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Special City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche City Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 22 to discuss new Public Works employees and approve Resolution 17-2024.

The meeting began with the approval of Public Works Director Ryan Stedillie's recommendation to hire Michael Martell and Tia Williamson as Seasonal Laborers for the Cemetery/Parks Division of the Public Works Department. Both were approved unanimously.

Martell's starting date will be May 3 and Williamson's May 13.

The final order of business was the approval of Resolution 17-2024, a proposed plat that will create Lots 12A and a Utility Lot from Lot 12, Hat Ranch. The property, originally owned by Matthew and Cassie Pitman, was sold to the city for \$30,000.

The next city council meeting will be May 6, 2024.

High School Production Entertaining & Enjoyable



Freaky Friday Belle Fourche high school production cast and pit band members. Courtesy Jodie B

Belle Fourche School Board, New and Seasoned

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The Belle Fourche School Board will soon have two new members. In April, voters decided which candidates should fill three board vacancies. Election winners were Kelly Keegan, Meg McNeese and incumbent Tara Knapp.

In July, following the official swearing in, they will take their places alongside incumbent school board members Scott Reder, Dr. Faye LaDuke Pelster, Mike Tyndall, and Nita Justice.

All three women are eager to serve their three-year appointments and are well-prepared too. Each has demonstrated appreciation for the Belle Fourche community, dedication to children, and to the institution of education.



Tara Knapp

Tara Knapp is the most seasoned of the three and probably the most familiar. Tara was appointed in 2016-2017 at which time she served a one-year vacancy from 2017-2018. Since 2018, she has served an additional two terms.

Tara explained how her experience has prepared her for this new three-year term. "Every school year seems to provide different challenges, but I look forward to working with the board and dedicated faculty of the district".

Tara and her husband own and operate two restaurants in Belle Fourche, Dairy Queen and Subway. They have two daughters, one in middle school and one in high school. Tara likes outdoor activities, hiking, biking, boating, and camping with her family.



Kelly Keegan

Kelly Keegan has always been interested in schools and now she feels ready to take on what she regards as an important civic and personal responsibility. "I am at a point in my life where I have more time to give back to my community and schools." She explained. Kelly is the Deputy Butte County Treasurer. She and her husband Kevin are also ranchers with three children. Kelly enjoys spending time with her family, shopping, caring for pets, and reading.



Meg McNeese

Meg McNeese is interested in the best possible educational experiences for kids and is eager to learn how to facilitate positive outcomes for them. "I'm also interested in continuing to seek out and provide great opportunities for our kids after graduation." Meg and her husband Quillan are business owners. Meg describes her first job as "being a mom to three zany, goofy, wonderful, talented" girls. Her favorite thing is time with them and watching them "play hours and hours... and hours of sports". Meg also loves to run.

Belle Fourche High School performs Freaky Friday

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It was a very Freaky Friday (and Saturday and Sunday) at the Belle Fourche Rec Center last weekend.

Belle Fourche High School brought energy and talent to the stage with a modern take on the Disney classic, Freaky Friday, a clever and heartfelt musical about a tumultuous mother daughter relationship. Katherine Blake (Rose Sprigler) is a career driven mother about to marry again after the death of her first husband.

Daughter Ellie (Nyomi Woltkamp) is a spunky teen struggling with the loss of her father amid the chaos of adolescence – school, romance, a pesky little brother named Fletcher (Timothy Thompson) and a mom who means well.

By the end of the first song in the musical, the feuding mother and daughter have magically switched bodies – bad timing considering mom's wedding to fiance Mike (Brodie McNeese) the next day.

Determined to get through the day in each other's bodies, daughter Ellie must go about the day as a bride-to-be catering her own wedding while Katherine goes to Ellie's high school.

Comedy ensues when the pair find out one day in each other's lives is not as easy as they thought it would be. Both find out some things perhaps better left unknown – from tattoos to a secret cigarette habit. However, they also find empathy for each other.

Rose Sprigler was a constant source of laughs after her change in character from a doting, type-A mother of two to a slang speaking, slouching teen with attitude.

Her change in tone, singing, and posture, made the character change easy to follow and

hilarious. Nyomi Woltkamp likewise led the show with excellent vocals and comedic timing.

Timothy Thompson brought comedy with his portrayal as the annoying, yet endearing little brother along with Ellie's



In the play, mother (**Rose Sprigler**) and daughter (**Nyomi Woltkamp**) switch places via a magic hourglass. *Shreier Photo* cool guy love interest, played by Logan Willert.

However, from the leads to the chorus roles, every actor contributed to the fun loving, yet poignant nature of the show.

The band, directed by Micah Pennel, played almost

continuously throughout the whole show, kicking off with an 8 minute long opening song packed with dialogue, singing, and cleverly choreographed chaos.

One of the reasons why director Toi Lyn Flick and assistant director Nathan Schreier chose this play was because it accommodated the many talented female singers in the theater program.

"Plus," Flick remarked, "it's really funny!" Schreier remarked that modern shows bring an added level of difficulty: "There's more moving parts to contemporary shows, a lot of character and plot development that has to come across while the kids are singing and often dancing.

This is one of the best modern shows we've done." Flick agreed, saying she was very proud of the performers but wanted the kids to above all have fun: "That's the goal – that the kids have fun and make something they can be proud of."

Thanks Belle Fourche High School drama kids for an entertaining weekend at the theater!



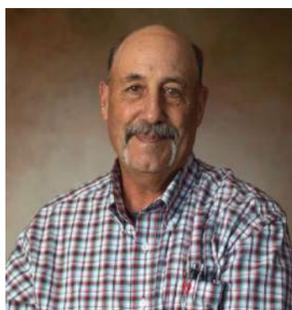
Little brother Fletcher (**Timothy Thompson**) is persuaded to return home by Ellie's crush, Adam (**Logan Willert**). *Schreier Photo* (Additional **Freaky Friday Photos A5**)

Re-elected Mayor Randy Schmidt Welcomes New Belle Fourche City Council

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Randy Schmidt looks forward to his office window view of Belle Fourche during the next three years. He likes what he sees from this vantage point, but he also can see what needs to be done.



Randy Schmidt

Schmidt takes pride in the town that has nurtured him throughout his life and is happy having the opportunity to serve the people of Belle Fourche for another term. Schmidt, who was born and raised in Belle Fourche, was reelected for a second mayoral term on April 9.

At the next city council meeting on May 6, when the recently elected members of the city council will be sworn in, Schmidt will begin his second term with an almost all new city council.

Schmidt's passion for the well-being of Belle Fourche resonates with each of the new council members and is a common theme among the group. Yet, each new member brings a degree of diversity to the table.

Tricia Fowler, representing ward 4 is the most senior member of the council. She was called



Tricia Fowler Ward 4

upon to fill a vacancy left by Rebecca Larson only last October. Tricia is a business owner in Belle Fourche and professional hair stylist. Her profession and life experiences have sharpened her acumen for leadership. Tricia sees infrastructure as a top priority in Belle Fourche. She would like to see the streets improved and in addressing working conditions for city employees. She describes herself as being open to listening and willing to learn.

Don Elliott who ran uncontested in ward 3, has a strong work background. He is a Navy veteran and a trained electrician. He has a degree in chemistry, has worked in the medical field,



Don Elliott Ward 3

road construction, and the oil field, often as a supervisor. Don describes himself as fiscally conservative. His goal as councilman

is to exercise fiscal responsibility with the taxpayers' dollars.

Rhonda Schild, elected by voters in ward 1 is a life-long resident of Belle Fourche.

Although new to the city council she is familiar with city government after many years of service as a fire fighter and EMT. Rhonda describes herself as tenacious and not easily intimidated. She owns a bar and is an established business woman. Rhonda's visions for her tenure on the city council are to be a voice for the people and to practice transparency.

Pam Somervold is a retired account executive. Prior to that

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Rhonda Schild Ward 1



Pam Somervold Ward 2



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Torrey Tope 34

Torrey Tope, 34 of Belle Fourche, SD passed away on April 22, 2024.

Torrey Lavern Tope was born in Belle Fourche, SD, on March 20, 1990, to Jay and Wilma (Allen) Tope. He attended grade school at Billup School in Otter, Montana and Four Oaks in Crook County, WY. He then finished his education being home schooled with his siblings. Torrey graduated in 2008. He worked on the family ranches and eventually started his own scrap business in Belle Fourche which he currently operated.

Torrey loved old trucks, singing karaoke and spending time with his family and friends. He always looked forward to finding new treasures and sharing his finds with others. Torrey loved all animals but especially owls and he collected owl art. Growing up he was very close with his siblings and they spent most of their time together exploring the outdoors, playing video games and laughing. He never turned away people in need or those less fortunate than himself. Torrey was always accepting of others. Torrey never let the life challenges of living with Aspergers, seizures and diabetes impact his independence or enthusiasm for life. He will be missed, especially his smile and kindness.

Torrey is survived by his parents, Wilma and Jay



Tope, brother Trent J Tope (Jordan Yates), Aladdin, WY, sister Taresha S Tope (Jermiah Speckles), Colorado Springs, CO, his loved nephew Vash Tope, Aladdin, WY, Grandmother Geraldine Allen, Kadoka, SD, Uncle Clarence Allen, Aunts Patsy Larson and Janis Allen and his dear friend William Duncan, Belle Fourche, SD.

Torrey was preceded in death by his Grandparents Bob and Mildred Tope, Moorcroft, WY, Beryl Allen, Kadoka, SD, and Uncles Larry Tope and Bobby Tope.

Viewing/Service will be on Monday, April 29, 2024, 3pm to 5pm at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Home, Spearfish, SD. Private interment will be held at the Tope Family Cemetery at the family ranch in Crook Co, WY. Celebration of life will be Saturday, May 4, 2024, 3pm to 6pm at The Back Porch, Spearfish, SD. A Memorial has been established to the Epilepsy Foundation

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at Home | Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Services



Eugene John Schlekeway 90

Eugene John Schlekeway, 90, of Spearfish, SD, peacefully left this world on April 23, surrounded by his loving wife and children. Funeral services will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish on Thursday, May 2nd at 11:00 am.

Gene was born on December 1st, 1933, in Sisseton, SD. He was raised near Lake City, SD, with his parents Raymond and Cecilia (Gangle) Schlekeway along with his ten brothers and one sister. During his formative years, his life on the family farm instilled in him a determined work ethic, and he learned the art of service to others. As a stellar high school athlete, Gene often would make those clutch shots and perform at his best when it mattered the most. After graduating from Britton High School in 1951, he attended Northern State College in Aberdeen on a three-sport athletic scholarship. Gene lettered in the sports of football, basketball and track all four years. He was a team player competing on 9 SDIC Championship teams and his crowning moment was when the 1953 Wolves won the championship in their undefeated season. While at Northern, he worked alongside his future mother-in-law in the cafeteria. Gene excelled as an athlete, but he won the heart of his soulmate Norma Jean Hansen and the two wed on March 5th, 1955.

Earning his BS in Education in 1955, he landed his first teaching job in Amherst, SD, where he taught and coached for one year. He then moved his young family to Britton, SD, where he taught and coached for the next 5 years. Watertown High School was his next assignment; during that time, he also earned his MS in Education from SDSU. To better support his growing family, he officiated sporting events gaining lifelong friends. Next, he accepted the position of head coach for the Black Hills State College football team. He held that title for 15 years. During his tenure he also served as head golf coach, assistant track and basketball coach. After his long coaching career ended, he continued his work as the Director of Residence Life.

Family meant the world to Gene, and he provided for his family in every capacity and supported his kids in all their activities. He served as a mentor supporting those he taught and coached, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of the many who were accepted into his extended family. Everyone who knew Gene knew they could count on him for guidance and support. He and Norma made Spearfish their forever home surrounding themselves with many friends where they were busy socializing and support-



ing the Yellow Jackets. For 11 years, a BHSU football player has received his scholarship. His legacy will continue to impact athletes for years to come.

Gene had a decorated career with notable accomplishments. With no wrestling experience, he coached the Watertown Arrows to a State Championship (1966). Gene was inducted into the Northern State University Athletic Hall of Fame two times, first for Athletic Excellence (1984) and second with the 1953 Undefeated Wolves Football Team (2023). Gene is also a member of two other Athletic Hall of Fames, the SDIC for Athletic Achievement (1983) and the Black Hills State Hall of Fame (1988). He and Norma were BHSU Swarm Day Parade Marshals (2019).

During retirement, Gene lived his best life chasing walleye on the Missouri. He camped and fished, often inviting family and friends on the boat giving them a Top Gun pro-guide experience. He shared his love of fishing and adventuring and traveled around the US pulling a camper enjoying all the beauty this country has to offer.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents Ray and Cecilia, his brothers Donald, Kenneth, Vern (Bobbi-sister-in-law) Jerald, Richard, and Doran. He is survived by his wife of 69 years Norma, and children Jack Schlekeway of Broken Arrow, OK, Bryan (Nelda) Schlekeway of Keota, OK, Jeanne (Michael) Brown of Sioux Falls, SD, Gary (Genevieve) Schlekeway of Gillette, WY, and Karen Schlekeway (Marshall Graves) of Belle Fourche. He is also survived by his siblings: Orion (Virginia) Schlekeway of Hillsboro, OR, Elaine Angone of Los Angeles, CA, Ronald (Marjorie) Schlekeway of Aurora, CO, sister-in-law Ginny Schlekeway of Watertown, SD, James (Marilyn) Schlekeway of Moberly, SD and Wayne (Jo) Schlekeway, Las Vegas, NV and sister-in-law Lauri Schlekeway, Lake Oswego, OR, his 10 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent in Gene's name to athletic foundations at NSU, BHSU or to Heartland Home Health & Hospice. FAITH...FAMILY...FOOTBALL



Gary Livermont 70

Gary Livermont, 70, from Sioux Falls South Dakota passed peacefully on April 19, 2024 at the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Gary was born on July 21, 1953, in Moberly, South Dakota, to Charles and Anna (Greff) Livermont.

Gary had two loves: sports and collecting memorabilia. He loved bowling and golf. He was so happy to retire because he knew it would give him more time to pursue these passions.

Gary is survived by his siblings: Donald Livermont (Anna Marie) of Sioux Falls, SD, Charlotte Burcin, of Bellefonte PA, Frances Sieler, of Alamogordo, NM, Robert Livermont, of Oxnard, CA, and twin sister: Mary Geersema, of Spearfish, SD. He also had many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews and great-grand nieces and nephews.

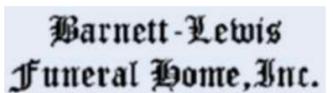
Besides his parents, Gary was preceded in death by



two brothers: Richard and Jerry; two brothers-in-law: Dale Sieler and Reginald (Reggie) Geersema; and two sisters-in-law: Mary Ann Livermont (Feiock), and Belva Livermont (Riter).

The family would like to thank the staff of Sanford USD Medical Center and Hospital of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls, the Sioux Falls Veterans Hospital, and Hospice, for the wonderful care he received. Military services will be held later this Summer 2024. In lieu of flowers,

please consider donating to your local hospice. A complete obituary is available at Barnett-Lewis Funeral Home - Sioux Falls, SD.



Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Tim Smith of First Baptist Church Belle Fourche



"Even If"

If you've ever noticed a sporting event when someone who is part of the winning team first gives credit to the Lord Jesus, you may have wondered, how would they have responded if they had lost the game? Would they have given credit to the Lord Jesus if they had lost? Would you give thanks to God even if the circumstances were less than you desired?

Being thankful in everything or in all circumstances is the instruction given to believers in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. It would seem to be counterintuitive to be thankful when the circumstances of life seemed to be negative. Yet, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we're to be thankful in ALL circumstances.

Why are we thankful, even in the negative? We're thankful that although we're struggling through trials and tribulations, we're not alone. Yes, the Lord is with us and nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:35-39; John 10:27-30)

The temptation that many, who follow the Lord Jesus, face is to either turn, walk or run away when things get difficult. Their commitment is based on the belief that if you follow the Lord then your life will experience abundance and blessing without difficulties. So, when they face great challenges they feel as if they've been abandoned and they've clearly missed out on the abundance that they believe was promised.

However, when you read through the Bible, you will

discover individual after individual whose commitment to following the Lord was even through the difficult times. Look at Job - who lost everything and yet said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

Or look at the example of David, who did not presume to be King, until God led him to the point of being ready.

There's also the example of the three young men in Daniel who although captives in a foreign land, their commitment to the Lord prompted them to be faithful even if it cost them everything. When they were faced with a test of bowing down to the image that the King set up, they chose to stand, and refused to bow.

Daniel 3:16-18 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." NIV

What about you? Will you trust in the Lord, even if the circumstances of your life aren't ideal? If you're facing great challenges, trials, or even suffering, don't forget the Lord has promised to 'never leave you, nor forsake you.' (Hebrews 13:5)

Genesis 6:3

Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

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SOUTH DAKOTA STAR ACTOR



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South Dakota actor Mo Brings Plenty has won fame as an actor portraying a top lieutenant of an Indian tribal chairman in the hit series "Yellowstone," which generally takes place with our neighbors in the west - Montana and Wyoming.

To those familiar with the series, the characters who visit Wyoming tend to become permanent residents.

His character is quiet but perceptive, tough and wise. He's not somebody you'd want to mess with.

Brings Plenty, 54, is a native of the Pine Ridge Reservation. He is winning growing acclaim.

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum awarded Brings Plenty with its New Horizon award during its

celebration in April. Besides acting, Brings Plenty ranches and doubles as a horse stunt rider.

"But above all," reads the citation honoring him, "he is a man who wholeheartedly believes in human kindness, and he trusts the good in humanity still exists and feels it just needs to be dusted off a bit.

Out of respect and honor for those who have come before us, Mo knows we have a profound obligation to leave a livable planet for those who will follow after we are gone, and he starts and ends every day with thoughts of how he and we can make the world a better place while we are here."

In addition to "Yellowstone," Brings Plenty has credits in the recently released "Jurassic World Dominion" and in Showtime's series "The Good Lord Bird."

From the Dakota Scout

Salem's Truman scholar

Since 1977, fewer than 60 South Dakotans have been awarded with a prestigious Harry S. Truman scholarship from the Truman Foundation. Salem, South Dakota, native Kayle Lauck is joining them.

Lauck was named a Truman Scholar as a junior at the University of Notre Dame. She was among five dozen scholars in this year's class, selected from 709 nominees submitted by 285 institutions.

The McCook Central High School graduate is majoring in political science. According to her award biography, "Kayle is passionate about improving rural mental healthcare access and worked with South Dakota State University Extension to distribute mental healthcare vouchers and coordinate sui-

cide prevention training.

She also co-founded South Dakota College Connections, an organization dedicated to aiding South Dakota high school students navigate the college admissions process." She is also active in agricultural issues and interned with the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture. She has studied in Poland, Israel and Ireland, and she intends to return to South Dakota.

The Truman Foundation was created by Congress to honor the 33rd president of the United States. Truman had no college degree, and rather than ask for a library or some other brick-and-mortar institution, a foundation was created in his name to honor scholars who are dedicating themselves to a life in public service."



Kayle Lauck

Perils of Punitive Planning

In international news, communist China is learning about a basic market-based economic concept known as supply and demand.

The price of brides - especially those women in the countryside - has risen to "astronomical" levels, Human Rights Watch reports, because there are many more men than women. Demand for limited resources increases the value of that resource.

That's a consequence of China's 25-year one-child policy. Alarmed over its growing population, the not-so-sage leaders of the Chinese Communist Party implemented a punitive policy

that penalized most couples that had more than one child.

It proved to be a classic case of central planning run amok. Traditional Chinese culture prioritized male offspring, and the one-child policy incentivized couples to abort female fetuses. So now a society in which there is an unhealthy overabundance of males faces a demographics crisis.

The central planners didn't see the problem until it was too late. After abolishing the one-child policy in 2015 and implementing a two-child policy, the government then pivoted to a three-child policy. Didn't work. The birth rate has

not rebounded, and China's population level is flirting with free fall.

The government has responded with more "technocratic solutions." The solutions include more maternity leave, cash handouts and housing benefits to couples who procreate. Yet it hasn't been working.

"For this generation of women," writes Maya Wang for Human Rights Watch, "many are unwilling to turn their bodies on and off depending on the needs of the state.

The government's pivot from a coercive to a supportive model of birth control has thus come too little, too late."



Notice of Deadline for Voter Registration

Voter registration for the Butte County Primary Election to be held on June 4, 2024 will close on May 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election.

If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at 605-892-4485.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and

those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at (www.sdsos.gov).

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Annie Capp, Auditor Butte County

Notice of Primary Election

A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday June 4th, 2024, in all the voting precinct in Butte County.

The election polls will be open from seven o'clock a.m. to seven o'clock p.m. local time on the day of the election.

The polling places in each precinct of this county is as follows:

- BelleFourche-Precincts#21,#22,#23,#24,#25,#26,#27,#28- Belle Fourche Community Hall
• Fruitdale Precinct # 17 - Belle Fourche Community Hall
• Minnesela Precinct # 16 - Belle Fourche Community Hall
• Romans Precinct # 11 - Belle Fourche Community Hall
• Castle Rock Precinct #06 - Newell Community Hall
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Arbor Day at the Middle School

Meg English

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Arbor Day is not day that should be overlooked. That was certainly the case at Belle Fourche Middle School last week.

Arbor Day is an annual celebration of planting trees that occurs on April 25. During the past half century the Arbor Day Foundation has encouraged the

nurturing of trees. Trees help to promote a healthy natural environment and they slow the process of global warming.

In honor of Arbor Day, BFMS students participated in an Arbor Day Foundation sponsored essay and poster contest capped off with a tree planting ceremony on the school grounds. Essay contest winners were Adri Bishop, 1st place, Sawyer Stone, 2nd place, and Ivy Olsen 3rd place. Addy

Clem was the poster contest winner.



Adri Bishop reads from her 1st place winning essay. Courtesy Photo



Middle School Students gather outside as Josh Larson & Melanie Williamson plant trees, just before the spring rain storm. Beacon Photo



Mayer Randy Schmidt, Addy Clem, Ivy Olson, Adri Bishop, Sawyer Stone, Mel Williamson, Sarah Raber. Courtesy Photo

Genealogist of the Year

Mary Buhholz

Special to the Beacon Genealogist of the Year was awarded to Pat Engebretson of Belle Fourche at the state annual meeting of the SD Genealogical Society held in Belle Fourche on April 20, 2024. Pat has been a genealogist for well over 40 years, researching her own family with their ties to both Scotland and Ireland. She has also helped many others with their family history.

Pat Engebretson was the head librarian of the Belle Fourche

library for 38 years and answered many many queries for those who wrote or came into the library searching for their family members.

Pat loves genealogy and is president of the local Tri-State Genealogy Society

Pat has written several family books about her family for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren so that they would come to know the stories of those who had come before her so her descendants would learn to know and care about their ancestors.



Pat Engebretson

From A1 Election

she was a legal secretary for law firms in Belle Fourche and Rapid City. A graduate of the BFHS class of 1974, Pam describes herself as a "get-r-done" girl! She is eager to volunteer and give time to other people, organi-

zations, and those in need. Born and raised in Belle Fourche Pam would like to see unity in Belle Fourche city government.

All council members refer to Belle Fourche as home.

Although relatively inexperienced in the processes of city

government each of the new members has demonstrated tenacity, empathy for others, and desire to serve. Each has expressed commitment to transparency and responsible use of taxpayer's dollars.

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- May 4 - First Saturday Brunch - Museum
- May 4 - Live Music @ Hitching Post
- May 6 - BH Farmers Market Distribution
- May 6 Customer Service Seminar
- May 6- City Council
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- May 16 - Chamber Mixer
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You're invited to help celebrate the hard work the Belle Fourche FFA kids have put in this year.

WHERE~ Belle Fourche Community Hall
WHEN ~ May 9th @6-7
 A Dance will be followed starting @8
 Hope to see you there!!




Rose Sprigler & Nyomi Woltkamp as mother and daughter or at this point are they daughter and mother? *Sentel Schreier Photo*



The search for the missing hour glass that may change them back is at last successful. *Sentel Schreier Photo*

"Random Draw" Winners



April 14 the BF Rec Center hosted its first "Random Draw" volleyball tournament. Players were randomly drawn and placed on coed teams. It was a fun day! The Rec would like to thank Jon Henderson & Cheyenne McTaggart for bringing the idea and helping with the event. Tournament Winners were team "Blue": Nick Krcelic, Mike Ryan, Jon Henderson, Chrissy Montgomery, Karlee Gusso, and Kim Terrill. *Courtesy Photo*

Freaky Friday Photos



Freaky Friday pit band under the direction of Micah Pennel. Lucy Cole, Lorelei Seaman, Arian Richter, Carlie Reeves, Tyce Hostetter, Tony Knappen, Conner Johnson, Maddy Howard, Lily Tippman & Merik McNeese. *Jodi B Photos*



Adam (Logan Willert), the coolest guy in school has the rapt attention of admiring classmates. *Jodie B. Photo*



Ellie, the daughter, in body of Katherine (Rose Sprigler) just before detroying the wedding cake. *Jodie B Photo*



Cast and crew with Directors Toi Lyn Flick & Nathan Schreier, band director Micah Pennel & Piano and Accompanist Lucy Cole. *Jodie B Photo*

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Spring does not just bring May flowers - it also brings beautiful spring concerts! The Belle Fourche High School & Middle School will be showcasing their talents throughout the upcoming weeks.

Area actors are invited to attend AUDITIONS for Agatha Christie's **Murder on the Orient Express** on May 6 & 7 at 6:30 PM in the Dakota Room of the BF Rec Center. Practices for the production will begin May 13, and the performances will be June 28, 29, & 30. I will be sure to collect more information on how this well-known mystery will come to life on our local stage in just over two months.

Audiences loved the BFHS Theater spring musical, **Freaky Friday**, last weekend! Watch the Beacon for a full review of the show coming soon.

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater's LATEST AUDITIONS for Agatha Christie's **Murder on the Orient Express** will be on May 6 & 7 at 6:30 PM, practices begin May 13, and the play will be on stage June 28, 29, & 30

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

May 2: BFMS Band Concert, 6:30 PM @ the BF Rec Center Theater

May 5 & 6: 6:30 PM, BFACT AUDITIONS for **Murder on the Orient Express**, Dakota Room @ BF Rec Center

May 6: BFHS Band & Choir Concert, 7:00 PM @ the BF Rec Center Theater

May 14: BFMS 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Choir Concert, 6:30 PM @ the BF Rec Center Theater

May 18: BFHS Graduation, 10 AM

June 28, 29, & 30: Agatha Christie's **Murder on the Orient Express**.

August 16 & 17: BFACT presents - The Live Radio Play: **Sherlock Holmes & the West End Horror**.

October 10: the 3rd Annual Getting Our Acts Together: **A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts**.

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Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!

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VIEWPOINT | South Dakota Legislature bans ranking, then uses it



Joe Kirby

Joe Kirby
Dakota Scout GUEST POST

Every summer the South Dakota Legislature commissions a limited number of studies that lead to possible legislation the following year. This year there was an abundance of ideas for possible topics to be studied, including studies on prison funding and design, property taxes and the Legislature's role in regulating artificial intelligence. Legislators were asked to rank their preferences 1 to 5 from their favorite to the least favorite.

Ranking seems like such a reasonable and intuitive way for people to express preferences when there are multiple options to choose from.

But wait a minute. Isn't this the same Legislature that banned ranking only last year? Nationally, the Republican party has generally been opposed to ranking since former VP candidate and Fox news pundit Sarah Palin lost her comeback election in Alaska.

She couldn't adjust her partisan pitch and broaden it to appeal to a wider group of voters. So, she failed in her bid for Alaska's lone house seat. Since then, the party has worked to prohibit ranking in several red states. And our state's Republican leaders were apparently an easy sell.

On March 21, 2023, Govern-

nor Kristi Noem signed a law prohibiting the use of ranked choice voting.

In a Twitter post she said, "Ranked-Choice Voting will never be part of South Dakota elections." Hmmm. Apparently, the ban doesn't apply to the Legislature.

But not all Republicans are toeing the line. In Virginia, the party used ranking at its convention to nominate competitive candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. All surprised their Democrat opponents with upset victories in the general election. Virginia Republicans apparently know that there's a lot to like about ranking.

Ranked choice voting eliminates the spoiler effect, avoids the need for expensive runoff elections and promises to produce winners who reflect the will of the people. Ranking doesn't benefit either political party more than the other. It doesn't necessarily change who runs or who gets elected. But it does tend to improve candidate messaging and motivation.

The main champion of South Dakota's 2023 ranking ban was state senator John Wiik, chairman of the state Republican party.

In an email to me about my support of election reforms Wiik said, "I can only believe that destroying the Republican Party is your sole objective." Nope. I am and always have been a Republican and do not want to hurt the party. But I believe our current voting systems should be improved.

If your definition of democracy is that you and your like-minded friends can vote, but you don't care much about whether others can, what you really support is privilege. And if you think election reforms like ranking are a threat to your party, perhaps you need to reflect on why you fear that. The conservative party should be able to thrive in our state based

on its ideas and policies, not rigged election systems. Ranked choice voting is not a threat to the political parties. It is an election method in which voters rank candidates for an office in order of their preference (first choice, second choice, third choice, and so on). If a candidate receives more than half of the first choices, that candidate wins, just like in any other election. However, if there is no majority winner after counting the first choices, the race is decided by an instant runoff.

The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and voters who ranked that candidate as their first choice will have their votes count for their next choice. This process continues until the majority winner, a candidate with more than half of the vote, wins.

Ranked choice voting eliminates the need for runoffs in multi-candidate elections. It also lowers the tone of the rhetoric in campaigns. Effective candidates learn to cooperate with similar candidates. That's where candidate Palin stumbled in Alaska.

Civility was apparently not part of her game plan. Ranking probably wouldn't change much in South Dakota's statewide elections. Where it could be most valuable in our state is municipal elections where it is not uncommon to see three or more people vying for a single office. In Sioux Falls, for instance, mayoral elections can attract a half dozen candidates and historically there have been some odd results caused by the imperfect system currently being used.

At any rate, I am pleased to see that the South Dakota Legislature is awakening to the idea that ranking can be an effective means for voters to express their preferences more fully when there are multiple choices. This column originally published at SiouxFallsJoe.com.



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September 26th - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 3rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 10th - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 17th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 24th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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November 7th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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November 21st - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 28th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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May 31st - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Wellness Fair 2024

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The tenth annual Belle Fourche Recreation Center Wellness Fair drew many visitors despite the warm spring weather.

At this year's event 29 vendors participated including Monument Health's wellness labs and a Vitiligo blood drive.

Other vendors including service groups, non-profits, and local businesses provided information on their services products. Program Coordinator, Tessa Anderson-Voyles said

attendance was strong again this year strong with 225 people in attendance.

Tessa said the fair is offered every April and the Rec is always looking for more vendors. "We look for vendors who cover all areas of wellness and services that promote self-care."

The fair draws vendors from traditional health care practices such as physical therapy, chiropractic, massage, dentistry, to name a few.

There are also non-profits available to explain their or-

ganizations and how to benefit from them. There are also vendors who sell organic foods, cleaning products, water filtration systems, and other health related items.

The Rec Center also provides fitness equipment, balance boards and an activity table for children. There were many healthy snacks and giveaways as well. Anyone who is interested in getting on the contact list for next year's event can contact Tessa at 605-892-2467 or tessa@bellefourche.org.



Birdseye view of Wellness Fair at the Belle Fourche Rec Center. Courtesy Photo



Belle Fourche Recreation Center Representatives greet wellness fair visitors, left to right: Brianne Fox, April Stuart, Addison Olson, and Colleen Anderson. Courtesy Photo

South Park Elementary School Spring Literacy Fair

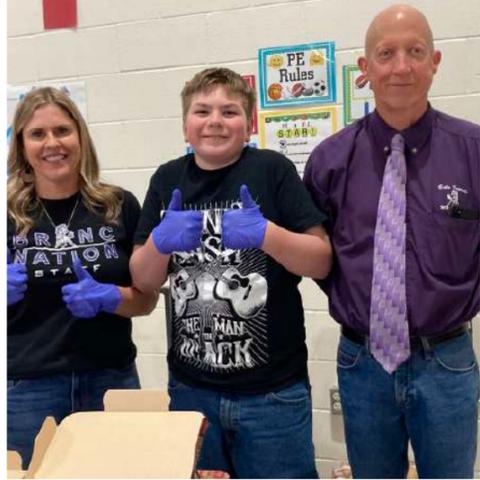
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Reading, family time, and warm spring weather were celebrated at the spring K-8 Literacy Fair held recently at South Park Elementary School.

The Literacy Fair is an annual event for all elementary and middle school students and their families.

There was plenty of poetry and pizza, books for sale, books for giveaway, games, activities, and a poetry contest.

Several local authors were also present. The event was well attended.



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DOOLITTLE SAYS NO U.S. PLANES LOST IN JAPAN Hoots at Jap Claim That Nine Were Shot Down.

Washington, May 20 1942
Those nine American bombers the Japanese claimed to have shot down during last month's sensational raid over Tokyo turned out today to be as mythical as the Shangri-La from which President Roosevelt said they came.

Brig. Gen. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, revealed yesterday as the leader of the squadron that blasted a 40-mile path of fire and destruction through Japan on April 18, declared that all the bombers reached their destinations safely. Told, after President Roosevelt had presented him with a congressional medal of honor for the feat, that the Japanese claimed to have one of the American planes on display, the sparse-haired 45-year-old former speed champion hooted. "The Japanese do not have one of our planes on display," he said. "They may have painted up one of their own to look like ours, or they may have gotten an American plane from somewhere else, but not from us."

He declined to discuss a Russian announcement that an American plane had landed in Russia shortly after the raid and been interned.

He likewise declined to give away the closely guarded secret of from the raid planes took off.

Belle Fourche Man Was Among Fliers Who Raided Japan Former Athletic Star From Belle Fourche High

May 20 -- In the pilot's seat of one of the North American B-25 bombers which roared over Tokyo April 18 to spread destruction upon Nipponese industrial centers and fear throughout Japan was Lt. Donald Smith son of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Belle Fourche, the war department revealed last night. Names of all 79 men who participated in the daring action were not disclosed, but Smith was one of the 35 who were listed as taking part. Where these men are now located was not disclosed by the war department. To Son Smith, along with the others will go the distinguished service cross, press dispatches indeciate. Smith is one of several Belle Fourche men now seeing active service in the air corps of the Army or navy. He was graduated from the advanced army air corps training school

at Kelly Field, Texas, in March, 1941, has since been stationed at various points throuth the country. Word of his whereabouts has been unknow for many weeks. A graduate of Belle Fourche high school, Don, husky, sand-haired, left behind him a brilliant athletic record here, and went on to more achievements at South Dakota State college, Brookings, where he was a mainstay center on the Jackrabbit grid squad for years. Two very happy people last night when they heard of Don's accomplishment were Dr. and Mrs. Smith. Pride and joy rang in every word as Don's mother discussed the report.

82 years ago
The Northwest Post
July 6, 1942
4,000 Attend Belle Rodeo Belle Fourche, July 6 -- The gray dust of the Belle Fourche Roundup arena swirled during the afternoon of the Fourth as cowboys showed their stuff for the benefit of 4,000 persons.

The small-scale one-day rodeo, held this year in place of the annual three-day Black Hills Round-Up, was highly successful. J. F. Koller, Round-Up secretary, said. Many of the thousands of persons who were in town for the event "hated to go home," staying until 3 a.m. in the morning, roaming around the town and dancing on the open-air floor. Special guest at the rodeo was Lt. Don Smith, a Belle Fourche boy who flew over Kobe, Japan, with Gen. James Doolittle's raiders in April. He was interviewed by Frank Thomas, president of the Round-Up association.

82 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
Nov. 19, 1942

Lt. Don Smith, Tokyo Bomber, Killed in Action in Europe State College Graduate and Son of Belle Fourche Veterinarian Won DSC for Work Last Spring
Word was received here Sunday that Lt. Don Smith of Belle Fourche, DSC winner for the bombing of Tokyo with General Doolittle last April, was killed in action Saturday in a flight over western Europe. Only last week his mother had received word of his safe arrival at an unnamed foreign destination. **Wife Gets Notice** His wife, at San Antonio, Tex. Received official notice of Smith's death Saturday night, and on Sune telephoned his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A.W. Smith of Belle Fourche. Smith was a graduate of State college, Brookings



by Mary Buchholz
and following his graduation won his wings in the army air corps at Kelly field, Tex. While at college he played center for three seasons with the State member of the 1939 team which tied for the conference championship. In his studies, he majored in poultry. While on leave after the Tokyo bombing and the winning of a hero's honor he expressed the hope that he would soon be able to return to South Dakota to become a poultry raiser.

82 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
Dec 27, 1942
Father of Don Smith Dies At Belle Fourche

A. W. Smith, father of a World War II hero, died at his home late Thursday following a long illness. He was a World War I veteran. His son was Capt. Donald G. Smith, one of Major Gen. James Doolittle's Japan raiders, who was killed over western Europe last September. Surviving are his wife and an infant granddaughter. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

76 years ago
The Belle Daily Post
August 17, 1948
Belle Fourche Rites for Capt. Don Smith Services Set Saturday for Tokyo Raider, State College Center.

The body of Capt. Don Smith who was killed in a plane crash in England during the war, will be returned to Belle Fourche this week for reburial service. Funeral service have been set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Congregational church. Smith received the Distinguished Flying Cross for participation in Gen. Doolittle's raid on Tokyo. He also received the Military Order of China from Madame Chiang Kaishek. In August of 1942, Smith was ordered to England, where he was killed in a crash on November 12. He had been buried in the Brookwood cemetery in England. Capt. Smith was a star center of the State college Jackrabbits. He was graduated from the Brookings school before joining the service.



Capt. Don Smith



Capt. Donald G Smith grave stone. Courtesy Photos



"The Belle Fourche Daily Post"
NEW QUARTERS -- Traditions has moved north and across the street into their new store in the Don Pratt Professional Building on the corner of State Street and Seventh Avenue. To celebrate the grand opening, the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the dress store Thursday. Left to right--Marcella Moore, Peggy Larrabee, Leo Giacometto, Roxanne Dawkins, Shari Wierzbicki, Kevin Whitelock, Mayor Chuck Snoozy, Ed Goss, owner Nancy Pummel, David Pummel, Donna Quinn, Annette Nelson and Joan Pasco.

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Hi Neighbors,

This is Kate Crowley Johnson running for District 31 State Senate. I am a 5th generation Lawrence County citizen. I will carry my ancestor's homesteader and pioneer spirit with me to the SD Senate. This inherited spirit will give me the grit and innovation that is needed in our Senate.

I am a champion for lower property taxes and fair taxation. South Dakota Ended it's 2023 Fiscal Year with \$96.8 Million Surplus and at the beginning of 2024, SD had a total surplus of \$336 Million, yet there has been no significant relief on taxation to the private citizen. Randy Deibert voted against SB 167. This bill would have limited annual property tax valuation increases on owner-occupied single-family dwellings, but instead he voted for no tax relief. The current property tax formulas seem to always increase yet rarely go down.

I have children and grandchildren and fully understand the priority of protecting family values and children. I am for prohibiting state resources for lewd/lascivious content no matter the sexuality. Deibert voted against HB 1116. He Permitted the Misuse of public funds/property for lewd/lascivious content.

I am a protector for private property rights! My mission is to protect the rights of property owners and ensure that their land remains in their hands, free from unjust seizures by safeguarding South Dakota family homes, small businesses, and farmers. Deibert voted for SB 201, and this destroys local control. It overturns ordinances passed legally by the counties and leaves our entire state vulnerable with ZERO setbacks for CO2 pipelines. This sets a dangerous precedent.

Regarding fiscal responsibility, I have the ability and skills for strong financial analysis. Growing up on a bison and cattle ranch I learned how to spend wisely. The large expenses and limited cash flow in the agriculture industry pushed me to be innovative and to examine spending. I have worked in the trucking, logging, mining, and banking industry as well and this diversity gives me an all-around perspective. I will always be a defender of the private citizen's rights. The Freedom Index rates members of legislature based on their adherence to constitutional principles, limited government, and fiscal responsibility. Deibert scored very low with 33 out of 100 points. Having similar principles SD Citizens for Liberty have Deibert scored low at 38.1%.

Deibert voted for HB 1193. This enabled transition to Central Bank Digital Currency; redefined 'money' to which would have enabled the government to directly control individuals with social credit scores. I do not believe in Central Bank Digital Currency nor social credit scores. I believe in free choice on crypto currency. I hope that less people will donate to Deibert in the future and confront him on his terrible voting record! Just because someone is pleasant to be around does not mean they are not selling out your rights and making bad decisions. It just keeps compounding with corruption at Pierre. I request that if you are a good person with conservative values to consider running for office in the future. I chose to start this campaign to educate others who are too busy in life to realize that our current representation at Pierre is not good! Please pass the word around and share my letter to others on my platform and values since I do not intend on spending a lot of money on a campaign.

Donations no matter how small, are greatly appreciated and welcome. Unopposed candidates are given permission to do whatever they want, like an appointed lord instead of an elected representative! Communism is knocking at our door, and I am saying not on my watch as a Mother and Grandmother.

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Monday	May 6	**Rapid City Christian**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Saturday	May 11	**Platte/Geddes** (in Rapid City)		3:00pm
Saturday	May 11	**Rapid City Christian**		5:00pm
Tuesday	May 14	**St. Thomas More**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Sun/Mon	May 19/20	Regionals #1 & #2 seed hosts		TBD
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	49	Blk/Bwf-Brd Bm	1367	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
	49	Blk/Bwf-Brd Bm	1357	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
	22	Blk/Bwf-Brd Sm	1205	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
	30	Blk/Bwf-Brd Bm	1207	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Trevor Garman, Belle Fourche SD	45	Blk/Bwf-Brd Bm	1304	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Otto Schlosser, Hulett WY	6	Black-Brd 3/4	1399	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00
	3	Black-Brd 5/6	1512	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
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Mcdonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1665	\$137.50	\$2,289.37
	3	Black-Cow	1282	\$139.50	\$1,787.92
	2	Black-Cow	1285	\$137.00	\$1,760.45
Roy A Boldon, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Black-Hfrt	950	\$180.00	\$1,710.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1350	\$139.00	\$1,876.50
Wade Or Mary Mizel, Sundance WY	1	Red-Cow	1210	\$139.00	\$1,681.90
Edward & Donna Gantz, Alva WY	1	Black-Cow	1155	\$155.00	\$1,790.25
Lane Sterling, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1445	\$138.50	\$2,001.32
Alan Lloyd, Otter MT	3	Black-Hfrt	1038	\$180.50	\$1,874.19
	10	Black-Hfrt	1009	\$185.50	\$1,871.69
Matt Or Donna Perino, Newcastle WY	3	Char/Blk-Cow	1387	\$140.50	\$1,948.26
Preston Perino, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1215	\$140.00	\$1,701.00
	1	Black-Cow	1255	\$139.00	\$1,744.45
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	1	Herf-Cow	1470	\$133.50	\$1,962.45
Ivan Bierema, St Onge SD	1	Black-Cow	1530	\$140.00	\$2,142.00
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	1	Herf-Cow	1240	\$133.00	\$1,649.20
Tessa Garman, Sundance WY	1	Black-Hfrt	790	\$187.50	\$1,481.25
Shawn Donahay, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1495	\$132.00	\$1,973.40
Tyson Hewitt, Mud Butte SD	1	Black-Cow	1325	\$130.00	\$1,722.50
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1495	\$137.00	\$2,048.15
	1	Black-Hfrt	930	\$195.00	\$1,813.50
Hae Ranch Inc, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1490	\$142.00	\$2,115.80
Sandy Hanson, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1535	\$142.00	\$2,179.70
K&K Livestock Inc, Sanders MT	1	Black-Cow	1240	\$140.00	\$1,736.00
	1	Black-Cow	1175	\$138.00	\$1,621.50
	1	Black-Cow	1435	\$140.50	\$2,016.17
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	3	Black-Cow	1307	\$139.50	\$1,822.80
TJ Trusler, Ashland MT	1	Black-Cow	1650	\$141.00	\$2,326.50
Randy Veandra, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1440	\$139.50	\$2,008.80
Kelsie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Cow	1470	\$140.00	\$2,058.00
Kelsie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Cow	1365	\$136.50	\$1,863.22
Shannon Secest, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1415	\$140.50	\$1,988.07
	1	Black-Cow	1385	\$141.50	\$1,959.77
	1	Black-Cow	1420	\$141.50	\$2,009.30
Chuck Stephens, Hot Springs MT	17	Rd/Blk-Cow	1575	\$143.50	\$2,260.12
	13	Rd/Blk-Cow	1448	\$141.50	\$2,049.02
	1	Black-Cow	1185	\$151.00	\$1,789.35
	1	Black-Cow	1195	\$143.00	\$1,708.85
	4	Black-Cow	1396	\$142.00	\$1,982.67
Doyle Or Lorie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Hfrt	855	\$200.00	\$1,710.00
	1	Black-Cow	1355	\$131.50	\$1,781.82
	1	Black-Cow	1475	\$130.50	\$1,924.87
	1	Black-Cow	1215	\$133.00	\$1,615.95
	1	Black-Cow	1245	\$140.00	\$1,743.00
Bear Ridge Ranch, Spearfish SD	1	Red-Cow	1395	\$142.00	\$1,980.90
	3	Black-Cow	1437	\$136.00	\$1,953.86
Bryan & Jessica Riley, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1415	\$139.00	\$1,966.85
	1	Black-Cow	1735	\$139.50	\$2,420.32

Bruce Riley, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1310	\$140.00	\$1,834.00
Bruce Blair, Piedmont SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1530	\$140.50	\$2,149.65
	1	Black-Cow	1500	\$139.00	\$2,085.00
Dave Garman, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1345	\$137.50	\$1,849.37
Branscom Ranch Llc, Osage WY	2	Black-Cow	1240	\$138.00	\$1,711.20
	1	Black-Cow	1430	\$139.00	\$1,987.70
	1	Black-Cow	1640	\$137.00	\$2,246.80
Kim Coe, Vale SD	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1598	\$140.00	\$2,237.66
	1	Black-Bull	1495	\$137.50	\$2,055.62
Consignment From MT	1	Black-Hfrt	965	\$192.00	\$1,852.80
	1	Black-Hfrt	845	\$192.50	\$1,626.62
Derek Or Joyti Lermen, Reva SD	3	Black-Hfrt	865	\$205.00	\$1,773.25
Clark Blake, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1325	\$136.50	\$1,808.62
	1	Black-Cow	1605	\$134.50	\$2,158.72
Donald & Dipper Brunson Famli, Aladdin WY	1	Black-Cow	1520	\$138.50	\$2,105.20
Robert & Shirley Cummings, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1360	\$138.50	\$1,883.60
Antlers Angus Ranch, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Cow	1555	\$140.50	\$2,184.77
	1	Black-Cow	1305	\$138.50	\$1,807.42
	1	Black-Cow	1400	\$140.00	\$1,960.00
	1	Black-Cow	1380	\$132.00	\$1,821.60
	1	Black-Cow	1355	\$134.00	\$1,815.70
Jw & Joey Moore, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1605	\$139.00	\$2,230.95
Jw & Joey Moore, Sundance WY	1	Black-Hfrt	1125	\$170.00	\$1,912.50
Zachary Or Krystal Steele, Sundance WY	1	Rwf-Cow	1450	\$138.00	\$2,001.00
BULLS					
Danny Lanning, Alzada MT	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2210	\$162.00	\$3,580.20
Leon Jay, Hulett WY	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	1830	\$152.50	\$2,790.75
	1	Red-Bull Drug Free	2265	\$142.50	\$3,227.62
Dave & Salley Hansen, Rozet WY	1	Black-Bull	2310	\$141.00	\$3,257.10
Brian Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2125	\$161.00	\$3,421.25
Chuck Stephens, Hot Springs MT	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2070	\$162.00	\$3,353.40
	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	2300	\$160.50	\$3,691.50
Johnson Sheep & Cattle LI, Belle Fourche S	1	Black-Bull Drug Free	1730	\$157.50	\$2,724.75
Wesley & Lacy Rogers, Bighorn MT	1	Black-Bull	1825	\$141.00	\$2,573.25
Edward & Donna Gantz, Alva WY	1	Black-Bull	1760	\$142.50	\$2,508.00
Trusler Inc, Ashland MT	1	Black-Bull	1985	\$146.00	\$2,898.10
Warren Dunn, Buffalo SD	2	Herf-Bull	1728	\$142.50	\$2,461.68

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South Dakota Railroad Museum Opening Day May 11

What: Railroad Museum Opening Day - National Train Day
When: Saturday, May 11th
Where: South Dakota Railroad Museum, 222 Railroad Ave., Hill City
Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Contact info: Rick Mills at 605-574-9000



Join the crew at the South Dakota State Railroad Museum in Hill City for National Train Day (Saturday, May 11th), and the first day of our regular 2024 season.

Pasque Ladies Fashions is about to Open



Pat Main, Lifestyles employee, who will be there May 2nd, when the Woman's clothing store opens on as the Pasque. She is pictured here meeting up with James Goodman, a rep of Foxcroft and FDJ clothing. James said Lifestyles was one of the few stores he really enjoyed coming to because of Lori. He didn't mind the long trip from Chicago because he was able to stop in a few hours and talk about life and family with Lori and Pat. *Courtesy Photo*



Sean Newell with *Tribal Clothing* and Pat Main last Sunday at the Spearfish Holiday Inn. **George and Cheryl Wilson, Pat Main, and Michelle Evans** picked out more clothing for *Pasque Ladies Fashions* for summer, fall and holiday 2024. *Courtesy Photo*



Pasque Ladies Fashions, formerly Lifestyles is remodeled and repainted, clothes racks are up and soon once again to host the best in ladies fashions. *Courtesy Photo*

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Butte/Lawrence County Extension Club News

Meg English
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All Butte/Lawrence County 4-H kids should mark your calendars for June 3-7, 2024 and make plans to attend SkillsX by 4-H (formally Teen Leadership Conference). The event will be held at the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings, SD. This event is open to any teen (age 13-18), with an interest in developing their leadership, life, workforce, and social skills. There will be include am-

ple opportunities for young people to meet others from across the state, while getting to further develop themselves as a young leader in their community. Register at: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/skillsx-4-h>

In other 4-H news The Mackaben Family is continuing for the fourth year a "Pay-it-Forward" heifer program to promote the beef project and herd development for beginners and juniors in Butte/Lawrence Counties. An essay describing "What are your goals for your individual

future in the beef industry?" is due postmarked before June 15 to Mackaben Family, 11227 US Hwy 212, Belle Fourche, SD 57717. Notice to finalists will be made by July 15. Interviews will then be scheduled and the winner will be announced at the beef show during the 2024 Butte/Lawrence Co Fair.

For more information on these events and other activities, contact the Butte/Lawrence County extension office at (605) 892-3371 or Butte.County@sdstate.edu

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Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver
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2020 Vista St - 892-4767
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Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
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Andy Anderson, Pastor
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10 a.m. Sunday Worship
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Pastor Stephen Carson
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am

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807 8th Ave. 892-4178
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Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
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5:30pm - Salt and Light

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Central Meade County News



The prairies of Meade County are a nice shade of green after a weekend of good moisture. Temperatures are not looking to be summer time warm,

but the mowers will need to be started up in many places by the end of the week.

Bush and tree buds are about half way opened at this time. Many tulips have started to bloom so we are definitely in the best stages of spring.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden chatted at the Minneapolis airport with Brett Hale on Friday before heading out on the same flight to Rapid City. Sandy Hale had a 5 way bypass surgery. Reports are that the surgery went well. We wish Sandy a good recovery.

He and Becky lived at Enning during the years he worked for Golden West and Becky taught at the rural schools. Sandy grew up in the Union Center area.

Sandy and Larry attended a Lt. Governor's Conference in South Carolina.

The Rhoden boys, Jesse, Cody and Tristen enjoyed a weekend of fishing on the Missouri River in Pierre. Between work duties, Reggie was also able to join them on the boat for a time. They filleted them and enjoyed cooking them up. They returned home on Sunday

afternoon.
This Wednesday, May 1 there will be a District 29 Legislative Candidate Forum. It will be at the Piedmont American Legion starting at 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Kirk Chaffee and John Carley will be running for the Senate while Teresa Jorgenson, Gary Cammack and Kathy Rice will be running for the District 29 House. Rice will not be in attendance. Cookies and coffee will be served and this event will be hosted by Meade County Republican Women. Folks running for county offices such as County Auditor and County Treasurer will be introduced.
Another Legislative Candidate Forum is planned for May 16. More details to follow.

Mothers Day is sneaking up on us as it will be Sunday, May 12. Hopefully, it will be a lovely spring day.

Jack Seller cooked for Men's Prayer Breakfast last Saturday morning. It was a good turnout with 16 men showing up to have breakfast and fellowship. Jack plans to make breakfast on Mothers Day at the Community Baptist Church for moms who would like to eat out with other women that morning.

June 24 – 27 will be VBS (Vacation Bible School) in Union Center. More details will follow soon. If you would like to help or if you have questions you may call Melanie Cammack.

Capitol News

By KAREN ODELL

April 22, 2024

Our countryside at Capitol and on Tie Creek is greening up. The snow showers, and the few misty rains, have helped settle the dirt, but we could use a nice long slow shower, now. It seems to be windy and cold on track meet days, so the track season has lagged behind this year.

Dick and Erma Albert didn't even leave town this week. They didn't really need to go shopping in the Hills. Erma is back to two physical therapy sessions per week, and that is helping her lots. They both went to the Senior Citizen dinner, on Friday, and had a good time. Erma stayed to play cards, and also learned to play a domino game that Lila Teigen had brought. It was lots of fun. On Sunday, they both went to church at the Catholic Church, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three. There were not as many people eating out for lunch this week.

Junior and Shirley Melum are enjoying the little calves. They keep busy every day, but didn't have any company this week. Things were pretty quiet. Doug and Julia Davis have had a quiet week, too. Calving is coming along. Morgan Buck has helped out during the week, but will take off a few days to help his dad do some projects in Camp Crook, over the weekend.

At Ronda Cordell's, the heifers' due date was March 27th, and the older cows' due date was April 7th. But of course, to be on the safe side, they have the heifers close-by a couple weeks ahead of the due date. There was only a dribbling of calves prior to the due date, but when that date came, they were busy. They are on the last fourth, now. The weather has been fairly good, but they are in dire need of moisture. The temperature dropped to 20 degrees, a couple of nights ago. That isn't very cold, but with the wind, it made the chill factor not good for new babies born without shelter from the wind. Her cows are pretty spoiled, and some of the aged cows actually come looking to get in the barn.

Diane Wear has had some time off work at the Dahl in Ekalaka. She and her big St. Bernard, Auria, have been visiting some. It's nice to have several of them taking turns watching the camera, especially at night. When Ronda gets in at night from chores, it's a treat not to have to worry about supper. Gene Secrest is staying with the Zolnoski's through calving, to help Clint. Ronda did make a trip to Belle Fourche and Spearfish last Friday, to get groceries and supplies. When she got home, Joey Douglas had brought his brother, Ryker down from Bowman to spend the weekend with Grandma Diane. They both spent a night at Ronda's. On Saturday, Joey headed home. Ryker and Diane, who had to work at Dahl, headed to Ekalaka.

One afternoon last week, Diane came in wanting Ronda to look at a three-year old heifer that was acting strange. She was flopping down, kicking and actually rolling onto her back. She'd get up, walk a little ways and then continue with this antic all the way to the barn. They got her into the head catch. She wasn't calving, but she hadn't eaten for a day or so, as her ponch was empty, but the stomach compartments were packed full. They gave mineral oil and water plus pain meds. The pain med relieved her some, but was not the cure. The following day more mineral oil and five gallons of water and electrolytes were pumped into her, and a shot to make her calve. Ronda figured she was probably going to die, but maybe they could save the calf. Ronda went out at midnight, 30 hours after the shot, and the cow had delivered a 90 lb. calf, and was being a good mama. Ronda gave the new baby colostrum because the heifer's milk had nearly dried up with her ailment. At daybreak, Ronda went to check again.

The Mama was drinking and eating. Their conclusion, for this ordeal, was that that big calf was laying against something so hard, that he'd shut the digestive system down. They are doing great after a few days of bottle feeding, and the mama regaining her appetite.

Ronda's cows have had four sets of twins and only one has required assistance. That was a heifer that had been ultra-sounded showing the twins. Twins always require more work. The last set caused a little ruckus. Ronda had seen that a cow had twins when she went out at daybreak. When the guys came to tag them, their count turned out one calf for each cow. Ronda knew that there was a chocolate-colored calf belonging to a certain cow, and it was nowhere to be found. Several calves had run through a fence to the west, and they later thought a coyote may have chased them. After several hours of searching around for the chocolate-colored calf, low and behold, this calf got hungry, and came back searching for its mama, who had been taken to the barn and put in a pen with one of the other twins from that morning. All turned out good. The twins are with their mama, and the chocolate-colored calf with his mama, too.

Coyle Electric from Bowman has been wiring the new barn. Colin and Callean Smith from western Montana stopped by. Colin works for the Turkey Federation. Toney and Linda Hannah came for supper that same evening.

The most exciting event in our area, was the recognition award that Bryce Padden received at the Black Hills Nationals AAU Wrestling Tournament. Bryce has helped coach beginning and advanced AAU wrestlers for many years, and this year he helped to start a youth AAU wrestling team in Ekalaka. He has helped many kids, and we are proud to have him as a neighbor. His family had a difficult time keeping the surprise of the award from him, especially when they needed an excuse to go to town during calving season, so Brandon insisted he would stay home to check cows. BJ and Kelly were there for the award and pictures, and Kanynd stood in for Brandon to have a picture with her Grandpa. It was a fun day. This week, Kevin and Lisa Olmsted came from Billings to spend a few days at Dorothy's. Then Dorothy went back to Billings with them. Then next week they all will travel to Colorado Springs to see Easton's new son. The new baby is Dorothy's great-great-grandson, and she will get a few days to sit and rock the new little boy.

He already has a distant cousin, and the two babies were born only a day apart. Wayne Lee's daughter has a new baby, too.

Karen Odell still has a cough that is hanging on from some kind of flu, but she has pretty much recovered. There seem to be lots of kinds of flu going around. Wayne Yost came on Monday to check out the water rights for her. It was good to drive out in the nice calm sunshine. Karen's ONU college friend, Jeanne, kept in touch with lots of stories and interesting events, this week. Jeanne had been head majorette for ONU's marching band, and that's how Karen, who was an ONU cheerleader, was the designated fire baton lighter at half-time. Both ends of two of Jeanne's fire batons had to be soaked in Kerosene, and Karen had to light them in the dark after the stadium lights went out. At every home game, Jeanne twirled two fire batons at the same time as the band played a song in the dark, and she only singed her hair a couple of times. We both survived college, and still are best friends, even though we live far apart. Karen got to see her grandson, Kellan Odell and his date, being announced at the Mitchell High School prom. She looked on YouTube and found the new prom video. She will be able to see the grand march, too, at a later time.

A person with one watch knows what time it is. A person with two watches is never sure what time it is. Greed works on your mind in the same way.

How to Destroy a Community in 5 Simple Steps

I have spent years writing about how to revitalize and increase the vibrancy within a community. This week, I want to concentrate on what not to do and provide five simple steps a community can take to assure they fail and continue down the path towards irrelevancy.



by John Newby

Never in the history of mankind, have we been so blessed with so much information, but seem to know so little. I can't even begin to count the number of times people have questioned why they didn't know of an event that happened locally, until the event was over. It used to be everyone knew what was going on because they had a local media company that everyone pointed to for this information, both good and bad. They were the community information hub or informational town square if you will.

The first step in assuring failure is to ignore the importance local media plays in your community. Granted, many local media companies have abandoned their role in the community. But regardless of the situation, if they aren't convinced to reassume this role, or another entity such as a chamber, local leadership team or doesn't step up, the community will fail to reach its full potential as lack of communication will sink most ships.

Make no mistake, local media plays a crucial role in fostering community cohesion by informing residents about local issues, events, and opportunities. Neglecting local media in favor of exclusive reliance on social media platforms may result in misinformation and a lack of

awareness about critical community matters. Social media, while a valuable tool, should not replace the role of local journalism in holding authorities accountable and providing accurate, in-depth reporting on community affairs.

The second step in assuring failure is to have a lack of zoning and permitting. The zoning and permitting processes are vital for organized development. Without proper zoning discussions, communities' risk haphazard construction and incompatible land use, leading to congestion, reduced property values, and decreased quality of life. The absence of a permitting process can result in unregulated development, potentially compromising safety standards and environmental sustainability. Proper permits ensure that structures adhere to safety codes, protecting residents and the community's overall well-being.

The third step in promoting failure as a community is the lack of respect for property rights. Ineffective regulations and lack of enforcement against slumlords and trash generating lots will lead to the deterioration of housing quality, negatively impacting residents' health and safety. Failure to address neglect and substandard living conditions can create a cycle of poverty and despair within the community, discouraging investment and fostering a sense of hopelessness among residents.

The fourth step towards failure is the lack of encouragement to shop and spend locally. Supporting local businesses is essential for the economic vitality of a community. When residents con-

sistently choose online retailers over local businesses, it drains resources from the local economy and contributes to the decline of small businesses. Local businesses are often the backbone of a community, providing employment opportunities, contributing to the tax base, and fostering a unique community identity. Neglecting to educate residents on the importance of supporting local businesses can lead to a weakened economic foundation.

The fifth step is one many may not think about often, that is the lack of civic engagement. Communities with low voter turnout are a community full of people that have given up, or just plain don't care. I have often said that you can measure the strength and resolve of a community by the voter turnout. Low voter turnout means the residents are not engaged, the residents feel they can't make a difference, the residents are just fed-up, and/or the residents have no faith in the leadership. Do you want to lift your community out of poverty or take it to another level? If that is the case, leaders need to instill hope, they need to instill a sense of pride, belonging and being heard. Bottom-line, they need to reignite the love and passion that people use to have towards their community.

There is a small dose of irony in these 5 steps that lead to failure for a community. That irony is that by addressing these aspects, this will be the quickest way for communities to turn the tide and build a strong foundation for growth, resilience, and a high quality of life for all residents. There is no better time than now to start that journey!

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Belle Middle School State Championship Chess Team

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For the second year in a row, the Belle Fourche Middle School Chess Team captured first place in the South Dakota Scholastic Chess Tournament. The tournament is sponsored by the South Dakota Chess Association (SDCA). This year the tournament was held at the Denny Sanford Convention Center in Sioux Falls.

The tournament was quite successful. There were 122 students participating from around the state.

Four Belle Fourche students: Kasey Dobesh, Jaxon Kirksey, Drew Coyle, and Turner Williams earned medals for scoring 3 of 5 points in the tournament, a significant achievement. The top four players from a school pool their points (1 point for a win, ½ point for a draw, 0 for a loss) to determine team points. Individual winners advance to a national invitational tournament put on by US Chess.

Drew Coyle, Jaxsen Tucker, Nathan Erhart and Kasey Dobesh also took part in a 'simul'. Simul is short for simultaneous play. In a simul one player competes against several players. In this case, fourteen state champions from South Dakota, and national chess master, Nels Truelson played approximately 20 students at a time.

"It was a great experience for the students to be able to play against such a strong player as this is not something they would likely do otherwise," Coach Ismay commented.

Next spring the South Dakota Scholastic Chess Tournament will be held in Pierre and the following year in Rapid City.

Coach Ismay, who is also the president of the SDCA enjoys working with the kids and he loves describing their progress and how the club works. "Our numbers vary for meetings since students are often in other activities." Coach Ismay explained. "It is a really loose club, basically you are a part of it if you are there. I try to have a concept or strategy to teach each time and then we just play and give each other feedback. Some of the kids have gotten good enough to catch me in a trap every once in a while." The Belle Fourche Middle School Chess Club is open to all middle schoolers and meets on Mondays or on Fridays during Intercession.

Coach Ismay looks forward to getting more students involved in Belle Fourche and across the state. "It would wonderful to have at least one student from at least each county, if not each school, represented at the state tournament. I think it is another avenue for schools to engage students and build community pride."

Programs such as chess club require school and community support as well. Coach Ismay recognized Purple Pride for providing money for hotel rooms and the school district for supplying transportation. The shirts worn by the team were donated by Kyle Tucker.

"I would not have been able to take the eight students to the



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Back left corner is **Drew Coyle**, in front of him is **Jaxon Kirksey**. Next to Drew is **Turner Williams**, then **Kasey Dobesh**, **Coach Jordan Esmay**, **Nathan Erhart**, **Jaxsen Tucker**, and **Jess Pinkerton**. **Gavin Atkinson** is in front of Coach Esmay. Drew Coyle, Kasey Dobesh, Jaxon Kirksey, and Turner Williams each earned three points and were awarded medals.

Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters Variety Show

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Sunday, April 14 was fine day for a festival with a lot of activities and a variety show too. The festival was the inspiration of the Belle Fouche Fine Arts Boosters (FAB), a volunteer organization that supports Belle Fouche Students, and fine arts activities.

A variety of creative activities provided entertainment. Stations for a fishing pond, sand art, sock puppets, May Day circlets, glitter tattoos, face painting, balloon creations, origami, watercolors and karaoke stations provided opportunities to enjoy creative expression for all ages.

The variety show showcased local performers. Emcees

Brodie McNeese and Nyomi Woltcamp introduced a wide range of performances including the Belle Fouche High School Drumline, directed by Micah Pennel, Reva Potter, Kaitlyn Abrahamson, Dick Holdhusen, Talia Thompson, Layna Jane Sinkey, the Steeves Family (Alexander, Katharina, and Sarah), Chelsea Zinke and Molly Collins, Sophia Thompson and Austey Stiefvater, Kaeli Thompson, and Alison Cooper.

All proceeds of the FAB festival, held at the Belle Fourche Community Hall will be used to support Belle Fourche Students and fine arts activities.

The Belle Fourche FAB Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=belle%20fourche%20FAB>



(BFHS Drumline under the direction of **Micah Pennel** brought a powerful performance to the FAB Variety Show. *Beacon Photo*



Layla Steiffel-Liggett and Bingo Grand Prize Cake Winner, **Dee Liggett**, show off the cow creation made by FAB member, **Lori McNeese**. *Courtesy Photo*



Aspen Richter from the BFMS Theater Program adding face art to a young Art Festival guest. *Courtesy Photo*

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NEWELL-As the weather warms, irrigation season will soon begin for area farmers. The Belle Fourche Irrigation District plans to begin flushing irrigation canals with May 1 as the tentative date. Further discussion will take place at the regular May 7 meeting, with hopes of turning on water delivery May 15.

New Mayor Will Take Gavel

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NEWELL-The citizens of Newell have elected a new mayor to guide the town into future she has made plans for. Tara Tennis will take the mayor's seat at the next Newell town meeting May 13 at 5 p.m. as the first elected Mayor of Newell. Rita Weigand served as Mayor in Newell for a brief period, but was appointed to the position.

One of the first things Tennis seeks to do to begin her tenure is to get a copy of the town's budget and see the best place to commerce. Tennis believes Federal funding should be available to apply to some of the fixes she is considering. Grant funds are attainable, but take time to fill out all the paperwork and have the money to match Federal funds.

She would like to begin fixing streets, especially Third Street and Girard from Eighth to Ash. A top priority would be Third Street sewer and water, she said. Tennis plans to get together with City Foreman Verl Tift and check out the infrastructure to decide how to go ahead with the work.

Tennis is working with Dr. Pandi Pittman, Newell School Superintendent, to brainstorm ideas to bring more housing into the town.

"We definitely need more housing in this area," she said. "If we don't have enough houses for the teachers currently here, I see that as a huge issue."

She is endeavoring to get more housing in the area. Too many people are living out of town, spending money in other places, she said. More people living in Newell will bring more business, which in turn brings more revenue to the town.

Tennis desires that everyone

STEM Night Showcases World of Science



Kindergarten, first, and second graders perform "We Are A Family."

Heitz photo

work together to find the solutions that will benefit Newell. Transparency is important to her and she stands by opening the doors of city hall.

"If you are curious, stop in the office and ask," she said.

Plans are in the works for a "Meet and Greet" time for citizens to exchange their ideas and see what can happen in the future.

"Treat people the way you want to be treated," she said. "It's free."

"I ran for Mayor because this is my town," Tennis said. "We can make it a place where people want to live, to come and open a business. There's a lot of potential here."

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Newell School Showcases Sounds of Spring

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NEWELL—The Newell School District held its spring concert with ADYM on Thursday, April 25. The theme for the night was "Yesterday's Dream: Encourages Unity Between Nations and Building a Better Future Together." Alongside the concert was an art show and a book fair.

The evening began with the awarding of certificates for students' work in the art show. The concert then started with a performance of "Do-Re-Mi"

and "Miss Mary Mack" by the kindergarten and first grade classes. Several different genres of music were showcased throughout the concert, ranging from classical to pop and acoustic to rock. Third graders played "Scarborough Fair" on the recorder, an example of traditional music. The fourth-grade class sang "Cowboy Rides Away," a country song.

Singing performances were followed by the fifth-grade beginner band, who played "We Will Rock You."

The Newell Chorus then sang the night's theme songs,

"Heal the World," and "Yesterday's Dream."

The Community Band played "Low Rider" to the "whoop-whoop" of students. "Wipe Out" then added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The final song of the night brought together all elementary classes, K-5, to send the crowd off with a performance of "Take Me Home Country Roads."

The master of the program was music teacher Adhara B. Malunes. She was assisted by Kim Bachman and members of the Community Band.

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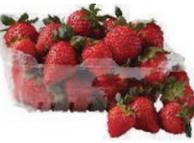
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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This was a nice warm and windy week with temperatures in the sixties and seventies.

Last Sunday afternoon, Reub talked to Wade Atkinson is on a mission trip down in Panama handing out Gideon Bibles to the people that live there. The last we heard on Wednesday was that his team had distributed 3,329 bibles already.

I went down to Spearfish Monday morning for the High Plains Western Heritage Center's annual meeting and a nice crowd showed up for the noon luncheon and the meeting. Jim Clarkson is our new president and he led the meeting. Karla Scovell, Executive Director gave her report and the financial report. There will be an online fundraiser auction of art pieces in the possession of the Heritage Center that is still being planned. The Heritage Center is expecting a new collection of knives to add to the auction so it will most likely be delayed until

summer. The Heritage Center is in the process of looking for estimates for the construction of a much-needed caterer's kitchen addition off the exit door in the Cowboy Room.

Reub spent most of Tuesday dragging the feed areas at Glendo. Harold Smolnikar called me that afternoon to see if I had heard that Sen. Thune, Sen. Rounds and Rep. Johnson had all voted to send billions of our tax money to fight wars overseas while the bill does nothing to stop the invasion of illegal aliens coming across our borders that we as taxpayers have to support. This is infuriating! I was on a Zoom call that evening about the petitions that several of us are circulating to allow South Dakota citizens to vote whether they want to keep SB201, which has been signed into law, or to vote to get rid of it to keep our property rights. Several people are circulating these petitions and I personally want to get rid of SB201 that allows Summit to take away our property rights.

I went down to Erin Klemmel's Wednesday afternoon to get Louise Jenson, Amanda Olson and my orders from Alison's Pantry and to pick up Copper, Beau Doll, and Paisley and Huxton Parmely off the school bus at Reva on the way home. I left Paisley and Huxton with Grandpa Will Larson and met Kelli Doll at her mailbox to drop off Beau. They are a fun bunch of kids!

Amanda and the kids went into Buffalo for rally day on Thursday and brought Jada Wammen and Camilla Lyons home with them to play with Copper. Thursday was a really scary day for me. I was on the internet when a black screen came on the computer saying that it was Microsoft warning me that I had been hacked and thousands of dollars had been taken out of our bank account and I was supposed to contact Jasper Martin on the Microsoft Secure Line at 209-659-9605 to cure this. It warned me not to shut my computer off and listen to what they had to tell me. A

guy called me from 646-332-0126 and said he was Kevin Wilson, the finance officer of Dakota bank in Aberdeen. I went to the bank, left my phone in the pickup and asked if those thousands of dollars had been withdrawn from our account. The money hadn't been withdrawn and the girls at the bank agreed with me that this was a scam so they told me how to block those New York phone numbers on my phone and told me I should take my computer somewhere to get it cleaned. I called Investigator Richard Bauman from the South Dakota Consumer Protection Office of Attorney General in Pierre and he told me I did exactly the right thing. If you get scammed you can reach him at 605-773-4400 and he will help you out.

I took my computer up to Jack Anderson at the Currant Connection in Lemmon Friday morning to have him take all the junk off it and clean it up for me while Reub and I went back to do some business in Hettinger. We went back to Lemmon that afternoon to pick up my computer and Jack did a great job cleaning up the mess for me.

This weekend was a lot of work and a lot fun. Lanie and Matt Klug and the kids came down from South Heart early on Saturday. It was their son Trace's 8th birthday and Taz and Amanda's twins 1st birthday. The guys branded a

lot of calves that morning and Matt, Lanie, Amanda and Missy were up there helping brand and vaccinate while Grandma Louise Jenson took care of the twins. After they finished branding and ate lunch it was time to go back to the lambing shed and Lanie and Matt were really good help up there too. Sage and Alaina and their kids came down that afternoon to get Sage's tool trailer so he can do some finishing work on their new house he built west of Hettinger. All these kids had a lot of fun playing together and looking the lambs over in the shed.

In church Sunday morning Pastor Henry Mohagen announced that there will be a National Day of Prayer meeting at the Lions Civic Center in Buffalo at 6:00 in the evening on Thursday, May 2nd. Next Sunday, May 5th will be Confirmation Sunday at the church and we will also honor the graduates with a potluck dinner following the service. All are invited. Amanda and Taz invited both families to celebrate the twins 1st birthday on Sunday night and we had a lot of fun!

An old Farmer's Words of Wisdom we could all live by: Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong. Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads. Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you. It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

April 30, 1914

Frederick H. Newell, Director of the Reclamation Service dropped into town Tuesday afternoon without his intended visit having been previously known. He made a visit to the Government Camp on Dry Creek in company with Project Manager C. F. Magruder and Wednesday they visited Districts west of town relative to the drainage proposition. Mr. Newell has been west since the Denver conference and has visited several new projects in that locality.

Arthur Delaney of Faith shipped here Sunday night 24 cars of cows from Bridgeport, Nebraska, making a total of 974 head. They were unloaded at the Newell stock yards in 50 minutes. They are being driven to Faith, where they will be sold to the farmers and ranchers. They were mostly small southern stock.

The Saloon Men of Belle Fourche had rather a close call at the city election last Tuesday. The "wets" won by a majority of only 38 votes. Spearfish went "dry" by a majority of 16 and Sturgis "wets" by 20 votes.

April 24, 1924

H. H. Brown, a grain dealer and transportation contractor of Lavoy, Wyoming, purchased a



Cattle waiting to be loaded by ramp into rail box cars -Newell Museum

carload of work horses in this vicinity the first of the week for use in the Salt Creek Oil fields. A. E. Walker arrived Sunday morning from Lavoy, for a visit with his family and friends. Mr. Walker is President of the Salt Creek State Bank at Lavoy. He reports there is a renewed activity in the oil fields and everybody there is busy. Lavoy is a new town and still to be decided in the courts. The distance to Newell by automobile road via Gillette and Sundance, Walker says is about 250 miles. Professor J. N. Rarick,

who has been in charge of the Agriculture Department of the Newell High School during the present term, has leased the Mrs. Sooter farm and will put his teachings into actual practice this summer.

Mrs. Kenaston entertained the members of the Newell School faculty last Thursday evening. A splendid 5-course dinner, with liquors, was served and a royal good time was enjoyed by those present.

April 26, 1934

The Department of Interior, Washington, DC, approved the recommendation of the Bureau of Reclamation for the leasing of the necessary townsite lands in Newell for additional airport purposes, according to information received this week from director Elwood Meade, Commissioner of Reclamation. The matter was taken up several months ago with the local Irrigation District officers, who approved a lease arrangement and recommendation same to the Bureau of Reclamation. With approval by the Interior Department, steps are now being taken to have the lease prepared, after which a work project will be submitted to Ralph McKinnon, State Airport supervisor, Pierre.

Notice is hereby given that chickens will not be allowed

and By-Laws were adopted and schedule of games will be drawn up for the season's play. The following teams will be represented: Aladdin, Wyo, Belle Fourche, Deadwood, Ft. Meade, Lead, Newell, Spearfish and Sturgis. Each club will be limited to 15 players and these must be listed before the season opens. Anyone wishing for a place on the Newell team is urged to respond for practice to either Mr. Selvala or Mr. Crane.

April 27, 1944

Fred Bunny of Belle Fourche is preparing to open a dry cleaning, pressing and repairing shop in Newell on May 1st. He has purchased the



Hafner Brothers New Feed Mixing and Sheep Feeding Operation located on the edge of town (where Sheep Auction Sales are held now every Thursday) Newell Museum

equipment being used by Mrs. wCola Clark and rented the building. Additional new equipment is being added to enable him to give first-class service. Mr. Bunny is son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Whalen of Newell.

Miss Ardeth Driscoll traveled from Huntington Beach, Calif. to Kirkland Field, New Mexico to pin the silver Bombardier wings on her brother Lieutenant Wm. Driscoll following his graduation. Mrs. Oliver Driscoll is a sister of Bert, Joe and Erny Lyons all of Newell.

The Lyle L. Crane farm sale on Monday was one of the most successful sales so far this year. Everything brought good prices. The dairy cows averaged around \$150 a head, 1 registered Swiss cow bringing \$195 and her heifer calf only a few days old sold for \$42. George Ruff of Belle Fourche has purchased the Crane farm and his son Robert is moving on the place this week. The Crane family is planning to locate at Portland, Oregon.

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April 29, 1954

Plans for construction of what will be South Dakota's second largest automatic mixing plant were announced this week by Hafner Brothers of Newell, who will also construct extensive lamb feeding facilities in connection with the new plant.

the accident. The wheel of the tractor passed over Sammy's stomach and he was rushed to the Sturgis Hospital for x-ray examination and treatment for injuries. Miraculously he was not injured, but still held there for further observation.

April 23, 1964

Approximately 1500 pounds of Civil Defense materials were received here Monday to be stockpiled for emergency use in the basement of Bratton's Store in Newell which has been designated as an approved Civil Defense Fallout Shelter. Dale Anderson, Newell City Commissioner and Civil Defense Director received the kit which includes: a radiation detection kit, 33 15-gallon sheet steel water storage drums, 17 cartons of survival biscuits and crackers hermetically sealed cans, 40 large plastic bags, 4 emergency sanitation kits with life rafts, 2 dosimeters and 3 medical stores fallout shelter kits were also received in the shipment.

Greg Sundstrom, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Sundstrom of Mud Butte and Newell, has been named Newell High School delegate to Boys State. Named as Alternate to the Government Training Session sponsored by the American Legion at Northern State Teachers College the first week in June was Gary Wendt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wendt of Castle Rock. Both Sundstrom and Wendt, rank high scholastically, participants in contact sports, music and 4-H. Greg is also South Dakota State Golden Gloves Boxing Champion, member of Mud Butte Volunteer Fire Department and School Honor Society.

Mrs. Solly Stark, Nisland, was elected new President of the Nisland PTA for the coming year. Other new officers elected are: Vice President Mrs. Robert Parks, Secretary Mrs. Edwin McKnight, and Treasurer Mrs. George Seieroe. Mrs. Gene DeWeisse gave a report on the carnival and program which were a success and enjoyed by all attending. Plans for a pot luck supper May 21 is in the planning stage and all are urged to attend.

The plant and feed yard is the venture of Woodrow, Vern, Don and Morris Hafner, located on a 36-acre section of land about a quarter mile south of Newell along US 212. Construction of same is to start soon after a single dwelling house, now located on the land, to be vacated by Mr. & Mrs. W. Swan is moved off grounds.

City Foreman Lyman Bruce notes a lot of businessmen and their employees getting into the habit of denying parking space to their own customers lately. It is suggested by many to a system of fines to police their own parking areas, to pay for violations. All fines, of course, to go into a fund for graveling alley and off-street parking lots.

Sammy, 6-year old, son of Mr. & Mrs. Preston L. Hill of Vale, was injured when he was run over by a tractor on the Hill farm early Tuesday afternoon. The mishap occurred when the little boy got too close to a tractor in the field being operated by Clemmons Bossert, employee of the Hills, who did not notice the child until after

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A Letter from the New Superintendent

Editor's Note: Dr. Pandi Pittman has taken the reins at Newell School and begun her tenure as the Superintendent. This letter written by Dr. Pittman introduces her to the community. Welcome her back to familiar territory.



Ladies and Gentlemen, I am excited to fill the role of Newell Superintendent and 9-12 Principal for the 2024-2025 school year. As a 1990 Newell Alumni, I am making the complete circle in my educational experience. After graduating from Newell High School, I completed a degree from South Dakota State University and returned to my family dairy farm. While dairying for seven years, I was very involved with the Newell FFA and developed a desire to make the career

change to education.

Wall School District hired me on an alternative certification as the Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor in 2002. After completing my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a Technology Integration endorsement from Black Hills State University, I made the career move to 6-12 Science teacher. In 2014, after completing my Specialist Degree with a PK-12 Principal Endorsement, I started my administration experience at Dupree School District as the 7-12 Principal. I finished my Doctorate Degree with a Superintendent Endorsement in December 2015. My dissertation was Teacher Retention in Sparsely Populated South Dakota School Districts, which Newell School District was part of the study. I filled the role of Superintendent at Wessington Springs and later had the opportunity to return to Wall School District.

I enjoy the role as an educator as well as a lifelong learner. I describe education as the hardest job you will ever love! I look forward to working with all of you.

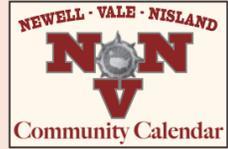
Thank you for this opportunity,
Pandi Pittman

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Elementary Play Day
May 2
Retirement Party at Newell School
May 2, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Athletic Banquet/Hall of Fame
May 2, 6:30 p.m.
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May 11 or May 22, Newell City Hall,
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1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 11-11:30
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WIT Highlights

Denise Schipke-Smeen and Abrym Heinert

Denise Schipke-Smeen



Denise grew up on the Schipke sheep farm and graduated from Newell High School in 1972 with 66 classmates. She just returned from AZ where she met up with several classmates for a balloon ride to celebrate the fact they survived 70 years. Friends throughout her life are some of Denise's most treasured blessings.

Of all the different jobs that Denise had, working for the Newell School District was her most fulfilling. When she lived with her husband, Neil, at their Castle Rock Ranch she had the opportunity to work at the Moreau Country School. When the school closed, she was offered a position in Newell. When she worked in 1st grade there were four sets of twins, an amazing fact for such a small school. It was a wonderful experience getting to know some

amazing students and working with some awesome teachers. Many memories were made.

Denise has two children, two stepchildren, 11 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. After her husband passed, her son Demian, and grandson, Abrym, came to live with her back at the Schipke Farm. They all have been busy repairing and restoring the property.

In 2022, they had a 105-year birthday party for the farm. Denise's grandfather, Henry Schipke, purchased and started building in 1917.

Denise was instrumental in starting the Student of the Month program at the Newell School. She supports community events and is a member of Dakota Life Christian Center. After attending WIC meeting where the speakers talked about the CASA program, Denise was inspired to take the training and to become a CASA volunteer. Her first case was a former Newell student and it ended in a successful placement.

Abrym Heinert

She is very proud of her grandson, Abrym Heinert, who is a Newell High School senior.

It has been a privilege watch-



ing him grow into an awesome young man. He has helped

Sabrina at school functions with Leadership Day. After graduating he is going to shearing school in Australia and coming back to work for his cousin, Kurtis Mooney. Denise loves the fact that he will continue in the sheep business, something she holds near and dear to her heart.

Sabrina Harmon, WIT Coalition Director, says "I appreciate both Denise and Abrym as they always jump into help with any event, bake sale, etc. that we have and

always with a smile. Abrym is part of the Newell High School Youth Leadership Team. Thank you both for being YOU".

Too Good for Drugs WIT Coalition

Evidence Based Curriculum that Sabrina was able to bring into the Newell Middle School Students this semester.

Students are taught to live safe, healthy and drug-free lives. The Too Good For Drugs (TGFD) program introduces and reviews a series of skills to prepare children to make healthy choices and resist unhealthy behaviors I life. Effective

prevention education depends on the school, the family and the community to reinforce the skills and concepts taught in the program. There are worksheets for the students to take home and study with their parents about also, so we all work to make the students live healthy.

The class was brought in one day a week and also had special presenters that helped enhance

the message of being drug and alcohol free. Presenters brought in were: joe Gutierrez, Commander with the Western SD Juvenile Service Center, Hollis Strand, Forensic Examiner with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Pennington County Sheriff's Office and Jason McGough with the "Road Show" through the Clinical Lab of the Black Hills.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes finished up with the class and received Certificate of Completion at the end of April 2024. Topics discussed were: Goal Setting, Consequences, Decision Making, Anxiety-Calming Effects, Being Assertive v.s.

Aggressive, Peer Pressure, Brain Function, Persuasive Advertising, Truth about Alcohol, Stages of Addiction,

Dangers of Tobacco Use, and other drugs.

Mr. Scott Wince helped out with this class as part of his Physical Education Class as the students need to know how to make healthy and wise live choices.

Comments from Students:

I liked the class and learned a lot about how drugs and alcohol can effect our life.

For very action there is a reaction. The choices you make effect others also, so make your ripple effect a positive one. I love having all of the speakers come in, I learned something from everyone of them.

I learned more about setting goals and how to work towards meeting them.

I liked that we learned how to be there for a friend that may need help to quit vaping or not to start.





PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Sometimes we may learn more from a man's errors than from his virtues." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid



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Soph. Class Raises Prom Funds

Ryder Heitz

news@bellefourchebeacon.

NEWELL—Newell High School's sophomore class hosted a Carnival Fun Fair at the middle school gym on Friday, April 26. The gym was transformed into an entertainment center full of carnival game favorites, including tic-tac-toe, frisbee, darts, face painting, bowling, bottle rings, a cake walk, and plenty more.



A student gets her face painted at the Carnival Fun Fair.

Heitz photo

Tickets were sold at the door to take part in the wide variety of games, and tokens were given to participants at each gaming station. In arcade fashion, these tokens could then be exchanged at a prize table full of rewards.

The freshman class also sold walking tacos at the carnival.

Funds raised from the event will go towards the prom next year.

Track Meets Rescheduled

NEWELL—Due to inclement weather, Newell's middle school and high school track meets in Sturgis and Lemmon have been cancelled or postponed.

Upcoming high school track meets include Kadoka or Howard Wood in Sioux Falls on May 3.

Middle school meets will be May 4 at 8 a.m. in Sturgis.

Go Gators!

State FFA Convention

Ryder Heitz

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NEWELL—Students from Newell School District came back from the 96th State FFA Convention with several awards. The convention was held in Brookings from April 18-20 to celebrate the accomplishments of South Dakota's 6,347 FFA members and 111 FFA chapters. The three days were "filled with achievement, inspiration, and a passion for agriculture."

Awards are listed below.

Livestock Evaluation: Natalie Yates, Bristol Bachman

Horse Evaluation: Kate High, Sorley Franklin, Kendra Johnson, Kimberly Johnson

Poultry Evaluation: Jessica Raisanen, Kiley Link

Ag Mechanics: Rowdy Franklin, Orrin Youngberg, Justin Yates, Joe Eaton

Floriculture: Shannon Yates

Senior Kimberly Johnson also received her State Degree.

Congratulations to all!



Newell students at the State FFA Convention, which was held in Brookings from April 18-20.

Courtesy photo

Sounds of Spring
Newell Elementary
Concert



Above: The third grade class performs "Scarborough Fair" on recorders.

Heitz photos

Below: Fourth graders showcase country music with "Cowboy Rides Away."



Heitz photos

Right: Sophomore Rachel Stranberg explains the rules of the basketball game to younger students.

Below: Members of the freshman class sold walking tacos at the carnival.

below right: The fair had a prize table full of fun toys and items.





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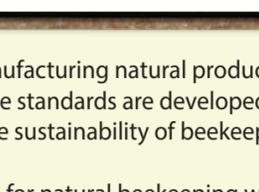
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fellow
 - 4 Taro
 - 8 Foot (suf.)
 - 12 N.Z. fish
 - 13 Black
 - 14 Great Lake
 - 15 Bachelor of Fine Arts (abbr.)
 - 16 Medal (2 words)
 - 18 Prison: Brit.
 - 20 Ceremonial entrance
 - 21 Belt
 - 23 Palm starch
 - 25 Indian camel
 - 26 Vast
 - 27 Palestine
 - 30 Master of Business Administration (abbr.)
 - 31 Cheek bone
 - 32 King (Fr.)
 - 33 Ten decibels
- DOWN**
- 1 Apronlike cloth
 - 2 Television band
 - 3 Bias
 - 4 Anglo-Saxon
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- MENT SOB FLAG
AGIB ODA YOGI
PILASTERICAL
OLE KORINAGT
KIL LOST
TAROT ALTAITE
OMER FAA BOOM
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RAIL BEL
OBI STAAT BIN
LEEK HABANERA
PAVE ERE ENAM
EDEN REL ROSE
- assembly cry**
- 5 Son of Adam
 - 6 Botanical (abbr.)
 - 7 Feminine (suf.)
 - 8 Five of trump
 - 9 Viking
 - 10 Plate
 - 11 Mouse-spotter's
 - 17 Beer
 - 19 Or (Lat.)
 - 21 Crest
 - 22 Founded projection
 - 23 Forage herb
 - 24 Hamitic language
 - 26 Wholesome
 - 27 Augur
 - 28 Circle
 - 29 Unctuous
 - 31 Twin crystal
 - 35 Shorten
 - 36 Father of Jason
 - 37 Alluvial deposit
 - 38 Son of Lamech
 - 39 Killer whale
 - 40 Thick slice
 - 41 Nat'l Park Service (abbr.)
 - 42 Caucasian wild goat
 - 43 P.L. volcano
 - 45 Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.)
 - 46 One who is (suf.)

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

1M Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "W" = "S"

"WPLGMEELGW ZG LYB GGYJR LPJG
QJPL Y LYR'W GJJPJW, MIYR QJPL
IEW XEJMPGW."

— IGRJB ZYDWZPJMI GPRSQGCCPZ

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Happiness is a perfume which you cannot pour on someone without getting some on yourself." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Puzzle Answers on C8

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2024	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
MAY	Chili Cornbread Tossed Salad Banana Pudding	Lasagna Broccoli Garlic Bread Mixed Italian Vegetables Fruit	Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Cranberries	Baked Chicken Roasted Reds Broccoli Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	Ghoulash Veggie Medley Corn bread Salad	Pork Roast Scalloped Potato Roasted Carrots Spice Cake Fruity Jello	Chicken Enchilada Refried Beans Mexican Corn Praline Cookies
Belle Silver Lining SENIOR CENTER	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Tater tot Casserole Veggie Medley No Bake Cookies	Chicken & Rice Casserole Broccoli Stewed Tomatoes	Pork Loin Dressing & Gravy Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll	Meatloaf Baked Potato Veggie Medley Snickerdoodles	Roast Turkey Mashed Potato Dressing Dinner Roll Mixed Veggies	Fish Sandwich Fries Green Beans Waldorf Salad	Ham and Rice Casserole with Peas and Carrots Cheesy Brussel Sprouts
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Chicken Cordon Bleu Sweet Potato Peas & Carrots Layered Cake	Pulled Pork Sandwich Wild Rice Cucumber & Tomato Salad	Liver & Onions OR Cheeseburger Roasted Reds Green Beans	Pork Chops Sweet Potato Veggie Medley Green Beans	Parmesan Chicken Mashed Potato & Gravy Roasted Zucchini	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Mixed Veggies Fruity Jello	Ham & Bean Soup Broccoli Biscuits
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potato and Gravy Green Beans Cranberries	Indian Taco Refried Beans Tortilla Chips Stewed Tomatoes	Sweet and Sour Pork White Rice Asian Vegetables Fortune Cookie	Cheeseburger Steak Fries Veggie Medley	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato Cheesy Broccoli	Tuna or Egg Salad on bed of lettuce Croissant Mixed Vegetables	Salisbury Steak Sweet Potato Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Ham & Bean Soup Carrot Salad Corn Bread Macaroni Salad	Chili Cheese Dogs Steak Fries Mixed Veggies Ice Cream	Chicken Alfredo Egg Noodles Mixed Vegetables	Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread	Pork Loin Sweet Potato Veggie Medley	Swiss Steak White Rice Broccoli Scalloped corn	Milk & Fruit with all meals

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VACCINATION CLINIC AT GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC

(1020 STATE STREET IN SPEARFISH)

A SHOT OF PREVENTION IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE

BRING REGULAR MONDAY NIGHT CLINIC

A **MAY 13**
REGISTER BETWEEN 6:00-7:00PM

MUST MEET GSC SERVICE GUIDELINES

4, RESIDENTS OF NORTHERN BLACK HILLS, NO INSURANCE, FINANCIALLY

Immunizations which will be available

- Influenza (flu)
- Prevnar 20 (pneumonia)
- Shingles (series of 2 shots)
- Hepatitis B (series of 3 shots)
- Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Whooping Cough)