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## Liquor License Granted to New Business

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BELLE FOURCHE-The license for retail on-sale liquor made available due to an increase in the county's population was granted to Black Hills Experience by way of a drawing done by citizen Sue Broadhurst. During the Public Hearing, a question arose on the ownership of the competing venue, Silver Spur Ranch LLC, owned by Steve Jung, since his address was listed as Minnesota. However, the location is on on Wagon Wheel Trail near Belle Fourche.

The legal description for Black Hills Experience was in question as it was not complete. Owner Jared Capp was on hand to clarify the legal description and it was entered into the minutes as Tract BHT of NE 1/4 of SW1/4 in Section 5, Township 7 North, Range 2 East of the Black Hills Meridian. Section 5: that portion of the NW1/4 of SE1/4 and that portion

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## Tri-State Museum Addition Project Rests a few days



Last week's reminder of winter (the snow) brought the Tri-State Museum addition project to a halt. During more accommodating weather prior, the foundation for the addition was poured and is ready for a structure to start going up. *Beacon Photo*

## Belle Fourche Arts Council's Second Annual Photography Contest draws 67 Entries.

Kristi Thelen  
Tri-State Museum  
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche Arts Council held their second annual Rural Expressions photography contest during January and February. A culminating reception was held on Saturday, February 10, with judging, prizes awarded and a buffet of food and drink for those who attended.

There were sixty-seven photos entered in the contest, submitted by 19 contestants. Awards were offered in the categories of people, animal and landscape in both adult and youth divisions. People's Choice winners in each category were voted on by those who visited the photographs on exhibit at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center for a week prior to the reception and at the reception. Winning photos are exhibited at the Tri-State for a week after the reception.

The Belle Fourche Arts Council has 10 members and oversees not just an annual photography contest, but also a slate of summer concerts in Herrmann Park, and the 1903 Reader's Theatre Company.

"The quality of the photos was excellent, and judges were very impressed. Hopefully, this encourages people to continue to submit their work," said

Charlotte Dougherty, a member of the Arts Council. "It appeals to photographers because of the natural beauty of our area and what many of us do daily, in our lives. The animals; the landscape.

The Tri-State area is a rich source of inspiration for photography."

There were 65 people at the reception and many others who came during the day to see the exhibit and vote for People's Choice.

The number of participating photographers, submissions and even reception attendance has grown from 2023. The Arts Council is already planning for the Rural Expressions Photography Contest 2025.

This photo exhibition, contest and reception is a collaboration of the Belle Fourche Arts Council and the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

For more information about the 2025 Rural Expressions Photography Contest, please call 605-723-1200.

The winners are listed here. Adult Winners, People: First place Katherine George, "Contemplation of an Idea," Second place Charla O'Dea, "Final Farewell," Third place Olivia Jacobs "Adventures of Hendrix

and Jackson".

Adult Winners, Landscape: First place Nick Kroll, "Meditation," Second place Olivia Jacobs, "Misty Morning," Third place Roger O'Dea, "Late September".

Adult Winners, Animals: First place Janie Mcamis, "Have a Good A\$\$ Day," Second place Leith Sandness, "Last Resort," Third place Jane Doerges, "Snail Drops".

Youth Winners, People: First place Iona McGuiggan, "Wandering Warrior," Second place Bethany McGuiggan, "Early Summer Roping".

Youth Winners, Landscape: First place Iona McGuiggan, "A Mirror in the Sky," Second place Aleah Cassins, "Dry Creek," Third place Bethany McGuiggan "Early Morning Dew".

Youth Winners, Animals: First place Aleah Cassins, "Michelle's Eye," Second place, Bethany McGuiggan "Late Spring Shearing," Third place, Jack Johnson, "Friends"

People's Choice: Youth, Landscape: Iona McGuiggan, People: Iona McGuiggan, Animals: Jack Johnson. Adult, Landscape: Charla O'Dea, People: Katherine George, Animals: Leith Sandness.

More Photos A3 & A6



Adult winner Landscape Nick Kroll. *Courtesy Photo*

## LaFayette Appointed Belle Fourche City Administrator

Lacey Peterson

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Former finance officer Jason

LaFayette was appointed to fill the city administrator role during the Feb. 5 meeting of the

city council.

Mayor Randy Schmidt, who appointed LaFayette to the position, performed the procedural oath of office and presented a certificate of appointment to LaFayette during the regular agenda of the meeting.

LaFayette was hired with a starting wage of \$103,000 annual salary as an exempt employee.

He officially began the duties of the new position Feb. 6.

LaFayette was appointed the city finance officer in August 2022.

LaFayette filled the role that was left vacant for three months after Bob Nelson, Jr., who resigned the position in early November 2023. On Aug. 1, 2022, Nelson was sworn in as the city's first ever city administrator.



Mayor Randy Schmidt presents Jason LaFayette his certificate of Appointment as the new City Administrator in Belle Fourche. *Beacon Photo*

## Belle Fourche Business Improvement Districts (B.I.D.) establishment moves forward

Downtown Business District  
Special to the Beacon

A large group of downtown businesses and downtown building owners are willing to put forth business funds to create a better downtown experience for citizens, shoppers, and tourists. A B.I.D. (Business Improvement District) is a structured way to make this a reality.

Thursday, February 8th, a group of people who completed a survey consisting of questions regarding their knowledge of a BID and what they see and don't see downtown, were invited to a meeting to give more input. These people are citizens of Belle Fourche, homeowners, business owners, and parents. They brought fantastic ideas for future projects in the downtown BID.

The survey brought answers requesting more dining options, more retail options, beautification of downtown, and more family-friendly activities.

Moving forward with the BID is as follows: 1. Defining the District / General Project Scope—We Submit & Get Final Approval from the City Council. 2. Defining the Advisory Board for the District, Holding formal nominations and elections for this

board—We Submit/Suggest & Final Approval by the Mayor. Defining the Board Operating Procedures & Exact Project / Costs and Assessments—Elected Advisory Board Submits & Final Approval by City Council.

Some ideas that came up on February 8th were Movies in Rail Park (projected on the Belle Flowers east wall) and finding ways to capitalize on our rich history—we are MORE than the geographic center of the nation.

Signage campaign – prominent, like Wall Drug – signs are up to hundreds of miles away and yet; they've built a name and nostalgia about visiting "Wall Drug". Having a historical map – modern-day locations of historically significant events/buildings/people, etc.

Establishing consistent branding to use throughout Belle, perhaps considering paying for professional branding/marketing collateral to be developed.

Flower planters that are larger and self-wateringHistorical signage for buildings to tell the story—what/who/when. Utilize our green spaces better – amp them up, and make them attractive and inviting.

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Downtown business and property owners met at Venue 519 to discuss Business Improvement District (B.I.D) survey results and how to pursue making it a reality in Belle. *Courtesy Photo*

## Heartland Home Health & Hospice Expands Services in Black Hills & Surrounding Areas

Belle Fourche, February 15, 2024 - Heartland Home Health & Hospice is thrilled to announce its service expansion within the Black Hills and surrounding areas. As part of this expansion, Heartland Home Health & Hospice is proud to offer Hospice care to the Black Hills communities. Furthermore, we are excited to announce our recent acquisition of Heartland Senior Living, formerly known as Sandstone Senior Living, located in Spearfish. Although our organization has

grown, our unwavering commitment to providing the highest level of care to our patients and their families remains unchanged. At Heartland, we strive to make a difference by offering a continuum of care that encompasses spiritual, mental, and physical well-being.

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**Glenn Stephens 94**

Glenn Stephens, age 94 of St. Onge, went home to heaven with his loving family by his side at his home on Friday, February 9, 2024.

The funeral service was held Thursday, February 15, 2024 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. Visitation took place Wednesday, February 14 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Ashes will be spread on the family ranch.

Glenn's funeral service can be viewed live or following the service, from his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Memorials will be used for the United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche and St. Onge Cemetery.

Glenn Stephens was born June 1, 1929 in Deadwood. He was the son of Thomas and Marvel (Derosier) Stephens. Glenn grew up on the Stephens ranch near St. Onge until 1935 when the family moved to Lead. Glenn graduated from Lead High School in 1947 and attended Black Hills State Teachers College for one year. In 1949, Glenn moved back to the family farm. He was united in marriage to Dona Fae Twombly on July 22, 1949. Glenn and Dona met while they were ice-skating with friends at a nearby stock dam. To this union five children were born: Mia, Randy, Devin, Marci, and Harlan. Glenn was in the dairy business for 30 years, selling milk to Black Hills Milk Producers for which he served on the board of directors for 18 years. Glenn also served on the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and was a member of the St. Onge Fire Department for 45 years. He was also a member of the First Congregational UCC Church in Belle Fourche and the St. Onge Community Club.



In 1960 he received the Lawrence County Outstanding Young Farmer award and in 2021 the Lawrence County Conservation District Conservation Citizenship Award. Glenn's passions included farming, traveling, and wood-working. Glenn and his father planted all the trees at Foothills Ranch. He loved gardening and once had a garden that was as big as his house.

Glenn remembered his first jobs in life started when he was just 9-years-old.

His first was cutting hay with a five foot mower, pulled behind a team of horses for Gramp Derosier. When he was 10-years-old he led the "stacker horse" when piling loose hay on the ranch. He said the horses often knew more than he did when it came to those jobs. When he was 12 he started a newspaper route and used his first paycheck to buy a pair of snowshoes. At 14, he milked cows in the summer months for his teacher, Mrs. Kirtland, and at 15 he had a job changing tires.

Glenn is survived by his children: Mia (Ali) Tarkerhah of Colorado Springs, CO; Devin (Joann) of St. Onge; Marci (Larry) Dickson of Roanoke VA; Harlan (Bonnie) of Rapid City; 7 grandchildren: Nate Daniels-Stephens, Lauren Stephens Rahim, Jack Dickson, Megan Dickson, Denton Stephens, Mackenzie Stephens, Drew Stephens; and 3 great-grandchildren: Gray Dickson, Reid Stephens, and Waylon Bishop. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dona; infant son, Randy; his parents; and sisters, Donna Riley and Shirley Foos.



**Paul Ray Marrs 68**

Paul Ray Marrs was born on November 24, 1955, in Deadwood, South Dakota to Ray and Alice Marrs. Paul was the oldest of four siblings, Annette, Dan, and Kari, and grew up on the family ranch on White-wood Creek, South Dakota where he lived for his entire life.

Paul started his education in a one-room country school and then continued in Sturgis, graduating from Sturgis Brown High School in 1974. He attended Black Hills State College after high school, graduating in 1979 with a B.S. in Education. Paul worked at Wheeler Lumber during this time, learning the finer points of welding from his mentors. After graduating from college, Paul taught welding at Western Dakota Technical Institute for 18 years and then "retired" to full-time ranching with his father and brother.

During his youth, Paul participated in 4-H, showing cattle and judging livestock, and winning numerous awards and trips. He also loved working on machinery, welding, and building equipment.

Paul attended the Berean Baptist Church in Lead, SD, with his family and trusted Jesus to be his Savior at a young age.

As a young adult, the family started attending the Nisland Independent Community Church. Realizing that he had difficulty talking to people, Paul asked God to loose his tongue so that he could serve Him more effectively. As his faith grew and



his gift of speaking increased, Paul became actively involved in many areas of service for the Lord. He greatly enjoyed visiting other churches to tell people what God was doing through the Gideon ministry. He became a leader in the Nisland church, serving on the church board as Chairman for several years. Paul was also on the board of Steer, Inc. for many years and always loved visiting with the missionaries at the Missions Conference.

Paul married his beloved "Miss Linda" on October 19, 1991. Paul and Linda established their home on the ranch and welcomed their daughter, Kay, and sons, James and John, to their family. Next to Jesus, his family was the most important thing to Paul. He spent many hours at dance recitals, music recitals, 4-H events and fairs, pageants and loved every minute. Paul was incredibly proud of his family, recently adding a daughter-in-law, Emily, and loved them without reservation. He was most happy when the entire family was together.

Paul was called home by the Lord on February 10, 2024. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Linda; his children, Kay, James (Emily), and John, family, and friends.

A memorial has been established to the Gide-ons International and Rainbow Bible



**Karen Louise Edwards (Klingler)**

Karen Louise Edwards (Klingler), born in the spirited town of Belle Fourche, SD, on August 2, 1960, embarked on her grandest adventure yet, leaving us with a lifetime of memories on February 12th, 2024, in Gillette, WY. Known for her boundless heart and ever-present smile, Karen transformed every act of kindness into an art form, living by the mantra that a day without laughter was a day wasted.

After a storied career with the Campbell School District, Karen traded lesson plans for storybooks, retiring in 2020 to assume her most cherished role as 'Grandma Extraordinaire.' Her granddaughter, Emery, became the apple of her eye and the co-conspirator in cookie baking escapades.

Karen's green thumb was legendary; her garden was a vibrant tapestry of nature's palette, and she often joked that she was a 'plant whisperer.' Her love for the great outdoors was only matched by her passion for family expeditions. From the peaks of mountains to the depths of valleys, Karen was the family's tour guide to wonder.

She is survived by her intrepid explorers: son Chris Edwards, daughter Kalee Edwards, and



granddaughter Emery Edwards. Her fellow adventurers also include brothers, Kirk (Connie) Klingler and Keith (Pattie) Klingler, and sister Keelee (Ken) Frost. Karen's prelude was composed by her parents, Eldon Boyd Klingler and Agnes Lorraine Klingler, who set the stage for her beautiful symphony of life.

The curtain will rise for one final standing ovation at St James Episcopal Church on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 am, where friends and family are invited to share stories, laughter, and perhaps a garden tip or two. Kline Funeral Home of Belle Fourche, SD, has been given the honor of orchestrating Karen's last production.

For those unable to attend Karen's funeral service it will be live streamed in the link at the top of the obituary.

As we bid farewell to Karen Louise Edwards, let us plant seeds of joy in her memory, ensuring that her garden of love continues to bloom in our hearts forever.

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



**Steven Torgerson 69**

Steven Torgerson, 69, died February 15, 2024 after a multi-year battle with Huntington's Disease. Steve was born February 22, 1954 to Sherman and Blanche Torgerson in Deadwood, SD where he spent his early childhood. In 1967 he moved with his family to Spearfish where he attended school. He enjoyed playing a variety of sports while in school and continued to be active with hunting, fishing and horseback riding as an adult.

In 1972 Steve and Connie Derosier were married and the couple had two children: Stacey and Steven (Tyler). In 1986 Steve married Linda Phillips and the couple enjoyed 37 years of marriage.

During his adult life Steve excelled in several occupations including managing the family sawmill in Whitewood, millwright for Pope & Talbot sawmill, police officer for the City of Spearfish, and welder for Gillette Fence Manufacturing. Steve and his wife, Linda, also enjoyed operating their ranch and



raising horses. Steve is survived by his wife, Linda of Belle Fourche, daughter Stacey (Edgar) Munalem, Phoenix, AZ, and son Steven Tyler Torgerson, Spearfish; brothers Sam (Aleta) Torgerson, Douglas, WY; and Eldon (Anji) Garhart, Ashby, MA; sisters Sherry Torgerson, Portland, OR; and Dr. Ramona (Dr. Michael) Cosgrove, Fort Worth, TX. He is also survived by four precious grandchildren; Kelby (Sarah) Torgerson, Devon Torgerson, Tristan Munalem and Mahalia Munalem.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Stephanie Rada; and cherished step-father, John Garhart.

In following with Steve's wishes, there will be no funeral or cemetery service. His ashes will be scattered at a later date. An online guest book is available at http://klinefuneralchapel.com



**Conley P. Torggrude 91**

Conley P. Torggrude, age 91 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, February 17, 2024 at the Belle Estate in Belle Fourche.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. For current funeral service information, please visit the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Conley Paul Torggrude was born September 24, 1932 in Arlington, South Dakota. He



was the son of Melvin and Dorothy (Trumm) Torggrude. Conley served in the U.S. Navy. For many years he worked as a bus driver for the Belle Fourche School District. He also was a route salesman for Brown Swiss Dairy, selling all sorts of dairy products. One of them of course, was ice cream, and as a result his grandkids always called him "Ice Cream Grandpa".



*John 16:24*

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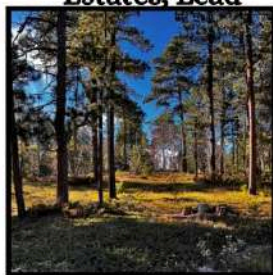


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Linda Elaine Lewis 64

Linda Elaine Lewis, aged 64, of Newcastle, Wyoming, passed into eternal rest on February 8, 2024 in Rapid City, South Dakota from cancer. Born on October 10, 1959, in Canton, SD, to the late Grace and Henry Olson, Linda lived a life marked by unwavering dedication to her family, a profound intellectual curiosity, and a deep patriotism.



battle with cancer with the same strength and resolve that she lived her life, leaving behind a legacy of courage and grace.

Linda leaves behind her beloved husband, Bradley Lewis; her children, Eric Anderson and Corey Anderson; her precious granddaughter, Grace Anderson; her siblings, Michael (Linda) Olson, Joyce (Howard) Steen, Harlan Olson,

Karla Rieb, sisters-in-law Delores Olson and Gary Robben, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and her beloved best friend Diane Gates. In addition to her parents, she joins in God's kingdom her brother Eldon Olson.

The family received friends and loved ones at a service to celebrate Linda's life on February 17th, 2024, at The Holiday Inn Express in Gillette, WY.

In lieu of flowers or mementos, those wishing to honor Linda's memory may send contributions to Meridian Mortuary, 111 S Railway Avenue, Newcastle, WY 82701, or contact them at 307-746-2986 for further information.

Linda Elaine Lewis's gentle soul and enduring love will forever be etched in the hearts of those she touched. She will be deeply missed, remembered fondly, and her spirit will continue to guide us. May she rest in peace.



April 13, 2024

Arts Council Photo Contest



Youth People winner Iona McGuggian (more photos on A6)

Pastor's Perspective

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

"I have overcome the World."



John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

There was one time a contest to see who could paint the best picture of a place of peace. One painted a picture of a quiet lake beside a mountain. There was no wind to cause ripples. It was a beautiful picture of quiet water.

The second artist painted a loud waterfall with an empty place between the falling water and the mountain. On a rock under the falling roaring water was a little bird eating a seed just as peaceful as could be. The bird had no concerns about the roaring water that was speeding by it and was completely secure.

In this world there are all kinds of dangers. People die in car accidents and other kinds of accidents. People are victims of crimes. There are all kinds of sicknesses that anyone can get at anytime. There are wars and rumors of wars all over the world today, with the possibility of WW III very soon.

There is much persecution of Christians in differ-

ent parts of the world.

But how comforting are the words of Jesus in this verse. Right in the midst of all kinds of dangers, we who believe in Jesus have a peace that the world knows nothing about. We have promises in God's Word that assure us that all is well with us no matter what is happening in the world.

Even if the world was destroyed, God's people are safe. Jesus said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Isaiah 41:10 says, "fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." God is infinitely stronger than any trouble we might have. Through Jesus' death on the cross as the payment for all of our sins, all who believe in Jesus will live with God forever in Heaven. Philippians 3:20-21 says, "But our citizenship is in heaven.

And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

From A1 County

of South 1/2, SE 1/4 line North of Redwater River.

Earlier during the meeting, the commissioners awarded the transfer of retail on-off sale malt beverage and SD farm wine retail on-off wine and cider, Sunday sales from Wagon Wheel Weddings LLC to Silver Spur Ranch LLC.

Steve Jung, owner, explained the history of the purchase of the property and plans for the future of the operation.

There have been some changes to Butte County Health Services that include more focus on school health, immunizations, and pregnant women prenatal and postpartum care. The Delta Dental bus has come twice and has done over \$67,000 worth of dental work in Butte County.

Deputy State's Attorney Edward Tarbay has resigned his position effective April 12, 2024. He has taken a position with the US Attorney's office. State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney said that

the case load transfer should be seamless, but it will cause a heavy load for one person, for example her office has opened 44 new cases with 77 charges.

The SA office has been experiencing issues in filling the position held by Tarbay such as salary, ability to do remote work, and politics in Butte County. There is one applicant to be interviewed in the upcoming week, but he must pass the bar before he can become a working attorney for the county.

Commissioner James Ager asked if it would be possible to contract any of the SA work. SA McCartney that it could be a valid option.

Public comments mentioned thanks to the commissioners for beginning to spend more time following procedures.

Dale Simanton acknowledged the selection process for a Planning Board member, stating that he appreciated their attention. He also commented on the amount of discussion on liquor licenses compared to the marijuana

licenses.

Sue Broadhurst thanked Auditor Annie Capp for her diligence on getting information online. She also thanked the commissioners for following Roberts Rules of Order.

Butte County Resolution 2024-14 (Amended), which is a resolution for the establishment of a fee to be charged upon redemption of a tax certificate was approved by the commissioners. The resolution sets "a fee of \$50 to be charged to the holder of a tax certificate to be paid out of the proceeds due to the holder of that certificate."

A letter of commitment to the city of Belle Fourche was signed by Sheriff Lamphere and Commission Chairperson James Ager. The letter set the preparation of an architectural plan that would include space for the offices of Butte County sheriff and Butte County Dispatch Center in a new building being planned for the Belle Fourche Police Department.

Once the design and estimat-

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comprehensive range of skilled and non-skilled services includes nursing, physical therapy, social work, homemaking, personal care, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. We are dedicated to ensuring that our patients receive the personalized care they need, tailored to their unique circumstances.

In addition to our physical care services, Heartland Home Health & Hospice also recognizes the importance of providing support to patients and their families during difficult times. Our bereavement support team is available to provide spiritual

and mental care, complementing our holistic approach to patient care.

Heartland Home Health & Hospice is excited to embark on this new chapter in bringing exceptional care to the Black Hills and surrounding areas. Our team is fully committed to fulfilling our mission and making a positive impact in the lives of our patients and their loved ones.

For more information about Heartland Home Health & Hospice and our expanded services, please visit the office at 319 Summit Street in Belle Fourche, SD or contact the office at (605)723-4663."



Heartland Home Health's Jesika Floyd and "able assistants" do the honors at recent Chamber of Commerce Ribbon cutting. Courtesy Photo

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## Bronc Boys go 2-0 Inaugural Tournament

**Kyle Wahlfeldt**  
Special to the Beacon

It was a successful weekend for the Bronc Boy's as they posted a perfect 2-0 record during the 1st Annual Belle Fourche Boys Basketball Classic at the Ed Patronek Gym.

Teams from across the state and Wyoming came to participate in the inaugural tournament including the Redfield Pheasants, Kadoka Area Cougars, Upton (Wyo) Bobcats, Lead/Deadwood Gold Diggers, and the Little Wound Mustangs.

Friday's only contest saw the Broncs handle the Redfield Pheasants 61-41 behind an outstanding offensive night for Sern Weishaar who had a season high 24 points including six from long distance. "Sern had a big game offensively but it started on the defensive side for him. He applied great ball pressure throughout the game," stated Coach Pottorff. Jet Jensen also had a good night scoring 14 points sinking four 3-pointers. Rexton Audiss chipped in 8 points and

provided a much needed boost on the defensive end. Nolan Wahlfeldt played a tough defensive game while chipping in 7 points while Jordan Sandoval and Emmitt Lipp scored 5 points and 3 points respectively. "We played with a lot of energy in the 4th quarter that sparked a run to help us close the game," added Pottorff.

The Broncs came out of halftime a little flat being outscored by the Pheasants in the 3rd quarter 17-11, but turned up the heat on Redfield outscoring them in the 4th quarter 17-2, which would be the difference in the game.

On Saturday, the Broncs would face an unfamiliar foe in the Kadoka Area Cougars. The first half would be all Cougars as they got the edge on the Broncs going into half time by a score of 24-20. But the halftime adjustments made by the Broncs on both sides of the court would be key as the Broncs outscored the Cougars 32-21 in the second half eventually taking the win 52-45. Jet Jensen led all scorers

with 22 points including four from 3-point range.

"He (Jensen) knocked down some big shots in the 3rd quarter to get our confidence rolling, said Coach Pottorff of Jensen's 3rd quarter heroics. Nolan Wahlfeldt would drop 10 points including a couple key steals that led to quick layups for the Broncs late in the fourth. Wahlfeldt was also a defensive headache for Kadoka throughout the game grabbing multiple rebounds.

Sern Weishaar also had a couple big steals for the Broncs that helped seal the victory. The Broncs found multiple players in foul trouble. Audiss, Wahlfeldt, and McKenna each ended the game with four fouls. "I was proud of how we stay engaged through some foul trouble and stay focused on what we can do to help the team," Coach Pottorff added.

Other games on Saturday saw the Lead-Deadwood roll past Redfield by a score of 51-82, and Upton taking care of Little Wound by a score of 55-39.

**Comets upend Broncs**  
The Rapid City Comets showed why they are ranked number one in Region 8A by destroying the Broncs 81-28 on Tuesday night.

The Rapid City Christian Comets scored almost 20 points before the Broncs finally scored on a layup from Sern Weishaar. The Comets tenacious defense and pressing the entire first half and into the third quarter did not allow the Broncs to find their rhythm, completely shutting down the Broncs leading scorers Jet Jensen and Nolan Wahlfeldt and forced Belle Fourche to rely on their bench for most of the game.

Carter McKenna led the Broncs with 8 hard fought points and Sern Weishaar was right behind him with 7 points.

### Scoopers Spoil Senior Night for Bronc Boys

A night of celebration for the senior boys was soured by a 70-36 shellacking courtesy of the Sturgis Scoopers on Tuesday

February 13th in Belle Fourche. Before the game the senior boys and girls along with their parents were brought before the hometown crowd and honored. Senior boys Rexton Audiss, Nolan Wahlfeldt, Jordan Sandoval, Jonah Musilek, Carter McKenna and foreign exchange student Quentin Hersant were recognized for their dedication to Bronc Basketball.

Sturgis controlled the opening tip and immediately went on a 12-0 run until Sern Weishaar scored on layup from a Nolan Wahlfeldt pass.

Throughout the game the Broncs struggled getting anything to drop, and Sturgis' consistent pressure forced a number of Belle turnovers.

"Sturgis is a big and physical team that was locked into their goal of applying pressure in the first half," stated Coach Pottorff.

Isaac Voyles came off the bench and paced the Broncs with 9 points followed closely

by Jordan Sandoval with 8 points including two from deep. Sturgis keyed on pressuring Jet Jensen who was relatively quiet throughout the evening only scoring 5 points including one three pointer.

Senior Nolan Wahlfeldt once again provided Belle with strong defense while battling underneath against a couple big Sturgis defenders. Carter McKenna ended the game with 4 points despite being bullied in the paint and ended up going 2-4 from the charity line.

Senior Jonah Musilek provided the Broncs with a spark sinking two well-timed field goals down the stretch.

"It's not the way you want a senior night to go but I have enjoyed coaching these guys the past few years and I am proud of who they are becoming as young men," Coach Pottorff had to say about his seniors. Belle hosted Faith (15-2) on Friday February 16th in the final home game of the season.

quarter when the Longhorns went on a run and the Broncs fell behind by as many as 10 points.

However capitalizing on forced turnovers allowed Belle to take the lead early in the 4th quarter. "I was proud of how we stayed confident and engaged when Faith took the lead in the 2nd half," said Coach Pottorff. Belle Fourche will Travel to Lemmon on Monday February 19th.

Belle Fourche Scoring: Jet Jensen 19, Nolan Wahlfeldt 12, Seth Weishaar 10, Rexton Audiss 5, Isaac Voyles 5, Carter McKenna 5, Jordan Sandoval 3

Three Pointers: Jet Jensen 3, Nolan Wahlfeldt 1, Rexton Audiss 1, Sern Weishaar 1, Isaac Voyles 1

## Bronc Boys Upset Faith

Jordan Sandoval's free-throws in the last seconds of Friday's game against the Class B 7th Ranked Faith Longhorns would prove to be the difference in the game as Belle gets a huge upset victory 56-59.

Faith (15-3) came to Belle looking for an easy win, however what they got was a hungry, determined group of boys who worked together as a team.

Nolan Wahlfeldt and Jet Jensen had the difficult task of defending the Longhorn's two leading scorers. "Jet and Nolan battled hard defensively against Faith's top two scorers by making every catch and shot attempt difficult," said Coach Pottorff.

Belle Fourche moved the ball well creating open shots and wore the game clock down when it mattered. Turnovers were limited, but creating turnovers along with tenacious defense were the two keys to Friday's win.

Jet Jensen paced the Broncs with 19 points, followed by Nolan Wahlfeldt with 12 points. Sern Weishaar, Carter McKenna, Jordan Sandoval, Rexton Audiss, Isaac Voyles and Gavin Pearson all had moments in helping defensive situations that held Faith well below their scoring average which has been in the sixties.

The entire game was within four points, that is until the 3rd



Head Coach Pottorff gives "time out" adjustment instructions to the Broncs. Hockenbary Photo

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### Lady Bronc's Beat Top Ranked Teams, Improve to 14-4

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The Broncos defeated the Custer Wildcats by 20 points on February 3rd to improve to an overall season record of 11-4. There were several Broncos with points in the score book, but it was Lily Nore with the hot hands that afternoon.

Nore established herself both under the hoop and behind the arc early on and kept that momentum to score nearly 20 points for the home team.

The Broncos took the win with a score of 54-34.

**The Rapid City Christian Comets** traveled down to Edwin Petranek Gymnasium on February 6th. The two teams have a lot of history with one another, matching up for a SoDak16 chance for the past four years.

Three of those four spots have gone to the Broncos, but last year it was the Comets who went home with the win.

Taking the lead with the first basket of the night, the Broncos stayed in front throughout the first quarter 11-7.

The first tie of the night happened a few minutes into the second quarter at 11. It was short lived, as the Broncos scored on the following two possessions on a Ward layup and an and-1 play by Reese Larson.

The Comets tied the score again 15-15 before Young drained a 3 pointer to take back the lead. A few more baskets back and forth and the score settled at 23-18, Broncos, to go into halftime.

The score reached 30-21 mid-way through quarter three when Sarah Juelfs had a put-back for two.

The Broncos scored two more hoops to Rapid City Christian's one to finish the third quarter with a score of 34-24.

The Comets started quarter four with back-to-back three pointers to get themselves back into the game. The Broncos answered with two layups of their own and score went back to a multi-possession lead, 38-30. Ward dished to Nore for another two points to regain their 10 point lead. Another pair of three pointers for the Comets and the score was within 6 at 43-37.

Nore and Larson combined for another four points and the score gained more distance for the Broncos at 47-37.

The Comets made 3 more points on a free throw and a

layup before Young made a free throw of her own. Seconds left on the clock, the Comets gained another three pints, but had to foul to stop the clock and Ward put in a free throw of her own.

The Broncos came away with the conference win, 49-43. Ward scored 19 points, Young had 15, Nore chipped in 7, Juelfs had 5, Larson had 4, and Nowiejski added a free throw for the Broncos.

Upon traveling down to number 14th ranked Hanson, the Broncos and Beavers each only had 4 losses on the year so far. It would be the Broncos who would take home the extra win, moving their record to 13-4. Hanson would find the hoop first for 2 points. Larson grabbed a steal for a fast-break to Ward to get the Broncos their first two points. Young would find Ward the next time down the court is n the press break for another two points and the lead, 4-2.

The lead went back to Hanson with some impressive 3-point shots and the Beavers finished the quarter still ahead, 13-11. Nore opened the second quarter with a 3 pointer to take back the Bronc lead 14-13. Young would get a put-back part way through the quarter to increase to Belle Fourche's biggest lead at 20-15. A few minutes later, Juelfs would put in a long jumper to get the five point lead back, 24-19. The Broncos wouldn't score for the remainder of the quarter as Hanson took the lead 25-24 at the end of the first half.

Reese Larson would open the second half with a short jumper to regain the Bronc lead 26-25. The lead would go right back to Hanson with a three pointer, but Ward would tie it at 28-28. Hanson threw in a 12 foot jump shot to lead change again. Young drove down the right baseline and put a layup in to tie again, 30-30. The following fast-break play brought the Broncos back in the lead again and Nore would increase that lead with her baseline three-pointer, 34-30. Juelfs grabbed an offensive rebound, dished to Nowojewski who found Young for a wide-open three to take the lead to 7 at 37-30. Young returned the favor the following play, finding Juelfs for a layup and the 9 point lead. Having out-scored the home team 18-8 in the period, the Broncos would finish the third

quarter with the lead at 42-33. Ward's free throws increased the Broncos to their biggest lead of the night so far at 11 to start the fourth quarter. Young would help improve that lead with a jumpshot, but the Beavers would find some rhythm again and bring themselves within single digits, 48-37.

A great dish from Young to Larson took the score to 53-40 and Nowojewski would put in a jumper to finalize the final score at 55-40.

Ward scored 28 points for the Broncos and Young had 12 with several assists.

Senior night took place on February 13th as the Lady Broncos took on the Sturgis Scoopers.

The five seniors on the Bronc squad include Sarah Juelfs, Reese Larson, Anika Main, Mataya Ward, and Sloan Young.

The seniors went out victorious for their final regular season game on their home court and sporting a 14-4 record.

It was rapid fire scoring on both ends of the floor for the first few minutes, but the Broncos slowly gained traction and went into the half with an 11 point lead, 25-14. They maintained that lead throughout the third quarter.

The Scoopers came out with some vengeance in the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to the smallest it had been since the beginning of the game to just 1 point. Larson drove to the bucket to help keep the Broncos on top, 42-39. A rebound put back in by Young made the lead 5 points, 44-39. With less than a minute to play, the Scoopers gained a free throw to be within 4 and followed with a jumper to be within 2, 44-42. Larson put in both of her bonus free throws making it a two possession game, followed by Sturgis making two free throws to be within one basket with 2.1 seconds remaining. Larson was fouled right away on the following inbound and made both foul shots again.

With just 0.8 seconds left, her free throws had secured the Bronc win at 48-43. Young led the way with 15 points with award following with 14.

The Lady Broncos will likely head into the playoffs ranked 17th in the State for Class A and a 2nd overall ranking in Region 8A. cid:f\_lsrrylxm1

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Coach Burr gives instruction. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Sloan Young rises up to score against the RCC Lady Comets. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Lily Nore shoots in the lane. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Sarah Juelfs defends after the free throw. Photo Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



Lily Nore gets in close to score.



Reese Larson shoots her free throws. Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary



The BFHS Broncos hosted their annual Alumni Game that was rescheduled from December on February 17. Participants from left to right rear are: Anthony Staley, Aiden Giffen, Chandler Kerr, Colby Nowojewski, Jalen Powers, Tucker Chytka, Assistant Coach Zach Lange; Front Row: Coach Pottorff with two of his kids, Tatin Yackley, Cole Hockenbary, Assistant Coach Kyle Webb, Devin Burns, Brextin Garza, Josh O'Byrn. Photo Jamie Hockenbary

# Show Up

by Belle LaVenu

Let's fill the theater seats this spring! Belle Fourche Middle & High School Theater have shows this March & April. Belle Fourche Area Community Theater also has a show in March!

First up on stage March 8th & 9th is the BFMS Theater production, **CASTLE**, a suspenseful comedy of medieval proportions! Fifty enthusiastic and talented theater students have been practicing and set building since January. Seeing our middle school thespians on stage is a way to see the bright future of theater in our community.

On March 15th & 16th be sure to check out the first production for the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater 2024 Season: **Break a Leg: A Night of One Acts**. The three shows are Those Tasty Tulips, My Date With the Hitwoman, and Nobody Sleeps. The cast was announced last week and includes: Tyler Schone, Sheila West, Rachel Munce, Sentel Schreier, Katharina Steeves, Wesley Barnhouse, Kelsey Gronlund, Jen Zoller, Alexander Steeves, Heather Pittman, Gideon Gilger, Kelsey Gronlund, Angela Hastings, and Michael Meemken. Producer is Derek Olson, and directors are Nathan Schreier, Sharon Thompson, and Stephanie Bussier.

On April 14 Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters presents: **The Community Variety Show & Arts Festival**. The show includes amazing local talent and the festival activities include bingo, cupcake walk, painting, fish pond, origami lessons, face painting, and balloon animals! **It is not too soon to begin getting your ACT TOGETHER for this annual event.** Acts of all kinds are invited - singers, musicians, bands, speciality acts, dancers - bring your talent to the community or bring your entire family to enjoy the activities for all ages.

kinds are invited to entertain with acts of all types!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

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** in the Belle Fourche Community Hall.

April 14: Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters presents: **The Community Variety Show & Arts Festival** at the Belle Fourche Community Hall.

April 19, 20, & 21: BFHS Spring Musical: **Freaky Friday**, BF Rec Center Theater, Friday & Saturday @ 7 PM, Sunday @ 2 PM.

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

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

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

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

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



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BFMS director **Rachel Munce** and students **Lucia Rodriguez and Chelsea Zinke** work on the set for their upcoming production, **CASTLE** on March 8th & 9. *Courtesy Photo*



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 Kyra Vandenberg, Freshman 100 pounder, Alexa Swaney, Junior 132 pounder, and Joselyn Shockey, Junior 145 pounder are this year's Belle Fourche Bronc state qualifiers.  
 On the boys' side, state qualification is determined by placing in the top four at the Regional Tournament with 5th place being a possible alternate.  
 The class 4A Regional Tour-

namment was held in Spearfish Saturday, February 17th.  
 The Broncs had five placers qualify; Teedin Humble at 106 pounds placed 4th, Riley Dightton at 138 pounds placed 4th, Owyn Schreder at 150 pounds placed 4th, Peyton Alexander at 157 pounds placed 4th, and Lucas Tonsager at 215 pounds placed 3rd. Garet Huston who placed 5th will be the Alternate at 120 pounds.  
 The Broncs had two 6th place winners, Jory Olson at 165 pounds and Zach Tonsager at 175 pounds.  
 Other Bronc competitors at the regional tournament were Koby Bowden at 126 pounds,

Clifford Torberson at 144 pounds, and Trigg Olson at 190 pounds.  
 Teams in the Region 4A, in regional tournament team scoring order include; Sturgis Brown High School, Rapid City Stevens, Rapid City Central, Douglas/Rapid City Christian/New Underwood, Spearfish, Belle Fourche, Lakota Tech, Pine Ridge and Little Wound.  
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The worship includes Bible readings, prayers, reflection and hymns. Lunch and fellowship will close the program. All are welcome to attend.  
Rehearsal will be held each Friday in February at 1 pm at the Lutheran chu. Christian women of all denominations are invited to participate as readers, ushers, greeters or servers.  
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## Cattle Report - Friday, February 16, 2024

1300 hd today  
Bred cow market on fire with lots of buyers in the seats!  
Lewis Brothers Bull Sale results  
Avg On 29 Fall Bulls .....\$9,517  
Top 6 Fall Bull Avg .....\$13,833  
Avg On 110 Yrig Bulls .....\$7,245  
Top 4 Yrig Bull Avg .....\$19,625

Next Sale - February 23rd - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - 9 AM  
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

### Bred Cows - Sold by the head

Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	36.....	Blk.. 3 Years.....	1198.....	\$3,075.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	30.....	Bbld 4-5.....	1308.....	\$3,075.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	19.....	Bbld 4-5.....	1367.....	\$3,000.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	31.....	Bbld Solid.....	1444.....	\$2,750.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	10.....	Bbld Ss.....	1347.....	\$2,150.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	4.....	Bbld Ss.....	1457.....	\$2,000.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	22.....	Bbld Broken.....	1350.....	\$2,000.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	21.....	Bbld Broken.....	1383.....	\$1,975.00
Riley, John Or Mike, Volborg MT.....	20.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1039.....	\$2,750.00
Riley, John Or Mike, Volborg MT.....	27.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1044.....	\$2,900.00
Riley, John Or Mike, Volborg MT.....	20.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1039.....	\$2,750.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	46.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1075.....	\$2,875.00
Elisbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	38.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1025.....	\$2,700.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	20.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1044.....	\$2,800.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	15.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1044.....	\$2,800.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	16.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1035.....	\$2,785.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	33.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1060.....	\$2,725.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	24.....	Bld.. Hfr.....	1032.....	\$2,725.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	28.....	Bld.. Hfr.....	1073.....	\$2,700.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	32.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1037.....	\$2,525.00
Riley, John Or Mike, Volborg MT.....	27.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1044.....	\$2,900.00
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka MT.....	12.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	851.....	\$2,350.00
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka MT.....	45.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	915.....	\$2,275.00
Collins, Kelly Or Melissa, Newell SD.....	7.....	Bbld Ss.....	1456.....	\$2,100.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	23.....	Bbld Ss.....	1547.....	\$2,350.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	20.....	Bbld Broken.....	1437.....	\$2,075.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	20.....	Bbld Broken.....	1341.....	\$2,025.00
Schmid, Joe, Ekalaka MT.....	17.....	Blk.. 3 Years.....	1052.....	\$2,550.00
Wolff, James H Or Martha, Gillette WY.....	50.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1064.....	\$2,760.00

### Weigh Up Cows

Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT.....	6.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1139.....	\$132.50
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	1.....	Bld.. Hfr.....	1080.....	\$160.00
Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont SD.....	1.....	Red Hfr.....	1090.....	\$131.00
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Herf Hfr.....	930.....	\$150.00
Home Creek Cattle Co, Ashland MT.....	2.....	Blk.. Cwette.....	1365.....	\$115.00
Home Creek Cattle Co, Ashland MT.....	3.....	Blk.. Cwette.....	1328.....	\$114.50
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	22.....	Bbld Hfr.....	957.....	\$162.00
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	3.....	Char Cwette.....	1048.....	\$125.00
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	6.....	Bbld Cwette.....	1275.....	\$116.00
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	5.....	B/R. Cwette.....	1383.....	\$115.00
Humbrecht Bros, Camp Crook SD.....	8.....	B/R. Cwette.....	1298.....	\$114.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	2.....	Bld.. Hfr.....	1140.....	\$142.50
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	1.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1440.....	\$108.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	6.....	Bbld Cow.....	1161.....	\$107.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	1.....	Bld.. Cow.....	1620.....	\$100.00
Larson, Jim, Hysham MT.....	1.....	Bld.. Cow.....	1420.....	\$91.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	2.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1142.....	\$135.00
Mackaben, Chad, Belle Fourche SD.....	3.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1388.....	\$108.00
Oedeakoven, Jason & Dawna Nisland SD.....	2.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1537.....	\$100.00
Plucker, Jeff, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Blk.. Cwette.....	1940.....	\$113.00
Plucker, Jeff, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1310.....	\$94.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD.....	1.....	Blk.. Cwette.....	1450.....	\$112.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	2.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1775.....	\$108.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	4.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1436.....	\$108.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	31.....	Bbld Cow.....	1608.....	\$101.50
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	10.....	Bbld Cow.....	1429.....	\$100.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY.....	3.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1283.....	\$94.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT.....	8.....	Blk.. Hfr.....	1013.....	\$141.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT.....	5.....	Blk.. Cwette.....	1248.....	\$112.50
St Onge Livestock, St Onge SD.....	1.....	Blk.. Cow.....	1515.....	\$97.00
Stephens, Gary, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk.. Cwette.....	1620.....	\$115.00
Stephens, Gary, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Blk.. Cwette.....	1785.....	\$113.00

### Weigh Up Bulls

Gordon, Walter J, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	2310.....	\$119.00
Stephens, Gary, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	2145.....	\$112.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	3.....	Blk.. Bull.....	1935.....	\$120.00
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	1845.....	\$105.00
Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	1750.....	\$108.50
Hansen, Wyatt Alex, Fruitdale SD.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	1720.....	\$97.50
Hansen, Wyatt Alex, Fruitdale SD.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	1585.....	\$113.00
Plucker, Jeff, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	1315.....	\$104.00
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk.. Bull.....	1160.....	\$131.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	3.....	Herf Bull.....	2086.....	\$120.50
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	1.....	Herf Bull.....	2030.....	\$115.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Red Bull.....	1755.....	\$118.50
Ridley, Tee, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Red Bull.....	1415.....	\$110.00

## Friday, February 23, 2024 Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special

9:00 AM - Weigh Up Cows 12:00 Noon - Feeder Cattle  
BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

### Feeder Cattle

Duprel Ranch -- 200 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 550-650# - BT, PC  
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Humbrecht Ranch -- 150 Blk & Char Hfrs -- 525-625#  
Richard & Stacy Harrison -- 80 Blk Strs -- 600-725# - BT, PC  
- 40 Blk Hfrs -- 500-600# - BT, PC  
Weyrich Ranch -- 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 550-650# - BT, PC  
Sunnyside Livestock -- 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-600 - BT  
Stanley Powell -- 85 Mostly Blk Mostly Strs -- 600-675#  
K-C Ranch -- 70 Red Strs & Hfrs -- 550-650#  
Russiff Lazy PK Ranch -- 70 Blk Hfrs -- 625-675# - BT, PC, BV  
Rod Ross -- 45 Blk Strs -- 600-725# - BT, PC  
Tim Komes -- 45 Herf & F-1 Blk Bldy Hfrs -- 575-625# - BT, PC, BV  
John Nyquist -- 25 Blk Strs -- 625-675# - BT, PC  
Trucano Ranch -- 15 Blk Hfrs -- 625-650 - BT, PC, Poured, BV  
Jev Livestock -- 10 Blk Strs -- 600-650# - BT, PC

Plus More By Sale Time!

## 2024 CATTLE SALES

- March 1st -- Bred Cow Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- March 8th -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- March 15th -- Bred Cow Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- March 22nd -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- March 29th -- Bred Cow Special & Wilson Sim-Angus Bull Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- April 5th -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special & Ck Bar Bull Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- April 12th -- Bred Cow Special & Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- April 19th -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special & Baker Lemar Angus Bull Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- April 26th -- Bred Cow Special & Jordan Ranch Sim-Angus Bull Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- May 3rd -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- May 10th -- Bred Cow & Pair Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- May 17th -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special & Turn-Out Bull Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- May 24th -- Bred Cow & Pair Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- May 31st -- Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

## 2024 SPRING BULL SALE LIST

- March 29th -- Wislon Cattle Sim-Angus Bull Sale
- April 5th -- CK Bar Ranch Sim -Angus Bull Sale
- April 12th -- Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale
- April 19th -- Baker Lemar Angus Bull Sale
- April 26th -- Jordan Ranch Sim-Angus Bull Sale
- May 17th -- Turn-Out Bull Sale

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## Sheep Report - Thursday, February 15, 2024

Nice run today  
Lambs sold steady on a strong market  
Mostly older ewes for bred ewes & they sold steady  
Next sale - February 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling all classes of sheep & goats - 1 PM  
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale  
Thank You For Your Business!

### Bred Ewes - sold by the head

Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	29.....	2-Sld.....	170.....	\$272.50
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	30.....	6yr.....	171.....	\$175.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	211.....	6yr.....	171.....	\$155.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City SD.....	56.....	6yr.....	192.....	\$185.00
Jackson, Kathleen, Lusk WY.....	26.....	S-Brk.....	173.....	\$140.00

### Feeder Lambs

Robinson, Kruse Or Bailey, Ralph SD.....	162.....	Lamb.....	81.....	\$244.00
Robinson, Kruse Or Bailey, Ralph SD.....	102.....	Lamb.....	99.....	\$216.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD.....	99.....	Lamb.....	76.....	\$244.00
Rocking A Inc, Parshall ND.....	94.....	Lamb.....	107.....	\$219.00
Miller, Kianna, Newell SD.....	15.....	Lamb.....	102.....	\$218.00

### Slaughter Ewes

Cusker Inc, Wolf Point MT.....	7.....	K Ewe.....	112.....	\$71.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	7.....	K Ewe.....	156.....	\$83.00
Robinson, Kruse Or Bailey, Ralph SD.....	11.....	K Ewe.....	133.....	\$83.00
Robinson, Kruse Or Bailey, Ralph SD.....	17.....	K Ewe.....	147.....	\$81.00
Round Rock Ranch, Douglas WY.....	19.....	K Ewe.....	141.....	\$71.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD.....	13.....	K Ewe.....	168.....	\$83.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD.....	29.....	K Ewe.....	147.....	\$81.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD.....	30.....	K Ewe.....	136.....	\$71.00
Spearhead Ranch, Douglas WY.....	63.....	K Ewe.....	154.....	\$76.00
Spearhead Ranch, Douglas WY.....	27.....	K Ewe.....	146.....	\$71.00

## NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, February 22, 2024  
Regular Sale 1:00 PM

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## 2024 SHEEP SALES

- February 29th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 7th -- Regular Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 14th -- Regular Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 21st -- Bred Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- March 28th -- Regular Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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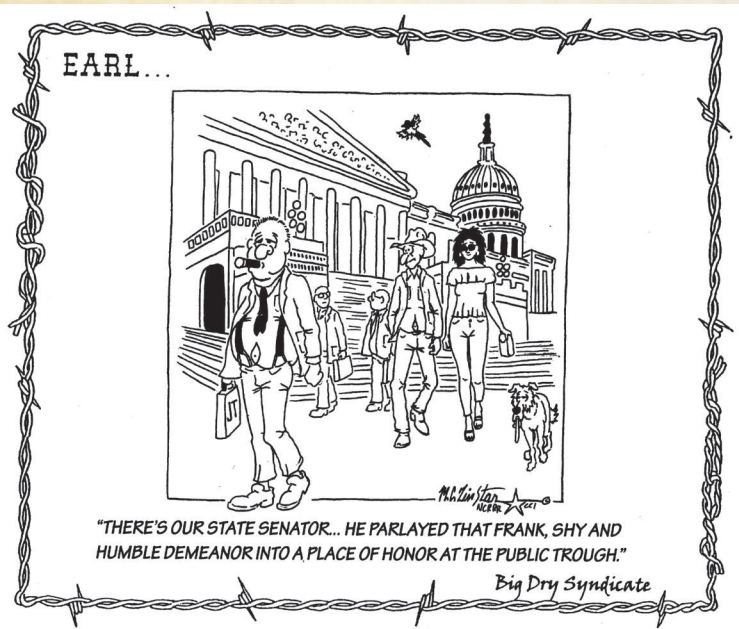
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## The Good Stuff \_\_\_\_\_ by Jim Thompson



I forgot all about New Years resolutions. Of course that's stand as I always forget them. However here are some thoughts that might help you in 2024:

*I'm not squealing on any of my friends, but this has been known to happen:*

*A husband went to the police station to file a "missing person" report for his missing wife...*

*Husband: I lost my wife, she went shopping & hasn't come back yet!*

*Inspector: What is her height?*

*Husband: I never checked, she's five feet something...*

*Inspector: Slim or healthy?*

*Husband: Not slim, she can be healthy.*

*Inspector: Color of eyes?*

*Husband: Never noticed.*

*Inspector: Color of hair?*

*Husband: Changes according to season.*

*Inspector: What was she wearing?*

*Husband: Not sure. It may have been a suit or maybe shorts.*

*Inspector: Was she driving?*

*Husband: Yes.*

*Inspector: Tell me what kind of car she was driving?*

*Husband: A black 2015 Corvette Z06, with super-charged 6.2 liter V8 engine generating 625 horse power teamed with an eight-speed track certified HD automatic transmission with paddle shifters and a removable carbon fiber roof pan!*

*Imagining this if it was me! I'm Jim Thompson*

## Roots Grow Deep and Strong Elementary School Reflections

by Meg English

I love horses. My first horse was a spirited mixed breed mare. Judging from her fine features and the way she held her tail high, she probably had some Arabian heritage. I called her Lacey. Learning to ride with her was sometimes a tumultuous adventure. She didn't have an easy lope or a comfortable trot, but she was fast, an all-out runner. Riding bareback was my favorite mode of riding especially in winter.

For young teenagers there are few more empowering experiences than spending time with a horse. From horses, I not only learned to ride but benefitted exponentially in myriad ways. Probably the most significant lifelong advantage was self-confidence derived from the ability to skillfully manage a large animal.

Lacey liked to walk as much as she liked to run. In rural South Dakota there are still plenty of open spaces to enjoy slow paced trail rides. There were quite a few kids with horses. We were content to ride in our backyards, on gravel roads, through pastures with rolling hills and a few tree belts.

People are good for horses too. I liked watching Lacey's ears twitch as she took in the sounds during our rides. She seemed to like conversation too. Sometimes, I would climb down and walk beside her. Loose in the pasture or the barnyard, she followed me. When I removed pebbles and barnyard debris from her hooves, she would pick up each foot and hold it up until the hoof was clean. She was especially patient in winter when hoof cleaning sometimes meant chipping away stubborn round balls of ice.

Not long after Lacey became my constant "animal de compagnie" (French term for 'pet') I discovered 4-H. Our local 4-H club offered opportunities to learn about just about anything. Kids were encouraged to choose their interests and initiate their own learning with projects and hands on activities. Even kids who lived in town could join 4-H.

Through 4-H I learned elements of animal husbandry such as how to sustain horse health, how to use riding equipment, and how to stay safe.



The 4-H program has a history. One hundred years ago in May of 1924 the name "4-H" and the clover were officially adopted. The idea of extension clubs for educating rural people goes back even further.

Until the 1920s most people lived and made their living from farming, but rural people typically lacked access to formal education in agriculture. In 1862 with the passage of the Morrill Act opportunities to learn about agriculture and other technical skills were opened to thousands of people.

The Morrill Act gave each state a grant of land to establish a public college that would teach subjects such as agriculture and engineering. In 1881 South Dakota State University was founded as the South Dakota land grant college.

However, these public colleges were funded by the sale of federal land grants. Over 10 million acres expropriated from tribal lands of Indigenous people were the source of the grant funding. Although the public colleges were great benefits to society,

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they came at a price. Another problem was that people in the distant rural areas were not able to access the colleges.

The passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 allowed for creation of the Cooperative Extension System, an initiative to encourage each state to connect the university to the people. In some rural communities, extension clubs had already started to form. These clubs, referred to as 4-H clubs led to agriculture and home management clubs for youth across America.

The 4-Hs stand for head, heart, hands, and health. 4-H is all about using one's head for learning. Heart is important as 4-H kids are taught to be loyal, reliable, to have positive relationships with peers, adults and to care for themselves and others. Hands means using one's

hands for the benefit of others in the community, country, and world. Health is about practicing a lifestyle that facilitates good physical and emotional health.

The 4-H pledge articulates the club's purpose succinctly:

I pledge  
My Head to clearer thinking  
My Heart to greater loyalty  
My Hands to larger service  
My Health to better living  
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Over time, 4-H has evolved to include both urban and rural youth and has expanded beyond agriculture. Today, 4-H in South Dakota teaches life skills and leadership to youth in the four program priorities of agriculture, science, wellness, and leadership. The world could do with more 4-H clubs and more horses too.



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**#CLEARDUTY - the citizens WILL have an election!**

Sturgis, South Dakota – The 2+ year court battle between the City of Sturgis and its citizens concluded last week when all five Justices of the South Dakota Supreme Court agreed that Sturgis City Finance Officer Faye Bueno and the Sturgis City Council violated their "clear duties" by refusing to schedule an election on the proposition of whether Sturgis should continue to have a City Manager position as part of its government structure.

In the February 7, 2024 Supreme Court Opinion Bohn v. Bueno, Tammy Bohn, Justin Bohn, and Brenda Vasknetz ("Petitioners") finally triumphed against Sturgis city officials who ignored their "clear duties" and refused to schedule an election.

The Supreme Court unanimously agrees that "neither the finance officer nor the city council had the authority to delay the scheduling of an election to vote on the submitted petition."

The election should have

been held in April 2022!

Since December 2021, Petitioners' attorney, Kellen B. Wilfert, has been advocating that Bueno had a duty to certify the 900+ signatures on the Petition and the city council had a duty to schedule the election. The Supreme Court agreed, ruling that:

Bueno "had a clear duty to compare the petition submitted with the form provided in the ARSD. Performance of that clear duty could lead to no other conclusion but that the petition was in the 'form required by this chapter.'"

"Bueno had a clear duty to act under the regulation to certify the petition and present it to the city council."

"... the city council had a clear duty to schedule an election."

Despite complete and utter defeat, Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen stated in a February 8, 2024 press release asserts that "the city is ... researching when an election on the matter may be held." The Supreme

Court specifically ruled "... the election must be held using the process and timing requirements identified in SDCL 9-10-1," which requires the ballot "be presented at the next annual municipal election or the next general election, whichever is earlier." There is no research – the citizens are entitled to cast their votes on this issue at the next annual municipal election on April 9, 2024! Petitioners call for Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen to immediately resign.

Because Petitioners have justifiable concerns about Sturgis continuing to use delay tactics to avoid an election on this issue, Petitioners call on Sturgis to do the right thing at the next regular council meeting on February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM: schedule this election to be held on April 9, 2024. #CLEARDUTY.

For more information, contact Petitioners Tammy Bohn, Justin Bohn, and Brenda Vasknetz at sturgiscitizens@gmail.com.



**Officer Wolfe Sworn In**

During the Feb. 5 city council meeting, Belle Fourche Police Officer **Brandon Wolfe**, right, performed his oath of office with Mayor **Randy Schmidt**. Wolfe, currently classified as a non-certified patrol officer, is the most recent addition to the city police force with a starting wage of \$25.24 per hour. Wolfe officially took on his new role on Feb. 1. *Beacon photo by Lacey Peterson*



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By **KAREN ODELL**  
**Capitol News**  
 February 12, 2024



The Capitol News may be limited this week. Super Bowl Sunday is not the best time to gather news. It may not be the game that keeps people busy, but the tail-gate parties are especially interesting.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to town, on Tuesday, where Dick got a haircut. They also did some shopping. Their week was filled with usual activities. They went to the Senior Center for the Friday dinner, and Erma stayed to play cards for a while. Then, she stopped by at Delores Sperle's for a short visit. Dick and Erma went to church on Sunday, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three, with the Erk and the Helms families. Father Brian had a cold, so he did not join them.

Doug Davis had a lovely visit to the dentist, on Tuesday, but the rest of their week was pretty much similar to last week. Morgan Buck's birthday was coming up, so he spent the weekend in Camp Crook. His dad's birthday is only a couple of days before his, so the family celebrated both birthdays at the same time, and got to celebrate the Super Bowl on the same weekend, too.

Junior and Shirley Melum had a quiet week. They noticed the foggy days, and after the rain, got some snow.

Dorothy Padden watched the Buffalo girls' basketball game against Dupris at home, online, on Tuesday. Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to Buffalo for the basketball games on

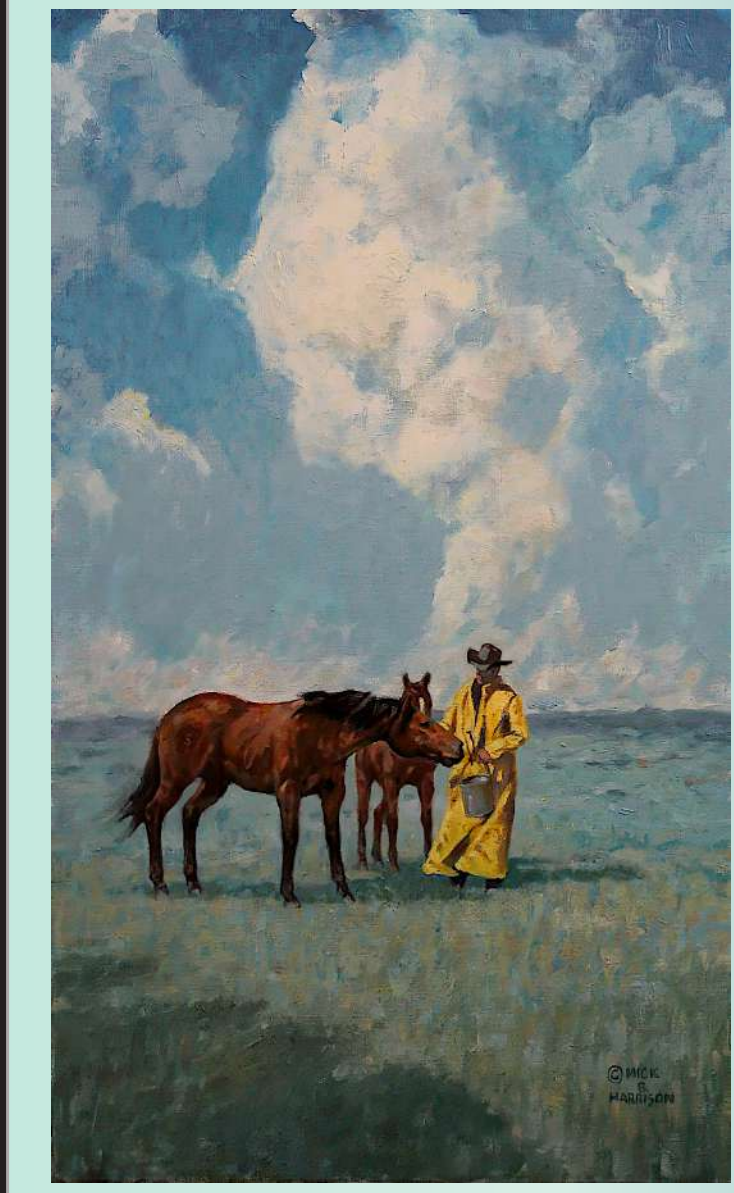
Thursday. The teams celebrated parents' night, and there was a good crowd to watch the teams play.

Last Sunday, Diane Wear came to Ronda Cordell's from Ekalaka. They did some catching up on their visiting. Diane stayed over, and treated Ronda and Janet Odell to lunch at Blossoms 'n' Brew in Buffalo, on Monday. The barn builders came that day from Hulett, to start Ronda's barn project. Ronda's Tuesday morning visitors were Toney and Linda Hannah. Then, she made a quick trip into Camp Crook to get letters mailed. The dense fog greeted the Tie Creek area, again, on Wednesday morning. At times, the visibility was a mere twenty feet, while the barn building crew was working. Ronda actually took some rain jackets out for them, because it had rained much of the day, making it quite miserable to be building a barn. The Clint Zolnoski family had gone to Bowman to pick up the Can-Am that was returned from Miles City. Ronda figured it was a good day to try to get at taxes again. The builders took Thursday off, due to the nasty wind and snow flurries. Spray Day was scheduled in Ekalaka. Ronda called to make sure it was still on, before heading over for much of the day. The speakers, that would have attended, did their talks virtually. On Saturday, a new resident was delivered to the corral, by Lynn Howell Ludwick. It was a Brown Swiss two-year heifer, due to calve at the end of March. The old 15-year old Swiss X Tarantaise was open this Fall. Ronda likes having a couple of nurse cows fresh for suckling calves, if needed, during calving. It beats buying and mixing milk replacer.



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Sometimes it takes a little encouragement to get them to come to you.

Most often if a cow doesn't need a graft, the extra calf can just be doubled up on a milk cow, and go out to pasture that way. Ronda drove to Jack and Kay Ovitiz's, later in the afternoon, where she enjoyed a visit and coffee. Then, she stopped briefly to say "Hi" to Cheryl Burghduff and Reuben Balderaz. Ronda is not really a big football fan, but the Super Bowl game was so good that she watched the whole game, and then watched the overtime to the exciting end.

Karen Odell enjoyed seeing video of her Minnesota granddaughter, Kyia Smith, competing in her swimming meet, this week. Grandson, Murphy Hinds was playing basketball in Tacoma. He is one of the youngest, but didn't seem to mind dribbling through the forest of bigger kids. Then she saw

Carson Odell, as the first place winner in his class in Mitchell Kernels wrestling. It was a good week for the Odell's. She hopes Carson can keep up his winning streak. Karen and Hywel got some outside work done, on Monday, before the snow came. They went to Camp Crook, on Wednesday, to stop by at Wolffy's. It was foggy, and the temperature was right at freezing, so they were glad to be traveling on the gravel. The next day, there was snow, and by the time it cleared up, there must have been about three inches of snow. On Sunday, Karen went to church at the Presbyterian church in Marietta, Georgia on YouTube. Her brother, Ron Evans, called to visit and she caught up on the Ohio news. Karen was expected to cheer for Kansas City, during the Super Bowl game, because

her brother, Jim Evans, had lived in Kansas City for so many years, and usually had season tickets to Arrowhead Stadium. He was thrilled when they won last year. The game turned out to be more exciting than expected. Karen is not thrilled with professional sports, however she turned on the Super Bowl, but turned it off before half-time. There seems to be enough stupidity in the world without adding more. When she turned it on again, the score was tied, so the game was actually starting over, anyway. Then it went into overtime, and it was such a good game, that Karen was sorry that anybody had to lose, and she was glad she had watched.

Bragging comes because of insecurity, but no excuse is necessary for success.

**Butte County Extension Club Bytes**

Some events are on the Butte County Extension calendar in March.

The Bob Fox Memorial Shoot will be held on March 1 and 2nd at 608 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche.

The event is hosted by the Butte County Shooting Sports. Questions for more information can be directed to [sdcowboy1@msn.com](mailto:sdcowboy1@msn.com).

Please include "Bob Fox Shoot" in the subject area.

On March 3 the Youth Livestock Literacy class will be held at Newell School starting at 2:00 PM.

This class is mandatory for those who will be showing livestock in the county fair which takes..

In other news, the new rodeo contestant packet has been

released and can be found at the following link along with rules and guidelines:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-4-h-rodeo-resources>

There are two major changes.

1. The finals committee has instituted a \$20 per competitor secretary fee for those that submit a finals packet (which must be submitted to be eligi-

ble to compete in any rodeos). The check for this needs to be included in the packet when sent to the finals secretary and the check made payable to SD4-HRodeo

2. The insurance declaration form has been eliminated. The questions on that form have been added to 4-H online and will be dealt with when select-

ing the rodeo project.

This changed in mid-December. For those who had already enrolled by that point they will not need to answer those questions this year.

Rodeo Insurance is still available through AIL, the participants will need to work with their counties to get that purchased, if they so choose.

Questions may be directed to the Butte County Extension office at (605) 892-3371.

**Butte County 4-H Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day Winners**

Youth Day at the 2024 Black Hills Stock Show was a fruitful experience for Butte County 4-H participants. Evidence of a strong Butte County presence at the event demonstrated by the following list of outstanding placements and performances.

Hippology Beginner/Junior Team 2- Rank 3rd Place- Remi Crago, Ella Roberts, Katy Scott, and Haddie Casteel.

Beginner/Junior Team 1- Rank 8th Place- Tendon Carr, Kyler Schmidt, Jace Hiles, Jozi Deaton.

Individual Rank 7th - Remi Crago and 9th Ella Roberts.

Livestock Skill a Thon Beginner/Junior Team Rank 2nd Place Kate Blair and Zane Sacrison.

Senior Team 1 Rank 4th place- Kaydence Lei, Bristol

Bachman, Rachel Stranberg. Senior Team 2 Rank 5th place- Tucker Hughes, Clay Mackaben, Andrew Simmons.

Individual Beg/Junior Rank 2nd- Kate Blair, Rank 6th Zane Sacrison, 13th Rank-Kaydence Lei, 14th Rank- Bristol Bachman, 15th Rank- Tucker Hughes. 16th Rank-Clay Mackaben, 18th Rank- Rachel Stranberg, 19th Rank Andrew Simons.

Livestock Judging- Teams Beginner Team Rank 2nd Josslyn Bahe, Kimber Mills, Braxten Hahe, Tegan Garman.

Beginner Team Rank 3rd Jack Blair, Harolyn Peterson, Jozi Deaton, Jace Sacrison.

Beginner Team Rank 5th Paisley Wetzler, Elizabeth Riley, Henry Joehneck, Gavin Joehneck.

Beginner Team Rank 6th

Heath Wetzler, Paisley Featherston

Other Beginners- See Judging card for complete rank- Kimber Mills, Braxten Bahe, Brynlee Barrera, Caitlyn Rans

**Junior Teams**

Beginner Judging Individual 1st place - Josslyn Bahe 6th place- Heath Wetzler 7th place-Jack Blair 9th place- Harolyn Peterson 10th place-Paisley Featherston

Junior Judging Team Jr Judging Team 5th place- Zane Sacrison, Jessi Bachman, Tendon Carr, Kate Blair, Abigail Riley

Jr Judging Team 6th place- Ellie Kukuchka, McKenzie Rans, Rhoni Ruby, Natalie Lei

Jr Judging Team 9th place- Justin Stranberg, Haddie Casteel, Easton Wetzler

Junior Judging Individual 2nd Place- Justin Stranberg

9th place-Zane Sacrison

Other Juniors- See Judging Card for complete rank-Ellie Kukuchka, McKenzie Rans, Rhoni Ruby

**Senior Judging Team**

Sr. Judging Team- 6th place

Bristol Bachman, Rachel Stranberg, EC Blair, Kaydence LeiSr.

Judging Team-9th place-Clay Mackaben, Tucker Hughes, Neriah Riley, Andrew Simons

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1Hippology Haddie Casteel, Ella Roberts, Katy Scott and Remi Crago . Courtesy Photo

# Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



We have a bit more moisture in and on the ground this week than we did last week. The snow on Thursday kept folks home from plans they had that included traveling the roads. There was also a late start for Meade Schools on Friday morning due to the snow. It was quite cold on Friday but temperatures have been sliding up through the weekend. This is the kind of weather where our vehicles look their worst. This will be followed by long lines at the car wash as things dry up. For many, calving has not yet begun so the dryer weather will be more welcome.

The Valentines Dinner at the Red Owl Hall was a great success with a great turnout of about 55 people Saturday night. It was a mild day and the team was all geared up with the Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings as well as their famous 'Maitre D's' who serve the guests. Dressed in the white shirts, black ties and vests and ready to serve were Dean Andrews, Robert Dennis, Delbert Cobb, Cliff Matt and Glen Long. Their desserts, Red Devils Food cake and Italian

Love Cake, were a huge hit. Donna and Floyd Cammack were dinner guests and enjoyed their outing very much. Many thanks to the ladies who helped prepare the food as well as the décor and atmosphere for those taking advantage of a special night out in the 'heart' of Meade County. Besides a wonderful night out with friends and neighbors, this event serves as their fundraiser to help cover the cost of insurance for the building.

Several ladies from rural Meade County enjoyed the Women's and Girls Retreat in Rapid City last Friday and Saturday. Judy (Weiss) Manna was the guest speaker. She is the sister of Roger Weiss near Maurine. All of her sisters were at the retreat as she and her husband came from Indiana. Judy gave a very well thought out and encouraging message that all could relate to.

There were about 250 women in attendance that included many from Rapid City throughout Western South Dakota. Many came from the Faith, Bison, Newell, Dupree and all areas. A good number were from ranches and rural areas

which made for a wonderful fellowship. Some who attended from CMC were Shirley Baker, Debbie Vig, Linda Opstedahl, Sandy Rhoden and Lorie Hausmann. This was the 26th Annual Women's Retreat and it has grown considerably since the beginning. Since the beginning they've added a time for girls as well. Linda Olson and Lori Wilken of the Dupree/Faith areas started this a quarter of a century ago, and now they have great assistance from the Wilken daughters, Jessica Hunt and others who help put it all together. We are thankful for their vision, dedication, and opportunity for women to be ministered through sweet fellowship and the Word.

On March 23 at 5:00 pm there will be a fundraising dinner and silent dessert auction for Love Inc. This will be held at the Sturgis Armory and doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner and program will be held at 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to help Love Inc. serve and care for folks in need in our area. A class will be offered entitled: When Helping Hurts. The class offers a different framework for thinking about

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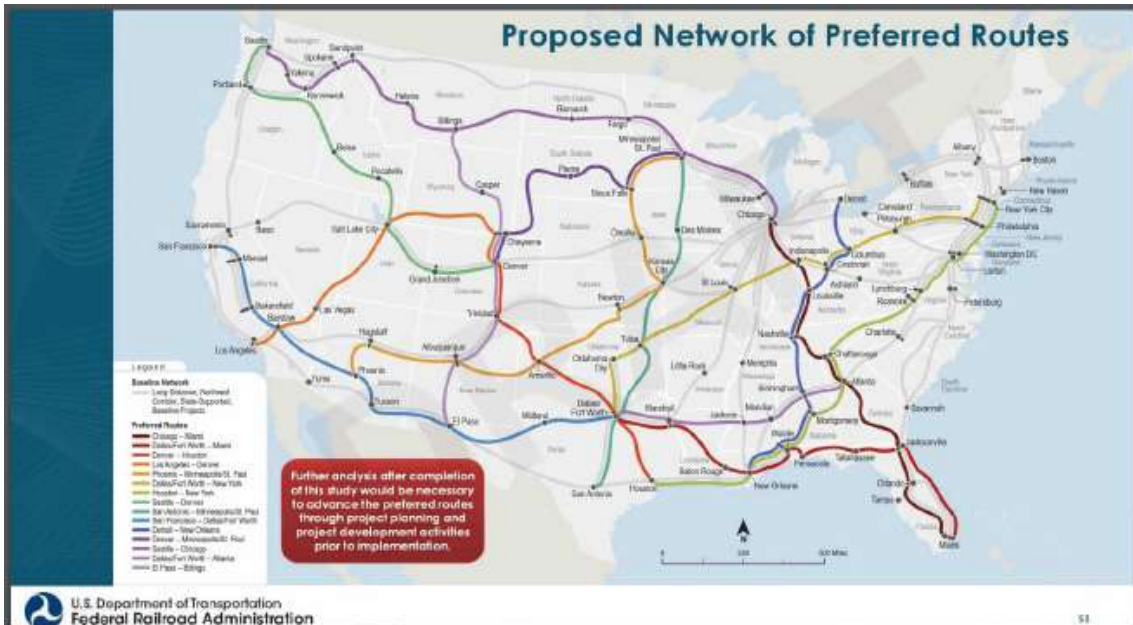


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poverty, and its solution. The class addresses the roots of the issue. It will be from March 2 to April 30, Tuesday nights at South Canyon Baptist Church. For more information you may call 605- 939-7402. Love Inc. in Sturgis has a job opening for

anyone interested in serving this great non profit organization. There is both a possible full time or part time position. If you are interested, please contact Bill Meirose at 605-206-3515 or email to bill@love-inc.us.

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## BHSU STUDENT LOGAN CULHANE TO APPEAR ON AMERICAN IDOL

SPEARFISH, S.D. – Logan Culhane, a Black Hills State University student, will be appearing on Season 22 of American Idol. The season will premiere Feb. 18, and Culhane will be featured in one of the audition episodes.

Culhane learned about the opportunity to audition for American Idol through her family who saw that American Idol was holding virtual auditions and encouraged her to sign up. "Growing up, they always said I would go far, make it big, and have all these opportunities," Culhane said. "I always had dreams of doing big things like this, but I never thought it would happen so soon, in my freshman year of college. I'm very thankful for it, and I'm really excited for people to see it."

Culhane sang in multiple rounds of Zoom auditions before she was invited to attend

the televised auditions and sing in person for the American Idol judges: Luke Bryan, Katy Perry, and Lionel Richie. "It was definitely a super new experience. I've never experienced that kind of atmosphere,"

Culhane said. "I was so nervous, and it didn't feel real until I was going into the audition room with them. You look at these people that are so incredibly talented and have so much presence in the industry, and it's like wow! So, it was an honor to sing in front of them."

Originally from Mitchell, Culhane is a freshman at BHSU majoring in music and minoring in theatre. Her music journey began with making songs on GarageBand, singing in the choir in elementary school, and performing in musicals and plays throughout middle school and high school. "I've been performing and singing my whole life. When I was little, my mom

was making her own music too. As I was growing up, I was always in an environment where creativity was encouraged," Culhane said.

Still active in the world of musical theatre, Culhane will be performing as Laura Ingalls in the BHSU Theatre and Music Departments' production of "Little House on the Prairie: The Musical" Feb. 23-24 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Woodburn Auditorium.

"Not only do I love to sing, but I love to perform too," Culhane added.

"For as long as I can remember, I've been doing things that make me happy. Performing and singing make me very happy, so I continue to go after those things."

To find out the results of Culhane's American Idol audition, viewers must tune in to the new season which premieres Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. ET on ABC.

The Long-Distance Amtrak RR study process has identified two routes through our state.

A Twin Cities - Sioux Falls - Rapid City - Cheyenne - Denver routing and a Twin Cities - Sioux Falls - Sioux City - Omaha - Kansas City and beyond routing.

It has been through no small part, the efforts of All Aboard Northwest (in the room and at the table with the Federal Rail Admin. during the workshops) and comments submitted by South Dakotans and our friends across the nation that has gotten us to this milestone.

The presentation from the Round 3 workshops can be seen here: [https://frralongdistancerailstudy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/FRA\\_LDSS\\_Presentation\\_for\\_Web\\_Meeting3\\_Optimized.pdf](https://frralongdistancerailstudy.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/FRA_LDSS_Presentation_for_Web_Meeting3_Optimized.pdf)

This isn't the last step, this is only the first step, to return passenger trains to our state. We'll also continue making the case for more routes, ultimately, to be included for passenger rail (here's looking at you Milbank, Aberdeen, & Lemmon).

Given the 52+ years of South Dakota being disadvantaged

by not having passenger rail, I personally believe that we (along with Wyoming) should be a top priority to get on the map with passenger rail services again. With your help, support, and vocal interest to the FRA, our state leaders and congressional delegation, we can make it happen!

South Dakotans, and all people in our region, deserve the same freedom of mobility, economic opportunity, and quality of life that passenger rail services bring! Together, we can make it happen.

What's next? The final round of Workshops will be held later this year after which the final report will be delivered to Congress. Once delivered, we need Congress to act on these recommendations and bring these critically needed routes into reality. Once they act on these recommendations, these proposed routes will have to go through service development planning (and likely construction activities) prior to implementation.

Belle Fourche, the Northern Hills, and into Wyoming routes could happen someday.



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We need our Congressional Delegation; Senator Thune, Senator Rounds, and Representative Johnson on-board with passenger rail and help ensure that S. Dak. is a national priority moving forward.

Read more about this Round of workshops from our partners at Rail Passengers: <https://railpassengers.org/happening-now/news/blog/15-new-trains-closer-to-our-long-distance-goals/>  
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(Noah Westergaard/BHSU) Black Hills State University student **Logan Culhane** will be appearing in an upcoming audition episode of Season 22 of American Idol which premieres on ABC.

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**125 years ago – Belle TIMES, February 23, 1899**  
**Quail for Butte County TIMES, February 23, 1899**  
**Quail for Butte County**  
Through the efforts of Attorney LaFleiche the sum of about \$50.00 was subscribed by our local nimrods for the purpose of buying quail to plant in this vicinity. Deadwood sportsmen have experimented with quail along upper Falsebottom creek and it is found that they thrive well and multiply rapidly. Deadwood and Lead parties have lately raised a large fund for the importation of more birds, and we understand it is their intention to stock lower Falsebottom, well down toward the county line, Belle Fourche will meet them halfway, and about nine dozen will be turned out to graze along Redwater. Jas. T. Craig has ordered three dozen which will be branded VVV and planted up the river.



Bobwhite quail in northern South Dakota

**100 years ago Belle Fourche Bee February 24, 1924**  
**FIRST WILD TURKEY** The first real honest-to-goodness wild turkey to be seen in this section of the country is now on display in the window of Eccles hardware store. The bird is the property of Mrs. H. W. Schlickling of Belle Fourche and was shipped here from North Dakota to be used as a brooding cross on a domestic flock of turkeys. The great difficulty in raising turkeys is their susceptibility to various diseases for some of which there is no known cure. Many farmers have a promising flock in the spring, when suddenly a disease affects them and they all depart for the happy hunting ground before Thanksgiving. While the wild species is not as large as the tame, not having been "bred up," they are much more hardy and disease resistant, hence the object of inbreeding.  
**STAGE DRIVER FROZEN** The first death from freezing to be reported in the western part of the state this winter was Reinhold Dreshn, stage driver and mail carrier from Buffalo to Ludlow, S.D., on Saturday night of last week. Dreshn was found Sunday morning, in front of his car. When found he was still alive, and was taken to Buffalo and a physician summoned, but his life could not be save. He was on his way from Ludlow to Buffalo, and had reached a point about five miles from the latter place, when his engine had stopped, and apparently he

The little "Bob Whites" cost \$4.00 a dozen. The one thing now necessary to be done is the formation of a gun club, and the adoption of measures for the enforcement of the game law, and make an everlasting burden to the "game hog" and "pot-hunter." Unless this is done your quail money will be – literally and figuratively – "thrown to the birds."

**Talk of the Town**  
The Rocking Chair club will meet next Monday afternoon with Mrs. T. W. LaFleiche. It has been designated Lady Washington Day for the club and the members will appear in colonial costumes. P.P. Vallery was in from Snoma on Tuesday. He expresses great hopes for the early establishment of the proposed mail route between Belle Fourche and Empire, and says he has assurances from those who "sit close to the throne" that the department will act favorably on the petition.

had gotten out to crank it when he was overcome with the cold. Dreshn was a man of about thirty-five years.

**75 years ago Belle Fourche Bee February 19, 1948**  
**GOLDER RULE PLANS EXTENSIVE STORE REMODELING**  
*Interior Will Be Rearranged And New Colored Tile Laid Starting Feb. 21st* An overall remodeling, repairing and redecorating of the store interior will get under way Saturday of this week at York's Golden Rule store in Belle Fourche. In connection with this remodeling program, this store is holding a remodeling sale, particulars of which will be found in the advertisement on page three of this issue of the Bee. Concerning the remodeling operation E. F. York store owner says, "we have long realized the necessity of a modern department store in Belle Fourche. Up to the present time, due to the many shortages of critical materials, and various delays, we were unable to do the things we most desired to give Belle Fourche a modern department store. "Our extensive remodeling program will be started Saturday of this week, which will include a colorful tile floor used only in the better department stores throughout the country. Another addition will be a complete Infants' department in our balcony. Other extensive improvements will be made. There will be a new blonde-colored fixtures throughout the store. During the time of



by Mary Buchholz

remodeling, we are asking our friends and customers to be patient with us and will do our best to attend to your usual shopping needs – a few departments may be somewhat disarranged but we hope such period will be as brief as possible."

**COUNCIL STARTS INITIAL ACTION ON STREET PROJECT March 8 Set for Consideration and Adoption of Paving Resolution** The first official action has been taken by the city council for carrying out the proposed project of street improvement. Two resolutions to that effect have been prepared in official form and are published elsewhere in this issue. They are officially referred to as Street Improvement Nos. 3 and 4. Monday, March 8, has been designated as the official date at which time the council will consider the final adoption of the above resolutions and for considering any objections which may be made by interested property owners. The proposed improvement is for concrete paving. Paving in Improvement No. 3 is for 51-foot width, and for Improvement No. 4, 40 feet wide. The cost of the former to abutting property owners will be \$13.56 per foot, and to the latter \$9.03 per foot. The city will assume a portion of the cost of the improvement in street and alley intersections and one-fourth of the cost of the improvement fronting or abutting on the long side of a corner lot.

**50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee February 16 1974**  
**City Hospital is Making Plans for Improvements \$30,000 Needed to Enlarge The Present Facilities to Meet Growing Needs** The governing board of the John Burns Memorial Hospital, Belle Fourche, has made tentative plans for enlarging and improving present facilities to adequately take care of the constantly growing demands for hospital service in this city and the surrounding tri-state area. The hospital board estimates that approximately \$30,000 will be needed to carry out the desired program. It has already received fourteen \$1,000 donations, and another contributor has expressed a willingness to assume the expense of building completely equipping one room. The board has already sent out some 100 letters to interested prospective contributors calling attention to the present over-crowding conditions and the need of more medical equipment. "On frequent occasions," states the hospital board, "it has been necessary to quarter some of the patients in hallways. Under the proposed plans it is intended to have 24 more rooms, a new dietary and kitchen, new



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delivery rooms, maternity ward, nursery and medical laboratory. Under the provisions of the will of the late John Burns, who made the construction of this hospital possible, the board is not permitted to get in debt for improvements or expansion – for that reason, the money must be raised before this plans can be carried out. The board appreciates the support and contributions already given and tendered – it contemplates no official solicitation campaign but will always be pleased to get in contact with other perspectives donors."  
**Relatives Watch POW Leave Plane** "We thought he looked good. He limped a little, but otherwise seemed all right." Mrs. Lloyd Bucher of Belle Fourche made that comment yesterday after she had watched her nephew, Navy

Lt. Roger Lerseth walk off the plant at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines with the first contingent of war prisoners released by North Vietnam. Lt. Lerseth was shot down over North Vietnam last fall and had suffered a fractured leg. The released prisoner's mother, Mrs. Lillian Lerseth and his wife, of Spokane, will got to Oakland to meet Lt. Lerseth when he arrives in the States. Lt. Lerseth's parents were former residents of the Camp Crook and Belle Fourche areas. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lerseth are currently living in Belle Fourche. He has three uncles – Alfred, Melvin and Joe Heggem at Camp Crook. Relatives feared that since he was among the first to be released, Lt. Lerseth's injuries might be more serious than first indicated. They were relieved when they saw him walk off the plane.

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 Dan Carlson, Pastor  
 Paul Howard, Pastor  
 Sunday Schedule:  
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 Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
 1105 Todd St.  
 John Allred, Bishop  
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 Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am

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 Morning Worship - 10:30am  
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 10 a.m. Worship

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 Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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**9 Steps to Community Revitalization**

Revitalizing a small community's economy and vibrancy requires a multi-tiered approach that utilizes its strengths, addresses weaknesses, and fosters sustainable growth.

Over the years, many studies and practices have shown there are common denominators to turning a community around. Here are a few of the most common practices that successful turnarounds have utilized in their quest to grow and become a greater version of itself.

Encouraging entrepreneurship within the community can spur economic activity and create jobs. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses account for 99.9% of all U.S. businesses and employ 47.1% of the private workforce. Providing support such as business incubators, mentorship programs, and access to capital can empower aspiring entrepreneurs to start and grow businesses locally.

Tourism can inject new money into the local economy and create jobs in various sectors including hospitality, retail, and entertainment. For example, a study by the U.S. Travel Association found that every dollar invested in tourism promotion generates \$8 in economic impact. Communities can leverage their natural attractions, historical sites, and cultural events to attract visitors and boost tourism revenue. There is no better ROI!



by John Newby

Infrastructure improvements, such as roads, bridges, enhanced internet capability, and transportation can enhance connectivity and facilitate economic development. According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, every \$1 billion invested in infrastructure creates 13,000 jobs. Moreover, improved infrastructure can attract businesses, support tourism, and increase property values, leading to long-term economic benefits.

Strengthening the local agricultural sector can provide economic opportunities while promoting food security and sustainability. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, small farms account for 90% of all farms and manage over half of farmland in the U.S. Investing in agricultural education, infrastructure, and marketing initiatives can help small farmers thrive and create jobs in related industries such as food processing and distribution.

Developing a skilled workforce is essential for attracting and retaining businesses in the community.

According to the National Skills Coalition, 50% of U.S. jobs are considered "middle-skill," requiring education beyond high school but not a four-year degree. This approach is ideal for smaller communities, by investing in vocational training, apprenticeship programs, and adult education,

they can equip residents with the skills needed to fill local job openings and support economic growth.

Embracing innovation and technology can drive productivity improvements and create new economic opportunities. According to a report by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, every 1% increase in broadband penetration leads to a 0.2-1.5% increase in GDP. Communities can support tech startups, provide access to high-speed internet, and offer training programs to promote digital literacy and entrepreneurship.

Revitalizing downtown areas can attract visitors, stimulate commerce, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents. According to the National Main Street Center, for every dollar invested in Main Street revitalization, \$33.56 of new investment is generated. Implementing beautification projects, supporting small businesses, and hosting community events can breathe new life into downtown districts and create a vibrant local economy.

Relying on a single industry can make a community vulnerable to economic downturns. Diversifying the local economy by attracting businesses from multiple sectors can provide stability and resilience. According to a study by the Economic Development Quarterly, regions with diversified economies experience faster recovery from economic shocks. Offering incentives, infrastructure, and workforce support to attract businesses in emerging industries can help diversify the economic base.

Collaboration among local government, businesses, nonprof-

its, and residents is essential for implementing effective economic development strategies. Engaging residents in the planning process, fostering public-private partnerships, and leveraging local assets can maximize resources ensuring initiatives align with the community's priorities.

Reversing the downward economic conditions in a small community requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach that leverages local strengths, fosters entrepreneurship, and promotes sustainable growth. By imple-

menting the strategies outlined above, communities can create a more vibrant and resilient economy that benefits residents and businesses alike.

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	42	Blk/BwF-Bm	1314	2250.00	\$2,250.00
	11	Blk/BwF-Sm & Bm	1135	1900.00	\$1,900.00
Brian Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	16	Black-Brd Hfr	1072	2385.00	\$2,385.00
	6	BwF-Brd Hfr	1098	2385.00	\$2,385.00
Richard A Smith Ranch Llc, Buffalo SD	19	Black-Brd Hfr	947	2585.00	\$2,585.00
	17	Black-Brd Hfr	963	2350.00	\$2,350.00
TJ Wesley, Oshoto WY	47	Red-Brd Hfr	1015	2450.00	\$2,450.00
Charles And Audrey Kerr, Glendive MT	22	Black-Sm	1298	2585.00	\$2,585.00
	33	Black-Bm	1309	2150.00	\$2,150.00
Brett Dailey, Jordan MT	22	Black-Brd Hfr	902	2050.00	\$2,050.00
	15	Black-Bm	1339	1950.00	\$1,950.00
Thomas V Simons, Edgemont SD	12	Blk/BwF-Sm	1324	2100.00	\$2,100.00
	8	Blk/BwF-Bm	1257	1700.00	\$1,700.00
Lj Green & Sons Inc, Volborg MT	6	Black-Sm	1479	1950.00	\$1,950.00
	4	Black-Bm	1519	1825.00	\$1,825.00
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	16	Blk/BwF-Bm	1468	2150.00	\$2,150.00
	3	Blk/BwF-Bm	1448	1800.00	\$1,800.00
	8	Black-Bm	1458	1675.00	\$1,675.00

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	1	Black-Cow	1345	115.00	\$1,546.75
	1	Black-Hfrt	1190	149.00	\$1,773.10
	1	Black-Hfrt	990	162.50	\$1,608.75
	1	Black-Hfrt	1035	178.00	\$1,842.30
	1	Black-Hfrt	960	181.00	\$1,737.60
	1	Black-Cow	1575	105.50	\$1,661.62
George Birtic, Belgrade MT	2	Black-Hfrt	1160	150.00	\$1,740.00
	1	Black-Cow	1575	107.00	\$1,685.25
	3	Black-Hfrt	1057	172.00	\$1,817.46
Dwayne Anderson Revoc Trust, Gillette WY	1	Red-Hfrt	1220	110.00	\$1,342.00
	1	Red-Cowette	1305	105.00	\$1,370.25
	1	Red-Hfrt	1095	135.00	\$1,478.25
	1	Red-Cowette	1340	105.00	\$1,407.00

	1	Red-Cowette	1195	110.00	\$1,314.50
	1	Red-Cowette	1225	103.50	\$1,267.87
John S Or Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1355	107.00	\$1,449.85
	1	Black-Cow	1120	110.00	\$1,232.00
	1	Black-Cowette	1080	137.50	\$1,485.00
	1	Black-Cow	1390	106.00	\$1,473.40
	1	Black-Cow	1430	105.00	\$1,501.50
Robert Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD	17	Blk/BwF-Cow	1250	102.00	\$1,275.00
	1	Black-Cowette	1255	140.00	\$1,757.00
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	30	Blk/BwF-Hfrt	1080	150.00	\$1,619.50
	12	Black-Cowette	1220	129.50	\$1,579.36
	22	Blk/BwF-Cowette	1395	104.50	\$1,458.25
	1	Black-Bull	1940	114.50	\$2,221.30
	1	Black-Bull	1325	112.00	\$1,484.00
Doug Bonsel, Ekalaka MT	28	Rd/Blk-Hfrt	931	148.00	\$1,378.25
Cal Davison, Miles City MT	10	Blk/BwF-Hfrt	1107	147.00	\$1,627.29
	9	Red-Hfrt	1154	136.00	\$1,570.04
	8	Rd/Blk-Hfrt	1220	128.00	\$1,561.60
	4	Rd/Blk-Hfrt	1210	106.00	\$1,282.60
	2	Black-Cowette	1023	104.00	\$1,063.40
	1	RwF-Cowette	1195	105.00	\$1,254.75
	5	Rd/Blk-Cow	1347	104.00	\$1,400.88
	2	Black-Cow	1495	105.50	\$1,577.22
Arcadia Llc, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Hfrt	855	154.00	\$1,316.70

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Jason Bollinger  
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**Lodge Grass, MT**  
Justin Hecker  
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## Property Transfer by City CPR Training Set

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NEWELL-The Newell City Commission approved the transfer of Block 5, Lot 1, located east side of Newell, to the non-profit Newell Economic Committee. The City can transfer property to a non-profit on approval of the commission. At this time the property is zoned residential so the commission will need to change the zoning in the near future. Sewer work will begin in the area soon.

The commission renewed a one-year term on the Library Board for Linda Vollmer and approved Angie Hansen to fill the two-year vacancy on the board left by Kim Wince. Both terms began January 1.

Ambulance Director Sherry Hocking petitioned the commissioners to waive fees for the use of the Community Hall to instruct the public in CPR classes. Hocking has received a grant to do the training free of charge to the public. She has been instructing students at the Newell Middle School and High School. The commissioners approved waiving the fees, seeing the benefits of CPR.

The estimate from Mangis Construction to demolish the building at 102 Fisk was approved. The contract includes tearing down the structure,

hauling contents to the city dump, and hauling dirt into the basement and leveling the area. The cost of the project is \$9,096.96. The work deadline will be weather permitting.

Mayor Ken Wetz noted that the property will be put back on the tax rolls.

Two names were added to the Newell Fire Department, Andy Kentsler and Matt Mangis.

Enning Propane has begun a new part of their service by installing tank monitors. The monitoring system automatically enrolls the tank owner in the "Keep Full" program. There is a \$4 monthly fee for each tank. The city owns four tanks that will receive the monitors.

The High Plains restaurant has changed hands to 26 Bar Holdings and petitioned the commission to approve the transfer of the liquor license. Shelby Schuelke is the owner of 26 Bar Holdings and purchased High Plains from her parents.

Special notes for the Newell Museum that the museum will be closed April 8 and 9 and again June 3 and 4. Feeding South Dakota will be moved to another location on June 4. It will also be closed November 4 and 5. Feeding South Dakota will be moved on November 5.

## Science Fair Showcases MS Projects



"Tacky Tape Test," the project by Ayricka Shulte, won Overall Grand Champion of the science fair, as well as winning in the Chemistry category.

Heitz photo

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NEWELL—Newell School District held its yearly science fair on Wednesday, February 7. Sixth and seventh graders showcased scientific research projects across six categories: physical & environmental sciences, behavioral sciences, chemistry, plant sciences & botany, animal sciences, and engineering sciences. Project titles included "Soil Matters," "Colorful Teeth," "How Well I Filter Water," and "Prosopagnosia, aka Face Blindness."

Sixth grader Jessi Bachman tested the efficiency of different types of mulch in her project, titled "Mother Mulcher." "I was interested in changing the mulch to see if it would grow a better sweet corn crop," she

explained. Bachman found that among wool, chicken, grass, and blender mulch types, the wool mulch worked best "because it absorbed the nitrogen and then separated it from the water so it would slowly leak into my plants." She added that blender mulch performed the worst as it had no fertilizer and did not absorb water as well as she'd hoped. Bachman's project won the physical/environmental sciences category, along with the Butte County Conservation prize.

Another sixth grader, Braylee Barrera, experimented with a combination of botany and art. Her project, titled "Colorful Flowers," was the winner of the botany category, and involved dipping the stems of white flowers into colored water and assessing how the length of

the stems affected the flowers' ability to absorb different colors. She got the idea for the project when she was at home with a friend one day. "We really wanted to do something, and we just had a bunch of flowers sitting in a vase, and I asked my mom if we could try coloring them," she said. Barrera found that "with some of the taller ones, they wouldn't get colored as much and some would break. So I had to cut them shorter, and then the shorter ones got more colored."

Other interesting projects included "Tacky Tape," by Ayricka Shulte, which was the overall grand champion and chemistry winner, and "Better Butter," by Lucille Ahart, which won an honorable mention in chemistry.

## Looking at Changes Newell School Board

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NEWELL-Several teacher resignations were approved at the regular Newell School Board meeting February 12. The resignations came from teachers nearing retirement or moving on to other opportunities.

Laurie Parker, Betsy Burtzloff, Dahna Allard, Karen Jensen, and Scott Wince have handed in their formal resignations.

Laurie Parker has been a teacher in the Newell School District for 41 years. She says in her letter that "the decision to retire has not been an easy one to make" and she is grateful to have been part of students' academic journey.

Betsy Burtzloff is moving on to other pursuits after being part of the Newell teaching staff for many years.

Dahna Allard has been with the district for a short time as Business Manager and is looking forward to new enterprises.

Karen Jensen has seen many changes in the Business Office in the Newell School District and has been part of the Ag Department as a para and FFA Assistant Advisor.

Scott Wince is planning on embarking on a new journey

laid on the foundation formed at Newell School. He has been part of the district for many years.

Results were given for the recent Parent/Teacher Conferences by Principal Steve Schoenfish. He reported that the average attendance for Elementary was 78% (the Kindergarten teacher was ill and new results brought the percentage up), Middle School 77%, and High School 55%. These result in a 70% attendance to the conferences.

Schoenfish also reported on the recent virtual learning experienced by students during a snow day on January 18. Elementary had 14 students missing out of 107 students.

Middle School and High School are counted as periods. Middle School has 364 periods in a day. Thirty-three periods had missing students, making 91% of periods attended.

The High School didn't show a good result. Out of 462 periods in a day, 122 periods had missing students. This resulted in a 73% of periods attended.

Schoenfish said that three students had called and said they did not have Internet services and thus were not figured into the totals.

School Board C4



Right: Braylee Barrera and her project, "Colorful Flowers," won in the botany category. Heitz photo

Left: Jessi Bachman won the physical/environmental sciences category in the science fair with her project titled "Mother Mulcher." She also won the coveted Butte County Conservation prize for her work. Heitz photo



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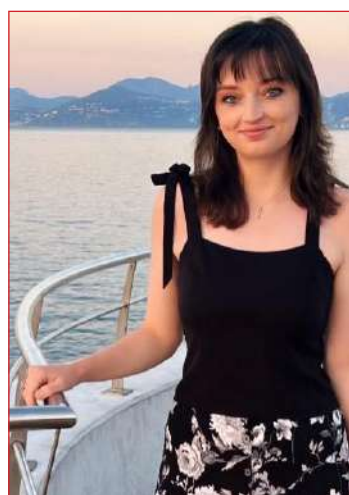
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## Meet Ryder Heitz

My name is Ryder Heitz. I am the freelance journalist taking over for Colleen Brun-



Ryder Heitz  
- Courtesy photo

ner. I graduated as valedictorian from Newell High School in 2016. Following high school, I attended Pomona College in Claremont, CA and graduated with a bachelor's degree in arts, with a major in Politics and a minor in Religion. After graduating from college, I spent a semester interning for the Democratic National Committee. I enjoy riding horses and spent most of my life competing in rodeos. Reading and writing have always been passions of mine, so when I was offered the opportunity to write for the paper, I jumped at it! Human interest stories have been my favorite to write during my 8 month experience at the Valley Irrigator so far.

## Newell Hosts Wrestling Round Robin



The Newell Irrigator wrestling team hosted a round robin tournament on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Wrestlers traveled to compete from several towns, including Faith, Hill City, Sundance, Hulett, Lemmon/McIntosh, Lead-Deadwood, and Harding County. Pictured is Newell senior Charles Clements taking on an opponent from Faith. Clements won this match.

Heitz photo

February 25  
50th Anniversary Open House for Randy and Rhonda Valley, Nisland  
Vale Pancake Supper, 5-7 pm

March 2  
Family Formal, Newell School  
Multi-Purpose Room, 6-8 pm, Dress your best and enjoy some dancing! Anyone you consider family is invited to attend. Light snacks will be served. No cost with free-will donation. Funds help support students at the Newell School District. Sponsored by Newell PTO.

Story Time with Miss Patty  
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NVN Food Bank Distribution-Feeding South Dakota-Every 1st Tuesday of each month in front of the NVN Senior Center and on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Dakota Life Christian Center, 12:30 P.M.

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## Double Header Includes Quilt Drawing and Chili

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NEWELL—The Irrigator basketball teams played a double header vs. the Wall Eagles on Monday, February 5.

Although the girls fought hard against Wall and even started off ahead of the opponent in points, the game ultimately ended in a loss for Newell's Lady Irrigators. The final score was 43-83.

Unfortunately, the boys' team suffered the same fate with a loss against the Eagles.

Despite the losses, the games still provided a fun atmosphere along with several other events. The girls' basketball team held a drawing for a beautiful star quilt, donated by Pandi Pittman of the Quilt Bank, during half-time of the boys' game.

Newell High School's junior class also held its second annual

chili cook-off at the game.

Additionally, Randy Oliver, local youth basketball coach and inspiration for over 30 years, was honored at halftime during the girls' basketball game.

The Lady Irrigators will compete in basketball regions starting February 19, while the boys' team starts regions on February 26.



The girls' basketball team with the winner of the quilt, which was donated by Pandi Pittman. Heitz photo

## Irrigator BB Double Headers End in Loss

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NEWELL—On Friday, Jan. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 27, the Newell Irrigator basketball teams played a double header against the Faith Longhorns and the Philip Scotties, respectively. The turnout for both events brought roaring cheers from the crowd as the players rushed back and forth down the court.

The girls fought hard against Faith, nearly overtaking them at several points during the game but coming up short of points in the end. The final score was 46-58. Braylee Freytag and Mary Mahaffy both scored 12 points for the girls' team. The boys also ended the night against Faith with a loss; the final score was 47-70. James Duncan led the boys' team in points scored, with 16 total.

Although both teams put in a valiant effort to win against Philip the next day, Saturday's

games unfortunately ended in losses as well. The final score for the girls was 49-58, while the boys ended with a score of 27-61.

The girls' record now stands

at 7-9, while the boys' record is 3-11.

Both teams will travel to Timber Lake on Feb. 9 to face the Panthers in a double header. Go gators!



Junior Jamin Davidson, #5, makes a pass in the boys' basketball game versus the Faith Longhorns on Friday, Jan. 26. Heitz Photo

## Results of Newell Science Fair

Overall Grand Champion - Ayricka Shulte  
Overall Runner-Up - William Erk

Chemistry Winner - Ayricka Shulte  
Botany Winner - Braylee Barrera  
Animal Science Winner - William Erk  
Engineering Winner - Riley Feistner  
Behavioral/Social Scienc-

es Winner - McKenzie Rans  
Physical/Environmental Sciences Winner and Butte County Conservation Winner - Jessi Bachman

Chemistry Runner Up - Evelyn Ahart  
Botany Runner-Up - Justin Stranberg  
Animal Science Runner Up - Tiyana Castillo  
Behavioral/Social Sciences Runner Up - Brendt Tiff

Chemistry Honorable Mention - Lucille Ahart  
Chemistry Honorable Mention - Kylee Martin  
Engineering Honorable Mention - James Gatzke





Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This week started off pretty warm, but it sure cooled off on Friday with a low temperature of 1 degree that morning and a high temperature of 16 degrees that afternoon.

Patsy Wilkinson hosted Ladies Aid Tuesday afternoon and after the meeting I had Linda Mohagen give me a much-needed haircut at her house in Reva before I picked up Copper off the school bus and brought her home.

Casey picked up a copy of Elaine Doll-Dunn's new book for us at Buffalo Ranch Supply in Buffalo that she wrote about her dad, Guy Doll, titled "If You're Lookin' for a Place to Land . . . You're Already Thrown."

Guy's middle name is Douglas, named after Guy Doll's son Doug Doll and Reub's brother Doug Olson, two more wonderful cowboys.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Wednesday afternoon and had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers in Reeder on the way home.

There were more deaths to report this week: Paul Marrs, 68, passed away on Saturday, February 10. Paul's funeral was Thursday, February 15, at the Nisland Independent Community Church in Nisland.

Carmelo Bonomo, age 88, of Hettinger, passed away on Thursday evening, February 15, at the Hettinger Hospital

in Hettinger. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, February 27, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hettinger with entombment to follow at the Dickinson Mausoleum in Dickinson.

Mert Clarkson had surgery on Thursday and when I called Sue Clarkson Friday afternoon, she said that his surgery went well.

We got our "Range" magazine this week and I just love it! When I was in the legislature I encouraged all the other legislators to subscribe to Range because it is all about the things that concern us here in the Midwest, especially ranchers and everyone involved in agriculture.

You've heard the media and the politicians talking about our "democracy". We are NOT a democracy. A democracy is nothing but mob rule and we

are protected from mob rule by the Constitution. When someone asked Benjamin Franklin what our nation was, he said that "We are a constitutional republic, if we can keep it".

Mona Hight's birthday was Friday, February 16, and her family celebrated her birthday with a party for her on Saturday afternoon.

Six ladies from Slim Buttes Lutheran church went to the Women's Retreat in Rapid City on Friday and Saturday and they told us about the retreat in church this Sunday.

With tax time coming and all this talk about ranchers, I'll leave you with this:

An old rancher had a small ranch that he worked for many,

many years. Then one year, the IRS claimed that he was not paying proper wages to his workers and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the IRS agent.

"Well," replied the rancher, "There's my ranch hand who has been with me for about 3 years. I pay him \$600 a week plus free room and board."

"Any others?" asked the agent.

"Well, the cook has been here for 18 months ever since my wife passed away. I pay her \$500 a week plus free room and board," answered the old rancher.

"Is that everyone? You realize that making false statements to the IRS can mean a fine, jail time, or a confiscation of your land and equipment!" said the IRS agent trying to intimidate the old rancher.

"Well," thought the old rancher, "there's the half-wit who works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board and I buy him a glass or two of bourbon every Saturday night as a reward."

"That's the guy! I want to talk to the half-wit!" demanded the agent.

"That would be me," replied old rancher.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

February 12, 1914

The controversy regarding the official nickname and other attributes of like importance, of South Dakota, is settled by statute. Articles 21 of the Constitution fixes "Under God the People Rule", as the motto. Chapter 219, of the Laws of 1903, designated the State flower as the pasque flower and the motto "I Lead": Chapter 230, of the State laws of 1909, defines "South Dakota, the Sunshine State", for the State flag, giving no legal standing to the "Coyote State".

Fred Mix and Louis Wilcox, who have been working in the Flat Iron Mine south of Lead, for some time, returned Monday and will spend a much needed vacation at their homes at Vale.

The Jewell Nursery of Lake City, Minnesota, is in a class by itself for furnishing hardy fruit, ornamental and shade trees that will service us in the northwest. One of 2 Agents can secure employment for handling this firm's stock by applying to C. D. Sanders, Newell.

February 7, 1924

Taxpayers from the Vale District have started action to prevent the removal of the Bismarck Bridge at Empire. They were granted a temporary injunction against tearing the bridge down.

Gasoline took another 2-cent jump on Tuesday of this week, the tank wagon price now being 21.9 cents. Kerosene also took on another cent a gallon. General belief is that the peak has not yet been reached.

A new Post Office to be known as Burlan has been established in Butte County, 14 miles northwest of Castle Rock. Mrs. R. H. Stephens is Postmistress and the office will be supplied from Castle Rock.

There have been several cases of tardiness during the week that has been uncalled for. There are some excuses for tardiness for pupils that live in the country, especially during the winter, because of road conditions, but most all cases have been pupils living in town and the general excuses: "their parents did not get up in time; the clock was slow; or they didn't hear the bell or couldn't find their shoes".

February 8, 1934

Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Morseman returned last Friday from

a 5-week trip, visiting at the home of Mr. Morseman's brother at Ft. Collins, Colorado and other relatives in Missouri. Mr. Morseman while gone especially noted conditions in the Scotts Bluff irrigation section and in comparing them with those on the Belle Fourche Project, concluded this section was not so bad off after all.

Cal Watkins and Merle Temple went out to the Eagle Butte community recently and purchased 2 Shetland ponies. Mr. Temple has purchased the feed on the Andrew Ness, Willow Creek place and will take his cattle there. The Temples and Walter Bay attended a dance at the Lon Ross ranch near Red Owl last Saturday evening, where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Jim Reed was arrested at the Huddleston Bridge when he was about to drive a bunch of horses across. He had been followed from the North Country by Sheriff Floyd Short of Perkins County. He had about 30 head of horses in the bunch and owners for most of the horse had been found. One particular slant of the case was that Reed had some of Sheriff's horses in the bunch. The rustling of cattle and horses has been going on quite extensively in the west river country of late years and several counties have joined in an effort to stop this activity.



Robert Donahey -Newell Museum

February 10, 1944

Mrs. Robert L. Donahey received a package Sunday containing the Purple Heart medal which was awarded to her husband PFC, Robert L. Donahey, who has been with the 7th Infantry in the Italy War Zone for the past 4 1/2 months. Mrs. Donahey had received a letter from her husband last November telling her he was sending a medal for getting a few scratches, but she did not know it would be the Purple Heart. PFC Donahey is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Donahey, Newell

having been educated in the Empire and Vale Schools. Mrs. Donahey is making her home with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hubbard near Newell.

In Perkins County an open pheasant season took effect last week. With 2 feet of snow on the level and the main highways plowed out for 1-way traffic only, many hunters resorted to saddle horses to do their hunting. In spike of the handicaps, a few hunters were quite successful.

"Reap the Wild Wind", a spectacular Paramount sea saga in Technicolor, will be shown at the Arcade Theater here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. For moviegoers this is exciting news, product of a great story and a great cast. Cecil DeMi-



lle's "Reap the Wild Wind" has an epic quality; it takes us back to the days of 1840, off Key West, Florida where coastal prizes salvaged plundered ships going to pieces on the reefs. De-Mille's "Reap the Wild Wind", is a picture at the head of your motion picture entertainment list. Starring: John Wayne; Ray Millard; Paulette Goddard; Raymond Massey; Cynne Overman, Robert Preston; Susan Hayward and others.

February 11, 1954

Those from our territory receiving their caps and gowns are Patty Yuill, and June Schmele both Newell and Etta Mae Williamson, Vale at the Catholic Cathedral Sunday afternoon in Rapid City. This is the completion of the first term of nurse's training completed by the girls. There were 26 Freshmen of St. John's McNamara School of Nursing; the 2 Newell girls were designated among those with "second high" scholastic honors. Mrs. Kenneth Viken and Jeanne and the Bill Yuill family attended the nurses "capping" ceremony. Also attending the ceremony were: Mr. & Mrs. Lyn Glad-

stone and daughters to see Miss. Eleanor Solon, a niece of the Gladstone's, receive her cap.

The annual money-making event of the Nisland PTA will be held at the Nisland High School gymnasium, Saturday evening, February 20, was announced by Mrs. Jean Sorensen, publicity chairman. A program, dance and lunch will be held, details of which will be

February 6, 1964

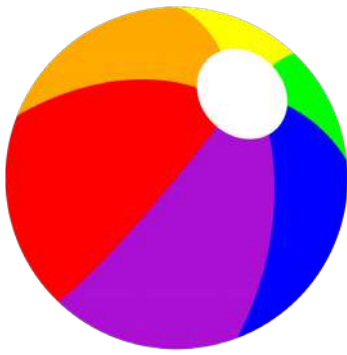
At the January meeting of the Butte County Commission, heard with great interest a report from representatives of Brady Engineering Company on their views and findings of the Vale Road. A petition was received with signatures of Richard Schnell, Louis Adams; George Piekola; Howard Schmele and Robert Fickbohm, sternly requesting gravel on their road. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Forty-two member of the Newell, Vale, Castle Rock and Mud Butte Volunteer Fire Departments received their completion certificates at the conclusion of what Deputy Fire Marshall Earl Hood of Spearfish pointed out was the second largest such school held to date in South Dakota. The 18-hour Firemanship Training Course was held 3 hours a night, beginning on January 22 and covered different phases of instruction on the nature and hazards of fires, fire procedure, protective equipment, first aid and rescue and the need for training. Those receiving certificates are: Castle Rock: Chief Roderick Carrieries; Henry and Francis Jacobsen and Glen Wendt, Mud Butte: Chief Eddie McDermott; Robert Draine; Sam Sundstrom; Bill Orwick; Bud Jones; Neil Mutchler; Elmer Orwick; Bill Patterson; Kenny Post; Glen Wahlfeldt; Louis Tobiska; Don and Floyd McGillevary, Vale: Chief Albert Drake; Joe Crockford; Harold Wetzy; Jack Ulrich; Charles Mix; Leroy Pawlowski, Fred H. Heidrich, Rueben Lungren and Newell: Chief Dale Anderson; Don Hafner; Alfred Silvernagle; Herbert Vasknetz; Herby Lowell; Jerry Kuchera; Don Dahlberg; Don Moore; Cliff Reichstein; Geno Stedellie; Civilian Forde; Lorman Lange and Rodney DeGarlais.



Nursery Tree Agents.

-Newell Museum



PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A fellow who says he has never told a lie has just told one." — Anonymus

Answer to Sudoku

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

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

February 19, 1914

A pleasant surprise was sprung on Mrs. Ikey McCown Friday evening. It proved to be quite a surprise as she was readying herself to spend the evening at a neighbor's on Frozen Man Creek. Everyone enjoyed the impromptu evening.

C. M. Simons came to Newell on Tuesday for a load of freight for the Sulphur Store, returning Wednesday. Sneak thieves entered his granary on Monday night and carried off 2 sacks of alfalfa seed.

The Lawton brothers are busy building a home on the Edward Lawton homestead west of the Frank Griffith homestead. Frank Griffith will stay on his claim, which he recently proved-up, for a few weeks or perhaps, even until spring arrives.

February 14, 1924

Some members of the Castle Rock Community organized a rabbit hunt for Wednesday and Thursday and 513 rabbits were killed altogether, which was not as good as last year's hunt when they brought in 628 pairs of ears. The losers gave the winners an oyster supper and dance at the school house Saturday night.



The ice going out of the Belle Fourche River yesterday and huge gorges were formed at several points at the Nisland Bridge, the ice piled up to an extent that threatened the structure. Dynamite was being used yesterday afternoon in an attempt to break up the gorge.

Art Westerlund, who was shot in the leg by Town Marshall Charles Lawell of Newell on January 23rd, is still confined to the Newell Hospital. The wound failed to heal promptly, but is reported to be gradually improving. The preliminary hearing of Charles and Art Westerlund, who were recently charged with liquor law violation, was called before Justice George W. Goff on Monday afternoon. Westerlunds' attorney T. G. Wells asked for a change of venue to Belle Fourche which he was granted.

February 15, 1934

Under the direction of Mr. Brodsky, the Newell High School band is well underway for earnest practice with the Black Hills Music Festival in mind; they are now working hard preparing new numbers for the occasion. No new marches have been secured as yet, but "Overture Atlantis" written in 4 parts, has been started.

A new silver screen has been installed at the Arcade Theater, Newell and recent changes have been made on the widening isles and seating arrangements in order to comply with the State Fire Laws. Don't miss the Patch News Reels next Tuesday evening at the theater before the feature movie.

The public auction sale at the Albert Lafferee place on Tuesday drew a large crowd and everything with the exception of cows brought a good price, according to auctioneer Charles E. Scott. Horses brought as high as \$107 each and the farm machinery brought more than was expected.

February 17, 1944

Old winter sent us some ugly Valentines this year in the form of more snowfall and strong winds on top of the 2 feet or more which blanketed the entire northwestern part of the State 3 weeks ago. Weather forecasts out of Rapid City are absolutely inapplicable to this particular area. The big storm of January 27 came without a word of warning from the bureau. With a forecast high of 42 degrees today, it might go up to 20 degrees this afternoon here.

Albert Munroe arrived Sunday from Logan, Colorado, on

man R. D. Long. Further details, rules or regulations will be worked out and announced soon in advertising, but it is expected that there will be prizes in violin, accordion and harmonicas competition.

A 5-year old Columbia ewe owned by Chester Garness, a 4-H member is one of a kind. The ewe had quadruplets Friday, which boosted the production record for young Garness. In 1951 the ewe had twins; 1952 triplets; 1953 twins and quadruplets in 1954, making 11 lambs in 4 years. He began producing Registered Columbia sheep as his 4-H project in 1949 and now has a nice flock. Chester is a junior in Newell High School, FFA and entries in Butte County Fair and Western South Dakota Stud Ram Show & Sale.

The Annual Pancake Supper put on by the men of the Congregational Church is turning into a feud as to flapjack flipping techniques. The Masters of the art: Alphonse Johnson, Eddie Anderson; Billy Swan; Roger Van derBoon; Nathan Robbins and Melvin Brennaman and the neophytes: Lyman Bruce; Loren Poole; Clarence Smith and Erny Lyons under the watchful eye of Herman Shipley and W.H.C. Swan. Walt Milberg is arranging the special entertainment or "floor show". Come support your flapjack team.

February 13, 1964

Several men of the Castle Rock Community have been working on the Community Hall again for several days. Some cement work has been done and at present they are laying the sub-floor. Andy Johnson and Dean Oliver hauled a couple loads of gravel. The Butte County gravel trucks hauled several loads of gravel from the Hoover Pit for the approach and parking yard.

Paul Wright was host to a group of Vale High School students at a social and pizza party Saturday evening in his home after the Buffalo -Vale basketball game. The Beetdiggers were victorious 92-60 over the Ranchers. Wright had led the Vale scoring in the first period until he sprained his wrist and was out for the remainder of the game.

Albert Cram sold his irrigated farm east of Newell, now occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Miles, to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Berndt who have been living in the Horse Creek area; it has been announced this week. Cram is completing moving his machinery, haystacks and sheep to his ranch in the Castle Rock area. George Stapp is assisting in moving the haystacks and granary to the Cram ranch from the farm. Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Roberts hosted Cram and Stapp with lunch on Wednesday.

February 18, 1954

The Annual Old Time Fiddlers Contest sponsored by the Newell IOOF Lodge is set for Saturday March 6; it was announced this week by Chair-



From A1

School Board

Board Member Sara Brunner said that she hoped it would go better and that there was definitely a learning curve. She was disappointed with the High School portion of the report.

There was a question addressing the comparison of Virtual Learning versus the attendance of a make-up Friday. Schoenfish did not have the statistics, but would check on it.

A survey was sent out to consider the future of football at Newell School. There is a total of 28 high school boys. The survey was completed by 23 with 15 saying they would likely

play football in the fall. There is a possibility of playing only JV football next fall, rather than having a varsity team. The Board members discussed several scenarios centered around the small number of athletes. A JV schedule would probably have games played on Mondays and/or Tuesdays. Another question would be Homecoming. AD Schoenfish needs to make plans to set game dates for the fall. A decision will be made at the March School Board meeting.

The Newell School Board was recognized by the Newell Community for all that they contribute to the community.

Eighth Grade Business Fair



Liam Johnston, left, and Hayden Johnston, right, selling flags and air fresheners at their business fair booths.

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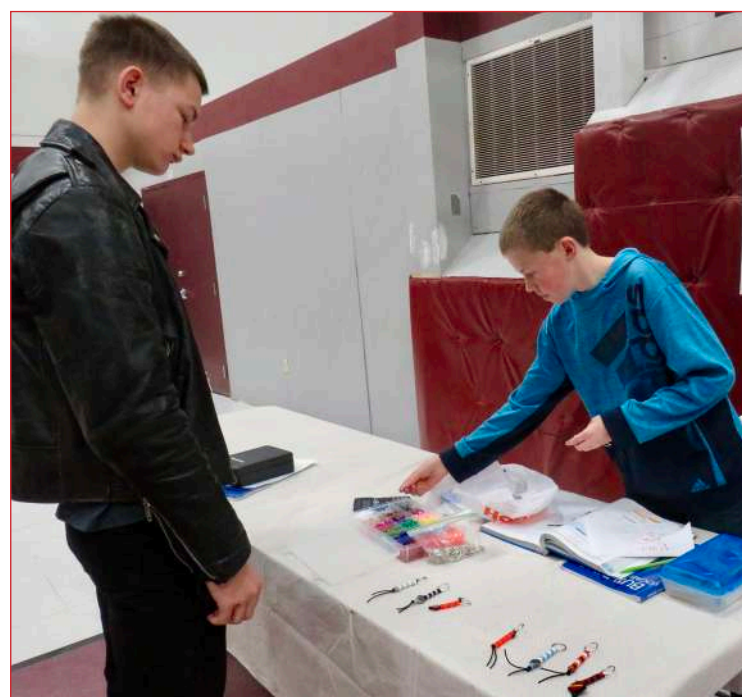
NEWELL—Newell School's eighth grade class held a business fair on Wednesday, February 7. The class displayed their creativity and entrepreneurial skills, selling a range of items including carefully hand-crafted woodwork, keychains, and more.

One student, Jacey Larson, sold handmade bracelets that she started crafting in July. She made 50 bracelets for the business fair and made over \$50 in sales throughout the day.

Elaine Shaykett, the eighth-grade teacher, said that when the school decided that eighth graders were no longer required to take part in the science fair, she wanted to keep the business fair going for them. "My last class is called 21st Century," she explained. "So they have to think about money sense." For the first few weeks of the class,

students learned about shopping and how to make decisions about deals and sales at the store. Now, they are learning how checking accounts work. "They've been doing things with money, things they're going to need in their everyday life," said Mrs. Shaykett. "And so the business fair just kind of now fits in with that. We don't have a home economics class anymore. So kids are going out into the world and they have no clue how to even buy something."

The business fair was an opportunity for the youth to learn about various aspects of running a business, from conceptualization and product development to sales. It provided them with a unique hands-on experience, allowing them to get a taste of the challenges and rewards associated with being a business owner.



Alex Yates sells one of his keychains to Flint Overholt. Heitz Photo

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**Fish Sticks**

**\$7.99** lb.

Large 60 oz.

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**Wild Caught Salmon**

**\$14.99** lb.

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Mrs. Gerry's

**Deviled Egg Potato Salad**

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USDA Choice  
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**Fish Sticks**

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**2/\$12**  
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12 pk. cans  
**2/\$10**  
or  
\$5.00



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All Varieties • 8 ct.  
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5 oz.  
**2/\$3**  
or  
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10 oz.  
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**Yellow Mustard**  
20 oz.  
**\$2.49**



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16 oz.  
**\$1.99**



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

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

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



# Sudoku

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

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 First principles
  - 5 Office of Economic Development (abbr.)
  - 8 Study
  - 12 Borrowed money
  - 13 Having (suf.)
  - 14 Great Lake
  - 15 Asian desert
  - 16 Backward
  - 17 Ancient weight
  - 18 To the rear
  - 20 United Nations Intl. Children's Emergency Fund (abbr.)
  - 22 Andiron
  - 25 Atomic Energy Commission (abbr.)
  - 28 Own (Scot.)
  - 29 Once (Lat.)
  - 33 Jack-in-the-pulpit
  - 35 Luzon people
  - 37 Textile fiber
  - 38 Rom. ancestral spirits
  - 40 Mountain on Crete
  - 42 Television channel
  - 43 Sickness (Fr.)
  - 46 Each
  - 49 Gardening tool
  - 53 Alaska Hawaii Std. Time (abbr.)
  - 54 Hebrew letter
  - 57 Coagulated substance
  - 58 Death rattle
  - 59 Prepare leather
  - 60 Formerly
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- 1 Sea lettuce

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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 ORA RARE MAAM  
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**ENIGMA**  
CRYPTOGRAM

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

"X IUBBNY YDN AXRA DU DXA LUCUZ  
 TNBG X BHU DXA PFAT TNBG NLU."  
 — XLNLRNFA


PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Too many people run out of ideas long before they run out of words." — Author Unknown

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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.



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**April 19 – Self Care for Mental Health**  
**May 17 – Anger Management**

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### Belle Silver Lining

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