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Legislative Cracker Barrel

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BELLE FOURCHE—A Legislative Cracker Barrel was held at the Branding Iron on Saturday, January 25, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Senator Sam Marty (District 28, Representative Travis Ismay (District 28B House), and Representative Jana Hunt (District 28A House) participated in the forum for the public to attend, learn about the status of the 100th Legislative session.

A time for the public to ask questions and voice concerns. Legislative Cracker Barrels are held all over the state so that locals can have access to their legislators and hear answers on a variety of legislative topics.

Turnout was impressive; nearly
Cracker Barrel A3

“Tri-State Museum’s Annual Tea ”



In the new addition at the **Tri-State Museum** tea participants enjoy “**Tea & Crumpets**” and much more. *Longbrake Photo*

Tri-State Museum Holds Annual Tea

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BELLE FOURCHE—Are movies your cup of tea? For a room full of museum supporters at the Tri-State Museum’s Annual Tea, it certainly was! This year’s theme was Hooray for Hollywood! The fundraiser was held January 25 at 2:00 p.m.

The new addition at the museum made for an elaborate scene with 11 tables all thoughtfully decorated to portray a different movie.

From The Mummy to The Cowboys and Sound of Music to Steel Magnolias, a wide variety of titles were represented. Museum volunteer, Joni Sexton explained, “The hostess of the table—whoever wants to do the table—they pick what movie theme they want to do and then they design the table off of what that movie is.”

The person who volunteers to decorate a table then gathers all of the supplies needed to decorate the table, including table settings and of course, a tea pot. “Like The Cowboys table,

she made everything Cowboy and Western. She’s got her boots, her hats, her ropes, her bandanas, and actually brand new plates and anything that would go with her theme,” said Sexton.

Each table hostess stood up and explained why they chose the movie that they did and what it took to decorate the table. Char O’Dea explained

that her movie theme was a tribute to her mother, who was a fanatical lover of Downton Abbey. “When it was time to choose a movie... the perfect choice in honoring my mother plus my china, silver and crystal all came from her and she loved roses and springtime flowers,” she said. “So I’m honoring my mother with Downton Abbey.”

Tea contd. A8



Butte County Commissioner **Tom Brunner** (standing) served as moderator at the **Chamber of Commerce** hosted **Legislative Cracker Barrel at the Branding Iron**. (Seated) Senator **Sam Marty** and State Representatives **Travis Ismay** and **Jana Hunt**. *Beacon Photo*

Belle Kicks Off Annual Center of the Nation Indoor Blast

~ February 7-9, 2025 ~
BF Rec Center

Belle Fourche is gearing up for one of its most exciting annual events—the Center of the Nation Indoor Blast, an indoor soccer

tournament that draws up to 80 teams and 2,000 visitors to town. Teams from the tri-state area and beyond compete in brackets ranging from U8

Soccer contd. A4



Adult team: **Lucas Trimble’s Red Bulls**. *Courtesy Photo*

Governor Rhoden Sheds Light on Transition Preparations

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Larry Rhoden shed light on his preparations to assume office as the 34th Governor of South Dakota.

“Until now, I have kept my extensive preparations for this succession to myself. I would have loved to have spoken openly sooner, but the time

was not yet appropriate,” said Governor Rhoden. “South Dakotans should rest assured that I’m ready to serve as your Governor.”

Larry Rhoden then announced his plans to be sworn in as the 34th Governor of South Dakota. The oath of office was administered on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 11:00 am CT/10:00 am MT by Chief Justice Steven R. Jensen in the Governor’s Office.

Succession planning began shortly after President Trump announced his nomination of Kristi Noem as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security in November. Rhoden held months of briefings and meetings with Noem and a number of current and former state officials and friends.

Cabinet and staff fully cooperated with Rhoden’s preparation efforts.



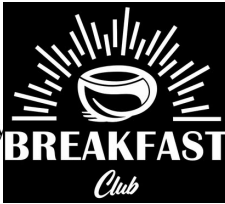
Governor Rhoden

The Breakfast Club to Open February 1

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BELLE FOURCHE—Need a late night snack or an early morning meal? The Breakfast Club, a new restaurant opening in Belle Fourche, has got you covered! The eatery is scheduled to open their doors February 1, 2025, and will offer breakfast



from 4:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday with more late night/early morning hours on the weekends of 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Owners, Rhonda and Marty Schild, saw an opportunity to fill a hole that was left when the Belle Inn closed. “My husband and I

Breakfast Club Contd.A3



Belle Fourche High School Student Council. *Courtesy Photos*



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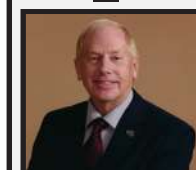
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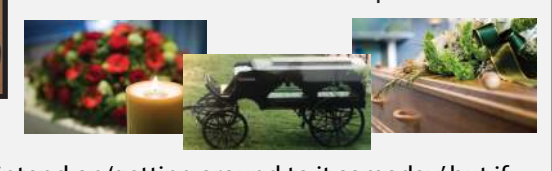
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Kevin Keegan 52



Kevin Keegan, age 52 of Belle Fourche, died Thursday, January 23, 2025 at his home in Belle Fourche.

The funeral service will be held 11am Thursday, January 30th, 2025 at the Pioneer Hall in Dupree. Visitation will be held 4pm to 7pm Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in the Dupree Cemetery.

Friends may leave condolences online, view a video tribute, and also view the funeral service on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred for the purpose of creating a long-lasting memorial in Kevin's name.

Kevin James Keegan was born March 28, 1972 in Faith, SD. He was the son of James "Jimmy" and Joyce (Miller) Keegan. Kevin's father tragically died at a very young age, and when Kevin's mother married Bill Collins, he became his dad. Bill was a wonderful dad to Kevin and they were very close. In 1990, Kevin graduated from the Dupree High School. While attending school, Kevin played football and basketball. Kevin also competed in boxing. Following high school, Kevin attended Black Hills State University, and graduated in 1994 with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. Kevin was united in marriage to Kelly Birkeland on August 20, 1994 in Dupree, SD. Kevin and Kelly were high school sweethearts, who had their first date when they were in seventh grade. Following their marriage, they settled in Belle Fourche where Kevin worked for the Roundup Building Center and Dakota Lumber. He also worked for Pete Pedersen where he learned all about trailer conversions. This led him to begin his business, K & K Kustoms, which he owned and operated for many years. Kevin was also co-owner of B & K with his brother-in-law, Ramon. Kevin's true love however was ranching. In 2019 he sold his business so that he could return to what he loved to do most – spending time in Dupree on the family ranch.

Kevin was a hard-working man, and a perfectionist. There wasn't much he couldn't do when it came to fixing something, or making something. Oftentimes he would even sacrifice his body to complete a job. Kevin was a quiet man and even a stubborn man as well, and he always had a toothpick in his mouth. He loved sports of any kind, and he coached softball and served on the soccer board. He watched his children compete in sports as well. He enjoyed camping and boating, and was the best brother you could ask for. He was very close to his siblings and entire family. Kevin was a devoted husband and father, and he was loved very much.

Kevin is survived by his wife Kelly of Belle Fourche; children, Daxton of Minneapolis, Raymie (fiancé' Cade Ostenson) of Alexandria LA, Dru of Belle Fourche; mother, Joyce Collins of Spearfish; brothers, Lavern of Belle Fourche, Bruce (Deanne) of Dupree, Jamie of Belle Fourche, Kelly (and wife Kellie) of Hermosa; sisters, Teresa (Scott) Peterson of Lemmon, Jenn (Chet) Nichols of Fort Worth TX; father-in-law, Gary Birkeland of Dupree and Belle Fourche; brothers-in-law, Jay Birkeland of Rapid City, Ramon Birkeland of Dupree; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy Keegan; dad, William Collins; mother-in-law, Sonja Birkeland; and sister-in-law, Robbi Birkeland.

John Havrum Cram

John Havrum Cram passed away on January 19, 2025, in Rapid City, SD. He was born on July 4, 1945, to Albert and Esther Havrum Cram in Rapid City, SD. John's older sister, Mary, and they resided outside of Castlerock, SD. When Mary and John entered school, the family moved to Newell, SD. John graduated from Newell High School in 1963.

After briefly traveling the country with the carnival, John joined the Army and served from 1964 to 1967 as a satellite technician in Germany. He was honorably discharged with a Good Conduct Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. He returned to South Dakota and spent the rest of his life in the Black Hills region.

In 1968, John married Barbara Cox, and two children were born from this marriage, Darbi and Philip. The marriage ended in divorce in 1981.

John graduated from Black Hills State College in 1971. Most of his career was spent as a sales representative for music and books. John was able to retire early and live his dream on a small plot of land in Tilford, SD, where he enjoyed gardening, brewing beer, and caring for his chickens.

John is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mary Hengstler. He is survived by his children, Darbi (Garet) Hunt and Philip Cram; his grandchildren, Jerika Hunt and Gavin Hunt; and nephew, Lawrence Hengstler.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025, 12:30 pm at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

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



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Pastor's Perspective

"Mustard Seeds and Snowflakes"

Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? ... It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches." Luke 13:18-19.

Jesus used creative imagery as illustrations to teach his followers. In the above case, he used mustard seeds. Something so small as the mustard seed, properly nourished by God, will grow into something large and expands the kingdom of God not only in practical ways, but also beautiful ways.

One recent morning I watched the gentle snowflakes drift to the ground. They are so small and yet how they change the landscape! It takes so many snowflakes to do that though! Yet billions, jillions of snowflakes do just that. They gather and transform the ground, the gardens, bushes, trees, buildings and cars and roads!

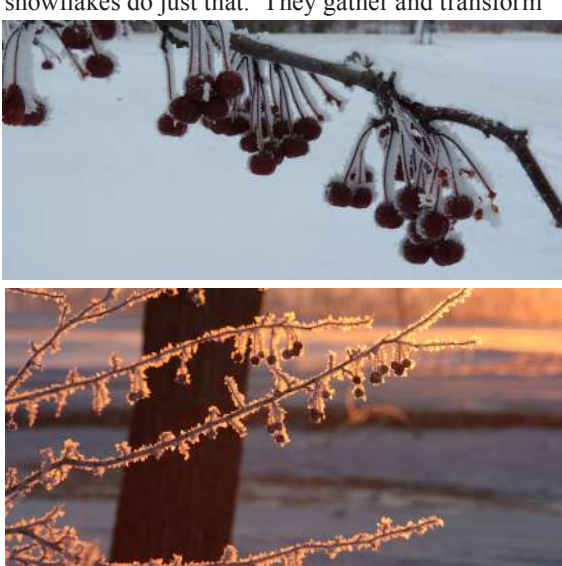
Sometimes we lose sight of how small things do make a difference in people's lives. Greeting people on the sidewalk, opening the door, praying for someone, sending a card, making a phone call are small acts that can transform a moment, or a day, or even an outcome especially when one prays.

Small choices made consistently can also transform people's lives. Reading one chapter of the Bible a day can introduce you to the faith or strengthen the faith you have. Drinking a glass of water rather than more coffee, soda, beer can make a difference to your health. Praying with your kids before they go to school or before bed at night can help them realize God's presence is with them. Just in the way a snowflake can transform the landscape, so small choices made consistently can transform your life.

C.A Hall affirms this idea with this creative expression: "Sow a thought, and you reap an act. Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit, and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny." If your thoughts, acts, habits are inspired by the Lord and his kingdom, then, your destiny will be secure.

If you need encouragement, support, or inspiration, I invite you to join my congregation in one of our ministry activities like worship, Bible study, and service projects.

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Belle Fourche Writers Plan
February Story Challenge



Meg English

February is story challenge month. For the past few years, the Belle Fourche Writers have hosted a story writing challenge in February. Last year we were preoccupied with our anthology, Life’s Landscapes which is now complete and available on Amazon or from a BF writers group member. The anthology was a TON of work! Now we are happy to be finished and free to move on to some of the fun activities that we have sponsored in the past.

We are happy to announce the Belle Fourche Writers February Story Challenge 2025! During the bitter January days, the writers have been creating characters. On February 1st the characters along with some general instructions will be revealed via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bellefourchewriters/>. The Belle Fourche Writers February Story Challenge 2025! is open to Everyone. Email copies of the characters are available from a Belle Fourche Writers member.

Print copies of the characters and general instructions will be available at the Belle Fourche Library. Belle Fourche Writers February Story Challenge is not a competition, but it is indeed a challenge. Writers choose from a group of characters created by the writers. They are provided with some setting suggestions, but are not restricted to those suggestions. Writer will have until midnight March 8 to submit to submit stories via email, mailed via US post or dropped off to the Belle Fourche Library or mailed. (details to follow) The Belle Fourche Writers Story Challenge is something we’ve all enjoyed in the past. It’s fun to read a collection of stories about the same characters and it’s always interesting to see how each author determines their fate or future. There are always surprising twists and turns in the stories as the characters take charge. A public presentation of the stories is in the works later in the spring. Here are a few characters who live on in our stories from past challenges: Meet Marney Anderson, Izak Potz, Lisa Abramson, and Sly Milner: Marney Anderson created by Joan Gerkin. “Marney Anderson is a 45-year-old white female of Scandinavian descent. Her 5’ 10” tall, 160-pound frame shows her athletic body

and love of outdoor activities. With long, straight blonde hair and blue eyes she is attractive in business suits or active wear. Marney was born and raised on a farm outside LaCrosse, WI. The oldest of seven children, Marnie was expected to lead by example. She earned her MBA from the University of Minnesota, bringing her immense success as a sought-after City Administrator. In working her way up, the ladder of success, she left behind her husband Arthur. Izak Potz Created by Dale Kringen. “His name is Izak Potz. He is short and stocky but broad across the shoulders. His reddish gray hair is shoulder-length, and his neatly braided beard is decorated with wooden beads. Izak’s weathered face does little to give away his age. Some would describe him as 45 going on 70. He’s a man of few words and prefers to keep to himself. Izak lives in the woods near the creek in an old Econoline van. His only

companion is a short-legged mutt who he simply refers to as ‘Dog’. Lisa Abrahams by Margie Bolte. “Lisa was unique. This 12-year-old had a stunning appearance. At first glance, there was not anything unusual about this girl, a pre-teenager, skinny with long legs and a high waist that made her arms appear short The eyes were different and distinctive. Lisa’s left eye was a light brown color and almost as tan as the sand on a beach. Her right eye was almost blue. not quite blue but a sky blue that seemed to sparkle when she laughed Lisa’s olive skin color was not dark and yet not light; a medium color and she could easily get a sun burn Lisa was a free spirit, but a cautious listener. Yes, Lisa was unique. For Lisa knew what people were thinking before the person even knew. This sixth sense or extrasensory perception is what Lisa recognized and accepted as her natural ability at a very young age. But, at 12 years old, Lisa’s sixth sense would be challenged and tested that

could change the rest of her life.” Sly Milner created by Lynda Edwards. “Sylvester ‘Sly’ Milner has lived on his family ranch in rural SD since he was born. Sly inherited his father’s bad temper and his mother’s artistic abilities. Sly had no social contact with the opposite sex until he was 21 years old. A friend set him up with multiple blind dates. Those relationships never lasted more than two or three dates, until he met a quiet young lady four years his junior. They were married for 18 years and had two children before they divorced, a girl and a boy. Sly adores his daughter as long as she does what he approves of. He is estranged with his son. To Sly there is no gray area, just black or white. Sly lives in a mobile home parked in his parents’ yard. He ranches and is a perfectionist. He loves his dog, his mother. He has a distaste for government rules and regulations when it comes to the government land he runs on.” The Belle Fourche Writers look forward to launching the characters for the 2025 Belle Fourche Writers Story Challenge on February 1st 2025.

January 20th City Council Meeting

Ryder Heitz news@bellefourchebeacon.com BELLE FOURCHE—On January 20, the City Council held a meeting. During community input, Raymond Allen voiced concerns about the increase in the monthly City Services bill and requested improved street maintenance in the Dacar development, particularly following snowstorms. Greg Mondillo also expressed concern about sections of curbs and sidewalks on 11th Avenue that have sunk by up to an inch, creating uneven surfaces. The Chamber of Commerce reported that last Friday’s Job Fair involved connecting with the Department of Labor for future collaborations. The Legislative Cracker Barrel was held on January 25, at the Branding Iron.

Save the date for the Annual Banquet on February 28 at the Community Hall. CoNBA’s Jessica Carmichael outlined 2025 community events, including Valentine’s Day, Easter, and Halloween promotions, while emphasizing efforts to keep businesses informed about high-traffic events. A February update will cover expenditures, including Christmas promotion details. In Consent Agenda, the Legal Finance Committee recommended approval of the Belle Fourche Fire Department’s Mix & Consume Permit, for the Fireman’s Banquet to be held on February 22, 2025 at Community Hall. The Committee recommended approval for Gina Carpenter to attend SDML Board Meeting on February 4-5, 2025, in Pierre, SD (SDML Board

will cover all associated costs). Also, there was an acknowledgement of the Center of the Nation Sportsman’s Club’s raffle for multiple prizes and games, and a live and silent auction. Ticket sales will begin upon approval from the council and will be sold through the day of the event on April 5, 2025. All proceeds will be used to maintain the shooting range, help support 4-H youth shooting sports, the Hunt Safe program, and other local programs. Contact person is Rik Bartels, phone number 605-645-9242. Regular agenda included a motion to authorize Mayor Randy D. Schmidt to sign a Letter of Support to SDDOT to request funding for Sgt. Lelund M. Kahler Memorial Bridge Reconstruction Project. The motion carried. The next City Council meeting will be February 3 at 6 p.m.

Cracker Barrel from A1 all seats were full as community members were eager to discuss political issues. The Chamber of Commerce streamed the Cracker Barrel live on Facebook, and the Branding Iron offered a Lunch Special for those who attended. The format for the event was an open forum Q & A with all questions accepted from the audience and no time limit for the questions. Tom Brunner moderated the discussion. Presentations afterward included Orion Thompson, superintendent of Belle Fourche School District, and Beth Morey, Belle Fourche Public Library board president. The representatives kicked off the event by introducing themselves and speaking about what they are currently working on and which issues are most important to them. Jana Hunt, 28A Representative, explained that she is on the Judiciary Committee

and Ag & Natural Resources Committee. Representative Travis Ismay, 28B, serves on the Ag & Natural Resources and Education Committees and mentioned a bill that includes a recall of county commissioners and a bill that would increase punishment for drug dealers that sell fentanyl-laced drugs in the community. Sam Marty is part of the Agriculture, Education, Veterans’ Affairs, and Tribal Relations committees. The first question from the audience referred to a statistic that says South Dakota’s demographics are about the same as North Dakota’s, but South Dakota’s prison population is twice as high—why is there a difference? The audience member also inquired about budget and wondered if money needed to be put toward prison costs. One significant discussion regarded House Bill 1020, which proposes the establishment of education savings accounts for

students in South Dakota, which can be used for tuition at nonpublic schools and microschools. Superintendent Orion Thompson asked Travis Ismay, “If you implement this, what are your plans for the other 20,000 (students) that are there today, and then what are your plans moving forward with the families and the kids that see this as an opportunity to not school?” Ismay responded that this is “one of his main concerns,” citing possible negative outcomes “ten years down the road,” and stated that he would “severely” go through the amendments to make a decision on the bill. An audience-wide discussion concerning morals in schools and the “importance” of implementing the Ten Commandments in school districts followed. The Cracker Barrel proved that Belle Fourche citizens care about engaging with local and state politics, and that elected representatives will take the time to meet with constituents, take concerns into account, and explain stances on pressing issues.

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Feb 1 - Breakfast Club; soft opening, 9AM Whistle Stop Market in Newell, 10:30AM First Saturday Brunch at Tri State Museum

Feb 3 - 6PM 1903 Theater auditions at Tri State Museum, 6PM City Council

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The tournament also features a concession stand, offering snacks and a hearty breakfast option for those attending early games.

This year, extended seating at the Rec Center promises an even better experience for fans.

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Adult team: Dad's Bods





Here are some pictures from our monthly assembly at South Park! The first photo is of our **Students of the Month for December 2024**. The winner's names are as follows: **Ila Seaman, Corbin Selchert, Hank Janish, Stetson Wilen, Adrian Cuff, Lane Fickbohm, and Olivia Grosz**.

The second picture is of a group of students who finished their Lexia reading program. Their names are as followed: **Evangeline Funk, Patrick Tysdal, Brekyn Montgomery, Sophia Ruzicka and Kellan Davis**.

The final picture is of our **Teacher of the Month**. This is an award that is voted on by our students each month! The winner is **Mr. Dunavant**. *Courtesy Pictures*

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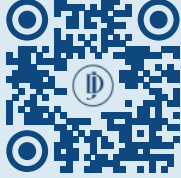
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The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

1903 Reader's Theatre to hold auditions for "Poker, Paisley and the Don Pratt Hotel"

Auditions will be held Monday, Feb. 3 and Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche for the next 1903 Reader's Theatre production entitled "Poker, Paisley and the Don Pratt Hotel."

The play is a comedy-mystery about the goings-on at the Don Pratt Hotel on a weekend in 1930, the year the hotel opened in Belle Fourche. The hotel is swirling with rumors about a secret poker game to be held in the hotel basement and about bootleggers who may – or may not – be in town. Central to the action is brand-new switchboard operator Myrna Chasley, who struggles to learn her job, deal with her imperious boss, Mrs. Hirschfeld, and handle calls between the colorful hotel guests.

The play will incorporate some history about the area, the hotel, national politics and Prohibition. A key prop will be a period hotel switchboard, used onstage by Myrna, which comes from the museum's collections.

There are roles for approximately nine actors: five women and four men. Adults of all ages are encouraged to audition, and previous theatre experience is not required. Typical of reader's theatre, lines are not learned for the performance, as actors carry scripts.

Rehearsals will be Feb. 9-13, and performances at 7 p.m. on February 14 and 2 p.m. on February 15. The play is produced jointly by the Belle Fourche Arts Council and the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center. A silent auction and refreshments will be provided by the Arts Council members. Tickets will be \$2 per person.

For more information, call the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 605-723-1200. The Tri-State is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Tri-State Museum opens mini exhibit about the history of calendars

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center of Belle Fourche will open a mini exhibit entitled "Calendars," on Saturday, February 8 with a through-the-day reception of specially made cupcakes and beverages. There is no admission charge to attend.

"Calendars" examines the history of calendars from the ancient world to the modern one, including the origins of the names of days and months, lunar and solar calendars, the transition from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar and calendars of various cultures through time. The exhibit includes storyboards, photos, a touchscreen quiz, a take-home packet and children's books to read. It will also include artifacts from the museum's collections, which include a wide variety of regional and local calendars through the decades.

This exhibit will be in place through April 10th and can be found in the Visitor Center. For more information about "Calendars," call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Tri-State Museum Rural Expressions Photo Contest Reception

Judging and reception of the BF Arts Council's third annual Rural Expressions Photography Contest. Photos will have been on exhibit in the museum during the previous week. Visitors may vote for Peo-

South Dakota Tourism Conference

The South Dakota Governor's Conference on Tourism 2025 took place at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre, drawing tourism professionals, business owners, and community leaders eager to shape the future of travel in the state.

The conference had attendees from all across South Dakota, including Belle Fourche. This year, Belle Fourche was well represented by Stacey Raisanen, Denver Lee, Walter Stein, Heather O'Neil Stein, and the Belle Fourche Beacon.

The three-day event was packed with expert-led breakout sessions and speakers that provided insights into current trends shaping the tourism landscape here in South Dakota. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about innovative marketing strategies and tourism data for our state, and the Secretary of

Tourism, James Hagen, shared a wealth of information on how the team at Travel South Dakota will continue to grow the number of visitors to our state in 2025.

It was a great week of networking and learning from other tourism professionals across the state and nation. The Beacon would like to thank everyone who attended and helped promote our amazing community.

The Chamber of Commerce sent a wealth of information with fun Belle Fourche packets for attendees, and the Beacon provided copies of the Belle Fourche Visitors Magazine and newspaper. Great things are on the horizon for 2025!

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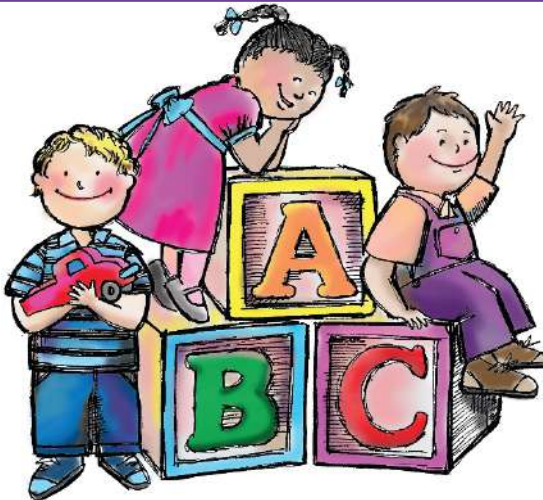
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Free Early Childhood Developmental Screening for children ages 0-5

The Belle Fourche School District in collaboration with SD Birth to Three, Badlands Head Start Prenatal to Five, and Families First invites you to attend.

Date: Friday, February 7, 2025

Time: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Where: North Park Elementary Early Intervention Classroom

Please call for an appointment
605-723-9139

Hill City at Belle Fourche, held at Belle Fourche High School Gym.

Final Score: Belle Fourche 41, Hill City 27.
Records: Belle Fourche 8-3, Hill City 3-8.
Next Up: The Broncos will take on Winner (6-4) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Belle Fourche High School Gym. The Rangers will take on Alliance (Neb.) at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Alliance High School Gym in Alliance, Nebraska.



Hill City at Belle Fourche, held at Belle Fourche High School Gym.

Final Score: Hill City 58, Belle Fourche 29.
Records: Hill City 8-3, Belle Fourche 2-8.
Next Up: The Rangers bring in Sturgis (2-6) for a Black Hills Conference clash, set for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Gins Gym in Hill City. The Broncos go south and east this weekend, taking on Mahpiya Luta (5-6) at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Mahpiya Luta School Gym in Pine Ridge.



The Belle Fourche Beacon booth at 2025 Tourism Conference at the Ramkota in Pierre.



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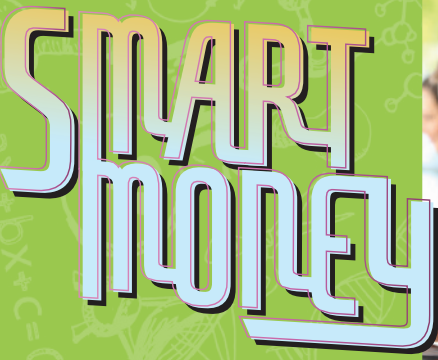
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Tourism Conference

From A6 Tourism

er Service Award is given annually to four industry members, each representing one of the four tourism regions in South Dakota. This award recognizes tourism industry professionals who provide remarkable service to visitors and whose work demonstrates an outstanding spirit of hospitality. These awards were given to Phil Zea* of Hotel on Phillips in Sioux Falls; Lyndy Ireland of Triangle Ranch Bed & Breakfast of Philip; Donna Behrend* of Choco Latte Coffee and Handmade Candy of Brookings; and Mollie Harmon of River City Friday Nights in Chamberlain.

“Each of these winners exemplify the one-of-a-kind visitor experience that Ruth offered her customers. Phil has even been known to go chasing after guests to offer them an umbrella in the rain,” said Hagen. “They all go out of their way to make each guest feel at home in South

Dakota.”

The Ben Black Elk Award is a prestigious honor recognizing an individual who makes outstanding contributions to the state’s visitor industry. This year’s award was given to Susan Kightlinger of Rapid City . For more than 30 years, Kightlinger has been a passionate and dedicated advocate for Deadwood and the entire Black Hills area. Her resume included executive director of the Deadwood Chamber & Visitors Bureau and 12 years as marketing director for the Deadwood Mountain Grand before her retirement in 2024. Her outgoing personality and passion for the area are credited for making a truly powerful impact on the Black Hills tourism industry. The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Travel South Dakota and the South Dakota Arts Council. The department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.



KOTA/Fox New’s JackCaudill receiving AHPankow Award.



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Donna Behrend (L) and Lyndy Ireland (R) received RuthZiolkowski * Outstanding Hospitality & Customer Service Awards

Tea From A1

Another table hostess, Wilma Dick, shared her reasons for picking her movie, *Gone with the Wind*, “I grew up with it, I was just a young child when my mother first took me to the movie.”

In addition to hot tea, a table full of fancy finger foods was available to all in attendance. The menu was carefully curated. “The Tea Committee comes up with a menu, although it typically is divided between five savory and five sweet options,” said Kristi Thielen, Director. “There are certain people whose expertise is one or the other, and they are invariably asked if they will then provide that for us, and that’s how the whole thing gets put together!”

This was the first Tea that was able to utilize the new addition at the Tri-State Museum. In the past years the tables were placed in the crowded museum and there was just not space for many people to attend. “The tea would be in the museum and sometimes it would be out in the visitor center lobby, right there when you come in but we didn’t have near the people,” said Shirley Edwards, Museum Volunteer. “I think they sold like 70 tickets, we would have never been able to put that many out there.”

Everyone gathered before the Tea began to look at all of the decorated tables and vote on their favorite of the day. The *Gone with the Wind* table by Wilma Dick was picked as People’s Choice. At the end of the festivities a basket of goodies was given to one lucky person at each table. “At each table, guests will have one sticker underneath the the saucer plate and if they have the sticker, then they get a door prize,” said Sexton.

Look for the Annual Tea coming up again later this year. “Usually, we do have it in September, but the addition wasn’t finished yet so we had to push it back to January, but the next one, we’re going to do it September again,” said Jean Maher, Assistant Director.



Ladies at the Annual Tea pick which finger foods look good to take back to their table to enjoy with their tea.
Longbrake photos



Laura Bennet explains why she picked the movie *The Cowboys* and provides interesting facts about the movie.



Gone with the Wind -movie choice for Wilma Dick. Here she tells movie facts and childhood memories.





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The Spearfish clinic will continue to provide medical, emergency dental, counseling, and resource services on Monday nights at Our Savior’s Lutheran church, located at 1020 State Street.

Next Clinic: Thursday, February 13th & Thursday, February 27th
Registration will be from 6:00-7:00pm.

For more information contact:
Phone: 605-717-2080
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21 Ranch Inc, Sundance WY	13	Rdbl	4-5 Year	1178	\$2,700.00
Bull, Greg, Ashland MT	19	Bbld	4-5 Year	1086	\$2,850.00
Bull, Greg, Ashland MT	10	Blk	Hfr	852	\$2,800.00
Bull, Greg, Ashland MT	9	Blk	Hfr	848	\$2,700.00
Dobesh, Dane Or Kristi, Belle Fourche SD	9	Herf	Hfr	980	\$3,200.00
Dobesh, Dane Or Kristi, Belle Fourche SD	10	Herf	4-5 Year	1222	\$3,035.00
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Habeck, Mike, Belle Fourche SD	26	Red	4-5 Year	1502	\$3,225.00
Habeck, Mike, Belle Fourche SD	10	Red	Solid	1567	\$2,850.00
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa SD	21	Blk	Solid	1619	\$2,875.00
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa SD	18	Blk	Broken	1509	\$2,475.00
Jensen Ranches LLC, Whitewood SD	21	Red	Hfr	1065	\$2,975.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim, Piedmont SD	18	Bbld	Ss	1411	\$2,960.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim, Piedmont SD	15	Bbld	S-Ss	1382	\$2,900.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim, Piedmont SD	10	Bbld	S-Ss	1382	\$2,900.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim, Piedmont SD	29	Bbld	Broken	1388	\$2,375.00
Sleep Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD	13	Blk	Hfr	1201	\$3,285.00
Sleep Ranch Llc, Spearfish SD	12	Blk	3 Years	1167	\$3,025.00
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Bull, Greg, Ashland MT	1	Blk	Hfrt	1005	\$184.00
Bull, Greg, Ashland MT	1	Bld	Cow	1300	\$142.00
Deer Creek Livestock Llc, Moorcroft WY	6	Blk	Hfrt	812	\$241.50
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Deer Creek Livestock Llc, Moorcroft WY	1	Blk	Hfrt	990	\$184.00
Habeck, Mike, Belle Fourche SD	1	Red	Cwette	1290	\$143.00
Hand, Justin, Nemo SD	1	Blk	Hfrt	1100	\$214.00
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Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont SD	1	Rbld	Hfrt	935	\$225.00
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa SD	1	Blk	Cwette	1365	\$143.00
Herrington, Gary, Hermosa SD	1	Blk	Cow	1525	\$136.50
IVN Cattle Co LLC, Newcastle WY	1	Blk	Cwette	1545	\$143.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	3	Blk	Hfrt	1218	\$169.50
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	3	Blk	Cow	1575	\$141.50
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1670	\$141.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1260	\$138.00
Lewis, Stan, Nisland SD	1	Red	Cow	1670	\$134.50
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Peterson, Randy, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Cow	1735	\$140.50
Riley, John Or Mike, Volborg MT	2		Hfrt	1060	\$219.00
Soelzer, Steven F, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Cwette	1315	\$143.00
<u>Weigh Up Bulls</u>					
Besler, Adam Or Stacey, St Onge SD	1	Red	Bull	1805	\$175.00
Deer Creek Livestock Llc, Moorcroft WY	4	Blk	Bull	1432	\$140.00
Deer Creek Livestock Llc, Moorcroft WY	6	Blk	Bull	1339	\$151.50
Habeck, Mike, Belle Fourche SD	1	Red	Bull	1610	\$163.00
Habeck, Mike, Belle Fourche SD	1	Red	Bull	1550	\$150.00
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Talcott, Kenneth, Hammond MT	1	Blk	Bull	1620	\$124.00

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March 21st - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
March 28th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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April 11th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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Sheep Report - Thursday, January 23, 2025

Lambs sold on a lower market
Fleshy slaughter ewes sold \$10 higher, medium and thin ewes were \$5 higher
Good demand on the bred ewes

Next sale - Jan. 30 - Bred Ewe Special- Selling all classes of sheep and goats
No Sale Feb. 6 - Go visit the Black Hills Stock Show
Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

<u>Bred Ewes - Sold by the head</u>					
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	33	2-Sld		181	\$280.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City SD	27	6yr		191	\$197.50
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City SD	41	6yr		191	\$190.00
<u>Feeder Lambs</u>					
Allen, Kim, Oral SD	26		Lamb	109	\$193.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	28		Lamb	61	\$265.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	436		Lamb	80	\$231.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	152		Lamb	98	\$192.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City SD	59		Lamb	85	\$231.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND	106		Lamb	154	\$151.00
Gunderson, Roger, Buffalo SD	81		Lamb	77	\$240.00
Gunderson, Roger, Buffalo SD	37		Lamb	96	\$190.00
Hickman, Sam Or Kendra, Nisland SD	56		Lamb	88	\$229.00
Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD	25		Lamb	80	\$236.00
Ryen, Jd & Christi, Prairie City SD	20		Lamb	78	\$241.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	45		Lamb	86	\$227.00
<u>Slaughter Ewes</u>					
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	26		K Ewe	148	\$100.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT	32		K Ewe	166	\$90.00
Hewson, Troy Or Elaine, Newell SD	73		K Ewe	214	\$94.00
Sacrison, Zane, Piedmont SD	11		K Ewe	155	\$83.00
Turbville, Trent, Buffalo SD	15		K Ewe	135	\$100.00
Williamson, Levi, Moorcroft WY	8		K Ewe	122	\$95.00
<u>Slaughter Bucks</u>					
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche SD	11		Kbuck	238	\$99.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	9		Kbuck	208	\$99.00
Turbville, Trent, Buffalo SD	8		Kbuck	211	\$99.00

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2025 SHEEP SALES

February 6th - No Sale - Check Out Sheep Day At The Black Hills Stock Show
February 13th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 20th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 27th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 6th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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April 3rd - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 10th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 17th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
April 24th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 1st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 8th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 15th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
May 29th - New Crop Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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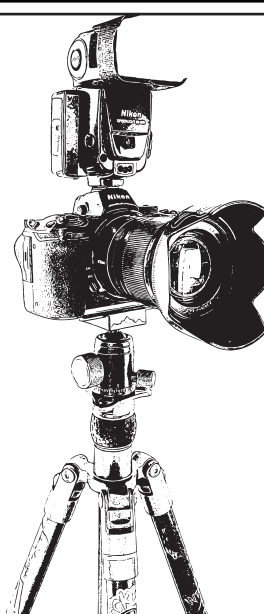
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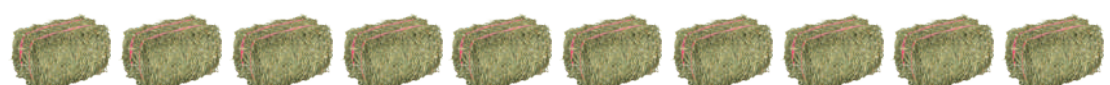
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CANDLES AND MIRRORS #16By DeAnn Kruempel

“TNot Necessarily Necessary”

Her freckled face burned bright red. She folded her hands, averted her eyes and whispered, “I need to use the necessary.” This scene led to the attempted escape of the young woman from her captors in the historic novel I recently finished. If she could just get to the outhouse...

When our mother was growing up on her parents’ South Dakota homestead, she trudged to the small wooden building in the back yard when nature called. On bitter winter nights there was a “chamber pot” available, but that had to be emptied. Yuk. Those were the only options. No indoor plumbing. No flushing.

During the first years of their marriage, our folks depended strictly on the little house out back. Deloris, Darlene and Dorothy remember having to take the 25-yard path to the privy. Going alone at night was scary for Dorothy; she begged Darlene to go with her. Flashlights didn’t keep the terrifying night creatures away, but big sisters did!

Ours was built by the Works Progress Administration. The WPA was created by President Franklin Roosevelt to help bring the country out of the Great Depression by providing jobs for thousands of unemployed workers.

The bright white siding and black-shingled roof housed a cement floor that covered what needed to be covered. A small window close to the top allowed welcome light in the daytime. Inside were two seats, a big seat and a smaller seat. The holes on top also varied in size. Each seat had a wooden cover on hinges.

By the time Delmer and I came along, our parents had



installed indoor plumbing. No more purposeful prances under the Milky Way. However, one important factor kept the path worn to the little white building--water. The water we used in the house for washing, bathing and flushing came from our cistern.

The folks hired someone to haul water from De Smet to our front gate and pipe it into the cement reservoir. It took a lot of water for the family of eight, so we were encouraged to use the outside facility as often as possible. As the youngest, most spoiled in the family, I didn’t mind. It was close to my tree swing and right next to the garden and Mom’s clothesline. In the night I stayed cozy warm walking a few feet to the indoor bathroom.

At the time we didn’t realize that little white building was teaching us valuable lessons:

We learned self-control. It was not smart to drink three cups of hot cocoa before bed.

We learned the Golden Rule; always be considerate of the next person. Sitting down only to discover an empty toilet paper roll was not fun.

We learned that lime was not always a fruit.

We learned how to speak in code. Even Mom smirked at Dad’s after-lunch announcement: “I need to see a guy about a horse.”

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All of the stories from Kruempel’s previous columns have been published into books to keep you smiling and remembering! Those four books, along with her historical fiction series, “Promises to Keep,” are available on Amazon and make great gifts. Contact the author at deannkruempelaauthor@gmail.com.

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Newspaper story in Belle Fourche Daily Post, January 17, 1973

Article from Butte County, South Dakota A History, published in 1988, written by George Mortimer:

The Gorege Freeman Mortimer family have been a outstanding family of the Belle Fourche community and continue to carry on the standards set by the senior Mortimers.

Margorie Cadwell Mortimer came to Belle Fourche in 1937 as the pbulic school music teacher. She has been a major influence in the cultural, educational and political life of Belle Fourche since then. She gave private piano lessons to most of the young generation of students in town, after her career as a teacher in the schools. Mrs. Mortimer was the director of the choir at the Congregational Church for many years, and participated in a Vocal Quartet which she organized. She had held many offices in the South Dakota Repubocial party through the years, and served as a valuable member of the State Board of Regents under Governor William Janklow.

G. F. Mortimer has been involved in may things in Belle Fourche for years. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce, Pressident and Secof the Ike Walton League, Master of Cedar Lodge (Masonic), worked in the Boy Scouts for years, was first World War Two Commander of the Legion Post, member of museum board for years and helped raise money for its expansion, and member of the Congregation Church. He worked for the P.O. Department 36 years, retired in 196 as Portmaster, served as State Representative from District 35 for 20 years, retired in 1986.

Article from the South Dakota Hall of Fame, inducted in 1993

Known as South Dakota’s “Will Rogers,” George Mortimer was born on August 11, 1909, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. During his tenure with the South Dakota State Legislature, Mortimer chaired the Health & Welfare Committee, and, in that position worked toward estab-

lishing the four-year medical school program for the state. He was also a key figure in starting the Physician Assistant Program, whose graduates provide much-needed care to citizens in the state’s rural areas.

Mortimer also served on the state’s Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee, where he was instrumental in re-writing the state’s strip-mining bill. In 1980 and 1986, he was named the Wildlife Conservation Legislator of the Year on both a state and national level for his efforts in that area.

In addition, Mortimer was also a pioneer aviator and was inducted into the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame.

Monument to Mr. Mortimer, created by artist, Tony R. Chytka, and located on the grounds of the Center of the Nationa - Tr-State Museum, Belle Fourche.

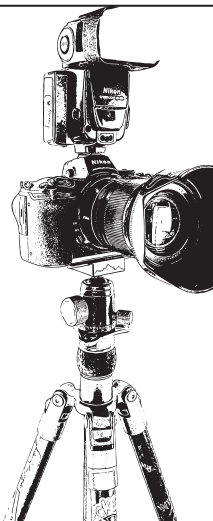


by Mary Buchholz



REP. G.F. MORTIMER of the far-flung 28th district, signs the oath of office during swearing in ceremonies for the 50th session of the South Dakota legislature in Pierre Jan. 7. It is the fifth time Mortimer, of Belle Fourche, has signed the oath. He has served eight years in the house, originally as a representative of Butte county, but now representing Butte, Harding, Perkins and Corson counties. Mortimer was in Sioux Falls this week as a member of the committee which developed and is now following thru on the organization of a degree granting medical school for the state.





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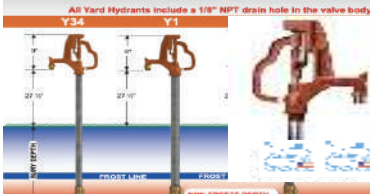
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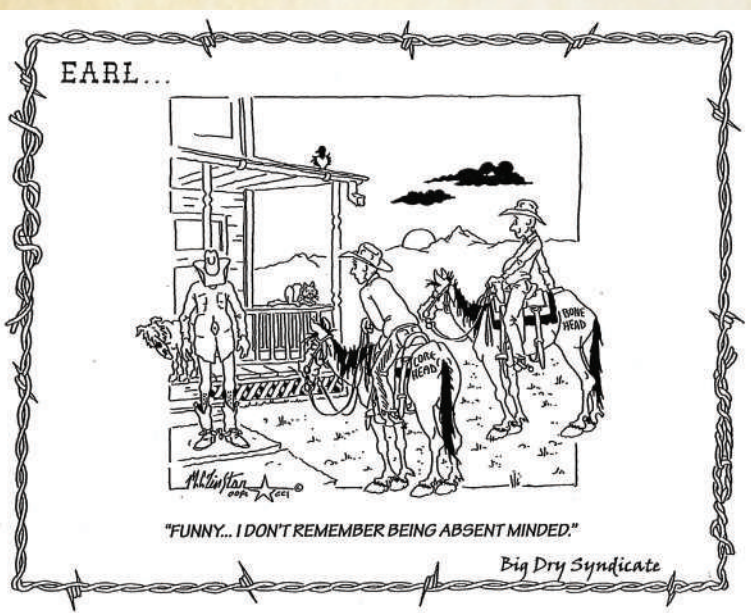
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	12	Blk/Bwf-Yring Str	749	266.00	\$1,991.67
	5	Red/Rwf-Yring Str	863	266.00	\$2,295.58
	2	Blk/Bwf-Yring Str	848	261.00	\$2,211.97
Samuel Sandoz, Newell SD	27	Blk/Bwf-Str	534	362.50	\$1,934.00
	13	Blk/Bwf-Str	422	407.50	\$1,719.33
	5	Red-Str	472	357.50	\$1,687.40
Gary Bischoff, Albada MT	50	Rd/Blk-Hfr	481	355.00	\$1,706.84
	41	Rd/Blk-Hfr	399	375.00	\$1,495.88
	12	Rd/Blk-Str	371	422.00	\$1,566.67
Tracy Miech, Sheridan WY	8	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	428	362.50	\$1,551.95
	5	Herf-Hfr	541	299.00	\$1,617.59

Doug & Janice Persche, Belle Fourche SD	3	Blk/Bwf-Str	578	330.00	\$1,908.50
John Nading, Nisland SD	14	Blk/Bwf-Str	538	355.00	\$1,910.66
Jason Mayes, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Str	285	360.00	\$1,026.00
	1	Bwf-Str	255	445.00	\$1,134.75
Mike McCoy, Buffalo Gap SD	2	Blk/Bwf-Str	420	370.00	\$1,924.00
Dusty Fix, Ekalaka MT	41	Red/Rwf-Hfr	597	346.00	\$1,719.87

WEIGH-UPS					
Alan Miller, Beulah WY	1	Black-Cow	1850	136.50	\$2,525.25
Martha Hall, Enning SD	1	Herf-Cow	1330	129.50	\$1,722.35
	1	Herf-Cow	1100	137.00	\$1,507.00
	1	Herf-Cow	1400	131.00	\$1,834.00

Doug & Janice Persche, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1710	137.00	\$2,342.70
	1	Black-Cow	1765	135.00	\$2,382.75
	1	Black-Cow	1630	138.50	\$2,257.55
Justin Casteel, Vale SD	1	Black-Bull	1150	140.00	\$1,610.00

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February 20, 2025	BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL – WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, BREDS @ 12 MT
February 27, 2025	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL – WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
March 6, 2025	BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL – WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, BREDS @ 12 MT
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March 20, 2025	REGULAR SALE – ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
March 27, 2025	REGULAR SALE – ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
April 3, 2025	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL – WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
April 10, 2025	BRED CATTLE & PAIR SPECIAL – WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, BREDS & PAIRS @ 12 MT
April 17, 2025	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL – WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
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May 15, 2025	REGULAR SALE – ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
May 22, 2025	REGULAR SALE – ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
May 29, 2025	REGULAR SALE – ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT

RECEIVING STATIONS

Broadus, MT
Travis Linch | 605-892-5951

Ekalaka, MT
Riley Lesh | 406-697-0573
Brett Loughlin | 605-210-0615

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Scott Anderson | 406-351-1844
Jordan, MT
Jason Bollinger | 406-690-8344

Wyoming
Mike Greenough | 307-620-2597

STOCK SHOW BRED SPECIAL

JANUARY 30, 2025

WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT | BREDS @ 12 MT

BRED HEIFERS
SPARKY ROSS-MT
120 BLK HFRS
BRED BLK, CLV 3/20 - 60 DAYS,
REPRO SHOTS, POURED
CROSS W LIVESTOCK - MT
90 BLK HFRS
BRED TO 44 FARMS & PINECOULEE
BULLS, CLV 3/27 - 30 DAYS,
REPRO SHOTS, POURED
CATHEY RANCH-MT
53 BLK HFRS
BRED CACTUS CATTLE CO &
DIAMOND D BULLS, CLV 3/20 - 30
DAYS, REPRO SHOTS, POURED,
HR, NO BRANDS, ALL IN TOWN
RA SMITH RANCH LLC - SD
45 BLK HFRS
36-AI'ED TO TRUE NORTH,
10-BULL BRED TO KINSFATER
ANG, LBW BULLS, CLV 4/6 - 45
DAYS, REPRO SHOTS, POURED
SMITH & SCHAEFER - MT
45 BLK HFRS
BRED TO LBW BULLS, CLV 3/28
- 4/15, 1 IRON BRAND, HR
BRIAN & HALLIE BUDMAYR-SD
35 BLK HFRS
BRED TO BAR 69 BLK ANG, CLV 3/1 - 60
DAYS, HR, REPRO SHOTS, POURED

BRED COWS
FETTING RANCH - ND
200 BLK 3YO-BM COWS
BRED TO BROOKS & VANBEEK
ANG BULLS, CLV 3/25 - 60 DAYS
VIEW VIDEO
TOMMY SIMONS-SD
75 BLK MXD AGED COWS
BRED BLK, CLV 3/10 - 60 DAYS,
REPRO SHOTS, POURED
CATHEY RANCH - MT
60 BLK 9YO COWS
BRED TO CACTUS CATTLE CO, CLV 4/10
- 60 DAYS, REPRO SHOTS, POURED, HR
SPUR LAND & LIVESTOCK - WY
43 BLK 3YO-BM COWS
BRED BLK, CLV 5/20 - 60 DAYS, 3
CYCLES, REPRO SHOTS, POURED, HR
JUSTIN MADSEN-MT
42 - 30 BLK ST COWS / 12
BLK MXD AGED COWS
ST COWS - BRED BLK, CLV 3/14 - 45
DAYS, REPRO SHOTS, POURED &
MXD AGED COWS - BRED BLK, CLV
JUNE/JULY, REPRO SHOTS, POURED
COLE & LINDSEY COOK-MT
26 BLK SOLID-ST COWS
BRED BLK/HEREF, CLV 4/18 - 6/10, 5
HD- CLV 6/22, REPRO SHOTS, POURED

NO SALE THIS WEEK!

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

****ATTENTION ON-LINE BUYERS****

ON-LINE BUYERS REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY
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- All sidewalks must be cleaned within (24) hours of the last snowfall. Upon the failure of the owner of abutting property to remove snow or ice from the sidewalks the City may provide for removal and tax the removal expense by special assessment against the abutting property.
- No person may park or allow to remain parked any vehicle or trailer on any street designated as a snow route during snowfall or prior to the time said street is cleared of snow by the City. Vehicles or trailers parked on snow routes in violation of this section may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.
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Cindy \$24.21, Roberts, Paula \$24.57, Scheller, Siri \$23.85, Smith, Anthony \$27.13, Stegelman, Sean \$26.96, Stuen, Kordell \$28.26, Thompson, Katy \$28.15, Thompson, Mary \$23.85, Tokley, Lori \$25.60, Welles, Amy \$27.62, Yule, Bailee \$24.08, Zeestraten, John \$24.08.
Other
Planning Commission \$1,200.00 per year, Coroner \$175.00/call + \$25 Admin, Guards/Matron \$19.63/hour, Part Time Certified Law Enforcement \$21.00/hour, Election Workers \$25.00/school – Deputy \$175.00/election – Superintendent \$225.00/election, Post Election Audit board \$20/hr.
General Staff Skill Level 1
Skill Level 2
Skill Level 3 Office Supervisor
Sworn Deputies Sworn Deputies
Sr Sworn Deputy Chief Deputy Auditor
Equalization/ Planning General Skill Level 1 General Skill Level 2 General Skill Level 3 Assessor Skill Level 1 Assessor Skill Level 2 Assessor Skill Level 3
Sheriff Department Sheriff Deputy 1 Sheriff Deputy 2 Sheriff Deputy 3 Chief Deputy
Civil Deputy Civil Deputy 2 Civil Deputy 3
Dispatch Center Skill Level 1
Starting Step 2 \$17.99 \$19.05 \$18.81 \$19.92 \$20.28 \$21.47 \$21.58 \$22.85
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Skill Level 2
Skill Level 3 Head Dispatcher
Highway
Highway Supervisor Highway Administrator Foreman
Mechanic
Skill Level 3
Skill Level 2
Skill Level 1
Starting
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\$20.30 \$23.04 \$24.32 \$20.72 \$23.50 \$24.81 \$22.23 \$25.01 \$26.40
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\$25.60 \$26.11 \$27.79
Full Wage \$34.01 \$27.26 \$28.26 \$26.96 \$26.41 \$24.41 \$24.08 \$23.82
Butte County Employees rates are adjusted an additional \$0.36/hour at 6, 11, 16, and 21 years of service.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
Motion by Walton, Second by Erk to pass Resolution 2025-07 Worker’s Compensation Declaration. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
RESOLUTION 2025–07
Worker’s Compensation Declaration
WHEREAS, the elected and appointed officials of Butte County are included in the annual Worker’s Compensation wage calculations and insurance premiums, and
WHEREAS, SDCL 62-1-3/4 states that elected and appointed officials may be covered under Worker’s Compensation if so determined by the County Board of Commissioners, and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Butte County Board of Commissioners do elect to treat elected and appointed officials of Butte County as employees for the purpose of Worker’s Compensation as defined under Chapter 62-1 of the SDCL.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
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Roster
Nisland
Lewis, Stan; Fickbohm, Ronald; Fickbohm, Calvin; Seieroe, Ken; Vallery, Randy; Heidrich, Bill;
Ward, Riley; Noziska, Bill; Wells, Fred; Brunner, Colleen; Yule, Maynard; Lewis, Tom; Fickbohm, Pam;
Vallery, Rhonda; Heidrich, Sandy; Butcher, Jeremy; Kitzan, Josh; Simmons, Stefanie; Jones, Chris; Mills, Brian; Lewis, Eric; Dell, Jeff; Lewis, Parker; Miniger, Chad; Wich, Isaac; Lewis, Darin.
Castle Rock
Braun, Dusty; Burke, Chase; Burke, Clint; Burke, Cody; Burke, Joe; Burke, Pat; Deschamps, Kevin; Duprel, Jason; Erk, Chad; Erk, John; Erk, Paul; Fox, Brian; Fox, Randy; Fox, Owen; Oster, Mark; Sperle, Raydelle; Wendt, Gary; Wendt, J.D.; Wendt, Rory.
Butte
Arneson, Shawn; Bahe, Peyton; Blair, Britton; Blair, Chad; Blair, Edward; Blair, Mary; Burman, Cody; Crago, Bruce; Crago, Colby; Crago, Tanya; Davis, Charli ; Davis, Ivan; Davis, Jim; Davis, Tye; Fox, Tate; Fritz, Kayla; Fritz, Tyler; Hansen, Darrell; Hanson, Cotey; Henderson, Zion; Hespe, Mark; Horman, Jace; Horman, Jeff; Horman, Trey; Kolb, Justin; Kukuchka, Chase; Leitner, Todd; Nachtigall, Trey; Olson, Bailey; Parrish, Erynn; Schmidt, Clete; Schmidt, Cleve; Schmidt, Kristy; Turbville, Brian; Van Holland, Callie; Westland, Curt; Wilbur, Dylan ; Wilbur, Kody; Wilbur, Mike
Vale
Grubl, Mike; Eaton, Crystal; Brunner, Joel; Bruch, Mark; Blair, Britton; Blair, Chad; Blair, Ed Bruch, Bruce; Hansen, Jim; Casteel, Ryan; Eaton, Brett; Blair, Mary; Grubl, Brittany; Grant, Zachary; Hespe, Mark D.; Casteel, Mike; Ketelsen, Cole; Lamphere, Lane; Olson, Brad; Stark, Ryan; Bruch, Mike; Tennis, Charles; Stetson Stover; Davis, Jim; Crago, Colby; Bahe, Peyton; Cibic, Jesse; Hanson, Sandy; Bruch, David; Davis, Tye; Leber, Sydnee; Casteel, Kenneth; Casteel, Charley; Van Asma, Matt;
Motion by Walton, Second by Batterman to pass Resolution 2025-08 Naming of Butte County Sheriff Deputies. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
RESOLUTION 2025–08
NAMING OF BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES
WHEREAS, the Butte County Sheriff’s Office has established a reserve sheriff deputy staff, as well as a full-time deputy staff according to the South Dakota Law Enforcement Board of Standards, and
WHEREAS, the following individuals have been awarded certificates of achievement
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from the State of South Dakota Law Enforcement Board of Standards, and
WHEREAS, these individuals have been deputized by the Sheriff of Butte County,
WHEREAS, Jason March serves as full-time Chief Deputy Sheriff, and
Bailey Hahne, Casey McKenzie, Aric Homala, and Patrick Kenoyer serve as full-time Deputy Sheriff Officers in Butte County and
WHEREAS, Cassandra Hale and Colin Hanzlik serve as Civil/Transport Deputy Officers, and WHEREAS, Brian Franke and Cassandra Hale serve as 24/7 Technicians, and
WHEREAS, Daniel Fowler, Chris Brill, Joshua Pickett, Adam Lee, Charles Edson, Cash Johnson, and Wade Vissia serve as Reserve Deputy Officers,
WHEREAS, Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere does recommend to the Board of Butte County Commissioners that all officers are in good standing,
BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Butte County Board of Commissioners upon the recommendation of the Sheriff of Butte County do hereby appoint all deputies in good standing as either reserve or full-time sheriff deputies in Butte County as stated above, and
BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all the above deputies shall be classified as county employees and shall be covered under Worker’s Compensation as defined under Chapter 62-1 of the SDCL.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
Motion by Walton, Second by Batterman to pass Resolution 2025-09 Establishment of Travel Expenditure Rates. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
RESOLUTION 2025–09 ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURE RATES
WHEREAS, since the cost of fuel, meals, lodging and travel, in general, are ever increasing, and
WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are required to review the rate of reimbursement annually, and
WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have the duty and authority to establish the County reimbursements methods and rates, and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Butte County Board of Commissioners set the mileage rate for usage of personal vehicles for County business based at the state rate of \$0.67 per mile, overnight lodging shall be set at the least cost of available room.
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In-State Lodging \$110.00 + tax and Out-of-State Lodging \$175.00 + tax. Meal rates based at the state rate for breakfast, lunch and dinner shall be the actual cost up to a maximum (In-State) of: breakfast \$6.00, lunch \$14.00 and dinner \$20.00 and maximum
(Out-of-State) of: breakfast \$10.00, lunch \$18.00 and dinner \$28.00. All travel expenditures shall be submitted on a county travel voucher to the Auditor/Treasurer for review and payment.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to pass Resolution 2025-10 Butte County Investment Policy. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
RESOLUTION 2025-10
BUTTE COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY
WHEREAS the Butte County Treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping of county monies, the investment of county monies and the availability of county monies,
AND WHEREAS the County Treasurer must work in close cooperation with the County Auditor and County Commissioners,
AND WHEREAS the County Treasurer wishes for the input of the County Commissioners in administering these duties,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED according to SDCL 4-5-8, that the county treasurer use the banks designated by the Butte County Commissioners as official depositories for savings accounts, checking accounts and certificate of deposits,
AND that the County Treasurer invest in savings accounts, certificate of deposits, and US treasury bonds as she finds advantageous in the interest of county monies,
AND that all interest earned, be deposited into the county’s general fund or be reinvested into the certificate of deposit and savings account.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
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ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
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Motion by Walton, Second by Erk to pass Resolution 2025-11 Designate Engineering Firm. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
RESOLUTION 2025-11 Designate Engineering Firm
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners are to designate an engineering firm to represent and advise Butte County and

WHEREAS, Butte County has a standing business relationship with Brosz Engineering and WHEREAS, Brosz Engineering is currently the Engineering Firm on numerous
Butte County Road and Bridge Projects,
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Brosz Engineering shall be named as the designated Engineering firm for Butte County for the year 2025.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
Motion by Batterman, Second by Walton to pass Resolution 2025-12 PILT Money. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
BUTTE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2025-12 PILT MONEY
The Butte County Board of Commissioners will designate the PILT payment to the 2025 Budget. The PILT payment will be receipted into General Fund.
Passed and approved this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
Motion by Batterman, Second by Walton to pass Resolution 2025-13 Butte County Weight Per Axle Limits. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
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RESOLUTION 2025-13
BUTTE COUNTY WEIGHT PER AXLE LIMITS
WHEREAS, the County of Butte, South Dakota, is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction,
WHEREAS, it appears that said highways, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or restrictions as to the weight of vehicles are imposed, and
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to SDCL 32-14-6 and any laws amendatory thereto, be it resolved that effective March 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025, the load limit on all Butte County oil roads will be posted at 6 ton per axle.
1. Arpan Road □ 4 Miles
2. Fruitdale Road – 2 Miles
3. Gray Road – 1.1 Miles
4. Halle Rae Road – 0.5 Miles
5. Helmer Road from Snoma South to Ziebach □ 1.5 Miles – Posted 6 ton per axle year
6. Orman Road □ 1 Mile
7. Sourdough Road □ 1 Mile
8. Valley Township Road □ 6 Miles
9. Ziebach Road
10. Snoma Road from city limits east to McCoy Road – 1.3 miles
round
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED; that there shall be erected and maintained signs designating provisions of this resolution as provided by state law and that this resolution shall not be effective until or unless such signs are erected and maintained.
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED; that the County of Butte shall request the
South Dakota Highway Patrol to enter the County of Butte to ensure compliance with State Laws pertaining to vehicle weight and with the weight laws established by this resolution.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
Motion by Brunner, Second by Erk to pass Resolution 2025-14 For the Establishment of a Fee to be Charged upon Redemption of a Tax Certificate. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
BUTTE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2025-14
A RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEE TO BE CHARGED
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UPON REDEMPTION OF A TAX CERTIFICATE
WHEREAS, SDCL 10-23-8 permits the sale or assignment of tax certificates to persons other than the County, and
WHEREAS, these tax certificates may be redeemed by payment of taxes owed, along with applicable interest; and
WHEREAS, upon redemption of any tax certificate held by someone other than the County, pursuant to SDCL 10-23-8 a fee shall be deducted from the proceeds paid to the holder of the tax certificate, and
WHEREAS, SDCL 10-23-8 permits the County Commission to establish a fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00),
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Butte County Board of County Commissioners that upon redemption of a tax certificate held by someone other than the County, a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) shall be charged to the holder of a tax certificate to be paid out of the proceeds due to the holder of that certificate.
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the fee charged pursuant to SDCL 10-23-8 and this Resolution shall be paid to the Butte County Treasurer.
Dated this 7th day of January 2025.
BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON
ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR
Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to pass Resolution 2025-15 Establishing the Requirements, Fees, and Regulations for The Issuance of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
RESOLUTION 2025-15
ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS, FEES, AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITHIN BUTTE COUNTY BE IT ORDAINED BY BUTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:
WHEREAS, the Butte County Board of County Commissioners believes that alcoholic beverage licenses are a privilege and not a right, and
WHEREAS, Butte County reserves the right to refuse approval, renewal, or transfer of any alcoholic beverage license in the event an applicant or the holder of the license refuses to comply with applicable requirements of Title 35 of the South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) and
WHEREAS, SDCL § 35-2-1.2 requires any applicant or person seeking transfer of an alcoholic beverage license to submit an application to the governing body of the County in which the applicant or transferee intends to operate; and
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WHEREAS, SDCL § 35-4-11.1 requires the Board of County Commissioners to determine the number of alcoholic beverage licenses the County will approve and the fees to be charged; and NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:
1. The total number of available alcoholic beverage licenses in Butte County is determined by SDCL § 35-4-11.1 and is based on the population residing within Butte County, but outside the limits of any municipality or improvement districts within Butte County.
2. Butte County currently has six (6) on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses available.
Application Process:
1. If any alcoholic beverage license becomes available in Butte County, a notice will be published in the legal newspaper of the County for at least two (2) consecutive weeks, stating that the Board of County Commissioners will be accepting applications for the available license and setting a deadline for submission of applications.
2. Applicants must submit all applications for alcoholic beverage licenses, including new licenses or transfers of existing licenses, for businesses intending to operate outside the corporate limits of any municipality within Butte County, to the Board of County Commissioners for approval as required by SDCL § 25-2-1.2.
3. Any application for transfer of an alcoholic beverage license must also comply with the requirements of SDCL § 35-2-7.
4. All applications must be accompanied by an application fee.
a. As required by SDCL § 35-4-2(2) and (6), application fees for new alcoholic beverage licenses are ten thousand two hundred and forty-three dollars (\$10,243.00).
b. Application fees for renewal of existing alcoholic beverage licenses are nine hundred dollars (\$900.00).
5. All applications must include proof that the premises to which the license is being issued or transferred has, or shall have within one year, a sufficient structure in which to conduct the operation of an on-sale liquor business. No alcoholic beverage license will be issued or transferred to any applicant if there is not an approved place of business for the operation of the license.
a. Proof may include (but is not limited to) pictures of any existing structures or plans and specifications of proposed structures, along with proof of ownership or a valid lease of the premises.
b. As required by SDCL § 35-2-2.1, all applications must include an agreement that the premises used for the sale of alcoholic beverages are considered public premises for the purpose of search and seizure laws and are open to inspection at all times, including all buildings, safes, cabinets, lockers, storerooms on the premises along with any records and books pertaining to the sale and ownership of alcoholic beverages.
6. The Board of County Commissioners may give conditional approval to allow for construction of an approved structure, with the alcoholic beverage license to be issued to the applicant when the structure is completed.
a. If the alcoholic beverage license is not issued within one year of conditional approval, the Board of County Commissioners may extend the conditional
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approval for up to six (6) additional months if the delay is not the fault of the applicant.
b. Under no circumstances will an alcoholic beverage license be held on conditional approval for more than eighteen (18) months.
Approval Process
1. As required by SDCL § 35-2-3, the Board of County Commissioners shall set the time and place for a public hearing to consider any application for alcoholic beverage licenses that come before the board.
2. As required by SDCL § 35-2-5, the Butte County Auditor shall publish a notice of the time and place where the Butte County Board of County Commissioners will consider applications for alcoholic beverage license at least one week prior to the public hearing. The notice will also inform the public that any interested person may appear and be heard either in favor of, or objecting to, the issuance of the license.
3. The Board of County Commissioners will consider the application and any objection to the application before making a final decision to issue or not to issue available licenses.
4. Pursuant to SDCL § 35-2-1.2, the Board of County Commissioners may approve or disapprove an application for alcoholic beverage license, or the transfer of an existing license, depending on whether the Board finds the applicant is a suitable person to hold the license, whether the Board considers the proposed location suitable for sale of alcoholic beverages, and whether the application and applicant meets all other statutory requirements.
5. As required by SDCL § 25-2-6.2, all applicants must be of good moral character and may not have a felony conviction. If the applicant is a corporation, all managing officers of the corporation must be of good moral character and may not have been convicted of a felony.
6. Any application fees will not be refunded once the license is approved by the Board of County Commissioners and issued by the State.
7. As required by SDCL § 35-2-5.1, if the Board of County Commissioners does not approve an application, it shall specify the reasons for disapproval on the application and return the application and fee to the applicant. The applicant may not submit another application for an alcoholic beverage license for one (1) year from the date of the denied application. However, if the denial was based on the suitability of the location for the license, the applicant may not submit another application for three (3) months from the date of the denial as long as the renewal is based on a different location.
Renewal Process
1. Applicants for renewal of existing on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses must follow the same application process set forth above.
2. Renewals of existing licenses may be approved without a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners unless one or more of the licensee’s employees has been subject to a criminal penalty for violation of the alcoholic beverage control law or the license has been suspended.
3. As required by SDCL § 32-2-5.3, the Board of County Commissioners may not reissue any alcoholic beverage license to the same licensee or the licensee’s transferee if the license has not been actively used during the two (2) years preceding the date of the current application.
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Noem proposes major cut to tobacco prevention in SD

Critics say it will increase use among children and cost the state nearly \$5 million

Bart Pfankuch
www.sdnewswatch.org
If lawmakers approve Gov. Kristi Noem’s proposal to cut the state tobacco prevention fund, anti-tobacco advocates said more children are likely to use tobacco and nicotine products, more adults will die early and the state will pay millions of dollars in new health care costs over the long run.

Since 2007, South Dakota has allocated \$5 million annually to a fund that pays for programs to help tobacco users give up the habit and to prevent children and adults from ever starting.

The money pays for counseling services through the South Dakota Quitline, for medications to help people kick the addictive habit and for state and local tobacco-prevention programs.

The money comes from the state tax on annual sales of tobacco products, mainly cigarettes, and was part of Initiated Measure 2 that voters passed in 2006 to raise the tax on a pack of cigarettes by \$1 and increase the taxes on other tobacco products.

The IM2 ballot measure also dictated that the first \$30 million in tobacco taxes would go to the state general fund and the next \$5 million would go to a new Tobacco Prevention and Reduction Trust Fund, which pays for the South Dakota Tobacco Control Program. Tobacco tax revenues over the \$35 million level would also flow into the general fund. IM 2 passed with almost 61% of the vote.

State: Program ready for ‘right-sizing’
This year, Noem has proposed cutting the funding of the tobacco control program to \$2 million a year, a 60% reduction. According to Senate Bill 54, the other \$3 million would be sent to the state’s general fund each year moving forward. Noem has not publicly stated a reason for the proposed cut, and a News Watch request to interview the governor was not granted by her spokesman, Ian Fury.

But a spokeswoman for the state Department of Health, which administers the tobacco prevention program, told News Watch that the program’s success at preventing tobacco use is the reason the funding can now be cut.

“The program has a track record of success, and we have seen a downward trend in tobacco use,” DOH spokeswoman Tia Kafka wrote in an email. “As a result, the governor’s budget proposal right-sizes funding of tobacco prevention dollars. Services offered through the Quitline and tobacco prevention efforts within schools and communities will remain priorities for the program.”

The Quitline and other programming seeks to reduce use of tobacco products and those that deliver nicotine, including vaping and other smokeless nicotine delivery products. Nicotine products are also addictive and are being used by adults and high school and middle school youths in South Dakota.

State records show that the state spent about \$5.3 million on tobacco and nicotine prevention

in fiscal year 2024, with \$4.9 million in contracted services for the state program and about \$382,000 on grants and subsidies to local prevention organizations.

The major expenditures, according to state contracts, were \$1 million to Vilas Pharmacy of Pierre for tobacco cessation medications and \$824,000 to Avera Health Plans to provide “telephone and other tobacco cessation counseling and support services for the SD Quitline.”

State records also indicate that the Department of Health signed a \$175,000, one-year contract in June for South Dakota State University to conduct a study of the effectiveness of the South Dakota Quitline. It does not appear the results of that study are complete, and the SDSU official listed on the contract did not return a call seeking information. Tobacco tax revenues have fallen steadily over time in South Dakota. In fiscal year 2014, the state collected \$52 million in state cigarette taxes and another \$7.4 million in other tobacco taxes, for a total of \$59.4 million.

In fiscal 2024, state cigarette tax collections were \$44 million and other tobacco tax collections were \$11.8 million, for a total of \$55.8 million, according to the Department of Revenue. Colin Keeler of the state Bureau of Finance and Management, said the Health Department will use the remaining \$2 million in tobacco tax money and about \$1 million in tobacco prevention money the state already receives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund tobacco programs at an annual rate of \$3 million.

As proposed, he said, the money will be used for grants to communities and schools for tobacco prevention and cessation activities (\$980,000), for the Quitline (\$1.0 million), and for prevention marketing and advertising (\$840,000). But at that level of funding, South Dakota will fall even further below the CDC’s recommendation of \$12 million in annual spending on tobacco prevention for the state. Smoking, vaping rates down in SD and US
Even though tobacco use is dramatically down in South Dakota, an average of 1,300 people die each year from smoking-related illnesses and the state spends an estimated \$433 million annually on associated health costs, according to the American Cancer Society. The number of adult cigarette smokers in the U.S. and South Dakota has declined sharply and steadily over the past several decades.

According to survey data compiled by the American Lung Association, more than 42% of all Americans smoked in 1965, a rate that fell to 11.6% in 2022, a decrease of 73% during that period.

In South Dakota, 15% of adults were smokers in 2023, compared to 11% nationally, according to the lung association. Smoking rates among Native Americans have also declined but not as much, and Native Americans smoke at roughly double the rate of non-Native adults in South Dakota and the U.S.

Youth tobacco use nationally has declined over the past few decades, especially when it comes to cigarette smoking,

with 34.8% of high school students smoking at least once in the past 30 days in 1995 compared to 1.4% in 2024, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. However, when use of vaping devices and smokeless tobaccos are added in, 10.1% of high school students and 5.4% of middle school students reported some use of tobacco in the past month in 2024, the FDA reported.

In South Dakota, according to a 2022 statewide survey, 5.5% of high school students reported smoking cigarettes in the previous 30 days and 15.8% reported using vaping devices in the past month.

Advocates fear backslide and health problems

People who work to combat tobacco and nicotine use and addiction said cutting the prevention funding is short-sighted and could reduce gains made in slowing tobacco and nicotine use in South Dakota. Jodi Radke, South Dakota representative of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said evidence-based studies and results of the prevention program in South Dakota prove that tobacco and nicotine cessation programs are effective.

Radke, who has worked on tobacco prevention for two decades, said her organization estimates that cutting South Dakota prevention funding by 60% will increase youth smoking rates by 5%, lead 300 more children to become adult smokers, with 100 of those dying prematurely, and create \$4.8 million in new health care costs due to smoking-related illnesses over the next few decades.

“Funding tobacco control is critical to impacting youth rates, so to cut funding from that really does impact outcomes in terms of kids becoming lifelong users,” Radke said.

Battle to preserve funding in Pierre
Three lawmakers contacted by News Watch early in the session declined to comment because they were unaware of the proposed funding cut.

Ben Hanson, South Dakota government relations director for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, said that makes sense because Noem never mentioned the cut during her budget address or her State of the State speech. Hanson said the funding cut is a “rob Peter to pay Paul” maneuver the governor is using in a tight revenue year to fund other projects, such as \$4 million in new spending on education savings accounts.

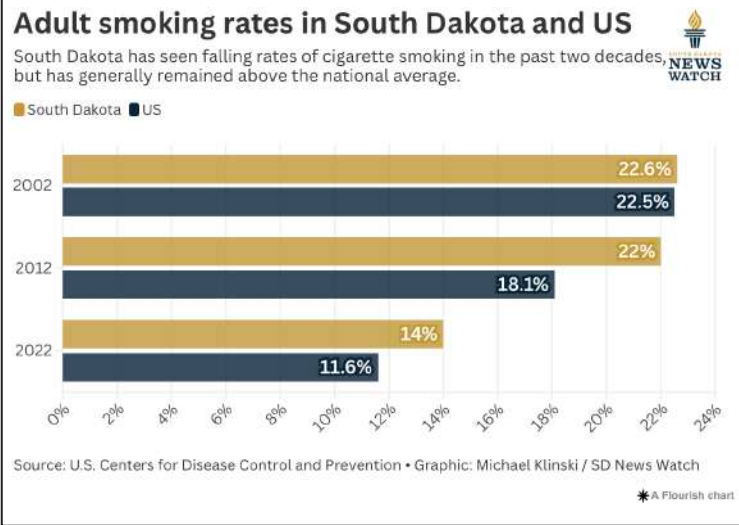
Noem also has proposed cutting funding to the state library system and to South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

A proposed reduction in funding for the smoking prevention fund comes at a time when tobacco companies spend an estimated \$25 million a year to market their products in South Dakota, including flavored products popular among youth, Hanson said.

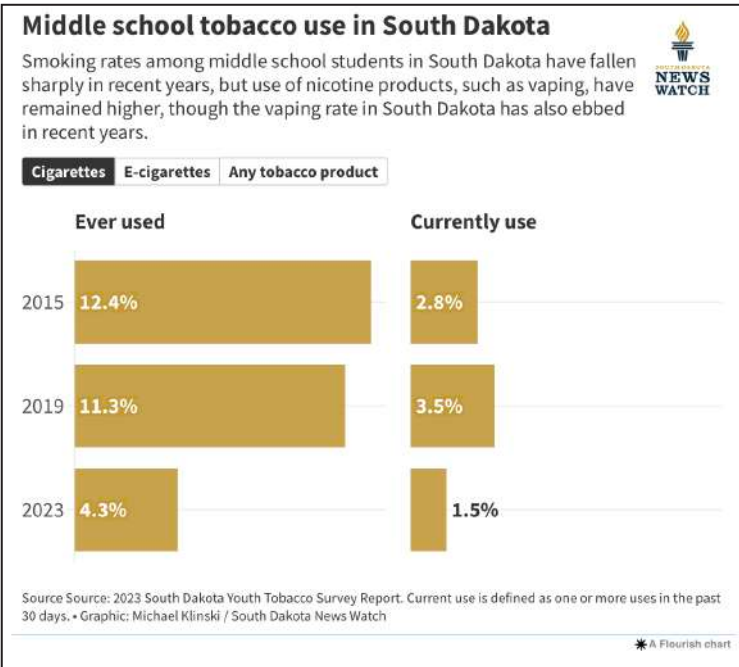
“This isn’t a haircut, this is gutting the fund,” he said. Hanson said those in the tobacco and cancer prevention fields will make a strong lobbying effort in the 2025 legislative session to protect the tobacco prevention funding. “We’re going to talk to each legislator one by one, and let them know the history of this and hopefully create a positive outcome,” Hanson said..



Tobacco products sold in South Dakota, including these displayed on Jan. 21, 2025, at BJ’s Country Store in Black Hawk, S.D., range far beyond traditional cigarettes. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)



Critics of the tobacco industry say flavored products, such as these pouches on sale Jan. 21, 2025, at **BJ’s Country Store** in Black Hawk, S.D., are attractive to youth users. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)



These vape “pens” were confiscated from students in Pennington County schools in 2018. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)



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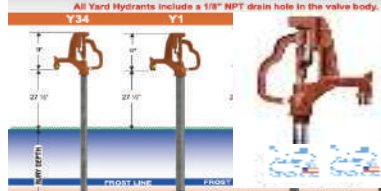
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Legals/Public Notices Contd. from C3

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a. “Actively used,” as defined in SDCL § 32-3-5.3 means that the licensed premises was open to the public during regular business hours for sale and consumption of distilled spirits for at least sixty (60) days during the two preceding years.

4. The Butte County Board of Commissioners will not reissue an alcoholic beverage license unless all taxes incurred by the licensee or his transferee because of the operation of the licensed premises are paid or are not delinquent.

5. No license will renew or reissue until all property taxes that are the liability of the licensee levied on the licensed property are paid or are not delinquent.

Revocation or Suspension Process

1. The Butte County Board of County Commissioners may recommend that the Secretary suspend or revoke any alcoholic beverage license issued for violation of any provision of SDCL Chapter 35.

2. As required by 35-2-11.2, the Board of County Commissioners must give notice to the licensee of proposed revocation or suspension recommendation only after a public hearing on the issue.

3. The licensee must have at least thirty (30) days’ notice of the proposed recommendation and date set for a public hearing.

4. The Butte County Auditor shall publish a notice of the public hearing in the County’s official newspaper at least one week before the public hearing in a form approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

5. Grounds for revocation or suspension of an alcoholic beverage license are found in SDCL § 35-2-10. Dated this 7th day of January 2025.

BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to pass Resolution 2025-16 A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Suspension on Tax Certificate Sales. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

BUTTE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2025-16

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ON TAX CERTIFICATE SALES

WHEREAS, SDCL §§ 10-23 et seq. provides for an annual sale of tax certificates for the amount of delinquent property tax due on real property, and

WHEREAS, the legislative scheme for Tax Deeds found in SDCL §§ 10-25 has recently changed, Page 16 of 20

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Butte County will temporarily not sell tax certificates for delinquent property taxes payable in 2025, and prior years.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Butte County will not issue Tax Deeds to holders of tax certificates, including certificates held by the County and by third parties, until questions surrounding constitutionality of the tax deed process are resolved.

Approved and adopted this 7th day of January 2025

ATTEST: _____ Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

_____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to pass Resolution 2025-17 A Resolution Authorizing the Butte County State’s Attorney to Accept Service of Process on Behalf of Butte County. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

BUTTE COUNTY RESOLUTION 2025-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUTTE COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS ON BEHALF OF BUTTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, from time to time individuals or others may bring judicial action naming Butte County as a party to the action, or require documents to be officially served on Butte County, and

WHEREAS, Butte County may want to accept service of process under the provisions of SDCL 15-9-20, and

WHEREAS, the Butte County Board of Commissioners is empowered to accept service, and WHEREAS, acceptance of service is time-sensitive and should acceptance of service be deemed advisable, it should be accomplished within a reasonable period of time; and WHEREAS, The Board finds it is appropriate for the Butte County State’s Attorney to accept service and provide requisite notice of the service of process and the action involved to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Butte County that the Butte County State’s Attorney may accept service of process on behalf of Butte County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Butte County State’s Attorney will notify the Butte County Board of Commissioners of any service of process at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting held after service is accepted.

Approved and adopted this 7th day of January 2025.

ATTEST: _____ Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

_____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON

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Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to table establishment of the Indigent County Burial Rates until 21Jan2025 meeting. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton, Second by Batterman to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

a. Bills per Printout

b. Apportioning and Other payments

c. Auditor’s Monthly Settlement with Treasurer d. Travel Request

i. Sheriff – Sheriff Lamphere to attend the Western States Sheriff’s Association Annual Conference in Reno, NV from March 9-12, 2025

Sheriff Lamphere shared that last open position has been filled.

Chief Deputy Auditor Lisa Nelson gave a brief activity report including end-of-year and building activities.

State’s Attorney Tim Barnaud presented an activity report including case load which remains consistent with previous years, prevalent types of cases (alcohol, drug, domestic abuse), diversion programs, and number of jailed residents.

Discussion was held regarding Opioid Distribution. Item will be discussed at the 21Jan2025 meeting.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to appoint Sue Broadhurst to a four-year on Butte County Planning Committee. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Head Dispatcher Katy Thompson gave an activity report including call numbers, call response times, and training. Discussion was held regarding length of calls, ranking of Butte County across the state, and staffing.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to enter Executive Session: Legal Counsel 1-25-2(3) at 10:32 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Out of Executive Session at 11:05 AM. The following action was taken after Executive Session: Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to pass Resolution 2025-02 Naming Deputies & Clerks. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-02 NAMING DEPUTIES & CLERKS

WHEREAS, under SDCL 7-7-20 if in the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners it shall be deemed necessary for the office of County State’s Attorney, County Treasurer, County

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Auditor, Register of Deeds, and Director of Equalization to have deputies or clerks to assist in the daily operations of their offices, and

WHEREAS, the volume and work load of these offices exceed the abilities of one single individual, and

WHEREAS, the Butte County Fiscal Year 2025 Budget has funds allocated for the deputy or clerk positions, and

WHEREAS, the fixed number of deputies or clerks to be employed, the time of employment and compensation which they shall receive must be set,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Butte County Board of Commissioners authorize the County State’s Attorney to employ two full full-time deputies, three full-time clerks, the County Auditor’s office to employ two full-time deputies, two full-time clerks, the Register of Deeds office to employ a full-time deputy, and the County Treasurer’s office to employ a full-time deputy, three full-time clerks for the fiscal year 2025 at the compensation rate as established in the Year 2025 Wage Resolution.

Dated this 7th day of January 2025.

BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/: _____ James Ager, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:/s/: _____ Annie Capp, BUTTE COUNTY AUDITOR

Committee Reports were given – Erk attended the Fairground meeting. A new member will be appointed by commissioners at 21Jan2025 meeting based on a recommendation from the board.

Discussion was held regarding status of upgrades to fairgrounds

There was no Unfinished/Old/New Business to report.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Erk to Adjourn the meeting at 12:17 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PAYMENTS

SALARY

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE/PLANNING \$8,332.42, AUDITOR’S OFFICE \$8,628.90, BUILDING \$4,139.26, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$17,606.32, ELECTION \$2,214.03, EM/911 \$940.58, EXTENSION \$1,881.60, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$24,389.30, JUDICIAL \$1,482.73, NURSE’S/WIC OFFICE \$1,180.80, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,658.22, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$22,903.59, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$14,778.49, TREASURER’S OFFICE \$10,073.55, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$853.25.

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BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,511.92

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SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,231.35

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BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$31,737.41

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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PUBLICATIONS

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A&B BSNS \$243.96, CNTRY BSNS \$1,168.78, DJ CNSTRN \$2,800.00, PTNY BWS \$91.29, THMSN RUTRS WST \$559.26

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

BCKMNN TIRE \$758.75, T MCKY \$200.00

APPROVED: _____, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____ Annie Capp, Auditor

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General Election - Nov. 8, 2024

Butte County

United States Senator			
Brian L. Bengs - DEM		Tamara J Lesnar - LIB	John R. Thune - REP
Total	597	292	3,269

United States Representative	
Collin Duprel - LIB	Dusty Johnson - REP
Total	1,022 3,021

Governor and Lieutenant Governor		
Jamie Smith and Jennifer Keintz - DEM	Tracey Quint and Ashley Strand - LIB	Kristi Noem and Larry Rhoden - REP
Total	823	152 3,211

Secretary of State	
Thomas A Cool - DEM	Monae Johnson - REP
Total	824 3,225

Attorney General	
Marty J. Jackley - REP	
Total	3,424

State Auditor		
Stephanie Marty - DEM	Rene Meyer - LIB	Richard Sattgast - REP
Total	739	276 3,016

State Treasurer	
John Cunningham - DEM	Josh Haeder - REP
Total	769 3,217

Commissioner of School and Public Lands	
Timothy Azure - DEM	Brock Greenfield - REP
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Former South Dakota DOC warden critical of Lincoln County prison plan

Douglas Weber said the state needs a new prison to replace Springfield facility, not

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The second-longest serving warden in the history of the South Dakota State Penitentiary is calling on lawmakers to hit the brakes on spending nearly \$900,000 on a new men's prison.

In a letter to lawmakers, Douglas Weber urges them to delay the decision until at least next year to give the state time to assess its prison facilities during a summer study session.

"The cost of this proposed project is quickly approaching \$1 billion dollars and our state, and its citizens, cannot afford a wrong decision now that will impact everyone for generations," he wrote.

Weber was named warden of the State Penitentiary in 1996 after working his way through the ranks of the Department of Corrections, starting as a corrections officer. He was promoted to chief warden in the DOC in 1999, overseeing all adult prisons for the state. He served as interim secretary of corrections for a stint in 2004 and 2005, before retiring in 2013 after 32 years with the department.

In an interview with The Dakota Scout, Weber acknowledged the state needs prison upgrades. But he contends the most pressing need is to replace the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, a former college campus that houses mostly medium security prisoners.

The current State Penitentiary includes the Jameson Annex. It houses maximum security prisoners and includes a disci-

plinary unit.

Prior to its opening in 1993, taxpayers paid a premium for a unit at Jameson to make it expandable. A stronger foundation was poured and space set aside for an elevator shaft. The unit was built to add two more levels of jail cells, but that build-out was never made, Weber said.

Although part of the Penitentiary dates back to the state's territorial days, other parts are more modern, and Weber said the state has spent \$100 million over the years to make improvements. Security systems have been updated, cameras added, automatic locking doors and a new HVAC system was installed in 2021.

Weber also questions the price of the new prison, to be built in rural Lincoln County south of Harrisburg. At \$825 million, that pencils out to \$545,634 a bed.

But several other states have built similar, multi-classification prisons for less. Nebraska broke ground in August on a 1,512-bed facility at a cost of \$231,000 a bed. Utah opened a 3,600 bed prison in 2022 at \$292,000 a bed. A prison under construction in Alabama costs \$270,000 a bed, while a 4,200-bed prison in Indiana scheduled to be completed in 2027 costs \$286,000 bed, Weber said.

Weber also questions the location for the new prison. Most workers at the prison reside in Sioux Falls. But building it in Lincoln County would add longer commutes for those workers – potentially perilous commutes in bad weather. He also suggested the new location will hurt a facility that is already struggling with staffing shortages.

The remote location, he add-

ed, is isolated from the support services that a prison requires to operate.

"If this sails through as it is now, South Dakota is going to be left with a \$1 billion albatross," Weber told The Dakota Scout.

Weber said the state owns land in Yankton County that could be used to build a medium-security prison to relieve Springfield. He noted that the workforce already exists in that region of the state. "If you're hellbent on replacing a prison, you're replacing the wrong one."

Michael Winder, a spokesman for DOC, said in a statement that the plan was based on the recommendations of two outside organizations that have already studied the state's prisons.

"The current state penitentiary remains inefficient and unsafe for our staff," he said.

"Recommendations from the DLR Group and the CGL System Operational Review reinforces our planned prison location and project. This planned project will modernize our systems to meet both present day and future needs."

Corrections Secretary Kelly Wasko testified before the House Judiciary Committee on Jan. 17. She noted that she took her position after those studies had already been done.

"Prior to my arrival, the groundwork was laid that we need this facility," Wasko said.

A new prison will have features the current one doesn't, including a single point of entry, double fencing and a perimeter road from which security assessments can be made.

"That's very, very basic," she said.

The facility will also include



seven units. They'll all have the same exterior look, but one will be a maximum-security unit. Each unit will have three pods that will allow corrections officers to control 72 inmates at a time. Currently, hundreds are released into the general inmate population at once when doors open on the cells.

But Wasko struggled when asked by Rep. Tim Reisch, the state's former DOC secretary, how many more staffers will be needed when the new facility opens, and how much additional money will the state be obligated to pay each year for ongoing expenses. Reisch speculated it could be millions more a year, and that lawmakers need to be prepared for that.

"When you open new facili-

ties, it costs a lot of money," he said.

Reisch told The Dakota Scout he was ready to "lead the charge" to get the new prison over the finish line this year. But now, he wants more information to address concerns. While he thinks the Lincoln County site has merit, and he's in favor of replacing a facility that is 150 years old, he questions how the state is going to find enough people to staff a new prison.

"I just want to make sure we can man it and that we aren't going to sink a bunch of money into something we can't staff adequately," he said.

"They're not going to want to come just because it's a new facility," he added.

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ACROSS

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4 Tooth
8 Carplike fish
12 Shipshaped clock
13 Quaker pronoun
14 Anglo-Saxon slave
15 Possessive pronoun
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18 Cheese
20 Corkwood
21 "The Jungle Book" python
23 Eye of a bean
27 Across
32 Maiden loved by Zeus
33 Bobbsey twins
34 Spell
36 Tactical Air Command (abbr.)
37 Title of Athena
39 Card game

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1 Social climber
2 Nerve (pref.)
3 Boer
4 Federal Trade Commission (abbr.)
5 Melville's captain

41 City on the Aare
43 Sheep's cry
44 Peat spade
48 Trolley
51 Onet (2 words)
55 Lively (Fr.)
56 Hillside (Scot.)
57 Railway station (Fr.)
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59 Danish physicist
60 Freeing (pref.)
61 Council for Econ. Advisors (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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6 Tiber tributary
7 General (abbr.)
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10 Chief of Naval Operations (abbr.)
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27 Brow of a hill (Scot.)
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— JXRVPN XGHGPLG
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Healthcare May be Coming to Newell

Betty Bruner
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NEWELL-Something new in the area of healthcare could be on its way soon to the Newell area. Patrick Flanigan a family nurse practitioner was present at the most recent Newell City commission Monday, January 13, to discuss the possibility of setting up an office in the area.

Flanigan had been in contact with Newell Ambulance Director Sherry Hocking to learn more of the needs of the community. The future of his plan is still in the brainstorming phase but his intention is to move forward with a trial run in February.

He plans to see adults and children for urgent conditions, primary care, and chronic disease management. He also provides fitness and nutrition counseling, end-of-life care, and advance healthcare planning.

As a Family Nurse Practitioner, Flanigan desires to help his patients develop a diet and exercise program and is passionate about pediatrics, dementia care, pain and symptom management.

He was raised near Buffalo, NY and now lives in Rapid City.

Mayor Tara Tennis remarked that she was excited to see health-care come to Newell. She added that whatever the people of Newell could do, all he had to do was ask. The commissioners echoed her encouragement.

There will be a temporary sign up at the city office when the time is ready for patients.

The 2025 Newell Fire Department roster was approved by the commissioners. The roster consists of 24 firefighters. Most of them are 1 & 2 class firefighters, several are Wild Land Certified.

First National Bank in Newell was approved as the official depository for the city. The Black Hills Pioneer and Belle Fourche Beacon were named as official legal publications. Although the BF Beacon has not reached official legal status, the commissioners desired to name the newspaper in preparation for the future. Kellen Willard was approved as official Town attorney.

A building permit was approved for 706 Cornell provided the setbacks are correct to move in the storage sheds.

Petitions will be available January 31 to run for four commission seats. Two seats will be for three years, two seats are for one year. Three-year terms for Allen Youngberg and Don Adams will be vacant this year. One-year terms for Deb Kopetsky and Lila Taton will need to be filled. The commissioners are able to run again.

Petitions can be picked up at the Town offices and are due back by February 28.

There was discussion concerning semis parking on Third and Fifth Streets. Evidently there have been several complaints about the semi-trucks parking on these streets, however since there are no “No Truck Parking” signs, Mayor Tennis wondered if there was anything legally that could be done. Deputy Bailey Hahn was present and assured the commissioners that the Sheriff’s Department would speak to the truck owners.

The city library is still seeking a librarian. Applications can be obtained at the city offices.

Linda Velder, Newell Museum Curator, has been busy submitting a grant preservation for the cemetery directory. She provided photos of early Girard

Out With the Old



The rodeo grandstands are getting ready to ride the highway to a new arena. They are headed to Stickney, SD .
Betty Bruner photo

Soon the New Will Come

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NEWELL-The grandstands at the Newell rodeo grounds are headed to a new home on the other side of South Dakota. A crew was busy preparing the old grandstands for transport

the weekend of January 24. The five trucks from the Stickney area brought the equipment to disassemble and haul the monstrous structure.

Matt Mulder from Stickney is in charge of the project with plans to get the grandstands up

and ready for “Donnie Days” in Stickney. Donnie Days is a celebration that began because of Donnie Hoffman who was known for his love of community, awesome fireworks stand, and displays that he did to honor the 4th. The

“It gets hot during the rodeo and this will make a big difference,” he said.

The grandstands were sawed in half. The poles that have set in the Newell soil for decades will be cut off and then each section will be placed on the flatbed of a semi, chained down, and be ready to travel the miles between Newell and Stickney.

The plan is to begin the journey Sunday afternoon, hopefully when the winds are calmer said Mulder.

“It will be an adventure,” he added.

New grandstands will make their home at the Newell rodeo grounds hopefully by May 1, according to Newell Community Club Chair Morgan Wulf. The old grandstands sold for \$4,050, adding to the money already raised by the Community Club. The new grandstands will be \$58,944. The club paid 75% now and will pay the remaining 25% two weeks before delivery.

The goal of the Community Club is to have the stands up and ready for Labor Day. The community has been key is raising money for the grandstands and will soon see the result of all the toil behind the project.



4 Generations

Neil & Linda Vollmer; daughter Denelle; Granddaughter Rachel Ochocki; great grandson Stetzon Hanson

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This week started out really cold with 19 below zero on Sunday and 20 below zero Monday morning. With the cold temperatures, school was called off in Buffalo on Monday to keep everyone safe, but the week warmed up towards the end of the week.

I spent most of Monday watching our new President Trump being inaugurated and then signing a bunch of executive orders to take out country back from the way that Pres. Biden had almost ruined it. Get this, in one of his last official acts before leaving the White House, Joe Biden released AIM activist Leonard Peltier from prison for the murder of FBI agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams in 1975 during the American Indian Movement (AIM) uprising on the reservation in South Dakota. The commutation was widely opposed by law enforcement who insisted that Peltier’s actions

were cold-blooded, and he should remain imprisoned for the rest of his life for murdering the FBI agents. Biden also pardoned all his family members before turning Peltier loose. We’re glad that horrible president is no longer in the White House. While I was busy watching what was happening in Washington, DC on TV, Thad came up from Prairie City to watch the football game with Reub down in the basement and have coffee with us.

Sadly, there are more deaths to report: Walter Price, age 101, from Red Owl, passed peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 16, after losing his beloved wife of 79 years, Thora just days prior. A memorial has been established for Walt & Thora to the Opal & Red Owl Fire Departments. The family will hold a celebration of life for Walt & Thora at the VFW in Sturgis on February 7, at 1 pm.

Irean (Clasen) Jordan, age 101, of Faith, passed away on Sunday, January 19, at the

Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon. Her funeral was held Saturday, January 25, at the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Faith. Irean was a member of the SD State Historical Society and was featured in a PBS Television broadcast segment about the role of her father as a prairie “Wolfer”. She wrote a book on her father’s life entitled “Matt the Wolfer”. Irean used to write me letters about history around this area and a story about her Dad, Matt the Wolfer, is in the “Homestead Years from 1908 to 1968” book put together by Lloyd and Adria Sudlow who used to run the Bison Courier when I was growing up in Bison next door to them when my parents ran the Sorum Telephone Company in the 50s and 60s.

We went to Hettinger on Tuesday for Reub’s appointment with Mary Eggebo that morning. Our daughter Teri McNelis had her second surgery on her right hip that day after the doctors found that she had a broken leg below the hip she

had replaced a little while ago. She had been in a lot of pain because of the broken leg and a different doctor did her surgery this time. I called Teri on Friday to see how she was doing and she has influenza! She had a really high fever on Thursday so Mike took her to the emergency room to find out why she was running that high fever. When I called her on Friday her fever was gone and she was still sick, but now Mike was also home with influenza.

It was really windy on Wednesday with a high of 29 degrees and we got a little sleet that morning that looked like tiny bits of hail stones. Casey went into Buffalo for wrestling practice that afternoon and Taz and Jace Jenson worked on their bulls Tuesday and Wednesday to get them ready for the Jenson bull sale. Little Shylo wasn’t feeling good that day so I got the privilege of going down and picking up Copper and Knox from Clint Doll at his mailbox.

While Reub and I were going through some of Grandma Hattie Olson’s stuff that we got from his Aunt Mary Parks, we found a bunch of interesting checks that Grandma Hattie had written in 1921 to 1923. There were several checks to the Glendo Ranch Store that my great grandfather Charlie Wilkinson was running back in the 1920s, a check to Dr. Hodge in 1922, a check to Mrs. Ole Eggebo who lived south of Glendo in 1923, and a check to the Glendo Ladies Aid in 1923.

The old town of Glendo is on our east ranch and we live on the same land that Delos and Hattie Olson used to own before they turned it over to Reub’s father Buck Olson. Dr. Hodge was the only doctor in the neighborhood, and some other checks that were written to old neighbors like Mrs. Frank Hunt and Delos’ son-in-law Charles Borsch, so we found those checks were fun to look at.

Casey went to Buffalo on Thursday for wrestling practice and Taz spent most of the day cleaning out his tool trailer and rearranging things in it. Shylo still wasn’t feeling good so I got to pick up the kids from Kelli Doll at their mailbox. I called our son Guy that evening and he told us that our grandson Cade and his fiancé are going to get married on June 7th out by Gillette!

Amanda’s Grandma and our dear friend Louise Jenson came down to visit Amanda and the kids on Friday and Reub and I went down to visit with Louise most of the afternoon. Taz spent most of the day getting the books ready for the Jenson bull sale coming up in March at Ralph. Casey took the wrestlers to the boys wrestling meet in Killdeer on Friday and Saturday. The girl wrestlers went to Pierre on Friday and Chamberlain on Saturday.

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Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

January 28, 1915

J. H. Christian carries the most complete line of funeral supplies, steel vaults, etc. Ladies and gents tailored funeral wardrobe measured to order. Also is an agent for the Moore Monument Company. See Jay before you buy.

The early freight remained on the tracks all day Wednesday. An unexperienced hostler let the engine freeze up.

James Jordan has been busy building fence on his Upper Indian Creek place this past week. Another carload of barbed wire and field fencing has arrived at Newell Hardware.

Women Voters held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Guy Livingston, January 13th, the President, Mrs. Louis Schell presiding. Rev. & Mrs. Jamison were guests and gave their views in regard to the Child Labor Amendment and why they are supporting it and several members spoke for the measure. A vote was taken for the measure results: 5 members for; 1 against and 3 not voting. In spite of differences of opinion, those present were able to sit together quite amiably. At the close of the meeting, they partook in the delicious refreshments provided by Mrs. Schell and Mrs. Livingston.

by Linda Velder

afternoon. Deputy Sheriff, Pat Arnold and Night Officer, Van Wilson raided the Oasis on orders of State’s Attorney J. M. Armstrong and a quantity of chips and playing cards were seized. Eight men were arrested, but only 3, Joseph O’Conner, William Scheib and Clinton Long, were charged.

January 25, 1945

For gallantry in action in the field of battle, 2nd Lt. Owen R. McDermott was recently awarded the Silver Star, according to word received by his brother Emmet McDermott of Mud Butte, from Brig. General W. G. Weaver, Commanding the 8th Infantry Division of the US Army in Europe. Lt. Owen McDermott was born and grew to manhood on the McDermott Ranch near Mud Butte.

Dog Licenses for the year 1945 are now due. Tags must be secured from George Maass. Dogs running at large after February 10, 1945, without proper tags attached to collars will be taken up and disposed of by order of the City of Newell.

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club met last Saturday with Mrs. Nathan Robbins. Phyllis Edwards and Barbara Larson were the hostesses. The girls learned how to properly conduct a business meeting and proper introductions, using Roberts Rules. Several songs were sung and games were played, after which the hostesses served nice refreshments. The next regular meeting will be February 17th at the home of Mrs. Robert Conner. Miss Nettie Orwick and Miss Verena Lyons will be hostesses.

C. W. Munroe has reopened the barber shop at the old stand on the corner. The building has housed a barber shop for so many years that it would be almost sacrilegious to put it to other use.

January 1955: Still searching for the bound copies (in a large book) of The Valley Irrigator. If anyone has copies of 1955, they would like to share, we would appreciate using them for this column.

January 21, 1965

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Johnson and son Bill, of Sorum were entertained at supper last Wednesday at the Dan Olson home and later Bill instructed a class of 4-H members in leathercraft. Others in attendance were George Erk and son David and Roy Vansickle and his boys.

Douglas Eickelman, Butte Electric Co-op Manager, at Newell suffered a painful and temporary incapacitating injury when he slipped and fell on ice in front of their home as he



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was leaving for work last week. Broken in the fall was the kneecap of Eickelman’s left knee, which necessitated surgery and removal of a portion of the cap bone Monday at Bennett-Clarkson Hospital in Rapid City, where he is expected to be confined for about 2 weeks.

Donna Rae Hawley spent the weekend with her grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Williamson. George Hawley, Jr of

daughter Mr. & Mrs. Jim Keil at Sturgis Hospital.

Newell Community Club President and Mrs. L. C. Williamson and Mr. & Mrs. Lyn Gladstone attended the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Tuesday evening. Others from Newell attending included President of the Black Hills Co-op Beet Growers Association John Youngberg, Newell, Vale Com-



Christian’s Funeral Parlor: Mr. Christian was the Town Coroner, embalmer, casket & monument sales and funeral director.
Newell Museum

January 22, 1925

Howard Clark, who is known in fistic circles as “Bobcat” came down from Lead Saturday for a visit with his father O.H. Clark and renewed old acquaintances around Newell. Howard’s most recent bout was in Pierre where he boxed 8 rounds with Jack Martin of Sioux City. It was declared a draw by the referee, although Clark had the best of the last round and was the fresher of the two, according to accounts by the local spectators.

O. Christopherson has resigned his place at the office of Buchholz & Richards and on February 1 will take charge of the office work for the firm of M. E. Hafner Mill Company. Mr. Hafner left Monday for Hot Springs where he expected to bathe in the limped waters and recuperate for a few days. Miss Mertie Thompson, whose home is Nisland, has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of Buchholz & Richards. For the past 14 months Miss Thompson has been employed with Judge T. G. Brown at Belle Fourche.

The South Hilan League of

January 24, 1935

Nine Applications from Butte County for entrance to CCC Camps were approved recently and the boys accepted took physical examinations at Rapid City. Those who passed their physical examinations were assigned to camps. Approved were Robert Wilson, Clifford Davis, Francis Thorne, Byran Bean of Belle Fourche; Roy Liming, Forest Lee Henry, Jr. Vale; Eldon Johnson, William Riley Newell and Victor Vandarwarka, Nisland. Also plans were formulated for the new camp to provide the labor for building stock dams on grazing areas at various points in the county.

Nels Morell and Peter Bauer of the Fairpoint-Stonville territory were business visitors and census schooled in Sturgis one day last week. Mr. Bauer is the Farm Census Enumerator for the Sweet Water District and Morell is the Enumerator in the Fairpoint District.

A poker game in the Oasis late Monday night cost 3 men a total of \$288.95 in Justice J. G. Hartwell’s Court Wednesday



Rivinoja’s Pool Hall: Far left is Fraley Sprague & pet Bear Nellie; in center at corner of card table Judge George Goff; man on horseback Charles Wheeler and men playing cards Rawhide Johnny Strong, John Flaigg, Frank Roughton and Bert Goff. The Judge most likely

Newell was taken to the Sturgis Hospital Sunday, he has pneumonia, caused from siphoning gas into a vehicle. He was very ill but was improving by Monday. LaDonna Trohkimoinen stayed overnight with Donna Rae at the Williamson’s. Also Mr. & Mrs. George Hawley Sr. greeted a grandson born to their

munity Club President Fred Heidrich and Harry Schnell also Vale. These organizations requested support in the retention of the Newell Field & Experiment Station. Support has come in from all Black Hills area cities, organizations, schools, etc.



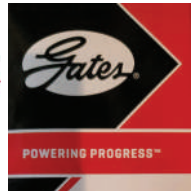
The freight train did not leave Newell for one whole day, causing much backlog, because some one did not put the engine in the heated building the night before and the steam engine froze.
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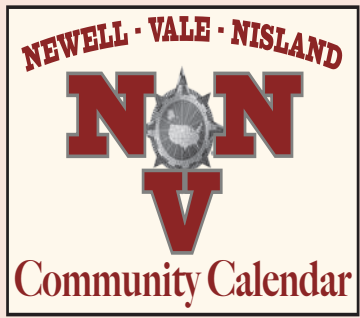
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Feeding South Dakota
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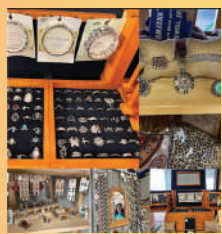
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This year, rural electric co-operatives gathered to recognize Ken Wetz.

Ken is a native of Vale, S.D., and former manager of Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc. He's served on various boards including SDREA and Rushmore Electric. Ken is an avid member of the Newell, S.D. community, serving several terms as mayor. Ken was elected to the legisla-



ture in 1996 and later used his knowledge of state government working as a lobbyist for electric cooperatives.



JANUARY

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
January 6) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Tomato or Broccoli Soup	7) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Salisbury Steaks, Gravy, Fresh Rolls, Fruit, Milk Cheesy Mac Soup	8) Pancakes, Sausage, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Sloppy Joes on WG Bun, Corn, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk Chicken Tortilla Soup	9) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Spanish Rice, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	10) NO SCHOOL
13) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Hot Dogs, Chips, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	14) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Kale Rumble, Fruit, Milk	15) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cheese Sauce, Broccoli, Fresh Rolls, Fruit, Milk	16) Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chili, Sweet Rolls, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk Broccoli Cheese Soup	17) NO SCHOOL
20) Long Johns, Donuts, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Spaghetti & Meatballs, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	21) Bagels, Scrambled Eggs. Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Corn Dogs, French Fries, Fruit, Milk Pepperoni Pizza Soup	22) Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Italian Pasta Bake, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	23) Quesadilla, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Corn, Fruit, Milk	24) NO SCHOOL
27) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Ropa Vieja (Shredded Beef over Rice), , Fruit, Milk Turkey Noodle Soup	28) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Turkey Stuffing Casserole, Corn, Milk	29) Breakfast Taco, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Beef Straganoff, Noodles, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	30) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Tater Tot Casserole, Fruit, Milk	3) NO SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change!
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Community Comes to Lunch

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NEWELL-A large crowd came out to enjoy a lunch sponsored by the Newell Lions Club to benefit Sabrina Harmon of the Newell area. Sabrina recently underwent triple by-pass following a heart attack and as a vital contributor to the activities in Newell, was supported by the community to help with medical expenses.

Newell City Hall was filled with residents who enjoyed a beef sandwich, cowboy beans, chips, and homemade goodies. The beef was donated and cooked by Midwestern Meats of Newell. The Newell Lions Club members were on hand to serve and oversee the event.

A silent auction was held with items donated by local residents.

According to Elaine Hewson

of the Lions Club over 160 people were served.

Sabrina has been a dynamic force organizing many of the community's events from Truck or Treat to the Thanksgiving meal and the Easter celebration. It was an opportunity for the community to pay back and forward for her involvement.



Almost all of the Harmon family were on hand to support Sabrina at the Newell Lions Club lunch served to help cover medical expenses for Sabrina.

Back row; Tommy Barrera. Olathe Schmidt, Rhone Schmidt, Dustin Schmidt, Hazin Schmidt, Treayer Schmidt, Cus Harmon, Kassi Barry, Kason Barry, Kyle Barry, Middle row: Courtney Barrera, Braylee Barrera, Montelius Schmidt, Carter Waddell, Althea Harmon, Sam Harmon, Kent Harmon, Brynlee Barrera, Front: Brylee Barrera, Richard Harmon, Ryker Barrera, Sabrina Harmon, Baby-Brindle Schmidt

Betty Bruner photo



Members of the Newell Lions Club and supporters of Sabrina Harmon were ready to serve lunch at the Newell City Hall. From the left: Allen Youngberg, Neil Vollmer, Linda Vollmer, Elaine Hewson, Kim Richards, Sabrina Harmon, Patty Karas, Marge Adams, Judy Heisler, Troy Hewson, John Heisler, and Carol McCarthy

Below: There was a large crowd gathered in the Newell City hall.

Courtesy photos





B's Buzz

Short and sweet is the theme for this week. The Irrigator section of the Beacon is nearly full and there's no room for a lengthy B's Buzz. There's still another story to finish and put in, but no room since it will be an involved story about the Cracker Barrel held recently, so that's next week. There is a lot going on in our community and it's always enjoyable to cover as much as I can. Sometimes I really wish there were three of me!

Many times, I'm asked why I do the things I do. Well, to tell the truth, I don't actually know. I love to cook for the kids. I enjoy covering stories and writing about them. Working at our church is calming. But, I don't have time to do EVERYTHING I want to do. I want to do more!

I get frustrated when I can't keep up with the everyday stuff- you know like cleaning and dusting (I hate to dust!). I'm told that it doesn't matter about the house. People just want to visit us, not the house. I don't believe that, but it's a good excuse.

You see, when things are helter-skelter and not in order, my brain doesn't function very well. I think that's one of the reasons I enjoy cooking at the school. Everything is kept in order, all lined up and labeled. The counters are shiny (and I really like shiny things) and cleared off. My desk at the school is put in order every night and ready for the next day.

That's not the case at home. Even though I may clear things at night and things look ok in the morning, by the time I get back home after school the place is in chaos (well not really, but so it seems to me).

My brain is frazzled and I'm not sure which way to go. So, I do the most logical thing, I sit down and look around, thinking, "I really, really need to do something."

Most of time, I do, but lately I haven't and now it looks as though if I don't do something soon, we won't be able to find the kitchen or the living room or the dining room.

I suppose I should move away from the computer and do something. I think I heard Chuck say something about company coming over.

Where is that dust cloth?



VanDerBoom Athlete of the Week



Bodie VanDerBoom was named KOTA Athlete of the Week. He and Coach Waterson were interviewed on TV sports. Courtesy Photo

New Math Teacher in NHS



We are pleased to welcome Dennis Mez to the Newell School District as our new Middle School/ High School Science Teacher. Mr. Mez holds a degree in Biology from the University of South Dakota and brings a unique perspective to the classroom, transitioning from a distinguished 23-year career in law enforcement.

Courtesy Photo