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Council Takes No Action on **Parking Lot Acquisition**

Roundup carnival likely to be downsized.

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche City Council declined to take action on an offer by Dr. Mike Nehl, of Nehl Dental, to purchase the empty lots adjacent to his former business location downtown. Nehl Dental relocated to a new office location last January on South Hwy.

The decision not to proceed could mean the lots would be sold to another interest and may not be available as space for the Roundup carnival during the Fourth of July rodeo.

Specifically the land under consideration is Lots 10 and 11, Block 18, Original Townsite, City of Belle Fourche. For the past few years Nehl has made the lots available for North Star Amusements to store carnival vehicles thereby making more

Parking Lot B5

Christmas Dinner Was Served



Belle Fourche Silver Linings Senior Center Staff and Volunteers were hands on serving Christmas Dinner at the Center. The Center made the plan to host a Christmas dinner after the Community Christmas dinner was canceled. The Center provides meals on a daily basis. Watch the Beacon for the weekly menu; this weeks menu below. A \$5 donation is suggested for a meal.

Dec. 31st Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans **Bread & Butter**

Dessert

January 1 Fish & Chips Coleslaw with Apples Jello Salad

January 2 Roasted Chicken Thighs **Sweet Potatoes** Green Beans Rocky Road Pudding

January 3 Sausage Gravy & **Biscuits** Scrambled Eggs Roasted Zucchini Blueberry Muffin

January 4 Cheeseburgers Home Fries Corn Dessert

January 5 Chicken Carbonara Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread Salad Dessert

January 6 Open-faced Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Brussel Sprouts **Brownies**

City Receives Matching Grant to Renovate Herrmann Park Bandshell

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BELLE FOURCHE - The city of Belle Fourche was notified last week that it was recipient of a \$15,000 South Dakota Historic Preservation Grant to renovate the Belle Fourche Bandshell located in Herrmann

Mayor Gloria Landphere made the announcement at the regular city council meeting on Monday night, December 21st.

"I am pleased to announce a matching \$15,000 grant for the Belle Fourche Bandshell," the letter from Gov. Noem's office read. "This grant is made ossible through the South Dakota State Historical Society Deadwood Fund program for historic preservation.'

According to the Governor's Office the matching grant program seeks to encourage investment in the restoration and preservation of historic properties in South Dakota.

The state historical society describes Deadwood Fund Grants as monies that are awarded through a portion of gambling revenue generated in Deadwood. The grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and are given to projects that retain, restore, or rehabilitate historic buildings, structures, and archaeology sites in South Dakota for commercial, residential, or public purposes.

Mayor Landphere thanked Public Works Director Dirk Hoffman for providing the in-

formation in the grant regarding what areas of the bandshell needed reworking.

The grant will need to be matched with \$15,000 from the city. "It is in the budget for 2021 to restore the band shell. So this is great news today," the

Mayor Landphere says she has notified Mary Buchholz who directs the Belle Fourche Historic Preservation commit-

The Belle Fourche Band Shell was built in 1954 after a population expand by more than 40%. Agriculture, ranching, bentonite, wool and sugar beets fueled the population growth with citizens that were eager for entertainment options evenings. A plaque on the right the Advancement of Music and the Enjoyment of All - 1954."

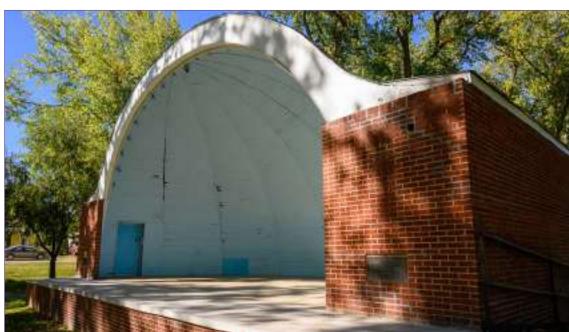
The band shell became listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2016. In the application for recognition it states that the structure was styled after popular acoustic shell designs from the 1920s and 1930s. The dome radius is 21 feet. In the 2016 application it states that the band shell has retained a high degree of historic integrity and has had only minor alterations since it was built.

ture was \$5,210 (\$50,000 in 2020 dollars) of which \$4,000

mayor said.

decade that saw Belle Fourche's during summertime and autumn front of the structure reads "For

The original cost of the strucwas given by local doctor John



The city bandshell in Herrmann Park has received a \$15,000 grant from the state for renovations. The city will match the amount and work will begin which includes replacing the inside wood and electrical upgrades, among others. - Courtesy Photo

Chassell. Chassel was a native of Iowa Falls, Iowa, who visited Belle Fourche in 1906. He was "favorably impressed" and decided to relocate his practice here soon afterward. Dr. Chassell was a charter member of the Belle Fourche Commercial Club. According to newspaper accounts he had been thinking about a band shell for the city for some time. After discussing it with then Mayor K.L. Arthur it was presented to the City

Council about a year later. "The town has needed something like that for a long time," Chassell was quoted as saying at the time. "I'm hoping it will

become more than a band shell, available for use by any organization, to be used for plays or political speeches, anything that can be presented in the summer time."

The only local contractor to bid on the entire project at the time was Carl Anderson & Son, who built the original Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange building, among many others. In an October 2001 article for the Belle Fourche Post/ Bee patricia Anderson, Carl's daughter, wrote that most builders in the areas refused to bid on the project because they didn't think the curved ceiling and roof could be built. She went on to write that her brother Bud Anderson joked that he and his dad were

"too dumb to know that, so we

The Anderson's set up an onsite shop to fabricate the trusses using fir lumber and covering the outside of the dome with shiplap and slate roofing. Covering the inside of the dome proved to be a challenge according to the narrative in the NRHP application. It says they chose to use tongue-and-groove floorings mater that had to be bent inward and downward, demonstrating the ingenuity of the Sanderson with local blacksmith Ray Oliver who designed a tool to make the bending process a bit easier.

The band shell was official dedicated on Nov. 21, 1954.

IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals, LLC in Progress



Dr. Ahmed Rasheed, Managing Director of IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals, LLC of Alexandria, Egypt returned to Egypt for the holidays just before Christmas. Work is progressing on the facility, as General Contractor EZ Fabrication & Welding has most of the material handling equipment and supply tanks erected. Rasheed hopes to have the plant operational in March of 2021. Beacon photo

City Submits Two 2021 Bridge **Improvement Grants**

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BELLE FOURCHE - South Dakota Dept. of Transportation **Bridge Improvement Grants** (BIG) have now been submitted for repairs to be made on two structures within the city. The council gave its unanimous approval last week for the paperwork to be sent to the capital. Deadline for application is January 2nd and the grants will be announced this coming

The BIG program was created by the 2015 legislative session and \$15 million per year is allocated for the grants. Grants are categorized as preservation grants and the more crucial rehabilitation and repair grants.

The money comes from the fees you pay for license plates and from non-commercial vehicle fees. Eight million dollars of the total comes from state gas tax funds. These are structured as matching grants of which 80% is provided by the state and the local municipality must contribute the final 20% of the

The 2021 requests are for preservation grants for the Eighth Ave. bridge over the Belle Fourche River downtown and the Highway 212 Business Loop bridge over the Redwater River on the northeast side of town.

"The repairs are mainly for maintenance overlays on the decks," said Brent Hardy, P.E., City Engineer. "The bridge downtown is a grant application for \$114,967 and the city would match \$28,742. For the bridge on the 212 Business

Bridges B5

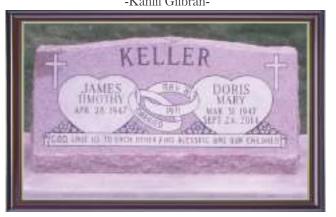






When you are sorrowful, Look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.

-Kahlil Gilbran-





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Obituaries Mable Stomprud 92

Mable Eunice (Ingalls) Stomprud, of Sturgis, formerly of Mud Butte, was born on September 4, 1928 at Faith, SD and died December 18, 2020 at Monument Health Senior Care in Sturgis, SD.

Mable was the firstborn child of Lawrence and Marie (Vig) Ingalls and was followed by two brothers and two sisters, residing on the family ranch located east of Opal, SD. Following her mother's untimely death in 1939, Mable was elevated to the

woman of the house at the age of 11 and assisted her dad with household duties and in raising her younger siblings. She attended Royal Center School, which was about 1 ¼ miles north of her home, along with several brothers, sisters, and cousins. Upon graduation from eighth grade, she attended Sturgis High School, staying with her Grandma Malina Vig during the school year.

At about 15 1/2 years old, she caught the eye of a handsome young neighbor lad, Calvin Stomprud, who was seven years her senior and attended South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. With one quarter left until graduation, Calvin was drafted into the U.S. Navy, joining other members of the Great Generation, serving from 1944-1945. He sailed to Japan following V-J Day, returning troops from occupied Japan. Mable graduated from Sturgis High School in 1946. She spent one year as the "schoolmarm" at Royal Center School, teaching, among others, a younger brother, sister, and cousins. Letters to each other during this time indicate they were smitten with each other and after his discharge, he returned to the family ranch and they were married on June 15, 1947. Larry came along in August of 1948, just in time for the Blizzard of '49. Mable and Larry were stranded at a home west of Stoneville for two weeks while Calvin made his way back to the ranch. Elaine followed in 1950, Verne in 1952, Gay in 1953, and then "the baby", Sharon, in 1958. In 1995, Calvin and Mable turned over operation of the ranch to Larry and Eileen, who returned to the ranch having retired from the Army. Calvin and Mable made the ranch their home for more than seventy years. They purchased a "town" home in Sturgis in 2008, and split their time between there and the ranch, but even when health limited their ability to live at the ranch, they longed to return to the "Ranch" every chance they could. They entered the Regional Health Senior Care in Sturgis together in February of 2018, and remained the loving couple together there until Calvin's death on May 8, 2018.

It's difficult to differentiate Calvin and Mable's life pursuits because they did nearly everything together and made each other's interests their own. They loved traveling, visiting Germany and Switzerland, Hawaii twice,

Alaska, and several trips to all directions of the U.S., often with Neal and Elaine Rowett. They made sure they frequently visited their kids and grandkids wherever they happened to be living at the time. Mable and Calvin especially enjoyed auctions, flea markets, and antique stores, looking for the next "real deal". One of their particularly fond memories was a float trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River with members of their immediate and extended families.

Wed. Dec.30, 2020

Mable was an active member of the Meade County Farm Bureau, Fox Ridge Community Club, Extension Club, and helped establish and was leader of the Happy Homemakers 4-H Club. She enjoyed sewing and taught her daughters and other girls of the community the craft. Family genealogy and history became a passion and she loved reunions, especially family reunions. She played piano and taught her daughters in the art. She and Calvin instilled the love of music to their children and the generations that followed.

Mable was a faithful member of either Prairie Home Church or Opal Community Church, served as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, was the primary pianist for decades, and was Treasurer for many years. Her faith was an important part of her life and she served as beautiful example to her family and the community.

Survivors include son, Larry (Eileen), Mud Butte; daughters, Elaine (Alfred) Bell, Cleveland GA, Gay (Ron) Lund, Columbus, NE, and Sharon (Paul) Tracy, Garden Valley, ID; grandchildren, Lisa (Tony) Stomprud, Jay (Jennifer) Stomprud, Brian (Shannon) Bell, Tamara (Eric) Hybertson, Jennifer Lund, Ryan (Lindsay) Lund, Melodie (Brandon) Buss, Anthony (Jess) Tracy, William Tracy, Nathan Tracy, and Jason Tracy; 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Hugh (Eleanor) Ingalls; sisters, Elaine (Neal) Rowett, and Virginia Brandt; sister-in-law, Marie Ingalls; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Marie Ingalls; stepmother, Anne (Mikidick/Mildrew) Ingalls; husband, Calvin; son, Verne; brother, Dale Ingalls; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Chester (Rose and Opal) Stomprud, Lyle and Elanor Pearson, and Mike Brandt; and six nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 3, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis. Committal services will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at Black Hills National Cemetery with Pastor

Harold Delbridge officiating. Memorials have been established to the Opal Commu-

nity Church and Bright Focus Foundation. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.

kinkadefunerals.com. Kinkade

Betty J. Niemi 89

Betty J. Niemi, 89, of Buffalo, South Dakota passed away at Monument Health Spearfish Hospital on December 6, 2020 due to COVID-19. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. There will be a public visitation for Betty on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 12:00pm to 9:00pm at the Krebsbach and Kulseth Funeral Home Chapel in Bowman, North Dakota. Family will be present from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Betty Joyce (Johnson) Niemi was born on September 4, 1931 to George J. and Mamie E. (Stolnack) Johnson in Deadwood, South Dakota. She was the oldest of ten

Betty attended country schools in Butte and Harding County, South Dakota and Carter County, Montana. She graduated from the eighth grade at Plainview School in Carter County in the Spring of 1945. Her parents decided to delay her start of high school for one year so she and her sister, Doris, could go at the same time. Betty helped her parents on the ranch during that year, spending much of the time herding sheep along the Little Missouri River.

Betty attended the first nine-week session of her freshman year at Ekalaka High School and then transferred to Buffalo High School for the remainder of the year. She attended her sophomore year at Newell High School and her junior and senior years at Belle Fourche High School, graduating in 1950.

Betty earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Montana State University, graduating in 1954. Betty worked as a Registered Nurse at the former John

Burns Memorial Hospital in Belle Fourche, SD for one year prior to being married. After moving to Harding County, she used that nursing education countless times to provide medical assistance to Harding County residents at a time when there was no PA or active clinic

Betty married John H. Niemi on October 9, 1955 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. They lived their entire married life on the ranch four miles north of Buffalo. Betty continued to live at the ranch after John's death in 2011 until moving to Peaceful Prairie Estates in Buffalo

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, of 55 years; an infant daughter; one sister, Marilyn Schmidt; one brother, Doug Johnson; one sister-in-law, Patricia Johnson; and four brothers-in-law, Arnold Schmidt, Douglas Miller, William Schafer, and Roger Reynolds.

Betty is survived by four children, David (Roxie) Niemi of Buffalo, SD; Diane (Ross) Johnson of Townsend, MT; Dorene (Kelly) Lorge of Bowman, ND; and Debra Niemi of Rapid City, SD; one brother, Andy (Linda) Johnson of Rapid City, SD; six sisters, Doris Johnson of Rapid City, SD; Beverly Miller of Mission, TX; Darlene Schafer of Mission, TX; Arlene Reynolds of Rapid City, SD; Judy Johnson of Sioux Falls, SD, and Ida (Mel) Johnson of Apple Valley, MN; special cousins, Annitta Stolnack of Newell, SD and Janet Hardy of Largo, FL; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Merle Watts 82

Merle Watts, Rapid City, passed away December 24, 2020 at Avantara Nursing Home in Rapid City. He was 82 years old and had struggled with health issues for several months. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who was loved by all his family. His memories will be with us forever.

Pastor's Perspective



Because of Corona virus a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home, Rapid City, SD is in care of the arrangements. Merle will be laid to

rest at Black Hills National Cemetery.

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Stephen Carson, Belle Fourche Connection Church
And there are so many other wonderfully accurate

Colonel James Irwin was an American astronaut who walked on the moon in 1971 on the fourth human expedition as part of the Apollo 15 mission. Irwin was a devout Christian who talked often of the profound mark that space travel had left on his faith in Jesus. Sometime after walking on the moon, Irwin made this statement, "God walking on the earth is more important than man walking on the moon."

What an incredibly insightful statement! What we celebrate at Christmas is so deeply profound that we as humans can't fully grasp the magnitude of it! Yet what we can comprehend is often lost in the frenzy of the Christmas season. Christmas isn't about presents or family or friends or anything else. We are thankful for those things and God's provision. But Christmas is about God putting on flesh! It is about the long-awaited Messiah that was prophesied so precisely and so perfectly in the Old Testament Scriptures.

The prophet Isaiah foretold Jesus' birth and His suffering over seven centuries before Jesus would be born. The prophet Micah prophesied Jesus' birthplace of Bethlehem, also over seven centuries before it would happen.

prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus' entry into the world as that baby born in Bethlehem. Ultimately, we know that though Jesus was born in time, He existed before time.....for all of eternity (Micah 5:2)! And Jesus came into the world on a mission, to reconcile man to Himself. Like the Christmas hymn we sing states, "Hark, the herald angel sing, Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled." Christ came to save His people from their sin! He

> came to reconcile sinners (all of us) who had no way to save themselves. His birth and later His death and resurrection secured salvation for anyone who would trust in Him alone for their salvation.

This Christmas season, contemplate in a sense of wonder the incarnation of Jesus. And consider your relationship with Him. Have you made Jesus the Lord of your life? Have you placed your faith in Christ and what He did in your place on the cross? Have you bowed yourself before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Live this Christmas season in a spirit of wonder and amazement at the grace of God that is seen and offered through Jesus.

Proverbs 23:18 There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

Deuteronomy 7:13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

YOU HAVE GINGERVITIS.



Happy Birthday Betty!



Betty Beals will celebrate her 85th Birthday on Jan. 6th Birthday Ireetings may be sent to: 1814 8th Aue. Belle Fourche, SD 57717 or if you wish to call her: 605-723-2189 Thank You! Bill, Cindy & Families

Goeringer 40th Wedding Anniversary



Tim and Jamie Goeringer (McKnight) were married at the Open Bible Church in Belle Fourche, on December 20, 1980. They moved to Phoenix, Az in 1987 and then to Prescott Valley, Az with their two daughters in 1998, where they still reside today. The odds may have been stacked against them from the beginning, but because of their faith in the Lord and his grace to see them through the undeniable tough challenges life has thrown their way, they stand here today, celebrating 40 years of marriage. They have two daughters and three grandchildren; Julie (in heaven) and JoAnne, who lives in Prescott, Az, with her husband Matt, and their children, Emma, Jack, and Lucy.



Hey Highmark--Question?

Find out answers to things financial: Saving, Spending, Borrowing, etc. Questions will be answered by staff members of the Belle Fourche Branch of Highmark Credit union. This week's question is being addressed by Highmark's Vicki Thiel. Readers may submit questions to: Kyla Wright at: kyla.wright@highmarkfcu.com. Unless you or someone in your family is or has been a CU member you may not know what a Credit Union is or what it can do for you. Now is your opportunity to find



Heather Alcanter

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A: Any time you pay attention to financial news, you'll hear about the prime rate. But what is it? It's basically the interest rate banks charge each other to lend money back and forth. The higher the prime, the

higher other interest rates (such as credit cards and mortgages) will be. A low prime rate leads to more available funds and growing economy, while a higher rate slows the economy and makes funds harder

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be affected by your credit score and history, so while the prime is important on a national level,

Notes from the Chamber

By: Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher

Chamber of Commerce Weekly Scoop: As 2020 comes to an end, we look forward to seeing what 2021 will bring. I wanted to start the year off with a bang. What I mean by a bang is the board and I have been busy updating our website to make it more user friendly for all, our 2021 event calendar is getting full of events to promote and value all our community, and the Cham-

ber has purchased new signs for our building to make it easier for people to find us. This is only a few of the things we have been busy working on. Our focus at the Chamber of

Commerce is to promote our members, the commercial, civic, and general interests of the city of Belle Fourche and our trade area. With that being said, starting January 4th I will be doing a Spotlight Business of the week. Each week we will feature a new business in Belle

Fourche that is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Every Monday we will announce who our Spotlight business is for the week and we will be doing different activities at that business all week. This will be a huge benefit to both the business and our community as it gives us a chance to really promote and show you what each business has to offer. Focus on Shopping Local because each dollar that is spend here is a huge benefit to our community.

Here are some events that we are planning to have in 2021 and we hope you will come and join us.

- estival will be held January th ough February with activities that our community has provided to help with that
- · Annual Banquet- March 11th at Besler's Cadillac Ranch
- River Festival
- 2nd Annual Golf Tournament
- Moonlight Madness & Chili Contest
- Pumpkin Festival
- Fall Festival/ Fall Flavors
- Polar Express Rides
- Light up the Night/ Come to Christmas in Belle Fourche • Educational Classes will be offered throughout the year

Cops & Kids Christmas Shopping Program

The Butte County Sheriff's Office and the Belle Fourche Police Department would like to thank our community for all the support offered for our Cops & Kids Program this year.

This is somewhat of a difficult or rather humbling "Thank You" to write. Because it is hard to put into words all of the emotions the kids, the families, and the Officers go through.

With the communities help, Officers can shed their radios and handcuffs too help people in need for Christmas. With help from our schools and they help us select kids normally from the 5a grade that they know could use some help.





On the shopping day, Officers pick the kids up at their homes in patrol vehicles. Prior to going shopping, the kids get to try out all the lights and sirens in our patrol vehicles and interact with

Once inside, the kids shop for everyone in their home. It hits us in our hearts each year when we have to tell the child that is shopping that they have to buy something for themselves. Year after year, these kids want to make sure their brothers and sisters are taken care of first and that is what they are most concerned about, GIVING!

We also find that these kids buy things that are needed, not wanted. Snow pants, shoes, socks, caps, and coats are the order for the day. Yes, they may get a toy or something fun for the family, but usually that is the last



Once shopping is done, they ride with the Officers, this year it was to the Community Half for gift

This is where the fun starts, Officers wrap or attempt to wrap and make each package look 100%. Thankfully some of our wives are there to help! During the wrapping, the kids are able to pick out a new home-made quilt! Officers and kids had a pizza party together! Officers loaded up the wrapped gifts and got the kids and their gift a safe ride home.

The ride home is normally where the emotions really start to flow, for both the kids and the Officers. It sets in when the kids start to think about "what just happened". This year one girl started to cry as soon as the Officer got into the driveway. A boy cried because he was so excited to bring home a "family" gift. Another girl cried when the Deputy walked her up to the house with the wrapped presents, both the mother and daughter started to cry. These are not sad tears, but tears of appreciation, pride, and joy.

Being an Officer or Deputy can be difficult at times, we see a lot of things that are not pleasant or kind. As the Sheriff and Chief of Police, we know that our Officers think back to this day when Sheriff Fred Lamphere

Chief Marlyn Pomrenke



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Beautiful BF River 160-acre property at the end of the road. The home was built in 2008, with complete main level living and a walkout basement. The home features a wraparound deck, a wood fireplace, beautiful kitchen, large master bedroom & bath, and walk-in closet.



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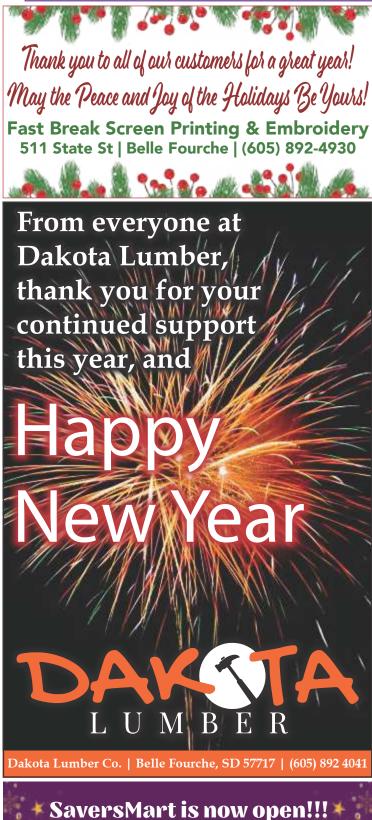


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Tri-State's First Sat. Brunch Returns With Attendance Limitations

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will resume its popular First Saturday Brunch program on Saturday, January 9 at 10 a.m. with attendance limitations due to COVID-19.

The last First Saturday Brunch was held in March and like many, it had an attendance of over 100 people.

"It isn't safe to have that many people in a confined area," said Tri-State Director Kristi Thielen. "Also, we have typically had to strike our temporary exhibit in the museum proper to set up for the brunch. But the January presentation coordinates with the exhibit and so we want people to be able to experience both."

The January 9 First Saturday Brunch will take place in the Visitor Center and tables and chairs will be set for 36 people. Unlike previous brunches,

reservations will be required, and masks strongly suggested.

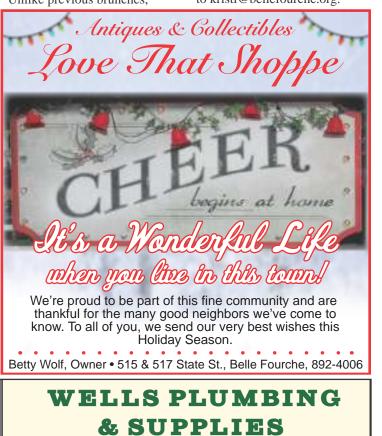
Reservations must be made by January 7; call 605-723-1200 to do so. The January presenter is Wayne Gilbert whose speech is entitled "Dr. **History of Medicine** Francis Townsend:

Father of Social Secu-

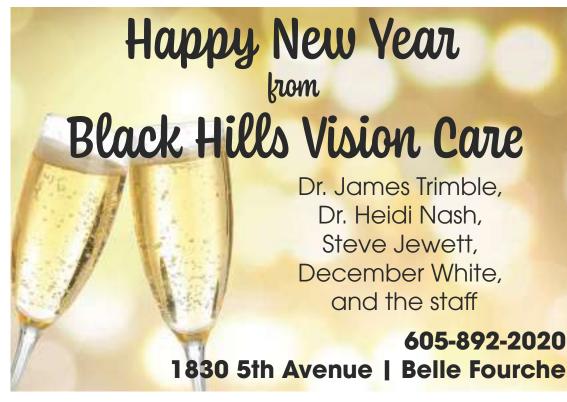
Townsend was a one-time Belle Fourche physician, who later promoted a pension for senior citizens, which may have inspired the creation of Social Security.

The exhibit in the Tri-State Museum is "History of Medicine," and features a number of local physicians, including Townsend.

For more information about this First Saturday Brunch, contact the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 415 5th Ave., at 605-723-1200 or email to kristi@bellefourche.org.



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Broncs Enter New Year 2-2 Lady Broncs 4-0 at Break

JIM TRIMBLE

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The Belle Fourche Girls and Boys Basketball teams participated in the annual Stateline Shootout the weekend of December 18th. The Shootout this year pitted the Broncs playing at Sundance on Friday evening before traveling to Upton for the Saturday night matchup.

In Friday's boy's game against Sundance, Sundance broke open a close game by outscoring the Broncs 20-6 in the third quarter to bounce to a 62-50 victory over the boys. The first quarter Gage Kracht dropped in eight of his game high 13 points, including two treys, but the Broncs trailed 12-11 after one quarter. In the second period. Logan Goeders led the Broncs as he countered with five points including 3-4 from the charity stripe as Belle went to the lockers nursing a 24-22 lead over Sundance.

The third quarter would be the downfall as Sundance would outscore Belle 20-6 to take a 12 point lead heading into the final period where both teams would get hot scoring 20 points each but Sundance would hold on for the 62-50 victory.

Kracht would lead the Broncs with 13 including 3 from behind the arc. Anthony Budmayr would add 12 points for the boys in the losing cause. In the JV contest the Broncs would easily handle the Bulldogs with 55-16 win. Anthony Staley paced the Broncs with 12 points closely followed by Ryker Audiss and Jayden Sechser with 11 each.

In the Saturday night contest the Broncs were in Upton to take on a good Upton squad. Upton broke out to a 15-8 first quarter lead and never looked back as they cruised to a 71-58 win over the Belle boys.

The Broncs were led by Aiden Giffin who took game high honors with 22 points. Giffin had 10 field goals and was 2-3 from the line. Lan Fuhrer dropped in 13 and Anthony Budmayr

chipped in with 10. The Broncs are now 2-2 on the season. In the JV game balanced scoring by the Broncs led by Anthony Staley's 14 guided the boys to a 58-29 win. Gabe Heck and Caiden Stores added 9 and 8 points respectively. The Broncs travel to Lemmon on January 2nd and return home on January 5th to host St. Thomas More.

The Lady Broncs took on the Lady Bulldogs in Sundance in their Friday night contest in the Shootout. Despite cold shooting by both teams, the Ladies came out on top by a 49-29 margin. The Broncs held a 12-4 lead after one and 23-11 at halftime and never looked back to secure the win.

"We did not shoot well, but we worked hard on defense. That pressure created some turnovers that we were able to turn into points for us," commented Coach Bill Burr about the victory. Bella Jensen, who is the Broncs leading scorer dropped in 19 for the Ladies. Dylan Stedille had 7 boards to pace the Broncs on the glass. The Broncs defense was fueled by three steals each from Jasmyn Jensen and Chloe Crago. Hayley Wilbur clogged up the paint getting four blocked shots on the Bulldogs.

On Saturday's contest in Upton, the Lady Broncs coasted to a 70-27 victory over Upton. The Broncs jumped out to a 16-5 first quarter lead and took a 20 point 36-16 lead into halftime. "We played better tonight," said Coach Burr. "Our press created turnovers and we ran our offense well. We controlled the boards with 42 total. That's what I like to see," he added. Bella Jensen had 18 points with Kaylin Garza and Kylee Crago notching 14 and 8 points respectively. Garza paced the defense with 8 rebounds and 4 steals while Hayley Wilber pulled down 7 caroms and also had 3 take aways.

The Lady Broncs now 4-0 host Wall on January 2nd, and St Thomas More on the 4th.

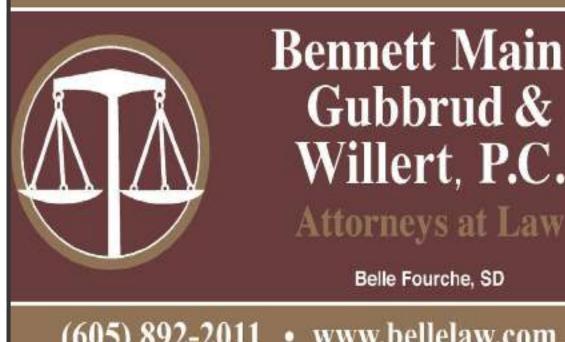


Christmas State Line Shootout. Hockenbary Courtesy Photo



Logan Goeders comes up with the rebound underneath against Sundance. Hockenbary Courtesy Photo





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Anthony Staley jump shot for two. Hockenbary Courtesy Photo



Gabe Heck goes high for a block against Upton. Hockenbary Courtesy Photo







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4-0 Lady Broncs Host Wall on January 2nd



Lefthanded Senior**Jasmyn Jensen (13)** dribbles to the wing to set up the Lady Bronc offense against Sundance in pre-Christmas State Line Shootout action. *Courtesy Photo*



Tia Williamson (25)) is at the line shooting a pair against Upton in

Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center To Close for Three-Day Annual Cleaning-Jan 5-7

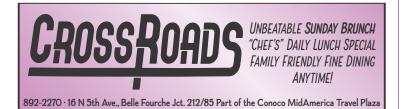
The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will be closed to the public on Tuesday, January 5 through Thursday, January 7, so that staff may engage in the complex's annual cleaning. Staffers will be available to the public by phone during that time.

The Museum and Visitor Cen-

ter will reopen on Friday, January 8. For more information about the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, please see their website at www.thetristatemuseum.com, see its Facebook page or call 605-723-1200.

The Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.







Kaylin Garza (23)) looking for an open team mate in the Lady Broncs deliberate, patient offense. *Courtesy Photo*





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Anything Left in the Barrel? By: Doug Cole

The next issue of the Beacon will be January 6th, 2021. 2020 will go down in history as the year the world was "put on hold" *

We have been able to continue the Beacon publication without interuption.

We owe that in part to our community and state keeping open for business.

Businesses staying open and people developing and practicing the habit of shopping locally has kept our city strong in times where not all share that benefit.

Sales tax collections are up for the year and improvements and growth is prevalent across our business community.

The owner of a local licensed liquor establishment told of once having an employee he presumed was helping himself to tasty nips, *sans renumeration*, on the bars best brand of Bourbon.

The owner confronted the employee and told them that if the practice continued he would have to start putting pencil marks on the bottles to mark the contents levels.

The employee unabashedly responded, "Oh don't do that. I hate to add water to good bourbon."

Legend tells a story of a Belle Fourche Bank teller who tried to keep alive the old west nature of the town.

A local retailer went into the bank to withdraw funds for a weekend outing, only to find his account embarrassingly low.

When he commented to the point, the teller answered, "I'm afraid your wife has beat you to the draw."

A local citizen responded to a business offer that on the surface

seemed legitimate.

In hope of great gain he decided to move forward and invest.

Upon doing so he exchanged some of his money for the other fellows experience.

Not happy with his loss he contacted the Better

The BBB informed him that it was indeed a fraudulent enterprise and that they were well aware of it.

Business Bureau.

They inquired of the man, "why had he not checked with them first?"

"I would have, but I was afraid you would tell me not to invest," he replied.

An insurance agent was preparing to write a policy for a Perkins County rancher.

He asked the rancher if he had ever had any accidents, to which the rancher replied, "No."

In researching the prospects prior insurance claims he found claim paid for snakebite and teeth kicked in by a horse.

He called the rancher up and inquired, "When I asked you if you had had any accidents you said no, but your report came back with two prior claims: snake bite and kicked by a horse. I don't understand?

'Those weren't accidents," said the rancher, "They both did it on purpose."

Advertising is part of the paper's everyday life. I heard two ads that appalled me last week: one on the radio and one on a TV news app. Both using profanity in their demonstrative phrasing.

There are over 200,000 words in the English language and you would think the architects of those ads could build them without having to use cuss words.





Dick Pluimer Retirement

Richard Pluimer, Lawyer, announces his retirement and the closing of his Spearfish office effective Dec. 31, 2020

Dick thanks all of his past and current clients over the past forty-one years.



One mentioned an establishment being a good place to eat: "Any d***day of the week." The other said something about the business you should, "d*** well believe." Couldn't see where the profanity

improved the promotion for the customers for either business.

A recently married young couple were contemplating the purchase of a first home.

The husband decided to consult one of his co-workers, who had recently celebrated 27 years of marriage.

After work the young man asked the veteran of marital bliss, "What kind of first home do you think we should consider?"

The co-worker thought for a minute and replied, "Well you want something big enough and nice enough where your young bride won't want to return home to her mother." "But be careful," he added, "You want it small enough where the mother won't ever want to come and live with you."

There was once a young political worker who was trying to rebuild his party's organization.

He had found a contributor's list from several years prior of people who did then, but no longer supported the party.

He decided to contact them; meet as many as able; get their input into what they saw as the problems; and set about doing what he could about improving the situation.

He had learned in high school that you could earn "points" if you took away the arguments.

Soon after he started the endeavor he met with an attorney who had once been a major contributor to the party.

Upon asking the old barrister why he had stopped contributing, he got a laundry list of current problems that had led to the end of his financial support.

The energetic young worker wrote them down, eight in all, and thanked the lawyer for his input.

He left the office and immediately set about seeing if he could right the wrongs.

By the end of the week he had been able to correct all eight of the man's grievances.

He called and asked if he could have a second meeting. The lawyer obliged and the following day he returned to the office and a presented the fixes he had accomplished during the week.

The lawyer sternly responded, "I told you NO last week and gave you reasons why. I admire the work you did, but the answer is still NO! Just accept it and don't embarrass me by asking me why it is still NO."

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Black Hills Energy Raises Nearly \$760,000 for United Way



Belle City Councilperson **Maryanne Darling-Reich** along with other BHE team members helped clean up the play area and assemble new play equipment at CASA in Spearfish for their Day of Caring project. -Courtesy Photo

Black Hills Energy and its employees today announced they are giving nearly \$760,000 in their annual United Way fundraising campaign to support 50 United Way agencies across Black Hills Energy's service area. Black Hills Energy and its employees have been committed partners of the United Way since the 1940's. More than 1,300 employees from all Black Hills Energy electric and gas subsidiaries across Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming, supported the campaign. The Black Hills Corporation Foundation, the charitable arm of Black Hills Energy, added an additional 25 percent match to supplement employee pledges.

The relationship between United Way and Black Hills Energy dates back 76 years, when United Way was created to serve the Black Hills region. More than 400 of Black Hills Energy's South Dakota employees, along with the company's Foundation match, designated more than \$279,000 in pledges to support four United Way campaigns in the Black Hills region, including: United Way of the Black Hills United Way of Sturgis

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"In this unique year when so many families are impacted by COVID-19, Black Hills Energy's financial support of 50 United Ways is needed more than ever to address basic needs of the communities we serve. Needs like food insecurity, shelter and mental health,' said Linn Evans, president and chief executive officer. "United Way's strong connection with community needs and solid processes for supporting local charitable organizations make United Way a terrific partner as Black Hills Energy and its employee team live out their collective values and mission in a meaningful and impactful way. As we continue to navigate the current pandemic, it's good to know our employees' and company donations are providing truly valuable services to those in need."

Please visit www.blackhillsenergy.com for more information about all the ways Black Hills Energy partners with and gives back to the 824 communities it humbly and proudly serves.



We want to strengthen our community with a healthy start to 2021.

The Belle Fourche Area Community Center is organizing this family event for all ages and fitness levels. Join us for this 3-mile event that starts and finishes at Herrmann Park. It probably won't be warm, it may be cold, it may be snowing-who knows?! Bring a friend; get out, walk, jog, or run-JUST MOVE!

Sunday, January 10th @ 1:30 pm Bowman Hall-Herrmann Park

Check in: 1:00-1:30 pm

Start: 1:30 pm (Kids Races around Herrmann Park Circle) with run/walk immediately following

Kids Events: Herrmann Park Circle-8 years and under 1 lap (1/4 mile) & 9 years and up 2 laps (1/2 mile)

<u>Timing/Prizes</u>: The main objective is to be active; however, we will time for those who want to know! All prizes will be randomly drawn, and everyone will be entered for a chance to win regardless of time/place.

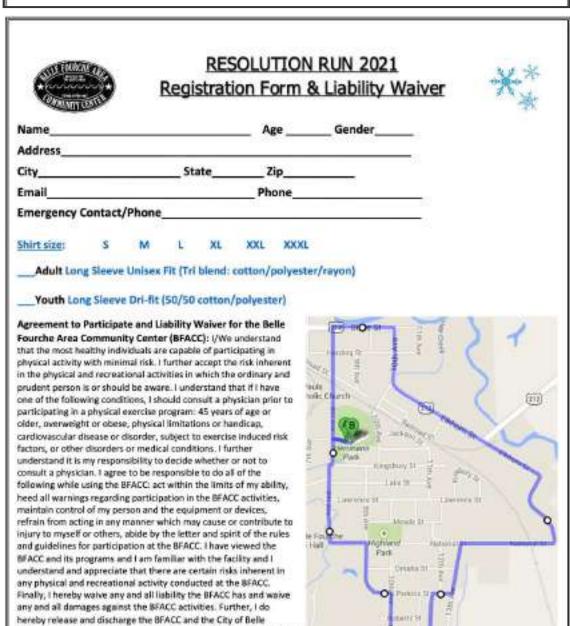
Cost: \$10 without shirt ~\$20.00 with long sleeve shirt

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Belle Fourche Rec Center Little Dribblers!

Date



The Belle Fourche Rec Center Little Dribblers finished off their season with a performance December 17. These kindergarten boys and girls sported their new t-shirts and showed off their dribbling, passing and footwork drills they learned at practice.

Back row (left to right): Sofia Lewis, Natalie Venter, Harper Hanson, Kellan Davis, Theodore Grosz, Owen Dacar; Middle row: Laney Knuteson, Ronin Dunavant, Izabelle Rezac, Brekyn Montgomery, Garrett Gumm, Harper Pottorff; Front row: Steven Hancock, Willow Box, Alice Bonefield, Isabelle Freed, Kortney Dobesh, Zander Vice, Claire Kitzmiller. Courtesy Photo

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EB Ranch, Broadus MT	20	Blk Solid	. 1233	\$1,035.00
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Gaskill, Dan, Volborg MT	18	Blk Hfr	. 1095	\$1,560.00
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Lien, Tom, Rapid City SD	50	Blk 3 Years	. 1250	\$1,650.00
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Under continuous CRP, producers can enroll environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices with signup available at any time. FSA automatically accepts offers provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the number of acres FSA is allowed to enroll in CRP, which was set by the 2018 Farm Bill.

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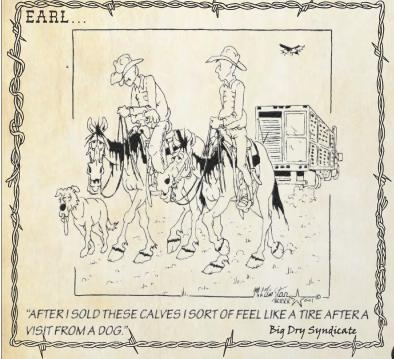
half by 2050. Earlier this year, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the Department-wide initiative to align resources, programs, and research to position American agriculture to better meet future global demands.

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2021 PRCA World Standings

(Leader plus South Dakota Contestants in the top 50 as of 12/26/20)

 Garrett Shadbolt 	\$7,602.58					
11. Shane O'Connell						
Rapid City, SD	\$3.723.90					
16. Jamie Howlett	+-,					
Rapid City, SD	\$2.914.28					
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 Jacob Edler 						
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5. Eli Lord	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
5. Eli Lord Sturgis, SD	\$4,400.12					
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Bareback

Flandreau, SD \$1,702.19 **Team Roping Headers** Cooper White \$5,632.16 48. Cody Hilzendeger

Avon, SD \$1,056.03 **Team Roping Heelers** (No SD ropers in top 50)

1. JC Flake Saddle Bronc

Chet Johnson \$5,936.25 Jacob Kammerer \$5,740.44 Philip, SD Chuck Schmidt \$4,576.13 Keldron, SD 27. Jade Blackwell Rapid City, SD \$1,848.05 34. Cole Elshere

Tie-Down Roping (No SD ropers in top 50) Cooper Martin

\$1,056.03

\$ 640.75

Steer Roping

\$12,435.56 Garrett Hale Jess Tierney \$5,478.47 Hermosa, SD

Ora Taton Rapid City, SD \$3,774.73 49. Brian Garr

Belle Fourche, SD \$1,020.82 **WPRA Barrel Racing** Kassie Mowry \$13,421.21

Jessica Routier \$2,618.25 Buffalo, SD 84. Lisa Lockhart Oelrichs, SD \$ 748.07

Bull Riding Shane Proctor \$8,215.60 Jeff Bertus \$3,199.74

WPRA Breakaway Roping Samantha Fulton Miller, SD \$4,901.76

Rickie Engesser Spearfish, SD \$2,763.02 12. Lacey Hewitt Whitewood, SD \$1,480.99 22. Tangai Zilverberg Holabird, SD \$ 973.43

46. Brenda White

Oelrichs, SD

Lebanon, PA

All-Around (No SD athletes in top 9) Clovis Crane

\$ 265.47

The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson. He takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years. The Beacon is the only newspaper tin which it appears. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00



New Years Resolutions? how about a prayer for the New Year instead.

A Prayer for the New Year

"Heavenly Father, for this coming year Just one request I bring.

I do not pray for happiness or any earthly thing. I do not ask to understand the way you lead me; But this I ask—teach me to do the thing that pleases You.

I want to know Your guiding voice,

To walk with you each day. Heavenly Father,

Make me swift to hear and ready to obey;

And thus the year I now begin

A happy year will be,

If I am seeking just to do The thing that pleases You.

Have a safe and healthy 2021 everyone

Odessa Joins 2021 ProRodeo Tour

The Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo in Odessa, Texas, will be a 2021 ProRodeo Tour event with \$8,000 added per event with equal money in team

All participants must purchase

a 2021 PRCA membership by 11:59 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17. Entries for Odessa will open at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec.

The Odessa rodeo also will serve as a first stage in qualifying for the

The top 24 in the entries for San Antonio.

There will be a special section in bareback riding, saddle bronc

riding and bull riding on Thursday, Jan. 7 (day money will be paid in the bull riding for the special section).

Steer roping will include three go-rounds, all run in slack on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Andrews County Expo Center in

Andrews, Texas.

The ProRodeo Tour is the most prestigious tour in the PRCA lineup. The top 24 contestants from the tour standings will advance to the tour finale, offering a chance near the end of the regular season for qualifiers to earn significant money in hopes of qualifying for the 2021 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Depredation Hunt Sign-up Ends This Month

As winter arrives, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) reminds resident hunters of unique opportunities that could exist later this

Faith, SD

22. Carter Elshere

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GFP's Wildlife Damage Management Program assists landowners with wildlife depredation abatement programs and services. When other methods are ineffective, GFP may utilize hunters to help reduce damage caused by wildlife.

South Dakota residents may register, free of charge, for

potential depredation hunts for deer, elk, SOUTH DAKOTA antelope and turkey. Once registered, hunters are then put into a random drawing to determine eligibility

once a depredation hunt is authorized. With the exception of hunters registering for elk, all other hunters are encouraged to register for counties near their home or within close driving distance. Hunters may register for a maximum of 10 counties for any species other

than elk. Depredation hunts are

often time-sensitive and winter

weather can sometimes make travel difficult for participating hunters. For a successful hunt, GFP needs participating hunters to be available at the hunt location almost immediately. Winter depredation hunts

focus on assisting landowners with wildlife damage, but can also provide hunters with another opportunity after traditional hunting seasons are closed.

South Dakota residents may sign up for a potential depredation hunt in December. If there is a need, a hunt may occur anytime from December through March.

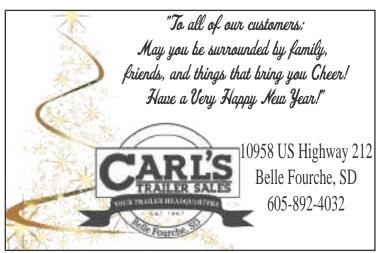
18 and close at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec.

to the San Antonio rodeo. The time and location for the qualifying event is still to be determined. The top four contestants in each event from the qualifying event will be accepted as

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San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. average of each event at Odessa who haven't already qualified for San Antonio will be able to enter an event that will ultimately provide a qualification





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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Charlie and I wish to thank everyone at Capitol and on Tie Creek for the wonderful gift you have given by sharing your lives with the world. It truly is shared all over the country, and many of those people have thanked us personally for writing the news, and sharing your experiences. The year has been quite unusual, and very hard for some, but as a new year comes in sight, I can also see the value of this past year. We are heartbroken by the fact that we miss many people, but if those people can look down upon us from Heaven, I believe they would consider much more

than sadness, loss and fear. This year, as it was with our ancestors in the past years of the depression and wars to save our families in freedom, has also been a year of stamina, creativity, service, learning and reward. Through creativity, the schools have rewarded us. They have learned to use technology directly to our homes to allow us to watch grandchildren's band concerts and wrestling matches from the other side of the state. I know little about wrestling, but it was not just the thrill to seeing a grandson win some matches, but it was a thrill just to see how he had grown, and recognize his maturity. I could actually pick out the sound of our grandson's instrument in the band concerts. These great ideas would not have come about without the hardships provoking and demanding the ideas. They would not have come about without the dire need for teachers and schools to become versatile in serving their communities.

This year may have been a hard one, but this struggle has gained us more than many years of ease would have. Have you had your children teach you how to do their math? Have you decorated your own room, or painted your own house, or built a piece of furniture, or done some art just for the fun of it? Have you cut your own hair; or that of your kids or you husband? Have you

cooked new recipes? Have you fixed your own washer? Have you gone on YouTube to learn where to put the tuning peg in your violin? Have you learned to sew or play the guitar; took a class; read a whole series of books; or done the work of your job from home? This year, on the computer, I have watched a Broadway show; gone to church in my pajamas; got to sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; watched the most beautiful Christmas cantata I have ever heard from Lincoln, Nebraska; sung the entire Handel's Messiah by heart with a choir including some of the bass parts; gone to many church services in many states; been a part of a Gymanfa Ganu congregational hymn singing in Ohio; watched the London symphony as each instrument was played from their own home to make a wonderfully beautiful concert with their instruments blended together and their many pictures filling the computer screen; had family gatherings on zoom when we were able to see each other and talk as long as we

Many have watched the stars with their kids or grand-kids; sat on their front porch and waved at people across the street; gone to their own zoo or museum instead of the one on the other side of the country; learned to cook their own meals; baked cookies with a three-year-old; met all the people who live on their street; had extra time because they worked at home and didn't have waste time driving through traffic to work; actually learned what their children were being taught in school; made their business productive with curb-side service or delivery; made their own Christmas decorations; found great memories by cleaning out a drawer that had stuff saved from 1960; and called a neighbor, just to be sure they are ok.

Yes, it has been bad, but it is hardship that makes us more productive. It is hard work that makes us better. It is the most common things that give us the greatest reward. Though we have been separated, it has brought us closer together; like the hour when I sang the Welsh National Anthem along with thousands of others who were standing on their own front steps in countries all over the world. It is a wonderful feeling to sing with the world.

Happy New Year from Karen and Charlie

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Fri, Jan 8, 2021 Chadron @ BF Girls & Boys 5:30PM & 7PM

Sat, Jan 9, 2021 Sturgis @ BF Boys at 1:30PM

Thu. Jan 14, 2021 Spearfish @ BF Boys & Girls at 5:30PM & 7PM

Fri, Jan 22, 2021 Hot Springs @ BF Boys & Girls 5:30PM & 7PM

NE WY High School Basketball

JANUARY 2021 Tues., Jan. 5, 2021 Hulett @ Wright Boys & Saturday, January 9, Girls at 4:30PM & 6PM

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

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

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Midwest @ Hulett Boys & Girls at 1:30PM &

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

West River Tourney Upton vs. Moorcroft

Free Treatment Day - Tuesday, January 19th

Millions of people live with pain or mobility issues that limit their ability to move and live the way they want to. Sometimes aches and pains seem to come out of nowhere, and other times what seems like a simple injury results in lasting pain. Maybe you have been trying to address your issue already but are not getting the lasting results you want. If this is you, call 605-723-0185 today and reserve your spot for Pain & Movement Solutions' Free Treatment Day on Tuesday, January 21st.

Pain & Movement Solutions holds their bi-annual Free Treatment Day as a way for individuals to learn how physical therapy (PT) can help them with their pain or movement problem. "Unfortunately, most individuals think that you must be recovering from a major injury or surgery to come to physical therapy. This is a large misconception that is preventing people from getting the effective care they deserve and need," says clinic owner and Doctor of Physical Therapy Julie Wingen.

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more studies are coming out about the cost effectiveness of PT with outcomes that not only get you better in the short term, but also teach you how to make yourself better in the future.

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Wingen says, "This is one of my favorite days of the year! It is a lot of fun to help so many people realize the vast benefits of PT and get them started on the right track to feeling better." Free Treatment day consists of a screening evaluation, followed by a treatment consisting of spinal thrust and joint mobilizations, soft tissue tools, kinesiotaping and guided activities that will empower you to take control of your health and recovery. "Our goal of the day is to provide you with the expertise, solutions and direction in

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determining the best methods to help you." Want to know if you have a

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Wisdom From Out West!

The Opinions of Robert Dennis; self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver. rdennis@gwtc.net

My Runt Cowpunchers

Man it has been nice! I don't suppose most people really appreciate nice winter weather in these parts, like ranchers do. If you happen to have any grass left over, it sure helps shorten the winter and make the winter feed supply last longer. That is probably the best Christmas present most ranchers can get!

We are sure lucky, my wife and I. All of our 10 grandkids live close. So we always have a bunch of kids running around making noise on Christmas and many other days. I tease mine and call them my runt cowpunchers. They help their

poor old Grampa out when ever there is riding to do. Of course, seems like I have to keep everybody supplied with horses and saddles and such. And they have to be gentle and easy to get along with. Because lots of these runts ain't very big yet. Seems like when we go to catch horse and saddle up, I am always the last one to get ready as I am putting saddles on or helping put bridles on. Tickles me when they get big enough to catch their own mounts and get the saddle on. Hopefully as time passes, some will be around to catch my horse and saddle him for me! Paybacks! Oh, and also

when I never have to get off my horse to open or close gate! The will be a great! We had a yearling replacement heifer

who was over visiting the neighbors cattle, so 4 runt punchers and I caught horseshoe other day while the weather was warm and went and got her and brought her back. Then we moved the herd bulls. It was fun to see them take ahold and be in the right spot so that everything went smooth. Home grown help is hard to beat.

I hope everyone reading this has a great new year. After this last one, sure seems

like we all could use one. As for me, I am just thankful for all the nice weather we've had so far this winter and hope it stays nice until spring. then gets REAL nice!

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From A1 **Parking Lot**

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At the Dec. 9th City Legal and Finance Committee meeting it was noted in the minutes that a motion not to proceed with the purchase of the property failed on a roll call vote. Council members Randy Schmidt and Travis Martin voting nay with LuAnn Trudo and Vern Hintz voting aye, according to the minutes. At that time the item was moved to the council's regular agenda for the Dec. 21st

meeting. "I really don't know why this was brought back to council," Schmidt said during the regular council meeting. "But I don't think the city needs to look to purchase this land at this time."

Ward 2 Councilman Travis Martin spoke in favor of the acquisition expressing concern that should the lots become unavailable for the carnival it may lead to its relocation.

"Those lots were offered to the city as a courtesy by Dr. Nehl," Martin said. "I think he is worried that if somebody else were to purchase that lot it might well force the carnival to relocate. Dr. Nehl likes the atmosphere of the carnival downtown. He likes the business it

brings and he likes the family atmosphere that it creates."

Martin said he looked at the purchase as an investment by the city that could serve other purposes such as Roundup related events or possibly a farmer's market location. He explained that the timing of the possible loss of the space was not good.

"We've all been here while the downtown businesses came in very upset on multiple occasions about the parade route being moved and the detriment it caused the downtown businesses," Martin said. "I can't imagine them as very thrilled if the carnival is not downtown bringing that business either, if that lot ends up being developed into something else.'

James Ager, Ward 3 Councilman said he could understand the logic of Martin's opinion but said unless the city had a more concrete reason to purchase the space, he would be a no. "I see Travis' point, there's some logic behind it," Ager said. "But it would make more sense to me if, say, Public Works had the need for a storage facility, but we're currently we're not looking (for that)."

Ward 1 Councilman Monte Talkington said he could recall a time when the space in

question was a car lot "and the carnival fit on (Railroad) Street without that empty lot and I think now that's just extra space for them," Talkington said.

Dirk Hoffman, Public Works Director who also sits on the Roundup Board indicated the issue may be a moot point.

"The Roundup Board has discussed the carnival and I think we're going to be looking at a new vendor for the carnival," Hoffman said. "And it's probably going to be downsized in the future. If the lot is not available, then we'll have to determine what we'll do at that point. If we have to downsize then so be it."

Council member Annie Reich expressed confidence that the issue was not going to be a problem and not purchasing the lots is the right course of action.

"I would be a no," Reich said. "Since we are not having a need for a space right now and especially if the carnival can operate and run in the same space or the same area I don't think we need to move forward."

Since there was not a motion before the council no official action needed to be taken. The council, in effect, passed on the offer to purchase the lots.



The location of lots 10 and 11 that were offered for sale to the city. North Star Amusements uses Railroad Street and nearby areas for the ROundup carnival. - Beacon/ Google Earth

From A1 **Bridges**

Loop the grant application is for \$193,623 with the local match being \$48,406."

The Eighth Ave. bridge is a 166' four-span continuous concrete slab structure built in 1994. It will need an epoxy seal on the roadway, minor repairs to the wing walls and refurbishing the joints at the end of the approach slabs. Some erosion repair work under the bridge will also need to be looked but those costs are not included in the grant, per the recommendation of Broz Engineering's Doug Wessel, PE. Broz is the entity that provided the city

with its latest bridge inspection

"The reason we don't add that (erosion repair) to a preservation grant is once we do anything under the bridge, you have to do a hydraulic analysis," he said. "Basically we're just telling the county and cities that we work with that it is better to address these on your own instead of through the grant program.'

The Hwy. 212 Business Loop bridge repairs are scheduled to include sand blasting the roadway and applying an epoxy deck overlay to stop infiltration of water in order to prolong the structure life; the repair of some walls; and repairing the joints on the approach slabs.

in the county's Five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan and the city has agreed to pay the 20% match. If grants are approved work would not begin on these structures until 2022.

"Both of these bridges are structurally sound," Hardy told the Beacon. "The only noticeable improvements will be to the driving surfaces."

In 2020 Belle Fourche was awarded a preservation grant for work to be done this year on the Roundup Street bridge over the Belle Fourche River. The state

city has budgeted the additional \$30,250 to complete the project in 2021. Repairs include resealing the joints between the roadway deck units between the bridge supports; sandblasting the substructure steel down to white metal to get rid of the corrosion before repainting; putting an epoxy seal over a chip in one of the bridges concrete beams

that has the re-bar exposed and

the recent bridge inspection

\$121,000 for the repairs. The

the settlement of the bridge approach at the south end that has

created a bump in the road. Butte County was awarded two rehabilitation and replacement grants last year. One for the bridge on Snoma Road over Maloney Creek and the other on Schmele Road over Indian Creek west of Newell. A preservation grant was awarded for the Whitewood Valley Road bridge over the Belle Fourche River on the east edge of Nisland.

Both improvements are listed

granted the city the requested

concrete spalls on the wing



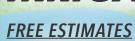
BELLE FOURCHE - The 6th Avenue crossing over Hay Creek has been closed since last spring after a garbage truck crossed the culvert bridge causing the roadway surface to sink more than half a

It now appears repairs are just around the corner.

The city has ordered a new culvert structure to replace the bridge and the next step will be Corps of Engineers approval for the project construction to begin.

The cost of repairs is estimated at \$370,000. A timeline for when repairs will begin will be set once approval arrives. It is expected to be complete and open in 2021. For now concrete barriers across the roadway are in place.

The bridge is located on Sixth Avenue, behind the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department.



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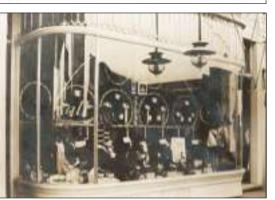














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seeing what everybody else has seen, and thinking what nobody else has thought." Communities and their business base must view the world of retail and commerce in John Newby a slightly different way in order to survive in the new economy that has been brought on by COVID. Regardless on where we stand on issues related to COVID, the fact is that it has permanently altered the business landscape. How we respond to these changes as a community and business will in fact determine if we thrive, or simply survive.

once said, "Discovery is

One of the major retail shifts occurring right before our eyes is in the consumer loyalty arena. This is a shift where local communities and their business base can lead the charge by building both business based and community wide retail loyalty programs. In fact, I will take it one step further, as we move into the future, those communities and businesses not employing loyalty or membership programs may as well not

be in the game. I recently read a great business loyalty and membership piece from Clarus Commerce. This piece included a recent survey regarding loyalty as viewed through the lens

ers. The numbers were astounding when you drill down into what this can mean for local communities and businesses. As the numbers show, this is a great opportunity, however it is a two-edged sword. This also shows the very real possibility that local businesses and communities can be completely left behind if they don't act on these very telling numbers. Let's take a look at what this Clarus Commerce survey revealed:

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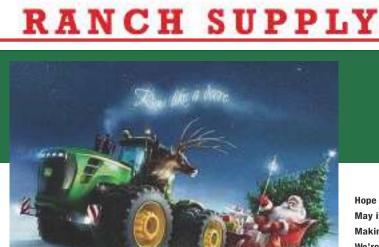
1. Nearly seventy percent of consumers agree their loyalty is more difficult for a retailer to maintain than ever before. 2. Sixty-six percent of consumers currently belong to a premium loyalty program. 3. Sixty-nine percent of current

premium loyalty members plan to join additional programs in the future.

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ers would be willing to join a premium loyalty program if

their favorite retailers offered them and the benefits were

valuable to them. 5. Sixty-six percent of consumers say free shipping is a perk that motivates them to join premium loyalty programs. 6. Sixty percent of consumers say that instant discounts are a perk that motivates them to join premium loyalty programs.

7. Ninety-four percent of premium loyalty members shop with that retailer at least once a month.

8. Eighty-eight percent of consumers who are satisfied with the special benefits offered by a retailer's premium loyalty

program will likely choose that retailer over a competitor that is offering a lower price. 9. Thirty-one percent of consumers say they have yet to join a premium loyalty program because the retailers they shop

with don't offer them. For a community or business to build a loyalty program, it

takes planning and thought. Benjamin Franklin said, "fail to plan, plan to fail." This is very true when it comes to loyalty programs. One may wonder why I keep mentioning communities in this discussion when it seems this should be on the backs of the individual businesses to build their loyalty base. In smaller local communities, the local business base is the backbone of the community. Oftentimes, businesses by themselves don't have the scale to go it alone. This is where communities can band together to build a program that encompasses an entire downtown or local area. These are in fact the most successful local community programs because they now draw from a much larger base of consumers. I am aware of several community wide loyalty type programs that are very powerful and effective, no community or business need to recreate the wheel. The bottom-line is simple, building loyalty can only aid your community and each individual business in it. If you fail to plan as Mr. Franklin mentioned, you are planning to fail. Don't let your community

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

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Foos Founds Ranching for Infinity

Former Nisland Resident hopes to improve agriculture through the infinite banking concept.

COLLEEN BRUNNER

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Immokalee, FL – With a wealth of education and experience in the agriculture industry, and a family to help provide for, former Nisland resident Meghan Foos, recently founded a business called Ranching for Infinity, a new concept in funding the farmer/rancher to work at the business they love.

Foos and her husband Bryce, and two-and-a-half-year-old son, Clark, left the family ranch at Nisland a little more than a year ago. They held a complete dispersion of Foos Angus, a name that had been known in the cattle industry for genera-

Foos has a BS in Animal Science and a minor in Range Science from the University of Idaho, and her previous work experience includes an internship at Dow AgroSciences in Texas, Florida and Idaho, a Specialty Product Manager in Agronomics in Idaho, and CBH Cooperative in Sturgis, SD. Since 2001 she was involved in the Agricultural Crop Protection business as a manufacturing company representative, product manager and as an Agronomist for CBH Coop.

"I grew up spending my sum-

Vale's Johnson Family Gives Back

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VALE - Dean and Becky

Johnson, and their business Truck Defender, Vale, have a plan. That plan is giving back to the local community, as much as they possibly can. And that is just what they did on Saturday, December 19, at Dave's Pub in

"This was the choice of our employees," said Johnson, when asked how the free prime rib dinner with all the trimmings was presented to around 60 individuals. "We usually do a meal for our employees, but this is what they wanted to do." The invitation was given out via Facebook primarily and word of mouth. Those who came simply gave their order at the bar and the family filled them.

That included Becky and children Kimberly, Kendahl and Zane, as well as bar owner Candy Swenby. Dean was absent from the first part of the meal as he had to go thaw out a frozen livestock waterer, but showed up later to eat and visit.

"It's always our desire to give back to our community," said Johnson. "That's the first thing on our minds."

Johnson Family C2



Becky Johnson, center back, and her children (clockwise) Kendahl, Zane and Kimberly, helped serve the free prime rib dinner to those who gathered on Saturday, December 19 at Dave's Pub in Vale. - Brunner photo

mers on my grandfather's ranch in Idaho and always wanted to be involved in ranching, but also knew that I needed an education or I would never be able to even get a start," said

Foos. "At first, I thought I wanted to be a large animal veterinarian, but after doing an internship for Leachman Cattle Company and testing 3,000 bulls with their full-time veterinarian, I decided that it would be a good idea to look into a different way to be in agriculture as a career.'

> Foos said she was fortunate to get the opportunity to work for Dow as the fumigant specialist for several states working with the potato, sugarbeet, and onion growers. "I had no intention of leaving Idaho, but I met my husband, and love trumped all. I ended up starting a new career in South Dakota by convincing CBH Cooperative; Finkbeiner Feed & Seed that they needed a

full-time agronomist. The common thing that I have learned from my years of working with farmers and ranchers all across the US is that they all struggle with the same basic story. How do they make their career choice appealing to the next generation, while staying or becoming profitable, and then how do they transition that business for their own retirement without being a burden and without a family dispute?"

She and her husband had to start thinking outside of the box themselves because they couldn't seem to get anywhere with purchasing real estate for ranching, even while minimizing debt, showing a profit on taxes, and doing everything

right. It was impossible to get a lender to help them purchase land. Although they tried over the years to work with both families to continue ranching, it didn't work.

Then they found a book, "Farming Without the Bank" by Mary Jo Irmen and about the Infinite Banking Concept. They started using the principles outlined in the book and it changed their thinking about the cattle business, their life and the legacy they want to leave. After hearing Irmen speak in person, they made a drastic change.

They did a complete dispersal of Foos Angus, she left her career behind, purchased a motor home, and set out to find the

Foos C2

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Meghan Foos, shown with her husband Bryce and son Clark, is the President and founder of Ranching for Infinity, Immokalee, FL. She hopes to help many who want to stay involved in the ranching industry with an alternative for fundraising. -Courtesy photo

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From C1 Johnson

The Johnson's have been in business as Prairie Industries in the local area since 2003 and Truck Defender is the brand. Truck Defender products include a wide variety of truck bumpers and flatbeds. The company ships products throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Johnson said that normally they feed anywhere from 40 to 60 when they host an employee event and this year was no different when they opened it up to friends and customers. He said, although this was the first time, that they would continue to host the free community meal in the future during the holidays.

The company did host an employee meal get-together this past week.

You can find more information about Truck Defender, an American made company which is located in rural Vale at their website at https://www.truckdefender.com/.

Dean Johnson is the CEO of Prairie Industries, the inventor and manufacturer of the Truck Defender bumpers and truck accessories. The Truck Defender story can be accessed by the global community digitally, and serves as a reminder to Americans and entrepreneurs worldwide as to what made America great and how to "make America great again." The remarkable start-up and growth of the brand is the story of an American classic. The products are 100 percent American made.

The story of how Truck De-

response to a trip Becky made driving home from North Dakota with the truck and trailer late one night, hitting a record four deer. Dean, who had experience welding with aluminum so he welded his first aluminum bumper. The couple worked together to create their very own American Dream.

Prairie Industries began as a small, rural welding and repair shop in 2003. Ron Johnson did the mechanic work while Dean built customized steel flatbeds. Becky worked in Sturgis at Sturgis Vet and then came home to manage the shop office and help Dean with the horse-training business. Later on, we built our own shop on our ranch, which was 320 acres of no fences, bare buildings, and the three kids. That first bumper stayed on that pick-up until 2011, protecting that truck and the growing family in it from numerous deer collisions. Some of the leading ambulance manufacturers utilize Truck Defender bumpers.

Dean is still the president while Becky runs accounts receivable, acts as the office and logistics manager. Dean also sits on the board of directors for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a board which oversees South Dakota Manufacturing and Technology.

The company information includes operating hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. They are closed Saturday and Sunday. They are located at 19472 Nine Mile Road, Vale, SD and the phone number is 605-456-1176.



Dean Johnson (seated center) visits with friends and customers during the free prime rib dinner at Dave's Pub in Vale on December 19. - Brunner photo



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If you have Newell ~ Nisland ~ Vale news you would like to share for this radio spot, please call Judy Dague at 892-5303 or Colleen Brunner at 645-9976. We announce the local NVN news Tuesdays and Thursdays and would appreciate your input.

Dec. 30: GBB-Big Sioux Classic @ Wolsey

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

Jan. 4: Back to school

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

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

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

Jan. 8: No school - in service

Jan. 11: School Board Meeting, 6 p.m. in Multipurpose Room; Newell city commission, 6 p.m. in city admin offices.

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

Newell Girls Basketball

Lady Irrigators Dominate Lemmon Cowgirls

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NEWELL - The Newell Lady Irrigators started their home game against the Lemmon Cowgirls on Monday, December 21, the way they intended to play the entire game, with 15 points to their opponents 12. Lexa Burtzlaff, Taylor Gaer, and Kayden Steele, all tossed in treys and Burtzlaff added a field goal, as did Kassidy Weeldreyer, along with two at the free throw line.

From there it was all down-

The Cowgirls kept pace through out the second quarter with 9 points to Newell's 8. Burtzlaff did not quit and added a field goal. Jaelyn Wendt got in on the action in the second period with a field goal and one of three at the line. Steele matched up her first quarter score with another three-pointer, putting the Irrigators up 23-21 at the

The Lady Irrigators put 19 points on the boards in the third period while Lemmon only managed seven. Newell spread



Kassidy Weeldrever played a tough game under the bucket scoring 9 points total. - Brunner photo

the points among four different players, with four each for Kim Johnson, Sydnee Kjellsen and Wendt, while Steele hit for a field goal, a three-pointer and two of two at the line. Newell was on top 42-28 at the end of three periods of play.

The final period saw the Irrigators notching 14 points on

scoring by Wendt, Weeldreyer, and Steele. The Cowgirls managed just 8 more points, to hand the victory to Newell, 54-36. Q: N-15, 23, 42, 54. L-12, 21, 28, 36. Burtzlaff: 2/1/0-0/7; Wendt: 4/0/1-5/9; Weeldreyer: 3/0/3-6/9; Johnson: 2/0/0-3/4; Kjellsen: 2/0/0-0/4; Gaer: 010-03; Steele: 0/1/0-0/3.

From C1 Foos

place where they could practice what they had learned and still be involved in ranching.

"It's been a long process to get all of my insurance licensing completed and I just recently completed my certification to be an Infinite Banking Concept Practitioner through the Nelson

Nash Institute," said Foos. At Ranching for Infinity, the mission is two-fold: protecting the livelihood of Ranchers and creating legacies in ag. Agriculture is, without a doubt, one of the most important industries in the world. It's also one of the hardest and most demanding. Ranches and farms are built on a foundation of risk and sweat equity, and many ranchers and farmers face economic challenges when it comes to maintaining their operations.

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The Infinite Banking Concept has been around for over 150 years. It was the common way that people planned for their future before the push of the 401k retirement plans starting in the late 1970's, according to Foos.

The couple landed eventually in Immokalee, FL, a place where Bryce said people didn't know what a snow-shovel was.

'We feel very fortunate that we found the perfect place for running her brand-new business, where she intends to help young couple, who is expecting baby number two in April,



Former Nisland resident Megan Foos, founder of Ranching for Infinity.com - Courtesy photo

us, about as far south in Florida that you can go for ranching. We are learning a whole new way of ranching, but many things remain the same. The joy of being a livestock producer never changes wherever you are. And we credit learning about the Infinite Banking Concept for being the reason we were able to make the purchase of our own ranch a reality," said

Along with ranching and as many people as possible, the 2021, enjoy the beach, a membership to the zoo, and local ranch rodeos. They enjoy the fresh produce, and being close to great shopping.

"We don't have family here, but I have a really good friend that I met through a previous job and we have remained friends for 20 years. They ranch close by us and it has been nice to know someone. Otherwise, we are the 'new' people," Foos

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Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

January 5, 1911

Marion Sprague, the new blacksmith, sustained a bad sprain of the ankle while scuffling Monday. The Sprague Brothers are now prepared to do all kinds of blacksmith work in their new shop, first door west of the lumber yard. They guarantee satisfaction.

The Reclamation State Bank has placed outside of the building an accurate thermometer that registers maximum and minimum temperatures.

Fred Conmey, who lives about 20 miles northeast of town, has invented a combination flour and bread holder which will undoubtedly make him some money. It is made of enameled sheet iron. Mr. Conmey is a tinner by trade and is making the holder at his ranch and selling them to the neighbors.

January 6, 1921

Gunner Anderson left Tuesday for Deadwood, where he expected to have some repair work done on his front teeth, 2 of which were knocked out during basketball practice scrimmage recently. A return game with the Newell town basketball team was played at Nisland Wednesday night when the visitors (after a hard struggle) went down to defeat to the tune of 20 - 8. It was a rough and tumble game and everyone worked hard to win. The game made lots of fun for the audience.

A number of friends of Mrs. J.W. Price surprised her on Tuesday evening at her home. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Price's birthday. Auction bridge furnished the greater part of the evening's entertainment. After which a delightful lunch was served and Mrs. Price opened and displayed her lovely gifts.

January 1, 1931

On Monday state officials, armed with a search warrant, went to Axel Anderson's home northwest of Newell and there found a supply of liquor in gallon containers. After having six 1-gallon tins of alcohol allegedly were found in his Buick coach Sunday evening in Deadwood. The arresting officers declare that the liquor is part of a cargo which was wheeled in from Chicago. After the Lead case is disposed of, he will be brought before Judge Goff at Newell to explain how the liquor happened to be stored in Anderson's home.

Clyde Ice, wolf hunting aviator, and a sharp shooting gunner had quite an exciting experience while hunting coyotes in the North Country recently. Clyde sighted a coyote trotting across the prairie, as he flew low; his cockpit hunter taking aim fired his shotgun. The coyote made a leap into the air then fell on his back with all 4 feet pointing heavenward. Ice landed close to the animal and jumped out and grabbed the apparently dead animal and threw it into the rear of the cockpit and hopped back into the air ship and took off in pursuit of more coyotes. While cruising along with eyes to the ground, a commotion erupted in the rear; the hunter was fighting the coyote, which suddenly came to life sinking his teeth into the hunter's fingers. Clyde immediately sensed what was going on; he tried to dislodge the animal with intension of dropping it out of the ship. The fight ensued for several more minutes when Clyde finally hit the covote with a crushing blow to the skull with a wrench and laid it out. After the hunter regained his nerve they continued the hunt.

January 2, 1941

The Post Office at Mason will be discontinued effective January 1, according to word received from the First Assistant Postmaster. This means that after December 31 all mail destined for residents in Mason, about 50 miles north of Newell, must be addressed to Belle Fourche.

A record crowd of more



Clyde Ice used this Ford Tri-Motor for charter trips and gave rides at barnstorming events. Unlike most early pilots, Ice lived a very long life and died at the age of 103.

Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Winter began on December 21, but, except for the cold

temps on Wednesday, it sure doesn't feel like winter. The mercury hit a high of 59 degrees here last Tuesday and it was a beautiful day until the wind came up that evening and blew gale force on that cold day on Wednesday.

Did you get a chance to see two planets merge Monday night? It was so cloudy here that I couldn't see Jupiter and Saturn come together. That won't happen for another 800 years so I guess I'll miss it

Sadly, there are more deaths to report. Earl Laufer, age 94, from Hettinger, passed away December 17, at the Good Samaritan Home in Mott. Mass of Christian Burial for Earl was held at Tuesday, December 22 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hettinger with burial in the Hettinger Cemetery.

Pastor Harold Salem, 99, passed away in Aberdeen on Friday, December 18, from pneumonia and Covid. Pastor Salem grew up on a sheep ranch between Belle Fourche and Buffalo. Reub's uncle, John Olson, bought a big band of sheep from Pastor Salem's father, Mike Salem, in the 1920s and Reub's father, Buck Olson, and another cowboy trailed the sheep home from Belle Fourche to our ranch. We enjoyed watching Pastor Salem on TV every Sunday morning when he preached on the Christian Worship Hour from Aberdeen. Pastor Salem's funeral service was held on Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Aberdeen.

Dale Skogen, 81, longtime Adams County Rancher, passed away at his home near Hettinger on Wednesday, December 23. Dale's funeral services are pending with Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Het-

> tinger. These families have our sympathy. Taz and Trig went up to help Sage work on Polly Markegard's shed in that beautiful weather on Tuesday.

She has so many beautiful evergreen trees around her place that protected them from the nasty wind that started blowing late that afternoon. The wind was still howling when they went back to Polly's on Wednesday and it was blowing things all over around here. Bryce and Braxton Hespe came to the ranch from Torrington, Wyoming, Wednesday afternoon and Lanie and Matt and the kids came down from Dickinson so we could all get together to celebrate Christmas at Casey and Missy's that evening after Taz and Trig got home. We dined on tasty prime rib with au jus, cheesy potatoes, cheese dip, and a delicious salad that Amanda made. The little people had almost as much fun as the old folks did!

Christmas Eve Casey and Missy's family went to Sturgis to celebrate with Rick and Cindy Engle and all of their family. Reub and I attended the Christmas Eve candlelight service at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening and got to visit with a lot of friends that we don't see very often.

We spent Christmas day with Casey and Missy's family and enjoyed more of that delicious prime rib. Copper woke her parents up at a quarter to 5 Christmas morning with the

startling news "Santa ate the cookies!" Taz and Amanda and the kids went up to RonE and Starla Jenson's house to celebrate Christmas with Amanda's relatives and Matt and Lanie and the kids went back to Dickinson that afternoon to have Christmas with Matt's family on Saturday.

We had our Olson family Christmas at the Reva Hall on Saturday with most of our kids and some of the grandkids. Our daughter Teri Dee McNelis and her family planned to come from Minnesota to spend the day with our family, but Teri called to let us know that they weren't going to be able to come because their governor will make anyone leaving Minnesota to quarantine for two weeks after they come back into the state. Teri and Mike are both medical doctors and they wouldn't be able to take care of their patients during that time. All five of our sons and several of our grandkids and great grandkids were able to come and we had an entertaining day.

Our son Guy and his family stayed overnight at the Lodge, which was the Reva country school where all of our kids and some of our grandkids attended. Guy, Megan and their boys came to church Sunday morning. Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen went to North Dakota to spend Christmas with family so Kurt Miller gave the sermon that morning. A friend of Kurt's, Gordon Decker and his son Jacob came to listen to Kurt give the sermon, so we had Guy, Megan, Cade, Creed, and Cass; Kurt, Gordon, and Jacob come for dinner after church before they headed home and we had an enjoyable visit.

By the time you read this we will be starting a New Year that we pray will be better than

Grand River C4



Then 'n' Now in Newell

from the Newell Museum



Penny Post Card, New Year Greetings from 1910 is "To Larry from Manuel".

than 500 people danced 1940 out and welcomed the New Year in at the Newell City Hall Tuesday night at the New Year's Eve carnival sponsored by local Junior Chamber of Commerce. The crowd enjoyed bingo at play before and during the dance, at which music was furnished by Lewis Bishop and his orchestra, Rapid City. Favors and noise makers were passed out and other features included dropping of hundreds of balloons at midnight.

S.G. Mortimer, Belle Fourche, Deputy State Fire Marshall, will show fire prevention and fire hazard films in Newell next Tuesday evening, January 7, according to announcement by Lyle Crane, Chief of the local volunteer fire department. These additional films will be shown to local

members of the department and to all others who are interested in seeing same at 8 o'clock at Judge Goff's office.

January 4, 1951

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gifford and sons of Boise, Idaho are new residents of the Newell Community, having purchased the John Harvey farm, the cattle and equipment of Carl Brunner who has been renting same. They took possession Friday. Mr. & Mrs. Brunner and family have moved to the Ruth Mutchler house in Newell.

Fire, believed caused by a spark from a heater being used to protect new concrete from frost damage, caused an estimated loss of about \$1500 on a Belle Fourche Irrigation District project at Orman Dam early Sunday evening. The blaze completely destroyed a shelter over the north end of the waterway which was being rebuilt under the North Canal, was discovered and reported by a farmer living near the works. Personnel from the district and Newell Volunteer Fire Department responded to the alarm, but the tinder dry timbers had burned rapidly according to F.C. Winkler District manager. Damage from the heat to the concrete cannot be determined

until the ashes and dirt are cleaned up.

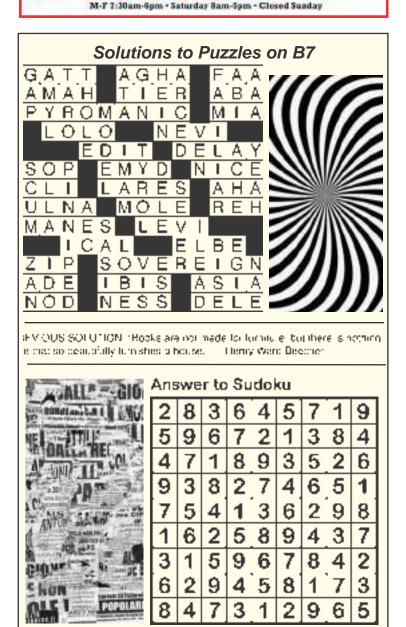
January 5, 1961

December precipitation was above average at Newell according to Joe Bonnemann, agronomist and volunteer weather observer at the US Field Station, but 1960 still ended up the driest year since 1911. Precipitation for all of 1960 amounted to 8.21 inches, well under the longtime yearly average of 15.57 but nearly 2 inches greater than the 6.64 recorded in 1911. Total snowfall for December amounted to 8.5 inches and means temperature ranged from a high of 69 degrees on December 13 to 10 degrees below on the 22nd.

Mrs. Elsie Wood held her annual party for alumni of Nisland School last Monday evening at her home. The evening was spent playing games and visiting. Those attending were: Mr. & Mrs. John Bentz Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dick all of Nisland, Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Bentz of Newell, Mrs. Marc Comes of Belle Fourche, Mr. & Mrs. Owen Shay of Deadwood and Mr. & Mrs. Gene Shevling, of Detroit, Michigan. Lunch was served at the close of the evening.







Newell Boys Basketball

Irrigators Fall to Cowboys

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – The Irrigators

are having a tough time getting started in the season, and Monday nights' game against the Lemmon Cowboys in Austin Auditorium.

Newell struggled to get going in the first quarter, with just one field goal by Colton Burtzlaff and one of two at the line by David Morell. Meanwhile the Cowboys got going in a big way with 11 field goals and three treys for a total of 31 points, giving the Irrigators a tough battle to come back from.

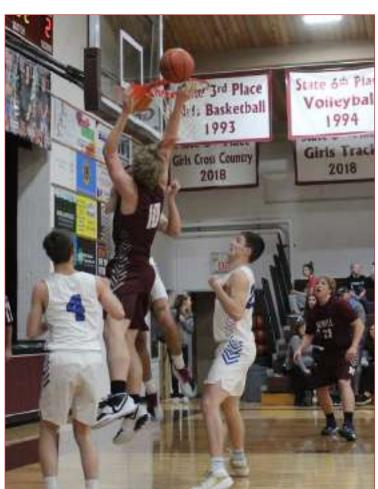
Newell came back with 10 points in the second period on two three-pointers, one each by Jameson Duncan and Ryan Hohenberger. A field goal from Morell and one from Burtzlaff

set Newell at 13 points total. Unfortunately, Lemmon put 20 points on the boards and were up 51-13 at the end of the half.

The Irrigators had a dry third quarter and just could not get anything going. Although the Newell boys attempted many shots, the turnovers ended up higher and Lemmon put eight points up, leaving the home team down 58-13 at the end of three.

The two teams matched points in the fourth quarter at nine each, but for Newell it was too little, too late and the Irrigators took their second loss in a row at home, 67-22.

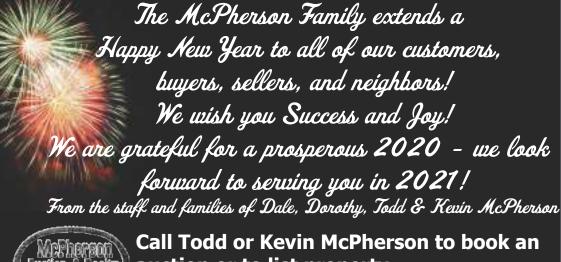
Q: N-3, 13, 13, 22. L-31, 51, 58, 67. Duncan-0/1/0-0/3; Hohenberger-2/1/0-0/7; Morell-1/0/1-2/3; Tennis-0/0/1-2/1; Burtzlaff-4/0/0-1/8.



David Morell grabs some air on this field goal against Lemmon on Monday night, December 21. - Brunner photo







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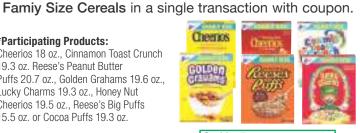
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