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Chamber of Commerce Happenings

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Special to the Beacon

January was a busy month for the Chamber of Commerce. Miranda attended a conference in Arizona – 2024 Winter Institute which is the professional development program for the US Chamber of Commerce.

Miranda is excited to bring what she learned back to the Chamber and implement some new ideas.

On January 12th, we held a job fair with eight employers seeking to add members to their team. Those who attended included: Habeck Trucking, Heartland Home Health, Minerals Technology, Grossenburg Implement, True Clean Corp, and others that we assisted in distributing their employment opportunities. That same day we had a Ribbon Cutting & Open House for B&S Bookkeeping. Brandy and Sharon welcome you to call them to learn about their services. Give them a call at 605-723-1631.

The first Social With A Purpose (SWAP) Mixer of the 2024 year was held at Beards & Shears LLC. This young lady celebrated with a ribbon cutting for her 2 years at her shop on 5th Ave. She specializes in men's cuts, trims, and beards but also is a family friendly establishment.

The Chamber SWAP events are held monthly on the third Thursday of each month and is a

Belle Fourche AAU Bronc Dailey Tournament



The Ed Petronak Belle Fourche High School Gymnasium hosted area AAU wrestlers weekend before last. *Courtesy Photo*

networking opportunity for our members.

A third ribbon cutting was held at Too Tall's Diner also on 5th Ave on Saturday January 27th. Lorri Olson who previously had the Too Talls Café at the Belle Fourche Livestock sale barn, took over the former Black Hills Diner in 2023.

Lorri welcomes the community

for some great eats and to shop at the local boutique also in the diner.

January 31st wrapped up the 2nd annual Give BIG Campaign. The funds collected throughout the months of November, December, and January will be split between the participating nonprofits in the area. Those

participating include: Belle Silver Lining, Belle Fourche Area Community Theater, Innovative Nonprofit, United Way of the Black Hills, Belle Fourche Lions Club, Hell Creek Paleo Society, Chamber of Commerce, Center of the Nation Foundation, DC Booth Fish Hatchery, BHSSC – Families First, and Neighbor-

Works. We truly thank those who could give back to the nonprofits for all that they do for Butte County.

We thank our members for their continued support of the Chamber and if you have questions of any of the past or upcoming events, please call our office at 605-892-2676.

Silver Lining's Laura Bennett Resigns

Meg English

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Laura Bennett has a heart. And she has a lot to give. For the past five years as executive director of the Belle Fourche Silver Lining Senior Center she has made generous contributions of her time, talent, and expertise. Laura's leadership has resulted in many improvements. Her dedication has also directed public attention to the many reasons Belle Fourche needs to sustain a community senior citizens' center.

Laura's recent resignation comes as a jolt to many patrons of the senior center and to the community.

Sometimes Laura wears her heart on her sleeve.

"It was very hard for me to make the decision of resigning from Belle Silver Lining, where my efforts have made a much-needed impact on our community. But now, I believe that it's time for me to leave with good memories." She explained in her letter of resignation.

In her letter, she summarized her tenure as executive director of the Belle Fourche Silver Lining Senior Center. She complimented the board of directors for their vision. She thanked the community, the city council, and the county commissioners for their support.

She acknowledged the success of the thrift store as a viable resource for revenue. She referred to the popular senior meals program that has

now earned the respect of the state authorities for continued funding.

Laura's vision for a viable sustainable senior center will continue to need direction and community support. "I feel that Belle Silver Lining is at the point of moving onward and upward which will require something new and fresh to take us in a forward direction. I would like to make this transition as smooth as possible. I am more than happy to be available for any questions concerning operations of Belle Silver Lining after my departure" She wrote.

As a final note in her letter, she added a thank you to the board of directors. "Thank you for the opportunity to serve the seniors of our community and to be a part of the Belle Silver Lining Family." Laura's last day as Executive Director of Belle Fourche Silver Lining was January 31, 2024. She will be greatly missed.



Laura Bennett



Beards & Shears (SWAP) Social With a Purpose and ribbon cutting. *Courtesy Photo*



Grossenburg table at recent BF Chamber of Commerce Job Fair. *Courtesy Photo*



Habeck Trucking looking for drivers at Chamber of Commerce recent Job Fair. *Courtesy Photo*



Ribbon Cutting & Open House for B&S Bookkeeping. *Courtesy Photo*

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Lori Foes 61

Lori Foes was born December 9th, 1961 to Donald and Betty DeRaad. She made her choice to walk with God in 1979 and continued with Him until her earthly journey ended on January 29th, 2024 after a brief struggle with cancer.

In 1983, Lori married Kenny Foes and they spent 40 happy years together. They welcomed their daughter Kayla in 1997 and son Cody in 2006.

Lori is survived by her husband Kenny, daughter Kayla (Aiden) Wilkinson of Chugwater WY, son Cody Foes of Belle Fourche; parents Donald and Betty DeRaad of Sioux Falls; Siblings, Randy DeRaad of Sioux Falls, Julie Krier of Sioux Falls and Darcy (Shane) Abell of Virginia Beach, VR.

She is preceded in death by her father-in-law Lawrence Foes, mother-in-law Sadie Foes, and brother-in-law Norman Foes.

The funeral service was held Friday, February 2nd 2024 at the Belle Fourche Community Rec Center. Visitation took place Thursday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment was held in Pine Slope Cemetery. A luncheon was held following at the Belle Fourche Community Hall.

Friends may leave condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Cadee Elizabeth Meyers-Dale

August 29th, 2001- January 23rd, 2024
We'll love you forever,
We'll like you for always,
As long as we're living,
Our baby you'll be.

Cadee, or "Bugaboo," as her family lovingly called her, passed away peacefully on January 23rd, 2024 after a brief illness. She was in her mother's arms when she went home to heaven.



grandmother, Liz, and from the age of eight, when she met her adoptive father, Lon Dale. Her mother, Jana (Herman) Dale dedicated her life to her daughter and was able to stay at home with Cadee from birth.

Cadee's favorite colors were yellow, pink, and purple. She loved fuzzy blankets, stuffed animals, bright lights, and watching SpongeBob with her family. She somehow knew whenever her mother was about to take a nap, and would do her best to VERY loudly coo her to sleep, to no avail. Much to her mother's distaste, Jana developed a habit of keeping the Christmas tree up year-round, because Cadee loved the bright lights of the tree.

A celebration of life took place on Wednesday January 31st at St James Lutheran. Visitation was held at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment was held at Pine Slope Cemetery.

Cadee's funeral service will be available to view following the service, from the weblink located below.

Cadee Elizabeth Meyers-Dale, 22, was born in Spearfish, SD on August 29th, 2001 to Jana and Calvin Meyers. From the start, Cadee was constantly beating the odds. Born with Trisomy 18, she beat the 95% mortality rate of living to her first year, let alone living twenty-two happy years. While she couldn't talk, she taught you more about life than you could ever think of. She grew up in a large, extended family of love, and in addition to sharing a special bond with her sisters, Ceylee and Cassidee, constantly received the adoration of her maternal

Cadee is survived by her parents, Lon and Jana Dale of Belle Fourche; sisters, Cassidee Meyers of Rapid City, Ceylee Meyers of Belle Fourche, Kalani Meyers of Belle Fourche, Malina Matheson of Castle Rock CO; aunts, Jinger (Steve) Clyde of Belle Fourche, Jodi Scherr of Belle Fourche; and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Cal Meyers; grandparents, Jack and Elizabeth Herman; brothers, Chase Meyers, Chad Dale; and uncles, Doug Dale and Jeffrey Herman.



David Greenwood 86

David Greenwood, 86, passed away at his residence in Havre, MT on January 20, 2024. A memorial service were held on February 2, 2024 at

at Van Orsdel United Methodist Church in Havre, MT. Wilderness Funeral Home of Havre has been entrusted with arrangements and services.

Jackie Holland 95

Jackie Holland, age 95 of Spearfish, went home to heaven on Sunday January 21, 2024 at the Spearfish Canyon Healthcare Center.



were working. In spite of the busyness of ranching, Jackie and Roy had a gift of making memories with their children: taking them to the Chiricahuas for picnics and camping trips, family vacations in a rented cottage in the San Diego area, trips to the San Diego Zoo and to the beach, coaching as they practiced 4-H demonstrations and speeches. A woman of refinement herself, Jackie reminded her children whenever they left the house to remember that they represented the Holland family, and their father was a man of great respect in the community and it was incumbent upon them to do nothing to sully his name.

Jackie's life was celebrated Friday, January 26, 2024 at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery Chapel in Gillette, WY. A visitation one hour before the service at the chapel. Funerwas held prior to services. Arrangements were with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave condolences online at: LeveringtonFH.com.

Mary Jacqueline Smith was born August 26, 1928 in Prescott, Arizona. She was the daughter of James and Anna (McCloughry) Smith, and the sister of James "Palmer" Smith. In stories told to her grandchildren, Jackie recalled being able to roller skate across the city of Phoenix as a school girl. A lifelong learner, Jackie graduated from Phoenix Union High School.

In 1971, the family moved to the Chino Valley in Arizona and tried their hand at farming. Fruits of their labor (pinto beans, in this case) were enjoyed by their grandchildren years later. In 1978 they moved to Gillette, Wyoming, where Roy worked as the Campbell County Ag Extension Agent, and Jackie continued as his faithful and fun-loving sidekick. Roy and Jackie had accepted Jesus as their Savior in their early days together, but it was during their time in Gillette, when the Spirit was doing a mighty work in spite of the roughness of the era and area, that they truly dove into making Him their Lord as well. From their passion for Him and His kingdom came the founding of Gillette Christian Center, whose earliest church services were hosted in Roy and Jackie's back room. They were open about their faith with their grandchildren and invested mightily in passing on a legacy of active faith and steadfast faithfulness.

Jackie attended the University of Arizona, Tucson, upon graduation. She wanted to go for something pertaining to ranching or ag management, but her father thought that was not fitting for a girl and insisted that she pursue nursing or education. She acquiesced, but was always a country girl at heart. She attended the Southern Arizona International Livestock Show (SAILS) with her livestock judging team, and it was at this livestock show that, on February 11, 1948, she met the love of her life. Roy Holland was there showing a bull and Jackie was watching the show with her team. Jackie later told her grandchildren she did not remember much about the bulls, but she was quite taken with Roy.

They had their first date two days later on Friday, February 13, when Roy took Jackie to a Valentine's dance at his fraternity, the Alpha Gamma Rho house. During their dating days, Roy would take Jackie to his family's ranch, Rancho Sacatal, at the foot of the Dos Cabezas mountains, where, in her words, he took her riding on the steepest hills on the ranch.

Following Roy's retirement in 1988, Roy and Jackie traveled the country volunteering at Christian camps, colleges, and churches for the next 15 years, serving with Servants on Wheels Ever Ready (SOWERS). In 2006 they moved to Spearfish, where they enjoyed the church family at Grace Community Church. Roy fondly referred to their home in Spearfish as The Crossroads because of how it was directly in the path of many of their now-grown family members as they traveled between their homes in Wyoming and South Dakota. Roy and Jackie faithfully rose at 5 o'clock each morning to have devotions, breakfast, prayer, and a crossword puzzle before calling Palmer at 6:15 to check on him and visit about their days. In the evenings, they would take out a jigsaw puzzle of magnitude and difficulty and laugh together as they bested the puzzles. They had a rule that they could not look at the cover of the puzzle box as they did the puzzle. Together, Roy and Jackie were blessed with 67 years of marriage, being parted by death in 2016, days after their anniversary.

The two were married on April 18, 1949 in Phoenix, AZ. Big band artist Al Jolson's "The Anniversary Song," released in 1946, was of particular significance to them at that time. They began their life at Rancho Sacatal, raising nationally renowned Hereford cattle. Roy and Jackie welcomed three children, Robin, Lisa, and David, into their home, then, realizing they still had more room in their hearts and home, welcomed Grant, Tracy, and Lee. Jackie's children recall that their dignified, proper, never-make-a-spectacle-in-public, always-a-lady mother would also fire up the stereo at home and sing show tunes, even occasionally "busting out a dance move." She particularly enjoyed Rogers and Hammerstein musicals and passed that love on to her grandchildren.

Jackie remained in her home until just weeks before her death. God was faithful even in her passing: she stole away quietly and peacefully in the night, stepping out of this land of shadows into the land of true life.

She was a gifted artist, played the cello, was a master of silly songs, was greatly gifted in hospitality, specialized in Mexican food, was a wonderful 4-H leader who helped several young Arizonians achieve state and national recognition. She enjoyed card games and Scrabble, and would have dominated at Jeopardy had she ever played on the real show instead of simply on her couch in the evening with Roy. She was a spelunker and adventurer, and once flew down the Grand Canyon with her cousin.

Never afraid of hard work, she cooked three meals a day for the ranch hands and did their laundry. Her children fondly recall days of working cattle when Jackie would bring a meal down to wherever they

Jackie is survived by her daughters, Robin Lorenzen of Spearfish; Lisa (Richard) Mesnard of Scottsdale AZ, Tracy Holland of Mesa AZ; sons, David (Sandra) Holland of Moorcroft WY, Grant Holland of Austin TX; 10 grandchildren: Christine, Charity, Chastity, Amity, Christian, Trinity, Sterling, Austin, Devonna, and Zach; and many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; stillborn brother, Timothy; brother, James Palmer Smith; son, Lee; and great-granddaughter, Taisley Lewis.



James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

1 Chronicles 16:34

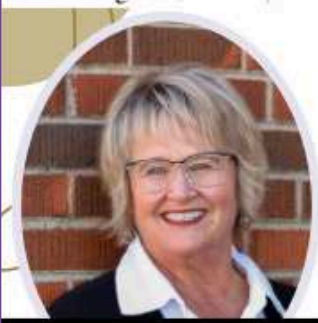
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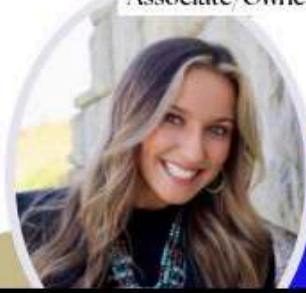
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Obituaries contd.

Mark Jarvi 62

Mark Nicholas Jarvi was born in Belle Fourche, SD, on November 14, 1961, to Ray and Kerin (Sturis) Jarvi. Mark passed away peacefully at Monument Hospice House, Rapid City, on January 27, 2024, following a debilitating stroke the previous October.



Mark lived the majority of his life in Belle Fourche. His roots on the family farm west of the city as strong and deep as those of the cotton woods growing along the riverbanks.

Mark needed the farm, his garden, his wood splitter, the turkeys, and the deer almost as much as he needed oxygen. Many times he moved away briefly, only to return to the Jarvi farm.

Mark loved gardening and taking care of the large lawn at the home place. He spent many hours tending his vegetables and grooming the yard on the ancient riding mower that frequently needed his mechanical expertise. He was even known for taking a girlfriend for a spin around the pasture on the riding mower to watch the sunset. Mark enjoyed sharing the garden's bounty with neighbors and friends.

Mark's biggest blessing was his son Gabe Jarvi. A memorial has been established in Gabe's name to assist with his plans to complete a technical college program. The family appreciates donations made in Gabe's name.

Mark completed all twelve years of school in Belle, meeting his life-long friend Dean Zimmer at South Park Elementary. In high school, Mark was an amazing athlete competing in wrestling (not so amazing), football as a running back and number 22, and track as a state and AAU champion. As a sprinter, Mark set school records not to be broken for years. Mark's most recent sprint took place on the gravel road in front of the Jarvi house. All his siblings (Melanie in Wranglers and cowboy boots), nieces and nephews of various ages, and Cousin Tony lined up to challenge Mark. Details are fuzzy on who actually won, but Mark's efforts resulted in a pulled hamstring that had him limping for weeks.

Mark proceeded in death by his parents Ray and Kerin Jarvi. He is survived by sister Melanie (Mike) Pittman, Belle Fourche; brother Mike Jarvi, Belle Fourche, sister Marcia (Brian) Hultman, Pierre; sister Melissa (Doug) Kraft, Belle Fourche; nephew Matthew (Heather) Pittman; nephew Riley Hultman; niece Marissa (Justin) Pittman; niece Treanna Kraft; nephew Brody Hultman; niece Nicole Kraft; niece Birk Kraft; uncles John (Susan) Sturis and Jeff (Robin) Sturis; cousins Tony Sturis, Nick Sturis, Lisa (Bill) Noziska, Jay (Jodi) Jarvi, Scot Jarvi, and Shelley Grand.

Services were held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Kline Funeral Chapel, 838 State Street, Belle Fourche. Friends and family were invited to the Branding Iron Steakhouse on the bar side for lunch and the telling of tall tales following the service.

Mark spent his working days as a land surveyor, heavy construction crew member, and lumberjack allowing him to do physical labor and be outdoors. As a child Mark was known for taking anything mechanical apart, and as he grew older he became very adept at actually putting things back together.

Mark was a thrill seeker who had a need for speed, which he found as the driver of brother Mike's dune buggy, on one of his many motorcycles, and most recently on a snowmobile racing through the Black Hills. At the age of 14, Mark had his driver's

license for approximately an hour before being escorted home by an officer for speeding.



Anthony Stroklund 40

Anthony Stroklund, age 40 of Spearfish, died Wednesday January 24, 2024 at his home, following a brief illness.



Anthony's life was celebrated Monday, February 5, 2024 at the New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Spearfish. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Prairie Home Cemetery in New Rockford, North Dakota.

Funeral arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friend may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Anthony Jacob Stroklund was born at New Rockford, ND on May 18th, 1983. He was the son of Alan Stroklund and Jena Laber. Anthony spent most of his younger years in Devils Lake, ND, graduated from Devils Lake High School in 2001, and continued to live there until 2022. Anthony always enjoyed animals, fishing, being outdoors, and time with his friends. He lived at the Sullivan farm where he worked with his friend, Tee. Later, Anthony helped Tee's dad, Larry Sullivan, before leaving Devils Lake.

Anthony loved spending time with his grandparents and extended family. Anthony loved all the special time he spent with his grandparents, Oliver and Deloris Omoth on the family farm and had many good memories with them. Anthony also enjoyed the time he spent with his other grandparents, Joe and Mavis Laber and Harold and Kathryn Stroklund.

In 2022, Anthony moved to Spearfish, SD, where his mom, Jena Laber lived. While in Spearfish, Anthony loved working at both Culver's and Walmart and was employed with both at the time of his

passing. Anthony fell in love with South Dakota and the Black Hills and enjoyed going on trips to explore the area. During his time in South Dakota, he was also guided by another mentor, Lloyd Boisjolie, whom Anthony met through his mom.

Anthony loved working on his truck and was proud of himself having done all of the work to get it running smoothly. He loved quiet times at his apartment and spending time with his cat, Ringo. Always a fan of football, Anthony was a fan of the Green Bay Packers.

Anthony was dearly loved by so many. He will be missed by all of his family and friends.

Anthony is survived by his mom, Jena Laber (Spearfish, SD), who loved him dearly. He was also blessed to have wonderful fathers in Alan Omoth (Trish), Alan Stroklund (JoAnne), and Mark Everson. Together, Anthony's parents all played a role in making him the wonderful, hard-working, kind, loving, and compassionate man that he had become.

Other family members include: Fred and Judy Bott, Mandan, ND, Randy and Linda Laber, Bismarck, ND, Gary Laber and Kris Bjelde, Fargo, ND. He shared his childhood with his siblings: brother, Adam Stroklund, half siblings, Kim Gifford (Chad), Kris Stroklund, Jessica Everson (Troy), Austin Everson (McKenzie), and Melanie Faith Flippin. Anthony is also survived by many other aunts, uncles, and extended family members.



Helen D. (Kling) Boatman

Helen D. (Kling) Boatman, 82, formerly of Hebron, NE until she moved to rural Nelson, NE, passed away January 24, 2024. In Lincoln, NE. Funeral Services were held on Friday, February 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Christ's Lutheran Church, 201 North Maple Avenue in Davenport, NE. Pastor Beth Roegner officiated. Interment was at the

Smith Cemetery north of Nelson, NE. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Urbauer Funeral Home Chapel, 107 South Maple Avenue in Davenport, NE. Urbauer Funeral Home of Davenport, NE assisted the family with arrangements. <http://www.priceurbauerahrendts.com>

Pastor's Perspective

This Another Perspective is from the archives of Foursquare Pastor, the late Dr. Jack Hayford

"PENETRATING AND POSSESSING YOUR PROMISED TOMORROWS"

As we begin a new year, we, like Israel, stand at a river separating us from our tomorrows. For each of us it might be a different circumstance. In the looming challenge we know we can only cross over if God does a miracle. In the conquest of tomorrow we will never possess all the possibilities without God's power and presence.



God wants us to cross over the rivers in our lives that separate us from our tomorrows. He determines the exact time, and He will do a miracle in order for us to cross. Entering our tomorrow's means that God wants to press us past where we are today. He wants to demonstrate His power in and through us, and He wants to use us to transmit a testimony to a new generation. We must believe and respond to Him in faith and cross over.

What is involved in making up our minds to enter

tomorrow? We can talk about it. We can dream about it. We can believe for it, and even make resolutions, but there is a point where we must rise in faith and cross over though the timing and circumstances are not suitable. We need great faith to move into a miracle, to progress in a miracle and to memorialize the miracle when it is over.

In speaking about this miracle, Pastor Jack said, "I would like to place my finger in the center of your chest and say that the Lord wants to prove Himself to you by some means in the near future of your life in such a way that whatever you face beyond that you will always know because of what He did now. He is going to take you from one victory to the next. God wants to show Himself in your life."

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April 13, 2024

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING IN BELLE FOURCHE

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Parents must bring a certified copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records for enrollment. They will also be asked to furnish some directory information such as date of birth, address, and telephone number. Besides enrollment information, school staff will be using the DIAL-4 to gain information about each child's development. The school Nurse will be available to check immunization records. Immunizations can be received at your doctor's office or the Community Health Nurse's office (605-892-2523).

All parents/guardians of kindergarten age children should take advantage of this opportunity. Anyone who knows of any parents who have a child of this age, please make this information known to them.

Please call North Park School at 723-3379 to make an appointment. Parents should be prepared to spend about an hour or more to complete all that is planned for each child.

Karen Christy will be celebrating a Valentine Birthday on February 14.

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- Feb 7 | Knowledge Bowl at Kadoka
- Feb 8 | Girls & Boys Basketball AT HOME vs Rapid City Stevens**
C Games only / Girls -4pm / Boys-5:30pm
- Feb 9 | Girls Wrestling at Hot Springs
- Feb 9 | Boys Basketball AT HOME vs Redfield - JV-5pm V / 6:30pm**
- Feb 10 | Girls Basketball at Hanson
- Feb 10 | Boys Basketball AT HOME vs Kadoka at 2**
- Feb 13 | Girls & Boys Basketball AT HOME vs Sturgis (Senior Night)**
Girls: C-2:30, JV-4, V-5:30
Boys: C-2:30 MS, JV-4 MS, V-7
- Feb 16 | Boys Basketball vs Faith AT HOME JV-4:30, V-6**
- Feb 16 | Girls Basketball at Wall
- Feb 17 | Girls and Boys wrestling Region 4A at Spearfish
- Feb 17-24 | National FFA Week**
- Feb 19 | Boys Basketball at Lemmon
- Feb 20 | Girls Basketball Region 8 A 1st Round - TBD

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Busy Week Sees Bronc Boys go 1-3

Kyle Wahlfeldt

Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche Boys Basketball team went 1-3 over the last week taking a game away from Harding County but dropping games to Wall, Mobridge/Pollack and Custer.

On Thursday 25th the boys traveled to Harding County to face off against the Harding County squad and came up with a 52-42 win. Gavin Pearson paced the broncs with his first double/double of the year by scoring 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Nolan Wahlfeldt and Jet Jensen both had a good night by each scoring 10 points while grabbing 8 and 6 rebounds respectively.

The following Tuesday January 30th the Broncs made the trip to Wall to face the Eagles and lose by a score

of 80-45. Walls unrelenting pace of play would eventually wear the Broncs down forcing multiple turnovers. Jet Jensen led the Broncs as he got hot from beyond the arc scoring 24 points including four 3-pointers. Nolan Wahlfeldt chipped in 9 while grabbing 8 rebounds.

On February 1st the boys made the long trip to face a tough Mobridge/Pollack team. Despite a late run the Broncs would drop their second game in a row by a score of 49-65. Junior Sern Weishaar would have his best game of the year scoring 11 points, while Jet Jensen would drop 17 points including three 3-pointers. "Despite executing well the ball wouldn't go in for us, but I am proud of how we fought defensively", said coach Pottorff. "We aren't getting the results

we want, but I am proud of how these young men are maturing and learning how to support each other through thick and thin", Coach Pottorff also added.

The last game of the week saw the Broncs host the red hot Custer Wildcats. Belle had trouble getting the ball to fall and would succumb to the Wildcats by a score of 38-62. Jordan Sandoval came off the bench and provided a much needed spark by scoring 8 points. Jet Jensen battled all afternoon against a revolving door of defenders and came away with 10 points.

Nolan Wahlfeldt chipped in 6 points and saw the court well providing multiple assists. Senior Carter McKenna had the daunting task of battling all afternoon against two quality Custer post players.



Basketball Cheerleading squad poses for a photo at a recent game. *Hockenbary Photo*



Cheerleaders fire up the crowd. *Hockenbary Photo*



BF Rec Center Men's 3v3 Basketball Champions 2024: Mason Kaitfors, Tyler Hohenberger, Jarret Inghram, John Lang, Garrett Boylan, not pictured Wacey Boylan. *Courtesy Photo*

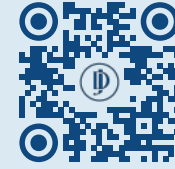
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Jordan Sandoval takes a shot against Custer. *HockenbaryPhoto*



Sern Weishaar gets a shot at the basket. *Hockenbary Photo*



Jet Jensen is intense on offense. *Hockenbary Photo*

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Free Throws Propel Broncs Over Bulldogs

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The Lady Broncs took on the Bowman County Bulldogs on Saturday January 20th.

Free throws were key for the Broncs, who were able to hand the strong Bulldog pack just their second loss this season. Bowman had the 4-0 favor until almost the half way point of the quarter before Mataya Ward sunk two free throws for the Broncs.

This became the story of the night for Ward, as she would go on to shoot a total of 16 free throws in the game, making 12. Bowman made another two points answered by Sloan Young bringing the score to 6-4, Bowman. Ward put in a post move to tie the game, 6-6. She then made both free throws the following play to take the Bronc's first lead. Reagan Hatling drained a three pointer with 15 seconds left to give the Broncs the 13-10 lead to end the first quarter. Bowman was able to secure a field goal and a free throw in the first couple of minutes of quarter two while Belle Fourche experienced a scoring drought. Young drained a three pointer at 5:30 to get the Broncs rolling and back into the lead at 16-13.

Bowman followed with an old-fashioned three-point play getting fouled on a made shot. The game was tied 16-16 when the Bulldogs put in a deep three pointer and followed up with another field goal to lead 21-16. Lily Nore hit a three pointer at the top of the key for the Broncs, but the Bulldogs followed up with a layup for two bringing the score to 23-19, Bowman.

Each team scored in back-to-back possessions to bring the score 26-21. Ward sunk another two free throws in the last minutes of the half to get back within 3 points, but the Bulldogs offset the score by finding the hoop for two more points themselves. Bowman put another jumper in at the buzzer to widen their lead going into the half, 30-23.

Bowman was the first to score in the second half taking them to their biggest lead of the night at 9. Ward's two free throws gave the Broncs their first points of the half and settled the score at 32-25, Bulldogs, for the next couple minutes of play.

The gym got hot when four baskets were made in a row, each team scoring two times on their own end of the floor in consecutive plays. With a score to 36-29, Bowman, Kailey Nowowiejeski hit a baseline jumper for two. Bowman widened their lead to 38-31 with 2 minutes left in the third quarter. Young drove to the hole down the right side of the lane to get back within 5 points for the Broncs. Reese Larson was able to make a free throw to cut the lead to 4, the smallest it had been since the half began.

The score stayed at 38-34 a few minutes into the fourth until Bowman put in two points and Nore squared up for two of her own. Ward had an offensive

rebound for two points and the Bulldog lead was cut to just one basket, 40-38, with 5:34 left to play.

After two Bulldog timeouts, a Bowman player was able to secure two free throws forcing a Belle Fourche timeout at 4:46. Young bounced a pass off the defender's head in to Nore for two points, followed by a steal and fast break to Nowowiejeski who was fouled on the layup. Nowowiejeski sunk both of her free throws to tie the game 42-42 with 4:22 left to play. Bowman made a three pointer, two free throws, and a jumper while Belle was only able to get a fast-break play for 2 points.

The score favored Bowman at 50-44 with two minutes left to play. However, the Bulldogs would not find the hoop for the remainder of the game, while the Broncs would score 11 points.

A series of Bowman County turnovers and Nowowiejeski steals kept the ball in the Broncs' hands, allowing them the opportunity to score and forcing Bowman to send the Belle Fourche players to the free-throw line several times. Ward had 24 points followed by Young for 11 and Nore for 10 on the Bronc score book.

The Broncs then took on New Underwood at home on the 23rd of January, handily defeating the Tigers 55-32. Ward scored 18 for the Broncs joined by Young with 14, and Nore for 10. The Lady Broncs improved their overall record to 8-4.

Taking on Rapid City Central The Broncs added Rapid City Central to their schedule since each team had to cancel a game for weather a few weeks before. Central was on a four game winning streak before hosting the Broncs on January 30th. The Broncs played a strong second half to win the game 65-59, securing powerful seed points for beating a AA school. Central started out with a 7-0 run.

Pressuring the Broncs into turnovers and dropping 3 pointers proved effective for the Cobblers to hold a lead for the entire first half. Young was the only Bronc to find the hoop for the first six Belle Fourche points, keeping them in the game. The score at the end of the first quarter was 23-16, Cobblers.

Rapid City Central reached their biggest lead of the night at 10 with 5:23 left in the second quarter. However, Belle Fourche was able to outscore Rapid City Central in the second quarter, securing 19 points compared to the home team's 16. This brought them to only a four point deficit at 39-35 by the half time break.

The second half saw a whole new Belle Fourche team. The Broncs still managed to outscore the Cobblers by 2 points in quarter three, bringing themselves within 2 points for the final period of play. The teams would be tied 4 times and the lead would change 9 times for one of the most exciting games of the season thus far. Rapid City Central would score their last field goal of the night with three minutes left, leaving

the Broncs the opportunity to tie their biggest lead of the night at 3. Young and Juelfs came through on big buckets in consecutive plays. After being fouled by Central a few times to stop the clock, the Broncs would secure enough free throws to put themselves out of reach despite all of the Cobbler efforts to score. The Broncs swooped the win, 65-59, and continued their three game win-streak. Ward secured 31 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 steals while Young had 16 points, 4 rebounds, and 5 steals. Nore and Juelfs each had 8 clutch points a piece.

Broncs and Tigers The Broncs stomped some Tigers again, traveling down to Mobridge-Pollock and securing another win, 59-53.

Larson put in a bucket in the opening play to start the game, but it was followed by a Tiger 3 pointer. Ward answered with another two points, the Broncs got a defensive stop then Nore was found wide open for two. The Tigers called a timeout with the score of 6-3 just five possessions into the game.

The game was reffed tight, yet each team still managed to play scrappy basketball and force their opponents into turnovers. Each team scored 16 points in the first quarter. Mobridge-Pollock would secure a five point lead right out of the gate in the second quarter, but the teams would go back and forth, changing lead and tying several times.

It was the Tigers who had the lead at 29-27 going into the half.

Mobridge only reached a maximum of a five point lead twice in the third quarter but managed to hold the lead. However, the Broncs didn't let them get far ahead and maintained pace within two points throughout most of the period. The score stayed at 42-40, Tigers, until less than a minute left in the quarter. Mobridge scored with 40 seconds left to reach 44 then Ward scored with 2.1 seconds left to stay within 2 at 44-42.

Young scored the first bucket of the fourth quarter to tie the game for the first time in the half and Ward put in two to take the lead 46-44. A couple Tiger free throws tied it back up with 5 minutes left but the Broncs answered to take the lead again. A few more unanswered points and the Broncs took their biggest lead of the night at 52-46. With 1:39 to play, the Broncs had widened their lead to 54-46 off a pair of Nore free throws.

After fouls to keep the play clock stopped and gain possession back, the Tigers were able to score another 7 points, but the Broncs would score 5 of their own to stay out of reach. The four hour trip home seemed sweeter as the Broncs were victorious, 59-53. They also improved their record to 10-4.

Senior Night will be the Bronc's final regular season home game. It will be against Sturgis on the 13th starting with the "C" team at 2:30.

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Mataya Ward works hard to get to the basket. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Sloan Young splits the defense. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Sarah Juelfs get the ball into play. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary

December Students of the Month



5th graders **Alayna Norlin** and **Blake Willert**; 6th graders **Hope Sinkey** and **Cade Pelster**; 7th graders **Raina Reder** and **Jaylea Scoggin**; 8th graders **Kloie Udager** and **Mark Mullins**. Courtesy Photos

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



ACTORS: Be sure to check out the first audition opportunity in the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater 2024 Season! BFACT is hosting auditions and preparing for their spring show, **Break a Leg: A Night of One Acts**. AUDITIONS are THIS WEEK, Tuesday and Wednesday evening 6:30-8:30 PM in the BF Rec Center Theater.

The Belle Fourche Arts Council invites all to view the entries from the 2nd Annual "Rural Life Expressions." Photography Contest. The contest has three categories: Landscape, People, and Animals by amateur photographers in categories for Under 18 and Adult. The entries for the contest will be on display the week before the reception and awards ceremony the evening of February 10th. Awards will include "People's Choice" recognition chosen by those of you who visit and view the entries!

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

It is not too soon to begin getting your ACT TOGETHER for the annual Belle Fourche Fine Arts Booster's Community Variety Show & Arts Festival on April 14th. Acts of all kinds are invited to entertain with acts of all types!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Belle Fourche Honor Roll

Corrections Made

"A" Honor Roll

Freshman:

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

Sophomore:

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

Juniors

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

Seniors:

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

Corrections Made

"B" Honor Roll

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

Sophomore:

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

Juniors:

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

Seniors:

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

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Broncs Host Home Invitational & Compete in Black Hills Conference

Kandi Tonsager
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On Friday and Saturday January 26th and 27th, the Broncs hosted their home invitational meet. Three Broncs placed on day two of the tournament. Alex Norlin placed 6th at 132 pounds and Peyton Alexander placed 6th at 157 pounds. Lady Bronc, Olivia Nehl, placed 6th at 152 pounds.

Three Seniors were recognized for Senior Recognition Day, Logan Tyndall, Toarin Humble & Olivia Nehl.

Sophomore, Riley Dighton, was recognized Saturday at the Belle Fourche Invitational for achieving his 100th career win in Chadron the previous weekend. Riley started wrestling for the high school his seventh grade year and says he is happy to have met this milestone his Sophomore year.

On Sunday January 28th, the Broncs helped out at the Belle Fourche AAU Wrestling Club's home tournament by reffing matches, working tables and towel tapping.

Friday February 2nd, the teams headed to the rescheduled Black Hills Conference Invite in Hot Springs.

On the boys' side, the team placed 5th with four individual placers taking the podium. Riley Dighton placed second at 138 pounds, Owyn Schreder placed 1st at 150 pounds, Jory Olson placed fourth at 157 pounds and Lucas Tonsager placed 2nd at 215 pounds.

Other competitors were Teeden Humble at 106 pounds, Connor Crowser at 113 pounds, Garett Huston at 120 pounds, Koby Bowden at 126 pounds and Clifford Torberson at 144

pounds.

On the ladies' side, the team placed 7th with three competitors, all taking the podium. Kyra Vandenberg placed first at 100 pounds, Lia Mundt placed fourth at 107 pounds, and Joselyn Shockey placed third at 145 pounds.

On Saturday February 3rd, the Broncs took five competitors to the Black Hills Classic invite in Hill City. Caden Swaney, Conner Crowser, Alex Norlin, Clifford Torberson and Lia Mundt had some good matches on the day.

Next up for the Bronc wrestlers will be Bennet County on Saturday February 10th followed by Regionals 4A hosted in Spearfish on Saturday February 17, then the State competition will be held in Sioux Falls February 22-24th.



Riley Dighton honored for 100 Varsity career wins. Pictured with parents Andrew & Chelsea Dighton. Courtesy Photo



Caleb Dosch. Courtesy Photo



Mason Nehl, along with other Bronc squad members were referee's at Belle AAU Tourney. Courtesy Photo



Luke Tonsager. Courtesy Photo



Teeden Humble. Courtesy Photo



Koby Bowden. Courtesy Photo



Trigg Olson. Courtesy Photo



Logan Tyndall. Courtesy Photo



BFHS coaches & wrestlers watching placing round. Courtesy Photo



Owyn Schreder (L) won the 150 lb conference title at Hot Springs. The Junior grappler is the son of Matt & Amber Schreder. Courtesy Photo



Alex Norlin on the mat. Courtesy Photo



Wrestling referee, Sturgis's Chad Mackaben. Courtesy Photo

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The Good Stuff _____ by Jim Thompson



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Did you make any New Years Resolutions? Here are a few resolutions I heard that can be made without too much effort.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gain weight. At least 30 pounds. Stop exercising. Waste of time. Read less. Makes you think. Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff. Procrastinate more. Starting tomorrow. Take a vacation to someplace important: like, to see the largest ball of twine. Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Get in a whole NEW rut! Spend my summer vacation in Cyberspace. Create loose ends. Get more toys. Not drive a motorized vehicle across thin ice. Avoid airplanes that spontaneously drop 1000 feet. Not swim with pirhanas or sharks. Spread out priorities beyond my ability to keep track of them. Wait around for opportunity. Never make New Year's resolutions again. |
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Continuing to chuckle at broken promises to myself for 2024, I'm Jim Thompson

Roots Grow Deep and Strong Elementary School Reflections

by Meg English

Recently, I was honored to serve as a long-term substitute at South Park Elementary School. I've always liked the kids. It was an extraordinary experience, one that evoked a lot of personal memories and opened my eyes to exactly what elementary school teachers do every day. It also made me feel good about teaching.

Teaching is a mix of learned skills and talent and has never been an easy job. I was honored and grateful to join the ranks of a cadre of expert skilled elementary teachers. I was astonished by how much I learned from them and by how much the teaching role has changed over time.

Early formal education offers a relatively short window of opportunity for children to master fundamental skills. "Elementary school", the common nomenclature is typically K- 4th or 5th grade. I attended "grade" school during the 1960s. Grade school referred to grades K-6, all under one roof. My grandmother attended "grammar" school in the early 1900s.

Somehow it was colder in those days especially east river.

I remember shivering outside with my girlfriends on windy winter mornings in our short skirts and knee socks. We were not permitted to enter the building before the official bell. There was a dress code. We girls were only allowed to wear "trousers" under our dresses for warmth, but by 4th grade we were far too self-conscious. We were permitted to invite frost bite instead.

Our principal, a former marine was a tall, stern man with a military crew cut, He had a mysterious missing thumb on one hand. An intimidating overseer, he provoked anxiety and fear.

Our teachers were generally women of middle age with strong convictions, teaching styles, and proven sanctions for eliciting good behavior and hard work from their pupils. They were not exuberant, friendly, and they were certainly not affectionate or demonstrative. Our teachers wore tweed skirts, sensible shoes, and chalk dust. A few young men drifted into the profession, soon to be drawn away to more



lucrative professions.

Technology in the classroom meant a program called TV science. We watched a male science teacher in a white lab coat on a television screen at the front of the classroom for thirty minutes twice a week. Despite the black and white picture, the very small TV monitor at the front of the room, and the frequently, fuzzy reception, I liked TV science. The instructor knew a lot about science, and I learned from the demonstrations and his easy conversational manner. I'm sure it helped that he did not have an active face to face classroom to manage.

Our report cards were hand recorded and marked in script. Breakfast was not served at schools and there was no free or reduced lunch.

Curriculum included language arts, math, social studies, science, physical education and a smattering of music and art. One interesting social-studies lesson I remember is watching Richard Nixon's inaugural address in 1969 on a tiny TV screen in the school gymnasium.

um. We were all seated on metal folding chairs for the occasion. I was extremely uncomfortable, probably because I was coming down with mumps, and the experience although memorable was not illuminating.

As a substitute at South Park Elementary, I met with all 426 children twice a week. During those weeks I sang most of every day, provided advice on the best way to eliminate a loose tooth, nurtured egos, encouraged positive behavior, applied band-aids, and administered and received hugs. I tried, somewhat unsuccessfully to learn and remember everyone's name.

I employed a small plush gray elephant called Ellie to accompany me to school as a mascot. The children liked having her "listen" to our singing and Ellie helped me too. In fact, it was Ellie, the proverbial elephant in the room who always reminded me to look at the classroom from a small person's perspective.

The discrete skill sets elementary teachers practice daily represents a complex didactic paradigm that should not be minimized or overlooked.

In addition to the expected litany of duties teachers must wear many additional hats

these days. Here is a short list: Teachers are subject area specialists, they are counselors, data analysts, material managers and scholars. They research curriculum trends, best teaching practices, and make decisions about an endless array of curriculum. Teachers are also event organizers, behavior specialists, behavior management clinicians, sociologists, and interpreters. They are custodians, first responders, and of course psychics who magically know everything.

Traditionally, American public schools have maintained their identity as egalitarian institutions meant to serve all children regardless of race, ideology. American public schools seem to be working hard to level the playing field to the greatest extent possible.

At South Park Elementary School children seem to be more valued than they were when I attended grade school. The main difference is that professional educators seem to really like the kids. They are far more demonstrative and approachable than teachers I remember. Maybe that's just a personal perception, but one that makes me feel positive. The school children seem happier too.

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Capitol News

By KAREN ODELL



January 29, 2024

We enjoyed the warmer week at Capitol and on Tie Creek. The snow began

melting, and by Sunday, most of the snow was gone. Each day was a little icy, until it warmed up. Even with the warmer air, some days still produced a cold wind.

Ross Phelps was at Ronda Cordell's, several days this week. He finished up all the current projects for her, on Saturday. On Tuesday morning, Ronda left for Spearfish in dense fog. When she got to the Belltower Curve, and looked west from there, she saw clear blue sky. As she looked east from Highway 323, there was a rope of fog from Belltower Hill, and to the south following the pines of Sheep Mountain's. From there it streaked across the gumbo flat to the Finger Buttes, and engulfed them. Then it crossed the highway to the west, and on north along Boxelder Creek. It was blue sky all around, and just the thick rope of fog running for miles.

From the air, it would've been a nearly complete circle. Ross later told Ronda that the dense fog stuck around until noon. On Friday, Ronda drove to Ekalaka to join other friends of Lu Strangford's for a coffee and dessert hour at the Wagon Wheel. It was in honor of Lu's 87th birthday.

On Sunday, Ronda went in to sample several of the soups at the United Methodist Soup Supper. She tried three of the several kinds. All were delicious.

At the end of the week, Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski spent a few days in and around

the Spearfish area. Darby spent some time visiting the Glines girls, in honor of her soon-to-be birthday. Clint drove on down on Friday, after feeding, to join them and spend a night.

Erma Albert had a doctor's appointment in Spearfish, on Tuesday, and Dick went along to town.

Their money dwindled quickly at the grocery store. On Friday, they both went to the Chicken Dinner at the Senior Center. It seemed fewer people were there, and their after-dinner meeting had to be postponed. On Sunday, Dick and Erma went to church at the Catholic Church, and then had dinner at Saloon Number Three, with Father Brian. Father had been delayed, but his dinner was waiting for him when he arrived, because they had predicted just what he would want.

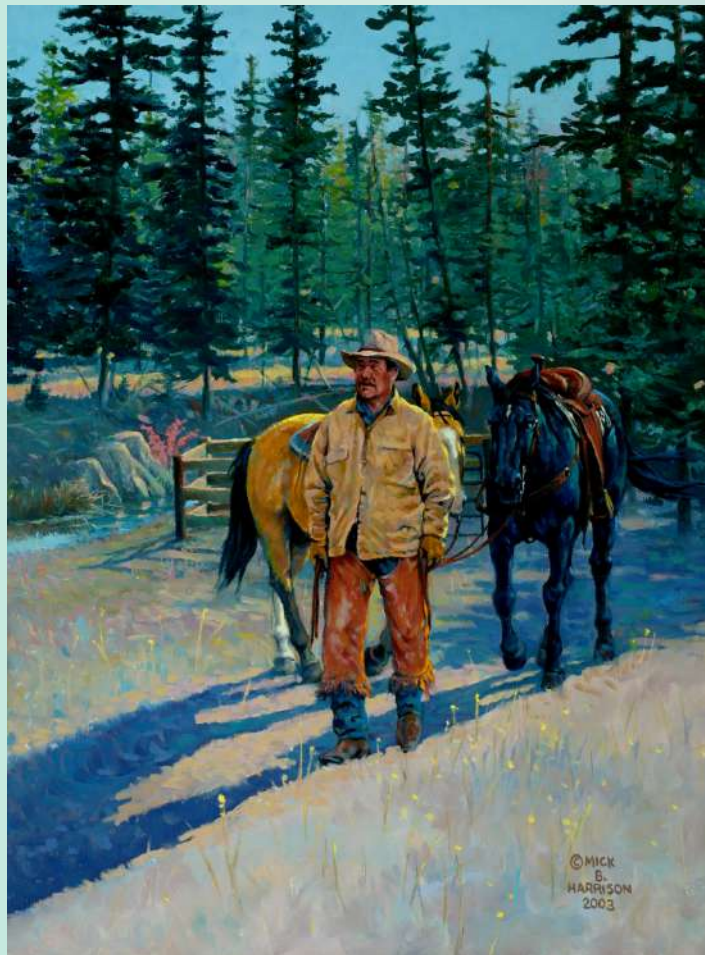
Lynn Gustafson and Linda Matthews went to Bowman, on Tuesday, to stock up with groceries. Bruce and Lynn made a business trip to the Hills on Friday. Bruce is enjoying being able to come in and watch his evening TV, rather than have to make supper and do housework.

He is glad to have Lynn home from the south. On Sunday, they went to church at the Little Missouri Church, in the morning, and went to the Methodist Church Soup Supper in Camp Crook, that evening. They enjoyed getting to visit with friends. Pete Anderson attended the Methodist Soup Supper on Sunday, too, and did some visiting.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to Buffalo, on Wednesday afternoon, for the retirement information seminar at the bank. On Thursday, they went to Buffalo to watch the basketball games between Harding County and Belle Fourche. Their grandson, Gavin Pearson, was on the Belle Fourche team, and the games were exciting. Marlee went to Belle Fourche

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on Friday, for a tax appointment. She stayed to watch Cade Pearson, Kymber, Kynlee and Barrett Cordell play basketball at the community center. Then Kymber and Kynlee played at Sturgis, and she drove over there. Marlee got home early on Sunday. She and Alvin went in to Camp Crook for the Methodist Soup Supper. Alvin also got to watch some of the football game down at the Corner Bar. During the week, Alvin, Ryan, Charlie Castile and his brother and cousin got much of the corral rebuilt at the Horton place, and they are hoping to soon have the new shed ready for calving.

Julia Davis got to work all three days, this week. The travel was not quite so hazardous as when it was 30 below zero. They got their dry cows to town on Thursday.

Aislinn Overhold had not been to a cattle sale, so she went with Doug and Morgan Buck on Friday to St. Onge to watch cows. Alfreda Davis went, also, and she and Doug bought some cows from the sale. On Saturday, Laurice Callahan and Lora Tauck came out to visit their high school classmate, Julia. They decided

Julia needed some cheering up, so they brought flowers and goodies for an intimate party. Laurice gave Doug a haircut, because he needed it. Maybe his face needed one, too, but nothing was said about that. On Sunday, while Julia and Doug were watching football playoff games, they were still enjoying the snacks the girls had brought the day before. Morgan Buck had spent the weekend at home in town, and hopefully his water problems are getting solved, now.

Junior and Shirley Melum were enjoying the sunny warmer days. Shirley had received one of her quilts back from the Miles City quilter, and stated that the quilting is beautiful. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to the Martha Holsti funeral in Spearfish, on Saturday. Rachel and Tommy were headed out to a ski party with the Baker youth group on Sunday.

Bryce, Dawn, and Dorothy Padden headed to Buffalo, on Monday, to watch the Harding County girls play basketball. Then on Friday, was the wrestling meet at Belle Fourche, and Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy enjoyed a day of wrestling. On

Saturday, Dorothy was back to Buffalo for both the boys' and girls' basketball games, that were spread throughout the day.

Karen Odell got some trash burned out in the snow, before it melted this week. She wrote some more church music, and did some painting. Hywel went with her to Camp Crook on Wednesday, to get some groceries at Wolffy's, and mail some letters.

The mud hindered outside work, but the nice sun was great for sitting and reading. She had written another song to practice on the piano, and even the UPS man had noticed the music. On Sunday, Karen went to Camp Crook for the Methodist Church Soup Supper, and it was delicious. She stopped to visit with Yvonne Yoder, and mailed some letters at the post office. She talked to Micki and Murphy Hinds, on Sunday afternoon, and they were planning another weekend of skiing in Washington's mountains. It must be nice to have the warmer ocean weather and also be able to get to the snow by just driving for an hour or two.

Did you ever wonder where the Interstate Highways in Hawaii go?

Highway 385 project will close road critical to \$2 billion Black Hills tourism industry

Bart Pfankuch
SD News Watch

HILL CITY, S.D. – Hill City School District Superintendent Blake Gardner is trying to plan well in advance for major disruptions to student and staff transportation that will result from a \$72 million project to rebuild 15 miles of U.S. 385, the only major north-south route through the central Black Hills.

The three-year project will include five separate complete closures of the winding two-lane highway that flows amid scenic lakes, giant rock outcroppings and dramatic ridge lines but which also has a high rate of crashes and fatalities.

Gardner calls U.S. 385, which connects Custer State Park on the south to the gambling destination of Deadwood

on the north, the "backbone of Black Hills travel."

The two-lane highway provides access to Pactola Reservoir and Sheridan Lake. The road is also a pipeline to Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Crazy Horse Memorial and helps fuel a regional tourism industry that brought \$2 billion in revenue to South Dakota in 2021.

Gardner is just one of thousands of people who live, work or vacation in the central Black Hills. He's coming to grips with the delays, detours and general disruption that will be caused by construction on the road that's critical to commerce, emergency services and daily life for residents.

"It's going to be a tough situation for a lot of people,"

Gardner said. "But we're looking at it as a very necessary inconvenience."

For Gardner and his team, plans now include shifting the entire annual school schedule for one year or possibly two to reduce the effects of road closures that will add an hour of daily school bus travel time for about 30 students and a handful of school employees.

"It's going to be a very impactful project," he said, "but from a safety standpoint, we can all support this."

Five separate closures planned

U.S. 385 will be closed entirely at five points over two separate time frames during the construction that will be done from spring 2024 to winter 2026 from the Penning-

ton-Lawrence county line on the north roughly to Sheridan Lake on the south. The closures will require detours that will include a roughly 40-mile trek through Rapid City.

The construction project will include widening road shoulders, smoothing out sharp curves and adding turn lanes to make the road safer for travel.

To do so, the state Department of Transportation will need to clear trees, blast rock, enact lane closures with use of pilot cars and close the highway completely at five separate locations for up to months at a time. Traffic on U.S. 385 has already been affected due to tree-clearing that began in November and is the first step in the project that will also include resurfacing.

Highway closures near Pactola will take place roughly from May to July 2024 and

again from October 2025 to April 2026. During those times, access to the Pactola boat docks and marina will be limited. Closures near Sheridan Lake will occur from April to June 2025 and from August to October 2025. Some holiday, weekend and Sturgis rally road openings will take place.

Run-off crashes common on roadway

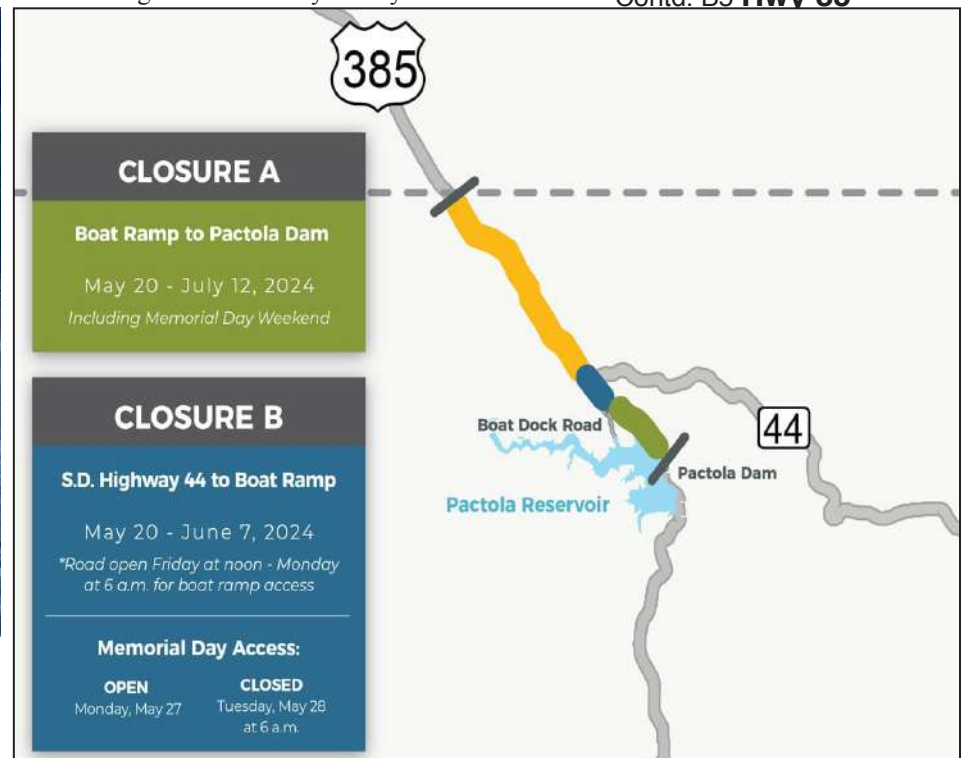
The overall crash rate on the 15-mile stretch of highway being rebuilt is more than double the state average, according to DOT data.

In the five-year period from 2018-2022, 187 crashes were reported, with four fatalities and 57 injuries. A third of those wrecks and most of the deaths occurred when motorists left the roadway, which in spots has almost no shoulder space while closely abutting rock walls or rimming atop significant drop-

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Motorists in western South Dakota should get used to seeing signs like this during a rebuild of U.S. 385 between spring 2024 and winter 2026 that will result in several complete closures of the only north-south highway through the heart of the Black Hills. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch /South Dakota News Watch)



Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



While other parts of the state have enjoyed temperatures well above freezing, western South Dakota has been enjoying temperatures above 50 degrees. Since there's been a nice warming trend, it has created a bit of mud and standing water in places, while other areas have been able to dry out. The goal for this week is to dry some of those mushy areas to make them free of ice for the colder days ahead.

The Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo is in full swing. Saturday was an extremely busy day at the Stock Show in Rapid City. It seemed to be flooded with people from all over the area. It was likely due to the mild weather and looks to be somewhat of an indication that the full week will be very well attended this year. Parking is even more limited than usual since they now have livestock in the larger parking lot on the east side of the Civic Center, north of the Holiday Inn.

On Thursday of this week the Military Dining out will take place in Pierre. Some of the veterans from Meade County typically attend as does Lt. Gov.

Larry Rhoden and our legislators . . . National news is not getting any better after hearing that a number of US Troops were attacked by Iran and 3 Army soldiers were killed in Jordan. Twenty four were wounded. There are some soldiers from South Dakota who were deployed to Jordan before the holidays. They apparently were moved so they are safe.

When we got out of the sub zero temperatures last week folks were more than ready to get out and socialize. Rural Neighbors had a nice turnout of 24 people last Thursday in Union Center. They had three tables of cards being played. They played Hand & Foot at a table while another played Farkle. Another table played dominoes so there was lots of fun competition, conversation and many yummy treats. All in attendance enjoyed this special time with friends and neighbors. All are welcome when they hold it

As a reminder of Valentines Date Night at Red Owl Hall, and will take place from 5:00 – 7:00 pm pm Saturday, Feb.17. Kaye or Dean Andrews, or

Judy Matt are who to contact or one may comment questions on Red Owl Community Facebook page.


The South Dakota Federation of Republican Women will hold their Legislative Day on Monday, Feb.5. One of their speakers will be Jack Brewer who is a great advocate for children and fathers. He is an 3 time NFL Team Captain and has done very much for those in need. We will also be meeting with the Supreme Court Justice Jensen at the Capitol as well as others. Some will tour the Capitol while others will go up into the Dome. It is always a great day for SDFRW members to see what is happening during the legislative session.

In an effort to make Meade County safe for everyone, the Sherriff's office put out a notice that they would be spending time on the New Underwood road. There have been issues with speeding. So they gave notice that they were going to be out there looking to slow folks down, encourage the use of seatbelts, and making sure those who have had too many alcoholic beverages are not endangering other people's lives. Thank you to Meade


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offs.

The DOT's goal is to cut the crash rate on the segment of highway by 50%, largely by eliminating tight curves, expanding sight lines for motorists or expanding shoulders from 2 to 8 feet, which has a proven success rate in reducing run-off wrecks.

"The safety enhancements designed into the Highway 385 reconstruction projects are significant," Rich Zacher, Custer area engineer for the DOT, wrote to News Watch in an email. "Safety is at the forefront of this project for local residents, area commuters and tourists."

Project communications criticized

A pair of business owners interviewed by News Watch expressed concerns that the DOT has not done enough to mitigate the potential effects of the project on the tourism industry and has not adequately informed the public or business owners about the planned disruptions.

Wes Shelton of Rapid City is president of the Educational Travel Institute of America, a group that helps arrange travel opportunities in the Black Hills, and also a board member at the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. He said he continues to run into people and business owners in western South Dakota and

beyond who are unaware of the project, especially about the planned closures of U.S. 385.

"It's going to hit a lot of people unexpectedly," he said.

Shelton, who has deep ties in the tourism industry, said the state has not done enough to inform business operators outside the state that the road will be closed or reduced to a single lane of traffic. That lack of knowledge could impact the timing and possibly the safety of tour groups that rely on closely planned time schedules to make the trips effective.

In general, Shelton said he isn't convinced the state has done enough to prepare for potential emergencies or has made enough efforts to reduce the potential effects of the project on locals and visitors.

"Things have been told and things have been promised, but I'm not sure they (have) done enough to mitigate the impacts," he said. "I don't know if there's intentional efforts to mislead, but it's been sloppily done and it concerns me that the way the meetings have been done, that most people don't know anything about it."

"Make their lives miserable"

Nancy Evangelisto operates the Summer Creek Inn, an upscale lodging, dining and event business that survives largely on summer visitors who seek a peaceful getaway at a woodsy site just off U.S. 385 midway

between Sheridan Lake and Pactola Reservoir.

"I'm a little distressed about it," she said. "It's going to have a significant impact on our business."

Evangelisto said she feels the needs of business owners have not been taken enough into account by DOT, for example, in regard to the rock dynamiting process that she was told will occur both during the day and at night.

Evangelisto also wonders if better options could't have been found for the timing of the road closures and the location of detours that could have been shorter in length and time.

"I understand the need for it, but a lot of the businesses are concerned about the total shut-down of the highway during the height of the season," she said, adding with a slight chuckle, "It's like they said, 'Let's just make their lives miserable all the way around.'"

DOT makes outreach efforts

DOT spokeswoman Julie Stevenson denied a request from News Watch to interview an expert on the project. But she said in an email that the department has taken great steps to inform the public and affected stakeholders about the project and its possible impacts.

The state has built a website devoted to the project and has more than 620 people receiving correspondence with project

updates, Stevenson said. The state held a workshop for emergency service operators to educate them about the project and to share ideas to ensure fire, medical and law enforcement operations are impacted as little as possible.

The agency held several workshops and presentations with tourism groups across the Black Hills, including at the annual meeting of the Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association, which has 488 member businesses.

Michelle Thompson, CEO of the association, said she feels the DOT has done a good job of publishing public information about the project and listening to – and adapting to – the concerns of those affected.

She said the vast majority of tourism operators understand the need for the project and will find their own ways to keep tourists and their dollars flowing. Thompson has shared details on the construction with contacts at national trade shows and potential tourists who contact the association to let them know that disruptions in travel are likely but should not be seen as a deal-breaker.

"We certainly don't want to discourage people from coming here just because there will be road construction going on," she said. "While it will be painful the next couple years, we'll just make the best of it and do

what we can to keep things moving."

Dory Hanson, executive director of the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, said she has attended three meetings about the U.S. 385 project and is working to inform the chamber's 450 members and potential visitors about the travel disruptions.

"One of the things we're doing right now is just getting the word out," she said, especially about a detour process that will require tourists from the south to reroute through Rapid City and Sturgis in order to make it to Deadwood. "Right now, we're optimistic that our travelers are still going to find us."

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office, which is responsible for law enforcement in the construction area as well as for rescues at Pactola and Sheridan lakes, is well prepared to respond to emergencies during the construction, Sheriff Brian Mueller said.

"We have been involved and monitoring this project from the start," Mueller wrote to News Watch in an email. "We have been sending staff to the community and stakeholder feedback meetings and have been routinely providing our own feedback. They have been working with us to keep an emergency access open to the lakes for emergency response."



Shoulders are narrow and drop-offs are deep in many locations along U.S. 385 in the central Black Hills, including at this site between Sheridan Lake and Pactola Reservoir. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)

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Spring 2025 - Fall 2026



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124 years ago – THE TIMES February 12, 1899

REBELS' DEADLY WORK Filipinos Open Fire on a Train and Two Americans are Killed A Detachment of American Scout Then Kill Six of the Rebels Manila, Sept. 22 – The insurgents destroyed a train this morning near Angles. They opened fire on the passengers as they escaped from the cars. Two Americans were killed by their fire and five were wounded. A detachment of armed scouts aboard the train charged into the thickest of the enemy and routed them completely. They left six dead. The regulars are now clearing away the wreck.

Fire consumed the main building of the VVV cattle ranch, a short distance up the river from Belle Fourche Wednesday morning. It was a good building of several nicely furnished rooms and was occupied by a man and his family who are employed to look after the ranch. J.T. Craig, superintendent for the company that owns the ranch, was reported to have been quite seriously burned in the attempt to save some of the articles of furniture in the building. The building its contents were insured.

100 years – The Northwest Post February 7, 1924

NATION MOUNS DEATH OF WAR-TIME PRESIDENT

Woodrow Wilson Gave Up His Gallant Struggle and Passed Peacefully Away at His Home in Washington Last Sunday Morning Washington, D.C. Feb. 4 – After hovering on the brink of death for several days, Woodrow Wilson passed away at 11:45 Sunday morning. The causes of death were paralysis and hardening of the arteries, ailments with which he had to contend since his breakdown in 1919, when on a western speaking tour. Saturday night he was barely conscious. Knowing that the inevitable end was near he had expressed his readiness to cross the divide to the unknown beyond. He was free from pain and resigned in spirit. Either Mrs. Wilson or Dr. Grayson, his personal friend and physician, remained with him continuously to the end. Downstairs were assembled members of the family and a few intimate friends. There were many callers but few were admitted. When unable to speak he was able to recognize those about him. Senator Lodge, who was strongly antagonistic to the president and his European policies during war time, today spoke eulogy of him as a man

of high ideals and character.

Washington, D.C., Feb 5 Only a few months ago the entire nation mourned over the death of its chief executive, President Harding. Today the nation is again in mourning for his predecessor, Woodrow Wilson, who occupied the White House for eight years, the most momentous in the history of this nation since the Civil War. Both supporters and opponents of the dead unite in paying respect to his memory. Mrs. Wilson negatived all proposals for an imposing state funeral. The services will be simple, and interment will be made in Bethel chapel.

75 years ago – The Belle Fourche Daily Post February 4, 1948

Bids To Be Sought On New Water Tank How Belle Fourche's new assessor-inspector plans to handle the assessment problem here, and a plea for an increased assessed valuation of the city were heard Monday night by Belle Fourche's city council at their regular monthly meeting. W. S. Mendenall, inspector-assessor, explained to the board, using charts and a graph, the system he has worked out for an equalized assessment of homes in Belle Fourche. Supt. W. Marvin Kemp, speaking on behalf of the board of education, pointed out to the city officials the problem which confronts the school district in the matter of securing funds for operation of the school. Kemp also suggested to the group that the city underwrite the community t help solve both school and community needs. The council referred the matter to the ways and means committee – Roy Nelson, J. A. Voyles and Walter Cunningham, and pointed out that the suggestions could be considered more properly at the board of equalization meetings in June. **Bids for Water Tank** The council also ordered City Auditor Lyle Miller to call for bids on the construction of a 1.5 million gallon water storage as soon as the city engineer can complete specifications for the project. Construction of the water storage tank will be carried out by funds secured under the \$125,000 bond issue approved by the people last spring.

Jaycees Get Enthusiastic Frist Meeting Turn-Out Organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Belle Fourche got off to an enthusiastic start here Monday night when more than 50 men gathered at the high school building to hear a discussion of the work of such



by Mary Buchholz an organization and to start the ball rolling on formation of a permanent group. Paul Sharp was named temporary chairman, with A. W. Grapes selected as temporary secretary. A meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 13 when permanent directors and officers will be elected and a constitution and by-laws prepared. Attending Monday night's meeting to explain the work of the Jaycees was James Gaffney, president of the Rapid City Jaycees. It was emphasized at the meeting that the Junior Chamber of Commerce does not seek to compete with the senior Chamber of Commerce, but seeks to cooperate with the other organization E. E. Edmondson, president of the senior Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting and extended good wishes of the parent organization.

50 years ago – The Belle Fourche Daily Post February 9, 1974

School Board To Talk About Borrowing Money

A resolution to borrow money is on the agenda for the Feb. 12 session of the board of education of the Belle Fourche district. This is the period when tax payments are at a low ebb and the district has run short on funds to the point where it will have to borrow money to operate until the 1974 tax payments start coming in. Also on the agenda for Tuesday will be recommendation on the purchase of two portable classroom units to handle the students which were moved out of the Washington building and have now been moved into the Roosevelt building under temporary arrangements. Another item will include a request for authorization for the building and grounds committee to meet with the city council to discuss work on Valley Drive Street near the South Park School. A report on the purchase and operation of the new developmental reading classroom near the Roosevelt school is also scheduled.

Commissioners Reject Sixth District Bill Butte county commissioners voted this week to reject an assessment from the Sixth Planning District. The Sixth district has established an assessment of 30 cents per capita for participating areas and communities bringing the county's share to \$2347.30. Commissioners feel, however,



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that they have not obtained services reflecting that kind of investment, and since participation is voluntary, they decided not to accept the assessment. The planning district has been serving an 11-county area in western South Dakota.

Predator Control Bills to Governor

Two laws, which sheepmen hope will help them in their struggle to control predators, passed the South Dakota

senate with little opposition Saturday and are now awaiting the signature of Gov. Richard Kneip. Both bills were authorized principally by Rep. Harold Millett (R-Reva) and had previously passed the house. One of the measures allow stockgrowers to form predator control districts and to assess themselves up to 25 cents per head of sheep and six cents per heard of cattle to fund such special districts.



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How to Destroy a Community in 5 Simple Steps

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



by John Newby

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

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

Make no mistake, local media plays a crucial role in fostering

community cohesion by informing residents about local issues, events, and opportunities. Neglecting local media in favor of exclusive reliance on social media platforms may result in misinformation and a lack of awareness about critical community matters. Social media, while a valuable tool, should not replace the role of local journalism in holding authorities accountable and providing accurate, in-depth reporting on community affairs.

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

The third step in promoting failure as a community is the lack of respect for property rights. Ineffective regulations and lack of enforcement against slumlords and trash generating lots will lead to the deterioration of housing quality, negatively impacting resi-

dents' health and safety. Failure to address neglect and substandard living conditions can create a cycle of poverty and despair within the community, discouraging investment and fostering a sense of hopelessness among residents.

The fourth step towards failure is the lack of encouragement to shop and spend locally. Supporting local businesses is essential for the economic vitality of a community. When residents consistently choose online retailers over local businesses, it drains resources from the local economy and contributes to the decline of small businesses. Local businesses are often the backbone of a community, providing employment opportunities, contributing to the tax base, and fostering a unique community identity. Neglecting to educate residents on the importance of supporting local businesses can lead to a weakened economic foundation.

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

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

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New Superintendent Announced

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NEWELL-During the Legislative Cracker Barrel, Representative Neal Pinnow and Senator Ryan Maher spoke to audience members and cautioned them to read any petition offered to before signing it. Many times, a petition is circulated by a group from out of the state of South Dakota that have no interest in the subject they are seeking signatures for. There are a number of petitions being circulated in the area, including an amendment to the SD Constitution establishing top-two primary elections, establishing a right to abortion in the State Constitution, an initiated measure prohibiting taxes on anything sold for human consumption, and an initiated measure repealing South Dakota's medical marijuana program.

Keep in mind that a person signing a petition must be a registered voter in South Dakota and it is important to be informed on the ballot question. A circulator must provide a handout that contains the title of the ballot measure, the Attorney General statement describing that ballot measure, contact information for that ballot measure's sponsors, and whether petition circulators are paid or volunteers. If circulators are paid, then the handouts must include their rate of pay.

Rep. Pinnow began the morning session with a few details of the 2024 legislative session.

"It's been fast and furious, so far," said Pinnow.

The past 17 days have not been filled with as much controversy as previous sessions. Discussion has been lengthy around the abortion issue. There is a petition being circulated that would legalize late-term abortions, denies parents the right to know when their underage daughter is seeking an abortion, and it allows taxpayer funding of abortions. More information can be found at lifedefensefund.com.

Pinnow has sponsored a bill that raises a property tax exemption for disabled vets. He has also been involved with bills covering eminent domain and other property rights.

Senator Ryan Maher has been involved in South Dakota legislation for 16 years and has been a member of the Appropriations Committee for many of those years.

He cautioned the audience that things are going back to normal with no influx of money from the federal government for Covid.

"We don't have a lot of excess money," he said.

One of the top issues is working out the financing for

the new men's prison needed in the state. The present prison was built in 1881 and is in disparate need of updating. Plans are being made for woman's prison also. He noted that the state already owns the land that the men's prison will be built on.

The "Sun Set Clause" for the state sales tax was addressed by both legislators. Sen. Maher explained that the clause was set to expire 2027 and be read-dressed. By removing the sun set clause, it would make the sales tax permanent at 4.2%. In the Senate is a food tax repeal, but Maher urged the audience members to vote no on that issue. He pointed out that it would wreak havoc on small towns since it would decrease revenue taxes to the town.

Pinnow brought out information on reforming the marijuana laws and pointed out that he is working on information on synthetic THC, prohibiting Delta 8, 9, and 0 and removing the ability to serve drinks infused with marijuana.

Mayor Ken Wetz explained that a reduction in the food tax could hit Newell with at least a \$35,000 deficit.

A member of the audience spoke up and asked it could be possible to make bills easier to understand. Rep. Pinnow said that sometimes the best thing to do is to simply kill the bill and start over.

The issue of foreign land owners was on the mind of many of the people in attendance. One member voiced concern and would like to see something that would curtail foreign ownership. He pointed out that even the wind farms are Canadian owned.

Pinnow and Maher asked the audience their opinion of the Governor sending National Guard troops to the southern border. Maher said that the cost could be over \$1 million dollars, but it is money well-spent to insure the safety of South Dakotans.

Pinnow said that the cartels are here in South Dakota now.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere was on hand to give further information on the threat of the open border.

"It's obvious the State is being infiltrated," he said.

Not only are drugs and terrorists entering the state, he said, but there is a human side to the issue. He gave the example that a non-government organization is receiving government monies, then using part of that money to pay cartels to bring people north.

"Catch and release is a joke," he said.

There is no process to get rid of the illegal immigrants, he continued when asked how law enforcement finds out if a

Third Grade Dips into a Fruit Bowl



Newell Third Graders learned the art of the bowl-fruit bowl that is! They joined together to make their Friday afternoon snack in the Newell School kitchen.

Courtesy Photo

Betty Bruner

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NEWELL-Mrs. Parker's third grade students enjoyed a brief time Wednesday afternoon in the Newell School kitchen preparing an amazing bowl of mixed fruit and a delicious dip to accompany it. Under the watchful eyes of Food Director Betty Bruner and Assistant Cook Marlee Sais, the students concocted two beautiful bowls of grapes, strawberries, kiwi,

and apples. Several students also carefully read a recipe and measured ingredients for a fruit dip.

The purpose of the exercise in the school's kitchen was to give the students an idea of how the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program benefits them every day during snack time. FFVP is a program which gives students the opportunity to try new and varied fruits and vegetables.

Each student went through

the process of washing hands, putting on a hairnet, and then donning gloves. Safety measures were explained by Marlee Sais as she showed the students how she prepares FFVP each day, beginning with temperature checks.

In the past, the fifth grade made salsa and took it back to their classroom. Future plans include making a vegetable tray and dip and visiting the lower elementary classes to explain nutrition ideas.

person is illegal.

Sherry Hocking, Director of the Ambulance Service explained a grant she had received to teach CPR to area residents. She has taught in the Ninth Grade and is moving to Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades. By March she hopes to be able to teach the High School. Then she will offer the classes to the community. There is no cost for the classes.

She urged the legislators to declare the ambulance crew as essential personnel.

An explanation of upcoming election dates was given by Butte County Auditor Annie Capp. Petitions are available for offices to be filled in 2024 which include US Representative, state legislators, County Commissioners, States Attor-

ney, County Treasurer, and Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen.

The timeline is as follows:

March 26-petition filing date

April 19-absentee voting begins for Primary Election

April 30-petition filing date for independent candidates

May 20-voter registration due to vote in Primary Election

June 4-Primary Election

June 7-canvass votes

June 13-post election audit

August 6-deadline to withdraw from General Election

September 20-absentee voting begins for General Election

October 21-voter registration deadline

November 5-General Election

November 8-canvass votes

November 14-post election

audit

More information can be found at the South Dakota Secretary of State website on voter registration and upcoming elections at SDSOC.gov.

On March 14, there will be a Butte County Election 101 class. Auditor Annie Capp will touch on all phases of Butte County's election process. More information can be obtained by contacting the auditor's office.

The morning concluded with one-on-one discussions with the legislators. The event was sponsored by WIT Coalition. WIT will be hosting a candidate forum in the future.

W.I.T. (Whatever It Takes) Coalition is a group of Butte County citizens united together to do "Whatever It Takes"

Cracker Barrel page 4



Mayor Ken Wetz was MC for the Legislative Cracker Barrel held in Newell on Saturday. Representative Neal Pinnow and Senator Ryan Maher were present to give the crowd updates and answer questions.

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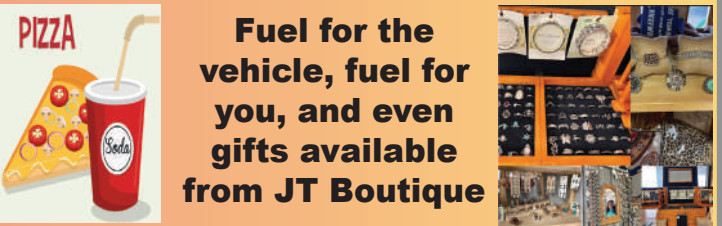
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Third Grade Learns about FFVP



Newell Third Graders listen carefully as Assistant Cook Marlee Sais demonstrates her process for preparing fruit for FFVP.
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Girls BB vs Faith



Rachel Erk, #13, hangs on to the ball and searches for a receiver during the Newell-Faith game.
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Grand River Roundup



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This was another nice warm winter week with even a little rain. The ice in Olson Creek melted and it was fun to listen to the water run through the culvert under the road headed down to the South Grand River. There was a temperature of 64 degrees on both Tuesday and Wednesday and I had to wear my overshoes outside every day to avoid all that welcome mud.

Our dog went missing on Monday and Tuesday, but thankfully Charlie showed up again on Wednesday. He must have been visiting the guard dogs that were up with the sheep north of the place and now those dogs come down here to visit Charlie and Slick.

Reub and I cut more firewood on Tuesday. Casey took the few Harding County wrestlers that weren't sick to Newell that evening and Missy went down to watch them

wrestle. That flu is still going around in Buffalo, but the little people here on the ranch have all healed up.

We went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon to get Reub's new glasses at Dr. Kludt's office. When we got home our dog showed up with a face full of porcupine quills so Reub had to get his pliers to pull them out. Maybe the porcupine quills were what made Charlie decide to come home! As the Harding County GOP Chair, I spent two and a half hours on a zoom call that evening about the GOP winter meeting in Pierre next week on February 10, which should be interesting.

It was 53 degrees with heavy fog Thursday morning when I took Copper down to catch a ride to Reva with the Parmelys, but the fog had lifted when I went down to Reva that afternoon to get Copper and Emerson Holmes off the school bus. All of Karli and Cody Holmes' kids stayed overnight

with Taz and Amanda's kids and all these little people really had fun. What a cute bunch of little kids! Reub and I cut more firewood that afternoon and it felt chilly that evening with the wind blowing, so I fired up the wood stove and warmed up the house.

There was heavy fog all day Friday and since it was Groundhog Day, I'm pretty sure the Groundhog didn't see his shadow. Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Fort Pierre that afternoon for the tournament Saturday morning. Karli and Cody Holmes came to get their kids Friday afternoon in more fog. I drove the pickup out to get the mail while they were parked in front of Amanda's house. I didn't notice their car when I swerved to keep from running over the dogs and backed into their car, denting the front fender! That had nothing to do with the fog, just my stupidity. When I went in to tell them what I had done, they just smiled and said "Don't

worry about it". Thank goodness I didn't bust the headlights so they could see to drive home when they took Copper and River Lu home with them.

The light rain Friday night left a tiny bit in the rain gauge when I went out in the heavy fog Saturday morning to dump the rain gauge, but it was still 44 degrees above zero. It only got up to 37 degrees on Saturday with heavy fog, but we got a few more drops of rain that day that left the ground wet enough that I had to wear mud boots outside. Casey was in Fort Pierre with the wrestlers on Saturday and Taz and Amanda went over to Holmes to bring the girls home that evening. Teri Dee and Mike called Saturday afternoon on their way to visit Mike's mother to see if we were using our new phones that they gave us and Reub actually took his with him that day after I showed him how to call people on his phone.

With the foggy rainy weather on Saturday, I spent most of the day reading Seaborn Ledbetter's little book "Last Riders of the Great Northern Range in North of the Black Hills" that Maurice Brown had printed. Seab was born in Texas on the Brazos River near Fort Griffin in 1887 and he came up the Chisholm Trail with his family and Longhorn cattle in 1897 when he was only 10 years old. He calls himself "old range man" in the book

and his older brother George Ledbetter, known as "Big Tex", he calls the foreman of the ML Bar when he tells about them running cattle along the South Grand River just west of us on land that now belongs to the Hackamore. Seab worked for Hugh Moulton, the foreman of the Bar H while they were running thousands of sheep in the "Slim Buttes Badlands". Their tall younger brother Joe, who they called "Little Tex", lived just north of Claude Olson's ranch on what is now the Ludlow Grazing Association and Seab talks about Reub's uncle, Claude and Inez Olson and their family. Seab also talks about Reub's grandfather, Delos Olson on the K/O, which is the ranch where we live now. I didn't get to know the "old range man" until he was living in the Don Pratt Manor, a retirement home for the aged in Belle Fourche, and I just loved that sweet old man.

With the awful things the government is doing to our country, I'll share this quote from Abraham Lincoln that Pastor Mohagen had in the church bulletin this Sunday:

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves. My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

January 29, 1914

The Nisland Community Club is advertising for a woman who wishes to wash for a living, in their town. There is a distinction between wishing to wash for a living and having to wash for a living

The Ladies Social Union will celebrate Newell's 4th Anniversary at the Congregational Church Monday evening, February 9 at 7:30. An excellent program consisting of music and readings has been prepared to celebrate the anniversary. The good program will be followed by a basket social.

John Anderson and Hans Amunson were around the first of the week and secured 45 signatures of who would wish to receive irrigation water on their lot in Newell for the coming season.

January 24, 1924

Owing to false reports, a number of Castle Rock neighbors gathered together and went to the home of a young man residing in the community to charivari him. They were much disappointed in learning he had not yet spoken the nuptial vows, but they are all hoping he will soon give them the chance to have a real charivari.

Our mail carrier, Mr. Al-twater, has turned inventor. He is now riding in a vehicle of his own invention, being a 2-wheeled conveyance with a closed top, plate glass windows, sliding seat and plenty of room for parcel post packages, etc. There is a sled runner attached which can be used when the snow is too deep for wheels. Altogether a classy rig.

F. J. (Mike) Sprung, formerly a Newell resident, was arrested last week at Sturgis on a charge of selling intoxicants to minors. Upon complaint that High School boys were having access to intoxicating liquors. At a preliminary hearing before Judge Hunt, Sprung was bound over under \$1000 bond, which he furnished. The investigation also involved Hank Hanlon, proprietor of Sturgis Pool Hall, where a barrel of beverage was found that proved to be "beyond the pale" of the 18th Amendment. He was also held under \$1000 bond. And as further punishment was compelled to see the officers pour some 25 gallons of his grape juice into the sewer.

January 25, 1934

The Newell Garage has been appointed official auto lamp adjusting station, with Fritz Johnson as official auto lamp adjuster. A high-grade, high-test gasoline suitable for

gasoline mantle lamps, stoves, etc can now be had at the Garage. Other new equipment has been installed and Ed Bushnell, proprietor, says they are all set to go.

Mrs. Gertrude Flyte, head of the Women's Division of the State Relief & Civil Workers Administration, last Friday announced the appointment of Mrs. Edna Fogh of Strool as Women's Relief Director for Perkins County. The Director of Women's work is members of the County Civil Works staff, giving full time to the county. W. L. Eales of the State Civil Works Administration has issued orders that any CWA employee found drunk on or off the job shall be summarily discharged. Once a person is placed on the CWA, he cannot be fired except for drunkenness, laziness, disobedience or conviction of a crime.

One piece of legislation that scooted through congressional hearing was the District of Columbia liquor bill giving Congressmen, Senators and Washingtonians the right to buy or drink liquor in the National's Capitol. The White House has 21 cars for the use of the President, his family and staff. The light trucks and small cars are

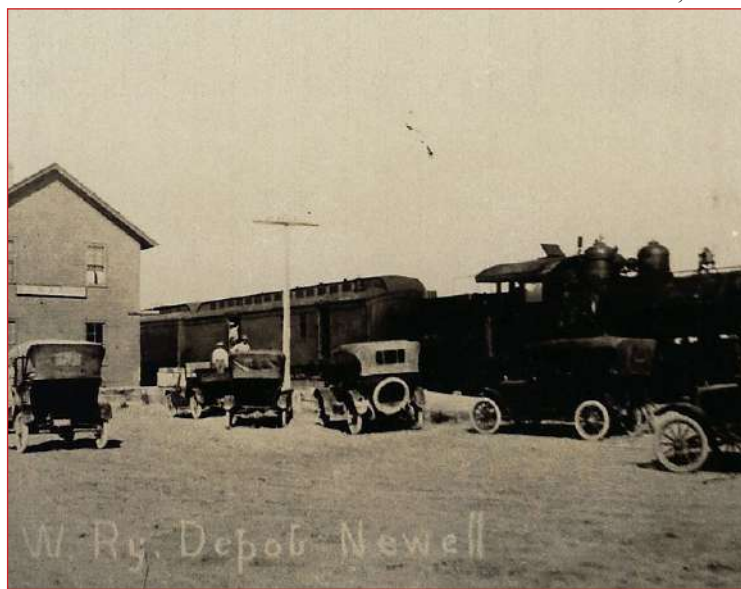
to Mare Island, near San Francisco where he has a job in the shipyards. Since he is not yet 18 years old, it was necessary to obtain his mother's signature and consent for this work.

Ivan Boe, after several days in a hospital in Deadwood for treatment of blood poisoning is back at Vale School, but is yet unable to return to his work at Brodsky's Meat Market.

In the midst of an all-time-high demand for pickles by the Armed Forces and civilian sources, Directors of Pickle Packers Association, forecast a shortage of pickles for civilians unless farmers increase cucumber acreage in 1944. Pickle shortage expected to be one and half million bushels less than a year ago.

January 23, 1954

Dr. J. F. Pokorny, Newell physician, was elected Chief of Staff and Medical Adviser of the Board of Trustees of the Belle Fourche Memorial Hospital at the annual meeting of the board last week. Also elected: Chairman of Board R. A. Smiley Belle Fourche; Vice Chairman Hugh T. Caton Newell; Secretary-Treasurer George C. Johnson Belle Fourche;



Depot of Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Newell (1918). Newell fought to have it moved closer to the Townsite, but case was settled in 1924 to keep it at its location south of town. -Newell Museum

Fords; the big official motors are Packards, Pierce Arrows and Lincolns.

January 21, 1944

The Newell School lunch room is in need of and will be glad to receive any of the following: forks, teaspoons and a kraut cutter.

Wallace Heisler, who recently graduated with high honors from High School at Boy's Town, is visiting his mother Mrs. E. H. Holt and sisters June and Bonnie in Belle Fourche. Wallace specialized in mechanical arts, lathe work and welding. Wallace expects to go

Board Members K. L. Arthur, Earl Clarkson and R. I. Howlette all Belle Fourche; Hospital Manager Oral Hemru and Superintendent of Nurses Gloria Meek. The Hospital served 801 patients from Belle Fourche, 304 from other communities and unspecified count others from neighboring counties and states.

With a break in the weather, Butte County Agent Kenneth Leslie conducted his annual 4-H lamb tour. He stopped at Jerry Heinbaugh; Karinen; George Breidenbach; Jordan; Lungren; Norman Williamson; Gilbert & Norman Wood; Dick Wilson;

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Mary & Jean Rank; Dennis & Linda Chowen; Everett Barber and Tom Richter farms. At Wilson's, the 4-H'ers crowded the lambs into a corner of Leonard's big barn. All at once the kids (also adults) scattered like quail. The Brown Swiss bull had charged and started over the fence. Dick's lambs were doing well before that point. "Ducky" Drake had the Vale Fire Hall warmed up at noon for the group where they ate lunch. At the end of the tour, at the Breidenbach Ranch, Mrs. Breidenbach served home made doughnuts and hot chocolate which made a fitting and filling conclusion of a hard good tour.

January 23, 1964

Certification of Jim McMains and his radio repair shop at the Newell Air Port was announced Tuesday by the Federal Aviation Authority, thus the Newell facility the only such in South Dakota and for a big area west of Minneapolis. McMains has operated a radio and television repair service at his ranch northeast of Newell for several years, has just completed installation of necessary testing and repair equipment at the City Airport and pass the FAA test for airplane radio repair and testing with flying colors. Both McMains and his shop were certified by the FAA.

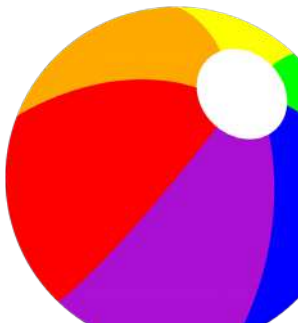
Feasibility of maintaining Vale High School for the 1964-65 year was considered by a large crowd attending a meeting

of the Vale PTA Monday evening. Superintendent Earl G. Boxa acted as moderator and introduced new Butte County Superintendent of Schools Alberta Follum. Panelists were Naomi Spaulding State Department of Public Instruction; Wm. Smeenk Butte County Board of Education Representative; Dave Lungren who explained finances, and Follum. It will cost over \$200 per student above the state aid and that taxpayers will have to make up the difference where the student attends. After much discussion, sentiment of some long-time residents was to keep the High School at any cost. Lunch was served by Mesdames Wm Keil; Clair Smith; Marvin Twombly; Paul Wright Sr; Claude Shuck; George MacKrell and Robert Matheson.

The Sourdough Mineral & Gem Club held a meeting last Thursday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Caton. Election of Officers was conducted: President Mrs. James Langer Spearfish; Vice President Edgar Anderson Newell and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. E. A. Lindstad Belle Fourche. Mr. & Mrs. O. A. Marscheider of Belle Fourche were welcomed as new members of the club. Discussions were held on recent rock hunting trips and Caton showed jewelry he has made. Lunch was served after the meeting. The next meeting will be in Nisland at the home of Mrs. Elsie Wood.



Fresnos in action building the face of Orman Dam 1906 The Ernest Family used this type of equipment to clear snow drifts on roads -Newell Museum



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Newell School Menu
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FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 5) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk	6) Maple Baked French Toast Squares, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk	7) Pancakes, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk	8) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	9) NO SCHOOL
Sub Sandwiches-Ham or Turkey, Potato Salad, Corn, FF, Fruit, Milk	Beef Tamale Pie, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk	Chili, Broccoli Salad, Sweet Rolls, Fruit, FF, Milk	Corn Dogs, Corn, Fruit, FF, Milk	
12) LINCOLN'S BD French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	13) Turkey Wrap, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	14) VALENTINE'S DAY Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	15) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	16) NO SCHOOL
Chicken Fricassee, Apple Crisp, Fruit, FF, Milk	Meatball Subs, FF, Fruit, Milk	Walking Tacos, Fruit, FF, Milk	Chicken Strips, French Fries, Fruit, FF, Milk	
19) PRESIDENTS' DAY NO SCHOOL	20) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Coleslaw, FF, Peaches, Milk	21) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Fried Steaks, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Fruit, FF, Milk	22) WASHINGTON'S BD Scrambled Eggs & Hashbrowns, Juice, FF, Milk Roast Beef, Sweet Potatoes, Cherry Pie Dessert, FF, Pears, Milk	23) NO SCHOOL
26) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Cuban Crispy Shredded Beef, FF, Peaches, Milk	27) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Taco Burgers, Green Beans, Pears, FF, Milk	28) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Shepherd's Pie, FF, Pineapple, Milk	29) Sausage & Biscuits, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Sub Sandwiches-Turkey or Ham, Corn, FF, Applesauce, Milk	2) NO SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change!
Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar

ENIGMA
CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "D" = "E"

"GJD YQNDS I WIP'V JDIF NDGV, GJD
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— IUGJKS UPRPKLP

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

Sudoku

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

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"Looking Forward to our Past"

February 5, 1914

W. C. Richards hereby withdraws the offer of a reward made by him for the return of 2 mares branded WO, this means if the horses strayed, the offer holds good, but if the horses were stolen it is not.

The most destructive fire that has so far visited Newell occurred early Monday morning and for 2 hours or more the very existence of the town hung in the balance. It was only by heroic work on the part of the firemen ably assisted by every citizen in town and including many women, that the fire was held in the alley lines. The entire stock and buildings of Montgomery Lumber Company went up in a big blaze at an estimated \$24,000 damages.

G. A. Fry, Principal of the public schools wishes to say a word of appreciation of the gift from Mr. M. W. Read to the schools, of a splendid mineral cabinet, composed of 100 of the principal mineral formations. This is certainly a timely gift, coming as it does at a time when we are starting out to set up the complement of a working school and the schools greatly value the same.

January 31, 1924

These sunny days are beginning to melt the snow drifts. However, W. H. Ernest and son Ervin helped old man sun a little by using a fresno and cleaning up the big drifts which were blocking the highway south of the Horse Creek Bridge.

The Newell Depot controversy finally is settled, the Northwestern & Chicago located some distance from the Townsite to Newell has been trying to get the line extended and the depot moved nearer to the Business District. Recently the Railroad offered a compromise which the city accepted thus ending the case that has been in the courts for several years. The depot will remain at its present location, but the railroad will pay the city \$4,000 to improve the road between the depot and city.

Rapid City word of opening up a recently discovered cave is progressing rapidly. When opened a gust of wind came from the interior. It is thought there may be direct connection with Wind Cave or Crystal Cave or both, as neither has been explored to their limit.

February 1, 1934

The Newell High School is going to have journalism on a small scale in English III on Thursdays. The reason for this is to improve our school paper, "The Chinook". Articles will be

by Linda Velder

written by the pupils, who will get credit for them.

President Roosevelt late today signed the bill giving the treasury title to the gold in the Federal Reserve banks and bestowing on him the power to devalue the dollar by from 40% to 50%. The President devalued the gold dollar at 59.6% of the former weight. The new gold dollar will contain 15 and 5.21 grains of gold nine-tenths fine.

The members of the local school board made a business trip to Belle Fourche on Monday. At the school meeting held last Saturday the patrons voted to move the Doody School house close to the Castle Rock School house.

"Bootleg" insurance companies operating in South Dakota or which are trying to operate in the State, have been warned by W. J. Dawson, Commissioner of Insurance and simultaneously Mr. Dawson has taken occasion to warn the public. The widespread high pressure activities of several companies described as "fly-by-night" concerns, he advised the public not to patronize companies which do not comply with State insurance laws. The best policy in doubtful cases is to ask the representative to produce his license to sell insurance in the State.

February 3, 1944

Ray Kenneth Wilson, W.T. 3/c, writes his parents Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Wilson, Vale, that he is one sailor who has every reason to thank his lucky star that he is still alive. Last November his ship was torpedoed and a hole ripped in the side large enough to run a railroad train through. His bunk and locker were blown to bits, so he lost all his personal belongings. What a day and night that was he claims. That time he was lucky to be on duty instead of lolling in his bunk. The ship is going in for repairs.

Under the strenuous demands of night and day hauling trucks will give out, parts will



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Butte County Auditor Annie Capp
Betty Bruner photo

to help form cohesive partnerships within the community to raise awareness and provide prevention efforts for the education and development of Butte County residents of all ages.

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Sherry Hocking shared information about the Ambulance Service.
Betty Bruner photo

shop foreman, Martin Scott. So when your truck needs service, remember Martin.

All weather calculations based on the ground hog and his shadow will have to be called off this year. With so much crusted snow atop of his hole, the little hog was grounded for good yesterday. Of course if he could have been out, his shadow would have loomed large.

February 4, 1954

Explorer Crew of the Newell boy Scouts are planning an area model airplane and kite

flying meet in Newell sometime in April, it was announced the past week by Harry E. Weakly, Crew Advisor. The meet would be open to all comers, with flying contests for various types



Above: Orin Youngberg, 14, looks for an Irrigator to pass to while Faith Longhorn #11 tries to block him.

Photos by Betty Bruner

Below: Braylee Freytag, #20, circles around Faith Longhorn Ann Ulrich, pushing toward the basket. Rachel Erk, #13, sets ready to help.



of airplanes and also different types of kites.

The North Hilan Telephone Exchange met at the Carl Orwick home on Thursday. New officers were elected as follows: President Helmer Piekola, Vice President Carl Orwick, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Reuben Stonelake and Directors of the company are Harold Nelson, Alex Meyers and Hugh Kayras. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Carl Orwick assisted by Mrs. Clem Velder at the close of the meeting.

Cecil Chamberlain, Chicago & Northwestern Depot Agent at Newell for the past 6 years, has been named new permanent Agent at Sturgis, it was revealed this week. Chamberlain was Depot Agent at Oral before moving to Newell in 1947. He will replace C. V. Andrews Agent at Sturgis depot for 47 years. Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, Larry and Janis, will move to Sturgis as soon as Agent's quarters are readied. A host of friends and schoolmates who are sorry to see them leave, but join in wishing success in new location.

January 30, 1964

Plans are complete for the 4th Annual Old Friends of Vale get-together supper and

entertainment program at Vale Community Hall this Saturday, February 1st; it is announced by R. D. Long Master of Ceremonies for the event and Mrs. Guy Tucker, Secretary of the organization. The gathering will start with a pot-luck supper at 5:30 PM to be followed by special entertainment, including exhibition square dancing. The program will also include the Oliver Rose, Milberg and Beal families' stories and possibly others. A dance will follow the program.

Skating parties were enjoyed all over the county this past week: about 20 8th graders enjoyed a skating party at the Rudy Jaskela farm where Connie Hafner and Judy Jaskela treated the group lunch after the skating party; Beverly Hukil hosted a skating party for several young people on her parent's pond, Paulette Longpre assisted with refreshments; Randy Smeenk gave a skating party at the Stanley Smeenk Ranch near Twilight where the Jack and Bill Smeenk families participated and also the Prairie Pals 4-H Club sponsored a skating party at the Bill Swan, Jr. ranch, several member families attended and furnished hot dogs, chips and hot cocoa.

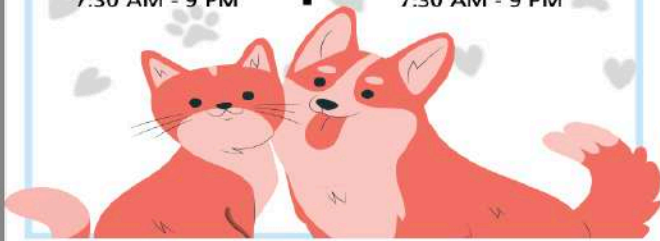
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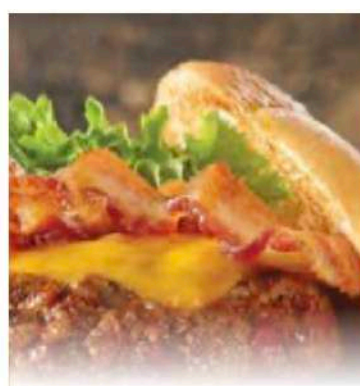
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8 oz.
\$1.19



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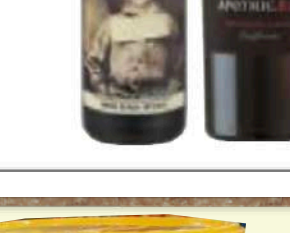
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Owl Creek Organics

Owl Creek Organics is a small business located in Arpan, SD. Owl Creek Organics is named for the live creek that runs through the farm. Jams and honey can be enjoyed in just minutes on toast or on sandwiches, in tea or in coffee, in hot cereal or sometimes just plain! The Jams and Jellies are made with only certified organic fruits and wild berries and are sweetened with honey.

You can see their storefront at 12130 Sagebrush Rd Nisland, SD. Check the website for times.



Sudoku

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

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

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Game fish
- Gr. Mars
- Sheep's cry
- Voucher
- Jaguarundi's color phase
- Compass direction
- Otary (2 words)
- Girl Scouts of America (abbr.)
- Handwriting on the wall
- Broad structural basin
- Old Gr. coin
- Baptism font
- Political action committee (abbr.)
- Dayak people
- Cost-of-living adjustment (abbr.)
- Guido's note (2 words)

DOWN

- Before common era (abbr.)
- King of Israel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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

3 Father
 4 Office worker's skill
 5 Bronze Roman money
 6 Cereal grain or grass
 7 Part of QED
 8 Amer. shrub
 9 Electric unit
 10 Able-bodied seaman (abbr.)
 11 Literary collection
 16 Account entry
 20 Resin
 22 Fetish
 23 Eucharist spoon
 25 Lamb
 26 Death rattle
 27 External covering
 28 High (pref.)
 29 Wary
 31 Tiber tributary
 35 Arena
 38 Comparative ending
 42 Triangular topsail
 44 Perch
 46 Water (Fr.)
 48 Growl
 49 Old heating apparatus
 50 Civil Aeronautics Board (abbr.)
 51 Five-iran piece
 53 Compass direction
 54 Detective
 55 Brother of Shem

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ENIGMA™ Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "D" = "E"

CRYPTOGRAM

"GJD YQNNDS I WIP'V JDIF NDGV, GJD DIVQDS QG QV GK AQOO JQV VJKDV."
 — IUGJKS UPRPKLP

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

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Puzzle Answers on C4

Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn

An educational opportunity for the community to network and to learn more about mental health conditions.

Every 3rd Friday of the month at Noon
Venue 519
 519 5th Ave. Belle Fourche

\$10 to cover catered lunch (optional)
Meeting is Free to All

To Reserve Your Spot, Please Register:
 Email: bfgmc@midconetwork.com
 call 605-892-2405 or text 605-210-2909

Presented by:
Spearfish Counseling Center & Belle Fourche Methodist Church

Upcoming Lunch & Learns

- February 16 – BiPolar Disorder
- March 15 – Attention Deficit Disorder
- April 19 – Self Care for Mental Health
- May 17 – Anger Management

www.bellefourchegmc.com

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC AT GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC

(1020 STATE STREET IN SPEARFISH)
 A SHOT OF PREVENTION IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE

DURING REGULAR MONDAY NIGHT CLINICS:
FEBRUARY 12
 MARCH 11 APRIL 8 MAY 13
 REGISTER BETWEEN 6:00-7:00PM

MUST MEET GSC SERVICE GUIDELINES
 (AGES 19-64, RESIDENTS OF NORTHERN BLACK HILLS, NO INSURANCE, FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE)

Immunizations which will be available

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

2024 FEBRUARY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining Come Join Us for Lunch Every Day 11:00am - 1:00pm 828 Kingsbury Street, Belle Fourche, SD			1 Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cranberries	2 Chicken Enchilada Garden Salad Refried Beans Pineapple Ice Cream	3 Deluxe Hamburger Potato Salad Bake Beans Mixed Fruit
	4 Baked Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Veggie Medley, Pineapple, Peanut Butter Cookie	5 Swiss Steak, White Rice, Broccoli, Pears	6 Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Applesauce, Snickerdoodle	7 Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges	8 Kielbassa, Peppers & Onions, Wild Rice, Peaches, Brownie	9 Salmon Patty, Baked Sweet Potato, Creamy Spinach, Fruity Jello	10 Deluxe Chicken Patty Sandwich, Creamy Broccoli Soup, Tropical Fruit
	11 Pork Chops & Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears	12 Turkey Ala King, Parslied Noodles, Mixed Veggies, Tropical Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie	13 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches	14 Pork Loin, Wild Rice, Veggie Medley, Cranberries, Pudding	15 Lasagna, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Pears	16 Beef Barley Soup, Garden Salad, Corn Bread, Mixed Fruit, Oatmeal Cookie	17 Chicken & Dumplings, Greer Beans, Mandarin Oranges
	18 Beef Stroganoff, Egg Noodles, Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Pears	19 Pork Stew, Garden Salad, Cheesy Bread, Peach Crumble	20 Hot Turkey Sandwich & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cranberries	21 Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Mixed Veggies, Tropical Fruit	22 Taco Salad, Tortilla Chips, Refried Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Ice Cream	23 Chicken Stir Fry, Steamed Rice, Egg Rolls, Asian Veggies, Pineapple	24 Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potat Wedges, Broccoli Salad, Fruity Jello
	25 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Brussell Sprouts, Corn Muffin, Mixed Fruit	26 Tuna Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Tropical Fruit, Dinner Roll, No Bake Cookie	27 Pot Roast & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Carrots, Pears	28 Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Tropical Fruit	29 Ham & Potato Casserole, Veggie Medley, Garden Salad, Peaches	1	2
	3	4	<p>For Home Delivered Meals Contact Karen 605-892-6285 Milk Served with meals daily</p>				