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## Butte County Sheriffs Office Moves Forward with Proposed Partnership

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Butte County Commissioners decided to compose a Letter of Commitment to the Belle Fourche Police Department to enter an agreement to move forward with a plan for office space.

Belle Fourche Police Chief Ryan Cherveney was present to add his comments to the discussion of having the Butte County Sheriff's Department as part of the plans for the BFPD building project.

Sheriff Lamphere pointed out that instead of Butte County building any law enforcement facility, an option would be to  
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## Made for Companies looking for Rail Shipment Opportunities!



A \$2.4 million rail siding and transloading facility expansion was completed at the rail park in 2022. In fact, the expansion made Belle Fourche home to the largest such facility on the Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad in Western South Dakota. New plans are in the works to again expand the resource. The \$1.2 million project would involve the construction of 1,500 feet of additional track to accommodate access to both sides of the rail cars. *Courtesy Photo*

## Belle Fourche Development Corp. Celebrates 2023's Successes

### Annual Meeting Pays Homage To Community & Businesses

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BELLE FOURCHE — Community development, building relationships, promotion, and supporting partnerships throughout the business community - new and established - are a just a handful of the driving forces

which fuel Belle Fourche Development Corporation's (BFDC) efforts to empower the community's success.

Those victories and more were celebrated Jan. 11 at BFDC's annual meeting, which was co-sponsored by Black Hills Energy. The Annual meeting, held at Grap's Burgers & Brews, also included the election of three members to the Board of Directors and recognition of local businesses and individuals who made special investments in the community throughout 2023.

"We had another great year in Belle Fourche," Hollie Stalder, BFDC executive director, told the Beacon Friday. "Our annual meeting is such a fun way to talk to our members about all the success stories and everything going on in our community."

#### New Business

During the meeting, BFDC recognized companies who have located their business or reinvested in an existing operation in Belle Fourche. Throughout the last nine years, the organization has acknowledged more than 95

businesses in this fashion.

BFDC applauded four new businesses that made Belle Fourche their homes in 2023 - Hot Shots, LLC; Tri State Medical Center; In the Black Bookkeeping & Payroll Services, LLC; and Crazee Cow Ice Cream.

•On the corner of Fifth Avenue and Grant Street, Hot Shots, LLC is owned by Greg and Karen Mondillo. Located at 603 Fifth Ave., the shop specializes in homemade ice cream and fudge, but also tempts those with

appetites for coffee, lattes, boba tea, breakfast items, sandwiches, hot dogs, chili dogs, homemade peanut butter, gourmet popcorn, and freeze-dried foods.

•Last November, Tri State Medical Center, PLLC opened its clinical doors at 2398 Fifth Ave., Suite 101. Headed by Vanessa Kudlock, a certified nurse practitioner who specializes in family practice, the facility offers patients a "homey" atmosphere. With the goal

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## LaMode Dress Shop Has New Owners

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Margaret Crago may think that when she walks out the door of the La Mode Dress Shop in Spearfish, no longer its owner, it will be out of sight, out of mind. Wrong, Margaret!

How can the local communities she has served so well these past 46 years ever forget the petite, fashionably dressed, superbly coiffed, always smiling Margaret!

Over and above everything else, she's a native South Dakotan, born and raised in the Pierre area. She met her husband Vince while earning a teaching degree at Black Hills State in Spearfish.

Following two years of teach-

ing, she and Vince married and settled on their ranch mid-way between Belle Fourche and Spearfish, raising three sons.

Once the boys were grown, and with Vince's wholehearted support, Margaret realized her life-long dream of owning a dress shop. La Mode!

Today 92-year-old Margaret continues to live on the ranch, sadly without Vince who passed away 17 years ago. But with her sons and their families still close by.

Her grandson Colby and his wife Tanya are the dress shop's new owners.

Out of sight, out of mind? How about absence makes the heart grow fonder! Right, Margaret!



The LaMode Dress Shop, downtown Spearfish, is changing hands as current owner Margaret Crago steps into retirement. Shown here on her 92nd birthday. *Courtesy Photo*

## School Superintendent Replacement Selected

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The Belle Fourche School District will soon have a new member of administration.

The school board approved an employment contract and offer, slated to run from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, for R. Orion Thompson during its Jan. 13 special meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard has been with the school district since 1979, serving as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Willard has been a member of the district's administration for 22 years and superintendent since 2008.

During its Oct. 9, 2023, meeting, the school board approved Willard's notice of voluntary early retirement following the

conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year.



**Dr. Steve Willard**

## Belle Fourche School District's Education Connection Celebration: Honoring High School Winners and Participants in South Dakota's Statewide Louine Schaufler Youth Poetry Contest

Katelyn Smith  
Special to the Beacon

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September in a brand-new creative collaboration effort with Belle Fourche School District's second grade South Park Elementary students.

Created by eighth grade Belle Fourche Middle School teachers Penny Louks and Jane

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Left to Right: **Melissa Nore**, BFSD Alt. School Teacher; BFSD Alt. student **Poe Haugen** and family; **Bruce Roseland**, South Dakota Poet Laurette

## BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MIDDLE SCHOOL & SOUTH PARK ELEMENTARY NEW COLLABORATION: BOOK CELEBRATIONS & AUTHENTIC BOOKS

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Created by eighth grade Belle Fourche Middle School teachers Penny Louks and Jane Heck, eighth grade students were presented with the opportunity to create authentic books for younger students within the school district, more specifically, for South Park Elementary second grade students.

With the help of South Park's second grade teachers, eighth grade students were given the opportunity on September 26th to be partnered with and interview a second-grade student - to gain background information on their second grader in order to create an original story for each designated elementary student. The eighth-grade students then worked creatively and diligently through September, October, November, and December, working on outlining, drafting,

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8th Grade Students present their authentic books to second grade students. *Courtesy Photo*



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**William (Bill) Dick 92**

William (Bill) Dick, 92, of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, January 9th at Spearfish Canyon Healthcare in Spearfish, SD.

He was born March 9, 1931, in Belle Fourche to Daniel and Lydia Dick and attended elementary and middle school in Belle Fourche and Nisland and graduated from Nisland High School in 1949. After graduating he farmed, worked for a local dairy, and began work as a carpenter.

On June 28th, 1953, he married Nettie Orwick at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. The couple lived in Belle Fouché for 70 years, where he worked at several Belle Fourche businesses, including Motive Parts & Supplies for 20 years. Bill then started his own service station business, Dick's Exxon, where he worked until he retired. After retirement Bill worked for another 20 years for the City of Belle Fourche at the City Land Fill. He was skilled at many trades and enjoyed using those skills to help others.

He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church his entire life and filled many roles for the congregation including helping to build the new church constructed in the late 1950's. Bill was also a long-time member of the Belle Fourche Lion's Club.

Bill was a lifelong fisherman and was also an avid card player his whole life and it mattered little what card game was suggested. He also enjoyed teaching young people how to drive including his own children, nieces, nephews, and his grandchildren.

He loved the outdoors, his yard, gardening and took tremendous pleasure in taking drives in the Black Hills.



He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Vernon Dick; three sisters, Esther Bitterman, Freida Painter and Helen Anderson.

Survivors include his wife, Nettie, Belle Fourche; son, Douglas Dick and wife Ann Easterbrooks in Melrose, MA; daughter, Diane Wendt and husband Todd in Spearfish; a sister-in-law, Bev Lliteras and her daughter Robbie Hieb (Derrick); 4 grandchildren and their spouses; Evan Easterbrooks-Dick (Swapna Maruri), Olivia Easterbrooks-Dick (Matt Sanda), Jacob Wendt (Rachel) & Alyssa Cahoy (Adam) and 1 great grandchild, Elijah Cahoy and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving is cousin and lifelong friend, Jack Dick, and wife Wilma in Belle Fourche.

Visitation was Monday, January 15th at Kline Funeral Chapel, 838 State Street, Belle Fourche, SD.

Services were held, Tuesday, January 16th at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche, SD with Synod Authorized Minister Ronda Mehrer and Deacon Laura Campbell officiating. Burial was at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

The family suggests memorials to St. James Lutheran Church, 1100 Stanley Street, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

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



**Jim Hostetter 68**

Jim Hostetter, age 68 of Belle Fourche, and formerly Red Owl, died Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at this home with his loving family by his side.

The funeral service were held Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation was held Monday at the funeral home. Interment was at Bear Butte Cemetery, in Sturgis.

Jim's funeral service will be available to view live or following the service, from his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

James Alfred Hostetter was born November 10, 1955 at Sturgis, SD. He was third child of Johnny and Betty (Woodard) Hostetter. When he was a year old the family moved to the Leber place just east of Faith where they had a small dairy. When he was 9 years old the family moved to the Gottschalt place about three miles east of Faith. He enjoyed afternoon fishing trips to the stock dam with the family (a daily occurrence in the summer if his chores were done), riding his pony and horses and chasing the neighbor's goats. Hunting rabbits and birds with the bow and arrows he would make from the green willows and baler twine was also a favorite activity. He attended all 12 years of school at the Faith Independent Public School and graduated from high school in 1975. Jim never met a good time he didn't like and enjoyed dances, fights, hunting and fishing with his buddy Mike Stockland and favorite uncle Virgil Woodard.

Jim's life took on an exciting and wonderful change when he went to work for a rancher at Red Owl. Not only did he have a great boss but this is where he won the best prize of his life when he met the love of his life and married the rancher's daughter. He married Sheila Bastian on September 9, 1976 in Sturgis, SD. Following their marriage, Jim worked as a logger while they resided in White-wood. During these years they were blessed with the birth of their two sons, Tucker Joe and Troy



James. In 1979 they moved to Union Center. For several years Jim worked on area ranches during that time. Around 1990, the Hostetter family moved to Newell, where Jim worked for the City for many years. In 1993 they moved to Red Owl, when Jim started working for the Meade County Highway Department. This was a job that Jim truly loved and took great pride in. For many years he bladed and snow-plowed over 100 miles of roads. Jim also owned his own business, Jim's Excavation. For many years he hauled gravel, operated a back hoe, and did all sorts of dirt work. Jim retired from Meade County in 2020 and shortly after, moved to Belle Fourche to be closer to family. Jim was forced to deal with serious health issues the last couple years, and he showed great strength and courage during this time.

Jim will be remembered for the strength, his stubbornness and strong-will, as well as his great love for his grandchildren. He loved hunting and fishing, collecting guns and reloading ammunition. Trap shooting was fun, and shooting sports of any kind with his grandkids was one of his favorite things to do. Jim was well loved, and he will be greatly missed.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sheila of Belle Fourche; sons, Tucker (Sue Littleton) of Newell, Troy (Ann-Marie) of Belle Fourche; 7 grandchildren: Tate, Tanner, Tyce, Trinity, Mackenzie, Morgan, Kashton; brothers and sisters: Linda Hoffman of Newell, Jack of Whitewood, Cindy Eaton of Faith, Jay (Laurie) of Gillette WY, Justin (Vicki) of Torrington WY; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grand-parents Clyde and Edith Woodard, father-in-law Merle Bastian, mother-in-law Doris Bastian, brothers-in-law Don Hoffman, Kenny Eaton, and Gale Bastian and numerous aunts and uncles.



**Alyce Jane Knigge 88**

Alyce Jane Knigge, age 88 of Belle Fourche SD, died Sunday, January 7, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at her home.

The funeral service was held Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Visitation took place \ Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment was held at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle, Wyoming.

The funeral service can be viewed live or following the service, from Alyce's obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.Leverington-FH.com

Alyce Jane Knigge was born April 18, 1935 at her grandmother's home in Sturgis, SD. She was the daughter of Viva (Jelly Christianson) Eatherton and Harold Eatherton. Alyce was one of seven children: Helen, Caroline, Leona, Betty, Harold, and Jeanne. Alyce attended rural schools in Rapid City, Moon and Limestone, SD before moving to Newcastle in the 4th grade where she graduated from Newcastle High School in 1953. She married Clifford "Wayne" Knigge on December 30, 1954 in Newcastle WY. Together they had four children: Don, LaDona, Jodi, Julie, and Jay.

Alyce and her husband Wayne moved frequently with his career in the oilfield, living in Moab, UT, Newcastle, WY, Lander, WY; Powder River, WY, Nevada, Riverton, WY, Shoshone, WY; Kimball, NE before settling in Gillette, WY in 1963, where the children attended school. Alyce and Wayne purchased a farm near Bushnell, NE in 1983, where



Jay graduated from high school and she lived there until 2007 when she purchased her home in Belle Fourche, SD.

Alyce spent several years volunteering at the Tri-State Visitors Center and Museum in Belle Fourche. She loved animals and she had a witty sense of humor, and was never afraid to tell someone how it was. She was always considered to be the matriarch of the family because she always took care of everyone. She was a wonderful cook and she loved feeding people, especially the grandchildren. Alyce loved her grandchildren, and they loved her. Time spent together - especially on the farm - created many memories. Alyce was faithful and trustworthy, always honest. She was a Godly woman. Her faith showed up in the way she lived. Alyce will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Alyce is survived by her children: LaDona Knigge of Chico, CA; Jodi Sprague of Colorado Springs, CO; Julie Schreiber of Belle Fourche, SD; Jay Knigge (Missy) of Cheyenne, WY; grandchildren, Chrystal Knigge, Rebekah Burke, Michael Burkarski (Megan), Lonnie Sprague, Jesse (Christina) Olsen, Elaina Schreiber, Kabrina (Chris) Rimiker, Jayson (Shelly) Knigge; and several great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wayne (1996), son, Donald Wayne Knigge (2021), granddaughter Christina (2022), and sister, Leona (1947).



**Pastor's Perspective**

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Don McKillop, Trinity Lutheran Church,

**"God Will Supply All Your Needs"**



The people of Israel had just been set free from Egyptian slavery. God had brought them out of Egypt with many miracles after the many plagues which convinced Pharaoh to let them go.

He opened the Red Sea allowing them to cross over to the other side while destroying the Egyptian army that wanted to bring them back into slavery. He was providing for them food and water, and all they needed. He was guiding them to the Promised Land where they could have a good life. They should have been thankful to God for all He was doing for them, but according to Numbers 21, they were complaining bitterly about many things.

We see how God responded to their complaining. He sent as the Bible calls them "fiery serpents," which bit the people and they died. We might say that God was giving them something to really complain about. Then God told Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard, and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." And that is what happened. Whoever looked at the bronze serpent even though he was bitten, lived.

So we really learn 2 things from these passages. One is that we should always be thankful for all that God

does for us, and all that He gives us. He has promised to provide for all that we need for this life. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will supply all of your needs, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." We should thank Him for the countless blessings He gives us. And also, we see what a beautiful picture this is of the Gospel as whoever looks to Jesus, and trusts in His death on the cross as the full payment for all of their sins will be saved and given eternal life. The Bible says that Jesus became sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Just as the Israelites were saved by looking at the bronze serpent in the wilderness so also we are saved by looking at Jesus by faith.

John 3:14-18 says, 14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15. that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 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. 17. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18. Whoever believes in him is not condemned," II Corinthians 9:15 says, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

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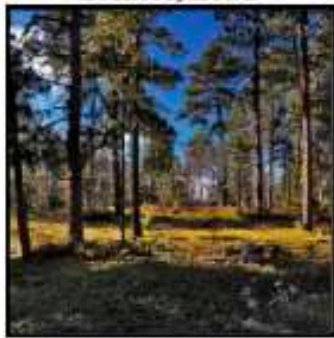


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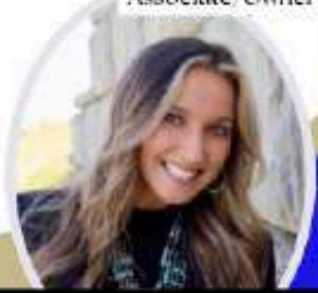
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Fred Ager – Memorial Tribute

Written by Pastor Paul Howard

Fred Reno Ager was born in Deadwood, South Dakota on April 2, 1942. He was the third child of Reno and Louise Ager and as time passed Fred was one of twelve children... 4 boys and 7 girls.



served the Black Hills and surrounding area with his auctioneering and real estate services for 25 years. Time spent in the auctioneering business was a passion with Fred that he never set aside.

He told me once that if he wasn't in church on Sunday, he was at an auction somewhere buying things that he didn't need but loved to collect.

Fred and Wanda purchased a ranch in Aladdin, Wyoming in 1984 and lived there until 1994. During the early 90's Fred managed the CO-OP in Hulett, Wyoming and also worked as a Ford salesman.

Take a moment with me and let's review this man's incredible working career. Working on a ranch, odd jobs as a young man, trained mechanic, construction worker, manager of Patron's Oil, manager of Cenex in Hulett, Wyoming, auctioneering on a regular basis, involved in real estate, a Ford auto salesman, buying and selling antiques, refinishing furniture and some other things that I don't quickly recall.

This man defies that age old adage! It is said "that a man was a jack of all trades but master of none". Fred Ager was a jack of all trades and master of all of them.

While all of this was going on, he still found time to hunt, fish, play serious poker and other card games, and tell endless stories that were always entertaining and humorous.

He loved animal of all types... dogs and a pet deer. Oh! Lest I forget, Fred also served on the city council here in the City of Belle Fourche. In this capacity he also served with distinction.

He was a walking text book in regard to facts and figures and he could tell you the specific numbers of money wasted by our various levels of government – not just to complain but to provide you with a better solution that would save the city money.

Fred had an amazing mind. He could calculate figures in his head faster than anyone could do it with a calculator. He would get a bit intense about city politics from time to time and I once asked him why he stayed involved if it bothered him so much.

His response was another one of Fred Ager's classic statements... "Someone smart must keep his finger on the pulse of the city – I'm your man!"

Fred has lost his wife in an auto accident. In 2001, Fred married Arlene Garduna and he spent the next 22 years sharing her life. Just a few days ago I spent some time with Fred and he told me how much he had enjoyed and appreciated Arlene.

This is when I got to know Fred as his pastor for twenty years. I remember attending Bible studies with Fred and Arlene at Willie Ruby's home on Wednesday night.

Fred and I were there for the pot luck supper and they were special times. Many of you are aware of Fred's sense of humor and he tell some of his stories around that dinner table. We all know that some of those stories were "edgy" and what made them even more entertaining was the looks that he got from Arlene!

Fred always came to church a bit early for his doughnut before the service and I will miss those times of conversation with Fred.

Fred didn't say much about his commitment to Jesus Christ but his faith was obvious in the way he lived and the kindness he showed toward people in

Marian J. Nickelson Burling 96

Marian J. Nickelson Burling left us on January 4, 2024 to begin her next great adventure with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was 96 years of age and was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Blaine and Vera Randall. She graduated from Sioux Falls Washington High School in 1945. She worked for the South Dakota Crop and Livestock Administration for three years and married Don Nickelson in 1948.



Church and worked with Rev. Charles Berdahl at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames, IA for four years.

She attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was given a scholarship to go to Vanderbilt Divinity School preparing to become a pastor but after one year the newly formed Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offered her a job as a lobbyist for women, children and poverty in Washington, D.C. where she worked from age 60 to 70 and then retired.

Don and Marian lived on a family ranch in Aladdin, Wyoming, starting their family and then moved to Belle Fourche, South Dakota until 1978. They had four children, Nancy Nickelson Phillips, Sheridan, WY, Dale Nickelson (Karla), Lake City, FL, Richard Nickelson, Fort Collins, CO and Larry Nickelson (Kathy), Rapid City, SD.

Marian was organist at the Lutheran Church for many years, a member of P.E.O. and was South Dakota Mother of the Year in 1975 and runner up for the national title.

She went to Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD in 1978 and graduated with a degree in Political Science. At the same time she was elected to the National Board of the American Lutheran Church for the Division for Life and Ministry in the Congregation for eight years. She was the first woman to chair a national board in the ALC. She spent her summers going to El Salvador, Nicaragua and Mexico during turbulent times in the early eighties and gave speeches to ALC congregations.

The president of the ALC sent her as a delegate to a conference in Thailand which took her to the mission fields in India, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Nepal, Hong Kong, China, Japan, and South Africa.

She became a deacon in the American Lutheran

Church and worked with Rev. Charles Berdahl at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames, IA for four years. She attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was given a scholarship to go to Vanderbilt Divinity School preparing to become a pastor but after one year the newly formed Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offered her a job as a lobbyist for women, children and poverty in Washington, D.C. where she worked from age 60 to 70 and then retired.

She married Irving Burling in 1998. They lived in Sun Lakes, Arizona, for ten years and then moved to Dow Rummel Village in Sioux Falls, SD. Irv died in 2015. Marian moved to Cascades Assisted Living, close to her daughter in Sheridan, WY in 2019 remaining there until her death.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children Nancy, Dale (Karla), Richard and Larry (Kathy), her stepchildren Dan (Beth Reilly) Burling, Bloomington, MN and Kris Burling, Arizona, her thirteen Grandchildren: Blaine, Ben, Taylor, Tim, Katey, Aaron, Scott, Mark, Mike, Rachel, Isaac, Matthew, Aubrey and her thirty two Great Grandchildren.

A Celebration Of Life will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Kane Funeral Home with a reception to follow.

Online condolences may be written at www.kanefuneral.com.

Kane Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.



Allen Alfred Holst 91

Allen Alfred Holst, 91, died Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Rolling Hills Health Care in Belle Fourche, SD.

Graveside Services with military honors were held at Black Hills National Cemetery on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Allen was born July 29, 1932, at the Sturgis hospital to Ernest and Dora (Trigg) Holst, but his twin brother, Alvin was born in the car on Sly Hill north of Sturgis. Allen attended 8 years at the Fairview School just a mile away from his home and graduated from Vale High School in 1950. After high school he worked on the family farm. He then attended one semester at School of Mines. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1958, earning a Good Conduct Medal and a AACS Squadron Medal.



After Allen retired from the FFA, he went back to work as an independent contractor for Raytheon which took him to many interesting jobs along the West Coast and Hawaii. During these years he had four grandchildren and was able to spend a lot of quality time with them. After much travel and a nomadic lifestyle, he wanted to return home to the family property near Vale and spend his time working on different projects. Allen loved animals, especially cats, often picking up animals in need and bringing them home. He loved sailing and even built his own sailboat (it was referred to as the stone boat). He secretly took dance lessons which led to many hours dancing with Kathleen. He was a wonderful role model for his grandchildren. He was mostly known for his ability to fix anything, anywhere. This is his legacy. He was an honorable man of many talents and loved by all.

He married Kathleen Hammerquist in 1955. Allen was stationed in Biloxi, MS, Great Falls, MT, and then Tucson, AZ, where Jeannine was born. Allen left the Air Force and moved to Caputa, and then Rapid City and worked at Lobdell Fix-it shop. He then worked for the Federal Aviation Administration starting in 1960 in Lincoln, NE, where Janice was then born. The family then returned to Rapid City in 1965 Allen and continued to work for the FAA at the Rapid City airport until 1985, when he was transferred to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and then to Prescott, AZ, where he retired in 1993.

Allen had skills as a mechanic, and electrician and which were much appreciated by many people. He put his talents to use for many years as he built a large house in west Rapid City. He was an active member of the Elks Club, the Lions Club and was part of the Big Brother program.

Allen was loved by Kathleen's friends and family. While raising his two daughters, Jeannie, and Janice he also helped raise his cousins, Ed, Mary, and Tom Trigg, who had lost their father.

Allen is survived by his daughters, Janice Takagi (Mike Cox), Tucson, AZ, and Jeannine (Claude Cormane), California; sister, Judy (Art) Ollila, Vale, SD; four grandchildren, Frank Cormane of California, Tyler, Alyssa, and Kyle Takagi of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

Allen is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Dora (Trigg) Holst; brothers, Roger, Kenneth, and twin, Alvin Holst; former wife, Kathleen Hammerquist Holst; and special friend Donna Eagan.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a memorial donation to your favorite pet rescue organization.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



Darrel Lloyd Hanzlik, 67,

Darrel Lloyd Hanzlik, 67, of Sturgis, SD, died Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at Monument Health Hospice House in Rapid City, SD.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis, SD.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

A memorial has been established to Meade County 4-H.



need. In one of my final conversations with Fred just before he passed away, he openly professed his faith in and his love for Jesus Christ. One of the most precious times I have spent with any man... Fred was burdened at that time because of things in his past that he regretted.

He wanted to make sure that God would forgive him for those troubling memories from his past. It was my privilege to share him the most comforting scriptures that I love to share with those who are troubled with past guilt.

God forgives and God forgets and I will treasure the moment when that reality settled into Fred's spirit.

He said Paul... "I believe that with all my heart but I wanted to hear it again.

Fred also shared with me at that time the depth of his love

for Arlene... He told of the difference that she had brought about in his life, the faith that she inspired, and the love that she shared with him.

He also wanted me to tell his children how much he treasured them in his heart... his grandchildren, the Garduna boys and their families. He said that he felt like God had blessed him twice!

Fred's children, Linda and Jeff have expressed their appreciation for the legacy that Fred

has left them. From this man, their father, they learned from his example of living with honesty, integrity, and the value of hard work that is well done.

Son-in-law, Bill, spoke of the respect and love that Fred expressed toward him and his acceptance and support.

He will be remembered by all of us as one unique and talented man who enriched our lives by his presence with us. Amen.

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## Bronc Boys Drop Two

Kyle Wahlfeldt  
Special to the Beacon

The Bronc Boys struggled with finding their rhythm on January 9th as they hosted the Lead/Deadwood Gold Diggers (3-5) but would eventually prevail and end a four-game losing streak winning by a score of 59-51.

The Broncos struggled with turnovers throughout the game, at one point turning the ball over on three straight possessions.

Belle Fourche shot 53% from the floor converting 21 of 40 attempts had trouble early on getting anything to fall, but down the stretch free-throws helped seal the win by shooting 73% from the charity line.

The Broncos were paced by Nolan Wahlfeldt who drove the ball well and scored 18 points as well as grabbing five rebounds. "Nolan did a good job of getting to the paint and finishing at the rim.

Overall we did some good things tonight but we still need to clean up our footwork on the catch, but I was pleased with the overall effort from the team," said Broncos Head Coach Clay Pottorff.

Jordan Sandoval who saw extended floor time forced two turnovers late in the first half, "Jordan had a good night providing a spark in the 2nd Quarter."

Carter McKenna had his first

Double/Double of the season by scoring 13 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. "Carter played tough inside for us tonight," Pottorff had to say.

Jet Jensen, who struggled with turning over the ball, still helped the team out by putting in 14 Points.

**Belle Fourche Scoring:**  
Nolan Wahlfeldt 18, Jet Jensen 14, Carter McKenna 13, Rance Bowden 6, Jordan Sandoval 4, Isaac Voyles 4

**Hill City 57-Broncs 35**  
Defense and pressure was the key to a Hill City victory over the Broncos on January 16th in Hill City as the boys fall to the Rangers by a score of 57-35.

Coach Clay Pottorff said that Hill City's ball pressure and strong denial of passing lanes took them out of their game.

The Rangers cued on Jet Jensen and Nolan Wahlfeldt who only scored a combined 18 points.

The Ranger's Devin Buehler had the hot hand all night dropping 27 points on the Broncos including seven from beyond the arc.

Gavin Pearson and Emitt Lipp gave the Broncos some quality minutes off the bench by providing some much-needed physicality.

Belle Fourche hosted top ranked Bowman ND on Saturday January 20th.

### Belle Fourche Scoring:

Jet Jensen 12, Isaac Voyles 7, Nolan Wahlfeldt 6, Gavin Pearson 5, Jordan Sandoval 3, Harvey Walding 2

### Bowman Upends Bronc Boys at Home

The Bowman Co. Bulldogs traveled south for a matchup against the Bronc Boys on Saturday January 20th and displayed why they are the number one ranked team in North Dakota Class "B" by upending the Broncos by a score of 88-34. Bowman's defense and the scoring duo of Bohden and Bishop Duffield dominated the Broncos on both sides of the court by combining for 54 points. It wasn't all bad for Belle Fourche as Carter McKenna played tough beneath the board, and Isaac Voyles found his groove scoring 12 points while Jet Jensen contributed 10. Belle Fourche also seemed to handle the Bulldogs pressure and fast pace of play in the first half while keeping the game close through the first quarter. Coach Pottorff was pleased how the team stuck together in the 2nd half and never gave up. Belle Fourche will travel to Buffalo on Thursday to play the Ranchers.

### Bronc Scoring:

Isaac Voyles 12, Jet Jensen 10, Nolan Wahlfeldt 4, Johah Musilek 3, Carter McKenna 3, Gavin Pearson 2



Isaac Voyles ends up on the floor protecting the ball. Photos Sean Wahlfeldt (Wahlfeldt Photography)



Jordan Sandoval maneuvers for position against Lead. Photos Sean Wahlfeldt (Wahlfeldt Photography)



Jet Jensen works the ball inside. Photos Sean Wahlfeldt (Wahlfeldt Photography)



Carter McKenna is in the lane for two. Photo Sean Wahlfeldt (Wahlfeldt Photography)

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Isaac Voyles passes the ball out against Bowman. HockenbaryPhoto



Sern Weishaar takes a shot with Dawg pressure. Hockenbary Photo



Harvey Walding gets a shot against strong defense under the basket. Hockenbary Photo

## Broncs Rebound From Recent Losses

Fehrin Brindley

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The Lady Broncs were fresh off two losses from tough Black Hills Conference opponents when they showed up at Douglas High School on January 6th.

They came away with the win this time, making it clear they were the better team with a score of 64-36. Their margin of lead was only two points at the end of quarter one with a score of 14-12.

Reese Larson and Lily Nore had a hot start contributing 4 and 7 points, respectively, in the opening minutes. Sloan Young and Mataya Ward came alive in the second quarter to gather 8 and 6 points in that quarter alone.

The Patriots lost some momentum and the score at halftime was 31-21. It was Larson and Nore who helped the Broncs continue to separate themselves throughout the third quarter, resulting in a 45-31 score. Ward then scored 10 points in the fourth quarter and was joined on the books by a bucket from 5 different teammates as the Broncs ended the game victorious 64-36.

Four Broncs were in double digits with Ward, Nore, Young, and Larson scoring 16, 14, 13, and 12 points.

### Belle Fourche Defeats Lead-Deadwood

The Broncs opened the game with 3 unanswered buckets, setting the tone. Lead was unable to handle the full court pressure when they called a timeout just under a minute in.

The home team would go on

to score an additional 10 points before Lead-Deadwood could get on the board. The score at halftime was 39-7.

The Broncs rotated through all ten players and ran some new plays.

They continued to grow their lead margin throughout the second half, finishing the game and securing the win 53-12.

Ward had 20 points for the Broncs followed by Nore with 17. Young chipped in another 12.

### Lady Broncs vs Hill City Rangers

The 6-3 Broncs traveled up into the heart of the Black Hills to take on the 7-2 Hill City Rangers on the 16th.

Hill City caught the jump ball, but Nore jumped a pass to gather a steal on the opening play. Ward had an easy put back for the first points scored in the game. Hill City answered with a quick drive to the basket. Ward finished with another quick layup to make it 4-2 in the first minute of play. Nore hit a 15 foot jumper and the Broncs took the 6-2 lead.

The Rangers called an early timeout to regain composure. After a speedy start, both teams fell into a defensive game for the middle minutes of the quarter.

Score at the end of the first quarter was 14-10. It wasn't until 5:15 left in the second before any points were scored during the period with Hill City finding the hoop on a fast break play.

Hill City found another two points to tie the game 14-14.

Two more minutes went score-

less when Ward grabbed her own rebound to grab the lead again. The Rangers tied it back up in the following play, 16-16. Young drove to the hoop at 1:10 left of the half to put the Broncs up 18-16. The Rangers scored a free throw. Scoring 4 points within the last 25 seconds of the half, Hill City took their first lead at 21-18.

Each team started the second half with defensive stops. Hill City's, 6'2" Division I commit came alive in the third quarter. She scored on a baseline out of bounds play for 2 more points for the Rangers. They followed with a free throw keeping the lead with a score of 24-18 for the home team in green and gold. Ward hit a free throw to break the Broncs scoring drought at 5:37. Two Ranger free throws put them back up, but Nore hit both of her free throws right after to keep the pace.

Hill City caught a scoring run for the next minute and a half bringing their score margin even more to 30-21. Nore hit back to back buckets off dishes from Ward to bring the Broncs back within four points.

Starting quarter four with a 28-32 disadvantage, Young found a posted-up Ward who scored on the opening play to be back within 2 points. The Rangers went on to score 9 points to the Broncs' 6 to keep the lead at 41-36 with 3 minutes left in the game. The Rangers scored a three pointer, taking the 8 point lead.

The Broncs were able to get a quick steal on the press which


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found Ward underneath to be fouled on the shot. Ward made both free throws bringing it back within 6. The Rangers scored another 2 points and then Ward drove to the hoop for two points to maintain the 6 point differential with 35.9 left in the game. After jumping a pass under the Ranger hoop, Nowowiejeski dished it quick to the other end of the court for another Ward bucket. There was 12.9 left when the Rangers inbounded the ball and the Broncs immediately fouled.

The Hill City player made both of her free throws. A Bronc three pointer was missed, forcing the purple team to foul again. One of the

two free throws was made for the Rangers this time and the time ran off the clock before the Broncs could throw up another shot.

The Hill City Rangers came out victorious 49-44. Ward had 21 points and Nore had 15 for the Broncs.

The Lady Broncs were supposed to travel to Winner on the 18th, but the game was postponed due to weather.

The Lady Broncs will host Custer in their next home game on February 3rd. C games starting at 11am.

They will then host conference foe Rapid City Christian the following Tuesday, the 6th, at 7pm.



(L) Sloan Young shoots under the basket; (R) Lily Nore avoiding being blocked out under the basket. Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Carter McKenna, 44, goes up for the ball (L); and upon retrieving battles for position (R) Sean Wahlfeldt (Wahlfeldt Photography)Photo



(L) Nolan Wahlfeldt, shoots for two despite inside pressure; (R) Jet sets up the offense against Bowman. Sean Wahlfeldt (Wahlfeldt Photography)Photo



Kailey Nowowiejeski Takes to the air for two. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Broncs line up at attention for National Anthem. Sean Wahlfeldt (Wahlfeldt Photography)Photo

# Show Up

by Belle LaVenu



2024 is looking to be a very entertaining year!! I am very excited to FILL this column and YOUR CALENDARS for so many upcoming fine arts events! Belle Fourche Area Community Theater announces their 2024 Season! BFACT held their Annual Meeting at Venue 519 on January 20th. Board Members and Executive Director, Derek Olson, announced the following shows: The big summer production will be the log-time favorite, It is time to start marking your new 2024 calendar for upcoming theater events! **Murder on the Orient Express**. The spring show is **Break a Leg: A Night of One Acts**. The later half of the year will bring the live radio play, **Sherlock Holmes** and the **West End Horror**, **Getting Our Acts Together: Northern Hills One-Acts**, and **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical**. Check the dates below to update your family calendar! If you are ready to join them on stage, be sure to attend **AUDITIONS for the BFACT Night of One Acts** on February 6th & 7th in the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30-8:30 PM.

The BFACT Board celebrated record attendances in 2023 and look forward to growing this year. Their youth theater workshops and high school scholarship will continue this year, and they welcome all new members to be involved and bring ideas to the organization. Their website has all the information needed to keep up with shows, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. Check it out: [bellefourcheact.com](http://bellefourcheact.com).

**The public is invited to see plays all day!** The Belle Fourche High School will host the Regional One Act Play Competition on Wednesday, January 24th, at the BF Rec Center Theater. This full day event brings together high school theater programs from schools to perform their plays for the opportunity to compete at the State One Act Play Competition in early February. We will have the results ASAP! Good luck, Belle Fourche young thespians!

**At the end of January, it is time for Dark Secrets**, a 1903 Readers' Theater Production at the Tri-State Museum. Catch one or both shows on January 26th & 27th. Call the Tri-State Museum for more information: 723-1200.

**CALLING for STAGE PLAY WRITERS & ACTORS!** Be sure to check out the BFACT Writers' Workshop for stage plays on January 30th, 31st, and February 1st at 7 PM. Join published author Derek Olson, whose scripts have been performed in Belle Fourche, Lead, and as far away as England for the Workshop on Jan. 30th and 31st at 7pm and public performance on Feb. 1st on the Belle Fourche Rec Center Auditorium Stage. The workshops will focus storytelling for the stage, basic mechanics of stage plays, correct formatting, and more. If you have a script you have already started, bring the first ten pages with you. You can get specific critiques on it that you can take away and work on after the workshop concludes. This is a very unique opportunity that can be hard to come by for new authors. Best of all, this whole event is FREE! To sign up, email [director@bellefourcheact.com](mailto:director@bellefourcheact.com) or call 605-645-3255 to sign-up. If you are interested in being an actor for the showcase, please contact Derek as well either by email or phone. If you want to watch the show, just show up on Feb 1 at 7pm!

**The Belle Fourche Arts Council has announced its 2nd Annual "Rural Life Expressions." Photography Contest.** The contest has three categories: Landscape, People, and Animals for Under 18 and Adult. Amateur photographers can mail or drop off submissions (Mounted 8x10 photo - no frames) at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, 415 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche between January 1st and Feb 3rd. The entries for the contest will be on display the week before the reception at the museum. There will also be a "People's Choice" award chosen by those who visit and view the entries. Final judging and awards ceremony will be held the evening of Feb 10th.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

January 1 through February 3, 2024: "Rural Life Expressions" Photography Contest hosted by the Belle Fourche Arts Council at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center.

January 24, 2024: The Regional One Act Play Competition at the BF Rec Center Theater.

January 26 & 27: 1903 Readers Theater presents Dark Secrets at the Tri-State Museum & Visitors Center.

January 30 - February 1: BFACT presents a three-evening Writers' Workshop & Performance for the public - Free admission & enrollment.

February 6 & 7: AUDITIONS for the BFACT Night of One Acts, BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30-8:30 PM.

February 10, 2024: Photography Contest awards reception hosted by the Belle Fourche Arts Council at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center.

March 8 & 9: BFMS Theater presents Castle, a show of medieval proportions in the BF Rec Center Theater, 7 PM.

March 15 & 16: BFACT production of Break a Leg: A Night of One Acts.

April 13: Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters presents: The Community Variety Show & Arts Festival.

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

August 16 & 17: 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.

December 13-15: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical.

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at [bellelavenue@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## Belle Fourche Honor Roll

### "A" Honor Roll

**Freshman:** Mya Bush, Tacen Carr, Madisyn Carson, Angela Derschan, Misty Drieling, Dylan Foley, Brooke Garman, Adian Keil, Kora Knapp, Preston Lake, Paxton Luong, Jobie Manke, Zoey McQueen, Gabriel Raba, Elliot Schreder, Derek Scott, Lynley Seaman, Austey Stiefvater, Olivia Sutter, Clayton Tanninen, Kyra Vandenberg, Addilyn VanSickle, Nicholas Vetter, Aurora Voyles, Ian Voyles, Keagen Walker, Trevor Welles, Kale Williams, Kaylyn Wolf

**Sophomore:** Ysabelle Angeles, Griffen Biehl, Nathan Bowers, Riley Dighton, Tegan Fredericksen, Reagan Hatling, Adeline Hayes, Trinity Hostetter, Emma Juelfs, Leah Lambert, Denali Larson, Emitt Lipp, Marek Manke, Justus Marshall, Joseph McLennan, Sebastian Moyer, Atlee Olson, Jazlyn, Trigg Olson, Raif Parmeter, Gavin Pearson, Syd Pelster, Serenity Pinkerton, Andrew Pruitt, Corbin Rowe, Stephen Stein, Danielle Vetter, Kate Williamson

**Juniors:** Nora Bricker, Elinor Damberg, Spencer Foley, Evin Gabbard, Carlee Grady, Payton Jackson, Sterling Jones, Taya Kirstine, Alexandra Klocek, Wyatt Lesmeister, Allie Mailloux, Lydia Main, Chloe Merjil, Bailey Moke, Lily Nore, Kailey Nowowiejski, Kashton Ostenson, Owyn Schreder, Alexandra Stevens, Drake Sutter, Kaisa Tanninen, Isaac Voyles, Betsy Wilen, Radlie Williams

**Seniors:** Ava Allen, Alexis Anderson, Hailey Anderson, Rexton Audiss, Jacie Baxendale, Zachary Best, Tavey Biehl, Rance Bowden, Owen Erhart, Noah Fowler, Justus Funk, Emilee Giffin, Allison Hayes, Quentin Hersant, Tyce Hostetter, Madison Howard, Arlen Johnson, Sara Juelfs, Kyla Katon, Thathcer Kinard, Hanna Kirksey, Tony Knappen, Lane Krautschun, Reese Larson, Katelyn Lee, Theodore Long, Atlea Lunders, Anika Main, Morgan Martin, Carter Mckenna, Brodie McNeese, Cade McNenny, Jonah Musilek, Justice Njos, Isabella Peterson, Ariana Richter, Harley Rivera, Jordan Sandoval, Lorelei Seaman, Jaimen Sechser, Trey Smeenk, Kyha Trainor, Logan Tyndall, Sydney Underhill, Nell Uskoski, Abigail Vetsch, Aiden Voyles, Nolan Wahlfeldt, Mataya Ward, Shaine Weishaar, Alena Williamson, Nyomi Woltkamp, Sloan Young, Kelby Zeestraten

### "B" Honor Roll

**Freshman:** Elsie Adams, Elle Anderson, Denali Biegert, Edward Blair, Elijah Boicourt, Koby Bowden, Tanner Bridge, Lann Broderson, Michaela Carlson, Lennon Clarkson, Conner Crowser, Madison Dalton, Boden Divine, Zachary Gerbracht, Carte Goeders, KD Green, Iva Hale, Tace Hartman, Mary Hayworth, Charlie Houch, Jackson, Jensen, Alexis Jewett, Dylan Johnson, Cynthia Katon, Prosper Knappen, Daven Kracht, Blayde Krul, Kaydence Lei, Deegan Lunders, Clay Mackaben, Mercedes Madison, Annika McNeese, Lucila Merjil, Aubri Moody, Jory Olson, Alexis Overweg, Riley Owen, Max Rhoads, Vivienne Riesland, Casen Schmidt, Aidan Schulze, Linsey Selzer, Lucas Tonsager, Clifford Torberson, Ryan Wood

**Sophomore:** Joshua Brill, William Bryan, Spencer Bush, Cierra Erhart, Kameron Gobel, John Hale, Urijah Hamilton, Sidey Hendricks, Kyle Hendrickson, Ashtyn Hight, Thomas Huber, Tucker Hughes, Slater Humbracht, Garett Huston, Tyson Kracht, Journe Littleton, Mason Nehl, Alexis Pickett, Jaydin Pimentel, Rylan Steidlillie, Caitlyn Vaughn, Oden Walding, Sern Weishaar

**Juniors:** Hunter Baker, Elijah Branning, Ozzy Dixon, Kaydance Gallagher, Jet Jensen, Shaun-Tey Kerr, Soren Kopp, Rachel Lee, Thomas Long, Kai Marshall, Markus Overstreet, Darian Pesicka, Joselyn Shockey, Alexa Swaney, Harvey Walding, Selene Walker

**Seniors:** Lynnea Brown, Catalina Cain, Terry Cazer, Avery Chervenoy, Cody Fooks, Daryn French, Trevor Harrison, Toarin Humble, Madison Johnson, Earl Jordan, Clay Kenoyer, Daniel Krajewski, Morgan Krul, Gavin Lake, Brenna Leitner, Keenan McLnerney, Addelyn Muhm, Thomas Nash, Olivia Nehl, Hayden Nickerson, Rorhie Olson, Keynan Roden, Chloe Schmoker, Carston Sechser, Lange Shockey, Rose Sprigler, Ethan Staley, Lana Tanninen



Board members at the BFACT Annual Meeting were excited to announce their 2024 season at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 20th.



Belle Fourche Area Community Theater Board Members: **Michael Meemken, Nathan Schreier, Nathan Thompson, Heather Pittman, Kelsey Gronlund, Allan Schreier**, and Executive Director, **Derek Olson**. Not pictured: **Sharon Thompson**. Michael and Allan were elected to the BFACT Board at the annual meeting on Jan. 20th. Special thanks was given to outgoing board members Angela Hastings and Allie Jusso-Verry for their service to BFACT programs.

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### Bronc Wrestlers Dual Sturgis & Compete in Chadron

**Kandi Tonsager**  
Special to the Beacon

On Thursday January 11th the Broncs fell short in a dual against Sturgis, with Riley Dighton earning one win for the team over Sturgis' number four ranked Beau Peters.

The Black Hills Conference meet scheduled for Saturday January 13th in Hot Springs was postponed due to inclement weather and rescheduled for Friday February 2nd.

Saturday January 20th, the Broncs traveled to Chadron, Nebraska for a tournament. Twenty-four teams from Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota competed in a tough tournament with five Broncs earning a spot in placing rounds. Garett Huston placed 5th at 120 pounds, Alex Norlin placed 6th at 132 pounds, Riley Dighton placed 4th at 138 pounds, Clifford Torberson placed 5th at 144 pound JV, and

Luke Tonsager placed 4th at 215 pounds.

Other Broncs competing were Teeden Humble and Conner Crowser at 106 pounds, Koby Bowden at 126 pounds, Owyn Schreder at 150 pounds, Peyton Alexander at 157 pounds, Zach Tonsager at 165 pounds, Spencer Bush-Graslie at 175 pounds, Trigg Olson at 190 pounds and Mason Nehl at 285 pounds. The team placed 10th overall.

The five Lady Broncs placed 5th overall out of 20 girls teams competing. Kyra Vandenburg won her bracket at 100 pounds and was awarded the tournament's Outstanding Girl Wrestler! Lia Mundt competed at 105 pounds, Joselyn Shockey placed 6th at 140 pounds, and Olivia Nehl placed 2nd at 155 pounds for an excellent showing.

The wrestlers will compete next in the two day Belle Fourche Invite, our home tournament, on Friday January 26th

at 11am and Saturday January 27th at 9am in the Belle Fourche High School gym.

Followed by rescheduled Black Hills Conference meet in Hot Springs Friday February 2nd, then the Hill City Invite on Saturday February 3rd.

**\*\*Roster Update\*\***

Many wrestlers out due to injury or other reasons...

**No Longer Wrestling:**  
Elijah Branning - took employment instead  
Caleb Dosch - may return  
Toarin Humble- injury- broke shoulder wrestling in Hettinger!  
Dylon Park- done for season  
Logan Tyndall- injury- shoulder while wrestling  
Luke Tonsager- temporarily out for face injury from match in Chadron  
Alexa Swaney- injury- leg during practice  
Chloe Merjil- injury- foot during match in Gillette

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Conner Crowser - Chadron. Courtesy Photo



Captains Owyn Schreder & Riley Dighton in Sturgis. Courtesy Photo



Broncs Wrestling Dads caught in action. Courtesy Photo



Jory Olson match in Hettinger. Courtesy Photo



Alexa Swaney wrestling in Hettinger. Courtesy Photo



Caden Swaney wins with a pin. Courtesy Photo



Coby Bowden in control in his Chadron match. Courtesy Photo



Mason Nehl ready to escape. Courtesy Photo



Kyra Vandenberg 1st place in Hettinger. Courtesy Photo



Alex Norlin with team looking on Chadron. Courtesy Photo



Olivia Nehl looking for the pin.



Riley Dighton placed 4th at Hettinger. Courtesy Photo

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**City, School Election Petitions Sought**

*Joint Election Slated For April 9*

**Lacey Peterson**

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BELLE FOURCHE — The city council and school district recently announced vacancies in a combined total of nine seats open for the upcoming combined election slated for April 9.

Election petitions will be available Jan. 25 to those seeking to run for election. Completed petitions are due no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 23.

The city has five positions coming available for election - one seat in each of the four wards, and the mayor. Each of the city's elected seats carry a three-year term.

Mayor Randy Schmidt was elected in April 2021 after serving a four-year term as a Ward 4 councilmember. His term will expire in June.

Councilmember Heidi Parker was elected to the Ward 1 council seat in July 2021 and her seat will be open for election.

In Ward 2, the seat currently held by Councilmember Lee Capp, elected in July 2023, will come available.

Capp was elected to the seat via a special election, held July 25, 2023, after Derrick Erhart's May 2023 resignation. Erhart was elected to the council in

2021.

The seat held by Ward 3 Councilmember Randy Sowers, elected in April 2021, will be open for election. Sowers has also served as the council president since May 2023.

Lastly, the seat for Ward 4 Councilmember Tricia Fowler, elected for a six-month term in October 2023, will be available. Fowler was elected to fill the seat vacated by Rebecca Larson in August 2023.

The school board has four at-large vacancies up for election. Three of those hold three-year terms and one seat holds a one-year term.

The three-year term seats coming open are currently held by Nita Justice, Tara Knapp, and Greg Krajewski. Justice, Knapp, and Krajewski were all elected to the board in April 2021.

The one-year term seat open is currently held by Kelly Keegan, who was appointed by a board vote on Sept. 11, 2023. Keegan replaced Jade Larson, who was elected to the position in April 2022 and resigned in August 2023.

The city and school district have commonly held a combined election with the intentions of saving tax dollars and encouraging better voter turnout for all entities.

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Feeder Cattle			
Hearth Tail Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	53... Bldl Str	572	\$311.50
Hearth Tail Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	75... Blk . Str	704	\$264.00
Hearth Tail Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	10... Bldl Hfr	476	\$289.00
K-C Ranch, Vale SD	15... B/R. Str	675	\$260.00
Barlow, Eric Or Elizabeth, Gillette WY	18... Red Str	416	\$330.00
Brown, Roger, Fruitdale SD	33... Blk . Str	758	\$243.50
Domek Charolais LLC, Wibaux MT	50... Char Str	624	\$258.00
Domek Charolais LLC, Wibaux MT	21... Blk . Hfr	585	\$257.00
Domek Charolais LLC, Wibaux MT	63... Char Hfr	637	\$230.00
Domek Charolais LLC, Wibaux MT	16... Char Hfr	485	\$245.00
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa SD	30... Blk . Str	793	\$227.00
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD	24... Blk . Hfr	448	\$297.00
Hutton Land & Livestock, Devils Tower WY	24... Red Str	627	\$281.00
Hutton Land & Livestock, Devils Tower WY	22... Red Hfr	592	\$253.50
Kieffer, Pam, Rapid City SD	11... Bldl Str	461	\$328.00
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada MT	7... Bldl Str	774	\$228.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT	40... Bldl Hfr	582	\$260.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT	20... Bldl Str	464	\$282.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD	56... Blk . Str	632	\$285.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD	40... Blk . Hfr	592	\$266.00
Weigh Up Cows			
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD	2... Blk . Cow	1212	\$85.00
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD	1... Blk . Hfr	805	\$141.00
SD Consignment... 1	Blk . Cwette	1715	\$96.50
SD Consignment... 7	Blk . Cwette	1367	\$99.00
SD Consignment... 1	Hfr. Cwette	1265	\$97.00
Williamson, Lev, Moorcroft WY	1... Blk . Cow	1155	\$84.00
Weigh Up Bull			
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa SD	1... Blk . Bull	1920	\$115.00

## 2024 CATTLE SALES

- February 2nd - No Sale - Visit The Black Hills Stock Show!
- February 9th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- February 16th - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- February 23rd - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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## Friday, January 26, 2024

### Bred Cow & Feeder Cattle Special

9:00 AM - Weigh Ups 10:00 AM - Feeder Cattle 1:00 PM Bred Cows

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

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Brence Ranch - 160 Blk Strs - 700-800# - BT, PC, NI, Home Raised  
Clarys Ranch - 100 Blk Mostly Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI, Weaned  
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch - 95 Blk Strs - 725-775# - BT, PC, Poured, Weaned  
Russiff Ranch Inc - 95 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 575-675# - BT, PC, NI  
Baker Lemar Angus - 65 Blk Strs - 500-650# - BT, PC, Weaned  
Mills Cattle LLC - 55 Mostly Blk Strs & Hfrs - 400-525# - BT, PC, NI, Poured  
Ralph Crago - 30 Blk Hfrs - 500# - BT, PC, NI, Weaned  
Tracy Fruit - 20 Blk Hfrs - 400-500\$ - BT, PC

#### Dispersion

Stoyan & Chelsea Lucey - 120 Blk Commercial 3 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 3/7 For 60 Days - All Raised A Calf

#### Bred Heifers

Mike Gauthier - 130 Blk Hfrs - Bred Vermillion - 3/1 For 2 Cycles  
Lynn Aga - 115 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Jorgenson Bulls - 3/1 For 60 Days  
Andrew Gaskill - 70 Blk Hfrs - Ai Bred Kg Justified - 3/8 - Home Raised  
Bruce & Colby Crago - 75 Blk & Bldy Hfrs - Ai Bred To New Addition - 3/1 For 2 Cycles & 4/1 For 2 Cycles - Cleaned Up With Sons Of New Addition  
Hook Ranch - 50 Blk Hfrs - Ai Bred - 3/15  
Paul Brence - 15 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Blk - 4/1 For 26 Days  
Drew Gaskill - 15 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Blk Angus - 4/1 For 21 Day - Home Raised

#### Bred Cows

Cheryl Burghduff - 20 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk Angus - 3/25  
Jade Lenhart - 15 Blk 3 To 5 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 3/15 For 60 Days  
Andrew Gaskill - 15 Blk 10 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 4/1 For 45 Days  
Dean Kolka - 12 Red Short Term Cows - Bred Red - 3/25  
Gaskill Family - 12 Blk Young Cows - Bred Blk Angus - 5/15 For 45 Days  
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### Thursday, January 25, 2024

#### Bred Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special 1:00 PM

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**Feeder Lambs**  
SD - 200 New Crop Lambs - 85#  
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SD - 60 Lambs - 100#  
MT - 30 Lambs - 110#  
SD - 50 Lambs - 80#  
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## 2024 SHEEP SALES

- February 1st - No Sale - Black Hills Stock Show Time!
- February 8th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- February 15th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- February 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- February 29th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 7th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 14th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 21st - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 28th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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lease or rent space from Belle Fourche. He said that it would be important to have a formal letter so that the city of Belle Fourche could move forward with plans for the extra space that would be needed and to see what it would cost.

"I think we are responsible to have that architectural cost," he added.

He indicated that getting the numbers and cost analysis would be pertinent to making wise decision.

The county commissioners approved a Letter of Commitment between Belle Fourche Police Department and Butte County Sheriff's Department in regards to the planning stages of a law enforcement facility.

Many of county offices have had vacancies filled and are fully staffed. Treasurer Debbie Lensgrave noted that her office has done cross-training, which has been very beneficial, and is now fully staffed.

The Sheriff's Office has listed the job description for an Office Supervisor. Sheriff Lamphere pointed out that it

was new job, but will be needed in the future. The position will assist the Sheriff in carrying out the functions, responsibilities, and statutory requirements of the SO office.

State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney listed two positions needed in the SA Office. One is a Paralegal, which includes complex clerical work and research support. The other opening is for a Legal Assistant who will assist the attorneys and paralegals by providing clerical work and support services.

McCarty said that the job descriptions are a workable solution with how things are working in her office and help the office work more smoothly.

Public Comment to consider opening one available on-sale liquor license had one comment from the public. Jared Capp is building a luxury resort which will be open all year round.

"We would like the opportunity to be able [to serve alcohol]," he said.

The commissioners discussed how the process could be followed to make a fair resolution. Auditor Annie Capp informed

them that at this point there were four applicants.

It was decided that applications would be taken, fees paid, criteria/suitability of the applicant would be checked, and a lottery draw would be held. Those applicants that were not drawn would have their fees returned.

The deadline for applications to be returned to the auditor's office is end of day February 2. The Auditor's Office can be called for more information at 605-892-4485.

A new member has been appointed by the commissioners to serve a four-year term on the Butte County Planning Commission after a lengthy discussion and role call vote. Cody Burke will fill the vacancy beginning next month.

SA McCartney spoke to the professionalism of Deputy Bailey Hahne in a recent event. McCartney said that it was a very dangerous situation with a knife that Deputy Hahne used

her training to deal with the event professionally. Sheriff Lamphere echoed her affirmation.

Petitions are open for two seats on the commission. Capp said that her office has given out two petitions for District 2 and one petition for District 4 so far. Karrol Herman serves District 2 and Stan Harms serves District 4. Petitions can be picked up in the Auditor's Office or printed from <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/nominating-petitions/download-nominating-petition.aspx> anytime now and must be returned to the auditor's office by March 26, 2024 with the required number of signatures and notarization.

The order on the ballot will be determined by drawing on April 2.

During Public Comment, Sue Broadhurst thanked the commissioners for the new audio/visual but mentioned that the volume needed to be adjusted.

She wants to have prayer before each meeting, pointing out that as a Christian nation it should be part of the business. She mentioned that it would be a good idea to have the Ministerial group rotate for prayer.

"We are a Christian nation and should not apologize," she said.

Dale Simanton thought that there should be a vote on ejecting people. He admonished the commissioners on their conduct at the last meeting.

Travis Ismay would like to see an announcement of who is running for the Planning Board prior to the meeting so that people have the opportunity for input prior to a vote by the commission.

The bid for \$14,000 was accepted to purchase the Ford van for the Sheriff's Office.

The next commissioners' meeting will be February 6 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room at the Butte County Courthouse.



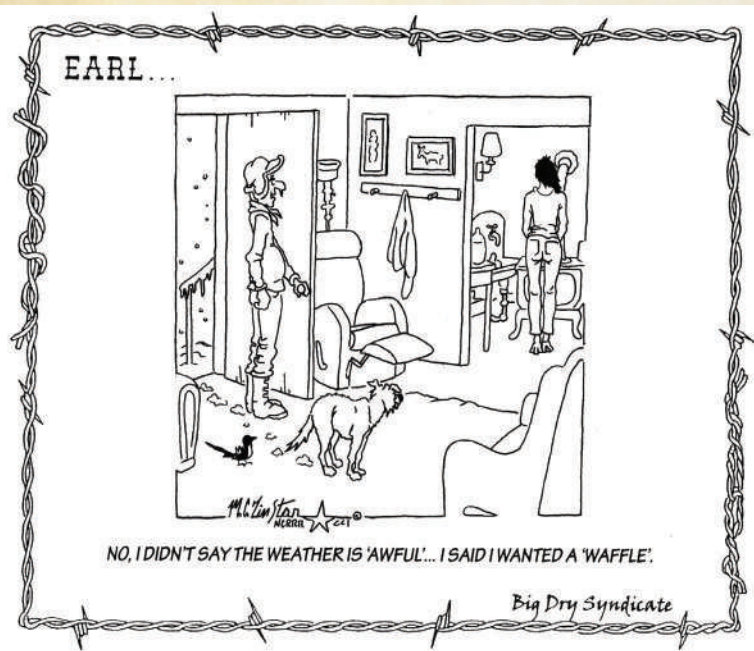
Butte County Commissioners, left to right: Stan Harms, Chair James Ager, Vice Chair Karrol Herman, Chad Erk, and Frank Walton. Beacon Photo Betty Bruner

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## The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson



One of the joys of doing my radio show, The Country Cafe of the Airwaves, or this column of The Good Stuff, is the submitted stories and poems I receive. This is from the 103-year-old lady from Missouri Valley, Iowa who encouraged me to keep writing after his stroke. She wonders if it is worthy of the column, which she enjoys very much. The answer is YES Ethel. Thank you so much!

*Old Age...*  
By Ethel Ward

Old age isn't so bad.  
No need to be morbid.  
No need to be sad.

I take a few pills,  
Wear a bib to catch spills.  
At the end of the month,  
I pay all the bills.

Food still tastes good.  
Music sounds great.  
Saturday, Lawrence and I have a date!

You make think I'm daft  
Because I drink coffee decaf.

Enjoying new friends that read The Good Stuff, I'm Jim Thompson

And on my oatmeal. I like half & half.

Sometimes I need help at a curb,  
But seldom with conjugating a verb.

There are quilts to be made,  
Cards to be played.  
So many books I can't read them all, I'm afraid.

My beloved family is near.  
Friends are so dear.  
Life is good.  
That is quite clear.

And then there is Jesus, my Savior.  
I trust He holds me in His favor.  
And when my assets are itemized,  
I'll count on His promise of Paradise.

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## Roots Grow Deep and Strong

An introduction to a new regular Beacon Feature

by Meg English

Sometime in 2012, a group of local Belle Fourche residents who liked to write banded together and started to meet regularly. As a group, the members are diverse, but all have at least one common bond, all have fixed roots in, or near to Belle Fourche.

Back in 2012 or maybe 2013, one of the original members, Holly Mosely wrote a poem that immediately drew the attention of the Belle Fourche Writers' newly formed anthology committee.

Holly's poem, titled Roots Grow Deep in Strong, so neatly represented the Belle Fourche Writers' collection of stories and poems that it soon became the title of their first anthology.

However, this article is not about the Belle Fourche Writers. Regularly, it is about Holly's

poem and how it continues to offer insightful interpretations about life in and near Belle Fourche. This article is also about how an idea for a regular Beacon feature came about.

Holly's poem Roots Grow Deep and Strong implies that the practice of persistence and the influence of place, reinforces the natural bonds that help communities work together. People in Belle attend funerals, take food to grieving families, volunteer for charities, and form lasting friendships.

We have stories to tell.

In Belle Fourche, as in any town, our stories involve drama, poetry, music, forgiveness, and love. Sometimes there are tangles. We make efforts to avoid "troubling the next



generation." Here, in our community we find nourishment and endure. At the same time, our stories are unlike those of other towns.

Our new Beacon feature column will also borrow the title Roots Grow Deep and Strong. The column will be about people and events from Belle Fourche past and present, whose stories become our story. The purpose of this column is to share Belle Fourche stories, keep them alive and in so doing, clarify and celebrate the identity of our shared community.

I have ideas for subjects for this feature Roots Grow Deep and Strong, although suggestions are always welcome. I look forward to researching and writing these articles. We hope readers like them too.

### Roots Grow Deep and Strong



Here, on the open plains,  
I see clearly.  
Nothing obstructs my view  
And the wind tears away my illusions,  
Aided by this setting –  
Here, on a cemetery hill.

Only truth abides.  
In death and on the plains  
There is only one posture.  
The upright stones  
Resist the wind  
As their namesakes did in their living.

Ultimately, we are all dust  
Troubling the next generation.  
Yet on the prairie  
Roots grow deep and strong,  
Find their nourishment  
And endure.

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Answer: Winter Olympic Games

## Dakota Grappler Names Riley Dighton Wrestler of the Week

### He is ranked 6th on the state wide Class A Poll



SOUTH DAKOTA CLASS A WRESTLING & DEEP WITH HONORABLE MENTION													
WRESTLER OF THE WEEK (WOW) - RILEY DIGHTON													
<b>106</b>													
1	Pierce Hurd	9	RCC	4					1	Rayden Zens	12	AC	3
2	Tyler Baidwin	10	STU	4					2	Sloan Johannsen	12	WAT	1
3	Branden Valley	10	RCS	4					3	Trevon Oehme	12	WAT	2
4	Beckett Rehner	9	BV	2					4	Aiden Wells	11	SFJ	1
5	Fea	10	WAT	1					5	Tegan Zebroski	12	STU	4
6	West Central	10	WAT	1					6	Karson Vessells	9	WC	1
7	Aberdeen Central	9	BV	2					7	Rhyan Tschetter	11	RCC	4
8	Brookings	7	W	3					8	Tate Huff	7	TEA	1
9	Sioux Falls O'Gorman	7	W	3					9	Brayden Collins	11	RCS	4
10	Harrisburg	8	W	3					10	HM Hudson Clair	10	SFL	2
11	Sioux Falls Lincoln	8	W	3					11	HM Steven Lamont	10	HAR	3
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2	Josiah Kauffman	10	SFL	2					2	Bentley Williams	12	SFL	2
3	Tara Welbitt	12	BRK	1					3	Parker Graveman	10	SPR	4
4	Tristan Stoesser	8	HAR	2					4	Tyler Wurth	12	HAR	2
5	Max Schoenhard	10	RCS	4					5	Dee Daniels	12	STU	4
6	Jake Price	10	STU	4					6	Graham Wilde	10	SFJ	1
7	Bentley Klinghammer	7	WC	1					7	Fate Huff	11	AC	3
8	Benjamin Nadig	8	STU	4					8	Alex Oelshagen	10	SPR	3
9	John Jeffery	12	SPR	4					9	HM Derek Hanson	12	WAT	1
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4	Lane Knutson	11	SPW	2					4	Lucas Chamberlain	12	PIE	3
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9	HM Samson Flakus	12	AC	3					9	Aiden Kracht	11	SPR	4
10	HM Daniel Vazquez												

Capitol News

By KAREN ODELL



Capitol News  
Jan. 15, 2024  
When it's springtime at Capitol and Tie Creek, it might just be 30 below.

The winter has come to Capitol and Tie Creek. Karen Odell took a look at the forecast, and decided to go in to Wolffy's at Camp Crook to stock up on some groceries, and to send out her mail. The warning weather prediction was that the temperature would soon drop, drastically. Previously, even up through the New Year, things had been mild, but everyone knew it just couldn't last, and everyone was right. Early on Saturday morning, the temperature had dropped to 30 below, with a wind chill factor of 57 below. Karen was lucky to have gotten the well house insulated in time, and her water did not freeze. She has been busy painting, reading, writing and forcing herself to do some physical therapy, and the week seemed to condense into a day or two. On Saturday her family texted to compare cold temperatures. Karen's inside animals began to get cabin fever and chase each other around the house, so finally on Sunday, she let the dog and a couple of cats outside again, for short jaunts. Cody's family's school events had been cancelled, and luckily Cody was not on call this weekend, so they were happy to stay home. Jeff and Amanda were on the eastern side of the cold, and it hadn't gotten quite as cold there yet. Mollie and JD, in Minnesota, were not quite as cold, either, but even Micki and Jesse on the Pacific coast were helping a neighbor thaw water lines. Everyone had been beginning to wish

for some moisture to mix in with all this dust, and the small amounts of snow were just what we needed. Ross Phelps came to Ronda Cordell's, on Monday, to put in some new lights. Her basement's old florescent lights got replaced with bright new LED lights. He's working to replace the plumbing under every sink in Ronda's house, and the door trim was installed at the calving trailer. On Wednesday, Tod Dague came to Ronda's, to haul heifer calves to Belle Fourche Livestock's Thursday sale. Clint Zolnoski hauled down another trailer load, too, after he finished feeding. Ronda drove to Camp Crook at noon to enjoy Darla Hammel's hamburger stew and Yvonne Yoder's corn bread at Wolffy's. Then, she went on to Jack and Kay Ovitiz's to visit and have coffee. Ronda left for Belle Fourche early, on Thursday, to get Boozer to the Belle Vet Clinic for blood work, and then she went to watch the calves sell. She was glad the calves had gone down the day before, because cold weather was moving in. It was nine below zero, when she had gotten up. By Saturday morning, it was 34 below zero. A breeze was sifting what little snow that was on the ground, across the meadow, and the air was full of ice crystals. When the sun peeked above the eastern horizon, it was joined on both sides by vivid sun dogs that formed a halo. God does have a way of bringing beauty even in the worst of times. After chores, Ronda searched her sewing cabinet to find a used metal coat zipper. She remembered a down-filled chore coat that was abandoned a couple of years ago, so she used her Bernina sewing machine that had been given to her in 1969, but it decided it was done working, so she studied up on using her newer computerized machine that is only 30 years old, and

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## Crossing The Cheyenne

*Gouache*



  
Mick Harrison

*I did several paintings on this subject.  
Horses and the Cheyenne River are always a good pair.*

now she has a warm zippered coat. On Sunday morning the thermometer was at 28 below. It bee-bopped back and forth, until noon, between 28 and 18 below, then gradually rose to four below, for the high for the day. We'll hope, for the sake of the livestock, that it warms up soon.

Dick and Erma Albert went to the Hills for groceries, on Tuesday. They went to the Senior Citizen Dinner on Friday, but the cold weather kept many people away. On Sunday, they went to church at the Catholic Church. Many people had stayed home to watch the mass online, because of the cold weather. They had lunch at Saloon Number Three with the Erk and the Helms families.

Bobby Cordell helped Alvin Cordell at the Horton place on Monday. Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche,

on Tuesday, to watch the basketball games. Rhys and Gavin Pearson were both playing in a game against Lead-Deadwood. Alvin came home, but Marlee stayed over to have lunch with MarJo Nixon and Becky Burghdoff on Wednesday. The Pill Pool competition has begun at the Corner Bar in Camp Crook. Alvin usually joins in that competition, but had to miss a couple of nights, so he will enter again next year. Alvin has been wishing for an older tractor. The cold weather and the new technology don't seem to work well together. Ryan came over with his pick-up and bale roller, to do the feeding. He was glad the pick-up would start in the cold.

Doug Davis and Morgan Buck have been fighting the cold. They both grew beards for the cold weather, and they come in looking like snowmen with frozen beards and rosy cheeks. On Thursday, Julia went to work at Buffalo, and then stocked up with some groceries for the predicted cold weather.

Ernie and Rachel Melum are doing ok in the cold weather, but decided not to drive to Baker for church on Sunday. It was best not to drive so far, and

leave the animals when it was so cold. They could watch the church service on the internet, so they had church at home. Shirley had seen the thermometer at 40 below zero, down close to the river.

Dorothy and Dawn Padden went to Wolffy's, on Wednesday, where they had a Diligent Doers Extension Club meeting. Janet Odell was the hostess for the meeting. On Thursday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went to Buffalo for the girls' basketball games against Sundance. Everyone stayed home for the rest of the week. Bryce's weather technology had registered 32 below zero early on Saturday with a wind chill of 64 degrees below zero. The next night was a balmy 31 below with 78% humidity. It seems, those down on the river were the coldest, but Karen Odell didn't need the new technology to tell it was cold. By estimating the rate per second that which her house plants were shivering, then dividing by 12, she knew that there was no logical reason to go outside to see how cold it was.

A fast talker is someone who tells you something that he hasn't thought of yet.

What will Move You in 2024?

Some other common injuries to As we begin our journey into 2024, it's an opportune moment to lay down the foundation for our goals to what will move us in the coming year. Whether it's achieving personal milestones, embracing new challenges, or simply enhancing our overall well-being, the journey to our aspirations often hinges on our physical health. We want to share with you the significant role that physical therapy can play in propelling you toward your goals in the upcoming year.

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It was then on Thursday, December 14th, that it all came together for both the eighth and second grade students, as eighth grade students got aboard a school bus and made their way to South Park Elementary School for a Book Celebration – a day for the eighth grade Broncos to share their lovingly crafted books with their designated, excited second grade Broncos.

The eighth-grade students patiently and thoughtfully read the books they made to the

jubilant second grade students, taking their time to go over the pictures and story details that were personally put together specifically to excite and engage their second-grade peers in creative ways.

In between snacks and cozy Christmas decorations and background music, it was so exciting to see so many beaming second grade faces and proud, bright eight grade faces in each of the second-grade classrooms, as the two largely different grades came together to bond and experience warm joy in such a creative and meaningful way over literacy.

Many exclamations of "Wow!" and "Thank you so much!" and "Hey, that's me

in the story!" could be heard throughout the second-grade classrooms as the second-grade students truly and fully took in this amazing experience with their middle school peers. The second graders' appreciation did not just stop at words either.

To give a full, genuine thank you to the eighth-grade students for creating, sharing, and gifting their well-crafted books to their younger peers, each of the second-grade classrooms put on a performance of their Christmas Program songs and dances for their eighth-grade audience to help spread the cheer!

Overall, this was an amazing time to inspire Belle Fourche

School District's eighth-grade students with the joy and excitement of writing something that is meaningful and personal, while also gearing up second grade students into the personal excitement and magic that reading a special book can bring into people's lives! The importance of writing and reading has always been a highly regarded priority in Belle Fourche School District's schools, and Belle Fourche School District knows that the true key to learning and engaging children in such important learning practices, is to provide their students with meaningful, hands-on opportunities that ignite a passion to make that learning our own in a connecting, lifelong, and

life-altering way! Belle Fourche School District's Middle School and South Park Elementary are so excited to have had this amazing opportunity to share the joy of writing, reading, creating, and collaboratively sharing what they learn and experience together with the people around them, and they hope to keep this Authentic Books opportunity going in the coming school years. Way to go eighth grade Broncos and staff for your patience, arduous work and inspiringly big hearts and inventive minds, and thank you South Park second grade staff and students for your willing and excited participation in this very meaningful project!



Students first worked on outlining, drafting, revising, and illustrating their stories personally crafted to meet the interests and needs of their specifically designated second graders and then shared their work with the students.



The second grade students performed their Christmas program songs and dances as they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. *Courtesy Photos*

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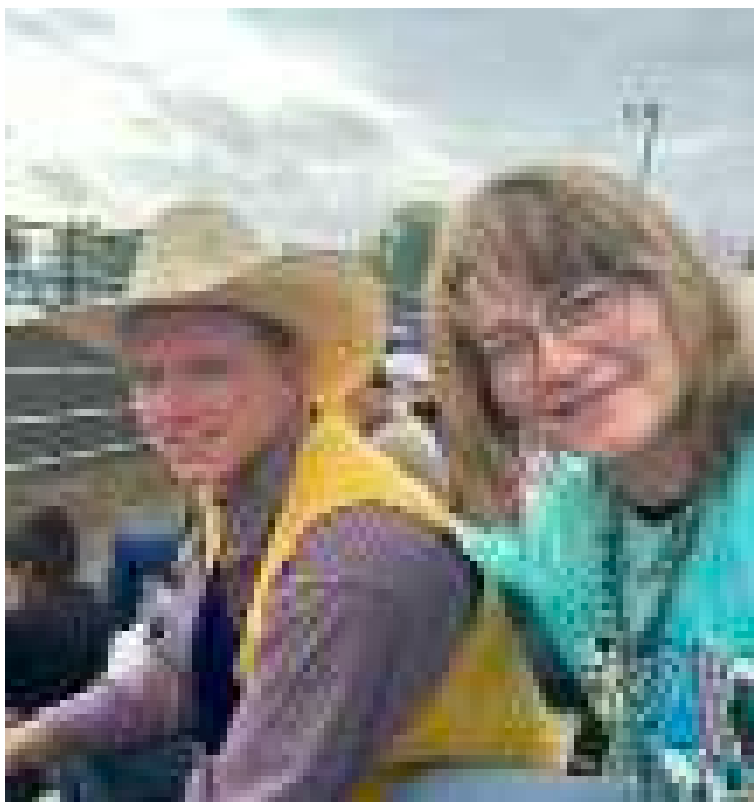
The Exchange, LLC, a facility primarily for the enjoyment of teenagers has opened at 930 Harding Street. The building was previously an Antique Store (approximately 7 years ago) and prior to that, it was believed to be the Legion Club. The downstairs continues to have the bar, old coolers, and a few other remnants of the Legion days, making it a unique set up for its current use.

The main level is an open space now containing pool games, air hockey, foosball, TV, and other games. The downstairs contains the concession and lounging area, facetiously

now named "The Flood Zone." The opening of The Exchange offers our teens an alternative on the weekends, as they are generally open Thursdays - Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM. The games are not coin operated, so there is a \$5.00 cover charge and of course a wide variety of concessions. The Exchange is planning to have occasional special events such as open mic night, karaoke, and maybe dances. They also will book private parties at times when they are not opened to the teens. Follow them on Facebook at The Exchange, LLC Belle Fourche for further updates.



**Lan Fuhrer on SDSU Rodeo Team**



**Lan Fuhrer** at an SDSU rodeo event with mother Rhonda. Lan is the son of **Kevin & Rhonda Fuhrer** of Belle Fourche. Courtesy Photo

The South Dakota State University Rodeo Team ended the fall 2023 season with the women's team ranked second and the men's team ranked fourth among 15 schools and 280 contestants represented in the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

The team, under the direction of SDSU Rodeo Coach Ron Skovly, is made up of 45 traveling members who hit the road for five consecutive weekends this season. The team started after Labor Day with a rodeo at River Falls, Wisconsin, followed by a trip to North Platte, Nebraska, for a double rodeo. Trips to Fort Dodge, Iowa; Dickinson, North Dakota;

and Alta, Iowa, rounded out the season.

The Great Plains Region includes schools in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association is divided into 11 regions nationwide, with over 3,500 collegiate rodeo athletes.

Collegiate rodeo events include bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, goat tying, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, tie-down roping, team roping and barrel racing.

SDSU's regional standings as of Oct. 9, 2023, are as follows:

Women's all-around: Second - Opal Harkins, Billings, Montana.

Tie-down roping: Second -

**Central Meade County News**

By Sandy Rhoden



What a difference a day can make. Last week was one of the most brutally cold weeks we've ever experienced.

Waters were frozen in water tanks for livestock, while some battled frozen pipes at home. The much higher temperatures received a very warm welcome by those here in Meade County on Sunday. Thankfully, electricity did not go out for most all of the area.

The cold is not only inconvenient, but it is extremely dangerous to be out in if precautions are not taken. When a mom runs quickly out to the vehicle after a shower, wet hair and all, and her two year old happens to lock the door in those few seconds, it can spell disaster. The vehicle wouldn't start, nor could the 2 year old be convinced to unlock the door. Thankfully, she had a phone and a neighbor was able to come over to shimmy open the door. Then the vehicle finally started. After 20- 30 minutes the house was open again. After that the mom always kept keys in her hands when she had to feed animals and such. It worked well when the little one was in the vehicle while she chopped ice and again locked

the vehicle doors. She and baby were the only ones home for over a week while everyone else was out of the state. It took many hours to take the chill out of her skin and bones.

A lot of football has been being watched as we near the Super Bowl. We are also coming up on the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo that begins on Friday. It is looking like we won't have to worry about inclement weather this year. It is always an exciting time for western South Dakota and beyond.

The Farm Credit Service held a lunch meeting at 12:30 on January 17 despite the cold temps. It was held at the Red Owl Hall. Donna and Floyd Cammack attended and commented that it was great. It is great to have a community hall that the community cares for and takes pride in where they are able to hold these types of events.

Rural Neighbors will meet this week at 1:00 at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center on Thursday. The weather should be much better than it was last week. If ever in question, contact Casey Brink or Donna Cammack.

The 3rd Annual Valentines Date Night will be held on

Friday, Feb.17 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Red Owl Hall. This has proven to be a nice event for those in Central Meade County if you enjoy being served by some mighty fine gentlemen and served up a great home cooked meal by the ladies who have provided many delectable vittles on the ranch for years. If you are interested you may contact Dean or Kaye Andrews or Judy Matt. You may also go on the Red Owl Community Facebook page to check out more information. More details will follow. They already have RSVPs so you may want to book your reservation soon.

Martha Hall weathered the cold and was open last weekend for a couple of afternoon hours at the Rummage Sale at Enning. The wind accompanied the cold so she had to use specific doors in order to get into the building for safety.

The Elm Springs Fire Department will have its annual meeting on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 pm at the Elm Springs Fire Hall.

This week will complete week #3 of this year's Legislative Session in Pierre. Next year they will celebrate 100 years of the South Dakota State Legislature.

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**Northern Hills SOS Hirers New Executive Director**

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our new Executive Director for Northern Hills SOS! Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Faith Goehring, who brings a wealth of experience and passion for community service.

As we embark on this new chapter, Faith will lead us with dedication and vision, steering Northern Hills SOS towards even greater heights of impact and service to our community. Let's come together to support and embrace Faith as she takes on this important role.

Stay tuned for upcoming events and initiatives coming to Northern Hills SOS. We look forward to working collaboratively to strengthen our community and create lasting positive change. Welcome aboard, Faith! Here's to a future filled with success, growth, and compassion.



**Faith Goehring**, newly named Executive Director,



Belle native **Lan Fuhrer** throws his loop team roping for SDSU. He is ranked 2nd in the Great Plains Region. Courtesy Photo

Rafe Wientjes, Onida; eighth - Seth Gaikowski, Waubay.

Steer wrestling: Third - Dalton Kunkee, Lexington, Nebraska; seventh - Kaden Wooters, Elwood, Nebraska; ninth - Garret Arndorfer, Berthold, North Dakota.

Team roping, header: First - Trey Frank, Sioux City, Iowa; second - **Lan Fuhrer, Belle Fourche**; eighth - Dalton Kunkee, Lexington, Nebraska.

Team roping, heeler: Eighth - Opal Harkins, Billings, Montana.

Barrel racing: Second - Arabella Cook, Arroyo Grande, California; 15th - Dayna Terning, Darwin, Minnesota.

Breakaway roping: Seventh - Opal Harkins, Billings, Mon-

tana; 11th - Madison Rotenberger, Ludlow; 13th - Hannah Schubert, Brainard, Minnesota.

Goat tying: Fifth - Opal Harkins, Billings, Montana; seventh - Victoria Skiba, Cambridge, Minnesota; eighth - Hannah Schubert, Brainerd, Minnesota; ninth - Rayha Richert, Lyndon Station, Wisconsin; 12th - Madison Rotenberger, Ludlow.

"I am very proud of how our team handled their time management between school, practices and traveling to rodeos this fall with five weekends in a row," Skovly said. "We have four more rodeos this spring to continue to climb in the region standings before our last rodeo on graduation weekend in

May."

The spring rodeo season will start in Ames, Iowa, on April 5-6 at the Cyclone Stampede. The Jackrabbit Stampede will bring competitors back to Brookings on April 12-13. SDSU Rodeo Team members and alumni will host the Buckles and Bling banquet on April 11. The fundraiser features a meal, program and both live and silent auctions. All proceeds support rodeo scholarships and travel expenses.

The Black Hills State University Yellow Jacket Stampede is April 26-27 in Spearfish, and the team's last regional rodeo at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Rodeo in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 3-4.

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**125 years ago – Belle TIMES January 17, 1899**

The Milwaukee Coming The following railroad is going the rounds again. It is about the same report as was printed in '98 and '97 and prior years. Black Hills people have always hoped it would prove true, and a good many of us are getting grey-haired waiting for it, but it's coming. The report says: "the Milwaukee has in store for this year hundreds of miles of extension. The company has not only made up its mind to extend the Des Moines, Northern and Western, but will also extend the Dakota line from Chamberlain, S. D. to the Black Hills country. This extension will pass over the reservation and tap all the cattle country. A bill recently passed the senate permitting the erection of a bridge over the Missouri river at Chamberlain.

**Hay Creek Road Completed**

After many unfortunate but seemingly unavailable delays, the W. & M. R. railroad from Belle Fourche to the Hay Creek coal fields has been completed. On Saturday night last, but a few hundred feet of track remained to be laid, but as luck would have it, that evening the engine which enroute to town met with a mishap about a mile this side of Barrett, which cause several days delay. By the spreading of the track, the tender of the engine was derailed and bruised up to such an extent that its usefulness was destroyed, and with without its helpmate the engine was hit. It required the services of an Elkhorn wrecking crew to put the tender on its feet again and it was taken down the line to the car hospital. A new tender was obtained yesterday and No. 1 is herself again.

**100 years ago – Belle Fourche Bee January 18, 1924**

**IRRIGATION RELIEF IS FIRST BILL Less Than Usual Number of Bills Introduced First Two Weeks of Legislature**

Pierre, S. D. Jan. 14 – Representative Perkins of Perkins thought he was well on his way to securing the submission to the people of this issue of a constitutional convention for a general

constitutional revision, where he secured a favorable action in the house Friday on his resolution to that effect. But it is a case of off again now as the Saturday morning session decided to reconsider the Friday action and the resolution was referred to the state affairs committee, which will have control of it for a time at least, and it may not again get out into the open unless the temper of the house changes. Just what the cause of the change of heart was is a subject of comment, and how far politics entered into its workings is yet to be developed. The first bill to get through both houses, and will be law No. 1 of the session was the bill by Wall of Butte to secure relief for the farmers on the Belle Fourche irrigation project and was rushed through to meet an emergency.

**75 years ago – Belle Fourche Bee January 18, 1949**

**NEW STORMS SWEEP DAKOTAS, BLIZZARD CONDITIONS PREVAIL Livestock Losses Mounting – Stores, Schools, Utilities Maintain Service, Supplies** Blizzard conditions continue in the midwestern states, and the temperature remains around the 20-degrees below zero marks, as ranchers and stockmen of the vicinity attempt to save their weakened and suffering livestock. Ranchers north and west of Belle Fourche report that deep snow which became a crust of ice during the two warm days following the first blizzard on January 3, has hidden virtually every blade of grass, and that herds are depending upon the feed which can be hauled to them by truck or dropped by plane. Strong winds and continued snowfall have kept roads blocked despite the efforts of county and private snowplows and equipment and in most instances, only the main highways are passable. Many ranchers are using shi-equipped planes for getting to town for supplies. Air planes from the eastern part of the state report that the ranges are dotted with carcasses of animals which have perished.

**50 years ago – Belle Fourche Bee January 18, 1974**

**Oil Shortage Contrived:**



by Mary Buchholz

**McGovern** Evidence indicates the energy shortage was in part contrived, designed to drive up prices, eliminate independent operators and head off the environmentalists and tax changes. That's the opinion of Senator George McGovern, expressed here Thursday before a capacity crowd at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Max's. McGovern says the energy question is uppermost in the minds of everyone in the state. It's the first topic of discussion wherever he goes. The senator said he felt the energy shortage is not as bad as it has been made out to be in light of new figures being announced in Washington. He pointed out there is always a problem when the government shouts shortage, because people begin stockpiling the article and the sudden spurt in demand creates a shortage. This, combined with producers holding back for higher prices intensifies the problem. The senator said perhaps it was just as well that congress did not pass energy legislation before it closed shop for the Christmas holiday. Perhaps we needed that time to let things settle down. We may be able to come up with a better bill when we go back to work next week. McGovern said he felt there is a need to establish an office to get the facts. "We should not have to depend on the oil producers for information. We desperately need to press ahead in a search for alternatives, solar energy, hydrogen, steam, oil shale>" He feels there should be in an legislation which congress passes. The senator also expressed believe that there should be an excess profits tax to prevent profiteering by the oil companies during this time. "Regardless of how you may have felt about the Vietnam war," said the senator, "I hope we can all agree that never again should this country be committed to that type of action overseas without a full declaration of war."



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### Advertising, Marketing, and Branding: Unraveling the Distinctions

Regardless of the size of one's business, the differences and understanding of the nuanced differences between advertising, marketing, and branding is essential for building a comprehensive and effective promotional strategy. Each of these critical components plays a distinct role in promoting products or services, and a clear grasp of their disparities can empower businesses to navigate the competitive landscape more adeptly.

Advertising is more, or less a subset of marketing that focuses on promoting products, services, or ideas through your messaging. Its primary goal is to reach a specific audience and persuade them to take a specific action, whether it be making a purchase, visiting a website, or subscribing to a service. According to Statista, global advertising spending reached \$584 billion. This colossal investment underscores the significance businesses place on advertising to secure their market share and attract consumers.

A critical mistake of many local businesses is that they believe they can cut their advertising and still achieve their maximum production. Coca-Cola's iconic holiday campaigns are great examples of advertising. The annual release of festive commercials not only reinforces the brand but also aims to create an emotional connection with consumers,



by John Newby

driving them to purchase Coca-Cola products during the holiday season.

Marketing encompasses a broader set of activities that go beyond advertising. It is a process involving the understanding of a target audience, creating, and communicating value propositions, and then managing customer relationships to achieve your goals. Marketing is all about identifying, anticipating, and satisfying customer needs through a mix of product development, pricing, distribution, and promotion.

According to the American Marketing Association, marketing spending in the United States is estimated to surpass \$240 billion in 2022. This figure includes a diverse range of activities such as market research, product development, and promotional efforts. Apple is a great example of a marketing strategy is multifaceted, incorporating product innovation, sleek design, and targeted advertising. The "Think Different" campaign from the late 1990s exemplifies how Apple positioned itself as a brand that challenges the status quo, appealing to consumers who value innovation and individuality.

While advertising and marketing create visibility and drive sales, branding is more about establishing and cultivating a brand identity that resonates with consumers. It is the process of creating a unique image, person-

ality, and perception for a brand, fostering a connection with your customers that goes beyond the functional aspects of a product or service.

Interbrand's annual Best Global Brands report consistently highlights the substantial financial value associated with strong brands. In 2021, Apple, Amazon, and Google held the top positions, with brand valuations exceeding \$300 billion each. Nike's "Just Do It" slogan has become synonymous with the brand's identity. Beyond selling athletic shoes and apparel, Nike's branding communicates a spirit of determination and empowerment, making it a favorite among consumers who identify with these values.

The distinctions between advertising, marketing, and branding lie in their scopes and objectives. Advertising is a subset of marketing, focusing on the communication and promotion of products or services. Marketing, in turn, encompasses a more comprehensive set of activities, including market research, product development, pricing, and distribution. Branding, as a component of marketing, goes even further by shaping the emotional and perceptual associations consumers have with a brand.

While advertising aims for immediate results, marketing takes a holistic approach, aligning all aspects of a business to meet customer needs. Branding, as the emotional bridge between businesses and consumers, fosters loyalty and trust over the long term.

In the intricate balance of business strategy, advertising, marketing, and branding play distinct yet interconnected roles. Understand-

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ing their differences is crucial for businesses aiming not only to capture attention and drive sales but also to build enduring relationships with consumers. As the business landscape continues to evolve, a more sophisticated approach that integrates advertising strategy and reinforces the brand's identity will be the key to sustained success in the competitive marketplace we reside, regardless of the whatever market size that may be.

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Matt or Karen Disney, Sundance WY 9	Red-Cow	1303	94.50	\$1,231.12
4	Red-Cowette	1029	95.00	\$977.31
3	Red-Cow	1130	92.00	\$1,039.60
3	Red-Cow	1243	91.50	\$1,137.65
1	Red-Cowette	705	117.50	\$828.37
Cody & Donna Stewart, Newcastle WY				
2	Black-Cow	1195	95.50	\$1,141.22
1	Black-Cow	1200	94.50	\$1,134.00
1	Bwf-Brd Cow	1095	1250.00	\$1,250.00
Gary Heibertshausen, Alzada MT	Red-Cow	1435	98.50	\$1,413.47
Matthew Stiegelmeier, Otter MT	Herf-Bull	1580	105.00	\$1,659.00
1	Black-Bull	1590	105.00	\$1,669.50
Twenty One Ranch Inc, Sundance WY				
1	Red-Brd Hfr	835	1000.00	\$1,000.00
Snook Land & Livstk. Llc., Sundance WY				
1	Red-Cow	1235	97.50	\$1,204.12
Belle Fourche Livestock M, Belle Fourche SD				
1	Black-Cow	930	92.50	\$860.25
Stanley Lewis, Nisland SD	Red-Cow	1505	105.50	\$1,587.77
1	Red-Cowette	1075	110.00	\$1,182.50
4	Red-Cowette	1029	95.00	\$977.31
3	Red-Cow	1130	92.00	\$1,039.60
2	Red-Brd Cow	1258	1335.00	\$1,335.00

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Larry Dobrenz-WY	Warren Crawford-WY
40 Blk Cows	28 Blk Cows
3-Bm, Bred Blk, Clv 3-15, Poured, Hr	3-Bm, Bred Blk, Clv 4-1, Hr
<b>Todd Family-WY</b>	<b>Tom Sewell -WY</b>
32 Blk Bred Hfrs	25 Blk Bred Hfrs 1100
Ai, Clv 3-1 Meade Magnitude, 1 Day, Shots & Poured, Hr	Bred Blk, Clv 3-15, 35 Days, Gentle, Hr
<b>Todd Family-WY</b>	<b>Hoagland Family -WY</b>
30 Blk Bred Heifers	15 Blk Cows
Bull Bred, 45 Days, Clv 3-15	Bred Blk, Clv 5-1, Hr
Stevenson Angus Genetics, Shots & Poured, Hr	<b>Kelsey Emme-WY</b>
<b>Lazy Y Quarter Circle-WY</b>	13 Blk Cows
30 Blk Bred Hfrs	Bred Blk, 4-1, 45 Days, Complete Dispersion
Bred Black, Clv 3/15, Sorted Into 2 Cycles Shots & Poured, Hr	

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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

February 1, 2024	NO SALE - ENJOY THE STOCK SHOW!
February 8, 2024	FEEDER & WEIGH UP SPECIAL WEIGH UPS @ 9AM MT FEEDERS @ 12 MT
February 15, 2024	BRED COW & HEIFER SPECIAL & WEIGH UPS SPECIAL WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT BREDS @ 12 MT
February 22, 2024	FEEDER & WEIGH UP SPECIAL WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT FEEDERS @ 12 MT
February 29, 2024	BRED STOCK & WEIGH UP SPECIAL WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT BREDS @ 12 MT HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE
March 7, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT FEEDERS @ 12 MT
March 14, 2024	BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT BREDS @ 12 MT
March 21, 2024	FEEDER & WEIGH UP SPECIAL WEIGHS @ 9 AM MT FEEDERS @ 12 MT HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE
March 28, 2024	BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL & CACTUS CATTLE CO. BULL SALE WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT BREDS @ 12 MT
April 4, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL & BAR 69 RANCH ANGUS BULL SALE WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT BULL SALE @ 1:30 PM MT FEEDERS TO FOLLOW THE BULL SALE
April 11, 2024	BRED COW PAIR WEIGH UP SPECIEL & REICH RANCH CHAROLAIS BULL SALE WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT BREDS @ 12 MT

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providing quality care with a touch of hometown feel, the full-service clinic provides an array of medical treatment services including dermatology, pediatric, men and women's health, sports medicine, and more.

In the Black Bookkeeping & Payroll Services, LLC is located at 1113 Fifth Ave. opened its doors in January 2023. Megan Erk and Cassie Richardson own the bookkeeping company which caters to small business owners and provides an array of services ranging from payroll to sales and excise tax assistance.

Prairie Hills Pharmacy, owned by Pharmacist Cheryl Westland, substantially expanded its operation in 2023. The business opened in Belle Fourche in September 2019. In February 2023, Westland relocated to the former Wells Fargo building at 600 State St. With a freshly-remodeled space, capturing a vintage pharmacy styling, the flourishing operation welcomed Cindy Cowan's Crazee Cow Ice Cream just three months later. A sizable gift shopping selection partitions the synergetic pairing, fulfilling the old-fashioned drug store and ice cream shop style charm that was popular in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

Paying Homage in Recognition of 78 Years in Business

Lindstad Alignment & Brake Service was established in 1945. Flash forward nearly eight decades and the family-owned business had long been a household name. In fact, until its December 2023 closure, the company held the title of Belle Fourche's oldest family-owned business still in operation.

During the annual celebration, BFDC offered special recognition to the company's 92-year-old patriarch, Wayne Lindstad. The Belle Fourche business was launched by Lindstad's father, Emil Lindstad.

After graduating from Belle Fourche High School in 1950, Lindstad served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard where he met his wife, Mae (Maisenhelder) Lindstad.

After serving his term, Lindstad returned home to join the family business and help raise his four children - Sue (Cramer), Sherry (Lindstad Drolc), Wendy (Carr), and Dean.

In addition to his father, Lindstad's mother worked as the company's bookkeeper. His daughters, Sherry and Wendy, were trained to perform the company's bookkeeping by their grandmother when they attended high school and continued to do so until the company's closure.

Wayne's son, Dean, also spent about 10 years working in the family business.

Other than the business and his family, Lindstad's lifelong passions included fishing and music.

As one of the region's best-known jazz and dance band musicians, he was inducted into the South Dakota Musicians As-

sociation Hall of Fame in 2014. Since the 1940s, Lindstad and his band, the Rhythmaires, took their music to countless community dances from Buffalo to Broadus, Mont., and beyond.

After a long and distinguished career in Belle Fourche, Lindstad has retired to enjoy his family and passions.

Board Election

Each year BFDC holds an election for open seats on its board of directors during its annual meeting. The board is comprised of eight elected seats with staggered three-year terms and four appointed members - one each from the county, city, chamber of commerce, and school district.

The organization offered appreciation to this year's outgoing board members, acknowledging the dedication of time and expertise endowed upon the development of Belle Fourche.

The outgoing members were Ashley Pearson, of Pioneer Bank & Trust, Travis Martin, of Black Hills Title, and Belle Fourche City Councilman Bob Somervold, who served as the liaison representing the city.

"We're thankful for the service of our retiring board members," Stalder said.

Five community members threw their hats in the ring for the three open positions on the board - Wendy Bowers, Pioneer Bank & Trust; Travis Featherstone, DRG engineering; Jesika Floyd, Heartland Home Health; Falina Selchert, real estate advisor with Real Broker; and Meg McNeese, Rose Group International. Bowers, a board incumbent, Featherstone, and Floyd were elected to fill the positions.

During the board's first meeting of 2024, held Jan. 17, the board welcomed the new and returning members and elected officers for the year ahead. Bowers was elected to remain the board's president, Karen Wagner was elected vice president, Levi Buck was selected to serve as the group's secretary, and Renae Schaeffer was reelected as treasurer.

Valued Partnerships

BFDC also gave special thanks to two community partnerships - the City of Belle Fourche for its continued investment in the appearance, infrastructure, and amenities that help expand business opportunities for the community, and NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources for its continued emphasis on housing with significant investment in homes and programs, including its Paint the Town initiative, new homes, rehabilitation projects, first time homebuyer education courses, and special financing opportunities.

Centered on Progress

One of the Belle Fourche community's most unique features is its designation as the geographic Center of the Nation. Congruent with that title, this year's promotional video montage shared at

the meeting was entitled "Centered on Progress."

The video highlighted 2023's successes and shared glimpses of encouraging progression moving into 2024.

The Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park has continued to serve towards success for the community, providing economic growth and development.

A \$2.4 million rail siding and transloading facility expansion was completed at the rail park in 2022. In fact, the expansion made Belle Fourche home to the largest such facility on the Rapid City, Pierre & Eastern Railroad in Western South Dakota.

The park continues to attract

prospective businesses looking to locate, in addition to increased inquiries from companies looking for rail shipment opportunities to deliver their products.

New plans are in the works to again expand the resource. The \$1.2 million project would involve the construction of 1,500 feet of additional track to accommodate access to both sides of the rail cars.

Workforce housing development is another key area of focus for 2024. To kick off the year with a bang, the promotional video announced Vanocker Development's expected acquisition of 40 acres of land between Cowboy and Sourdough Lanes. The devel-

opment firm is in the process of drawing up plans for a new housing development on the western edge of Belle Fourche.

Branded the "Bunkhouse Development," the expansive project is estimated to bring approximately 110-120 new lots with the intention to help ease some of the community's housing shortage issues.

"We're very excited about the housing development and new businesses that we've been working with for 2024," Stalder said.

To view the "Centered on Progress" presented by BFDC, visit its website at bfdcsc.com or youtube.com/watch?v=Oaupvt-NWJWI.



(L) Outgoing Board members: Ashley Pearson, of Pioneer Bank & Trust, Travis Martin, of Black Hills Title, and (R) Incoming Board members Jesika Floyd, Heartland Homehealth, Wendy Bowers, Pioneer Bank & Trust, and Travis Featherstone, DRG Engineering. Beacon Photo



(L) Belle Fourche Economic Development Executive Director Hollie Stalder is shown presenting Wayne Lindstad recognition for operation of his long time family business; (R) New business Crazy Cow Ice-cream's Cindy Cowan. Beacon Photos



(L) New business, Tri-State Medical Center, owner, Vanessa Kudlock; and (R) Hot Shots owner Greg Mandillo, Pioneer Bank & Trust, and, DRG Engineering. Beacon Photos

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## New Superintendent Announced

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NEWELL-A new Superintendent will take the reins of Newell School District beginning July 1, 2024 at a salary of \$95,000. The school board members have selected Dr. Pandi Pittman of the Wall School District to take the superintendent position.

Dr. Pittman is currently the Superintendent at Wall, but has roots in the NVN area. She is a graduate of Newell School and is excited to "fill the role of Newell Superintendent and 9-12 Principal for the 2024-2025 school year."

In another official hire for the 2023-2024 school year, the board approved Michelle Stockert as the fourth-grade teacher. Stockert took over the class December 20, 2023 following the resignation of Philamer Avila, the previous teacher.

The board also approved the position of part-time custodian. Tim Donaldson has been filling the position temporarily and will continue to fill it with about 20-25 hours per week.

Heather Fergen has been hired as Title Enrichment teacher. She is filling the position vacated by Stockert.

The resignation of Kathy Lamphere was accepted effective

June 30, 2024. Lamphere has been part of the Newell School for many years.

Another resignation was approved for Kiahley Sandoz. She has resigned her paraprofessional position due to the birth of her son.

There had been discussion in December concerning an outstanding balance on repairs done by Woelber Excavating. After checking with the previous superintendent, Superintendent Kirkegaard received clarification. According to Kirkegaard there were three bills presented by the company \$92,000, \$20,775, and \$6,100 which totals \$118,875. The final cost was \$119,423.52 which includes excise tax and sales tax (which is not paid by the school). With the final payment of \$6,100, the school is current with Woelber Excavating. The work included the installation of foundation waterproofing membranes, one on the north-south wall and on the east-west wall of the high school building.

The new school calendar was approved for 2024-2025. Classes will begin August 19, 2024 and the last day of school will be May 21, 2025. Because Christmas falls on a Wednesday, the holiday break will be from December 23-January 6.

## Dental Mobile Visits Newell



Pictured left to right: Dane Hagen-Truck Coordinator/Driver, Darleen Bothwell-Hygienist, Dr. Steve Fox-Dentist, Jordynn Gehm-Dental Assistant, Sabrina Harmon-WIT Coalition Director, Heidi Lewis-Butte County Round-Up Committee, and Laine Mitchell with Butte Electric. Courtesy photo

**Betty Bruner**

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NEWELL-Cold weather didn't stop the Delta Dental Mobile from visiting Newell School the first week of January. Youngsters from the area were treated by the professionals in the mobile unit that sat beside the school, who cleaned their teeth and checked dental health.

Butte Electric Cooperative Round-Up Committee did a large part toward donating to

the Delta Dental Mobile to help support the dental health of those who attended.

Twenty-five students were seen this year with over \$21,000 worth of services done. Donations help to fund the services done by the crew of the Dental Mobile. During the year, a bake sale is held usually during the Labor Day festivities, along with private donations and other sources including Pioneer Bank and Butte Electric Round-Up Dollars.

The Delta Dental Mobile does a range of services, according to their website, from diagnostic care such as exams and x-rays to preventative care like teeth cleaning and dental sealants. They also do restorative care including cavity fillings, crowns, and extractions.

The Delta Dental Mobile Program has served over 50,000 children across 89 cities in South Dakota since its inception in 2004.

## A Letter From the New Superintendent



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



## Newell Becomes Member of WDRWS

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NEWELL-The Newell Commissioners have voted to become Class I members of the Western Dakota Regional Water System. The \$1500 annual membership fee will allow Newell to be a voting member of the organization. As a grassroots effort which is comprised of active water systems, it has brought water systems together to do something about the many factors that impact water availability.

WDRWS hopes to deliver bulk water to systems across western South Dakota. So far, over the past year the organization has collaborated with more than 350 water systems to learn about current capabilities and future needs. The organization has seen near-term and long-term benefits that hold the promise of water delivery from the Missouri River.

As they set sites on conservation as a tool that plays a large role as the population of South Dakota increases, they see it as a measure in meeting future needs. Developing a right-sized solution is important to WDRWS.

WRDWS was formed in 2021 and is operated as a nonprofit organization. More information can be found at

WDRWS.org.

Newell joins several other area cities as Class I members, including Rapid City, Box Elder, Spearfish, Bear Butte Valley Water District, and the Butte-Meade Sanitary Water District, among others.

A Notice of Vacancy was announced for the election of Mayor of Newell for a three-year term, the present term for Mayor Wetz is up this year. Petitions can be obtained beginning January 26 at City Offices, 101 E. Third Street, Newell between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday. The completed petitions must be filed at the City Offices by February 23 at 5 pm.

Salaries for 2024 were approved by the commissioners as follows: Mayor Ken Wetz, \$1009.40 annually; Commissioners Donald Adams, Lorri Olson, Tiffany Tennis, and Allen Youngberg, \$849.75 annually; Barney Barnes, \$38,833.60 annually; Bernie Minne (changed from salary to hourly, regular/part time) \$11.20/hour, Sydney Durham \$11.20/hour, Dennis Myrice \$13.25/hour, Lyle Nelson \$14.25/hour, Lawrence Parker \$48,609.60 annually, Betty O'Dea \$11.20/hour, Diana Williams \$11.20/hour, Michelle Harkins \$11.20/hour, Sheila Smith \$39,124.80

annually, Arlene Sundstrom \$14.85/hour, Verl Tiftt \$16.59/hour, Linda Velder \$14.03/hour, Kendahl Wetz \$15/hour, Lisa Wonderly \$13.25/hour, and library subs \$11.20/hour.

Kailyn Snyder from Black Hills Council of Local Governments gave the commissioners an update of Butte County Hazard Mitigations. She explained that the plan would lessen the impact on the loss of property and life from the natural disasters that come through the area. Snyder explained that it would be constructive to have a local council representative. Mayor Ken Wetz will join other members of Butte County as Newell representative.

There was no action on a decision for a building permit for a camper/storage shed at 412 6th St. According to the commissioners there was not enough information the permit request to go forward.

The commissioners approved the repair on the dry interior ladder for the town's water tower. The proposal comes from Utility Service Company for \$5,628. The existing notch-rail safety climb will be removed from the ladder in the water tower and a new cable safety climb will be installed.

The 2024 Newell Fire City 2

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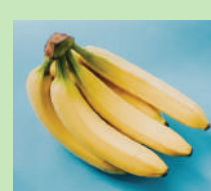
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**Daisy Brand Sour Cream**



**\$2.49** 14 Oz. Squeeze  
Selected Varieties

**Bananas**



**59¢** LB

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24 Oz., Terrific Trio or Dynamic Duo



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**Starkist White Chicken or Chicken Creations**



2.6 Oz. Pouch

**4/\$5**

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**\$8.99** 22.6-25.9 Oz  
Selected Varieties

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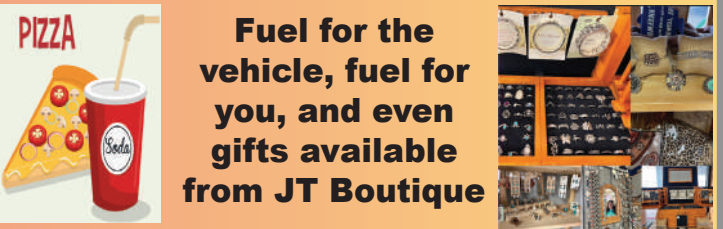
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Department roster was approved by the commissioners. Members are Don Tishmack, Don Adams, Keith Baker, Tom Swan, Bryan Culver, Kris Jones, Phill Thornhill, Todd Williamson, Verl Tiff, Mike Clausen, Karen Baker, Jeremiah Heath, Clint Baker, Robbie Vansickle, Bill Heidrich, Dylan Vanderboom, Kim Jaukkuri, Andy Anderson, Tyler Swan, Steven Fischer, Corey Larson, and Lynn Koehn.

The fire department had one structure fire in December. The structure had heavy smoke damage and minimal bur damage. The home is still livable following cleanup. New SCBAs were expected to arrive around the early part of January and new PPEs should arrive in a month or so.

The Butte County Ambulance Service had a regular board

meeting in December. Newell reported 28 requests for service during November. Newell Ambulance has a driver who will be taking the EMT class starting in January through the Spearfish Ambulance Service.

The Newell Museum has received \$400 toward the purchase of three sets of steel alphabet letters for Hope Cemetery. Curator Linda Velder has begun research on the Stevenson Family and is rewriting the church history on a neighboring town.

Story time with Miss Patty continues to grow at the Newell Library. It takes place on the first and third Wednesday mornings from 11-11:30. The library offers books for adults to children, computer use, DVDs, audio books, and periodicals.

The next commissioners' meeting will be February 12 at 5 pm. in the City Offices on Third Street.



Jim Jones, WDRWS, explained what WDRWS does and what future plans are for the nonprofit organization.

Photo by Betty Bruner



## Newell High School

MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH  
8:30 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.  
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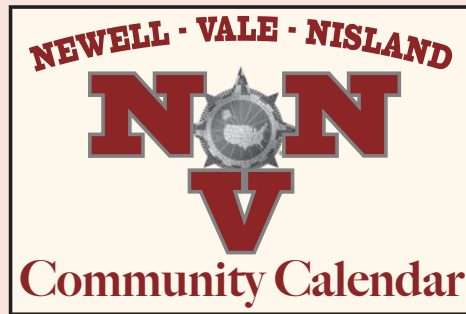
Happy New Year! Make your New Year's Resolution to donate at least 3 times in 2024 and help save lives! Not sure if you can donate blood? For information about eligibility and more, visit Vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825. Community members are welcome to donate at the HS too!

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Story Time with Miss Patty  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 11-11:30  
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NVN Food Bank Distribution-Feeding South  
Dakota-Every 1st Tuesday of each month in



front of the NVN Senior Center and on the  
3rd Tuesday of the month at Dakota Life  
Christian Center, 12:30 P.M.

Every Monday, Bingo, NVN Center, 6-8  
p.m.

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Hall  
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## Youth Wrestling Tournament

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NEWELL—The Newell Youth Wrestling team recently attended two wrestling tournaments. The first was the Brandon Delzer Memorial AAU Youth Wrestling tournament on Sunday, January 7 at Sturgis Brown High School. There were 16 man brackets with smaller brackets being round robin, plus separate girls' brackets. The 1st to 3rd place winners received trophies while 4th to 8th place winners received medals. Over 600 wrestlers from 57 schools across 3 states attended the tournament and over 1,000 matches were wrestled.

The Youth Wrestling team also attended the Westside Raider Youth Wrestling tournament on Sunday, January 14 at Rapid City Stevens High School. This tournament was sponsored by the Westside Raider Wrestling Club and the Stevens High School wrestlers, and was an 8-man bracketed tournament. Medals were given to 1st through 4th place winners.

The Youth Wrestling team brought pride to Newell with their success at both tournaments! Results are listed below.

**Sturgis Brown  
Tournament Results:**  
Bantam  
Ryan VanDusen - 5th

Midgets  
Erin McTaggart - 2nd  
Lexi Fox - 3rd  
Landon Witherspoon -  
6th  
Oliver Bosch - 7th  
Novice  
Riley Feistner - 1st  
Huntlee Heath - 4th  
Kallie Eaton - 4th

**Rapid City Stevens  
Tournament Results:**  
Midgets  
Lexi Fox - 1st  
Oliver Bosch - 4th  
Landon Witherspoon -  
5th  
Novice  
Kallie Eaton - 2nd  
Riley Feistner - 3rd

## Cold Snap Brings NVN Community to Halt

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NEWELL—A recent cold snap swept through Newell, along with the surrounding areas of Vale and Nisland, bringing frigid temperatures and causing widespread disruption. The severe weather conditions not only affected school and sports events, but also created an array of challenges for the community as a whole.

The freezing temperatures moved into the area Thursday, January 11, with temperatures dropping to the single digits during the day and the negatives at night. The nights of January 12 and 13 both came in at lows of -28° F, and the lows stayed in the negatives or single digits all the way up to the end of last week, January 19. The freezing weather was accompanied by snow,

flurries, wind gusts, and wind chills ranging from the -40's to the -30's.

Detrimental effects to the community were extensive, from road closures and blockages to community events being cancelled. Some got stuck in snowbanks, while others could not get their cars to start. Snow piled up on the highway and in yards. Pipes froze or burst, and electricity briefly flickered on and off. The elderly could not receive their scheduled Meals on Wheels for several days. Story Time at the Newell Library was cancelled, with the next Story Time date being February 11. Church was also cancelled last Sunday, and unfortunately, the Nisland-Arpan Fire & Rescue Soup Supper was also cancelled this year.

Due to the inclement weather and resulting wa-

ter issues, Newell School District cancelled school on January 15 and 16.

There was also a remote learning day on January 18 after a 2-hour late start. Additionally, the wrestling event scheduled for January 12 in Newcastle was cancelled, along with the wrestling tournament scheduled for January 13 in Gettysburg. The varsity girls' basketball game versus Custer was postponed to January 19; several West River Tournament basketball games hosted by Newell were postponed as well.

Newell School District has set its snow day makeup dates for Friday, January 26 and Friday, February 2.

Thankfully, according to forecasts, the area can look forward to temperatures in the 40° range next week. Stay warm!



The snow looks delightful in the sunshine, but it was not pretty with the extremely cold temps and wind.

Photo by Betty Bruner



There wasn't a lot of snow, but winds made some rural roads difficult to travel.

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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It was another really chilly week. It was 21 below zero when we woke up last Monday morning and school was called off for the day.

There are more deaths to report: Verla (Josephson) Heikkila, 89, of Belle Fourche went home to be with the Lord on December 20.

Lynette Stugelmeyer's father, Mitchel Ellison, age 90, of Lemmon, passed away on Sunday, January 7, at the Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon.

theran Church in Lemmon with burial at the Greenhill Cemetery at Lemmon. Full military honors were afforded by Smith-Lyman American Legion Post #279 of Thunder Hawk.

Shirley Mae (Rowley) Latham, 82, Buffalo and formerly of Camp Crook, died on Friday, January 12, at Monument Health in Rapid City. Her funeral services were Thursday January 18 at the Camp Crook Area Community Center with burial at the Fairview Cemetery in Camp Crook.

Jim Stebbins, 75, of Bowman, passed away on January 18 at the Southwest Healthcare Services in Bowman. Funeral Services for Jim were Monday, January 22 at the Bowman Lutheran Church with burial in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, ND.

It was 12 below when we got up Tuesday morning, but it warmed up to 19 degrees later on in the day. With that strong wind, it didn't feel that warm outside! I went down to quilt at the church that morning with Linda Mohagen, Lori Besler, Margaretta Hanson, and Patsy

Wilkinson. James Sandgren, Pastor Henry Mohagen and Casey met at the church to try to find out why the heat had quit in the new addition and they had to order a part to get it fixed. The roads were really icy from Buffalo to the Slim Buttes so the school bus was a little late when I went to Reva to pick up Copper from the bus that afternoon.

Reub had an eye appointment with Dr. Kludt in Hettinger Wednesday afternoon, so I didn't go back down to quilt with the ladies that day. Wednesday was the nicest day we've had for quite a while. There was no wind and the temperature of 20 degrees made it almost feel like summer, so I never even put my jacket on when I was outside.

The nasty winter weather showed up again on Thursday. It was really cold and it had snowed hard in the night. The snow was so deep on the deck that I couldn't even put the flag up that day. The wind blew hard all day and school was called off in Buffalo again. Casey went to Bowman for his

chiropractor appointment with Dr. Whitney that day and he said the roads were pretty good when he went to town. I have 14 old hens and they aren't laying very many eggs so I only average about two eggs a day, but with the nasty cold weather on Tuesday and Thursday I didn't get any eggs at all. If this cold continues, I'll probably have to go back up and get more eggs from Myrna Wagner again.

It was a little nicer on Friday with 10 below in the morning, a high of 6 degrees after lunch and 16 below zero when we went to bed that evening. Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to wrestling meets in Killdeer, North Dakota, on Friday and Saturday.

The temperature warmed up a little more on Saturday, but the wind didn't quit blowing, so it didn't feel very good, even with a high of 13 degrees.

Amanda and Taz have been setting up our new cell phones that our daughter Teri and Mike McNelis got for us, but with all five of their kids being sick it has been a challenge for them. The flu, or whatever this is, has been going around Buffalo for a while and the twins are also cutting teeth, so that's hard on them too. I don't know what we old folks would do without these young people to fix things for us, but now that the new phones are working, they will have to show Grandpa and me

how to run them!

The annual church meeting was at Slim Buttes Lutheran on Sunday and Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen fed us a delicious lunch before the meeting. Reub and I stayed to eat lunch with everyone, but then we left the annual meeting to drive over to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs church that afternoon.

With my brother-in-law living in Canada where it's even colder than it is here, I'll leave you with this:

The Michaels family owned a small farm in Canada, just yards away from the North Dakota border. Their land had been the subject of a minor dispute between the United States and Canada for generations. Mrs. Michaels, who had just celebrated her ninetieth birthday, lived on the farm with her son and his family.

One day, her son came into her room holding a letter. "I just got some news, Mom," he said. "The government has come to an agreement with the people in Washington. They've decided that our land is really part of the United States. We have the right to approve or disapprove of the agreement. What do you think?"

"What do I think?" his mother said. "Jump at it! Call them right now and tell them we accept! I don't think I could stand another one of those Canadian winters!"

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

January 15, 1914

J. H. Christian has the largest stock of funeral furnishings in the Black Hills. Being a graduate of Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming in Chicago, Illinois. He is prepared to practice his profession scientifically.

R. C. Blakely who has been in the Civil Service at Ft. Meade for sometime past, in the blacksmithing and shoeing department and who removed to Newell in September has leased Klipple Shop and will take possession January 10.

Owing to the light business Peter Laitala has at Horse Creek, he has decided to move his stock of merchandise to Newell on January 20. He will be open for business in the Woodworth Building where he will be pleased to meet his old customers and many new ones. Although his stock not large is well arranged and he has special varieties, such as fish, toast and hard tack, that are new to the people of Newell. To introduce his business, he will offer the first 2 days at Newell, serve to everyone calling at his store a bottle of ALFA-LUSA, the new drink, strictly pure drink, delicious and healthful, made from the alfalfa plant at its right stage of growing.

January 10, 1924

D. A. House, for the past year manager of the Turner Creamery Company's Newell Station, leaves this week for Des Moines, Iowa, where he has secured a lucrative position with a prominent hosiery firm. His family will follow shortly.

Final examinations are being given this week in all half year subjects. Next Monday the Second Semester will begin. It is not too late for those who have not had the opportunity to go to school this fall to enroll at this time and it is hoped that all who can will do so. Several new subjects will be offered to High School students during the next Semester: English History, Commercial Arithmetic, American History and General Science are some that will be given.

James T. Craig and W. B. Penfold of Belle Fourche were in Newell yesterday to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Reclamation State Bank. Roy Bernard of the Butte County Bank at Belle Fourche is assisting this week in the Reclamation State Bank during the absence of H. A. Bartlett.

January 11, 1934

Newell Volunteer Fire Company held a well attended meeting Monday evening at which time officers were

elected for the ensuing year: Re elected as Chief Joseph Anderson; Assistant Chief L. R. Jones; Foreman A. O. Amunson; Secretary Woodrow Hafner; Treasurer Cola Clark and Trustee for 3-year term L. R. Jones. An appetizing lunch was a very important feature of the meeting and it was given ample justice by all present.

Miss Lois Phipps, of the Newell School faculty, was bereaved by the death of her mother, Mrs. B. G. Phipps, which occurred Saturday in a Rapid City hospital. Mrs. Phipps was also the mother of Mrs. William Marty and of Ben Phipps who is employed here with the Highway Maintenance Department. Miss Euarda Podell has been teaching in her place. Newell High School expresses their sympathy. Miss Phipps will resume her school duties next week.

Plans for the organization of a horse-racing circuit to conduct race meets at different places in the west-river and Black Hills country under the provisions

about March 1.

An eastern buyer was in Newell this week and took one carload from the big pile of government wool now stored in the Hafner Warehouse. This was just a one-hundredth part of the 1943 clip in storage at Newell. When, if ever, the balance will be moved out is anybody's guess. It might become necessary to erect another warehouse here to accommodate the 1944 clip.

Henry Jacobsen, Jr. has been entertaining a bad case of quinsy for several days, while the rest of the family has had colds. Mrs. Frank Wendt, Glen Wendt, Mrs. Alfred Lindell and Abner Nissen have all been entertaining bad cases of the flu.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will have a pie social at the Congregational Parish house, with games beginning at 7:30 PM January 17. The men's club will also meet that evening in the upper room of the church at 8:00. The next service for Baptism and reception of members will be held on Palm Sunday



Hunting Mallard duck on Orman Dam 1914

-Newell Museum

of the Pari-mutual betting law enacted at the special session of the State Legislature last fall, will be made at Sturgis on January 14. Tentative plans would call for the race circuit to include major west-river fairs and celebrations, including the Days of '76 in Deadwood and the Black Hills Round-up at Belle Fourche.

January 13, 1944

August Ypparila this week purchased the Webb Estate residence property in Fairview Heights Addition, now occupied by the John Jaukkari family. Mr. Ypparila is closing out his farming interest northwest of town and plans to move to Newell

April 2nd. If you are interested in any of these activities, see Pastor Glenn E. Van Vactor.

January 14, 1954

There will be 2 story Hours at the City Library this Saturday, according to the following time schedule: 2:00 PM Mrs. R. D. Long will tell stories to children 5 years and those in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades. "Black Beauty" will be the main feature at 3:00 PM Mrs. Maurice Townsend will tell stories to the children in 4th, 5th and 6th grades. All children are welcome.

Mrs. Howard (Constance) Wilson of Vale escaped severe injury Monday in Belle

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Fourche when the car she was driving collided with a train at the 6th Avenue and Chicago & Northwestern intersection. Mrs. Wilson failed to see or hear the train until too late to avoid the crash. After a check-up at the hospital, it was found she was badly shaken up but fortunately escaped serious injury. Damage to the 1948 Chevrolet was estimated at \$200. The car was dragged about 15 feet by the train.

W. R. Pickard received a cable gram Friday advising him of the death of his father, William Pickard at Bude, England. He was 77 years of age and other survivors include the widow and a son Courtney, of England. Mr. & Mrs. William Pickard enjoyed an extended visit here in Newell during the summer of 1948.

The Youth Committee reported on the 4-H and teenager dance held at the IOOF Hall at the regular meeting of the Newell Rebeckah Lodge Tuesday evening. The party was attended by around 120 young people. Harold Falk, Mrs. Dave Tompkins and Roderick Carriers furnished the music while R. D. Long called. Appreciation of the Lodge was expressed for their donation of time to help the young folks. All children under the 7th grade are invited to attend from 7:30 to 9:00 PM and from 9:00 on, all 7th graders and up are welcome.

January 9, 1964

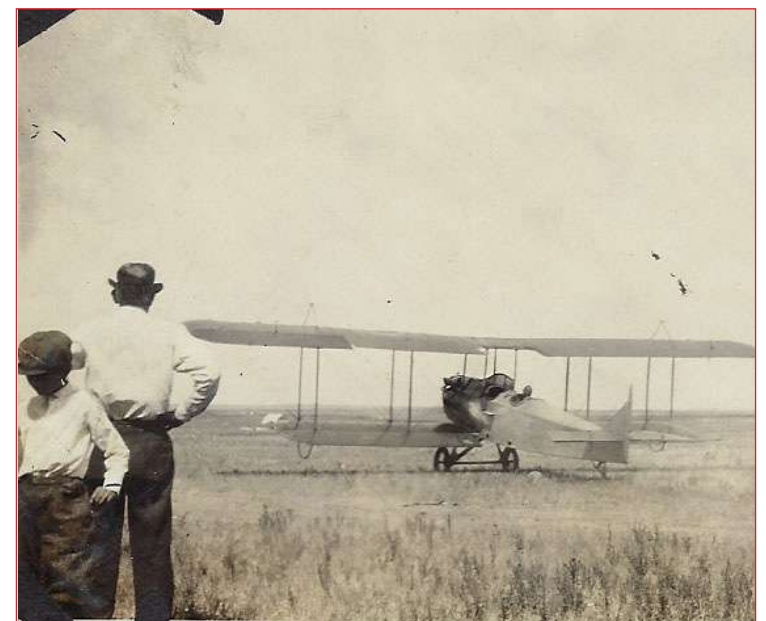
Hugh T. Caton and Darrell Blomberg took Roger Zwetzig

to Rapid City by plane Sunday and Roger left by plane from there for Great Lakes, Illinois, where he is stationed with the Navy. Mrs. Caton and children joined Mr. Caton later in Rapid City and all were dinner guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lee Engle. They also visited in the evening at the Everett Rambow home.

Directors of the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project will appear on the TV program "Black Hills Almanac", at 8:30 PM this Friday over KOTA, Rapid City; it is announced by Robert E. Donahue, District Manager. The Directors, he advised, will discuss various District activiess, problems, updates, etc on the program.

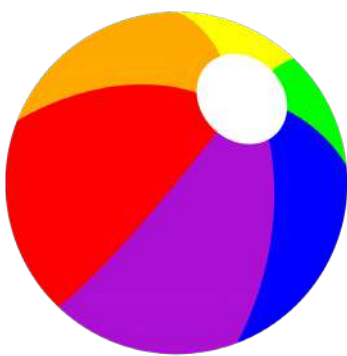
Charlotte Knuteson, 4-H member from Newell, is one of the delegates to the Western 4-H Round-up in Denver, January 10-16. The all-expense paid trip is sponsored by the Western South Dakota Sheep Growers' Association. Miss. Knuteson is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Knuteson, rural Newell.

In the classification of "Meanest" thief is the person who broke into the Lambert Lumber Company office here Saturday night, gaining entry by jimmying open the back shed door and then breaking the window in the side door. The thief made off with about \$15 from a change drawer, a transistor radio and a new electric drill, and then qualified for the "Meanest" title by taking all the change from a container for donations to the local Muscular Dystrophy Fund.



Newell Airport 1921; "Edward Bushnell going up".

-Newell Museum



PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "It all depends on how we look at things, and not on how they are themselves." — Carl Jung

Answer to Sudoku

3	2	5	9	8	7	4	6	1
4	7	9	1	6	5	8	2	3
8	6	1	3	2	4	7	5	9
7	4	2	8	9	6	1	3	5
5	1	8	2	4	3	9	7	6
6	9	3	5	7	1	2	8	4
2	3	6	7	1	9	5	4	8
1	8	4	6	5	2	3	9	7
9	5	7	4	3	8	6	1	2



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<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 24	Bagels & Cream Cheese or Cereal FF Juice/Milk	Chicken Nachos Black Beans FF/Fruit Milk
<b>THURSDAY</b> 25	Waffles or Cereal FF Juice/Milk	Meatball Subs Corn Sweet Potatoes & Apples FF/Fruit Milk
<b>FRIDAY</b> 26	French Toast Sticks Or Cereal FF Juice/Milk	Chicken Alfredo w/ Noodles Carrot Salad FF/Fruit Milk

“Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

January 22, 1914

A number of mallard ducks are spending the winter along Rabbit Creek, where the numerous springs afford open water. There are also a large number of ducks wintering on the big government reservation at Orman. It is generally conceded by students of nature, that birds regard the cold season to be of such short duration, it would not pay them to make the long trip south.

Mrs. Wagoner held a dancing class at the Arpan Hall on Wednesday afternoon and on next Wednesday at 2:00 PM she will have another class. Anyone wishing a dance lesson is to be on hand at that time. A very large crowd was in attendance at the dance Saturday night, parties coming from the Fruitdale, Nisland and Owl Creek Communities.

It is reported that William “Billy” Moses, who was sheriff of Butte County for 8 years was shot and killed at Forsyth, Montana, a few days ago. Domestic trouble was the cause of a quarrel and according to word the Deputy Sheriff shot him in self defense.

January 17, 1924

The proposition of a telephone line to Castle Rock and Redig is again being agitated and if sufficient support is forthcoming the line will be installed this spring. A meeting of those most interested in the project is slated for the near future.

Vic Thurlow and wife, Vale, had a narrow escape from coal gasses. They had the presence of mind to get to the door and to the air. They remained outside long enough that their feet became frostbit and are suffering the consequence.

After 7 days vacation nearly everyone was back to school, this week working very hard, even though the weather turned against us. We hope it will soon be nice again and that everyone will be at school.

January 18, 1934

Word has been received that Ole Tysdal’s second cousin, Alma Lackons, and her husband moved to Glendale, California just in time to get in on the big flood. She wrote that the water came within 6 inches of their home, but that her husband’s office, which on a lower street, was flooded.

Walfred Harmon of Newell is making needed repairs to the E. W. McLennan home, especially remodeling the kitchen. J. E. Hammontree and Bobby Glover were recent business callers at the McLennan’s home. Also noted, Charles A. Wilson, along with the McLennan’s, are among several neighbors preparing the last of their turkeys for final rail shipment.

January 20, 1944

Another slaughter took place at the former Dennis Lane Buffalo Pasture last week, when

the remaining 7 buffalo were killed for meat. Two calves escaped capture by rope or corral and remain in the big pasture, which have been sold to Belle Fourche. Those taking part in the chase, found the buffalo are fast travelers, being able to keep ahead of the cars doing 50 miles per hour over the prairie. John Olson, present owner of the Lane Ranch, took part in the last round-up.

William Stolnack, is low bidder for carrying mail on the Newell-Lemmon Star Route for the balance of the 4-year period ending June 30, 1946. James Kolousek of Lemmon was the original contractor but the bid was too low which was to become effective December 31, 1943, but for some reason the Postal Department has delayed formal awarding of the contract.

Seven airmen were killed early Tuesday morning when their Flying Fortress bomber crashed just south of Martin. Col. Frank P. Hunter, Jr, said the plane took off from the City Base Monday evening on a routine flight and crashed at 1:35 AM. Details of the accident were not disclosed, but a board has been appointed to investigate the mishap.

Pre-war model baby carriages, strollers, walkers and push carts will re-appear on the market in about 6 weeks, according to the WPB. Greater availability of steel makes possible the production again of these pre-war models.

January 21, 1954

State Game Warden Harry Henderson of Belle Fourche pointed out in Newell last week in cautioning rabbit hunters to avoid hunting at night. There is danger to people as well as livestock in hunting during such periods. Henderson noted that it has come to his attention that a number of persons have engaged in such sport in this territory during periods of darkness and that this is definitely prohibited by State Law. Information relative to such hunting will be appreciated, he advises and those caught in violation of the law will be punished to the maximum extent thereof.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Severson of Portland, Oregon, who was called here by the death of the latter’s mother at Sturgis, visited friends in Newell Friday. They were dinner guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kuchera. They also called on Wm Wendt and Chris Carlsen at Belle Fourche. Mr. Severson will be remembered here as the first operator of the Newell Air Port. The couple left here nearly 17 years ago.

Marcella Schroeder, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carson Schroeder was dismissed from the Belle Fourche Hospital and returned home last Thursday, following an appendectomy. Miss Schroeder expresses sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for the many lovely cards, gifts and other expressions of best wishes extended her while she was in the hospital and since returning home.

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NEWELL—Saturday, January 20 was an action-packed evening at Newell’s Austin Auditorium, where an exciting Emergency Responders Dodgeball Tournament took place. The tournament brought together teams representing local emergency response services, including ambulances, fire departments, and the sheriff’s office. Teams were from Newell, Nisland-Arpan, Vale, Belle Fourche, and Castle Rock. With a large turnout in the audience, the event aimed to raise funds for a worthy cause while providing entertainment for everyone.

People could contribute and show their support in several ways; attendees had the option of donating cash, purchasing tickets to “bet” on their favorite team, or buying a delicious meal. This allowed everyone, regardless of their budget, to contribute to the fundraiser and make a difference.

Fifty-percent of the proceeds from the ticket drawing will be directed towards the Butte

January 16, 1964

Members of the Horse Creek Missionary Society met at the BEC Hospitality Room last Wednesday, honored 3 members on their birthdays and enjoyed a pot luck luncheon served at noon by the country women of the group. Honored for their January birthdays when they will be 71, 76 and 81, respectively were Mrs. Opal Soma, Mrs. Edward Janke and Mrs. Charlotte Westre. The table was decorated with 3 cakes, cards and gifts and each of the ladies drew from the birthday box. All officers were re-elected for the coming year are: Chairman Miss Garnet Schmele, Vice Chairman Mrs. Selma Winkler and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Hazel Yuill. A Get Well card was signed for Mrs. Winkler who has been ill.

Mrs. Joe Haas entertained a birthday party Monday evening at her home in honor of her twin daughters, Shirley and Sheryl, who celebrated their 16th birthday. The young people enjoyed a social time and after opening their gifts, a birthday lunch with all the trimmings was enjoyed by 9 guests.

Brownie, Junior and Cadets have been organized in the Girl Scouts at Newell and have named leaders and set regular meeting dates, it is announced this week. The Brownies 2nd and 3rd grades will meet Thursday at the Newell Kindergarten room with Mrs. Ray Eichler Leader and Mrs. Keith Giannonatti Assistant Leader; Junior Girls in Intermediate grades meet at the Home

Dodgeball Raises Funds for Local EMS

County Fire Protection Association’s Fire School, set to take place in the fall of 2024. Of the remaining proceeds, 25% went to one winner drawn from the first-place bucket and 25% went to the winner drawn from the second-place bucket. The winners of the drawings were LeAnne Wells and Maynard Yule, both of whom won \$67 and generously donated the money back.

In the end, the Belle Fourche

Fire team emerged as the tournament champions, with the Butte Fire team coming in at a close second. The audience was on the edge of their seats, cheering and applauding every dodge, throw, and catch.

This year’s Emergency Responders Dodgeball Tournament was a resounding success that highlighted the power of community engagement and the importance of supporting our local emergency services.



Belle Fourche FD were the winners of Dodgeball Tournament. Photo by Betty Bruner



A member of Newell EMS team preparing to throw some perfect shots! Heitz photo

Economics Room Mrs. Robert Donahue Leader and Mrs. Roy Anderson Assistant Leader and Cadet girls 12 years through 14 will meet at the Howard Wilson home with Mrs. Wilson as Leader and Mrs. Geno Stedillie as Assistant Leader.

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SEASONAL

- ✓ Woonsocket Melons
- ✓ April Johnson's Fresh Dill
- ✓ Cox Sweet Corn

Crow Peak Brewing Company started in the spring of 2007 as a modest 5-barrel brewery with on-premise sales in the form of pints and off-premise sales in the form of 64-ounce growlers. The brewery was extremely successful, and in order to provide a quality local beer to other parts of the State and beyond, a brewery expansion was in order. The beautiful new brewery building opened for business in December of 2009.

However, our beers were still being brewed on our 5-barrel system while we were waiting for our new 30-barrel brew house – three 60-barrel fermentation vessels and 60-barrel bright beer tank to arrive and be installed. Installation of the new equipment, plumbing, wiring and boiler system was completed in June of 2010. In addition to the larger brewing system, a Cask automated canning line was brought online in the fall of 2010, allowing us to distribute our product in both draft and packaged form.

By the end of 2015, Crow Peak Brewing Company was producing 2,000 barrels of beer annually and was distributing its products in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Minnesota. We were finding it hard to keep up with demand, especially in the summer months so we underwent a second expansion in 2018. With two additional fermentation vessels and one additional bright beer tank, we are now able to produce approximately 5,000 barrels annually.



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## PRODUCE



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**Pabst Blue Ribbon** 6 pk. 16 oz. cans **\$5.79**



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Dannon Activia **Yogurt** All Varieties 4 pk. **2/\$6** or **\$3.00**



Crystal Farms **Shredded Cheese** All Varieties 32 oz. bag **\$9.99**



Nestle Coffee-mate **Coffee Creamer** All Varieties Large 64 oz. **\$7.69**

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Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

				8	7	4		1
		9		6				3
	6	1	3					9
7								
	1	8			3			
	9				1	2		
2	3							8
		4			2	3	9	

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**  
 1 Sea (Fr.)  
 4 Amer. Standard Version (abbr.)  
 7 Inlet  
 10 Pledge  
 11 Social affair  
 12 Old-fashioned oath  
 14 Vega (2 words)  
 16 Concerning (2 words)  
 17 3 (Rom. numeral)  
 18 Pueblo Indian  
 20 Office of Economic Development (abbr.)  
 21 Feminine (abbr.)  
 22 Universe (pref.)  
 24 King of Athens  
 26 Plant slip  
 31 Wings  
 32 Twitch  
 34 In the past  
 35 Brain ridge

**DOWN**  
 1 Gardener's case  
 2 Case or box (Fr.)  
 3 Fluidity unit  
 4 Endeavor  
 5 Wither  
 6 Seaweed

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**  
 V A I S C F S A S A  
 P A N E H O T A C M E  
 P R A C T I C E A H A B  
 S A G U M I A K O T B  
 U T E L E V O  
 M E A S U R E T I N G E  
 A N N A E S P T E A L  
 S T A G E P I C A R D Y  
 S E C Y M A L  
 U F A U P S E T G O D  
 S A R I R E N O U N C E  
 A L C A E A T C A T A  
 A A L S R O A R A

7 Portuguese coin  
 8 Shame  
 9 Rhine tributary  
 10 Fetish  
 13 Month abbr.  
 15 Orkney fisherman's hut  
 19 Distress signal  
 21 Noted psychiatrist  
 23 Admonish  
 24 Insult  
 25 Eng. cathedral city  
 26 Orgy  
 27 Pose  
 29 Alas  
 30 New (pref.)  
 33 Grain beetle larva  
 36 Salt (Fr.)  
 38 New sugarcane shoot  
 40 Blacksnake  
 42 Angola (abbr.)  
 43 Nut  
 45 Tree stump  
 46 Ass or donkey (Ger.)  
 47 Polynesian spirit  
 48 Loop trains  
 50 Harem room  
 52 Pronoun

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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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: "J" = "H"

"BU YXX TSDSATP HA JHK KS XHHG  
 YU UJBAIP, YAT AHU HA JHK UJSZ  
 YMS UJSOPSLSP."

— NYMX EQAI

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A complex system that works is invariably found to have evolved from a simple system that works." — John Gaule

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Puzzle Answers on C4

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<p>2024</p> <p><b>JANUARY</b></p>	<p><b>SUN</b></p>	<p><b>MON</b></p> <p>1                  Glazed Ham                  Sweet Potatoes                  Broccoli                  Dinner Roll                  Cranberry Sauce                  Vanilla Pudding                  Milk</p>	<p><b>TUE</b></p> <p>2                  Baked Chicken                  Wild Rice                  Mixed Veggies                  Pineapple                  Milk</p>	<p><b>WED</b></p> <p>3                  Chili                  Garden Salad                  Corn Bread Banana                  Cinnamon Roll                  Cookie                  Milk</p>	<p><b>THU</b></p> <p>4                  Hawaiian Pork Loin                  Roasted Reds                  Veggie Medley                  Fruity Jello                  Milk</p>	<p><b>FRI</b></p> <p>5                  Chicken Alfredo                  Linguini                  Maple Carrots                  Garlic Toast                  Tropical Fruit                  Brownie                  Milk</p>	<p><b>SAT</b></p> <p>6                  Tuna Salad OR                  Chicken Salad                  Roasted Carrot                  Soup                  Leafy Green Salad                  Croissant                  Mandarin Oranges                  Milk</p>
	<p>7                  Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs                  Broccoli                  Garden Salad                  Focaccia Bread                  Mixed Fruit                  Milk</p>	<p>8                  Roasted Turkey &amp; Wild Rice Soup                  Spinach Salad                  Artisan Bread                  Peaches                  Milk</p>	<p>9                  Pork Roast &amp; Gravy                  Mashed Potatoes                  Roasted Carrots                  Peas                  Spice Cake                  Milk</p>	<p>10                  Taco Salad                  Tortilla Chips                  Refried Beans                  Mandarin Oranges                  Ice Cream                  Milk</p>	<p>11                  Paprika Chicken                  Parsley Noodles                  Veggie Medley                  Garden Salad                  Tropical Fruit                  Milk</p>	<p>12                  Smoked Sausage                  Scalloped Potatoes                  Green Beans                  Dinner Roll                  Apple Sauce                  Choc. Chip Cookie                  Milk</p>	<p>13                  Deluxe Chicken                  Patty Sandwich                  Tomato Soup                  Cucumber Salad                  Fruity Jello                  Milk</p>
	<p>14                  Chef's Choice</p>	<p>15                  Chicken Noodle Soup                  Spinach Salad                  Cheesy Garlic Bread                  Mixed Berries                  Peanut Butter Bar                  Milk</p>	<p>16                  Salisbury Steak                  Mashed Potatoes                  Mixed Veggies                  Garden Salad                  Dinner Roll                  Peas                  Milk</p>	<p>17                  Pork Enchiladas                  Spanish Rice                  Southwest Salad                  Pineapple                  Melt A Way Cookie                  Milk</p>	<p>18                  Chicken Fried Steak                  Mashed Potatoes                  Country Gravy                  Green Beans                  Apple Sauce                  Milk</p>	<p>19                  BBQ Chicken                  Cheesy Rice &amp; Veggies                  Corn Muffins                  Tropical Fruit                  Milk</p>	<p>20                  Pulled Pork Sandwich                  Bake Beans                  Potato Wedges                  Spiced Apples                  Snickerdoodle                  Milk</p>
	<p>21                  Chicken Cordon Bleu                  Creamy Rice                  Broccoli                  Tropical Fruit                  No Bake Cookie                  Milk</p>	<p>22                  Beef Pot Pie                  Spinach Salad w/ Tomato                  Cheesy Biscuit                  Peas                  Milk</p>	<p>23                  Pot Roast &amp; Gravy                  Roasted Potatoes &amp; Veggies                  Dinner Roll                  Fruity Jello                  Milk</p>	<p>24                  Stuffed Pork Loin                  Wild Rice                  Creamed Spinach                  Spiced Apples                  Milk</p>	<p>25                  Roast Turkey                  Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy                  Veggie Medley                  Cranberry Sauce                  Milk</p>	<p>26                  Deluxe Fish OR                  Chicken Sandwich                  Minestrone Soup                  Peach Cobbler                  Milk</p>	<p>27                  Sweet &amp; Sour Pork                  Steamed Rice                  Asian Veggies                  Egg Roll                  Pineapple                  Fortune Cookie                  Milk</p>
	<p>28                  Baked Ham                  Scalloped Potatoes                  Green Beans                  Garden Salad                  Dinner Roll                  Plums                  Milk</p>	<p>29                  Biscuits &amp; Gravy                  Zucchini Egg Bake                  V-8 Juice                  Peaches                  Chocolate Pudding                  Milk</p>	<p>30                  Meat Loaf                  Baked Potato                  Cheesy Broccoli                  Dinner Roll                  Peas                  Milk</p>	<p>31                  Turkey Ala King                  Egg Noodles                  Veggie Medley                  Mixed Fruit                  Poke Cake                  Milk</p>			
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