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City Approves Accounting Firm to Help With Finances

During its regular meeting on December 20th the Belle Fourche City council authorized Mayor Randy Schmidt to sign two engagement letters with certified public accountant firm Casey Peterson and Associates of Rapid City. The first is for services related to bank reconciliation, consulting, and annual report preparation for this past year. The second is more involved and is for preparation of the city's financial statement for 2021.

Currently the city is in search of a new finance officer after the resignation last month of Breanna Schaefer. Acting city finance officer Jason LaFayette told the council that Casey Peterson was only able to provide a broad estimate on the time required for each task.

"You're looking at 120 dollars an hour to pull together some of the basic information, like for the annual reporting, the preparation for the upcoming audit and bank reconciliation," LaFayette told the council. "The financial statement, which is a

City Finances A6

Community Christmas Dinner



Shown are some of the diners who enjoyed the meal and fellowship at the 38th Annual Belle Fourche Christmas Day Dinner at the Community Hall. Attendance was off from prior years, but not abundance or quality of the Turkey and Ham dinners with all the fixins. *John Skogberg Photo Courtesy*

Rec Center "Access for All" Moves Forward With No Legal Cost

The city of Belle Fourche will continue looking into ways to develop an option to provide access for all citizens to the Belle Fourche Rec Center. However, the Council voted unanimously to not move forward with spending legal fees to see if adding a monthly charge to resident's water bills as a means to finance the move was feasible or legal.

A proposal was presented last month to the city's Legal and Finance Committee to ask city attorneys to begin looking into determining if the simple addition of an approximately \$7.50

monthly fee to residents' water bills was legal or if there was an alternative process that needed to be in place.

Councilman Vern Hintz, who is also Chairman of the Legal & Finance Committee, did some preliminary research into the issue with the South Dakota Municipal League and based on feedback from the community and the prospect of a more involved method to achieve the goals outlined in the proposal, asked the council to stop looking into the legal aspects at last week's regular council meeting.

Rec Center A6

Adoption Story Handwritten by God



ADAM & HAYLEY KAEMINGK
Special to the Beacon

This guest article is written by Adam and Hayley Kaemingk. Adam serves as the West River Director for Senator Mike Rounds and manages his Rapid City office.

November is National Adoption month. Our adoption story was handwritten by God and started before we even knew it. As we look back at the timeline of our life together, we clearly see how God was preparing us for one of the most important times of our lives.

Married in 2007, we dreamed of building a family with biological and adopted children. We welcomed our first born in 2009. Eliot's birth was God's

first chapter in our adoption story. At the time, we didn't understand some of what He was doing, but we soon would. When Eliot was 6 months old, we noticed her eyes were not tracking normally. She was diagnosed with Optic Nerve Hypoplasia. This diagnosis meant that she was partially blind and her MRI scan showed a small part of her brain never formed. We committed ourselves to be the best advocates for Eliot and her special needs.

The next few years brought the birth of two more children, Anders and Reese. Between working, running kiddos and the weekly house projects, we put the idea of adoption on the back burner. But we were quickly reminded that Kaemingk timing is not the same as God's timing.

We learned that there was a need for families to take part in the China Special Needs Program. The Lord had led us exactly where He wanted us to be and if our son was in China, we needed to go to him and bring him home. Little did we know when we were praying about that decision - over 6,000 miles away, a little boy was born and placed in an orphanage. In early 2016, we got "the call." There was a file for us to consider of a 12 month old boy

who was partially blind. We couldn't believe the similarities between this child and our Eliot. This is the part of our story where God made it clear that the trials we experienced with Eliot's disorder were there to prepare us to be exactly what our son, Theo, needed us to be. We took a trip across the ocean to China and Theo Li Minglong joined our family. As he slept that night in our hotel room, I remember thinking about his birth mom. I prayed that God would give her a peace in her heart that he was taken care of and loved.

Our time in Theo's homeland will always be special to us. Back then, he was the boy that didn't know the love of a family. He was the boy who only stared at his fingers. He couldn't stand, walk or feed himself. Today, Theo is a happy and healthy first grader who loves reading, telling jokes, singing songs and riding his bike. He recently learned to knee board and tube, and enjoys spending time with his siblings and cousins. The prosthetic eye he received three years ago has helped tremendously with his confidence.

God is an exquisite author indeed and we love the story He wrote for us. We just had to be obedient, patient and let go.

BF Broncs Youth Basketball Camp

Dec. 31, 5-8 pm. Belle Fourche High School Gym. 3-8th grade girls and boys. \$30 1 sibling, \$50 for 2 and \$60 for three. Ball handling, shooting fundamentals, games. We will also have pizza, cookies. All proceeds go to the Belle Fourche girls' basketball. Register night of the camp. Any questions please contact coach Bill Burr 641-2262 or Coach Angie Garza Hunsley 210-1486

2021 Festival of Trees Awards Presented



The 2021 Festival of Trees held at the Belle Fourche Community Hall raised approximately \$45,000. Representatives of the 2021 beneficiaries, BF Kids & Cops; BF Ministerial Association; BF Meals on Wheels; BF Silver Linings Senior Citizen Center; and the Greater Belle Fourche Foundation met a First Interstate Bank a week ago Monday to accept the awards on behalf of their organizations. *Courtesy Photo*



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- ISAIAH 40: 23-29



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Kay Williams 84

Kay F. Williams, 84, of Belle Fourche died December 26, 2021 at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital. She is survived by her brother, Wayne (Julie) Ward of Rapid City; sister-in-law, Roberta Ward of Belle Fourche and brother-in-law, Darrel Eickelman of Rapid City. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband,

Kenny Williams; brother, Loren Ward; sister, Deda Rae Eickelman. Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche.



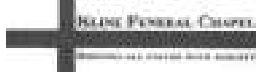
Susan Hawkins 59

Susan Marie Hawkins, 59, of Belle Fourche died December 17, 2021 at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital. She was born September 19, 1962 in Huron, South Dakota to Herbert and Patricia (Sheets) Thomas. She attended Huron High School and graduated in 1980. She then went on to attend Si Tanka University in Huron, graduating 1n 1988 with a business degree. She moved West River in 1991 and resided in the Black Hills. Susan ran her own daycare from the comfort of her home for over 20 years. After that she worked at the rehab in Belle Fourche as a chemical Dependency technician for several years. Over the last few years, she worked in assisted living and Home Health. She enjoyed cooking, baking, crafting and helping others. She was always coming up with new food creations or making someone a gift. In her spare time, she



enjoyed hanging out with her daughter and her best friend, her grand dog, Toby. In her younger years she enjoyed bowling where she received many awards. She is survived by her daughters, Lindsay Westland of Belle Fourche and Ashley Imker of Texas; her brother, James Thomas and her grand dog, Toby. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Patricia and her son, Richard Imker.

A Ceremonial Tribute will be held Monday, January 3 at 10:30 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. The funeral will be published for viewing at kline-funeralchapel.com live streaming site following the funeral.



Bev Sawinsky 85

Bev Sawinsky, 85, Selby, died Thursday, December 23, 2021 at her residence. Beverly Ann Countryman, daughter of Jane (Rehorst) and Eugene Countryman, was born at Belle Fourche on August 17, 1936. She was brought up in Belle Fourche and was valedictorian of the Belle Fourche High School Class of 1954. She furthered her education at South Dakota State University where she graduated with a Mathematics Degree in 1958, along with a lifelong love of Jackrabbit sports. Bev married William John "Bill" Sawinsky, Jr. at Belle Fourche on October 25, 1958. The couple lived in San Antonio, TX and El Paso, TX while Bill completed his enlistment in the US Army. In November 1960, they settled on the Sawinsky farm six miles south of Selby. Bill died September 11, 1994 and in 1997 Bev moved into Selby where she lived the rest of her life. Bev had varied interests. She had diverse collections-from nativity scenes to hippopotami. She was a skilled musician—she (along with her future husband) was in the SDSU Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band, she served her church as organist for 57 years, she sang in the Dakota Wind Choir, and she played drums in the Belle Fourche Cowboy Band as a life-long member for 65+ years. She was a master gardener. She was a huge fan of crossword puzzles and sudoku. Many jigsaw puzzles were completed under her watch. She crocheted, cross-stitched and knitted numerous items (too many to count) for friends and family. Bev was also very involved in athletics. Along with being a Jackrabbit follower, she was also an avid fan of the Twins and Vikings. Until just recently, she spent many years as the clock/scoreboard operator for the Selby basketball and football teams. She followed track and field (her favorite sport) very closely, however it could also be said that her



favorite sport was whatever season it was. Bev is survived by two sons—William "Bill" (Connie) Sawinsky of Webster and Steven John (Christine) Sawinsky of Selby; one daughter, Laura Sawinsky of Herreid; one sister, Kay (Dan) Heck of Belle Fourche; two grandchildren—(Kendell and Jayda Sawinsky); three step grandchildren—Mikel Seefeldt, Jeff Seefeldt and Jennie (Clay) Fenenga; and four step great-grandchildren—Summer and Logan Seefeldt and Derek and Jori Fenenga. She is also survived by nieces and nephews David (Jane) Heck, Bryan Heck, Debra (Mike Marquardt) and Eileen (Kurt) Kuhlmann. In addition to Bill, she was preceded in death by her father, Eugene, in August 1988 and her mother, Jane, in March 1982. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM, Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Selby United Methodist Church led by Pastor Darla Hadrick. Interment follows at Selby Memorial Gardens. Pianist will be Darleen Zabel and ushers will be Steve Zabel and Tom Fiedler. Bev's "coffee table" friends will be honorary bearers. Casketbearers will be Gary Fahmi, Scott Simons, Al Bohle, Justin Bauman, Kim Kightlinger, and Lauren Russell all of Selby. Visitation will be at the Church beginning 5:00 PM Wednesday with a service scheduled for 7:00 PM. Bev's funeral will be livestreamed on the Lien Family Funeral Care Facebook page and be available Saturday night the 1st at www.MillerLienFH.com. Services are in care of Lien Funeral Home, Bowdle.



Another Perspective

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

“Love Is God’s Light in the Darkness”

The darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (1 John 2:8-11)

Twenty centuries after the words of 1 John 2 were written, one might ask: “How is it that the darkness was passing away then, but today the darkness seems to be intensifying?” Scripture is not talking about the quantity of darkness but rather the darkness of the human heart and the erosion taking place in the lives of people as a result of it. People are aware, if they are honest with themselves, that this darkness is taking something away from them and leading to a dead-end. Though unbelievers are not our brother or sister in Christ, the Bible refers to God as the Father of all spirits; we are connected to all in the body of humanity. When Jesus was asked, “Who is my neighbor?” He could equally have been asked, “Who is my brother?” Yet many of us who come from a church background don’t feel the need to show sinners any love just preach the Gospel to them, and they can come in on our terms.

The only thing that will touch people in a world blinded by sin is evidence of what they want most: love. Where people see love’s vitality, worth, and attractiveness, they will inquire into the Truth that produces it. We will not win the world by persuading people how pure and holy we are but by how loving we are. By being the incarnation of the goodness of Jesus, and showing them love as He did, people will be drawn to Christ.

God’s heart breaks over human bondage, just as His Son’s body was broken to provide redemption and deliverance from it. God’s “wrath” is His fury against the self-destructive things done by His children that hinder Him from fulfilling the good He intends for them. When the spear was thrust into Jesus’ heart, blood and water came forth the medical sign of a broken pericardium. It is literally God’s broken heart that provides salvation to mankind the same heart breaking in frustration over those who insist on their own self-imposed program of death. We have not been made agents of our Heavenly Father’s anger but of the love behind it.

You and I have no power in spiritual warfare if we don’t love what or who we’re praying for. The raw power of prayer and ministry in the Spirit have to do



with authority born of loving that comes from the transformation of your heart first toward the Lord, then toward those around you. The flow of power in our lives is directly proportionate to the flow of love, and the call of Scripture is always redemptive. God demonstrated His own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). God so unconditionally loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Jesus did not come executing judgment; He came reaching in love. This doesn’t mean He had no discernment about people or that He was indiscriminate in His conduct. It means Jesus was not here to raise up a standard for people to rise to, but that He came to reach with the long, loving arms of God to draw people in.

Further, in those of us who’ve come to Him, there is something of the recovery of what God has in mind for all of humanity. God intends that recovery be manifest in us so others will desire it. The light of Jesus’ righteousness enables us to examine our own lives and to attract others to Him by warming them with His love. We are not called to shine it as a searchlight in their faces, telling them to measure up. When we grasp this, something different will take place in the Church today. We are called to holiness, but we are not called to apply that measure to the world. It’s a measure we’re called to require of ourselves as we grow in the life of Christ. The ultimate measure will always be how the love of God is manifest in us. This is the love that will reach out to the world with tenderness and power not mandating repentance, but offering a people glimpse of God’s mindset toward fulfillment and purpose for their lives.

Begin with your own family by cultivating a climate rich in the resources of spiritual discernment and loving discipline (1 John 2). Teach morality on the basis of its promise and hope not as a system of fear and taboos. “Speak truth in love.” Then, shine as light in a “crooked and perverse world” (Phil. 2). Watch for people who manifest a hunger for understanding and a longing for spiritual reality. There are always God-seekers among the lost.

Writing to the Corinthians, Paul said, “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?” meaning they will never receive the fullest benefits of God’s purpose in their lives. Listing a battery of horrible sins, Paul tells this church of committed believers, “and such were some of you, but you are washed sanctified justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Remember, no one is beyond deliverance.

“Behold the Living God”

A Hymn of Praise:
Behold the living God who moves among us now. The Lord of all creation comes with one eternal vow. To those who humbly seek Him, who deep contrition feel, By His own loving power He will Himself reveal. Behold the Word of God, declared in Spirit power; Ignited by the Holy Ghost, its pages glow this hour. Lord, penetrate our hearts; now Thy Holy Sword unsheath. Cut through our bent to sinning, destroy our unbelief. Behold the living Christ, His presence now we feel. O loving Lord, be now adored, as reverently we kneel. Speak peace and full forgiveness, establish full control.

Extend Thy hand in healing; all broken lives make whole. Behold the living God, His majesty confess, His holiness extol in awe, declare His changelessness. With open hearts we worship, with upraised hands we praise. Our voices laud in concert, Thou Lord, Ancient of Days. **Refrain:**
Blessed Holy Spirit, move among us now Show to us Thy Presence, Thy best gifts endow. Exalt the name of Jesus, anoint the Word proclaimed. Transform, refill, consume us with sacred tongues of flame.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Friday, December 31st

Mass at 8:30 pm at St. Joseph

Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Paul

Saturday, January 1st

Mass at 9:00 am at St. Joseph

Sunday Mass

Sunday, January 2nd

Mass at 8:00 am at St. Joseph

Mass at 9:30 am at St. Paul

Mass at 10:00 am at St. Joseph

Join Us!

As we celebrate our community's many successes!

We cordially invite you to join us for our annual meeting as we recognize our community accomplishments and look at the future of Belle Fourche.

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Location: Grap's Banquet Room;

512 National Street

Social: 5-6 p.m.

Dinner: 6 p.m.

Meeting to follow with election for three board of director's seats.
Each 2022 membership has one vote in the election.

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Local business owner and artist **Alexandra "PeeDee" Hansen** is headed to the National Western Stock Show in Denver from January 8th-23rd to display her art. She specializes in mixed medium western wildlife and landscape fine art. Hansen will be hosting a fine art gala in Spearfish at the Matthews opera house March 18th and will be participating in a downtown Belle Fourche Sidewalk Art Show later in the year. PeeDee had recently operated Blue Spruce Coffee and she and her husband Slade own the **Hitching Post Tap House** on State Street in Belle. *Courtesy Photo*

Seasons Greeting From FFA

Elijah Pomrenke
FFA Reporter

Merry Christmas from the Belle Fourche FFA chapter. We are happy to end the year off on a positive note and exited for all the new year has to bring. We ended the year off strong with our last Christmas themed meeting December 10th, 2021. During this meeting the chapter discussed their

plans for the upcoming year. Career development events, fundraising, and community outreach opportunities were discussed followed by the chapters Christmas festivities. The chapter made Christmas cards for the local nursing homes in town and watched a festive Christmas movie to end the year off. The chapter has also been busy preparing for the teacher

Thank You breakfast held Monday December 20th to show the appreciation for the teachers who have supported the chapter and worked with its members all year long. It is with the support of the teachers, sponsors, and community that the Belle Fourche FFA chapter has the opportunity to grow leaders, strengthen agricultural, and help to build the community.



Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center To Close for Annual Cleaning

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will be closed from Tuesday, January 4 through Thursday, January 6 for its annual cleaning. The complex will reopen to the public on Friday, January 7.

"Drawers, cupboards and closets in both the museum and the visitor center, need to be

cleaned," said Director Kristi Thielen. "We're also going to do a deep-cleaning of the carpeting."

Work on collections in the storage unit will also be done at this time, as well as a major refurbishment of the exhibit cases in the Military Exhibit, including painting and the addition of

lighting. .

The staff is on site during the cleaning days and can be reached by calling 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

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Belle FFA LDE Teams Do Well



CCM Radlie Williams, Alexa Swaney, Lydia Main, Kord Colburn, Taya Kristine, Kaylor Kudlock, and Tessa Stearns. *Courtesy Photo*



Ag Sales: Brooks Clooten, Lexi Sheeler, Myah Franke, Lainna Ruby. *Courtesy Photos*

ELIJAH POMRENKE FFA Reporter

On Monday December 6th the Belle Fourche FFA Chapter was excited to hear that their Senior Parliamentary Procedure team won first place at the State Leadership Development Event of South Dakota in Pierre, SD. Members Reese McKenna, Dustin Kolb, Kyrstin Hayworth, Ava McLennan, Nicole Kraft, and Chair Olivia Furrow tested and provided a presentation the first day before placing in the top three of their room. This allowed them to advance out of their room and into the finals.

The team conducted another meeting for finals. The test scores, as well as observations of the meeting, were considered to determine the final rankings. Our Chapter President and member, Reese McKenna also was named as Chair 3 on All-State Parliamentary Procedure Team. Taking first at the state level means that the team will advance to the National Competition in Indianapolis next October. This teams plans on presenting meeting to groups and at an open social for

practice throughout the coming months. Please watch for more details.

Belle Fourche was represented in other LDE's including the Ag Sales Team, Chapter Conduct of Meeting and Creed Speaking. Students that advanced did so through district competitions. The top two teams and top three individuals from the seven districts advanced to the State competition, meaning that nearly 500 South Dakota FFA members were competing. The Ag Sales team of Brooks Clooten, Myah Franke, Lexi Sheeler, and Lainna Ruby missed receiving medal of the top 5 teams by placing 6th.

The freshman Conduct of Chapter Meeting team placed 4th in the state with Kord Colburn as chair, Lydia Main, Tessa Stearns, Radlie Williams, Taya Kristine, Kaylor Kudlock, and Alexa Swaney. This is the highest any CCM team has place for Belle Fourche. Lydia Main also placed 8th in Creed speaking. The chapter was very happy with the results of state and excited for the opportunity to compete at the National

Convention in Indianapolis next fall.

While waiting for competitive events, [the SD FFA Foundation gave] students the opportunity to interact with agriculture industry leaders, who are SD FFA Star Partners, at the Career Carnival. Additionally, Dacotah Bank representatives presented two workshops, which engaged members in understanding different layers of leadership. FFA members and chapters were recognized for their success in 10 leadership areas at the awards banquet.

The banquet was sponsored by SD Midwest Dairy Association and SD FFA Star Partners: CHS Foundation, Agtegra, Bayer, BankWest, Butler Machinery Company, Corteva/Pioneer, The First National Bank of Sioux Falls, Farmers Mutual of Nebraska, Farm Credit Services of America, and Northland Ford. State-winning teams and individuals highlighted below, now advance to the National FFA Leadership Development Events in Indianapolis next fall. (Excerpted from SD FFA Press release).



Carol Bach and Rodger Schiffner registered people in and accepted donations at Saturday's Community Christmas Dinner. *Courtesy Photos*

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From A1 City Finances

big one, could be 150 dollars an hour. They're estimating about 30 or 40 hours to do the latter of the two."

LaFayette says the Casey Peterson estimates gathering of the basic information may take 40 to 60 hours depending on work that has been done by the previous city finance officer. The cost of putting together the financial report is higher as it is possible the firm would have to pull a CPA to complete the work.

"I don't know if Breanna got through the first quarter of the year, the first half of the year, or if she has the year pretty much done," LaFayette said. "If our books are bad off then they would have to pull a CPA which is why you're looking at the 150. It could be easy to do and be done in 30 hours or it could take 90 hours. At any rate you don't have a finance officer hired right now so you're not spending money on the finance officer's position which may not be filled in three months and this could be done in two. They can't just tell us it could be done in 50 hours."

LaFayette says Casey Peterson will only focus on 2021. Any financial matters going further back will continue to be under the purview of the firm that has done the city's audits

for the past several years, Independent Audit Services (IAS) of Madison, SD, a state approved firm. Ben Elliott from IAS has performed past city audits.

"Ben has all the information he needs for 2020 and we've been compiling all the information for 2021," LaFayette says. "We'll have our annual report done on time, which will be done by Casey Peterson, so we'll be set and ready to go with that. That is the hope so that the new finance officer, once hired, will come in with a clean slate."

"I feel very comfortable that this will be a nice approach to make sure we're sitting where we need to be," said CharLee Bachman, City Human Resources Director. "The next finance officer will have a learning curve which I think we can all expect. But this will help in that transition greatly, especially in an election year, to have financial reports taken care of."

Councilman Randy Sowers requested that Casey Peterson present their report to the full council once completed. LaFayette said his office would reach out to them and ask them to do that. "They're not required to but we will definitely ask," LaFayette said.

"I think this is a smart thing to do," said Councilwoman

Rebecca Larsen. "We've got to get a base of where we're going and I understand there's still concerns about the money looking backward, but we can't get that fixed until we move forward. It's a good idea to get some unbiased eyes on our books and see where we are right now. I think we're headed in a positive direction."

Councilman Monte Talkington expressed some concern that there were items in the contract that the firm did not or was not able to disclose and he expressed his desire that they would disclose them. He also said the arrangement with Casey Peterson could get expensive if things don't proceed smoothly. "The only thing I do like is that we have the option to opt out of the agreement anytime we want to."

Mayor Randy Schmidt asked for input from all council members who generally agreed that the move was a step in the right direction as the city moves toward hiring a new finance officer. Both motions, to engage Casey Peterson for gathering of financial data and preparation of the financial report were agreed to unanimously.

The contract with Casey Peterson would go until the end of the year but LaFayette says the city could pull out of it before then if it chooses to do so.

From A1 Rec Center

"Generally speaking there is a way to get to those places. As a tax is probably the way to go if you were going to do it," said Kellen Willert, City Attorney. "What (the Municipal League) was saying is that you can't just add it without doing the tax. So there's a way to do it but procedurally, how to do it, is the question."

Willert said his firm, Bennett, Main, Gubbrud & Willert, had estimated a cost of about \$1,500 to do legal research on the matter but told the council that they had not begun looking into the issue as of the last council meeting, and thus had incurred no cost upon the city.

"I had received comments on both sides of this issue," said Councilman Randy Sowers. "I received some negative comments that said don't do it, and I received some comments that said it's a great idea. I think it's worthy of discussion and finding out. There's always an

option that you still make it accessible to citizens without any fee."

The feeling among most council members was the issue is worth looking into but spending the legal research fee would not be necessary at present.

"I agree that it's worthy of discussion," said Ward 2 Councilwoman Annie Reich. "I think we should bring it back to committee and find out if there's a way we can do this without adding the cost to those who can't afford it, especially our senior citizens. Let's keep talking about it."

Reich said she was willing to invite the public to a future Legal & Finance Committee meeting to further discuss options.

A motion was made to not have legal counsel proceed with looking into adding fees to residential water accounts for Rec Center access. The motion carried without dissent.

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

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I don't generally make new years resolutions. What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.

If you do make New Year's resolutions they are usually forgotten by the time the Superbowl arrives, if not before. No you loyal "dreamers" the Vikings aren't going to be in it this year!

A little New Years "corn": Q: What is corn's favorite holiday? A: New Ears Day!

What new year's resolution should a basketball player never make? To travel more.

Knock knock! Who's there? Abby. Abby who? Abby New Year!

Why do birds fly south for New Year's Eve? Because it's too far to walk.

Did you hear about the guy who started fixing breakfast at midnight on Dec. 31? He wanted to make a New Year's toast!

A woman took an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?" He replied, "Aha, you'll know tonight!" At midnight, her husband handed her a small gift-wrapped present. Excited, she opened it quickly, but was even more surprised: In it was a book titled *The Meaning of Dreams*.

A man who had too much to drink decides to walk home on New Year's Eve. A policeman stopped the man and asked where he was going. "I'm on my way to

a lecture," the man replied. The cop scoffed, "Who gives lectures on New Year's Eve?" The man answered: "My wife."

A few quotes for inspiration: "It is often easier to make progress on mega-ambitious dreams. Since no one else is crazy enough to do it, you have little competition." —Larry Page, entrepreneur.

"You have those moments where you reflect and say, 'No matter what I'm going through at the moment, you know what? Life ain't bad.'" —Dwyane Wade, athlete.

"It's a myth that you can't have it all. You can have it all—just maybe not all at the same time." —Eva Longoria, actor.

"Plant seeds every single day that you know who you are, you know what you're about, and you know what goals you've set for yourself." —Stephen Curry, athlete

"Don't be scared if you don't do things in the right order. I didn't think I'd have dessert before breakfast today, but hey, it turned out that way and I wouldn't change a thing." —Mindy Kaling, comedian

About teaching: "Education is what survives when what has been learned is forgotten." —BF Skinner.

No one should teach who is not in love with teaching." —Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

"Our task, regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible. No one can do more." —Loris Malaguzzi.

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." —Marian Wright Edelman.

"It is greater work to educate a child, in the true and larger sense of the world, than to rule a state." —William Ellery Channing.

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influ-

ence stops." —Henry Brooks Adams.

"The test of a good teacher is not how many questions he can ask his pupils that they will answer readily, but how many questions he inspires them to ask him which he finds it hard to answer." —Alice Wellington Rollins

"Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best." —Bob Talbert

"Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions." —Unknown

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Janie Stevens, is in her 38th year of helping organise and serve the Christmas dinner. Pictured with her is **Ivan Rosander**, who says he has helped with the meal for about 20 years.

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Renee Bisgaard, along with her sister and other family members helped serve the Community Christmas dinner meal. *John Skogberg Photo*



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Two Days We Should Not Worry

Author Unknown

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains.

Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday.

We cannot undo a single act we performed;

we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone forever.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and its poor performance; Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet to be born.

This leaves only one day, Today.

Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities Yesterday and Tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of Today that drives a person mad, it is the remorse or bitterness of something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, Live but one day at a time.

Good Advice folks. Happy New Year! - JT

Kaycee Feild Makes PRCA Bareback History

LAS VEGAS - Kaycee Feild is now the greatest bareback rider in PRCA history.

The Genola, Utah, cowboy made that a reality when he won a sixth bareback world championship at the 2021 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo presented by Teton Ridge at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Feild finished the season atop the PRCA | RAM World Standings with \$357,420. Jess Pope finished second with \$340,499.

"This is a numb feeling," Feild said. "Honestly, I've dreamed about giving this speech a lot. I really have. It is an unreal feeling. What's most important to me is my family and having them here and experiencing this with me. Then, the records I'm breaking and putting my name down in history which will last a lot longer than I'm alive. That's much more valuable than any business or any piece of land, I could leave for my kids."

"The Feild name, the Feild legacy that my dad (late ProRodeo Hall of Famer Lewis Feild) started is something I'm very proud of. I'm very proud of the heritage and legacy and everything that represents. This is a very big one for me. It's hard to talk to tell you the truth. It is a lot of fun."

Feild has won world championships in 2011-14 and 2019-20. He broke the all-time bareback riding world championship tie at five with ProRodeo Hall of Famers Joe Alexander and Bruce Ford.

Feild clinched his latest title with his 89.5-point ride on Pickett Pro Rodeo's New Scarlet. That placed him second in the round, which earned him

\$21,336. He also placed second in the average with 872.5 points on 10 head. Pope won the average with 873 points and collected \$69,234, but Feild earned \$56,171 to hold off Pope.

Feild also won the RAM Top Gun Award with \$231,564. The Top Gun Award goes to the NFR contestant who wins the most money in one event not counting ground money.

Tyler Waguespack is back on PRCA's championship throne in steer wrestling.

The Gonzales, La., cowboy won his third world championship by earning \$289,791.

Waguespack, who also won world crowns in 2016 and 2018, finished third in Round 10 with a 4.2-second run to collect \$16,111 and then finished second in the average with a 48.1-second time on 10 head to earn \$56,171. Will Lummus, who won the average, finished second in the world standings with \$248,168.

Sage Kimzey is once again atop PRCA's bull riding mountain.

Kimzey captured his seventh bull riding world championship in eight years, earning \$411,465. Kimzey only trails Don Gay who finished his career with a PRCA record eight bull riding world championships.

Kimzey won third in the average and held off Josh Frost, who finished second in the world standings with \$363,353. Kimzey clinched his crown by splitting second in Round 10 with his 88-point ride on Cervi Championship Rodeo's Greeley Hat Works Centerfold.

"Yeah, I mean it was a long 10 days for sure," Kimzey said. "But it's the best 10 days of our

lives every year so it's just fun. There's a lot of ups and downs but at the end of the day it the NFR."

Kimzey finished fifth in the world standings a year ago and was thrilled to be a world champ again.

Tie-down roper Caleb Smidt always seems to rope his best at the Wrangler NFR. That trend continued in 2021.

Smidt clocked a 7.8-second time in Round 10 to secure his third world title and third NFR average title.

The Texas cowboy finished his season with \$318,455. Smidt also won world championships and average titles in 2015 and 2018.

The wait is over for standout team ropers Kaleb Driggers and Junior Nogueira.

The duo won their first team roping header and team roping heeler world titles. Driggers finished with \$263,227 and Nogueira earned \$277,612. Back in 2016, Nogueira became the first Brazilian world champion in PRCA history by winning the all-around world title. He now becomes the first Brazilian to win a team roping world championship.

Barrel racer Jordan Briggs had quite the 2021 Wrangler NFR, winning the world championship and the average championship. Briggs clocked 136.83 seconds on 10 head, a new record.

"Oh man it means a lot," Briggs said. "That was my goal coming into here. I knew I had the horse that could do that, and he did it. I had so many people cheering for me. I even had bull riders I have never met cheering for me. It was great. I felt a lot of power behind me and didn't want to let anyone down and my horse never does."

"Rollo has not hit a barrel all year long. He is definitely a unicorn."



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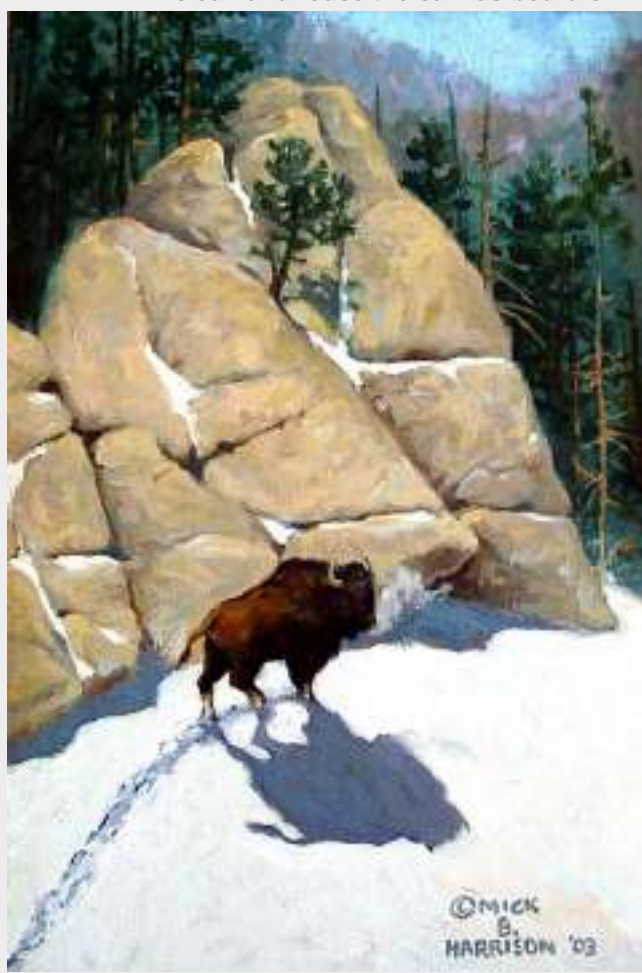


Mick Harrison

Mick B. Harrison's Artists License
...and other wonderments.

This was a small practice oil entirely made up. I like to refer to them as pleinair-style paintings done in the studio rather than outside on location. Not much time is spent in the making, just quick brushwork to see where it goes. It's great practice and forces the artist to loosen up. No premixing colors, just work-on-the-fly.

In the early stages of my career, I called these sail paintings. If they didn't work out I tossed them frisbee style into the trash. Nowadays I wipe them clean and reuse the canvas board or hide them in a closet.



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Butte & Lawrence County 4-H News

CINDY RILEY
 Support Staff B-L County 4H

It's going to be a cold one! We are in hopes that your all had a wonderful Christmas and now we are marching on to the New Year! Here is what is going on in 4-H so far in 2022!

Our Office will be Closed on Friday, December 31st.

Thursday December 30th - Livestock Judging at Marvin and Mae Maude Ranch- Near Hermosa. Registration at 12:00 noon and Contest begins at 1:00. Dress Warm!!

Monday January 3rd, Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting 6:30 First interstate Bank Belle Fourche.

Sunday January 9th Lawrence County Sharp Shooters begin practice at 4:00 PM - Homestake Opera House Shooting Range.

Tuesday, January 11th A B/L Leader's meeting followed by Redwater 4-H Council. Butte/Lawrence Leaders will meet at 6:00 till 7:00 followed by Redwater. All of this will take place at the UCC-Church on 717 Jackson in Belle Fourche.

Black Hills Stock Show- Youth Day - Hurry and get those entries in! Deadline to register is Monday, January 10th! Please let the office know if you are interested in being on a Livestock/Livestockology Judging Team, Hippology Team or Horse Quiz Bowl Team. Leader/ Volunteers needed as Coaches- Contact the office if interested. Beef Cook-off and YQCA Training - Registration online is also offered.: <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Wool Judging January 17th

Capitol Day is January 19th Registration deadline is January 10th Registrations are online. Butte/Lawrence potentially only have 2 spots left. They are filling fast!!

SD State Financial Report

PIERRE, S.D. – The Bureau of Finance and Management (BFM) has released South Dakota's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year 2021. The ACFR is the audited financial statements for state government.

"South Dakota is setting an example for the nation with our strong financial position and our continued dedication to being 'Open for Business,'" said Governor Kristi Noem. "I

look forward to working with the legislature in the coming months to invest wisely for the future and continue our commitment to fiscal responsibility."

With the continued dedicated effort of the Department of Legislative Audit and other state agencies, BFM has succeeded in issuing the ACFR by the end of the year. Highlights from the fiscal year 2021 ACFR include:

- The State's total net posi-



2022 South Dakota 4-H Capitol Day

January 19th, 2022
State Capitol-Pierre

Tentative Schedule:

7:30-10:00 AM CT Check-in
7:30 -11:30 AM CT Capitol Education Experiences (committee hearings, tours, meeting with legislators)
Times to be determined Group photo, ice cream social
2:00 PM CT Legislative Session Viewing

Register before January 10th!

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Preregistration is required.

Detailed schedule and additional information provided after registration.

Butte/Lawrence and Meade County 4-H will be providing limited transportation. Spots will be reserved for the first 5 members from Butte/Lawrence and Meade County (total 10 youth), ages 11-18. Contact your respective office ASAP and register online as well. We will leave Spearfish (Perkins) at 6 am and Sturgis (Runnings) at 6:30 am. Bring at least \$10 for lunch and snacks.

Be sure to wear 4-H green!

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tion (net worth) is \$8.1 billion, an increase of 10% from the prior fiscal year;

- The combined ending balance of the State's reserves is \$307.1 million, an increase of \$91.2 million;
- The South Dakota Re-

irement System has a funded status of 105.5%, one of the strongest pension plans in the nation; and

- The State has maintained its AAA public issuer rating from Standard & Poor's, Fitch Ratings, and Moody's for the

past five fiscal years. This represents the highest rating possible from all three bond rating agencies.

The ACFR can be viewed online at bfm.sd.gov/acfr, or for printed copies, contact BFM at 605-773-3411.





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South Dakota Snowmobile Trails Open

PIERRE, S.D. —The official start of the Black Hills snowmobile season began on Dec. 15, with the opening of the trails system there. South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) officials remind the public that many portions of those trails are closed to ATV users.

“We don’t have much rideable snow, yet, and ATV users can cause potential damage to the trails,” said Black Hills trails manager Shannon Percy. “Many portions of the snowmobile trail system travel through private property that is leased for snowmobile use only. With the low snow accumulation, the gates for the snowmobile trails are open, but UTV and ATV users must remember that these trails are not available to them.”

Though the trails are open, they are currently not being groomed because of low snow amounts. Snowmobile trail maps can be picked up at various businesses along the

trails. Riders can request a copy by calling 605.584.3896 or 605.773.2885.

“On the snowmobile trail map, everything that is colored in white is private leased land designed specifically for snowmobile use only,” Percy said.

Trail condition updates are posted to Twitter accounts dedicated to both the Black Hills and the East River trails (twitter.com/SDsnowBHills and twitter.com/SDsnowEast). With various cameras along the trails, current images of snow conditions can be found online at gfp.sd.gov/snowmobiling.

A \$20 snowmobile motorcycle trail pass is available for residents who use a motorcycle conversion kit. Those permits can be picked up at the Black Hills Trails office in Lead, 605.584.3896, or at Farm Island Recreation Area in Pierre, 605.773.2885.

The snowmobile season runs until March 31.

Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.
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The Gift

by Robert Dennis 1993

It had been bitter cold for three long days
The wind blew sharp with swirling snow
So I bundled up with lots'a clothes
'Cuz there was somewhere I had to go

I caught and harnessed my work mares
The harness was so stiff it wouldn't bend
I warmed up the bits 'fore I hung 'em on
On a cold day, you'll do that for a friend

And them ol' mares are good ol' girls
They give me everything that they've got
Not too many friends would go willingly outside
Then line right out in a trot

Those hungry cows was sure glad to see us
They went right to work on their hay
You know, when it's 24 below and breezy
You ain't just feedin' them cows for the pay

At least not the pay that the bankers loan out
But there are rewards in the job that you do
So I drug out extra feed
And I hummed a Christmas carol or two

When the cows were fed we jogged on home
I poured a good feed of grain for the team

Most folks wouldn't enjoy my kind of lifestyle
That's O.K. 'cuz I'm livin' my dream

And I think about a babe in a manger
As I fill my manger full of hay
I think about all the people in the world
And how they all celebrate this day

Some folks enjoy Christmas because of the gifts
And I sure don't think that's all wrong
But most'a the gifts they give and receive
Are forgotten 'fore the New Year comes along

The gift that I'm most thankful for
Is gettin' to ranch not punchin' a time-clock
And strangely enough, goin' out in the cold
With a good team, to feed my hungry stock



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Capitol News

KAREN ODELL

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Christmas Eve had very nice weather. It was a good time to go to candle-lighting ceremonies and visit with everyone. Christmas brought a little snow on Tie Creek and at Capitol. Then each morning brought a new covering of snow, but only about an inch at a time.

Erma Albert felt good after visiting the chiropractor this week. On another day, she got an allergy shot. On Wednesday she went to the Senior Center and played cards with the group there. On Christmas Eve at four o'clock, they went to mass at the Catholic Church. Then, they went to mass again on Sunday, and afterward, went to Crow Buttes to pick up lunch. Others from Buffalo were there picking up lunch, too, because everything was closed in town for the holiday. Erma is looking forward to the next Friday Senior Dinner, which will be Bobbie's fried chicken; and that is always delicious.

Last weekend, Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to Black Hills State University in Spearfish for the basketball games. They saw two very good games, and BHSU won them both in exciting competitions right to the end of the games. On Tuesday, they went to Buffalo for the high school games there. Buffalo varsity won against Mott Regent from North Dakota. On Friday evening, they went to the candle-lighting service at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook. Ryan and Tawni's family, Wade and Ashley's family and Jay, all came for Christmas day, and had Christmas dinner together. Wade and Ashley's family and Jay stayed over on Saturday night, and went home on Sunday, but the kids all stayed to have a few more days together.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had dental appointments, on Monday. Lynn went to a church parish board meeting in Buffalo, on Wednesday. On Christmas Eve, they went to the Little Missouri Church for the service there. They enjoyed a quiet Christmas at home.

Joe Malecek went home to Iowa, for a Christmas vacation



with his family. Ian and Jenna Flatgard, Joe's sister, had gone back to visit family earlier, so that Joe could have the time off at Christmas, to visit back home. It was a good Christmas at home for Ian and Jenna, and Marla's first Christmas was a special and good time for all.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum spent their Christmas with Junior and Shirley Melum. Rachel brought food over, and Shirley added some of her own, and they had a fun day playing board games and opening presents. The two dogs came, too, and were very well behaved.

Gwen Millett met Dorothy Padden in Buffalo, on Monday, and they had lunch at Blossoms and Brew. On Wednesday, Brett Padden stopped by at Dorothy's for a visit. Bryce and Dawn made a trip to Bowman and Buffalo, on Thursday, to do some shopping. Then on Christmas Eve, Bryce, Dawn, Kelly's family, B J's family, and Helen Stevens came to have their family Christmas with Dorothy, Brandon, Ashley and their family. On Christmas day, Bryce and Dawn went over to her sister, Michelle Tooke's for their formal Christmas day family gathering. Helen was there, too, and all were dressed in their finest. Dawn had looked through her stored clothes to find suits and formal dresses, and everyone had the perfect dress for the occasion. Helen even traded her formal dress for one of Dawn's for the day. Everyone had a great time and they were the best dressed family around.

Charlie Odell went to Buffalo, on Tuesday, for some cattle cake, and to get a few groceries. Then on Wednesday, he made a trip to the Hills for last-minute shopping, before Christmas. Karen spent the week making background music for a Christmas song, making Welsh cakes and pies, practicing a violin accompaniment, and practicing Christmas music on the piano. On Christmas Eve, they took their musical equip-

ment, and went to the Methodist Church in Camp Crook for the candle-lighting service. Karen played a special prelude with violin, and then played piano for the Christmas carols. Ebony Musanda beautifully sang for the special music, and the Christmas story was wonderful to hear again. After church, Charlie and Karen stopped at the Over The Edge, for their special appreciation soup night. Karen had some wonderful oyster stew, and a little bit of great clam chowder. Charlie tried the chili and discovered it was great, too. Thank you to the Over The Edge. We appreciate you, too. On Christmas Day, the stairway had been covered with stockings for every member of the family, but this year, Santa was smarter, and only put things in two of the stockings. He was not fooled by all of those stockings, and knew he should take the candy to the actual homes of kids and grand kids, instead. Just because there is a stocking with their name, does not fool him into thinking they live there, so Grandpa only had his own candy to eat this year. Though they were alone for Christmas, the day was busy with Facetimes, all-day text conversations, pictures, and calls. Charlie talked to his brother, Mike Odell in Nebraska, and sister, Carol and Robert Smith. Karen talked with her brother, Ron Evans and classmate Bill Foulkes in Ohio. They talked with Cody, Kylie, Kellan, Kenna and Carson Odell and saw their gifts on Facetime. They texted, and got pictures from Mollie, J D and Kyia Smith; Micki, Jesse, Rowan and Murphy Hinds, and Amanda, and Jeff Odell. It was almost like having everyone right there with them.

Sunday, actually was a day of rest for most people at Capitol and on Tie Creek. It was a good day to rest up before people went back to work on Monday, and to recover from all the food, games and excitement of Christmas. The weather included a brisk wind, and a little snow, and then the thermometers began to drop quickly to zero, on Sunday evening.

Happy New Year, and we hope blessings come to everyone.

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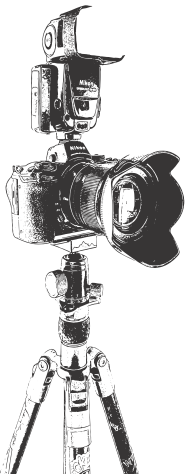
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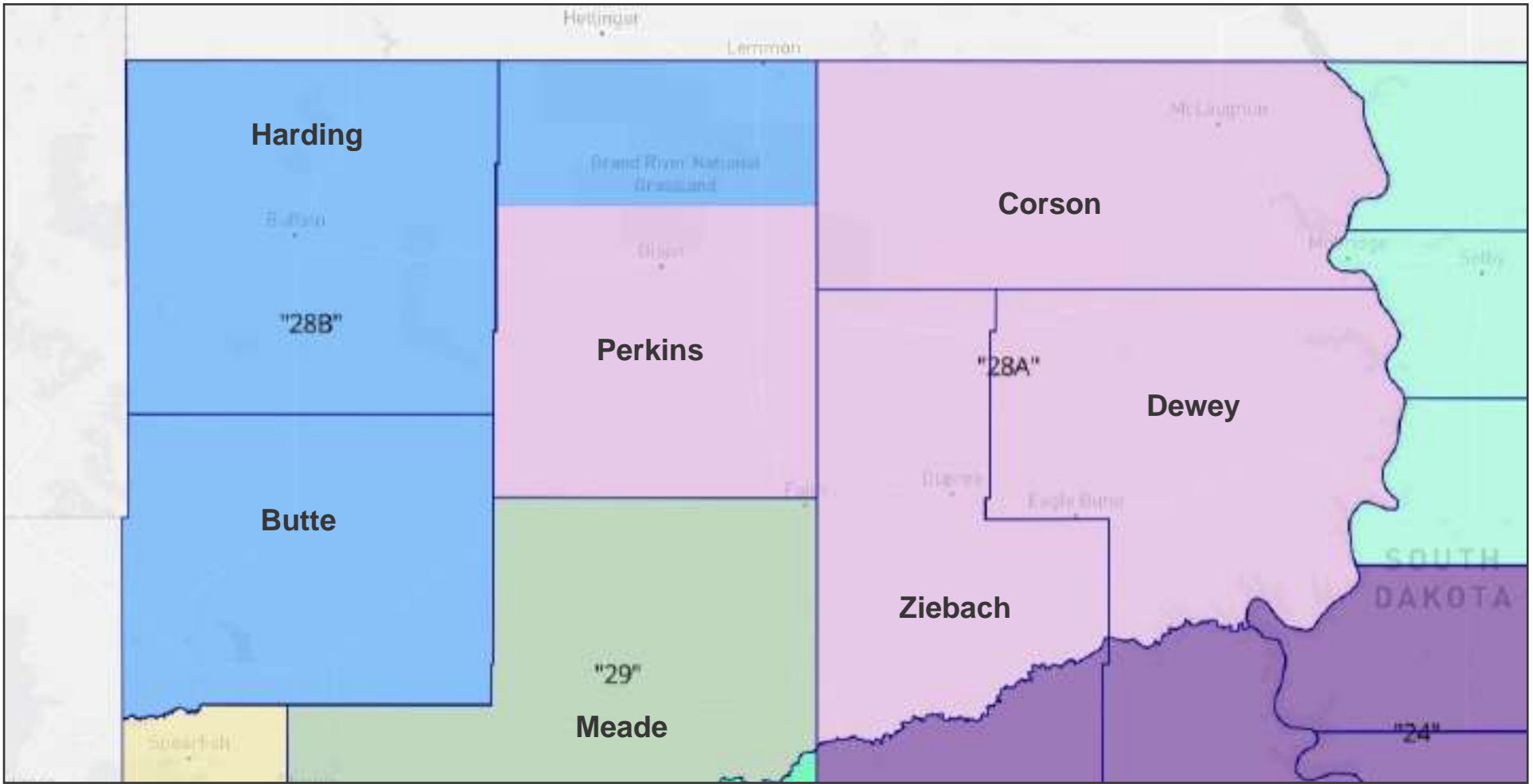
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2022 Legislative District 28 Map



Shown above is the final 2022 legislative District 28 map. Butte County got the first time since the 1990 census and redistricting is represented as a complete county in the district. The 2022 Legislative session starts on Tuesday, January 11th. Listed below are the legislators who represent Districts 28 & 29. LRC photos

District 28 Senate




Ryan Maher

Ryan Maher: Party: Republican
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District 29 Senate



Gary Cammack

Gary Cammack: Majority Leader
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District 28A House



Oren Lesmeister

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District 29 House



Kirk Chaffee

Kirk Chaffee: Majority Whip
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124 years ago
 TIMES
 December 23, 1897
Talk of the Town

The entertainment given at Minnesela last Saturday evening by the Minnesela and Gilbert schools was well attended, considering the cold weather, and proved a very interesting and enjoyable affair. Your editor attended and was surprised to see and hear some of the smallest children so proficient in declaiming. All did well and great credit is due their teachers for the able manner in which they prepared their pupils.

Preparations for the Masonic Ball, on Christmas eve, go steadily on, and it is needless to say that it will eclipse any like event ever held this season. The Ft. Meade Orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music, which fact speaks for itself in that line. D. J. Arnold, the well-known and experienced caterer, will serve supper at the Hotel Belle Fourche where all the substantial and delicacies which the market affords will be spread. Tickets including supper \$2.50.

100 years ago
 Northwest Bee
 Aug 18, 1921
Brought Joy To Many

The Municipal Christmas tree at the American Legion hall Saturday evening of last week brought joy to the hearts of something over four hundred little tots. Or at least more than four hundred sacks of candy and an equal number of toys and dolls were distributed among the children. Not alone did it give pleasure to the little boys and girls, but the grown ups joined with them in

celebrating an evening that will long be remembered.

Small-Malvin Nuptials
 A very beautiful home wedding was solemnized at five o'clock on Christmas even at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Small when Miss Margaret Small and Mr. Carroll Malvin were united in marriage. Miss Dorothy Small played the wedding march. Following the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous four-course dinner, the crowning feature of which was an elaborate pink and white angel food cake, four layers high. Both have graduated from the Belle Fourche high school. Mr. Malvin is assistant teller in the Butte County bank.

75 years ago
 Belle Fourche Bee,
 Dec 29, 1946
Pioneer Resident of Belle Fourche Called by Death;
Frank B. Gay, 85, Passed Away Saturday Night – Funeral Held Monday Morning

Private funeral rites for the late Frank B. Gay, Belle Fourche pioneer, who passed away at his home on Elkhorn Avenue Saturday night, were held at the Frost & Son Funeral Home at 9:15 Monday morning, the Rev. Glenn Van Vactor, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating at the services there and at the grave. Interment was in Pine Slope cemetery. Serving as pall bearers were Evett Morgan, James Eaton, Hugh Kissick, Wesley Withrow, George Freemole and Hugh Caton. Frank Brewster Gay was born in Poquetanick, Conn., Sept. 8, 1861. As a



by Mary Buchholz

young man, he was employed by the B. Lucas Woolen Mills until he came west 48 years ago and located in Belle Fourche becoming associated with his two brothers, Thomas H. and Arthur S. Gay. In later years he became associated with the Smiley-Gay Hardware. After disposing of his interest in the hardware store, he established a men's clothing store, which he operated until his retirement in 1930.

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Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.

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Sunday School:
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5:30pm - Salt and Light

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Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Worship: 11 a.m.

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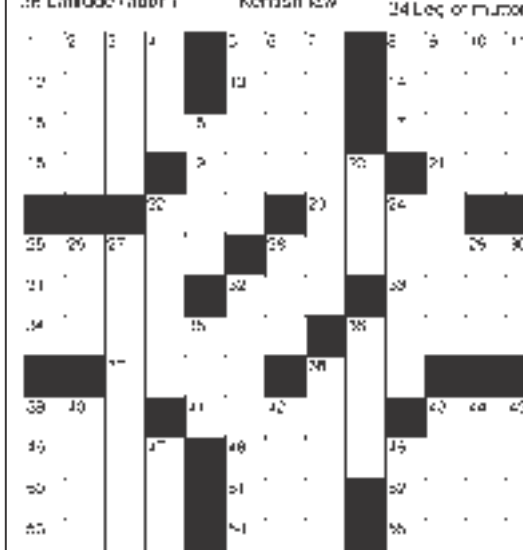
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Puzzle Answers on C4

“Building Main Street, not Wall Street”

Be Guilty of Thinking Too Big in 2022!

No community, chamber, or business leader wants to be labeled as one that thinks too small. William Ward once said, “The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails”.

As a leader, which category do you find yourself falling in? I recall a conversation with a good friend. He was lamenting the lack of both vision and creative thinking engulfing his small community. Listening to him, my mind kept replaying the dozens of similar conversations I have heard countless times.

Unfortunately, this conversation is common in many communities across our great country. It begs the question of which is more important, vision or creative thinking? I would respond this way. Without vision or thinking big, there isn’t much need for the creative. It takes no creative thinking to continue doing the same things in the same way, that is better described as mindless meandering.

We are largely programmed to take the path of least resistance. We do this even when we suspect the path may not end well. In the stock market, business, and media world, this is referred to as a “herd” mentality. The herd is rarely correct having a poor track record in financial and business environments. We can add community transformation or revitalization to the category of herd mentality with bad endings, as well.



by John Newby

Why add community transformation and revitalization to the mix? Very simple, the current systems are stacked against small communities in today’s world. Most government entities by nature and design are built to move slowly. That is a great strength during normal times. After all, it keeps communities from making hasty decisions. On the other hand, when unsettling economic times rear their ugly heads, the ability to move rapidly may be the only difference between resounding successes or dismal failures.

The national economic system is also stacked against smaller communities and redevelopment. The entire economic system in our country is geared to slowly drain resources from smaller communities and redistribute those resources to larger cities and companies. While some of it is certainly by design, much of it is unintended consequences. When we spend money at any non-local entity, those dollars are sent to wherever that corporate headquarters might be and therefore exit your community forever. This isn’t always bad. Many services and products can only be acquired this way. However, when the dollars leaving the community through chains, out-of-town owned businesses, and online exceed those staying in the community, the long-term outlook for your community isn’t very bright.

You might ask, how does vision play into all of this? As noted above, thinking small coupled with lack of vision will be the final nail in any community coffin. To battle the impact of the government, economic realities and any other roadblocks, your community needs a healthy dose of vision. Thinking small and vision are an oxymoron. Many traditional leaders and influencers tend to focus on the issues that do nothing to solve the real problem facing communities, which is the need for rapid change led by vision. Rapid change is the only way out for communities stuck in a rut to effectively overcome small and hesitant minds, complacency, and tradition. Their traditional foundations run fast and deep. Rapid change will rock the foundation overwhelming the old ways quickly and showing a new path forward.

Let’s be clear, rapid change is rarely clean and perfect at first. Some things will go wrong. Don’t allow small and mediocre minds to make mountains out of molehills. Point out items that go different than the plan, correct them quickly, keeping your eye on the vision and the end game. Don’t get sucked in by small minds that dwell on what amounts to small things in the grand picture. That mentality has destroyed and will continue to destroy many communities. Remember and understand that perfect will always be the enemy of great!

Always remember the progression of nearly every transformational task. First you work hard to become good. Then you refine and make good, great. After that, you continually strive for perfection. Don’t get obsessed with perfection, as we

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just stated, perfect is the enemy of great and is rarely achieved. Be willing to settle for greatness any day.

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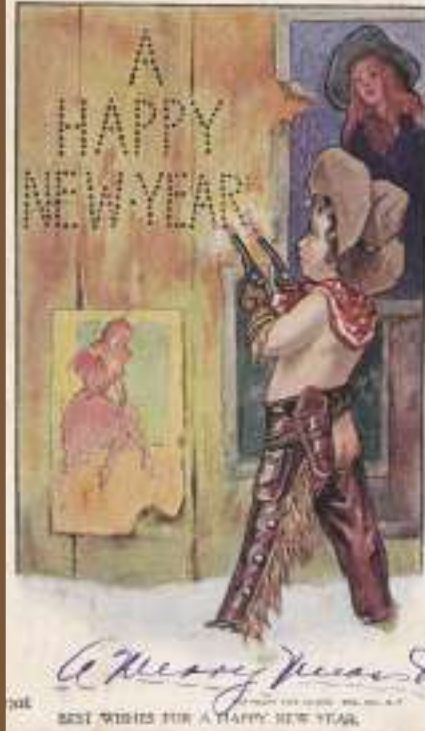
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All Hearts Go Home for Christmas

COLLEEN BRUNNER
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NISLAND – The Sunday school education department of the Nisland Independent Community Church presented their children’s Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 19 at 10:45 a.m. The theme of the play, written by church member Colleen Brunner, was “All Hearts go home for Christmas.”

This was also the focus for all the Christmas season programs at the church, which started with decorating the church for the season on December 1, following a carry-in supper. The church was decorated utilizing old-fashioned decor, including a hearth, rocking chairs, and firelight.

The program began following opening of the regular Sunday worship service with a video “Temporary Home,” setting the scene for the children’s program which was directed by Education Superintendent Anna Crockford.

The older teen students shared the narration of the story which, along with the traditional telling of the Christmas story and the birth of Jesus Christ, also spoke of being adopted into the family

Nisland Christmas C2

Christmas Cantata



More than a dozen members gathered to share the First Light Cantata at Newell Evangelical church on Sunday, December 19 at 7 p.m. This all-volunteer group spends endless hours practicing each year. They were directed by Pastor Tom Martin and accompanied by Marty Jump, while Bob Gerkin narrated the cantata. - Brunner photo

STORY ON PAGE C2

Leadership Day 2021 Highlights Positive Attitudes

BETTY BRUNER
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL - “It all starts with attitude” was the theme for this year’s Leadership Day at Newell High School. Six separate sessions addressed various concepts pointing students toward an attitude check. Sessions

included ideas ranging from making choices to mindset and archery tag. Middle school and high school students attended the day-long event hosted by WIT (Whatever It Takes), the Newell School, and Newell S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Team. The students were sorted into groups

and guided through a rotating schedule of speakers. The Science of Addiction was presented by Bill Elger, WPRC Coordinator. During his presentation, he pointed out to the students that whatever substance takes you higher will take you lower. Addiction means trying to maintain normal, causing a

person to take more and more drugs. South Dakota highway patrolmen Kellen Hood and Ryan Sur along with Butte County Deputy James Hahne highlighted the purpose of law enforcement in the Butte County area. Deputy Hahne encouraged the students to report school

bullying. “Don’t be afraid to be a snitch,” he said. Bullying is a form of violence and needs to be reported to keep everyone safe.

State’s Attorney Cassie Wendt further added that if anyone is caught recording any type of violence, that person will be charged.

“If you are recording, you will be charged if you don’t do anything (to stop it),” she said.

HP Troopers Hood and Sur gave statistics showing that driving under the influence is a growing trend in the county. Although .08 is the legal limit for anyone over 21 years old in South Dakota, a juvenile is held under more strict conditions. There is Zero tolerance under the age of 18.

Marijuana use is also on the rise in the county. Trooper Hood pointed out that one bad choice can make a difference in college and career choices, a person can lose a job, or not even get into school.

“Our job is to educate you,” concluded Trooper Sur.

“What we think, we are,” said

Leadership Day C4

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls expressing sympathy for the passing of our son, Dr. Matthew Bruner, and grandson, Noah. Your words have been a blessing to us and your thoughtfulness has been a balm to our hurting hearts.

It is encouraging to know that there is so much kindness and it has touched us! Hug your family and tell them how much you care!

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:18

Chuck and Betty Bruner.

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

Tuesday Jan. 4, 2022

Breakfast: YOGURT PARFAIT OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

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

Wednesday Jan. 5

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

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

Thursday Jan. 6

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

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

Monday Jan. 10

Breakfast: OMELET, WHOLE GRAIN TOAST, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

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Newell Evangelical Holds Christmas Cantata

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NEWELL – The choir of the Newell Evangelical Church presented their Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 19 at 7 p.m. And they did not disappoint.

With the loss of two of the male members of their cantata group, Dave Zwetzig who sang in the choir and John Rhy-nard, who always narrated the Christmas and Easter cantata’s, it was a different makeup. But those participating presented the Christmas story well under the direction of Pastor Tom Martin. Marty Jump accompanied the group on the piano.

Soloists included Ron Sjodin, Susan Gerkin and Deb Rich-ards. Bob Gerkin narrated the

storyline. Other choir members included Karrol and Bryant Herman, Jean and Melvin Remington, Deb Richards, Linda Martin, Carole McCarthy, Betty Zwetzig, Sally Miller, and Gerry Stumpf.

The cantata was titled “First Light” and spoke of the story of how Jesus came into the world as the first light and Savior for all sinners.

“We do this, not for our recognition, but because we love Jesus,” said Martin, prior to the group taking front and center at the church. Prior to the cantata the congregation shared a Christmas hymn.

Following the cantata those attending were invited to a time of delicious homemade goodies and fellowship to kick off the official Christmas week.



Following the First Light cantata on December 19 at Newell Evangelical church, members served up a wide variety of Christmas goodies to enjoy during fellowship time. - Brunner photo



(Clockwise from top left) Susan Gerkin shared her beautiful mezzo-soprano voice in two different solos. Ron Sjodin was the first soloist in the cantata. Deb Richards sang strong, sharing her soprano solo. Bob Gerkin narrated the Christmas story during the First Light cantata on December 19. - Brunner photos



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

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

Dec. 24: Nisland Independent Community Church Christmas eve service, 5 p.m. 402 Olin, Nisland. (Just off Highway 212). All are welcome.

Dec. 30: HSWR @ Harding County

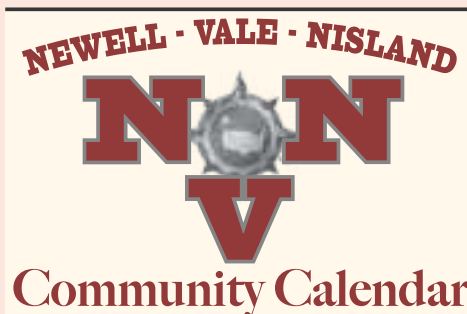
Jan. 3: School resumes.

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

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

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

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



Jan. 8: HSWR @ Lyman Tournament, 9 a.m.

Jan. 10: School Board Meeting-MPR-6 p.m.; City admin meeting-City offices-6 p.m.

Jan. 11: GBB at home West River Tournament. 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 13: BBB-WRT-6 p.m. at home

Jan. 14: GBB/BBB-WRT-3 p.m.; HSWR Newcastle Tourney-8 a.m.

Jan. 15: GBB/BBB-WRT-RC Ice Arena-9:30 a.m.

Jan. 17: No school

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

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

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

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From C1
NISLAND CHRISTMAS

of Christ through salvation.

What does it mean to go home for Christmas? There's an old song called "I'll be home for Christmas." The lyrics go something like this, "Christmas eve will find me, where the love light gleams, I'll be home for Christmas, If only in my dreams."

The children, dressed as Nativity characters, entered the church to take place in the manger scene and later at the house

scene in Egypt, where Joseph fled with his family, including Jesus, to keep his first-born child safe from Herod's execution.

Congregational songs during the program included: "Angels we have heard on High," and "We Three Kings,"

Included in the program were several mini-segments of different children portraying a homeless child, and a child running away from a poor foster care situation. These two segments were resolved with another child leading them to

the help they needed through meeting with the pastor.

The older child spoke of how he was "adopted" into the family of God by accepting Christ as Savior.

Following the body of the program, Pastor Doug Clark brought a message of God's love and grace through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Linda Marrs on clarinet and Michelle Stockard on flute played the final song, "Mary Did you Know."



Cows, donkeys, sheep and even a camel showed up at the NICC children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 19 at Nisland. - Brunner photo (MORE PHOTOS C4)



Grand River Roundup

Editor's note: This is part 1 of A Grand River Christmas

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Christmas - 1881

Pa never had much compassion for the lazy or those who squandered their means and then never had enough for the necessities. But for those who were genuinely in need, his heart was as big as all outdoors. It was from him that I learned the greatest joy in life comes from giving, not from receiving.

It was Christmas Eve 1881. I was fifteen years old and feeling like the world had caved in on me because there just hadn't been enough money to buy me the rifle that I'd wanted so bad that year for Christmas.

We did the chores early that night for some reason. I just figured Pa wanted a little extra time so we could read in the Bible. So after supper was over I took my boots off and stretched out in front of the fireplace and waited for Pa to get down the old Bible. I was still feeling sorry for myself and, to be honest, I wasn't in much of a mood to read scriptures. But Pa didn't get the Bible, instead he bundled up and went outside. I couldn't figure it out because we had already done all the chores. I didn't worry about it long though, I was too busy wallowing in self-pity. Soon Pa came back in. It was a cold clear night out and there was ice in his beard. "Come on, Matt," he said. "Bundle up good it's cold out tonight."

I was really upset then. Not only wasn't I getting the rifle for Christmas, now Pa was dragging me out in the cold,

and for no earthly reason that I could see. We'd already done all the chores, and I couldn't think of anything else that needed doing, especially not on a night like this. But I knew

Pa was not very patient at one dragging one's feet when he'd told them to do something, so I got up and put my boots back on and got my cap, coat, and mittens. Ma gave me a mysterious smile as I opened the door to leave the house.

Something was up, but I didn't know what.

Outside, I became even more dismayed. There in front of the house was the work team, already hitched to the big sled. Whatever it was we were going to do wasn't going to be a short, quick little job. I could tell. We never hitched up the big sled unless we were going to haul a big load. Pa was already up on the seat, reins in hand. I reluctantly climbed up beside him. The cold was already biting at me. I wasn't happy. When I was on, Pa pulled the sled around the house and stopped in front of the woodshed. He got off and I followed. "I think we'll put on the high sideboards," he said. "Here, help me."

The high sideboards! It had been a bigger job than I wanted to do with just the low sideboards on, but whatever it was we were going to do would be a lot bigger with the high sideboards on. When we had exchanged the sideboards, Pa went into the woodshed and came out with an armload of wood--the wood I'd spent all summer hauling down from the mountain, and then all fall sawing into blocks and splitting.

What was he doing? Finally I said something. "Pa," I asked, "what are you doing?"

"You been by the Widow Jensen's lately?" he asked. The Widow Jensen lived about two miles down the road. Her husband had died a year or so before and left her with three children, the oldest being eight. Sure, I'd been by, but so what?

"Yeah," I said, "why?"

"I rode by just today," Pa said. "Little Jakey was out digging around in the woodpile trying to find a few chips. They're out of wood, Matt." That was all he said and then he turned and went back into the woodshed for another armload of wood. I followed him. We loaded the sled so high that I began to wonder if the horses would be able to pull it. Finally, Pa called a halt to our loading, then we went to the smoke house and Pa took down a big ham and a side of bacon. He handed them to me and told me to put them in the sled and wait. When he returned he was carrying a sack of flour over his right shoulder and a smaller sack of something in his left hand. "What's in the little sack?" I asked. "Shoes. They're out of shoes. Little Jakey just had gunny sacks wrapped around his feet when he was out in the woodpile this morning. I got the children a little candy too. It just wouldn't be Christmas without a little candy."

We rode the two miles to Widow Jensen's pretty much in silence. I tried to think through what Pa was doing. We didn't have much by worldly standards. Of course, we did have a big woodpile, though most of what was left now was still in the form of logs that I would have to saw into blocks and split before we could use it. We also had meat and flour, so we



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could spare that, but I knew we didn't have any money, so why was Pa buying them shoes and candy?

Really, why was he doing any of this? Widow Jensen had closer neighbors than us. It shouldn't have been our concern. We came in from the blind side of the Jensen house and unloaded the wood as quietly as possible, then we took the meat and flour and shoes to the door. We knocked. The door opened a crack and a timid voice said, "Who is it?"

"Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son, Matt. Could we come in for a bit?" Widow Jensen opened the door and let us in. She had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. The children were wrapped in another and were sitting in front of the fireplace by a very small fire that hardly gave off any heat at all. Widow Jensen fumbled with a match and finally lit the lamp.

Editor's note: We will have Part 2 of A Grand River Christmas in next week's Beacon.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

December 28, 1911

Less than 2 years ago the ground where Newell now stands was occupied by the coyote, the jack rabbit and was grazed by range cattle. We now have a town of permanent store buildings, good sidewalks, comfortable residence, churches and schools; the town incorporated and is recognized as one of the permanent and hustling towns of the state. All of this has been done on the 2 driest years western South Dakota has ever known

Mr. James Cosby and Miss Pearl Dolan were untied in marriage at Lead, Saturday evening and returned to Newell Monday and are stopping at the Brennan rooming House. The groom is a popular young man in Newell and holds the position of freight agent for Northwestern Railroad. The bride is a charming young lady and has been in charge of the Belle Fourche & Northern Telephone Company's office for some time and is a sister of Ed Dolan and Mrs. Wm. Quinn. This is, we believe, the first couple to get married where both parties were residents of Newell. The Irrigator joins with their many friends in wishing them all the good things of life and that all their troubles may be little ones.

The condition of Col. "Buffalo Bill" Cody took a turn for the worse today. His physician announced he was taking the Col. to Denver. At this writing the Col. is slightly improved. Only his wonderful recuperative powers, his physician says, has kept him alive. Mr. Cody has spent time as a guest in the Black Hills and at Camp Orman.

December 29, 1921

Charley Suhonen went to his chicken coop the other morning and found 7 chickens missing. He only had 20 in the

first place. Some one must have enjoyed them for Christmas dinner.

Edward Bushnell, Otto Rothe, Fr. Klein, Harvey Erickson and your editor made the trip to Belle Fourche last night to see the Brookings College and Legion basketball game. At that point they arrived in time to witness the second half. The score was 38 to 23 for the "Aggies".

Services were held in the Empire school house Christmas day. The school children furnished a play for Christmas Eve. The teachers around Twilight do not seem to have any ambition to keep programs for none of the 3 teachers around there had programs for Christmas.

December 31, 1931

Frank K. Doud, Vale sheep rancher for 35 years, was appointed sheriff to fill the unexpired term of the sudden death of B.M. "Doc" Long at a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held Tuesday at Belle Fourche. Mr. Doud was selected out of a large number of applicants. The commission spent the entire morning considering the qualifications of each applicant. It is understood Louis Jones, Newell and Dave Malcolm, Nisland are seeking re-appointment as Deputies.

The Sly Grocery & Dry Goods stores at Nisland have been discontinued, according to announcement made last week by Manager Wm. Sly. The stocks not disposed of are being moved to Belle Fourche and placed on sale at the Sly Store there.

N. R. St. Marie arrived home Wednesday from a visit to Chicago, where he went 2 weeks ago with a truck load of turkeys. On his way back Mr. St. Marie stopped at Sioux Falls to visit

his parents.

News reports state the Fred Schweeke of near Nisland was arrested last week in a raid which netted a 25-gallon still and 4 gallons of liquor. The case is scheduled for state court.

December 25, 1941

Word was received in the Hills area this week from Thomas Shyroch, who is stationed at Pearl Harbor with the US Navy, to the effect that he is safe and unharmed. This is the first word received since the Japanese attack. Formerly of Newell, he is from Deadwood and a brother of Mrs. William Stolnack.

Ed Hentila won the big barrel of groceries given away at the N.M. Bratton Mercantile Co. here last Saturday evening. Mrs. O.J. Soma was awarded the large doll. There were also a number of other nice prizes given away.

Officers were elected and Legion Organization measures completed at a special meeting of American Legion members and ladies held at the Newell city Hall Wednesday evening and the initial project of the organization has already been completed. The group voted to send baskets to all the boys in camp from Vale and Newell and the northern territory for Christmas. 33 baskets have been sent and contained fruit cakes, candy, gum and cigarettes. Officers elected to head the Auxiliary were: President Mrs. Ralph Swimm; Vice President Mrs. A.C. Erickson; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Chas Lawell; Historian Mrs. Earl Alexander and Sergeant-At-Arms Grace Swimm. District Representative Isabel Willert of Belle Fourche was the principal speaker. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served at a late hour. Next meeting, January 7 at Newell City Hall.

December 27, 1951

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Yoder and family and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Burke and son were Christmas evening dessert guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ingman Karlson. On Christmas day the Yoder's and Karlson's, along with their families, drove to Deadwood and were dinner guest of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kuykendall.

Richard Marple this week



Minute Man (ICBM) site: setting the first lagging plates in place as they begin to excavate the launch tube, which will eventually house the missile

took over operation of the former King's Lockers & Cream Station in Newell, leasing the building from the LaBelle Creamery and changing the name of the establishment to the Newell Lockers & Cream Station. Marple has been engaged here for the past year as butcher at Note's Super Value Store and will continue to help there in such capacity at night.

Word received this week from Mr. & Mrs. Sam H. Bober is to the effect they arrived in Miami Beach, Florida in time for Christmas. They had been visiting around Washington, DC, where he was called 2 weeks ago to attend a meeting of the national Farm Credit Advisory Council, of which he is chairman.

December 28, 1961

The Vale Lutheran church congregation will be hosts to the annual Watchlite Services on New Year's Eve; it was announced by Pastor John Hopp. The Vale Luther League is planning the program and entertainment for the fellowship and hour Sunday evening at 10:00 PM. A worship service at 11:00 PM will then conclude the old year and usher in the new. Members and friends of

both Vale and Newell Lutheran churches are invited to attend.

Construction work on the Ellsworth Air Force Base Minuteman Missile project is progressing well. Lt. Col. George Syboda, Corps of Engineers Construction Department revealed in an interview recently. The Peter Kiewit Construction Company of Omaha, Neb is the prime contractors for construction of the Minuteman installations and work under the control of the Corps of Engineers, who in turn are responsible to the Ellsworth Site Activation Task Force (SATAF).

Four top Home Economics Students at Newell High School were introduced at a recent style show at Austin Auditorium. Darlene Breidenback was named "Co-Ed" correspondent to the teenage fashion board of McCall's' Magazine, Donna Miller and Phyllis Kaubisch, were each a winner of special Home Economic trophies and Roxie Wahlfeldt modeled a dress made by her older sister Barbara Wahlfeldt. Darlene, Donna and Barbara each were awarded skirt length bolt of wool material. Mrs. Alice Schmele is instructor of the Home Economics Class at Newell.

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From C1
Leadership Day

Michelle May in the next class entitled “Mind Set”.
She further went on to explain that what we think determines what we believe, what we feel, and how we are going to act. She encouraged the students by telling them it is never too late to change.
To connect the ideas of thinking, seeing, and responding, May used a washer tied to a string. As each student held the string, they were instructed to think the washer going back and forth, then in a circle. To the amazement of the students, the washer moved!
May continued to motivate the students to reset their mindset by focusing, changing their words, replacing words and deeds, and challenging themselves.
Probably the most popular session was handled by South Dakota National Guardsmen SSG Louie Clement and SFC John Butt. After sharing about the guard and benefits of joining, the men led the students in several games of archery tag. Students enjoyed the competition and most were fully engaged in the sport.
A group effort to sort out the right choice and decision-making process was employed by Cricket Palmer and Sue Keller, Alcohol and Drug Control Officers of the SD National Guard. The students were given a scenario and put into groups to discuss the outcomes. Sev-

eral good ideas were given and discussed.
Following lunch, the students gathered in Austin Auditorium to hear motivational speaker Mike Oster, from Oster Consulting in Rapid City, SD. He has been a motivational speaker for over 20 years.
Oster joined the National Guard as a senior in high school in August of 2000. After serving for several years, he began his own business.
“No matter where you are today, you don’t know where you are going,” he said. Live in the present.
He added that no matter where a person is, it is important to “be there” and make the right choice. The secret to growing better is choosing what you will do-either for good or for evil. Choices, he said, make you who you are.
As he scanned the crowd he pointed out that each one of them could choose to be bored or frustrated or they could enjoy the moment.
There are several things that can make a difference in a person’s life. First of all, live a life of appreciation. Do everything you do on purpose and then believe in the best you.
Show appreciation, Oster said. When a person goes out of their way to show appreciation it makes a difference in the day of that person. Practicing appreciation will make you better, he said, and when we become better with who we are, everything is better.
“Turn your alarm clock into

an opportunity clock,” Oster said as he encouraged the students to do everything on purpose.
It’s important to understand your purpose so don’t waste a single day, he said. It’s important to live a life of passion.
To become the best you, Oster said is to believe in the best. It’s okay to get knocked down, but not to stay down. The best thing to do is to put yourself where you can make a positive out of a negative.
He told the students that each one is really being conditioned by those around them. Oster demonstrated this by having a student come forward, raising his arms and having Oster try to push them down. The student’s arm held firm, but when he thought other students were thinking poorly of him, his arms weakened. Oster pointed out the importance of not worrying what others were thinking, but to be the best you can be.
“Everything is an opportunity,” Oster said as he reminded the students to look for the positive things in life.
Sponsors of the Tenth Annual Leadership Day were Black Hills Energy, SD Department of Social Services Prevention Program, Sd Tobacco Control Program, SD National Guard, Butte County Sheriff & SD Highway Patrol, Western Prevention Resource Center-Rapid City, SDSU/Butte -Lawrence County Extension 4-H, Delta Dental of SD. Foundation and Coca-Cola Bottling Company.



Newell middle school and high school students gathered in Austin Auditorium to hear motivational speaker Mike Oster at the Tenth Annual Leadership Day. - Bruner photo



(Left) Michelle May, SDSU/Butte-Lawrence County Extension Youth Program Advisor Michelle May challenged students to make the washer tied to the end of a string move. The washer actually did move for most of the students. (Right) Butte County Deputy James Hahne spoke to students and encouraged them to talk about bullying. - Bruner photos



(Left) Mike Oster from Oster Consulting, was the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual Leadership Day at NHS. (Right) Middle and High School students enjoyed a game of archery tag sponsored by the SD National Guard. - Bruner photos

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail." - Charles R. Kloss



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All Hearts Go Home for Christmas

Nisland Independent Community Church
Photos by Colleen Brunner



Nisland Independent Community Church held their children’s Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 19. The complete nativity showed up for the event in the form of the many children who attend Sunday school classes at Nisland.



Isaiah Hagen had to be the littlest shepherd in the Nisland Children’s Christmas program. He enjoyed a treat while waiting to go on stage.



Braylee Barrera, left, did not originally have a speaking part in the Nisland Independent Community Church Christmas program, but she stepped in due to sickness on the part of other children and shared a message with Kila Crockford, right.

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TopCare 25-30 ct.

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TopCare 24 ct. Softgels Day Time or Nite Time

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We do prescription **MAIL-OUTS** and curbside pickup (or drive-thru where available.)

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Call or stop in today!

MEAT...



**Boneless Beef
Bottom Round Roast**
Dakotamart Pride, USDA Choice

\$4.59
lb.



Cloverdale
Tangy Summer Sausage
28 oz.

\$7.99
ea.



**Bone-In
Pork Shoulder Roast**

\$1.49
lb.



Dakotamart Pride
**Boneless Bottom
Round Steak**
USDA Choice, Valupak

Small Packs
4.99 lb.

4.79 lb.



Fresh
**Homemade
Sliced
Sausage**

2.39 lb.



**Boneless
Skinless
Chicken Breasts**
Open Acres, Valupak

2.49 lb.



**Boneless Marinated
Pork Tenderloin**
Smithfield 18.4 oz. asst.

5.99 ea.



Midwest Pride
Sliced Bacon
20 oz.

6.49 ea.



Patti Jean
**Cornish
Game Hens**
22 oz.

3.99 ea.



Armour
Meatballs
20-25 oz.

5.99 ea.



Wimmer's
Little Smokies
10-14 oz.

2/7.00



SeaPak
**Breaded
Shrimp**
9-12 oz.

6.99 ea.



Open Acres
**Shrimp Ring
With Sauce**
10 oz.

4.99 ea.



Lobster Tails
4 oz. Frozen

7.99 ea.



Royal Tiger
**Cooked
Tail-Off Shrimp**
16 oz., 21-25 ct.

9.99 ea.

PRODUCE...



Dole
Salad Blends
Select 5-12 oz.

2 for \$6



The Little Potato Co.
Potatoes
1 lb. asst.

2 for \$7

.72-1.2 oz.
Concord
Guacamole Mix
99¢ ea.



Hass
Avocados

1.25 ea.

4 for \$5



Sunkist
Lemons or Limes

67¢ ea.

3/2.00



Extra Large
Green Bell Peppers

Green House
Grown Seedless
Cucumbers
1.49 ea.

99¢ ea.



Fresh
Mangoes

99¢ ea.



Fresh ~ 10 oz.
Grape Tomatoes

1.99 ea.



**Cantaloupe
or Honey Dew Melons**

2/7.00

BAKERY...



Bakery Fresh
French Bread

1.99 loaf



Bakery Fresh
**Hamburger
Buns**
8 ct.

2/5.00



Bakery Fresh
Cookies
Select 10 ct.

3.99 ea.



Give & Go ~ 10 oz. asst.
Mini Cupcakes

2.99 ea.

BEVERAGES...



**Pepsi
Products**
24 oz. 6 pk. asst.

2/9.00



Kickstart
16 oz. asst.

4/5.00

1.25 ea.



Polar Seltzer
12 oz. 12 pk. asst.

2/6.00



**Coke
Products**
12 oz. 24 pks. asst.

8.99 ea.



Dasani Water
.5 Liter 24 pk.

2/9.00



Body Armor
12 oz. 8 pk. asst.

5.99 ea.

DELI...



King's Hawaiian ~ 12 ct.
Rolls

2/7.00



Mrs. Gerry's
**Spinach
or Dill Dip**

4.99 lb.



Kretschmar
Baby Back Ribs

11.99 slab



**Colby Jack
or Colby
Cheese**
Open Acres Sliced

4.99 lb.



Mrs. Gerry's
Taco Pasta Salad

3.99 lb.