight back the tears. During this 2020 year of the pandemic with the barrage of online shoppers help they were able to grow Amazon from \$28 billion to a \$65 billion dollar company.

I built a garage several years ago for a retired Harding County rancher who had moved to Belle. You may find this hard to believe, but he loved to have a cup of coffee and visit.

Around 9 am each morning he would host me at his kitchen table; pour the coffee; and tell me tales of his life as a rancher.

One morning he related a time in his past when he, in addition to ranching was involved in Quarter horse racing.

He took his string of fleet-footed equine to many of the regional tracks of that time: he mentioned

Ft. Pierre, Aberdeen, Park Jefferson, and Gillette.

He said once he even went to an event in north central Iowa where a local Chamber of Commerce was hosting a special mid summer race as a fundraiser at their local fairgrounds.

He said he got there on Thursday; entered four horses for the Saturday event; but thought he may have strayed out of horse country when on Friday he went to the Event office (run by the local chamber) and told the exuberant Chamber volunteer he had a horse in the third race he wanted them to scratch.


The Chamber volunteer cheerfully responded, “Certainly sir. We can do so. Where does he like to be scratched?”

Christmas #3 for the Beacon. It is an honor and a blessing to be a part of keeping local news local. Thank all of you for the support. May God bless you and keep you this Holiday Season!

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## ASDPS Says Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays,

Since the “Association of South Dakota Peer Supporters” produced the “Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness Day” for Belle Fourche, the group has not let any grass grow under their feet.

For Christmas we would like to say “Thank you” to all the businesses and persons who helped with our Mental Health Day. We would also like to “thank” folks who have been able to benefit from it. We did take note that there was a lot of “after the event” energies raised. Suicide prevention is not to be taken lightly and the program dealt with all kinds of situations and peoples. To all the folks who from ASDPS who worked the program, Thank you. These are volunteer folks. There is no money, not even for the leaders, we choose to “give back and pay forward”, and so it continues. Thank you Volunteers. !

ASDPS had weekly meetings all summer long in Salem Park, in Spearfish(Public Mental Health Networking Forum) and did a food drive and also a furniture and supplies replenishment. The Spearfish Food Pantry and the Artemis House were the recipients of a healthy amount of necessities. ASDPS used the entire summer to gather food and also the supplies

for the Artemis House. WE all gave “thanks for the opportunity” to give back to those folks who really work hard to help others. For all the programs that help the disadvantaged, we give thanks for.

Yes, we are still out here working behind the scenes, keeping the Peer to Peer movement alive. The Phone-a-Friend Project is in full swing to combat the isolation of the Pandemic. This covers the Northern Hills towns and also has a separate group for the Rapid City folks, ASDPS utilizes Zoom a lot.

Thank you all for the opportunity to offer information and personal testimonies to different groups and peoples, this is how we get stigma under control. Thank you all for your support. Belle Fourche welcomed us with open arms, and we would like to say thank you to Belle Fourche for that. A big thanks to the Newspapers whom without their grace we would not be able to reach folks. So from our little Group at ASDPS to all of you, “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year”, or if you prefer, “The Happiest of this Holiday Season to you!”

Thanks again,  
Timothy Flaskamp, President,  
ASDPS@yahoo.com or 605-723-6044  
by Loran Harris, Sec. ASDPS



Pictured is ASDPS Volunteer **Michelle Moore** handing out gifts to one of the little ones, when we produced a “Christmas Potluck Event” in Belle Fourche in the basement of First Interstate Bank.

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All the Crew & Management at St. Onge Livestock and Newell Sheep Yards would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas!

We would like to thank everyone for your business this past year & hope to see you all again in 2021!

**2021 CATTLE SALES**

January 8th – Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
January 15th – Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
January 22nd – Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
January 29th – Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
February 5th – No Sale – Go Visit The Black Hills Stock Show  
February 12th – Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
February 19th – Bred Cow & Heifer Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
February 26th – Feeder Cattle Special Featuring Replacement Heifers – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
March 5th – Bred Cow & Heifer Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
March 12th – Feeder Cattle Special Featuring Replacement Heifers – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
March 19th – Bred Cow & Heifer Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
March 26th – Feeder Cattle Special Featuring Replacement Heifers – Selling All Classes Of Cattle  
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April 9th – Feeder Cattle Special Featuring Grass Cattle – Selling All Classes Of Cattle

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!****Sheep Report - December 17, 2020**Big Run Of Sheep For December  
Lamb Market Was \$10 Lower  
Slaughter Ewes Sold Lower On All ClassesNext Sale - January 7th 2021 - Feeder Lamb Special - 1PM  
Thank You For Your Business!**Bred Ewes - Sold By The Head**

Mctaggart, Lance, Newell SD	16	2-3Yr.	187	\$250.00
Mctaggart, Lance, Newell SD	28	2-3Yr.	185	\$230.00
Mctaggart, Lance, Newell SD	65	2-3Yr.	185	\$215.00
Mctaggart, Lance, Newell SD	35	Yr-g-3Yr.	172	\$200.00
Mctaggart, Lance, Newell SD	96	S-Ss	182	\$167.50
Erk Ranch, Newell SD	95	6-7Yr.	159	\$145.00

**Feeder Lambs**

Bucklin, John, Scobey MT	102	Lambs	96	\$187.00
Bucklin, John, Scobey MT	23	Lambs	83	\$209.00
Bucklin, John, Scobey MT	16	Lambs	77	\$218.00
Myaer, Don, Mohall ND	74	Lambs	94	\$188.00
Alley, Brian I, Isabel SD	12	Lambs	82	\$196.00
Bornreger, Levi, Forsyth MT	13	Lambs	90	\$196.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND	163	Lambs	138	\$145.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD	25	Lambs	73	\$220.00
Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD	21	Lambs	77	\$218.00
Kronberg Land & Livestock, Bison SD	31	Lambs	65	\$242.00
Lemmel, Rick, Mud Butte SD	17	Lambs	62	\$233.00
Rosencranz, Todd, Belle Fourche SD	14	Lambs	56	\$233.00
Rosencranz, Todd, Belle Fourche SD	25	Lambs	70	\$219.00
Smith, Gene, Olive MT	27	Lambs	63	\$244.00
Smith, Gene, Olive MT	83	Lambs	79	\$211.00
White, Howard, Upton WY	27	Lambs	73	\$219.00
White, Howard, Upton WY	36	Lambs	95	\$181.00

**Slaughter Ewes**

Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD	26	Klr Ewes	180	\$82.50
Elm, Walt, Kaycee WY	54	Klr Ewes	135	\$85.00
Elm, Walt, Kaycee WY	33	Klr Ewes	145	\$81.00
Elm, Walt, Kaycee WY	21	Klr Ewes	119	\$31.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC, Belle Fourche	86	Klr Ewes	150	\$85.00
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Johnson Sheep & Cattle LLC, Belle Fourche	185	Klr Ewes	163	\$77.00
Kinchen Land & Livst, Kaycee WY	4	Klr Ewes	152	\$85.00
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Orwick, Sam, Newell SD	12	Klr Ewes	150	\$81.00
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JAN 7TH – FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
JAN 14TH – REGULAR SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
JAN 21ST – BRED EWE SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
JAN 28TH – FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
FEB 4TH – NO SALE – Visit the Black Hills Stock Show  
FEB 11TH – FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
FEB 18TH – REGULAR SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
FEB 25TH – REGULAR SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
MARCH 4TH – REGULAR SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
MARCH 11TH – BRED EWE SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
MARCH 18TH – REGULAR SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
MARCH 25TH – NEW CROP LAMB SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 4 pm. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.

We also have a receiving station at the Broadus Yards, Broadus, MT. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Brandy Escott at 406-951-1666, Tyler at 406-853-5690 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$2hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

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## Quilts Where Needed From A Giving Heart



Lynn Hammerstrom presented Nila's Quilts to Butte County Sheriff Dept. and Belle Fourche Police Department to distribute for people in need. *Courtesy Photo*

Nila was involved in the Northern Hills Quilters Guild for a number of years. The Quilters would each make quilts to give to various projects in the community. Nila made over a hundred quilts over the years and either gave them with the other Quilters to projects or brought them to Cancer treatment centers to give to aging Veterans who were

receiving cancer treatments.

She made several to give to the Police Department and Sheriff Offices last December and her Cancer would not allow her to give them, so her husband Lynn kept them to give after her Passing in March of 2020. She was Blessed with a Talents that she shared freely.

These Quilts are to be used by the Officers to give to families they

feel can use them in times of distress, when they respond to calls. They are intended to help calm, to bring a feelings that someone cares, and are a Gift of Love, from one who painstakingly hand made all these Quilts. Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Wonderful New Year!

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## The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

*The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson. He 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. The Beacon is the only newspaper in which appears.*

There's not much to add to this one. Its called:

### Christmas Letter from Jesus



Dear Children,

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. Maybe you've forgotten that I wasn't actually born during this time of the year and that it was some of your predecessors who decided to celebrate My birthday on what was actually a time of pagan festival (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 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 all around town.

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. Choose something from it.

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid, and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.
2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.
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 will be nice to hear from you again.)
4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need,

spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.

5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive them.
6. Did you know that someone in your town will 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.
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,

Jesus

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.

Happy Christmas Everyone!





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## Capitol News

### CHARLIE ODELL

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I discovered that it has been quite some time since I did the news, so I decided to give Karen a break. On Tuesday I went to Buffalo to get groceries and electrical parts. On Wednesday I inspected cows for Ronda Cordell and Clint Zolnoski and Thursday I inspected calves for Tom Brewer. On Friday I took a tractor tire to Wolf's to be repaired. I have to run water for the cows every day since the dam has frozen. Karen spent the week caulking on the little cabin. She wrote some accompaniment and produced the keyboard, bass and rhythm for the church songs. She finished writing "Rowen" which is the sixth novel she has written for the grand kids. She watched two beautiful cantatas on you tube, put a link on Facebook and put some manager scene art on Evans Odell Publishing Facebook page. We watched Kellan wrestle in a Junior High wrestling tournament. He won two matches and lost one. She has been practicing violin and played piano for church on Sunday. We talked to her cousins Ann Clevenger and Ray Anderson on Thursday. We had a great prime rib sandwich for dinner at the "Over the Edge" after church on Sunday..

On Monday Bruce and Lynn Gustufson went to the hills for dental appointments and for groceries. Lynn had a Parish Council meeting in Buffalo on Wednesday. They went to church at Little Missouri on Sunday.

Ian Flatgard and Joe went to Belle Fourche on Wednesday to get a semi that was being repaired. They have finished hauling hay. When he was coming back from Belle Fourche Joe lost two pickup tires on the Indian Creek Road. If anyone has seen them he would appreciate a call at 406-828-4086. Jenna is busy making Christmas presents. Jenna says their cows are happy with the weather we have been having.

Dick and Erma Albert had physical therapy on Tuesday and Thursday. They went to town on Wednesday to get a ham and some groceries for Christmas. They went to church on Sunday and then Dick helped decorate the church. They had dinner at the Number Three with John and Carol Helms and Father Brian. Billy Roadifer spent the week getting ready to preg check cows and haul some hay from the Rapid City area.

Dawn and Bryce Padden went to the Christmas Concert in Buffalo on Monday and to the concert in Camp Crook on

Tuesday. Bryce and Will Sacrison were in a coyote calling contest on the weekend.

Doug Davis had an eye appointment in Spearfish on Tuesday. Since he had to have his eyes dilated Julia went along to drive. They just got some groceries and came home after the appointment. Julia has just been going to work and coming home.

Donna Lewis went to Baker to get medicines, mail and groceries. She is still busy making and wrapping caramels. Allen Loken came out to Alvin Cordells on Tuesday to visit about a trail ride he is planning. They plan on going up Tie Creek, then through the Sheep Mountains and Finger Buttes and on to Alzada. Gene May of Vigortone Minerals stopped at Alvin on Friday. He had dinner with Alvin and Marlee. Alvin and Denin have been replacing some tin on a shed at Sky Ranch. Marlee went to church on Sunday.

Marian Kerr spent the weekend with Justin and Krista and is dog setting. Justin and Krista went Christmas shopping in Rapid City. They helped Tom Brewer ship calves on Thursday.

Dorothy Padden went to the Christmas Concert in Buffalo with Bryce and Dawn on Monday. She went to the Camp Crook Christmas Concert with Ashley on Tuesday.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to Baker to church on Sunday. Tommy is excited because he is on Christmas break, so no school.

On Monday morning Ronda Cordell went to Buffalo Clinic for the Medicare Wellness check. Tuesday she went into town to get a package mailed to Missouri. She met Janet Odell for soup at Wolffy's and took Cashew Brittle for Gordon Anderson. Wednesday Dague Trucking came to haul three loads of cows to Belle Fourche Livestock. Charlie Odell came to inspect them. Friday morning she did the chores before daylight and headed to Spearfish and then back to Belle Fourche to watch the cow sale. Diane Wear came Saturday morning to help put up and decorate her Christmas tree. In the afternoon they helped Clint get a calf of theirs from Wheatcroft's.

The Corona Virus has changed a lot of things that we do, but people seem to be adjusting and we still have hope that things will be more normal soon. Karen and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope you get everything that you wished for.

Karen will be talking to you next Sunday.

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BF @ Upton Boys &  
Girls at 11AM & 2:30PM

#### DECEMBER 2020

Fri, Dec. 11, 2020  
Hill City @ BF Boys at  
7:30PM will Broadcast-  
ing  
BF @ Hill City BF Girls,  
not broadcasting

Tue, Dec. 15, 2020  
Sturgis @ BF Girls at  
7PM

Fri, Dec. 18, 2020  
BF @ Sundance Boys &

#### JANUARY 2021

Fri, Jan. 1, 2021  
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2:30PM only

Mon, Jan 4, 2021  
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Girls at 7PM

### NE WY High School Basketball

12:30 PM

#### JANUARY 2021

Tues., Jan. 5, 2021  
Hulett @ Wright Boys &  
Girls at 4:30PM & 6PM

#### DECEMBER 2020

Sat., Dec. 12, 2020  
Upton @ Sundance  
Boys & Girls at  
11:30AM & 1PM

Thurs., Dec. 17, 2020  
Glenrock @ Moorcroft  
Boys & Girls at 5PM &  
6:30PM

Fri., Dec. 18, 2020  
Belle Fourche @ Sun-  
dance Boys & Girls at  
5PM & 6:30PM

Sat., Dec. 19, 2020  
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Boys & Girls at 11 AM &

Thursday, January 7,  
2021  
Moorcroft @ Hulet  
Boys & Girls at 5:30Pm  
& 7PM

Friday, January 8, 2021  
Sundance @ Quad (Pine  
Bluff & Glenrock) Boys  
& Girls at 1PM & 5PM

Saturday, January 9,  
2021  
Midwest @ Hulett Boys  
& Girls at 1:30PM &

## Expired Driver License Extension Ends Dec. 30

Dec. 30 is the deadline for people to renew their expired South Dakota driver licenses and ID cards!

When COVID-19 temporarily shut down the state's driver license stations in early March, Gov. Kristi Noem issued an exemption delaying the renewal of driver licenses and ID cards that expired on or after March 13. That exemption ends Dec. 30.

In the past nine months, the Driver License staff has tried to reduce the backlog of renewals by having exam stations open additional days. You may also have seen or heard commercials about our "Renew 2020" campaign, letting people know how they can renew online.

If you can renew your license online we encourage you to do that. Here's how:

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If you must renew in person, you must make an appointment in advance at <https://dps.sd.gov>. The appointment times are filling fast so please do that as soon as possible.

Please do NOT delay renewing your license or ID. If you do not have either one renewed by Dec. 30, you could be cited by law enforcement for driving with an expired license.

### Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis; self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver. [rdennis@gwtc.net](mailto:rdennis@gwtc.net)



### What is a Scarf?

Some don't know what a scarf is  
At least the scarf some cow folks wear  
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Like the ones ladies used to tie over their hair

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And now that we got the Woo Han flu  
Spreading around all over the land  
Many have taken to using it like that  
Stops sneezes to beat the band

So when my ol' pal Santa calls me up  
And asks just what he's supposed to do  
To meet the mandates spreading around  
To prevent the Woo Han flu

I tells him to get a wild rag  
And to tie it over his face  
Besides stopping the snot from slinging  
It will help him to have a warm face!

"But what about the reindeer?", he asks  
"Well shoot, do the same for them"  
"How do I get them big enough?", he asks  
The kind of wrinkled my little brain stem!

"Bigger," I shouts! "Bigger!"  
"Then they will fit their big nose"  
"How do I keep them on?", he asks  
"Just tie them to their antlers, I suppose!"

So when you look up Christmas Eve  
And see Santy and that bright red sled  
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## Festival of Trees Funds Awarded



Recipients of the proceeds of the 2020 Festival Of Trees were awarded their checks from the Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee. The groups were the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association, for Compassion Cupboard; Greater Belle Fourche Foundation; BF Police Kops & Kids; Meals on Wheels. Back row: Asher Pikula - Wallace Eddy - Ryan Cherveney, with BF Police, - Tim Smith Front Row: Bonnie Rosander, Meals on Wheels, Marilyn Johnson, Compassion Cupboard, Kelly Milliken, GBFF, Pastor Paul Howard, and Chad Pelster representing BHR Ag Committee - Courtesy Photo

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From A1  
**Tax Revenue**

may not have been planned for next year.”

The city has received its first tax payment from the state. It is up a healthy amount from last year’s first payment but LaFayette says it does not guarantee the second payment will be. But the initial third penny payment was \$3,000 higher than last year’s, which is seen

as a positive sign.

By the numbers last year’s total sales tax revenue in the city for all twelve months was \$3,001,867.55. This year through eleven months the total was already \$3,017,234.47. The 2020 year-to-date figure is higher than the yearly total for any previous year dating back to before 2015.

The third-penny revenue for all of 2019 was \$180,870.94. Through eleven months this

year the total is \$162,752.65 which is on pace for about a 4% drop from last year.

Third penny exceeded last year’s monthly revenue totals in January, March, April, July, September and October. Revenue was up 8% in July, which may be attributable to the largest Black Hills Roundup in recent times. Revenue dropped sharply in August, perhaps reflecting a slower than normal Rally season.



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Butte Electric CEO John Lee and Director of Operations Brett Fosheim, met with the Butte County Commissioners on Tuesday, December 15, to discuss issues concerning the movement of power line poles and the potential cost to the county. - Brunner photo

From A1  
**Law Firm**

firm decided to make the move, reach out, and open office here.

“It just made sense for our firm to have an office more centrally located to the jurisdictions where the cases were coming from,” said Melling. She went on to say, “I am beyond excited to be returning to the area after all of these years.”

Erin Melling, born and raised in a Hettinger agriculture family, served as intern with Roseland for the summers after her first and second years of law school.

Upon graduation from Law School, she was offered a position with the firm; became a partner with the firm in 2015; and in 2017 became the managing partner.

Erin had a knowledge of Belle Fourche, and the area, that led to the firm opening an office.

After high school graduation in 2002 in Hettinger, her first year of college undergraduate school was at Dickinson State University.

When her grandfather was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in 2003 she returned to Hettinger to help care for him.

After his passing she resumed studies at Black Hills State University graduating in 2008 with a bachelor’s degree in Science.

During her time at BHSU, Erin lived in Belle Fourche and, as she stated, “Absolutely fell in love with the community.”

“To me Belle Fourche was and is the perfect combination of small-town values with access to bigger town convenience.”

After college graduation, her uncle unexpectedly passed away, so she once again returned to Hettinger to help her Mother manage his estate and probate.

Melling remarked, “It was through that experience that I came to appreciate the value of thoughtful, thorough estate planning, and it inspired me to seek admission to Law School.”

She entered the University of South Dakota School of Law in Vermillion in 2010 and graduated in 2013.

We asked Melling what had made her pursue law as a profession?

She replied, “Through my life experience and inspiration from several educators, I have come to love the practice of law. In particular, I had a professor during undergrad that showed me that if you really wanted to

make positive changes in the world, seeking and attaining a law degree was an effective way to have that opportunity. That, coupled with various issues families and friends have confronted inspired me to want to help people, protect people, and assist people in planning for the future so that they might be able to avoid some of the hardships and tribulations that those close to me have suffered through.”

This interview has definitely convinced this writer that she will have a positive effective on the future of the area.

In her words, “I am so excited to be here. I look forward to meeting new people, integrating myself into the community, and assisting those who need my help.”

Their office is currently open most weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm.

They will be looking to hire a legal assistant soon at which time they will be open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. For the time being, Melling is the only one in the office so if you need to contact them please call and leave a message if she is unable to take your call.

The Firm’s number is 605-723-1659.

From A1  
**Commissioners**

virus issues that the new grand jury would serve for a full year.

Assistant State’s Attorney LeEllen McCartney, reported on the Employee Handbook, and with a small bit of tweaking yet, the board approved the handbook, effective January 1, 2021. All employees would meet with their individual department heads and sign a back sheet acknowledging understanding of the handbook.

Wendt said the county would be purchasing two surface laptops instead of new computers as these units would be compatible to the Karpel document system that is in the process of being uploaded.

“We could take them with us into the courtroom and be able to scan a defendants entire file while in the room,” said Wendt. “We will save \$860 if we purchase through Best Buy before the end of the year. Double Star (Computing) cannot sell these but can set them up and get them ready to go,” said Wendt.

Following a brief executive session on legal counsel for contractual matters, the board approved the agreement with the city on the Dispatch Contract.

McCartney explained, “We made modifications to page five, asking the city to pay 50 percent of the necessary equipment expense, page 10 on the termination of the agreement, reducing the notice from 18 months to six months on a three-year contract, and page 17, which involved no budget for the contract then the contract is terminated.”

Mayor Gloria Landphere, who was in attendance, said she had taken the contract to her legal finance committee and had planned to take it to the city counsel on Monday night, December 21, for approval.

Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich reported that one of the older trucks had, at the very least, a blown head gasket and possibly more damage. It had been taken to Bickle’s for assessment.

The board approved a work order for construction engineering services on another bridge on Orman Road, as well as several applications for rights-of-way, and installation of fiber optic cable under 183rd Street.

They approved the contract for Community Health Services between Butte County and the SD Department of Health. They also approved the Fairboard agreement with Lawrence County. They also gave the nod for five Retail (on-sale) Liquor-Sunday Sales licenses in the county.

Commissioner Karrol Herman brought up the topic of the cleaning of offices by Stanley Steamer with a cost of around \$4000 for fogging for the virus.

“I could see a spray ting doing a more thorough job than wiping everything down,” said Herman, referring to a fogging unit that is used in the ambulance department. Richards said the unit, which is portable cost around \$320 with \$200 for four gallons of liquid.

Commissioner James Ager said, “For \$600, I think it would be good to have around. (It would be a) small investment that would be used a lot.”



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**Special City Council Meeting**  
Dec. 30 End of the year meeting  
5pm Via Zoom

**HS Boys Basketball**  
Jan. 2 at Lemmon 4pm  
Jan. 5 St. Thomas More 7pm  
Jan. 8 Chadron NE 7pm

**HS Girls Basketball**  
Jan. 2 Wall 2:30pm  
Jan. 4 St Thomas More 7pm  
Jan. 8 Chadron NE 5:30pm

**HS Wrestling**  
Jan. 7 JV/V Quad at Spearfish  
(Hill City, St Thomas More and Spearfish) 4:00pm

**First Saturday Brunch**  
Jan. 2nd 10am - 11:30am  
Tri-State Museum  
First Saturday Brunches provide an opportunity to eat a meal prepared by museum volunteers, see friends from the surrounding communities and hear an educational program. Admission to First Saturday Brunch is \$5 per person or free with museum membership. Reservations are not required.

**Saturday on State**  
Fri. Jan. 8 and Sat. Jan. 9

**Family Fun Day**  
Jan. 17th 2-4pm  
Tri-State Museum

**Meals Program Ongoing**  
11:30am - 12:00 pm  
Pick up Point: John Burns Apartments; 836 Kingsbury Street. For pickup Please call Bonnie at 892-5472 in the mornings for Meals on Wheels Program for either delivered meals or if you want to just get out of the house and pick up a meal to go.

**Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program**  
Every day of the week  
11:00 am - 1:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center; 828 Kingsbury St 605-892-6285  
Chuck Wagon Café is open so come and enjoy a different lunch menu everyday of the week. \$5 suggested donation.

**Belle Silver Lining Thrift Store**  
Tuesday thru Friday 1:00pm - 5:00pm Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm Belle Silver Lining Senior Center 828 Kingsbury St. 605-892-6285  
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124 years ago -Northwest Times December 26, 1896



The Belle Fourche Roller Mills, 1896.

**100 years ago**  
Northwest Daily  
Dec. 23, 1920  
*Some Relief In Sight For The Farmer Rural Credits Boards Will Turn Over to State Banks to Help Farmers*

There is a mighty good prospect for the farmers of South Dakota to be relieved of their financial distress within a very short time, according to a statement made in Mitchell a short time ago, while in consultation with the bankers of that city concerning the plan of South Dakota Rural Credits board, which is under consideration and is being put into effect. It is the plan of the Rural Credits board to put on deposit in the banks of South Dakota \$5,000,000 for the purpose of relieving the financial stringency as effecting the farmers of the state. Under the plan of the Rural Credit board, the state issues bonds which are sold to eastern banking companies in order to secure the money to loan to the farmers.

*Wendelken-Quarnberg Nuptial Last Saturday*

The marriage of Ralph Wendelken of Elkton, S. D. and Miss Anne Quarnberg of Belle Fourche was solemnized at Mankato, Minn. last Saturday. Only a few of the intimate friends of the bride and groom were in attendance. The ring ceremony was used. Mr. and Mrs. Wendelken left the same day for Belle Fourche, arrived here Sunday and will spend the holidays with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Quarnberg, and other relatives in the city. The groom is a man of business integrity, and for a number of years has been engaged in the live stock and dairy industry. Mr. and Mrs. Wendelken will leave for California after the first of the year where they will spend a six-week honeymoon.

*Work Discontinued On New Factories*

The violent and unexpected depression in sugar prices together with the uncertain prospects confronting the beet sugar industry resulting from the strained financial condi-

tions in the United States are reasons given by the Great Western Sugar company today in announcing indefinite discontinuance of construction work on both of its new factories at Johnstown, Colo., and Minutaire, Nebr.

**75 years ago**  
Belle Fourche Bee  
Dec. 25, 1945  
*1st Lt. Glen W. Horman*  
First Lt. Glen W. Horman, Field Artillery, Company, "A", 635th Tank Destroyer Battalion, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from June 8, 1944, to August 1, 1944, in France, where he was seriously wounded in action and evacuated, and from December 18, 1944 to May 8, 1945 in Belgium, Germany and Austria. Lt Horman performed his duties as a Platoon Leader of a Tank Destroyer Platoon in a superior manner. Lt. Horman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horman, Belle Fourche, entered military service from Belle Fourche about four years ago.

**50 years ago**  
Belle Fourche Bee  
Dec. 24, 1970  
In recognition for her 30 years of service as Butte county Clerk of Courts, Mrs. Myrtle Arnold was presented with a plaque and gift from members of the court house staff Friday.



Red Owl store in 1945, on State Street, now Belle Laundry.



by Mary Buchholz

Mrs. Ethel Rosander, register of deeds, made the presentation to Mrs. Arnold at the annual Christmas party of the court house staff. In addition to the plaque, which expressed recognition for service from 1941 to 1971, Mrs. Arnold received some Black Hills gold jewelry. Mrs. Arnold, who did not seek re-election last fall, will complete her term on Dec. 31. Mrs. Gladys Rothermel, who is now serving as a deputy in the office, will take over as the new clerk of courts Jan. 1.

*Ellis Tripp Takes Over Big D Station*  
Ellis Tripp has taken over the operation of the Big D Oil company located at the junction of highways 34 and 85 south of Belle Fourche, it was announced this week by Don Policky of the Big D Oil company office of Rapid City. The change was effective Dec. 18. The Big D is owned by the company's Rapid City office. Ray Schlenker, who has been leasing the station and been with the company since 1955, has no definite plans.

*Paula To Compete at Nationals*  
Paula McGinnis of Belle Fourche has been named "Cinderella of South Dakota" and has won the regional title in the contest sponsored by the Farmers Insurance Group to select a queen for its "Cinderella" float in the 1971 Pasadena, Calif. Tournament of Roses parade on New Years Day. The announcement was made by H. Robert Nichola, regional manager, who said that winning the regional title places Miss McGinnis in the national finals.

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Puzzle Answers on C4

## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

### Creating Downtown & Community Vibrancy

Mother Teresa once said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Last week, we discussed the power of music and its ability to transform individuals and possibly, even communities. Recently, I came across another article about how music is creating impact the city of Claremore, OK. Let me lead by adding, I am not beyond taking another idea and expounding upon it, after all, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Fact is, one of my favorite quotes is, "He who steals from me runs the risk of stealing twice." I believe there are few new ideas out there; we all need to share great ideas when it comes to revitalizing our downtowns and communities.

This week, I am going to do something I rarely do and double down two weeks in a row on the same theme; in this case the idea of using music to assist in the transformation of a community. I will also share an affordable idea that is being used around the country.



John Newby

On the upper end of the revitalizing spectrum, one can visit Branson, MO spending time at Branson Landing. This new project has become a must visit spot in a city already ripe with many viable tourist options. Visitors will be soothed by music as they shop, dine and explore the area. Music is a part of the landscape and was built-in to the Branson Landing project from the very beginning. On the downside, as great as this project is, being perfectly realistic, smaller communities without the pull of Branson might be hard pressed to duplicate that exact project due to the high cost. But then again, launching big ships takes big dreams. The biggest problem with most smaller communities isn't dreaming too big, it is dreaming too small. Never underestimate what a dedicated community can do when they put their vision, power, strength, and money to work as they shoot for the stars.

This is what made the Claremore project so intriguing. The city is installing an affordable downtown sound system to

share music throughout their entire downtown, as are other communities around the country. The Claremore project is being spearheaded by the local Main Street organization tackling it in an affordable and very doable way. In fact, this might be called a grassroots project, it is being crowd-funded into reality. It appears they are concentrating on a three-block area of their historic downtown. They have approached the local business community to provide a matching opportunity for local citizens donating toward the total project implementation cost of \$25,000. Because the Main Street organization is non-profit, all donations are tax deductible.

I point this out to show regardless of the size of the community, if there is a will, there can be a way. Smaller and mid-sized communities need to do everything they can to differentiate their communities

from the sea of sameness we all experience all too often. Anything your community can do to set you apart in a positive way will be money well spent.

So many communities around the country offer the same predictable shops and the same types of dining and entertainment options. The more you can turn those shopping, dining and entertainment options into unique experiences, the greater the odds of success for your community. Music is always somewhat unique and engages the soul. When the soul is engaged, memories are created that will draw visitors back time and time again.

We have written often, and will continue to write about the impact of the online and digital onslaught to our communities. Make no mistake, smaller and mid-sized communities are in war for their economic survival. The sooner communities realize this, the sooner they can get

on with their transformation. You must transform or you will become irrelevant.

Unique experiences are the one thing that can't be duplicated online or digitally. When asked, how our communities will survive, the answer is in our ability to transform. We must transform our routines of the past into novel and unique experiences moving into the future. Creating a sense of place and community in your town is the ultimate arrow in the quiver as we battle the arrival of the digital age.

John A. Newby, is the author of the weekly "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column. He is dedicated to helping communities and local media companies combine synergies allowing them to not just survive, but thrive in a world where truly-local is lost to Amazon & Wall Street chains. His email at: john@360MediaAlliance.net.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!**Feeder Cattle**

Lyman Ranch, Ten Sleep WY.....	95	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	707	149.75
John (Amie) Beardsley, Miles City MT.....	92	Rd/Blk-Str Pc	571	167.00
.....	14	Rd/Blk-Str Pc	485	177.00
.....	98	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc	517	155.25
.....	20	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc	450	166.00
Brian W Birkley, Osage WY.....	57	Black-Str Pc	579	167.50
.....	10	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	474	182.00
Gali Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	94	Black-Hfr Pc	430	175.25
.....	22	Black-Hfr Pc	344	175.50
Jacob Hieb, Ekalaka MT.....	39	Black-Str Pc	589	167.00
.....	6	Black-Str Pc	478	177.00
Kathy Degrand, Baker MT.....	60	Black-Str Pc Bulls	588	155.00
Phil Verwolf, Broadus MT.....	88	Black-Hfr Pc	556	155.00
.....	9	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	478	166.00
Warren Dunn, Buffalo SD.....	34	Bwf-Hfr Pc Bv	485	168.00
.....	12	Rwf/Hfr-Hfr Pc Bv	455	168.00
.....	8	Rwf/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bv	388	176.00
Lyle Or Angela Wetz, Vale SD.....	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	564	164.00
.....	12	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	676	142.50
.....	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	415	197.00
Six-Ess Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT.....	25	Black-Hfr Pc	452	169.50
George D Whalen, Aladdin WY.....	77	Hfr-Str Pc	601	157.50
.....	16	Hfr-Str Pc	527	164.50
.....	20	Bwf-Str Pc	692	149.50
Steven Schuldis, Nisland SD.....	69	Black-Str Pc	580	168.50
.....	8	Black-Str Pc	459	188.00
Jeremy Yeager, Buffalo WY.....	16	Black-Str Pc	489	183.50
.....	38	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	503	163.50
.....	14	Black-Hfr Pc	421	169.00
William Kough, Busby MT.....	17	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	553	169.00
.....	36	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	397	200.00
.....	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	313	213.00
.....	16	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	327	182.00
Patrick & Sarafina Claeys, Ekalaka MT.....	5	Rwf/Bwf-Str Pc	495	177.50
.....	7	Hfr-Str Pc	524	160.50
.....	4	Rwf/Bwf-Str Pc	345	180.00
.....	22	Rwf/Hfr-Hfr Pc	492	153.00
Shawn Donahay, Newell SD.....	21	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	554	157.50
.....	11	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	462	166.00
Fidelity Services Llc, Buffalo WY.....	30	Black-Str Pc	635	162.00
.....	31	Black-Str Pc	512	181.50
.....	12	Black-Str Pc	415	195.00
Haier Enterprise Inc, Spearfish SD.....	17	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	534	155.50
Shawn Donahay, Newell SD.....	10	Black-Str Pc	447	198.50
Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish SD.....	47	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	531	158.50
.....	15	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	444	169.00
Ray & Kathryn Daly, Banner WY.....	41	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	485	184.50
.....	17	Black-Hfr Pc	439	168.00
Enoch & Dixie Schaffer, Broadus MT.....	21	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	340	196.50
.....	58	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	408	177.00
.....	16	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	335	177.00
Wade Helkern, Sundance WY.....	48	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	474	169.00
.....	20	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	406	177.50
Dan Bird, Olive MT.....	21	Black-Str Pc	491	185.50
.....	24	Black-Str Pc	408	203.00
Pauline Fisk, WYoma WY.....	10	Black-Str	556	166.50
Phillip & Linda Vandervoort, Piedmont SD.....	15	Black-Str Pc	641	152.00
.....	14	Black-Hfr Pc	638	136.00

**Market Report - Friday, December 18, 2020**BIG RUN OF BRED STOCK WITH GREAT QUALITY,  
HIGHER MARKET ON MOST CLASSES  
MERRY CHRISTMAS, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!**Feeder Cattle**

T C Outfit LP, Vale SD.....	45	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1323	1500.00
.....	7	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1306	1550.00
.....	5	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1394	1525.00
.....	40	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1331	1475.00
.....	50	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1298	1460.00
.....	50	Black-Brd Cow 5 Yo	1306	1460.00
Neiman Cattle Co LLC, Alva WY.....	28	Black-Brd Hfr Ai	934	1700.00
.....	11	Black-Brd Hfr	905	1500.00
X Bar Ranch, Rozet WY.....	50	Black-Brd Hfr	1117	1675.00
.....	15	Black-Brd Hfr	1070	1600.00
Norman Ranch, Black Hawk SD.....	10	Black-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1108	1675.00
.....	21	Black-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1152	1635.00
.....	21	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1141	1635.00
.....	43	Black-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1135	1600.00
Monte Snook, Sundance WY.....	21	Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1195	1635.00
Campstool Driskill, Devils Tower WY.....	51	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1071	1560.00
.....	18	Black-Brd Cow 7 Yo	1330	1275.00
.....	10	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1302	875.00
Tracy Vetter, Belle Fourche SD.....	44	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1233	1585.00
Bryan Stroh Inc, Newcastle WY.....	23	Blk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	1033	1575.00
Tom & Donna Wolf, Hulett WY.....	9	Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1087	1700.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY.....	23	Red-Brd Hfr	915	1450.00
Kerry Erickson, Ismay MT.....	30	Black-Brd Hfr	1035	1625.00
.....	28	Black-Brd Hfr	1008	1500.00
Andrew Cathey, Hammond MT.....	15	Black-Brd Hfr	973	1550.00
.....	28	Black-Brd Hfr	955	1425.00

Darrel Smith, Sonnette MT.....	19	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	593	160.00
.....	13	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	487	181.00
.....	12	Rwf-Str Bt	526	162.50
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche SD.....	21	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	374	174.00
Dave Hayden, Baker MT.....	64	Blk/Bwf-Yrig Hfr Open	738	143.25
SD Consignment.....	52	Black-Yrig Hfr Open	677	145.25
.....	10	Black-Yrig Hfr Open	573	148.00
<b>WEIGH UPS</b>				
Dan & Brandy Reimler, Rozet WY.....	1	Black-Cowette	1125	72.00
.....	1	Black-Cowette	1095	72.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1440	62.00
.....	1	Black-Cowette	930	73.00
Monte Snook, Sundance WY.....	1	Black-Cow	1395	61.00
.....	1	Bwf-Cow	1215	61.50
.....	1	Black-Cow	1445	60.00
Donald & Dee Zimmerschied, Moorcroft WY.....	1	Bwf-Cow	1870	56.00
Lee Labree, Ekalaka MT.....	15	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1305	55.00
.....	9	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	991	90.50
.....	2	Black-Cow	1103	65.00
.....	1	Black-Hfr	1000	82.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1555	57.50
Scott Sanburn, Biddle MT.....	39	Black-Hfr	900	93.00
.....	6	Black-Hfr	822	89.00
Courtney Higgins, Hammond MT.....	11	Blk/Bwf-Cowette	1161	79.50
.....	4	Black-Cowette	974	65.00
.....	1	Black-Cowette	1265	72.50
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD.....	9	Black-Cow	1342	52.50
.....	1	Black-Cowette	1035	76.00
Wang Ranch Llc, Baker MT.....	1	Black-Cowette	1150	55.00
Tom D Trusler Jr., Ashland MT.....	1	Black-Cowette	1015	82.00
.....	1	Black-Cowette	905	72.00
.....	1	Black-Hfr	935	89.00
.....	1	Black-Cowette	875	86.00
Garman Ranch Trust, Alzada MT.....	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1440	66.00
.....	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1243	51.00
Dave Or Wendy Garman, Belle Fourche SD.....	1	Black-Cowette	1020	73.50
.....	1	Black-Cow	1385	52.50
.....	1	Black-Cow	1010	54.50
C&N Livestock Llc, Alva WY.....	11	Black-Cow	1407	55.50
J Bar L Ranches, Melville MT.....	1	Black-Cow	1421	52.50
.....	1	Black-Cow	1185	54.50
.....	8	Black-Cow	1106	50.50
.....	1	Bwf-Cow	1225	57.50
Tony Larsen, Sheridan WY.....	2	Black-Cowette	935	50.00
Rob Strackbein, Broadus MT.....	1	Black-Cow	1480	62.50
Josh & Darleen Sieg, Ekalaka MT.....	1	Black-Cowette	1115	75.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1205	50.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1175	52.50
Jason Bechtold, Willard MT.....	4	Rd/Blk-Cowette	1040	73.50
.....	1	Bwf-Hfr	855	52.00
William Kough, Busby MT.....	1	Black-Cow	1670	54.00
.....	1	Black-Cow	1345	54.00
Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT.....	14	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	833	101.00
.....	8	Black-Cowette	974	73.00
.....	7	Black-Yrig Hfr	847	135.50
.....	8	Black-Cow	1158	51.50
.....	1	Black-Hfr	730	74.00
James (Grover) & Lynette Fros, Gillette W.....	2	Black-Cowette	1105	58.00
Damm Brothers Inc, Broadus MT.....	4	Black-Hfr	841	98.00
.....	1	Blk/Bwf-Cowette	1090	78.00
Steve Redgate, Waynoka Ok.....	2	Black-Cow	1555	63.00
Justin Bechtold, Willard MT.....	1	Red-Cowette	1125	78.50
Cathy Modowell, Powderville MT.....	1	Black-Hfr	1020	88.00

Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD.....	17	Black-Brd Cow 3-4 Yo	1052	1400.00
.....	30	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1292	1050.00
.....	10	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1304	950.00
Neiman 77 Ranch Inc, Hulett WY.....	10	Black-Brd Hfr	944	1450.00
.....	9	Black-Brd Hfr	964	1375.00
Bill Medearis, Ismay MT.....	23	Black-Brd Hfr	901	1425.00
Andrew Cathey, Hammond MT.....	43	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1381	975.00
.....	30	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1397	1200.00
Green Acre Ranch Inc, Olive MT.....	40	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 7 Yo	1351	1225.00
.....	22	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1305	1135.00
.....	37	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1323	1125.00
.....	20	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1262	800.00
.....	36	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1286	1210.00
Bryan Stroh Inc, Newcastle WY.....	29	Rd/Blk-Brd Cow Bm	1398	885.00
Scott Sanburn, Biddle MT.....	45	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	972	1450.00
.....	15	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3 Yo	981	1450.00
Ernest Robinson, Ashland MT.....	43	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1237	1060.00
.....	55	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1197	1060.00
Dusty Or Heather Hampton, Banner WY.....	30	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1244	1125.00
.....	16	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1250	1075.00
Marshall Land LLC, Big Horn WY.....	13	Bwf-Brd Cow 7 Yo	1163	1125.00
.....	19	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1287	1050.00
Kennedy Kinsey & Beth Hedrick, Moorcroft WY.....	34	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1355	825.00
Avery & Graham, Rozet WY.....	16	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1358	875.00
Dan & Brandy Reimler, Rozet WY.....	8	Black-Brd Cow 3 Yo June	1131	1125.00
Leland Russel & Sher Stinson, Hulett WY.....	5	Black-Brd Cow 3-4 Yo	1351	1450.00
.....	9	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5-6 Yo	1574	1375.00

**Pyramid Beef Influenced Females**

Frederickson Ranch, Spearfish SD.....	20	Black-Brd Cow 3 Yo	1062	1700.00
Chad Miller, Bowman Nd.....	44	Black-Brd Hfr	1008	1400.00
Vm Diamond Ranch LLC, Upton WY.....	17	Black-Brd Hfr Ai	962	1575.00
.....	23	Black-Brd Hfr	974	1500.00
Brian W Birkley, Osage WY.....	8	Black-Brd Hfr	1099	1400.00

**UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE**

December 24, 2020..NO SALE – MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

December 31, 2020..NO SALE – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

January 7, 2021 .....FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

January 14, 2021.....STOCK COW &amp; BRED HEIFER SPECIAL

January 21, 2021.....FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL

January 28, 2021.....STOCK COW &amp; BRED HEIFER SPECIAL

February 4, 2021.....NO SALE – BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW

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Leo Club Helps Light the Holidays



This group of energetic, civic-minded young people and their advisors, gathered in Newell’s south park to hold a tree-lighting, caroling, goodies time on Sunday, December 13. From left: Advisor Kendahl Wetz, members Megan Jackson, Rachel Banks, Haylee McCann, Sarah Kirby, Sydnee Kjellson, Kassidy Weeldreyer, Advisor Donna Wetz, JT Shoch. Back row: Gavin Tesch, Jameson Duncan and David Morell. - *Courtesy photo*

(Right) The Newell Christmas tree in all its glory. Lighted this year by the LEO Club of Newell. The kids also provided a caroling opportunity, and goodies to eat and drink. Great time by the 40ish people who attended. - *Brunner photo*

Story on C2

Newell School Board

School Board Mulls Fan Restrictions at Winter Sports

COLLEEN BRUNNER  
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NEWELL – For the major share of the monthly school board meeting on Monday, December 14, the board wrangled with a couple different topics including fan participation tiers and calendar changes.

Principal and activities director Steve Schoenfish spoke about the potential of changing the current status of having fans at different activities, including sporting events.

“Both Bison and Hill City have no restriction,” said Schoenfish.

“This is strictly for activities?” questioned board member Todd Youngberg. “Is there any possibility of the High School Activities Association mandating a mask policy?”

Schoenfish said the SDHSAA was pretty much leaving everything up to the school.

“They made it pretty clear that it will be up to each individual school district,” said the AD. Board member Miles Burtzlaff said he felt the school should leave their policy as it is.

“We aren’t having any problems,” he said.

“Every school is the same

School Board C2

Holiday Lighting Brings out NVN Creativity

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NVN Area – The third annual holiday lighting contest, sponsored by the Newell Improvement Corporation, brought out a lot of creativity. From a real live white dog complete with Christmas bow, posing in the window of the home of Jack and Natalie Johnson, rural Nisland, to Santa (aka Charlie Harrison) standing by a new way for him to get around, in the form of a “Little Red Express” truck, the judges enjoyed seeing how the homeowners came up with a way to make Christmas special.

This year NIC expanded the

contest from Newell to Nisland, Vale and a rural category. Financial sponsors included Martin Anderson, Marion Neumeyer, First National bank, Leber Ag and Hibner insurance and NIC.

Because of the numbers of entries the group needed two judging groups, one for Newell and one for the other towns and rural area. They started at 5 p.m. and finished just before 7 p.m.

Winners included: Newell-1st place-Charlie Harrison with his Little Red Express, 2nd-Lorri Olson with a Lampoon-themed display complete with a decorated camper, and 3rd-Bill

Huston and Deb Kopetsky.

In Nisland, the first-place entry was for the Nisland Independent Community Church, with a near, life-like-sized Nativity. They decorated their church sign with lights and highlighted a Merry Christmas welcome sign.

Second place in Nisland went to Juanita Wojon who went all out with inflatables and lights galore. Third place went to Darla Dunn who created a mini-fairyland next to her trailer home.

There were only two entries in Vale and it was a difficult decision for the judges as both



The Nisland Independent Community church took first place for the town of Nisland for the holiday lighting contest. Their entry most depicted the real reason for the season. - *Brunner photo*



Santa was in his yard with his new ride, the “Little Red Express”. You could enjoy some holiday music while looking at the display. - *Brunner photo*

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## LEO Club Joins Other Entities for Tree-lighting

NEWELL – A group of young people in the Newell community have completed some pretty big projects under some good leadership. They are making their name known in the NVN area.

On Sunday, December 13, the LEO Club, which was chartered in 2015, held a tree-lighting, carol-singing, goody-enjoying time, in Newell's South Park. The event was free to the public.

In spite of the chilly weather, the group gathered in the encroaching darkness to sing Christmas carols, which were led by Heather Wetham-Fergen, the wife of the new superintendent at Newell school. She and her husband, Andrew, have joined the Lion's Club, a mentor club for the LEO's, and have gotten busy helping in any way they can.

The event began at 4:30 and included the lighting, singing and great goodies, which were, in part, supported with a financial gift from Black Hills Energy and the Whatever It Takes Coalition. The grant from BHE was facilitated through the Newell Improvement Corporation 501c3 organization.

"We are a junior version of the LION's Club," said Donna Wetz, who along with her husband Ken and Neil Vollmer (all Lions) organized the club. Melanie Williamson was the first advisor and there were 20 members when the club was chartered.

LEO club is a community service club and their annual fundraiser is the Labor Day Corn Hole Tournament. They also do community service projects like road ditch clean up, help with Lion's Club pancake supper fundraisers, help plant trees at Hope Cemetery, made trees and wreaths for auction at the Festival of Trees, Christmas candy and cards for clients at the New Dawn Center (NDC), and are currently making a pillow case bag of personal hygiene products for the guys at the NDC.

There are currently 13 members of the LEO club. Most all of them were at the tree-lighting on Sunday evening.

"The kids set a goal of five new members this year, because seven of our members graduated last year," said Wetz. "This is a junior and senior high age group. Kendahl Wetz, Nathan Wetz, and I (Donna) are the current advisors."

Wetz said they are always looking for more new members in this age group. She said the kids involved are great kids, always show up, and are very willing to work hard to make the community better.

One of the LEO Club's most recent improvements in the community was the facilitation of the lighted four-way stop signs on the north side of Newell.

The cookies and hot chocolate/cider, were very delicious if you had the change to partake Sunday night.



LEO Club girls handing out delicious cookies and cocoa included from left: Racheal Banks, Sydnee Kjellson, Sarah Kirby and Haylee McCann. - Brunner photo



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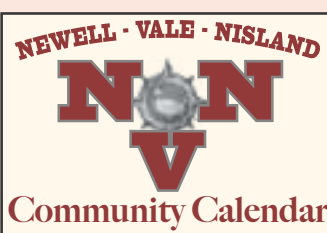
Dec. 23- Jan. 3, 2021 NO SCHOOL

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

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

Jan. 2: GBB/BBB-McIntosh JV & V (H) 2 p.m.

Jan. 4: Back to school



Jan. 4-7: Dental Mobile. Check with the school to register your child.

Jan. 5: GBB, Wall (A) 5:30

Jan. 7: BBB, Sundance (A) 5:30; ACT Test Registration

Jan. 8: No school-inservice

Jan. 11: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. in Multipurpose

Room

Jan. 12: GBB-West River Tourney (H) 6pm

### From C1 School Board

except for Timber Lake, and that is the reservation," said Schoenfish.

Burtzclaff questioned if there was a possibility to get a scanner like the one that had been used at the Bison game. "It was pretty cool," he said. "I think that'd be a good idea."

Schoenfish said he thought the cost was around \$1500 and several on the board said they wondered what would happen if someone registered a temperature.

"Would they be required to leave?" Youngberg questioned.

"It would be nice (if a scanner was utilized) to let other teams know," said Stacie Morell, who was in attendance. "It would not be very much fun to have to sit in a car for four hours. I also think, being fluid is a good thing, with numbers changing all the time. I guess we all need to be a little more proactive to get on the other school's website."

After more discussion the board left things as they were with no changes.

Schoenfish also went through calendar changes, saying, "There are tons of basketball and wrestling changes." He reminded people to check the school website before planning to attend any activity, citing this coming Friday's basketball cancellation which was replaced by the middle/high school music concert.

The AD said that there are some schools who don't have activity programs this year due to Covid so that has brought some cancelations that, so far, they have not been able to fill. "We're looking at three weekends in a row in January," he said of the lack of wrestling meets. "We might be doing a little bit more traveling those weekends," saying he was looking at events as far away as Sioux Falls. "I hate changes on a calendar, it just messes people up."

He said there were semester tests Monday and Tuesday

and said that ends at noon on the 22nd. He asked that all high school students who had finished their tests and had all their assignments turned in, be released as soon as they were finished.

Superintendent Andrew Fergen said that he had been notified of monies that would be received from the windfarm revenues, with \$42,000 this coming May/June, and lower amounts in consecutive years.

He also mentioned that a company from Rapid City would be repairing the freezer over the Christmas break and that the whole unit would not need to be replaced. He also said that architectural work would be done soon to make a plan for moving water away from the area by Austin Auditorium and the high school building. A hood in the ag-science building is not functional and the replacement cost runs around \$6448.00.

Sabrina Harmon noted that within 15 minutes of emailing her last Whatever It Takes Coalition newsletter that Mutch Usera representing Black Hills Energy had donated or sponsored every event listed in the newsletter, including the LEO Club tree-lighting, purchasing 10 ukulele's for the school's music department, as well as raising enough funds to purchase all 20 needed instruments. The company also donated to the food pantry.

Steve Schoenfish was named as the new boys' basketball coach. The board accepted the resignation of Head Custodian and Transportation, Jeremiah Weeldreyer. They also approved raising non-certified long-term sub pay to \$140 per day. A long-term sub is considered substituting for 11 consecutive days or more.

The board went into executive session to discuss employees and following that hired Rodney Wamsher to fill a custodian spot. They also tabled a discussion on open enrollment and early graduation to a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 16. Due to the nature of the topic, the board decided more time was needed. That topic will be addressed in a sidebar article.



Each school board member received a holiday treat basket from the WIT Coalition of goodies. - Brunner photo

### From C1 Lights

homes were decorated very nicely. The first-place spot went to Alta Common with her numerous lighted trees and decorated house trim. Second place went to Delany Leber with lights all along the housetop and

a lighted tree in the yard.

The rural entries took a little more time to view as the judges had to go from Old 212 east of Newell to south of Nisland on Whitewood Valley Road.

First place in this category went to Jack and Natalie Johnson with a winter wonder fairyland of lighted trees, inflat-

ables and a real live dog, adding to the Christmas spirit.

Second place went to Daryl Garlor, east of Newell on Old 212, with a lights-only theme that lit up his whole yard. The holiday tree shining from the front window added a special touch.

Third place went to the home of Betsy Burtzclaff, rural Nisland. This lighted display showcased a Christmas tree shining on the side of the house, a home-created Santa in the yard and tons of lights.

It was a joy to see all the entries and the beautiful light displays. NIC thanks each and everyone for their entries and hope you all come back next year. The photos of the displays will be posted on the Newell Improvement Corporation Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NewellImprovement> and prize money will be mailed out this next week. They also took some photos of other light displays that were not entered for you to enjoy.



The judges thought for a while that this was a stuffed dog, 'till he moved. It was at the home of Jack and Natalie Johnson, rural Nisland. He played his part perfectly. - Brunner photo



South Dakota may soon have Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep roaming the prairie and Butte County again, the Department of Game, Fish & Parks said today. After 3 years of negotiating with western states and Canadian Provinces the department has made a tentative agreement with the Province of Alberta, Canada, to exchange 25 Merriam wild mountain turkeys for 12 Canadian bighorn sheep. The initial bighorn sheep plant to be made in northern Slim Buttes, Harding County, north of Newell.

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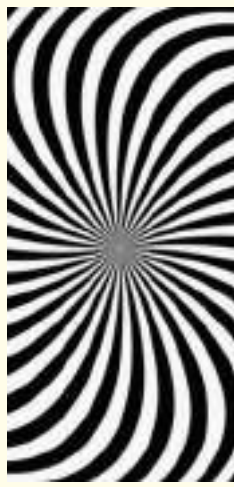
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3	8	6	9	4	7	1	5	2

## Newell Girls Basketball

## Newell Girls Victorious at Home

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NEWELL – The Newell Lady Irrigators had a great home opener against the Lead/Deadwood Goldiggers on Tuesday, December 15 in Austin Auditorium. Kayden Steele started things off with a field goal with just seconds off the clock. She returned on her next trip down the court for another two and the girls were off and running. She was not done scoring even though the Diggers put in a field goal. Steele hit next from three-point land, putting the Irrigators up 7-2.

Another field goal by Steele and a drive inside for two by Lexa Burtzloff gave Newell an eight-point lead. Another point on a free throw by Taylor Gaer and a field goal by Jaelyn Wendt in the paint set Newell up with an 11-point lead at the end of the first period.

Steele started things off in the

second quarter with a trey, and Kassidy Weeldryer went to the line for two of two. Steele came back with another three-pointer and Sydney Kjellson hit one of two at the free throw line twice in a row. That bumped the Irrigators to a 13-point lead at the end of the half.

Wendt, Kassidy Weeldreyer, Kim Johnson, and Rachel Erk all grabbed field goals in the third period. With a trey by Steele, Newell was up by 20 points at the end of three quarters of play.

Weeldryer hit from in the paint in twice in the first minutes of the period notched another two points for Newell's final points as they grabbed the 41-23 win.

Q: Newell-14, 24, 35, 41. L/D-3, 11, 15, 23. Burtzloff 1/0/0-2/2; Wendt 2/0/0-2/4, Erk 1/0/2-2/2; Weeldryer 3/0/2-4/8, Johnson 2/0/0-0/4, Kjellson 0/0/2-4/2, Gaer 0/0/1-2/1, Steele 3/4/0-0/18.



Kayden Steele started things off with a field goal within seconds of the start of the first quarter in the Irrigators contest against Lead-Deadwood. - Brunner photo

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## Newell Wrestling

## Wrestlers Place at Holiday Extravaganza

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HOT SPRINGS – Three Newell wrestlers place at the annual Holiday Extravaganza in Hot Springs on December 19.

In the 106-weight bracket, Charlie Clements grabbed a sixth place over all and scored 6 team points. In his first round, he lost by fall to Gavin Risse of Bennett County, but came back in the consolation round one with a win by fall over Luke Harris of Lead/Deadwood. He lost by fall to Tray Weiss of Custer in the consolation semi-finals. He wrestled Risse once more for the fifth/sixth spot and lost by fall.

At 138 pounds Chase VanDer-Boom won by fall over Tyrin Scott of Custer in the prelims

and then beat Remington Allen of Hot Springs by fall in the quarterfinals. He beat Gunner Brueggeman of Miller/Highmore-Harold by tech fall, in the semi-finals. He lost the match for first/second place by major decision to Blair Blasius of Philip Area, to grab second place in the tourney.

Caleb McGregor also placed second. He wrestled Elijah Johnson for Bennett County in the 195-pound bracket and won by fall. In the semi-finals he wrestled Zayne Severyn of Cust and won by fall. He wrestled Cody Connelly of Philip Area and lost by fall.

Blaise McGregor wrestled in the meet but did not place. He lost by fall in the prelims to Mekhi Hayes of Lead/Deadwood

and then lost again to Jace Ciluaga of Hill City by fall.

The Newell matmen wrestled at Douglas on December 17. With the few numbers of wrestlers on the Newell squad, they didn't have a chance of taking the team score and managed 18 points to Douglas' 54.

At 138-pounds Chase VanDer-Boom was victorious over John Updike by fall in 3:33.

At 145-pounds, Garrett Winkler came out on top by fall over Logan Huber and Caleb McGregor beat Jake Canaday by fall in the 195-pound bracket.

Charlie Clements lost by fall to Ian Fleming in :39, at 106 pounds, and Blaise McGregor also lost by fall in 1:50 to Kale Crowder.







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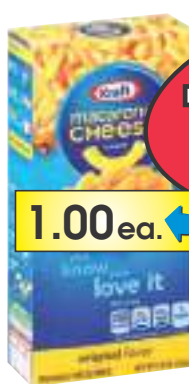
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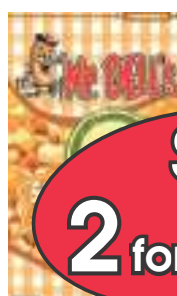
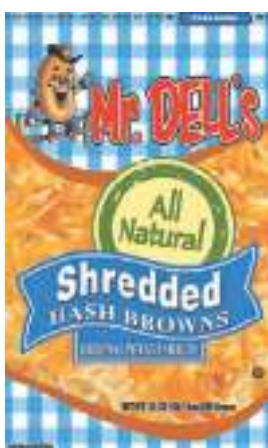
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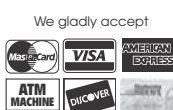
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# LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



A collection of letters to Santa, written by students at South Park Elementary in Mrs. Mace's class.

Dear Santa,  
How do you fly in one night? Please bring me a pair of gloves and a pair of winter hats.  
James McGill

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? Please bring me gloves. I would like slippers. Merry Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus hi.  
Twila Williamson

Dear Santa,  
Where do you keep your reindeer and your elves at? I would like some race cars. I would like a goldfish.  
Jamison Dittman

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite cookie? I would like unicorn slippers. I want a big unicorn.  
Merry Christmas.  
Alivia Ewalt

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I need new socks. Can you please bring me new gloves. I want a new phone. Merry Christmas.  
Connor Biegert

Dear Santa,  
How do you know your reindeer's names? Please bring me school supplies. I want a doll.  
Happy Christmas Eve.  
Kaylie Wright

Dear Santa,  
Where do you get the reindeer? I would like a hat and gloves and a skateboard.  
Thank you.  
Southerlyn Racelis

Dear Santa,  
Where did you get the dog and cat? I would like to have a cat and a Pokemon. Thanks for the presents.  
Hope

Dear Santa,  
how many elfs do you have? I need new boots. I want a boxy girls. I love you soooooooooo much.  
Sincerely,  
Emersyn C

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a cat? I want a baby kitten. I have been good.  
Love,  
Teagen Burrier

Dear Santa,  
Who did all of the work? Please bring me some new gloves. I want you to have a good Christmas.  
Henri Wilen

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite cookie? Could you give me some more baby legos?  
Love,  
Holly Patterson

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a dog? How about a cat? Do you have a real Christmas tree? I want some toy magnets. I hope you are having a good day.  
Love Bryn Lafayette

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite reindeer? I need a book.  
Have a good Christmas.  
Kohlten Wood

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I need gloves and a hat and clothes. I will like stuff for my sisters. I want you to be happy.  
Howard Krisher

Dear Santa,  
How do you get so many presents to send to people? Can I have a picture book? I want you to have a good day on Christmas Eve.  
Paisley Wetzler

Dear Santa,  
Who does it? You or your elves? Who is on the naughty list and who is on the nice list?  
Caleb Cherveny

# Dear Santa

Dear Santa,  
How do you make your toys? How do you reindeer fly? I would like a cat. I need a pair of gloves. I want a tablet. Fly Safely.  
Adabell Stevens

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite reindeer? I would like a cat. Merry Christmas.  
Tailey LeFlere

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite type of cookie? I would like Bakugan toys for Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas.  
River Dahn

Dear Santa,  
Who is your favorite reindeer? I need some shoes please. I would like a water bottle. I want an iPad.  
Layla Stiefel

Dear Santa,,  
What kind of cookie do you like? I need some slippers. I would like some candy. I want a phone.  
Morgan Wainmah

Dear Santa,  
I need new clothes. I want Yugioh stuff.  
Merry Christmas.  
Zion Ogle



Dear Santa,  
I need gloves. I want Barbies. How are you doing? I love you!  
Navaeh

Dear Santa,  
I need snow boots. I want a one wheel hover board. How are you?  
Colt

Dear Santa,  
I need some gloves. I want a hair bow. Why is your elves not having their hats fall off?  
Hope

Dear Santa,  
I need gloves. I want a truck. How are your reindeer?  
Hayden

Dear Santa,  
I need a hat. I want an American Girl doll. I have a question. Can your reindeer eat carrots?  
Kaezlynn

Dear Santa,  
I want a hoverboard with a seat. I need a coat. Thank you.  
Isaiah.

Dear Santa,  
I need new boots. I want a Harry Potter kite. How is Rudolph? Is he good?  
John

Dear Santa,  
I need some seven slims pants. I want toys. How are your reindeer?  
Hunter

Dear Santa,  
I need shoes. I want a Barbie house. How has my elf been?  
Ainsley

Dear Santa,  
I need a new pair of gloves. I want an Xbox. How much reindeer do you have?  
Bayzen

Dear Santa,  
I need gloves. I want a cat and a dog.  
Ariana

Dear Santa,  
I need a stuffed animal. I want a ball. How are you doing?  
Brad

Dear Santa,  
I need a pair of boots. I want to ask, how do your reindeer fly?  
Grayson

Dear Santa,  
I need ear muffs. I want a kitten. How are your reindeer?  
Aria

Dear Santa,  
I need snow pants. I want twin dolls. What is your best reindeer?  
Elin

Dear Santa,  
I need a hat. I want a toy Santa. How are your elves?  
Tierney

Dear Santa,  
I need new gloves. I want a dog. How many reindeer are there?  
Hudson

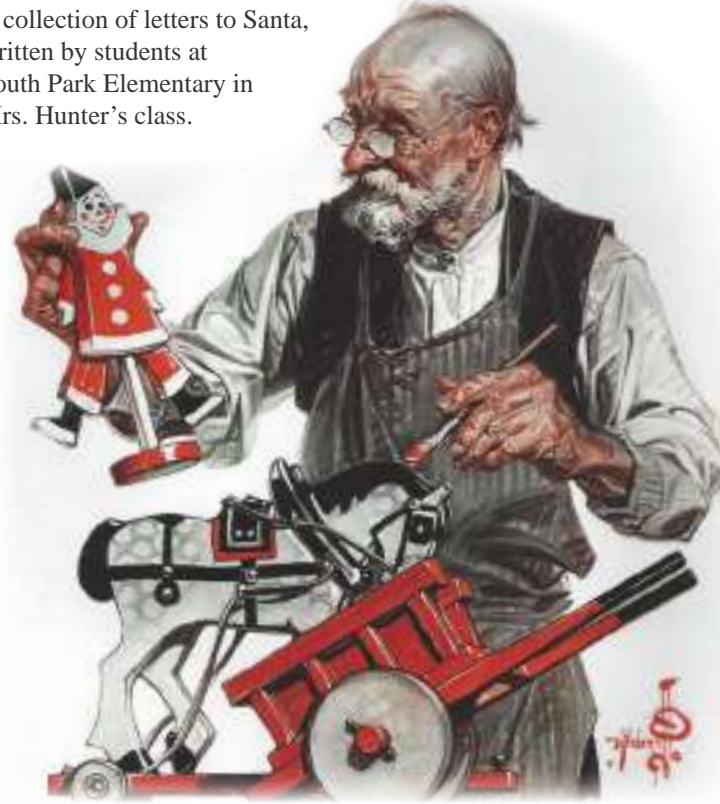
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I need a jacket. I want a pup. How are your reindeer?  
Gracie

Dear Santa,  
I need gloves. I want a BB gun. Will Butee be able to come? Thank you!  
Jaxon

Dear Santa,  
I need a pair of mittens. I want a Nintendo Switch. How many reindeer do you have?  
Brady H.

Dear Santa,  
I need a cat. I want a dog. How many kids are on the list?  
Tegan

A collection of letters to Santa, written by students at South Park Elementary in Mrs. Hunter's class.



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A collection of letters to Santa, written by students at South Park Elementary in Mrs. Haag's class.

Dear Santa,  
I need a coat. I want a dirt bike. How long is your beard? I love you!  
Isaiah

Dear Santa,  
I need boots. I want Legos. Do you like your job? Hope you like your cookies!  
Logan

Dear Santa,  
I need a toothbrush. I want a horse. Why did the elf cross the road? He wants to chill!  
Jeremy

Dear Santa,  
I need new tennis shoes. I want a hover board. Do you like giving presents to people? Thank you for all the presents you gave me.  
Bryn

Dear Santa,  
I need a hat. I want a Elf on the Shelf. Do you like candy? I love you so, so, so much.  
Lola

Dear Santa,  
I need socks. I want some Rescue Bot Transformers. What is your favorite cookie? Merry Christmas!  
Gavin

Dear Santa,  
I need gloves. I want a dirt bike. What is your favorite reindeer? I love you.  
Cody

Dear Santa,  
I need a cool hat. I want a Barbie house. Which reindeer do you love? I love you!  
Kaya

Dear Santa,  
I need a Amongus set. I want a dirt bike. How many reindeer do you have? I love you.  
Nathen

Dear Santa,  
I need pants. I want a peacock stuffed animal. What is your favorite reindeer? I like your hat.  
Kamryn

Dear Santa,  
I need leggings. I want a unicorn kite. Do you play hide and seek? I love Santa!  
Keeleigh

Dear Santa,  
I need a hat. I want a dirt bike. What is your favorite reindeer? I love you!  
Kyrie

Dear Santa,  
I need money. I want a make up set. Is Rudolph real? I like your reindeer, especially Rudolph.  
Pearl

Dear Santa,  
I need underwears. I want Shopkins. What cookies do you like? I love you.  
Abby

Dear Santa,  
I need gloves. I want unicorn toys. How many reindeer are there? What are your elves names?  
Madelyn

Dear Santa,  
I need gloves. I want experiments. Do you like your hat?  
Everly

Dear Santa,  
I need some markers. I want a toy robot. What is your favorite reindeer? I love you Santa.  
Tymberoo

Dear Santa,  
I need 100 dollars. I want Amongus play-set. How big is your beard? Is Case your friend?  
Tate

Dear Santa,  
I need shoes. I want a Resling Imagex. What is your favorite reindeer? How many elves help?  
Jakub

Dear Santa,  
I need 80 dollars. I want a Amoungus set. Do you have children? I love you.  
Connor

Dear Santa,  
I need clothes. I want a pet shop. What is your favorite cookie? You're nice.  
Krista

Dear Santa,  
I need socks. I want a bike. What is your favorite cookie?  
Kimber

# Dear Santa



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A collection of letters to Santa, written by students at South Park Elementary in Mrs. Ederhoff's class.



Dear Santa,  
Are you magic? I need boots. I want a marble set.  
Gunner Olson-Patton

Dear Santa,  
Do you have an elf? I need new gloves. I want an Ipad.  
Lann Williamson

Dear Santa,  
How do you have magic? I need a lot of money. I want an Xbox, too.  
RyderJudd

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a lot of reindeer? I need new shoes. I want a Junie B. Jones book.  
Eliza Gerkin

Dear Santa,  
Do you have magic? I need some shirts. I want a music box.  
Natalia Allart

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I need some clothes. I want a toy.  
Alivia Allart

Dear Santa,  
Do you have reindeer? I need gloves.  
Riley Bertalot

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a lot of elves? I need new socks. I want some Barbies and a new Barbie house. Thank you, Santa.  
Madelyn Hageman

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a lot of elves. I would like a phone. I need some more toothpaste. Thank you, Santa.  
Chaylee Carr

Dear Santa,  
Do you love presents? I need new pairs of gloves. I would like a watch.  
Emmalea Raber

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a lot of reindeer? I need some gloves. I want a new kitten.  
Ellie Decar

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a lot of reindeer? I need some ear muffs. I want a drone.  
Sven Tanninen

Dear Santa,  
Do you like to work and work? I want a very, very soft bunny. I need new clothes.  
Raylynn Salway

Dear Santa,  
How many presents do you deliver at Christmas? I would like baby dolls. I need to have my family for Christmas.  
Alivia DeLeon

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a list? I need gloves. I want an Ipad.  
Lailah Bad-Wound

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a lot of reindeer? Do you have a lot of elves? I want some games and some toy cars.  
Maddox Pfeiffer

Dear Santa,  
Do you have elves? I need gloves. I want a cat. Thank you, Santa!  
Dayan Schwender

Dear Santa,  
Do you have magic? I need a new bunny.  
Wyatt Weishaar

Dear Santa,  
Do you have a lot of elves? I want a phone. I need new glasses. Thank you, Santa.  
Dempsey Devall

Dear Santa,  
I want our elf Jobie to stay longer this year. He is really funny. I love Jobie. I love you, Santa Claus! Do you have baby reindeer at the North Pole?  
Aubyn Hartman

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll. I need clothes. I want a stuffed animal. I need new shoes.  
Karanna

Dear Santa,  
I need new boots. I want a Nintendo Switch.  
Matthew Nikodym

Dear Santa,  
Do you read a lot of letters? I need a new rug. I want a new music box.  
Harper Haugh



# A Heart Warming Story of Giving Christmas Cards



A large group of cards spread out on hall table to be sorted and distributed to assisted living, the nursing home, home health, and Meals on Wheels.



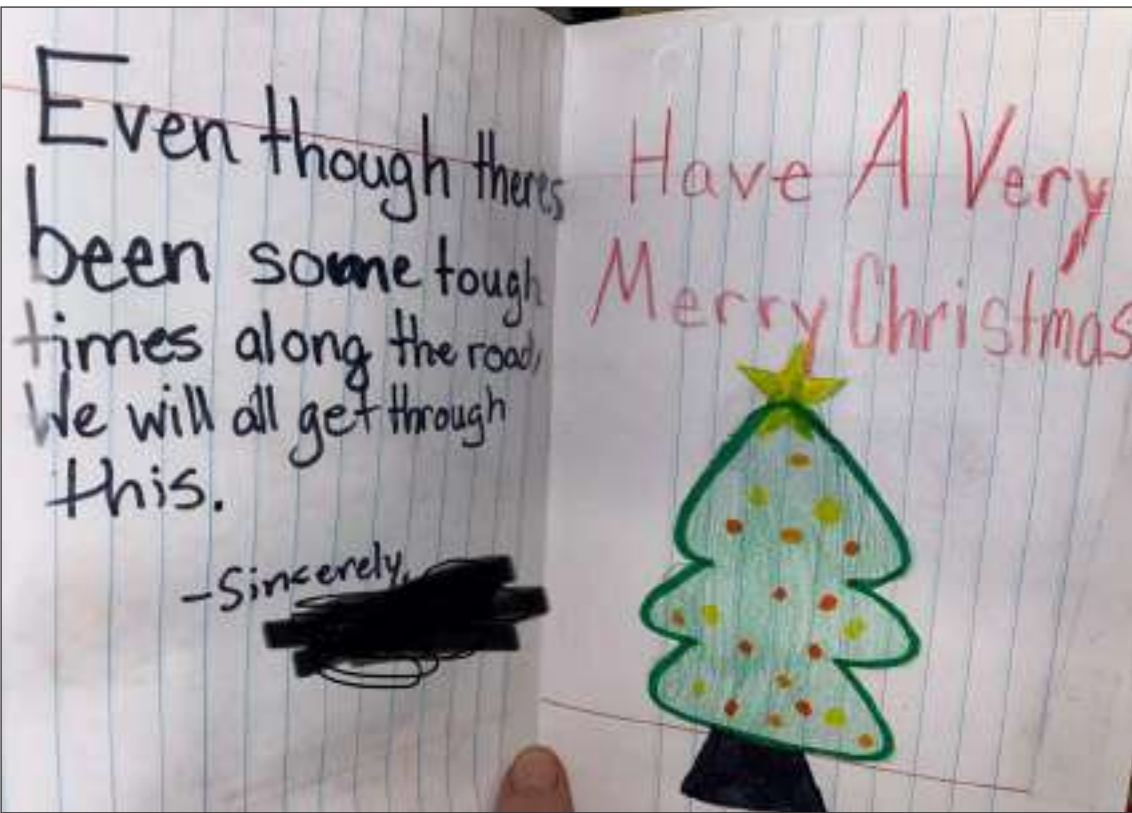
The 500 plus cards were sorted into boxes for distribution.

## How It Started

**KIM SMEENK**  
Special to the Beacon

Kim Smeenck is a Special Education teacher with the Belle Fourche 9-1 School District. Soon after school began, this fall, Amanda Quenzer-Hays brought forth the idea to have our students make Christmas cards for our elder friends in the community. Amanda is a special education para at BFMS, in our newly configured self-contained, special education classroom, and last spring she spearheaded the effort to get cards made for Valentine's Day for some of our older friends, as well. At that point, the kids were able to deliver cards to Rolling Hills, in person, and it was a wonderful experience for both our students, and the residents, too. We decided that we wanted to try to expand the number of people we reached, as we all know, 2020 hasn't been the ideal year, and loneliness is a great concern for those living in residential centers and those that are homebound, so we wanted to make sure that they all know that they haven't been forgotten. Thus, we set out on a campaign to color/create Christmas cards for all of our elder friends

in the nursing homes and assisted livings in Belle Fourche. Soon the idea grew to include our friends that receive care from home health and Meals on Wheels. After contacting people at these places, we determined that we were going to need a minimum of 280 Christmas cards—we were quite certain that our little class wouldn't be able to reach that alone, and so we recruited BFMS students and staff to help us out. Just a few days after Thanksgiving break, Black and white card copies were set on a table outside of our door and a selection of cards was set out at the office, for all to take and color. We put a collection box by the angel tree and sent out an email asking our Bronc friends to assist in this "little" project. Students and staff from the entire BF Middle School joined in coloring cards—some simply colored them and wrote a brief greeting, while others shared a holiday joke, and a few shared heart-felt messages of encouragement and care. Amanda Quenzer-Hays and Aron Jones, paraprofessionals in our self-contained, special education classroom, worked very hard to keep us all on track to achieve this goal. Along with all of the other duties and activities they take care of for our



This "sweet message" is a heartwarming sample of the student written messages in the cards. All card photos are Courtesy of the School

students, they would find time to copy cards, sharpen dulling colored pencils and encourage the kids to keep on coloring—among other things! It was a heartwarming project that we are very proud to be able to share with the community. The response from our students and the rest of the middle school was truly incredible. In just over two weeks of

time, nearly 500 cards were created to deliver to friends and family in Belle Fourche and the surrounding area. Although we wish that we could have taken our students to deliver cards to many recipients in person, we are grateful that we can at least share holiday greetings with them in hopes that this gesture will bring a bit of brightness to their holiday.

If you, or someone you know, is the recipient of one of these cards, it will likely be signed with a student's first name and "BFMS", please know these are "works of heart," and we wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our students worked hard to create beautiful cards and they are so excited to share their creations with our community.



The hundreds of student decorated and written cards show just a small window of the merry & bright of this holiday project that could only be brighter when the time comes when they can again be delivered in person with a smile. All card photos are Courtesy of the School

