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2020 Housing **Study Shows Need for More Homes**

Population expected to increase with demand for new residential units very high.

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BELLE FOURCHE - There will be a significant need for additional housing in Belle Fourche over the next five years as the city's population is expected to increase, according to a 2020 housing study just released.

Community Partners Research of Faribault, Minnesota, the same agency that conducted the last community housing study in 2013, conducted the 2020

On January 19th, the Belle Fourche City Council voted unanimously to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to accept the 2020 Belle Fourche Housing Study. The Belle Fourche Development Corporation last week held it's first meeting with community leaders and developers to begin digesting the results of the study and plan for the future growth

Here is an overview of the study.

Demographics and Population

In an era when many small communities are losing population Belle Fourche is expected to continue to gain population reaching more than 6,000 residents in the next five years. Post-pandemic growth was not fully accounted for in the report so that figure may be on the low side, citing evidence of recent real estate activity in the area.

Butte County is also expected to see growth of 6% to 8% in population from 2010. The data from the Census and Esri show the area with a continued longterm population growth that began in 1990.

The major growth in households by age in both the county and city is in the 65-74 age range followed by 35-44 year

The study also projects that the city will need to add up to 75 households in the next five years. For the county an additional 125 units will be needed.

Income and **Affordability**

When looking at how much home a typical Belle Fourche household could afford the study cites 2018 American Community Survey data that suggests a median income household could afford \$1,115 per month for housing. This is an increase from 2010 (\$1,095) but still below the statewide

The median income for renters was \$19,366 while the median income for homeowner

Lady Broncs Recognized for National Girls and Women in Sports Day



The Lady Broncs were recognized at Friday night's home game for the 35th Annual National Girls & Women in Sports Day (NGWSD). This celebration inspires girls and women to play and be active, to realize their full power. The confidence, strength and character gained through sports participation are the very tools girls and women need to become strong leaders in sports and life.

A vibrant movement celebrated annually, NGWSD honors the achievements of female athletes, coaches and leaders and continues to 'Lead Her Forward' by acknowledging the power of sports to unlock her limitless potential.

The Women's Sports Foundation applauds the vital role played by the individuals and organizations who join us in

championing this effort: advocates seeking to protect Title IX and advance gender equity, athletes using their platform to inspire greatness, and coaches working daily to promote play.

Celebrate National Girls & Women in Sports Day in Belle Fourche and join the Women's Sports Foundation as we 'Lead Her Forward' in 2021.

National Girls & Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) began in 1987 as a special day in our nation's capital to recognize women's sports. The day united premiere organizations and elite female athletes to bring national attention to the promise of girls and women in sports.

Raba Named South Dakota Principal of the Year

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BELLE FOURCHE - Belle Fourche High School Principal Mathew Raba has been named Principal of the Year for the state of South Dakota in the secondary schools division. The South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals

"I'm really honored," Raba told the Beacon. "It's a big deal and there's a lot of good

presents the award annually.

people around the state that are doing the same job I'm doing, so I'm pretty proud and it's very humbling.'

It's the first time a Belle Fourche administrator has won statewide honors in at least the last 20 years. Belle Fourche business and computer science teacher Linda McKay won the state's top teacher award in

"For Belle Fourche it's quite and honor and for west river

Steve Willard, District Superintendent. "The majority of schools are east river and that's where most of the principals are. And for the whole state, when you get someone selected west river for anything, that's a pretty big honor. I'm very proud of Mathew."

Raba began his tenure as principal in 2009, taking over from Willard who moved to the superintendent's role. Prior to that time he taught math in the district since 2001 after graduating from SDSU. He has also coached basketball, track and football during his time in the district. He completed his master's degree in educational leadership and recently completed his CEO degree with Dr. Willard as his mentor.

"He's sure put the time in," Willard said. "He's a good administrator, he's involved with activities with the Secondary School Principal's Association, and we're all very proud of him."

In taking on the role as principal Raba found himself faced with two challenges. The first was to settle into the role without the burden of having to live up to false expectations. And the second was to keep the lines of communication open.

"I kind of had to grow a little bit personally and professionally when I first took over the job," Raba said. "I needed to learn to be myself instead of being someone else. And since

Raba B7



Belle Fourche High School Principal Mathew Raba was named the state's top high school principal for 2020. He had been awarded District 7 principal of the year and was in competition with at least 20 other principals in the state. It's the first time in more than 20 years that a principal from Belle Fourche has been presented with the statewide award.. - Beacon Photo

Housing Study B4

Robb House Antiques Coming Back



For those of you who thought 97-year-old Jack Wells had retired, guess again. The long time Belle Fourche business man will soon be reopening his Robb House Antiques in the Robb's Building on the corner of 6th & State. The building that in its history housed the Robbs Store is currently owned by JoAnn Robb Peterson.



Everyone is invited to join us at Grap's Burgers and Brew for our Chamber Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Mike Walker from NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources.

February 10th 12:00

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Legislative Crackerbarrel Well Attended



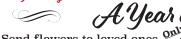
Saturday's Chamber of Commerce sponsored Legislative Cracker Barrel at the Roundup Cafe was well attended as area residents heard from and questioned State Senator Gary Cammack (C) and State Representatives Kirk Chaffee (L), Sturgis and Dean Wink (R), Howes. They represent District 29 comprised of the majority of Meade County and part of Butte County. - Beacon Photo

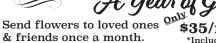


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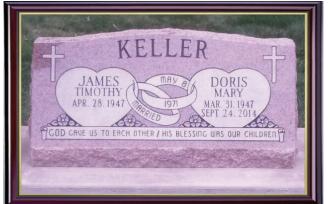
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Obituaries

Alvin C. Shaw 96

Alvin C. Shaw, age 96 of Belle Fourche, peacefully passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Belle Estate in Belle Fourche, surrounded by prayer, family, and the staff "angels" who took care of him for the past 3 years.

The funeral service will be held 11am Thursday, February 11th, 2021 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7 pm Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be held in Pine Slope Cemetery, with military honors. In addition, a family celebration of Al's life will be held July 8 2021. The location will be determined at a later date.

The funeral will be live-streamed from the funeral home's website, on Al's obituary page, located at: www. LeveringtonFH.com and a video tribute will be posted there as well

Memorials can be directed toward the First Congregational Church or your "give-back" volunteer time to the Belle Fourche community in Al's honor.

Al came into life on July 8, 1924, at Slayton, MN to Gertrude and Curt Shaw. At age 4, Al and his mother contracted diphtheria which took his mother's life. Al and Shelly (brother) went to Iowa and were raised by their paternal grandparents. Marlys (sister) stayed in Minnesota to be raised by their maternal grandparents. Curt (father) settled in Belle Fourche about 1939 and the three children were joined together again where all 3 siblings spent the rest of their lives in Belle Fourche. Al joined the Army Air Force in 1944 and flew 31 missions as a ball turret gunner on a B17. He was discharged from service in 1945. Al was very proud to be a WWII veteran and spoke highly of his crew as it takes courage and trust from each crew member to make each mission successful. For the last 20+ years Al faithfully wore his WWII hat with honor. His last mission was in 2010 on the SD Honor Flight to visit all the Washington DC memorials.

Upon returning from service, Al worked with his family in the Case Farm Implement business until it

was sold in 1951. With partner Dale Henderson, they started an auto parts business called E & B Supply. In 1960, Dale retired and Al merged his E & B Supply business with Cris Hoseth to become Hoseth Auto Electric, Inc. In 1967, Cris retired and in 1969 Hoseth Auto became affiliated with Big "A" Auto Parts. More importantly, Al found the love of his life, G. Marie Conner. They

were married on September 1, 1946 and had two children, Randy and Denise. Al and Marie provided unconditional love and defined the true meaning of family and friends. In 1978, Randy joined Al in Hoseth Auto Electric and expanded to Spearfish. Al retired in 1986, which looking back, Al always said was "too early"! With all his energy and love of the Belle Fourche community he wanted to "give back" as a token of his appreciation.

Al was active in many civic affairs; to name a few, he served on the Chamber Ag Committee and Chamber Ambassadors, North Central Health Services Board, charter member of the Moose Lodge, Lions Club member, 30-year member of the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department along with serving two terms on the Belle Fourche Country Club board of directors. Al was active nearly every day of the week on projects ranging from delivering Meals on Wheels to driving the DAV van, a total of 1,387 miles, taking Northern Hills military veterans to medical services, which he faithfully continued until age 90. Many times he was the oldest one in the van! One of his last services was participating in the Belle Fourche Honor Guard. Al and Marie were long-time active members of the First Congregational Church. Marie passed away in 2008.

Al is survived by his children, Randy Shaw and Denise (Jim) Webster; grandchildren, Melisa, Aaron, Andrea, Ryan, and Molly, and great-grandchildren, Nikolas, Kadin, Aria, Mathias, Tate, Evy and Cora. Al's grandchildren will forever remember Grandpa by his famous "one-liners" --

I'm good, considering wear, tear, and time!

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Dolly Marie Bidwell 76

Dolly Marie (Schneidt) Bidwell, 76, of Belle Fourche died Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Rapid City Monument Hospital.

Dolly was born May 18, 1944 in Miles City, MT to Carl Sr. and Katherine (Paul) Schneidt. On August 27, 1961 she married Cyrus Bidwell in Miles City. They moved to Broadus where they owned and operated many businesses together; the Cashway grocery store, Park Mobile gas station, Powder River Lanes and Pastime Theatre. They also ran the Pro Shop at the Country Club. They moved to Belle Fourche in 1986 where Cy ran Tru Catch Traps and Dolly started to work with him years later. They celebrated over 50 years of marriage.

Dolly was a member of the Broadus women's traveling bowling team, the Broadus Garden Club and golfed in leagues at Rolling Hills Country Club. One of Dolly's favorite times was the annual sister trips and playing games with her grandkids.

Grateful for sharing in her life are her children, Vicky (David) Black of Fort Worth, TX, Karen (Doug) Dinkel of Belle Fourche, Todd Bidwell (Shay Richards) of Belle Fourche, Barry (Erica) Bidwell of Forsyth, MT and Doug Bidwell (Cassie Carlson) of Belle Fourche; grandchildren, Andrea (Evan) Langston, Shaunessy Bid-

well (John Cunningham), Mickey Bidwell, Bryan Bidwell, Mariah (Derek) Thompson, Nick Dinkel, C.J. Dinkel and Kylie Bidwell; great grandchildren, Emilia Belle Langston and Memphis Langston; siblings, Ella (Jim) Cain of Broadus, Mt,

Joyce Hayes of Billings, MT, Mary Jane Mitchell of Casper, WY, Carl Schneidt of Miles City, MT and Jim Schneidt of Ray Washington and nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl Sr. and Katherine; husband, Cyrus Bidwell; siblings, Margaret Barnett, Irene Helms, Liz Hofer and Bill Schneidt. A Ceremonial Tribute will be held Thursday, February

11 at 1:00 PM at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche

with Reverend Tim Smith officiating. The funeral will be published on klinefuneralchapel. com live streaming site for viewing following the

funeral. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer

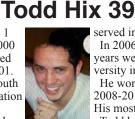
An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

Todd Hix, 39 passed away on Monday Feb 1 2021. Todd graduated high school class of 2000 from Belle Fourche High school. Todd married his high school sweet heart Angela Jan 6, 2001.

Left the next day for Navy. After leaving South Dakota he was stationed at Mayport naval station where he served 4 years in the US FFG 42 Klakring as SK. During his time in the Navy he did several 6 month tours.

Todd fathered a daughter in 2002, Layla. In 2003 he moved back to South Dakota to be home and closer to his family. He then enrolled in SDSM&T where he attended several years.

He joined the Air National Guard in 2004 where he



served in Sioux Falls monthly for 10 years. In 2006 his son Logan was born. The following

ears were filled with a degree from American University in business management.

He worked and attended school at School of Mines 2008-2016. He had other various jobs throughout. His most resent being at Best Buy. Todd had a passion for his guitar, music, and cars.

Todd is survived by his 2 children Layla and Logan Hix of Box Elder. His mom Deloris Weyer, Belle Fourche, Brother, Brad Trautmann, Sturgis, and sister Jackie, Belle Fourche. Many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Proceeded in death by Larry Weyer, father, Michelle Hix, mother, and grandparents Dean and Gertrude Hix.

Sadie Louise Sperb 90

Sadie Louise Sperb, age 90 of Spearfish, SD passed away January 28, 2021 at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living.

Sadie was born April 8,1930 to Elmer and Bertha Queen at Sundance, WY. She spent her early years at the Barton Ranch near Sundance. Sadie married Paul Sperb June 3, 1950 they were married for 59 years

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Bertha, husband Paul, and brother John. She is survived by her children Albert(Kaye) Sperb

and Kathy(Mike) Kelley, numerous grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sadie passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer, she never gave up.

Memorial services will be held later with burial at Black Hills National Cemetery. Please make all donations to your favorite charity.

Online condolences may be written at www. fidler-isburgfu-

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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Andy Anderson of Emmanuel Baptist Church. It is Written.



The Bible is the best-selling Book of all time. Written over 1500 years by 40 different authors from various backgrounds, kings, doctors, farmers, fishermen, priests, prophets, and government officials. The Bible includes historical accounts, poetry, law, and prophecy. 66 individual books compiled into 1 and divided into two main parts the Old Testament and New Testament.

The Word of God tells us in 2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. KJV

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

What Peter and Paul are telling us is that the Author behind the individual authors is God Himself. Inspired means that the Word of God is "God-breathed," that the Words came directly from God Himself, guiding the men to write exactly what God wanted them to write.

Biblical Doctrine is important for us to understand who God is, the world in which we live, what His will for our lives is, how we should conduct ourselves and most

importantly salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. There are those who will state that all we need is the New Testament. I disagree, we need all 66 books. In the Old Testament we learn how God created the world, how sin entered the world and why we need a Savior, who is God's Son Jesus Christ. Doctrine is the worldview by which we govern our lives. When based on sound Scriptures, we can know that we are walking according

Reproof is revealing to us the error of our ways, our sin. Before any problem can be corrected it must first be identified. Romans 3:23 tells us "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Once the problem is identified it can then be corrected. Romans 6:23 informs us of the penalty for sin, "For the wages of sin is death (physical death and worse spiritual death - hell); but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. God does not want to give us what we deserve. He wants to forgive us of our sin and give us eternal life, which comes only through a personal relationship with His Son Jesus Christ. There is no need for a person to go to hell because forgiveness is available. Will you turn from your sin, ask God for forgiveness, and invite Jesus Christ into your life? God wants you to be a part of His family.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

New Worship Service Times Starting Februrary 28

Starting on Sunday February 28 the Connection Church of Belle Fourche, 613 6th Avenue, will be adding a third worship service.

The new times will be 8:00 am, 9:15

am, and 10:30 am.

We also livestream our services on Connection Church Belle Fourche Facebook page.



For more information call 605-210-2150, or check out www.bellefourcheconnection.com

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Chamber Business of the Week

By: Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher

Each Week the Chamber is featuring a "business of the week".

This week's featured business is Dakota Mill & Grain. Dakota Mill & Grain is a local manufacturer located at 808 5th Ave in Belle Fourche. The mill was originally built in 1891 by Bennett & Teall as a water powered mill. In 1910, lightning caused a fire that



took the mill and it was rebuilt quickly.

The Mill has been in business for 20 years under the name of Dakota Mill & Grain providing fertilizer applications, soil sampling and a variety of chemical needs. Custom feed is a large portion of what they do in Belle Fourche. They manufacture animal feed of all kinds. It is under the direction of Manager Shane Hutton.

Stop in and see them. They are a member of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Com-



Dakota Mill & Grain Manager Shane Hutton (center) flanked by capable employees, the Garza Twins: Raymond (left) and Roman (right). - Courtesy photo



Crossroads Restaurant Manager Matt Kruetz prepares to cut the Chamber ribbon. Matt has marshaled the restaurant through an extensive remodeling and a host of improvements. They are proud to host an unbeatable **Sunday Brunch**, and that is only a small part of their great food: breakfast, lunch, or dinner anytime. Crossroads, located at 16 N 5th Avenue, is part of the Mid America Travel Plaza and is a new member of the Chamber of Commerce. Courtesy photo

Chamber Board Profiles -

Daphne Johnson enters the year 2021 as a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors and was elected the Association's President.

Daphne Johnson retired from the State of Michigan in 2018 after nearly 30 years of service. She held a number of positions including Assistant Attorney General, Legal Administrator for the Department of Corrections, and Deputy Director for the Talent Investment Agency. She is a licensed attorney in MI since

She served as an Advisor to the Standing Committee on Character & Fitness for

the State Bar of Michigan for 13 years. And, she received an award from the Attorney General and many letters of commendation from the Governor and Lt. Governor.

Since retirement, Daphne and her husband Paul fulfilled their dream of moving to the Black Hills. They are co-owners of Designs by Daphne Gallery on State Street in Belle Fourche. She is excited to pursue the passions instilled in her by her father for artistic expression, woodworking, and entrepreneurship. Daphne is also very passionate about helping special needs children in Western South Dakota and has been a Lifes-



Daphne Johnson

cape Foundation Volunteer since 2010.

Daphne earned a BA in Psychology from Michigan State University (MSU), an Associate Degree in Business from Lansing Community College, a Master of Public Administration from Western Michigan University, and a Juris Doctorate from MSU.

Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center Goes BIG with Family Fun Day about Elephants

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will have a Family Fun Day on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. entitled "Extraordinary Elephants."

The day will include an educational film about elephants and their habitats and culture. There will be several elephant crafts, including one to make a mini elephant out of pom-poms.

There will also be a drawing for Seymour Simon's book,



"Elephants," plus an elephant

All who attend will receive a free take-home packet of info, puzzles, and games about elephants. Refreshments will be

Admission to the Family Fun Day is \$2 per person or free with membership. Reservations are helpful; call 723-1200. Masks are suggested.

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

3 Weeks Left to Honor a Volunteer





Spirit of Volunteerism Awards is a long standing event that celebrates the exemplary efforts of volunteers for more than 35

In 2021, we will be focusing

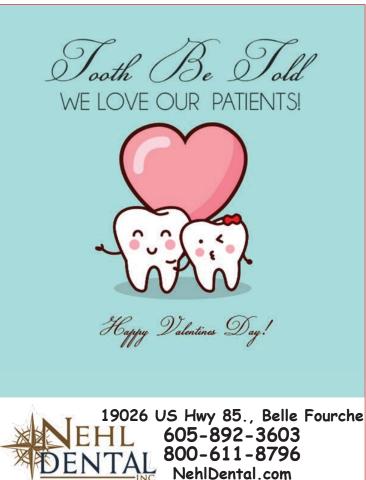
on appreciating COVID-19 Volunteers. Those that stepped up and volunteered during the pandemic.

Honorees could include but not limited to those who:

- volunteered during a food giveaway - assisted a home-bound neigh-

- made face masks supported an organization during these difficult times

We will celebrate and thank ALL the honorees during National Volunteer Week. In place of our traditional awards luncheon, we will instead be celebrating the honorees April 18-24, 2021. We are taking a grassroots approach to focus







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on appreciating the volunteers and thanking them in special ways throughout the week. This will include social media posts, videos, thank you gifts, etc. The honoree's photo and write up will be compiled on a website which will be launched during National Volunteer Week.

We look forward to appreciating our community's encourage you to submit a volunteer honoree form. The more honorees we can appreciate the Honoree Registration Dead-

COVID-19 Volunteers and

line is February 26, 2021 For details on how to submit contact Helpline Center: Call 605-274-1429, or email: bhvol@helplinecenter.org





Broncs Boys Win Thriller final quarter with full court

pressure and Douglas had trou-

ble handling it. Anthony Bud-

mayr hit Kracht on a backdoor

play and senior Brextin Garza

dropped in a pair of free tosses

and the lead for Douglas was

cut to 9 again. Budmayr then

rained in a trey for the Broncs

and half minutes left in game.

got buckets off steals and the

Douglas pushed the lead

to eight with just under two

tightened down the defense

minutes left when the Broncs

even more. Kracht nailed a deep

corner three pointer and Belle

forced another turnover. Heck

was 60-58 Douglas.

swished his second three of the

game with 55 seconds left and it

The Broncs defense forced the

Patriots into a shot clock turn-

over. Belle took advantage and

found Giffin near the right box

when he glided across the lane

and laid in a left hander off the

glass and was fouled. With the

lead on the line, Giffin dropped

Broncs were within 4 at 56-52.

Douglas hit 2-4 in the bonus at the line, but Giffin and Heck

and it was 54-48 with four

JIM TRIMBLE

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Senior Gage Kracht and junior Gabe Heck hit huge three pointers late in the fourth quarter and junior Aiden Giffin converted a traditional three point play with 8.7 seconds left in the game to lead the Belle Fourche Broncs to a 61-60 come from behind victory over the Douglas Patriots in Belle on Friday night.

The teams played fairly even the first quarter as the Patriots held a 17-13 lead at the end of one, but Douglas exploded in the second period with a 24 point outburst and they held a 19 point lead 41-22 going into the lockers at half.

Heck opened the second half with a three from the wing to give the Broncs some momentum. After trading baskets with the Patriots Giffin nailed two shots in the paint and Kracht made a nice feed to Lan Fuhrer and the Broncs cut the lead to 12 at 44-32 midway through the third period. Giffin hit a 10 foot jumper in the lane and another nice post play bucket to bring the Broncs to within 9 but Douglas answered with a three and still led 52-40 after three quarters.

The Broncs started out the









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South Park Students of the Month



South Park: Bryn Coyle, Kynlee Jankord, Gracie Polk, Oaklee Curtis, Brad Rosenlund, Izaiah Ramos-Runyan, Maycee Coffield, and Cole Mailloux. Courtesy photo

season record to 8-7. Giffin paced the Broncs with 21 points and Budmayr notched

The Broncs hit the road for two games next week. They played Rapid City Christian yesterday and will meet the Custer Wildcats on the 13th.

In the JV game Douglas held on for a 49-42. The Broncs led by 5 at halftime and still had a one point lead heading into the final quarter but the Patriots outscored Belle 21-13 for the final margin of victory. Anthony Staley led the Broncs with 14 and Cole Hockenbary tallied 11 to lead Belle.

Boys C game Little Broncs won 42-39. Nolan Wahlfeldt scored 11 points and Jayden Sechser added 9.

North Park Students of the Month



North Park: Frankie Gomez, Nadia Bevier. Courtesy photo



(Above)The Bronc bench rushes out to celebrate the one point win over the Patriots after coming from behind. (Top Left) Gabe Heck shoots under Douglas pressure; (Bottom left) Aiden Giffin prepares to shoot the free throw that puts the Broncs into a lead after a 19 point deficit; (Top Right) Brextin Garza gets in to shoot 2 (Bottom Right) Anthony passes the ball to a teammate during 4th Quarter comback. Jamie Hockenbary Photos

Post 32 Baseball Registration & Parent Meeting set for Feb. 15th

Post 32 will hold its 2021 player registration and parent meeting on Monday, February 15 at 6 p.m.

at Grap's Burgers and Brews Banquet Room at 518 National Street in Belle Fourche.

This registration is for the Legion program which consists of Senior Legion (18 and under) and Junior Legion (16 and under).

Those who are eligible for a separate entity - Junior League (for ages 14 and under) and are 14 at this time - may attend this registration, as there

is a possibility that some Junior League players will be asked to play with the Legion team if needed. A registration date for Junior League and sign-ups for Majors,

Minors, Machine Pitch and T-ball to be held the first week in March.

At the February 15th meeting, parents and players will receive preseason practice schedules, and can get information about the game schedule and general information about the 2021 season.

"The board has worked hard to prepare for this season," said coach Randy Doran, "and I think it will provide great opportunities for our players and great entertainment for fans."

Any questions regarding the registration or the season can be sent to Belle Fourche Youth Baseball through its Facebook





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Thurs, February 11th

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Tues, February 16th

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Wed, February 17th

BRONC Breakfast: Muffin/Juice/Fruit/Milk Lunch: Popcorn Chicken/Fish Sandwich/Fruit/Veggie/Milk

Bronc Wrestlers Down Hot Springs in Dual Action

The Broncs downed Hot Springs 43-34 in a Senior's parent's night wrestling dual at Edwin Petranek Armory.

Four forfeit wins from Riley Dighton (106 pounds), Hailey Rodriguez (113), D'Angelo Garduna (120), Colton Shelley (126), and Hunter Quenzer (145) accounted for 24 points. Elijah Braning, 132 pounds; Devin Nowowiejski, 152 pounds and Brooks Clooten, at

220 pounds added wins for the Broncs victory.

On Saturday the Brones took part in the Black Hills Classic Tournament at Hill City. Philip Area took first and Custer second, while Belle finished 7th in the twelve team

For the Broncs Hailey Rodriguez (23-9) placed 1st in the Girls event and at 285 (Hwt.) Aiken Crowley 26-7 on the year placed 1st. D'Angelo Garduna, 113# and Brooks Clooten at 220# both garnered 3rd place. Elijah Braning at 126# finished 4th and Hunter Ouenzer 132# and Isaac McKenney 160# scored team points for the Broncs who host Sturgis tomorrow night (Feb. 11th).

Broncs Girls Basketball Split Contests

JIM TRIMBLE

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The Belle Fourche Lady Broncs were on opposite ends of lopsided games this past week. On Tuesday they traveled to Rapid City to take on the #1 rated St. Thomas More Cavaliers. The Ladies were without leading scorer Bella Jensen and fell to More by a 62-14 margin. On Friday the Ladies regrouped and routed the Douglas Lady Patriots by a 51-15 score.

The Broncs being short-handed without Jensen could never get going against the Cavaliers. The Cavaliers held a 38-7 lead at halftime and won going away. Haleigh Timmer led all scorers with 20 for the undefeated Cavaliers. The Broncs fell to STM 61-34 in Belle on January 4th.

The Ladies were able to turn it around against Douglas on Friday evening in Belle Fourche by besting the Patriots 51-15. Douglas opened the scoring but

seven points from Jensen and a deep three pointer by Chloe Crago spotted the Broncs to a 12-6 lead after one quarter. After Crago nailed a long two pointer the Broncs would go on a 12-2 run. Kaylin Garza nailed two buckets and Hayley Wilbur added an offensive put back bucket and Belle took a 24-14 lead heading into intermission.

The Broncs came out in the third period with a tenacious defense that fueled a 15-0 run. Wilbur working hard inside for the Broncs netted two free tosses after being fouled. She would get another score off a nice Jensen feed and Bella followed with a three pointer. Wilbur followed with yet another put back and Tia Williamson did the same moments later and Belle was up 35-14. Grace Clooten dropped in a baseline jumper and Jensen notched another score off an assist from Williamson.

Charlie Henwood finished the third quarter outburst with a driving lay-up and the Ladies were in control 41-15.

The Broncs were able hold the Patriots scoreless in the fourth quarter with Wilbur getting two baskets and Garza, Williamson and Mataya Ward all getting scores as the Broncs cruised to the final victory. "This was a good comeback win after the loss at STM on Tuesday. I thought we ran the floor well especially in the second half," commented Broncs head coach Bill Burr.

Jensen had 14 points for the Broncs and Wilbur dropped in 12. The girls hit the road for two games against Rapid City Christian on February 9th and Custer on the 13th.

The Lady JV's knocked off the Patriot JV squad 64-39. Mataya Ward led the Ladies with 18 points with Grace Clooten chipping in with 11. In the C game the Broncs prevailed 37-19. Sloan Young paced the Little Ladies with 12 points and Kailey Nowowiejski adding 8.



Making the offense work Chloe Crago passes the ball to a teammate Jamie Hockenbary



Kailyn Garza sets herself up to receive the ball in the paint Jamie Hockenbary photo



Grace Clooten gets fouled as she prepares to shoot Jamie Hockenbary photo



Belle Jensen with nicely executed jumps shot. Jamie Hockenbary photo







Photos (clockwise from upper left) Gunner Jensen; Aiken Crowley; Elijan Branning; Devin Nowowiejski; Colton Shelley; and Isaac McKenney Audrey Bickerdyke photos











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Butte/Lawrence members were in fine fare at the beef cook-off. Senior Independent member Carlie Kissack placed first. Junior member, Rachael Lee of the Young Riders 4-H Club placed 1st in that division as well. In Senior Livestockology Contest B/L team of Laney and Morgan Mackaben, Bennett Gordon and Carter McKenna placed 2nd. The Junior Livestockology team of Cooper Conry, Clay Mackaben, Karlie and Katelyn Kammerer placed 2nd. Be watching for all of the contest results, coming soon. They will be posted on the extension page: https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h. - Courtesy Photo

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Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center To Hold Auditions for "Blarney!"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold auditions for its spring museum theatre production on Monday, Feb. 15 and Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The production is a comedy entitled "Blarney!" and is about an unusual Irish girl who visits the Black Hills town of Rockerville. Strange things begin to occur and ultimately lead to the appearance of the Glocca Morra Monster, before the community restores order.

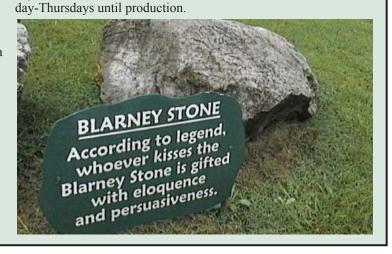
Actors will learn about the history of the Irish in the Black Hills, and St. Patrick's Day customs. They will also study the Irish stage dialect and learn a short dance.

Performances of "Blarney!" will be Friday, March 12th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 13th at 2 p.m.

No audition preparation or prior theatre experience is required. There are approximately 12 roles, including leading roles for middle or high school students and supporting roles

for grade school students. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, Feb. 21st and run SunNot all actors attend all rehearsals until production week when attendance is mandatory.

For more questions about "Blarney!" or museum theatre, call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.













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Treat Your Sweet Heart to Graps Any Night

Anything Left in the Barrel? By: Doug Cole

Last weeks paper had a press release announcing a candidate for Mayor of Belle Fourche. We have not received, as of yet, any other announcements, but we have been told there are other petitions being circulated for the upcoming election.

In addition to the Mayoral race there are City Council vacancies in all four wards this election.

With the North Dakota oil boom the last several years anyone along US Highway 85 from Williston to Interstate 90 has a watched growing amount of traffic everywhere along its path

The economy along the route has benefited from the increase in traffic, but occasionally things happen that put stress on law enforcement.

We had heard rumor of a recent event in Harding County where a North Dakota licensed pickup truck was left abandoned on the south end of Buffalo.

After a couple months of resting in its out of place location further investigation proceeded.

It was found by Vin # to be a stolen vehicle with stolen license plates. When opened it was void of contents of any kind save a case of Crown Royal whiskey setting in the back seat.

We would speculate that the Harding County Sheriff is working on the case.

A young lad after listening to his pastor deliver the Sunday morning sermon stood patiently

waiting for the man's attention as the congregation departed the building.

When finally recognized he asked the pastor, "If my purpose in this world is to help

> others here for? It seemed like a good move when the man was offered the

others. What are the

job in State Government at our Capitol in Pierre.

His bride appreciated the increase in family income and the new home they had acquired.

There did develop a certain amount of chagrin over the fact that the man on almost every free moment from work was compelled to head for the Missouri River to fish.

An individual stopped at their home to find the man. When asked, the Missus said he was fishing, the man questioned. "How can I find him?"

She replied, "Just look for a pole with a worm on both ends."

Next Monday is Presidents' Day. The day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his February 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance.

At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history, and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration.

Did you know? Presidents' Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Four chief executives-George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan—were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

As a federal holiday, many banks and schools are closed in observance of Presidents' Day. The New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ are closed for trading on Presidents' Day. The post office is not open and non-essential federal workers have the day off.

In its modern form, Presidents' Day is used by many patriotic and historical groups as a date for staging celebrations, reenactments and other events. A number of states also require that their public schools spend the days leading up to Presidents' Day teaching students about the accomplishments of the presidents, often with a focus on the lives of Washington and Lincoln.



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Easy California Minestrone

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Directions: In a large saucepan or small stockpot over medium-high heat, warm the oil. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes. Add sweetpotatoes, celery, tomato paste, garlic, salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 4 minutes. Add broth, tomatoes and beans and bring

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We all could use a bit of humor from time to time. Today's offering isn't new, but it certainly will make us chuckle. That's worthy stuff folks

The Seventh Advantage

Students in an advanced biology class were

taking their mid-term exam.

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The question was worth 70 points or none at

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- 4) It's inexpensive
- 5) It bonds the child with the mother and vice
- 6) It's always available as needed.

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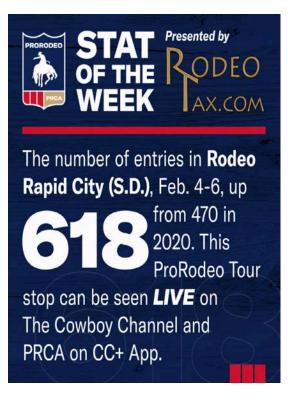
7) It comes in two attractive containers, and the cat can't get at it.

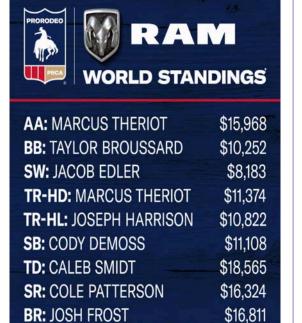
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Record-setting Ride at Rodeo Rapid City

Eight world champions were in the field of bull riders for the final performance of Rodeo

Rapid City. With a 90.5-point ride holding down first place and an arena record of 93 on the books, the expectations were high for a spectac-

ular night of bull riding action. As it turned out, High Expectations — a bull from New Frontier Rodeo — delivered on his name, thanks to the effort of an 18-year-old riding in his first

season of ProRodeo competi-

Rookie JR Stratford likely shocked the crowd inside Rushmore Plaza Civic Center when he bested the previous record held by PRCA World Champion Terry Don West, who set the record in 2003. Stratford raised the Rapid City bull riding bar to 93.5 points.

"That bull is actually located about an hour-and-a-half from my house down here in Kansas," Stratford said with a laugh. "So I had to drive 10 hours to Rapid City to get on a bull from Kansas; but I was stoked to have him drawn."

While new to ProRodeo. Stratford is already a veteran of his craft, competing in regional associations against adults for

"Anywhere they'd let me get on before I turned 18," Stratford said, adding that he started out riding calves at 3 years old. "I've studied it my whole life. It's my passion.'

Stratford turned 18 in August and won his first ProRodeo competition by conquering a National Finals Rodeo bull -Bar T Rodeo's Twist and Shout — with an 88.5-point ride at the Jim Shoulders Living Legends Pro Rodeo in Henryetta, Okla.

He went 3-for-3 in September

to fill his permit. Rapid City was his fourth ProRodeo competition and

> first as a rookie. Collecting an arena record at the PRCA's reigning Large Indoor Rodeo of the Year to win his second ProRodeo in

four attempts while remaining perfect as a professional is a fantastic start to a career. As for the record, Stratford wasn't expecting it.

"I didn't expect to be that high," Stratford said. "I knew it would be a good score. I'm just really tickled to get the record." He picked up \$4,315 for the

Two other Rodeo Rapid City records fell during the 2021 edition, including the saddle bronc riding mark which was 90.5 points, set a year ago by Shorty Garrett. Cody DeMoss bested it with a 91-point ride on Sutton

Rodeos' Face Book. Rodeo Rapid City's barrel racing record of 12.21 seconds also fell. Originally set by Shandi Metzinger-Scales in 2002, Randee Prindle shattered that mark when she ran 11.80

seconds to win the rodeo. Other winners at the \$205,943 rodeo were all-around cowboy, Zack Jongbloed (\$6,729, tie down roping and steer wrestling); bareback riders Jayco Roper and Jess Pope (89.5 points on Fettig Pro Rodeo's Pop A Top and Sankey Pro Rodeo and Phenom Genetics' Prairie Rose, respectively); steer wrestler Jake Kraupie (3.5 seconds); team ropers John Gaona and Trevor Nowlin (4.1 seconds); saddle bronc rider Cody DeMoss (91 points on Sutton Rodeos' Face Book); tie-down roper Shad Mayfield (8.0 seconds); and barrel racer Randee Prindle (11.80 seconds).



Rookie bull rider JR Stratford win Rodeo Rapid City with a PRCA record-setting 93.5 point ride, . - Photo Courtesy Clay Guardipee

Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

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Charlie Odell had a pretty quiet week. He went to Buffalo to get cattle cake and some groceries on Monday. Then the next day, he went to Belle Fourche and Spearfish for supplies and groceries. He is feeding and watering cows each day. Karen has begun the second book in her 'Rowan' series of historical fiction. Rowan is the 6th grandchild that she wrote a book for, but his book developed into a series after she did the research for the first one. There is also an idea for a third book, too, now, after she talked to her brother, Jim, who liked the first one. He gave her more information on Frederick Ehernmann who actually was a real person and a character in the first book. Karen is rebuilding, refinishing, and making cushions for an antique chair.

On Thursday, they got a call from the nurse inviting them to get Covid vaccinations. Charlie had also gotten notification from Fort Meade that they were available there, too. Karen talked to her brother, Jim, in Kansas City who had the shot, and then to sister-in-law, Patsy Evans in Ohio, and neither had had much reaction from the vaccination. Charlie decided to go with Karen to Ekalaka on Friday to get the shots there. They didn't have much reaction to the shots, either. Karen had a headache, but that could have been from holding the violin so long on Thursday when she was practicing. Charlie just had a sore arm. Saturday brought some snow and colder weather, so they rested up in the morning, and Karen got some sewing done. On Sunday, it was cold when Karen went out to exercise on her glider. They did

their Bible reading, and then went to church at Gomer, Ohio, on YouTube. They watched some of the Super Bowl and some of the Puppy Bowl. The games were about the same.

Dick and Erma Albert have been busy this week. They went to the Hills on Thursday and picked up some supplies. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizen lunch where they had Swiss steak and mashed potatoes. It was Sandra Lyons and Don Hett's birthdays, and they had cake and ice cream for the special days. Erma stayed to play cards afterward. She and Dick both went to church on Sunday, and then went to Saloon Number Three for lunch with the Erks, the Helms's and Father Brian. The place was busy, and they were preparing to show the Super Bowl on the big screen.

Shirley and Junior Melum are doing ok, and keeping warm.

Donna Lewis had taken a cake to Kael's birthday last week. On Friday, she went to Ekalaka to get the Covid vaccination. She stayed in Ekalaka for about an hour, then she went on to Baker to spend the night with Pam and Gary. She got home on Sunday. She will get to see her grandchildren wrestle in Buffalo this week.

Doug and Julia Davis have been doing the usual chores. Things got cold on Sunday night, and their thermometer was at seventeen below when Karen called for the news. It was cold enough that the dog would not walk on the metal flatbed to get off when they got to the house, so Doug had to help the dog down. They had talked to their grandson, Rory, three times this week. When they use the phone without a picture, he is always looking to find out where Grandma is. He prefers to see those he talks to.

Dorothy Padden went with Brandon and Ashley's family to the basketball games at Buffalo on Monday. They were junior high games and the last one ended in a tie and went into overtime. It was much more exciting than the Super Bowl. Dorothy stayed home to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday

Wisdom From Out West!

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

Skritchy vs. Bugz

Since last I wrote about the new pup, she has settled in great. She is getting everyone trained to do her bidding! Well, maybe not the house cat. Skritchy (a cross between Scratchy and Itchy) is a about three quarters grown bob tailed cat. As everyone knows, bob tailed cats are the best mousers! Must be doing her job as we ain't seen nary hide nor hair of a mouse in the house for a long time!

But as I was stating, Skritchy doesn't seem to think a tiny dog about a third of her size needs to be listened to or taken orders from. This seems to puzzle Bugz (the name the pup has acquired... yeah, we get pretty original in naming animals around here) who has those dog genes that make her sure cats are supposed to run from dogs. Might be the problem is that Skritch has not admitted to nor attested to the fact that Bugz is a dog!

It is kind of entertaining to watch them stalk and chase and run away from each other. Especially now that Scratch has decided she doesn't

need to use claws to defend herself. She gets in a tipped over small box like a Mountain Lion in it's lair and awaits the unsuspecting pup, who strives mightily to attack. Problem is, Scritch just don't care. Have you ever noticed a cat can ignore something better than any other animal? But, when Skritch decides it is time to play, (I thinks she thinks Bugz is her own personal squeaky toy) the fight is on. She grabs the pup and envelopes her as best she can, but I got to give Bugs credit, she is getting pretty crafty at turning the attacks away and writhing from the grips of the feline. Kind of reminds me of watching these young boys at wrestling.

Other than that, life is the same old same old around here. The weather is turning colder and looks like winter might finally arrive. Worse the luck. Oh well, we had a good run of warm weather. I guess it is to be expected. Maybe the cold will kill off the last of the Boxelder

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afternoon.

Ronda Cordell received lots of birthday wishes on Monday. After chores on Tuesday, she drove over to Nellie Howell's. in the Chalk Buttes area, to look at bulls. It was a very beautiful day for the drive with temperatures in the 50's. She hadn't been over in that area since Jake Basler took her on a drive to Reynolds's many years ago. It is very beautiful country. Nellie followed her home, hauling the bulls that she had picked out. On Wednesday, Dell and Tod Dague hauled four loads of hay in from Tony Holt's, barely beating the nasty weather that moved in by mid-afternoon. Ronda made a quick trip to Buffalo, but didn't stay to eat lunch due to the change in the weather. Clint Zolnoski brought a pickup tire for Ronda to take to Fruit's in Ekalaka on Thursday. It had been ruined, thanks

to a little 4-point whitetail antler that was on the road. She had lunch at the Wagon Wheel as she waited for the tire to be fixed. Old Man Winter showed up with a vengeance Friday night. The temperature was six below on Saturday morning. In the afternoon, Ronda made a trip to Long Pines Veterinary for medicine for her dog, Abby. Clint had had another flat on the pickup that morning. Denise, Darby and Abby had to "rescue" him (as Darby described the situation). The tires are nearly new, so Clint thought maybe it was another horn.

Clint finished hauling bales from Lanky's between feedings. Gene Secrest came up a couple of days. He accompanied Denise and the girls to Bowman one day, and helped Clint with a few projects the other. Ronda watched the thermometer falling on Sunday night as she

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typed her news. It was eleven below and in a few it dropped to thirteen below zero. KOTA was right. Ronda believes we are going to pay for all the good weather we've been having this fall and winter.

Thomas Paine wrote his paper, Common Sense, before and during the time of the American Revolution. Those who stood against such extremely great odds to fight to allow their children to grow up in a free country, were real people just like us today. His paper became so popular that it was read all over the world; a great surprise in a time when it took weeks for news to travel to distant lands. Here is a quote from Common

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All individuals interested in the management of Canada geese in South Dakota have from now through March 5, 2021, to provide suggestions and comments on the draft action plan. A final draft of the revised plan is scheduled to be presented to the GFP Commission in April for their consideration and adoption.

A draft of the action plan can be found online at https://gfp. sd.gov/management-plans/ under "Plans Up for Revision". Written comments on the plan can be sent to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, S.D. 57501, or emailed to canadagooseplan@ state.sd.us. Comments must be received by March 5, 2021 and include your full name and city of residence.

From B3 **Housing Study**

households was estimated at \$54,250. Median income means there are an equal number of incomes above and below that number. Based on those 2018 numbers the study says a renter household couple afford \$875 or less in rent per month while a homeowner household could afford a mortgage of \$1,356 per month or less.

Commuting

The study outlined the most recent data on commuting trends. In 2016 the Center for Economic Studies Division of the Census Bureau found that there were 1,754 employed people working within the Belle Fourche city limits. Each day 1,513 leave the city to work in other communities, 996 come into Belle Fourche from outside and city and 758 live and work within the city limits.

Home Values

Home values in Belle Fourche continue to rise according to the report. Citing data from the SD Dept. of Revenue and the Butte County Assessor, the median value of a residential property in 2015 was \$120,500. In 2019

it was \$165,00. Median home prices rose by \$22,500 from 2018 to 2019, far and away the largest increase since before 2015. In each of the last 5 years at least one home has sold for less than \$26,000 and one home has sold for more than \$415,000. City building permits from

2010 to 2020 show that 146 housing units have been constructed in Belle Fourche. This includes 115 single-family houses and 31 multifamily units. According to the city there are approximately 111 vacant lots available in eight newer subdivisions for future home construction.

Condition of Housing Units The consultants surveyed

four neighborhoods in Belle Fourche to assess the condition of residential structures. Overall the existing housing stock in the community is in fair to good condition. Approximately 35% of the houses in the four targeted neighborhoods need minor repair and more than 16% need major repair. Out of 664 houses surveyed 43 were considered dilapidated and possibly beyond

Demand for Rental Units

The demand for rental units is extremely high and has increased markedly since the 2013 study.

The study looked at 117 apartments in the city that were at market rate. Of the units surveyed there were only two vacancies. This represents a vacancy rate of 1.7%. The study says a healthy rate is 3-5%, indicating a strong demand for market rate rental units within the city.

For subsidized apartments the study found zero vacancies among the 153 units. After the 2013 study there were 13. Again, apartment managers reported a strong demand for the units and some projects had waiting lists.

Positive Factors

The report identifies these positive factors for housing development: Proximity to Rapid City, ad regional trade and employment center; diverse housing stock; reasonable median home price of \$165,000; adequate land for development; expected increase in population; developers within the community willing to invest; an excel-

lent public school system; an infrastructure that can facilitate future expansion; health facilities; employers and job opportunities; parks and trail system; commercial development; available lots; and activie Belle Fourche Development Corporation; Black Hills recreational area nearby; industrial park, small town atmosphere and existing housing development.

Negative Factors

Barriers or limitations to housing activities include: Proximity to Rapid City and competition that this presents;

age and condition of existing housing stock; limited staff resources to implement housing initiatives; rural development opportunities; low rent structure; and lower paying jobs.

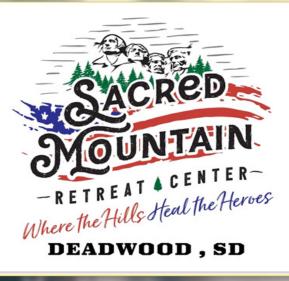
Recommendations The study recommends the

following: The city should focus heavily on the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the existing housing in the community; develop life cycle housing to keep residents within the community during all phases of life; promote new

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From B4 **HOUSING STUDY**

construction; promote home ownership; make a priority of community housing goals; and protect the city's existing assets and resources (i.e. schools, health facilities, vibrant downtown district, tourism, recreational opportunities, senior housing).

Summary

The 2020 Belle Fourche housing study outlines five categories in which the city should focus. They are rental housing development, home ownership, single-family new construction, housing rehabilitation, and other housing initiatives.

For rental housing development the recommendations include developing 36 to 40 additional market-rate apartments, 12-to-14 subsidized units and the development of a downtown mixed-use commercial/housing project.

For home ownership the action steps include promoting all programs that assist home

buyers and the development of a purchase/ rehabilitation program where homeowners would purchase an existing home and have access to resources that would help with renovation and repair.

In the category of new construction the report encourages strategies to encourage continued residential lot sales and new home construction along with strategies to develop new affordable homes and townhouses. It also says the city needs a plan to add at least 15 to 20 new homes per year over the next five years.

'There's a lot of good information in there that we should all have a chance to look at closely," said Councilman James Ager. "But one of the things that bothered me a little bit is it projects that we will stay on the same path that we have. And that's just not acceptable. Twelve to fifteen new houses a year in Belle Fourche for the next 5 years is just not enough."

For housing rehabilitation items include promotion of

rehab programs, owner-occupied efforts and continuing with neighborhood revitalization efforts. "The City of Belle Fourche continues to have several neighborhoods that are on the bubble," the report says. "These neighborhoods have a

significant number of homes that need rehabilitation. They also have vacant and dilapidated home. The neighborhoods could either deteriorate, or could be revitalized to be strong vital neighborhoods."

Other housing initiatives in-

clude employer involvement in housing programs, demolishing dilapidated structures, development of mobile home park improvement programs and strategies for downtown redevelopment and development.



The 2020 housing study found a high demand and a shortage of available rental housing units. It also identified a need for up to 40 new homes in the next five years and the need to develop urban housing lofts in the downtown district. - Beacon Photo

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124 years ago Northwest Times Feb 13, 1897

More Neighbors Victor Lodge Royal Neighbors of America, Belle Fourche, was organized last Monday night. There are twenty-two charter members, and the branch starts out with glowing prospects. Following officers were elected: Miss Elsie Malcolm, Miss Grace Lothrop, Mrs. D. E. Mitchell, recorder, Mrs. D.P. Roberts, receiver, Miss Jane Malcolm, marshall; Mrs. D. W. Lothrop, chancellor; Miss Dessie Scotney, outer sentinel; Mrs. Ollie Holmes, Mrs. J. A. Scotney, Mrs. Joe Miller, trustees.

Married

John Cornell, of Camp Crook, and Miss Myrtle Meeks, of Harding, were married at the Congregational parsonage Monday evening, Rev. Iorns, officiating. The young people have a host of friends at Camp Crook and Harding, who wish them long, happy and prosperous married life. The Times congratulates.

The New Hotel Wednesday evening T. B. Rollins, ex-county clerk, opened up a first class hotel. Mr. Rollins has a good building for the business and there is no reason why he should not build up a big trade. He has fitted up the hotel office and dining room with all modern conveniences, and everything bears an inviting appearance.

> 100 years ago Northwest Post Feb 10, 1921

Butte County Red Cross Work Annual Meeting Well Attended and Report of Local Chapter's Activities Presented

The annual meeting of the Butte County chapter of the American Red Cross was held day evening of last week and was attended by a large number of members. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kirk E. Baxter, who in his opening remarks stated that the good work accomplished by the local chapter was due to the loyalty of the members and the generosity of the community. Mr. Baxter then gave a brief review of the activities of the Butte County chapter since its organization in 1917. The report Mrs. W. G. Chase was then read: Hospital supplies -\$3,547.58; Knitted garments - 3,889.55; surgical dressings -1,149.82 and refugee garments - 97.58 Total \$8,681.

Grandma Stevens Celebrated 102 Years

Grandma Stevens celebrated her one hundred and second birthday on Tuesday, February 8, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William A. Mitchell, at Minnesela. During the day about sixty neighbors and friends called informally at the Mitchell home to felicitate the venerable lady upon reaching this remarkable age and to sincerely express the hope that she may live to celebrate many more anniversaries of her birth. Grandma Stevens was in her usual good health and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, talking freely with her friends of olden times. Mrs. Stevens is the oldest living person in the Black Hills, if not in the entire state, and still possesses all of her faculties to a remarkable degree. She is spry and agile as thousands of people half a century younger and bids fair to live to celebrate several more birthdays.

Colony May Become A Health Resort - Colony News:

At Shepard No. 1 the Exploration Oil and Gas company have pulled the two outside strings of casing and are tearing down the rig; in fact, they have it pretty well dismantled at the writing. Shepard No. 1 turned out to be a flowing water well and Cola W. Shepard, on whose land the well was drilled has bought the remainder of the casing in order to save the water well. The water is of a temperature of eight-five degrees and flowing at the rate of five or six barrels a minute. It is thought to be similar to the sulphur water at Thermopolis and there is a better prospect of Colony becoming a health resort than an oil town.



by Mary Buchholz

an eight-point Sturgis lead to the tie.

Union Rejects GM Offer of 18 1-2 Cents Detroit

Feb. 12 – General Motors offered to settle its 84-day-old dispute with the CIO United Auto Workers today, but the company's settlement proposal was turned down by the union almost as soon as it was made. The substance of the GM offer was a wage increase of 18 1/2 cents hourly, but the union already had stated that it could accept no less than the fact-finding board recommend $ed - 19 \frac{1}{2}$ cents. Dewey says the union rejected the proposal in no uncertain terms, slightly belligerently in fact. Then the delegation walked out on the negotiating conference, informing Dewey that they would be available at their headquarters when he wanted to communicate with them.

50 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post Feb 13, 1971

The first of the new "America's Wool" six cent stamps has arrived in Belle Fourche and will go on sale at the local post office this morning. It was announced Monday by E. A. Bach, officer in charge. The stamp was first distributed at the National Wool Growers Convention at Las Vegas last

75 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post Feb 13, 1946

Sturgis Shatters Bron Title Hopes With 38-37 Overtime Win Linstrom, flashy Stur-

gis forward, snapped up the tip-off, whirled and shot. The ball zipped thru the net to shatter Belle Fourche's hopes for the conference championship and to give the Scoopers a 38-37 overtime win in one of the tightest battles of a season packed with hard-fought games. Last night's battle was particularly heartbreaking to the hundred of Bronc fans who jammed the gymnasium beyond the saturation point because Coach Frank Kober's boys made a sensational comeback in the final period, by overcoming



wool growers are interested, Harold Horman, president of the Western South Dakota Sheep Growers Association and P. J. Cook, a director was present at the announcement. Also present was Carl Cook with a sheep looking very similar to the sheep pictured in the stamp. Since the first shipment included only 5000 of the new stamps, Bach says they will go on a

LOOKING BACK B7



SAM B. JOHNSON: MRS. W.A. MITCHELL: 3rdROW: EVA WIDDOSS: CELIA FAULKNER: JAMES HENDERSON: GLADYS DEVENY: SUSIE CASE: W.A.MITCHELL: JOHN B. CASE: AMOS B. LOING: LON HOLT:

A group photo of Grandma Stevens' 102nd birthday party in Minnesela 100 years ago this week.







From B6 **Looking Back**

limited sale. Large orders will be filled from later shipments, expected at any time.

Congressman Abourezk Visit Belle Fourche residents of the area took Congressman Jim Abourezk at his word to visit Friday and stopped at the Community Room of the Bank

of Belle Fourche to meet their congressman. The congressman discussed individual items with those who wanted a conference, he passed the time of day with them who just wanted to say hello, and answered general questions from the group on subjects ranging from farm problems to the Vietnam war. Duane Wilcom, former Chamber president, who with Herbert spearheads the Rushmore dollar drive, showed Abourezk an exact drawing of the U.S. currency. Abourezk said he felt getting the places on either the dollar bill or the two dollar bill would be a boon to South Dakota. Abourezk is conducting a series of meetings in the area during the Lincoln-Washington birthday holiday congressional recess.

From A1 **RABA**

then the big thing I thought about was how much you need to build relationships with pretty much every stakeholder group there is; whether it be administration, parents, students or staff. I've tried to be grounded in building those relationships to make everything else fall into place."

It's been an especially challenging year for teachers and administrators and to be given the award during a year with unprecedented challenges is an accomplishment in itself. Raba received statewide notoriety last spring for an idea that began as a small thing to help students stay connected during the school shutdown. Along with his two sons Gabe, 12, and Ben, 9, they broadcast school announcements with a creative flair on Facebook to keep things light during the lockdown.

"And that was of course Mrs. Bavier's idea that we continue to do announcements every day because some of the students need that connection," Raba said. "And it kind of turned into begin a fun thing that my boys enjoyed getting involved with too. Ask just about anyone,



Family and staff gathered at a surprise reception Feb. 2nd to announce Principal Raba's statewide award. -Beacon photo

I'm a pretty goof ball anyway." The video's featured short

skits with various themes, such as rock 'n roll, country, Hispanic, classical, hip hop and even some satirical movie takes. The clips were featured on local news in both the Rapid City and Sioux Falls markets.

But the tables were turned on Raba last week when the school administration decided to hold a surprise reception for him to make a public announcement of the award. He was told to meet with Dr. Willard for a routine performance evaluation at the administration offices. Upon

arrival, a large group of school administrators and family surprised him, including his son Gabe who had known of the award for three days but kept it secret.

"Dr Willard had asked me to be over here for my evaluation meeting today which I thought was a little bit odd timing," Raba said. "I will admit that I was starting to wonder if there was something a little more to this meeting than what met the

Hopefully this should help when evaluation day does come.

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"-

by John Newby

Critical Focus Needed on Local Restaurants

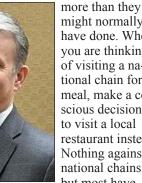
The famous Greek Philosopher, Socrates once said, "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." That statement has never been more true than today as we look at the state of the restaurant business during the age of

COVID. In many local communities around the country, many restaurants have already closed. Those local restaurants that haven't closed are either near their breaking point or approaching that point quickly. If there ever was a time to yell, "all hands-on deck", now is the time in the restaurant business.

If you get the impression this column is a call to arms for the entire community, then I have accomplished my task. While maybe not totally true 100% of the time, it is safe to say restaurants that have historically suffered due to poor management have in most cases already closed their doors. What is left today are restaurants that have resilient management, yet are being buffeted by the economic winds of COVID, leaving them vulnerable to joining the others already shuttered.

When I say the words "all hands-on deck", I am calling the entire community to task. Now is the time for each of us to step-up and be a true community leader in this effort. Don't get the wrong impression, this must be a two-tiered approach, one by the community at large and the other buy the restaurants themselves. Knowing that, let's take a quick look at what we must do immediately.

First, everyone in the community needs to commit to frequenting their local restaurants



John Newby

might normally have done. When you are thinking of visiting a national chain for a meal, make a conscious decision to visit a local restaurant instead. Nothing against national chains, but most have deep pockets on

a national level to weather this storm, your local restaurants do not. Remember when you spend at locally-owned, each dollar spent will be multiplied throughout your community 3-7X more than the national chain. This effort helps to save your local restaurants and also places your community on more solid ground. In a community of 10,000, just one extra visit a month, per person, spending only an average of \$20/pp equates to \$600,000 each month floating through the community, or \$7,200,000 per year based on only compounding 3X. How many local restaurants and jobs will that save over the next

year? Secondly, every local resident should either individually or as a family adopt a locally-owned restaurant. By adopt, we mean take them under your wing and frequent them often, get to know the owner and let them know you care about them and want to see them flourish. When you get to know the owners of locally-owned restaurants and any business for that matter, you learn they are your friends and neighbors. It becomes so much easier to help friends and neighbors in their time of need. Imagine 10,000 residents adopting a locally-owned restaurant?

Locally-owned restaurants also need to be in tune with their customer base. If your

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town is full of lunchtime sandwich shops, that isn't fulfilling the needs of your community. My community is a great example, we have many sandwich shops, but are forced to leave our community if we want a nice quiet atmosphere with linens on the table coupled with a nice steak. The community leaders need to work with local entrepreneurs and/or restaurants to develop locally-owned restaurants that meet the needs of the entire community. If all the local places close at 5-6PM, they are missing out on 70% of the restaurant business.

I could write another complete column of additional ideas a local community might incorporate into their local restaurant survival plans, but I suspect many communities have plenty of bright and forward-thinking people able to expand upon this list. Last week's quote was, "Every time you spend money, you are casting a vote for the

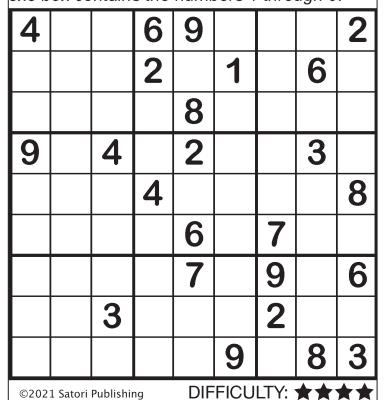
kind of world you want." Now is the time to cast that vote for your locally-owned restaurants.

One of the most critical elements to a successful community's ability to win this economic war is the cooperation with their local media. This an opportunity for the local media to shine, the local media must take this effort to heart and make a difference in their community. When the local media provides the education, reporting, interviews and marketing push to make this happen, the community along with the locally-owned restaurant businesses will be grateful. The local media needs a vibrant locally-owned business base to survive, what better a project than this in time of crisis for both the restaurant businesses and the local media companies?

John A. Newby, author of the weekly "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street "column dedicated to assisting communities and local media companies combine synergies allowing them to not just survive, but thrive. His email is: john@ 360MediaAlliance.net.

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600-700#
NI 3 rounds of shots

NI, 3 rounds of shots, 160 hfrs, 70 strs Todd Meccage-MT 190 blk mxd clvs 550-700#

BV, PC, NI, poured, no brands

Brad & Monica Anderson-MT

150 blk sim/red sim strs

775# PC

Austin & Kari Risty-SD

140 blk mxd clvs
650-700# PC, HR, NI, DF, AN

Clint Stinson-MT
120 blk hfrs
575-600# BV
MT Consignment
100 blk mxd clvs

500-550# PC

Landa Ranch-MT

100 blk/bwf hfrs
600# PC, NI, poured

C & N Livestock-WY

95 blk hfr clvs

525-575# PC, BV

DER CATTLE 12 PM

Kyle & Shelly West-WY

80 blk mostly strs
525-575# PC, NI, poured

MT Consignment

80 blk/red strs 900-950# **Brown Ranch LLLP-ND** 78 blk/bwf strs

800#
3 rounds of shots, poured, implant
Joe & Jane Burke-SD
75 blk hfrs
600-650# PC, NI, BV, poured

Johnson Family-MT
75 blk mxd clvs
500-525# AN, 3 rounds of shots
George Etchemendy-WY

60 blk strs
650-700# PC, on hay & cake
Massie & Blake-SD
50 blk/bwf/few red mxd clvs
500-600# PC, NI, poured
MT Consignment
50 blk/red spayed hfrs

900-950#

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Area high school rodeo competitors who took part in the Black Hills Stock Show 20X Rodeo (clockwise from top left) are Colton Shelley, Nisland who was 3rd in Bareback; Reese 'Rooster' Reder who finished 4th in bareback; Chloe Crago who competed in Breakaway Roping; Shaylie Holben Spearfish (Belle Rodeo Team) was 4th in Pole Bending; Natalie McCoy Belle Fourche was 3rd in Barrel Racing; and Kayden Steele Newell was 3rd in Goat Tying. Not pictured: Cade Costello Newell, 2nd in Saddle Bronc; In Steer Wrestling Grey Gilbert Buffalo was 1st and Logan Lemmel, Whitewood 2nd; In Team Roping: Dawson Kautzman, Capitol, Mt and Cayden Floyd, Buffalo finished in 4th Place. *Photos Courtesy of John Skogberg*







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District Buys New School Bus

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NEWELL - It's a new bus. Well, new to the school district in Newell, with only around 40,000 miles on it and is a gently-used 2019 model. The district has been looking for a while and has utilized a SD Clean Air grant as well as CARES (Covid) funds to purchase. That means they have much less to finalize the final amount.

Meanwhile they have to dispose of the oldest bus which was a 1998 model with over 245,000 miles on it. The district literally has to destroy the bus according to the grant parameters. It will be taken to an area where it can be disposed of, after a hole is drilled into the engine block to render it unusable, according to Superintendent Andrew Fergen.

The school is working on protocols for replacement of the

School Roundup C2

Roses to honor hearts for service



Fire Chief Stan Lewis handed out a rose to each lady present at the Nisland/Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue (NAVFR) annual meeting and dinner on Saturday in Nisland. From left, former Chief Randy Vallery, Rhonda Vallery, Lewis and Lisa Noziska. - Brunner photo

NAVR Annual Meeting Story on C2

Convention of States Presentation Draws Interest in Newell

But South Dakota legislative committee fails to advance the measure.

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NEWELL – The process starts by citizens identifying specific articles they'd like to see established as a Constitutional amendment and petitioning their state legislators to adopt a resolution to form a convention. Once those articles are established, 34 states have to agree to and adopt the exact same resolution to join the convention. Once a Convention of States is established, the states need to agree on the exact wording of the amendment 38 states have to ratify it for it to become a new amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This is according to the COS website.

"We were given this tool (by our forefathers), we haven't had to use it because we've been so successful (as a country)," said Fitzgerald. "This is our voice

folks." With the most recent national election and concerns over the fairness of the elections, as well as the things that have happened in the first weeks of the new

administration, Fitzgerald, and other "Captains" in local areas feel the time is now for this Convention.

A local meeting was held in Newell recently, as well as many others in the local area, with the three facets of the COS agenda presented. The three pillars include: Term Limits-for congress and unelected officials, Limit Spending-a balanced budget both in spending and taxation, and Limiting Power-original intent boundaries, general welfare clause, commerce clause, necessary and proper clause.

Since the project was launched in 2013 it has gained momentum, and 15 states have presented their agendas. If passed, the South Dakota COS would be the 16th state. That seems to be an issue though, since the measure failed just this past week in the South Dakota House State Affairs Committee meeting. The group heard testimony on HJR 5001, which is listed as a hot button issue particularly among Republicans.

Arguments and testimonies for and against for South Dakota to join the COS were heard in that committee meeting last Monday in Pierre. Initially a vote to adopt the resolution

failed, and a final decision to defer the vote to the 41st legislative day, will essentially kill the measure, at least for now.

The legislation has been brought up in past legislative sessions and this time failed by a narrow margin, 7 - 6.

Fitzgerald, and others like the packed room at the First Baptist Church in Newell on January 23, feels that the time has come to present this option. He said, no matter what happened in Pierre, the group will keep plugging away. He feels that government, overall, doesn't do a very good job of representing the people, especially at the grassroots level.

Convention of States C4



Harvey Fitzgerald made a presentation recently at the Newell Baptist Church about the Convention of States (COS). The measure for South Dakota to join failed last week in the South Dakota House State Affairs Committee meeting. - Brunner photo



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Lunch: Pizza Crunchers, California blend veggies, fresh fruit, milk.

Mon. February 15

NO SCHOOL.

Tues. February 16

Breakfast: French toast, sausage patty, fresh fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti pizza, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, milk

Wed. February 17

Breakfast: Muffins or cereal, fresh fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Corndogs, baked beans, applesauce, fresh fruit, milk

NAVFR Holds Annual Meeting Dinner

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NISLAND - The Nisland/ Arpan Volunteer Fire & Rescue (NAVFR) held their annual meeting and dinner on Saturday, February 6 at the new fire hall in Nisland. Around forty people were in attendance including department members and their spouses, as well as auxiliary members.

The meeting each year is basically a formality with the "meeting" portion limited to Chief Stan Lewis speaking briefly about the department's year in review.

"We had about a 20 percent increase in wildland fire calls, with 39 total calls during the year," said Lewis. Lewis said 50 percent of the total calls were wildland call-outs.

Lewis said he appreciated the fact that the department had quite a bit of "young blood," with six new members joining the department this year. Most all of those are currently in the process of taking the Firefighter I and II classes, which takes several weeks, as well as several taking a Wildland Class during the February 19-21 weekend.

"My encouragement to you (taking classes) is to stick it out," said Lewis. "It'll be worth it, even if it's tough."

Lewis also presented several department t-shirts to the new members, each with the logo on the breast and a special message on the back, reflecting the character of the person.

Auxiliary President Rhonda Vallery spoke about their year in review. She said they had held several fundraiser events, including the soup/dessert supper in January, pies for the Millar Angus bull sale, the

brisket feed in August and the annual Butte County Fire Protection Fire school. They also hold a bake sale each year in November at Runnings in Belle Fourche.

The ladies' auxiliary also provided concessions for the recent dodgeball tournament in

"When people ask us what we do with the money we tell them we spend it," laughed Vallery. "Actually, we do a lot of things with the funds, including buying water and trail mix for the rigs, dress blues (for the guys), stuff for the kitchen, and this year we paid half of the payment on the building (new fire hall)."

Vallery said they also bought a new coffee pot for the kitchen to be used for meeting nights for both department and auxiliary, commenting that they bought one with a timer, due to a pot being left on in the past. Laughter filled the hall at this.

We also want to encourage all of you to try to come to the movie nights this summer that we host here," she said. The movie nights, which were hosted on the cement apron in front of the hall, were sponsored by the Nisland Independent Community Church, and were free to the public.

The auxiliary had two new members this year, including Cathy Capp and Abigail Epple. They continue to make plans to support the department in every way possible.

Before the evening was over Lewis presented a rose to each lady/girl present in honor of their service to either the department or the auxiliary. The group enjoyed a dinner, supplied by the auxiliary including roast beef, potatoes, vegetable dishes, salads and desserts.

If you have Newell ~ Nisland ~ Vale calendar events you'd like to share please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenkbrunner@gmail.com with all the information.

NIC selling raffle tickets on two baskets. Drawing will be no later than March 3. Basket #1: 4 gray level tickets for the Sioux Falls Stampede hockey team, 16 oz Dot's Pretzels, 2 King size M&M's, 2 16.9 oz Dasani water, and 2 cow-

bells. Basket #2 includes Nerf football, Grab a Bubble, M&M's, a punch ball, a scribble slate, Pets coloring book, Minion's Mess-Free book, and 8 fruit snacks. Contact any Newell Improvement Corporation member for tickets.

For ANY school related activity-especially AWAY contests, please check the school website at newell.k12.sd.us. Events, dates, and times change according to information available at the time. You cannot necessarily rely on the school calendar that was handed out at the beginning of the year.

Newell School District will be having a screening for children 0-6 years old on Tuesday February 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the lower elementary on campus. Please register prior to the event by calling 605-456-0102. https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws. com/.../2021_screening.pdf

Feb. 4: GBB/BBB with Hill City at Newell 3

Feb. 5: State One Act Plays @ Brandon Valley-all day; GBB/BBB at Edgemont 1 p.m.

Feb. 6: ACT Test-all day; State One Act Plays @ Brandon Valley-all day; HSWR-BH

NEWELL - VALE - NISLAND Community Calendar

Classic at Hill City, 9 a.m.; Newell Cribbage Tournament, 2 p.m. at Newell Bar.

Sunday, February 7th, 4:30-6:00 will be Junior Leaders meeting at the Extension Office for face to face- mask

required meeting. A Zoom link is available if you would prefer.

Feb. 8: MSBB-with Lead at Newell 4:30 p.m.; School Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Multi-purpose room, City Commission meeting 6 p.m. at city admin offices.

Feb. 9: Science Fair at school-all day; GBB/ BBB-at Oelrichs 3 p.m.

Feb. 10: Science Fair-all day. Awards ceremony at end of school day.

Feb. 12: GBB/BBB with Timber Lake at Newell 3 p.m. Future Irrigators: During the ½ time of the boys JV game, the 1st & 2nd graders will play and during ½ time of the varsity girls game the 3rd & 4th graders will play.

Feb. 13: HSWR Badlands Classic at Kadoka 9 a.m.

Feb. 16: County Commission meeting at courthouse, 1:30 p.m., GBB at New Underwood 5:30 p.m.; MSBB at Harding County 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 18: GBB/BBB at Dupree 3 p.m.

Feb. 19: Father/Daughter Dance 6 p.m.

Feb. 20: MSBB-7th Grade Tourney at Hill City 8 a.m.; HSWR-Regions at Rapid City 9 a.m.; MSBB-8th tourney @ Newell 9 a.m.; BBB at Wall 4 p.m.

From C1 **School Roundup**

other buses as soon as replacement is needed. On the four routes the buses travel nearly 41,000 miles per year.

Several teachers have been working on unique teaching opportunities including Melissa Wood in the 5th grade, using science experiments to engage the kids. Elana Stalder is utilizing Class Dojo to communicate with parents and sending photos and other types of communications. See separate articles on these two teachers and their unusual teaching methods in the coming weeks in the Belle Fourche Beacon.

If you have noticed a young man jumping and running in the elementary playground, looking just like a big kid, that is Lonnie Johnston, who has been subbing at the school. He seems to enjoy his time working in the district and it's clear the kids are enjoy-

Newell has a student teacher in the elementary, working in the elementary. Her name



This 2019 school bus is brand-new to the Newell school district. It was purchased with CARES (Covid) funds and a SD Clean Air Grant. - Courtesy photo

is Molly Moes and she is a relative of someone in town and seems to be enjoying her time working in the district as well. A profile article will highlight her in the coming weeks.

Newell student of the month for December has been posted on the school website. Jaelyn Wendt is the named senior. She not only has personal initiative, but is kind and helpful to other students, according to her language arts teacher, Mrs. English.

"Jaelyn is an outstanding stu-

dent that is always smiling and telling jokes. She is driven to be successful and her attention to detail will keep her headed in the right direction. Jaelyn is a run toward the challenge type of person," said her basketball coach, Scott Wince. Middle school student is Michael Lawson.

"Michael is a model student in my class," said Anna Erk. "He is always kind to others and is quiet and respectful to his teachers and peers. He is generous and always shares his gum with others. He is a bright spot in my day, and I look forward to seeing his smiling face each day," said Luaine Shaykett.

"He is always eager to learn and strives to do his very best every day. He is kind to every one of his classmates, whether they are a close friend or not. He always has a positive attitude. I don't think I've ever heard him complain," said Mrs.

"Michael treats others politely, considerately, and respectfully. He is a cheerful and friendly young man who is very responsible, dependable, and fun to be around," said Cheryl McCann. Yates

Upper elementary student is Kiley Yates. "Kiley is a very hard worker in and out of class," said Mrs. Clements. "She is willing to help other students and doesn't ever get mad when she is corrected. I truly enjoy her in class and she is liked by all her classmates. Mrs. Clements.

The lower elementary student is Liam Raisenan.

"Liam is a kind-hearted boy. He is willing to share with anybody and includes everybody. He notices if someone is feeling left out and will welcome them into his activity. He always has a smile on his face and is excited about being at school and with his friends. He is respectful and listens well to the adults in his classroom and the school," said Principal Steve Schoenfish.

Four school board member spots are up for grabs. They include Tyrel Bonnet, Leann Gaer, Miles Burtzlaff and Chad Lawson. It is not known at this time if any of these candidates will run for another term. Petitions can be picked up at the school in the business office.

December Students of the Month



Students of the month for December 2020 include: High school Jaelyn Wendt, upper elementary Kiley Yates, lower elementary Liam Raisenan, and Michael Lawson. Courtesy photo



Nisland/Arpan Vlunteer Fire & Rescue gathered for their annual meeting photo. Back row from left: Bill Noziska, Jake Bachman, Fred Wells, Jeremy Butcher, Bill Heidrich, Martin Epple, Chief Stan Lewis. Front from left: Calvin Fickbohm, Randy Vallery, Colette Fickbohm, Ronald Fickbohm, Josh Kitzan, intern Parker Lewis and Colleen Brunner, Public Information Officer. - Brunner photo



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Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

February 23, 1911

The male quartet made a decided hit Sunday in their rousing renditions of "The Holy City" and "The Battle Hymn of The Republic". It was Lincoln's birthday anniversary and Rev. Leavitt delivered the address. Capt. Gaskell's speech on Lincoln was well appreciated.

Miss Cook's classes closed this Friday. All patrons in Sampont District will miss their bright-eyed school ma'am, especially her scholars. They all hope she will return to teach another term.

February 17, 1921

Leopold Brudell arrived in Newell from New Haven, Conn, last week to visit the Marks brothers. He was so impressed with this section that he has decided to remain and will open a harness and shoe repair shop, with temporary quarters at the Star Feed Barn. Mr. Brudell has worked at his trade with the government for several years.

S.H. Black and J.D. Franklin were down from Deadwood Tuesday and remained for some time on business matters. Mr. Black is connected with the Deadwood Creamery and Mr. Franklin has for some years back and recently been interested in creameries, etc. Mr. Black is much interested in the development of the dairy industry in this section and stated that at this time, Newell was shipping

out more butter-fat than any other point in So. Dak.

Bids for hay opened by the Reclamation Service totaled 13 and ranged from \$7.50 per ton to \$13.75 for loose hay and \$12-\$15 for baled hay delivered at Newell. Ernest Gardner was the successful bidder at \$8.91. Lower bids were rejected on inferior grades.

February 13, 1931

The Newell High School "Chinook" has reached the 10-year mile stone. It is very unusual to find a high school without a school paper. So 1921 the student body started a school paper and named it the "Chinook", all of us are acquainted with Chinooks, those warm northerly winds that drive away the snow and cold weather. Let our little school paper be a similar warm breeze, thawing the cold and chilly spots in our school. Let it be for the betterment of our school in every way

S.M. Knnteson has a large assortment of ladies' spring hats on display in the south room of the Newell Hardware Co. store. These hats are priced to sell. Come in and look them over.

C.E. Livingston and Mrs. O.E. Milberg have been soliciting in the South Hilan neighborhood for the car of foodstuffs which is to be sent to suffering people in Dardanelle, Arkansas one of the severest

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Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON news@bellefourchebeacon.com

Brrrrrrrr - winter has returned with a vengeance. Tuesday it was almost 60 degrees here. We heard the weatherman say that it was going to get really cold and Reub was feeling a little better after

having the flu for a few days so he and I hauled in three loads of cut logs that afternoon to keep the wood stove fired up. It's a good thing we got that done because it sure cooled off.

Tom and Mary Lu Holt have another granddaughter. Kayla and Landon Wood like in Manderson, Wyoming and their baby girl was born January 26 in Worland, WY. Little Olivia Grace weighed in at 8lbs 1oz and is 19 ½ inches long. She was the first baby of 2021 at the Worland hospital and joins two older sisters, Violet and Claire. She is also the great grandchild of Tony and Dorothy Holt. Congratulations to the whole family!

Casey and Taz went up to help Jeremy Stadheim load and ship his lambs Wednesday morning when the temperature was still 40 degrees. It had started to cool off by the time I went to Hettinger later that morning and the wind had started to come up. By the time I headed home around 2:00 it was snowing so hard I could barely see the road and the wind was howling! The highway was icy and I had to put the pickup in 4-wheel drive all the way home just to keep it on the road. I didn't see any wrecks on the highway, but there were sure a lot of tracks where vehicles had spun out and slid across the road, including one set of tracks that hit something that left blood on the highway. It was only 20 degrees when I got back in the house. Thursday morning the temperature was only 6 degrees and the woodstove sure felt good. With the cold weather we've been mostly staying in the house reading books. We just got done reading "West River Safari" by William Jackson

> again. It has fascinating stories about people in west river North and South Dakota. including some that we know.

Randy Vetter, age 66 of Bison, lost his battle with cancer and

passed away on Thursday at his home in Bison. Randy's funeral will be at 2:00 on Wednesday at the Bentley Building in Bison with burial in the Bison Cemetery. Randy was a great guy that helped us out several times. Randy was working for the state highway department when he saw a fire in our pasture east of the highway and he tore into the place to let us know about it and stuck around to help fight the fire. He had bunch of bentonite and when Reub needed some to fix a water tank, Randy gave him enough to fix several water tanks and wouldn't take any money for it. We're really going to miss Randy and his family has our sympathy.

Taz stayed home on Friday to do the chores and take care of the little people while Amanda went to a ZIYA conference in Deadwood over the weekend and Casey took the wrestlers to Fort Pierre for the tournament Friday and Saturday. Missy kept the kids at her house while Taz was doing chores, welding a break in the steel fence that the bulls tore up, and cutting us some more firewood. He took the kids up to "Nana" Starla Jenson to spend the night so he and Missy could get the chores done early Saturday morning before he and Jace Jenson went to a bull sale in North Dakota. Missy did the rest of the chores on Saturday all by herself. She

is one ambitious, caring lady! We don't know what we'd do around here without Missy looking out for all of us.

It was really cold when we got up Saturday morning with the temperature registering minus 15 degrees here! The high for the day was 3 degrees and that was the Coyote Calling Contest in Reva. We didn't hear that anyone froze to death but we were tickled to hear that Bill Holt and Doug Doll took third place with four coyotes! Next Sunday is Valentine's Day and Slim Buttes Lutheran will show the movie "I Still Believe" at the church Sunday evening at 6:00. It's a great movie based on a true life story with the example of true love

The Lutheran ladies will be quilting on Wednesday and Thursday and anyone interested is invited to come quilt with us. It's a lot of fun and good time for visiting.

and commitment.

It was 19 below zero when we got up Monday morning and the high of the day was only 3 degrees. The weather forecast sounds like it's only going to get colder for the next couple weeks at least, so get ready folks, winter has arrived!

Tiss Johnson sent me this years ago, but it sure seems fitting to share with you now:

It's winter in South Dakota, And the gentle breezes blow, Seventy miles an hour At twenty-nine below.

Oh, how I love South Dakota, When the snow's up to your

You take a breath of winter air And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful So I guess I'll hang around. I could never leave South Dakota 'Cause I'm frozen to the

ground!!



Then 'n' Now in Newell

drought regions. Most of our folks were able to do their little bit for folks who are worse off themselves.

February 13, 1941

A large crowd is expected to gather at the Vale Community Hall Saturday evening to enjoy an Iron Lung Benefit Jamboree & Dance sponsored by the Vale Community Club. Moneys raised will be contributed to the Butte & Harding Counties fund for the purchase of an iron lung. An evening of all kinds of games and prizes of mixed fun, including dancing to the music by Lewis Bishop and his orchestra of Rapid City. Co-operating to make the benefit affair a success will be the American Legion Posts of Newell and Belle Fourche.

A wedding of much interest in this territory occurred at Rapid City Tuesday afternoon when Charles Rank, popular young farmer of the Vale community and Miss Helen Grotzke of Enning were performed by Rev. Walz at Presbyterian mansion with Garrett Kimball and Miss Marietta Alexander, both Vale, attendants. Bride is daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Grotzke of Enning and groom son of Harry Rank of Pukwana, The couple will reside at Vale where he is engaged in farming.

February 22, 1951

The Arcade Theater is the second Newell business place to be receiving a face lifting this year. It is being attractively re-decorated. New lighting, including some very modern walls and ceiling fixtures, along with re-painting have brightened up the interior of the building and new carpeting is also to be installed, manager W.R. Pickard has reported.

Oliver G. Rose and Floyd Riggs, Newell were re-elected to President and Vice President respectively to the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project board at their annual meeting and Vern Hafner re-appointed secretary. In other action, the board voted to secure a short wave radio communication system which would be used in project maintenance and operation. It would include 2 fixed stations at Orman Dam and the Newell office and 12-15 mobile stations to be used in maintenance personnel and ditchriders.

Roxanne Viken, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Viken, had the misfortune to cut her leg last Thursday when she fell out of a swing at the Horse Creek School. The very deep cut was just above the knee and required 6 stitches to close it.

The 4-H Home Economics Club met Saturday afternoon at the home of Lou Ann Caton with 8 members and 1 guest present. After reciting the Creed, plans were made to sell stationary and greeting cards. A very good demonstration was given on button holes by Lou Ann. After the meeting a delicious lunch was served by Lou Ann assisted by her mother.

February 9, 1961 The Blue Line Drive-Inn on Highway 212 in the north part of Newell was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Kulisich, it was announced this week. Mr. & Mrs. Kulisich purchased the Blue Line from DeWayne Hayes, who formerly taught in High School here and ran the driveinn in the summer months. Mrs. Kulisich plans to run the drive-inn while Mr. Kulisich will continue too operate the

from the Newell Museum



This Valentine penny postcard was sent to Cecelia Sturgis, in Zeal, SD back in 1911. It was from Grandma. The card was printed and

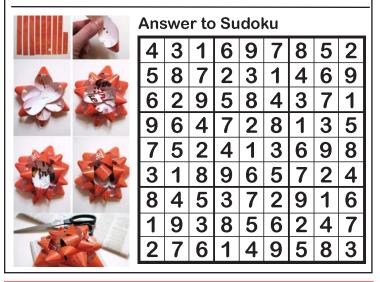
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Mr. & Mrs. Don Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Don Seaman, Mr. & Mrs. WHC Swan, Mrs. A.C. Erickson, Rev William Reitmeier and Mrs. Kenneth Wood attended a Cottage meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien Friday evening. The group had a productive meeting; discussed the Congregational Church with the United Church of Christ followed by a nice lunch.

South Dakota can expect a scarlet fever epidemic in February and March, said R.H. Ruffaker, Dept of Health epidemiologist. Most cases occur in children and not all victims have a rash. There is no vaccine against scarlet fever, antibiotics administered is helpful. Parents and teachers are cautioned to be on the alert for sore throats and temperatures among children. The disease is highly contagious and should receive immediate attention. Scarlet fever may leave serious after effects with inner ear infection, abscessed tonsils or rheumatic fever. Parents are reminded to make sure their children have been immunized for diphtheria, 14 cases have been reported this winter and expected to increase.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The bigger a man's head gets, the easier it is to fill his



From C1 **CONVENTION OF STATES**

At the Newell meeting, Keith Stokes agreed. "People need to stop living in the headlines," he said. His perspective is that most people read a headline and either believe false information, or don't get to the meat of the article, and it sways their opinion without them having the facts.

The recent gun legislation that has been presented at the federal level, a topic that was not addressed in the Newell meeting, but Fitzgerald did touch on signing a COS petition, to help protect 2nd Amendment rights.

"The NRA (National Rifle Association) cannot fight all of these by themselves," said Fitzgerald. "Many people are not happy about the current state of affairs (in Washington D.C.) but don't know what to do about it." He stated that the group is holding classes on the Constitution so that people can better understand their rights and exactly what it says. He hopes the group will help education the public as well as get South Dakota to approve a convention.

"We have \$28.8 trillion dollars of debt and unfunded

liabilities of \$156 trillion," he shared. Even if the nation "sold" its assets it could not cover the national debt.

"We are currently overspending by 25 to 30 percent and the wealth of America is around \$100 trillion," Fitzgerald said. In 1974 President Nixon took us out of the Gold Standard (meaning our currency was no longer backed by gold). Through a series of economic measures in response to the high inflation, the country started on a downhill slide where debt started outreaching the income.

In the past there have been over 400 attempts for a Convention of States, according to Fitzgerald. "They (found fathers) had to make it hard to change the constitution," he said, stating that amending the constitution for 'just anything' would not be a good thing.

'We've got to make something positive happen, especially with the fear people are feeling about the next four years," he said. "We need to take action or learn to like it."

For more information about the Convention of States or to sign the petition, you can access the link at https://conventionofstates.com/. You can also call him at 605-381-4090.

Newell Wrestling

Newell Grapplers on a Roll

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NEWELL - The Newell wrestling squad, although they number just four, are on a roll and scoring and placing well at recent meets. In Belle Fourche at their Invitational, they had three wrestlers hit the mats. Charlie Clements wrestled at 106-pounds. He did not place. In the quarterfinals he lost by all to Gage Anderson of Lemmon in 42 seconds. In the consolation round he lost to Riley Dighton by fall, after scoring 15

points. At 138-pounds, Chase VanDerBoom placed third and scored 16 team points. In quarterfinal action he won by fall over Isaac Foster in 2:20. In semi-final action he lost by decision, 9-5 to Perry Ketelsen of Sturgis. He beat out John Updike in the consolation semi-finals, by decision 21-4. In his trip to the mat for third-place, he won by fall over Mikael Grace of Custer.

Caleb McGregor wrestled in his quarterfinal match against Mason Schlup of Spearfish. He won by fall in 1:59. In semi-final action he won that match also by fall over Aiden Werlinger of Sturgis in 1:23. He nailed the first-place spot over Ryan Brink of Rapid City Stevens by fall in 4:58.

The Irrigators hosted their first home match, a Round Robin, on Tuesday, February 2. At 106-pounds Clements won by major decision over Luke Harris of Lead/Deadwood, 11-2. In his second round he wrestled Cash Schiley of Lemmon/McIntosh and lost by fall. Clements

placed second and scored 3 team points.

Blaise McGregor filled the 113-pound spot and in the first round he lost to Jakob Long of Faith, by fall. He lost again in the second round to Cade Costello of Harding County, again losing by fall. His third trip to the mat also saw a loss by fall as he was pitted against Tripp Schrempp of Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Dupree.

Chase VanDerBoom grabbed a first-place finish in the 138-pound bracket. He won by fall over Isaac Foster of Lead/ Deadwood and won by decision, 8-4, over Tristen Fierbach, also of Lead/Deadwood. He scored 7 team points.

McGregor also grabbed a first-place finish by beating Liam McCartney by fall in his first round. In his second round he wrestled Dylan Meade of Lead/Deadwood, by fall, scoring nine team points.

In the Black Hills Classic in Hill City, played on February 6, the Irrigators also did well. Clements won by fall over Asher Peterson of Philip Area. He also won by fall over Kannon Falken of St. Thomas More. In quarterfinal action he lost to Gage Anderson by fall. In consolation round Clements lost by fall to Riley Scott. Clements scored four team points. At 113-pounds, Blaise McGregor did not place. He lost by fall to Kipp Cordes of Philip Area in quarterfinal action. In consolation round one he had a bye. In consolation semi's he lost

by technical fall to D'Angelo Garduna of Belle Fourche. VanDerBoom scored 19.5

Newell Girls Basketball

Lady Irrigators Drop Close One to Hill City

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NEWELL - Thursday, Feb-

ruary 4, saw the Lady Irrigators pitted against a really good Hill City Ranger team. Both teams played well, but the Ranger's came away with the win. Both teams played an even

game with the quarter scores not that far apart. Newell started out ahead in the game, ending the first quarter up by only two, 15-13. Points were evenly spread among the girls with one each by Kim Johnson, Sydney Kjellson, Lexa Burtzlaff and two each from Jaelyn Wendt and Kayden Steele. Steele also put in one at the charity stripe after being fouled.

They were also evenly matched in the second quarter, with Hill City outscoring Newell by one, leaving the Irrigators up 26-25 at the end of the half. Wendt remained strong with two field goals in the period, while Burtzlaff and Kjellson both scored inside the arc. Meanwhile Taylor Gaer nailed one outside the arc.

Kassidy Weeldryer put her first points on the boards in the third period with two field goals and two of four at the free throw line for six of Newell's 18 points in the quarter. The other points came from Steele



Sydney Kjellson nails it after taking a pass from Kayden Steele in the Newell girls game with Hill City on Thursday night. The visiting team came away with a 61-53 win. - Brunner photo

with four points on two field goals and one field goal each by Johnson and Burtzlaff who also put in one of two at the line. The third quarter ended with the Newell ladies down 43-41.

The Irrigators started the fourth quarter with a shot fired inside from Burtzlaff to Steele inside, who nailed it. Weeldryer went to the line for two successful shots. Steele then stole the ball and drove down the court for two points and Newell was up by one, 47-46. Burtzlaff was able to hit for two, keeping the lead of three.

The lead flipped several times until the Rangers pushed the lead to six, eight and then nine, 60-51. Steele dumped in another bucket with 22 seconds on the clock. A free throw put Hill City up by 10, 61-51 but Newell managed one more shot. The final was 61-53. Q: N-15, 26, 41, 53. HC-13, 25, 433, 61. Burtzlaff-4/0/3-4/11, Wendt-4/0/0-0/8, Weeldryer-3/0/4-7/10, Johnson-1/0/0-0/4, Kjellson-2/0/0-0/4, Gaer-0/1/0-2/3, Steele-6/0/1-1/13.

Newell Boys Basketball -

Newell Boys Snag a Win at LMC Tourney

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FAITH-BUFFALO - The Newell Irrigators had a tough conference tournament. They played the high seed, Faith, the first night out in Faith on February 4 and went down by a score of 62-38.

In the first quarter Jameson Duncan, Ryan Hohenberger and David Morell all put two points each on the boards for the only scoring in the period for Newell. The end of first quarter score stood at 19-6, Faith.

Scoring stood pretty even in the second period, with the Irrigators hanging with the Longhorns, 16-14. Morell got a hot hand and put up four field goals as well as a free throw on a foul. Jaden Tennis nailed a trey and Colton Burtzlaff hit for one inside the paint. At the half-time buzzer the score was 35-20, Longhorns.

Newell actually outscored Faith in the third period with Duncan hitting two three-pointers, Hohenberger nailing one from outside the arc and one inside. Adding a field goal each were Morell and Will Juelfs, along with one of two at the charity stripe for Tennis giving Newell 16 points. Meanwhile Faith managed just 10, leaving the third quarter score 45-36, and giving hope to the Newell fans in attendance.

A dismal fourth quarter, however, with one solitary field goal by Morell, nailed things down for Faith, giving them the

win, 62-8. That sent Newell into the consolation round and a trip to Harding County on Friday night.

Q: N-6, 20, 36, 38. F-19, 35, 45, 62. Duncan 1/2/0-0/8, Hohenberger 2/1/0-0/7, Morell 7/0/1-1/15, Juelfs 1/0/0-0/2, Burtzlaff 1/0/0-0/2, Tennis 0/1/1-2/4.

Details are thin for the second game of the tourney as Newell took on Dupree at Buffalo. The two teams ended the first quarter with the Irrigators trailing the Tigers. The same was true of the half-time score which stood at 23-22, Dupree. The Tigers widened the gap in the third period to a 43-39 spread and pushed hard in the fourth period to grab the win, 60-52. That sent Newell into a match for 7th place.

Q: N-?, 22, 39, 52. D-?, 23, 43, 60. Duncan 4 pts, Morell 12 pts, Burtzlaff 8 pts, Hohenberg er 10 pts, Tennis 9 pts, Juelfs 9 pts.

Newell finally found their footing in the final game of the conference tournament as they took on the Bison Cardinals in Buffalo on Saturday afternoon.

The two teams came out evenly matched in the first period and ended up tied at 8-all at the end of one. Newell's points came mostly from free throws, with Morell tossing in three of four and Tennis going one of two. Morell and Burtzlaff also added a field goal each for the Irrigators eight points.

In the second period the Newell boys outscored their opponents 20-5, leaving the half-time score at 28-13. Hohenberger proved his worth nailing two treys and a field goal, while Morell hit from inside the arc for four points. Tennis added another trey and Juelfs tossed in two. The free throws really helped Newell as Duncan went two of four, and Burtzlaff also shot 50 percent with one of two.

The Irrigators remained consistent, scoring 20 points to Bison's eight in the third period. Hohenberger, Morell and Tennis all hit for two good field goals each, while Burtzlaff and Juelfs nailed one a piece. Other scoring came on three of four at the charity stripe for Hohenberger and one for Burtzlaff. That put the Irrigators up 48 - 21 at the end of the third quarter.

Bison outscored Newell in the fourth period by a total of 19 – 12, However it was too little too late and the Irrigators snagged a 7th place finish with a final of 66-40.

Juelfs took top scoring honors for that period with six points on three field goals. Tennis nailed a field goal and a three-pointer for five, while Duncan hit from the arc for three. Morell added a field goal and Hohenberger went to the line again for two of two.

Q: N 8, 28, 48, 60. B 8, 13, 21, 40. Duncan 0/1/2-4/5, Juelfs 5/0/0-0/10, Hohenberger 3/2/5-10/17, Morell 6/0/3-3/15, Tennis 3/2/1-2/13, Burtzlaff 2/0/2-7/6.





(Top) Caleb McGregor took down this Lead/Deadwood opponent in his quest for the first-place finish in the Newell Round Robin on Tuesday, February 2. (Above) Blaise McGregor nearly had his opponent pinned during the Newell Round Robin on Tuesday, February 2 before they ended up out-of-bounds.

team points and placed second in the Classic. In prelims he won by tech fall over Braden Temple of Sturgis Brown, 16-0. During quarterfinal action he won by fall over Isaac Foster of Lead/Deadwood and during the semifinals he won by injury

default over Mikael Grace of Custer, 13-9 at the 2:39 spot. In his match for first place, he lost to Thane Simons of Philip Area by decision, 5-3.

Caleb McGregor also grabbed a second-place finish and scored 18 team points. He wrestled

Mason Schlup of Spearfish and won by fall in the quarterfinals. In his match in the semifinals, he won by fall over Zayne Severyn of Custer by fall. For firstplace, he lost to Cody Donnelly of Philip Area by tech fall, 17-2, for the second-place spot.



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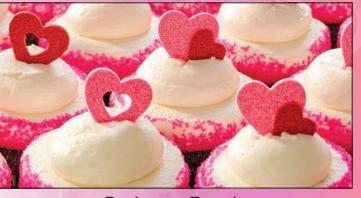
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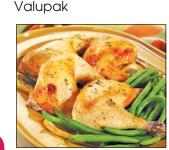
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