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February 18th City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche City Council met on Tuesday, February 18. During the Mayor's Report, Randy Schmidt read the FFA Week Proclamation. Toi Lyn Flick and Nathan Schreier gave a presentation regarding the Belle Fourche Community Theatre, and provided a survey aimed at gathering feedback to support the ongoing improvement of the theatre.

The Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber has had a productive month, representing the community at the Governor's Tourism Conference and confirming the Veterans Ride on August 3. New partnerships with BHSU and the development of a young professionals' group are underway, while sponsorships for upcoming events like the Annual Banquet and Casino Night are being secured. Marketing efforts continue to grow, with new members joining and an online shop in development for local tourism.

CoNBA provided a recap regarding how the Center of the Nation Business Association allocated the funds granted by the city in 2024. The association secured additional sponsorships for the fireworks and adopted a more conservative approach towards the end of the year in anticipation of a smaller allocation for the current year. The

association also voted to sponsor the Center of the Nation All Car Rally pending confirmation of available dates with the city, and plans to discuss how to organize the Easter egg hunt giving the ongoing work at the baseball diamonds.

The Library committee raised a concern regarding the impact of federal funding to the state and how it may affect small communities like Belle Fourche. Citizens are encouraged to reach out to their state representatives to express their concerns.

The Museum & Visitor Center reported that in January, the complex hosted 245 visitors from 8 states and 2 Canadian provinces. The "Marvelous Maps" Family Fun Day attracted 28 people, and the annual tea had 70 participants, with the 2025 tea scheduled for September 27. Ongoing construction issues include a crack in the addition wall, restroom door repairs, and kitchen cabinetry being fabricated. A plumber will fix the broken garbage disposal, and Haggerty's Music Works provided sound system training for staff.

The Oath of Office was administered to the two newest patrol officers of the Belle Fourche Police Department: Dusty Merchen and Ryan Duprel.

The next City Council meeting will be March 3 at 6 p.m.



The Oath of Office is administered to the two newest patrol officers of the BFPD: **Dusty Merchen** and **Ryan Duprel**. Courtesy photo

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BFMS January Students of the Month



BFMS January Students of the Month were honored at the February school board meeting. **Aubyn Hartman** and **Logan Dennis**, 5th graders, **Adilynn Burke** and **Austin Ramirez**, sixth graders, **Charlie Merjil** and **Oaklee Atkins**, seventh graders and **Oaklee Curtis** and **Alexis Allart**, eighth graders. Courtesy Photo

February School Board Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche School Board held a meeting on Monday, February 10. Associated School Boards of South Dakota honored the Belle Fourche School District for South Dakota School Board Recognition Week, February 17-21, "in recognition of dedicated leadership in public education and for improving achievement for all public school students."

The Belle Fourche High School FFA gave a presentation on parliamentary procedure. Curriculum Director Angela Reder also provided a data corner that covered the "What-Why-How" of district assessment practices with four different types of assessments introduced. Student Council Liaison Ellie Schreder reported on the activities of the Council and student body.

December 2024 and January

2025 Students of the Month were recognized. For December, those honored were: Fifth Grade—Rylee Kukla and Tymber Patterson; Sixth Grade—Harry Bruce and Claire Fickbohm; Seventh Grade—Adeline Humbracht and Brennan Williamson; Eighth Grade—Alexis Allart and Isaiha Slama. For January, those honored were: Fifth Grade—Aubyn

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New Nail Spa Offers Unique Services to the Area

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—After being a nurse for 23 years, an injury changed the trajectory of Marybeth Runnels's life. "I had a back injury that prevented me from working full time as a nurse anymore, I can't be on my feet all day, I can't lift patients and I can't do that stuff anymore," she explained.

This gave her the opportunity to follow a life-long dream. "I've always kind of had an entrepreneurial spirit and I've always wanted to own my own business." One day, while getting her own nails done, the idea came to her. "It was my nail tech who said, have you thought about doing nails? And I'm like, well, no, I haven't!"

After taking time to think about if she would really like that big of a life change, she decided to go for it! Runnels explained, "It took me about a year of thinking to decide if I really needed to back off of nursing that much, I just kind of let it marinate, and then I decided, yeah, why not?"

Runnels spent 7 months learning the ins and outs of nail art and design at the Salon Professional Academy in Rapid City. Shortly thereafter, her business Digits Nail Spa PLLC was born.

Being an RN along with a Nail Tech, she is able to bring special skills to her profession. Runnels combines both of her careers to offer unique services to the Belle Fourche area. "When I started nail school, I realized there are services that nail technicians

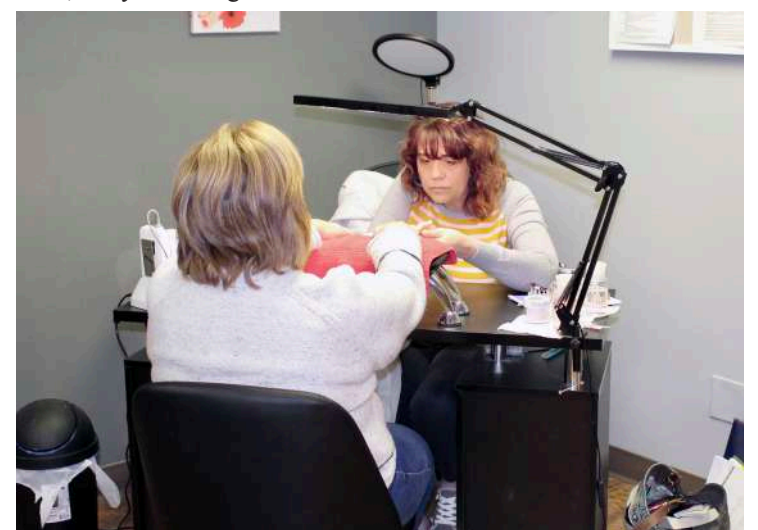
cannot provide that I can as a nurse," said Runnels. "I have opened my business using my nursing license and I am able to provide services—the beauty part of it with the manicures, pedicures, nail extensions, what you get at most other nail places—but I can also use my RN license to provide services for people with chronic conditions."

Providing services to people with medical needs allows customers to get help without having to pay for a doctors office visit. "People with diabetes, they're not supposed to get their nails clipped at a nail salon. Well, I can do that here! I can also debulk thick toenails. I can debulk calluses and things that a lot of people need, but you can't get in a

salon, you have to go to a doctor's office," Runnels explained. "But if you come here, you're gonna get a spa treatment with it. So you're not just gonna get your toes taken care of, I'm also gonna give you a leg massage and I'm gonna give you a bit of a spa treatment!"

Another thing that makes her business stand out from others is her ability to see possible medical problems and refer clients to medical professionals. "I can collaborate with the podiatrists. Just this morning I was working on a client and I'm like, okay, wait a minute, I'm seeing some things here that make me think there's something more going on under the surface that we can't see," said Runnels. "If

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Combining her medical background with her nail salon allows **Marybeth Runnels** the ability to provide special services to the Belle Fourche community at her newly opened business, **Digits Nail Spa PLLC**. Longbrake photo

February Family Fun Day: A Day for Wolves

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center held its monthly Family Fun Day on Sunday, February 16. This month's topic was "A Day for Wolves." The turnout was impressive, with 53 attendees gathering at the museum to enjoy a film about wolves, learn about Three Toes, the museum wolf, and making wolf-related crafts. A National Geographic Kids book, "Face to Face with Wolves," was given away to a lucky winner.

Family Fun Days are held on the third Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. The next Family Fun Day will be March 16 with the topic "Planting, Posies, and Pasque Flowers." Admission is \$2 without a membership and free for members, and reservations can be made by calling 605-723-1200.



Book winner **Rosalie** poses with **Three Toes**, the museum wolf, at the Tri-State Museum's Family Fun Day, February 16. Courtesy photo



A Family Fun Day visitor poses wearing the wolf mask they made. Courtesy photo

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Donald Elmer Kurtti Jr

On February 19th 2025, Donald Elmer Kurtti Jr, was welcomed by former loved ones after a gripping battle with pancreatic cancer.

Don began life on this world February 24th 1961. From the beginning he proved himself the stable protector, being the eldest of 4. He not only proved himself with family but he excelled academically earning him a successful career in the US Navy, and was a nuclear operator at a nuclear power plant in Nebraska. For over 20 years he was a firefighter and EMT, putting the wellbeing and care of others above himself. Don had a beautiful 37 years and 364 days with the love of his life, Taunia. They raised two successful, compassionate children, and now have two granddaughters. Don retired to his beloved Black Hills and spent his summer days driving through the canyons on his motorcycle exploring and enjoying all the hills had to offer.



Don was known in the community for his willingness to help anyone in need, a genuine compassionate soul who touched all he met.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Taunia of Belle Fourche; son, Paul Urho Kurtti of Rapid City; daughter, Nicole Elaine Kurtti of Belle

Fourche; granddaughters, Loxley Pearl Kurtti and Margo Fey Rempfer; father, Donald Kurtti Sr. of San Antonio TX; and siblings, Mark Kurtti of San Antonio TX, Nadine Kurtti of Sequine TX, Stacia Fitzsimon of San Antonio TX. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sharon Kurtti.

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



Tiera Lynne Hurlbert

Tiera Lynne Hurlbert was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on November 15, 1960. She was the daughter of Harold and Joan (Fulwider) Hurlbert. Tiera attended elementary school in Idaho Falls, ID, middle school in Salt Lake City UT, and graduated from high school in Winner SD in 1978. Later she would graduate from Black Hills State University with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism.

For several years, Tiera lived in Winner, where she worked at the Winner Advocate. She also worked at the Ramada Inn from 1994 to 1997. Tiera lived in Sioux Falls for a short time afterwards, where she worked for Gateway Computers for one year. In 1998, Tiera received the life changing news that she had Adult-Onset Epilepsy. Shortly after, she moved to the Colome SD area where she lived with relatives on a family farmstead. In 2019 she moved to Spearfish where she lived at the Hickory House for several years. Since January of 2024, Tiera has resided at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

Tiera will be remembered for being an "Old Soul." Most of her friends were older than her. She

dearly loved her friends at the Hickory House. She loved music dearly and she enjoyed teaching her niece, Jaimie, the things she knew. Tiera was intelligent and she enjoyed reading. She believed that the human body is finite and the soul infinite. And she strongly believed in the value of holistic ways of health. She was kind, caring, and generous.

Tiera is survived by her sister, Tami Turner of Spearfish; brother, Monte (Ellen) Hurlbert of Bozeman MT; nieces and nephews, Forest, Brook, August, Paris, Matteo, Jeremy, and Jaimie. She is also survived by her longtime companion "Pepper", her cat. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, and brother-in-law, Scott Turner.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences for the family online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Timothy Moore 68

Timothy Moore, age 68 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in Sturgis.

Services will be held 1:30pm Friday, March 7, 2025 at Black Hills National Cemetery. Military Honors will be provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.

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Timothy James Moore was born November 1, 1956 in Dayton, Ohio at the St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He was the son of Cedric and Nancy (Brauner) Moore. Tim was one of five children. He had two brothers, Shaun and Tony, and 2 sisters, Connie, and Terri. As a child, Tim and his siblings were always outside playing; they would be gone for hours exploring the area they called "The Big Woods". They would go fishing, swimming in the creeks and ponds, while trying to catch frogs and snakes if possible, for fun. Building makeshift tree houses from whatever they could find in the big woods, as he got older, he took a strong interest engines and horsepower. He was soon known in the Dayton area as the "go to guy" if you wanted an engine built up for any hot rod. Tim was also very knowledgeable with motorcycles, always repairing something for someone. Being he was self-taught, he had a passion for engine work, knowing he could easily make a hot rod or a motorcycle go faster. It was rewarding for him when the work was completed and he carried this skill with him throughout his life.

Tim attended the Vandalia Butler High School in Ohio until he was 17 years old and entered the U.S. Navy. He served for a short time before being honorably discharged, and returned home to Vandalia in 1974. Tim was united in marriage to Christine Goldick and they had three daughters: April, Amy, and Alicia. Unfortunately, they separated after 10 years of marriage and Tim moved to Denver CO for a new beginning. He worked as a lineman for a cable company for a short time before moving to the Black Hills in 1984. He continued the same kind of work as a lineman, but for a different cable company in Spearfish. In late 1984, while Tim was living in Spearfish, he met the woman he would spend the



rest of his life with, Janice Schopp. They dated for awhile and it wasn't long before they would be expecting their first child together. In May of 1986, Tim and Janice welcomed their son JaCoebi into this world and he was very excited. In 1987, Tim, Janice, and JaCoebi moved to Dayton OH for a few years, to be with Tim's family. In 1991 they returned to Belle Fourche for JaCoebi to begin pre-school. Janice began her great career at Pizza Hut, and Tim started a gun smith repair and tattoo shop from their home. Tim did this for over 2 decades, all the while he was still building or repairing engines in cars and motorcycles for friends and himself. Some of Tim's favorite past times were fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles that he had built, especially his Shovelhead Harley, drinking beer with his friends, while listening to some good old 70's rock music. Tim loved the biker life. Everybody knew him as "DOG". He made countless trips on his Harley to places like the Menoken Grove Bike Rally, the Sturgis Bike Rally, the Redwood Forests of California, and he also enjoyed the winding roads of the Black Hills. In the Fall, Tim was an avid hunter, scouting areas in the northern Black Hills that you would only see a Mountain Goat climbing, or he would walk the river and thick woodlands along the Belle Fourche River near Vale SD, hunting for deer and pheasant. Being outdoors in the wilderness was something he loved his entire life.

In early 2024, Tim was diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer. He attempted treatments for a few months, but the side effects were to painful to tolerate. In the fall of 2024, he admitted himself into the Fort Meade VA Medical Center to seek full pain treatment instead of cancer treatment. During his stay, he was well taken care of and very comfortable.

Tim is survived by his children, JaCoebi (Merrissa) Moore of Belle Fourche, April Moore of Dayton OH, Alicia (Christopher) Eldridge of Beaver Creek OH; and siblings, Shaun (Marilyn) Moore of Tipp City OH, Connie (Stan) Arms of Troy OH, and Terri (Jim) Moore of Springboro OH. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janice Schopp; daughter, Amy Anderson; and brother, Tony Moore.



Marva Joy (Willuweit) Ryther 77

On Saturday February 22nd, 2025, Marva Joy (Willuweit) Ryther passed away in her home at the age of 77. Marva was born October 11th, 1947, in Gregory, SD. She was the 13th of 16 children born to Julius and Leah (Stroh) Willuweit.

Marva married Robert Ryther June 9th, 1973, to which three daughters completed the family. She worked in various places throughout the Black Hills area. Marva was devoted to her family and always kept busy. Whenever there was a need, her home was opened up for many family members. Loving people—Marva never knew a stranger—opening her home and her heart and even becoming affectionally called "mither" by one of her nephews. She stepped up to hold many of the family together. She will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 12 brothers and sisters, and several nieces and nephews. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Robert



Ryther of Belle Fourche, Ronda and Keith Hendrickson of Alzada Montana, Mandie Ryther of Belle Fourche, Megan Siebenaler of Belle Fourche, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, her brother Harley and Delia Willuweit of Des Moines Iowa, Verdeen Davis of Rapid City, Barbara Stott of Deadwood, South Dakota, and over 188 nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews as of the last count.

A service will be held at 11:00AM on Thursday March 6, 2025, at the Belle Fourche Yoked Parish UCC. Burial will follow the service at St. Onge Cemetery.

Cremation arrangements were under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com



1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Francis J. Hayes 93

Francis J. Hayes was born in Belle Fourche, SD October 23, 1931, and passed away at the Powder River Manor in Broadus, Montana on January 28, 2025, at the age of 93. Francis lived his entire life in Ridge, MT, ranching, with the exception of when he attended middle and high school in Belle Fourche, SD, living with his two sisters. After high school he returned to the family ranch in 1949 and while working there, he received his private pilot's license before he received his "real" automobile license and bought an airplane before he ever owned a car. He went on to obtain his instructor's and commercial flying license in his early twenties. He met Elsa Loken in 1954, who was teaching at the Ridge school, and they married in September of 1955. After Francis and Elsa were married, they continued to live and work on the family ranch, where in the early years of their marriage, Francis was a crop duster and played music for local dances for extra income. They brought 4 children into the family and lived a very full and busy life.



new life that appeared every spring. Besides God and family, we truly believe airplanes were his absolute favorite. He never tired of talking about them. But his family was his greatest treasure. He was happiest when his house was full of kids. His kids, grandkids, great grand kids or other peoples kids. I believe his motto in life was, the more the merrier. His home was a place where anyone who entered immediately felt welcomed, loved, and at ease—a true reflection of the warmth and kindness he radiated. It was clear to all who met Francis that he had a special gift for making people feel at home.

Francis was an accomplished oil artist. He began studying art via correspondence courses in 1963 and continued on from there. He never missed an opportunity to advance his skill, taking additional lessons every chance he got, including several lessons from an artist that was in the local county jail, and even one lesson from the famous Bob Ross, and in doing so, his talent grew and his style evolved. He won numerous awards for his paintings, several of which were published in various magazines, including the Western Horseman. Not only was Francis an exceptional painter, but he also made furniture in his later years when life slowed down. He made unique coffee tables, as well as shelves, corner handkerchief tables, 3 legged stools, and lamp stands. He was also a blacksmith, welding and shaping metal into whatever creative design he deemed necessary for his project, often combining his metal creations with his wood work. And of course there was the Christmas Star. If you ever drove to Ridge during the Christmas season you could see The Star from miles away. It was originally placed on top of the old Ridge School House but as time went on, Francis decided to enlarge it and placed it on the big north hill at Ridge. On a good clear night The Star could be seen from 20 miles away. Francis was a master craftsman, to say the least- you name it, he'd make it.

A full-time cattle rancher, Francis was also committed to supporting various endeavors outside of the family business. He began working in middle school at Fred Padaloky's Meat Market & Groceries and Bowling Alley in Belle Fourche, SD, balancing work after school and on Saturdays. He was a member of St. David's Catholic Church in Broadus, MT, serving in the Men's group, Pancake Maker, Eucharistic Minister and Minister of the Word. He served as a Brand Inspector for 60 years or more, was an active School Board Member, involved in Meat Promoters and the Toastmaster Club. He served as a Board Member for Southeast Electric Cooperative from 1976 to 2016, including a tenure as President from 1984 through 1998. Francis also represented Upper Midwest Electrical (1983-1998), which served a 9-state region, traveling annually to Washington DC, lobbying for hydroelectric power initiative, advocating for maintenance and upkeep of hydroelectric dams and related infrastructure. While at Upper Midwest Electrical, he also worked for Upper Missouri Power Cooperative out of Sidney, MT.

While his physical presence will be deeply missed, the legacy of his love for life, his community, and his family will live on in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know him. We will all miss Francis, his humor, and his unwavering love for life. Francis is survived by his four children, Thomas Hayes, Charlene Hayes Elston, Mitchell (Connie) Hayes and Karen (Phillip) Christy. Nine grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Francis is preceded in death by his wife, Elsa Hayes, parents, Cecil and Helen Hayes, sister's Patricia Kelly, brother-in-law Jerry Kelly, sister Kathleen Keil, brother-in-law Dave Keil and son-in-law, Ray Elston. Funeral services to follow in the spring at St. David's Catholic Church Broadus, MT. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.stevensonandsons.com.

Francis loved being a rancher. He loved the area his grandfather, Joe Hayes, homesteaded on and was always thankful for the forsate Joe had, to stop at Ridge, to open the family store. Francis' true passions were God, family, ranch life, art and airplanes. He talked about how he loved to put up hay and the fulfillment it gave him to see all the bales in the fields and after they were gathered in the hay yard. Calving time was another special time, as he adored the

who entered immediately felt welcomed, loved, and at ease—a true reflection of the warmth and kindness he radiated. It was clear to all who met Francis that he had a special gift for making people feel at home.

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Effort to scrap economic development slush fund comes up short

Lawmakers vote to keep executive branch 'Future Fund' money

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PIERRE — Many state lawmakers agree that the Governor's Office of Economic Development's "Future Funds" have not been properly expended over the last several years.

But enough also agreed that the overall benefit of the money is reason to keep the taxpayer-funded account alive, for now.

That was the sentiment of the South Dakota State House, as it voted 32-38 this week to kill Rep. Liz May's House Bill 1186. May's bill would have gutted the Future Funds program completely over the next six years.

May and other lawmakers accused the previous governor's administration of spending the money — which May says currently totals up to about \$100 million across 13 different sources — outside of its intended scope. Specifically, a proposed government-run shooting range east of Rapid City was funded largely by Future Funds, as was the "Freedom Works Here" national ad campaign. The Governor's Office does not require outside approval to decide how to spend from the fund, which May and others believe should be a requirement.

Though some Future Funds awards have been made public by the executive branch, many others have not.

"This is about respect for the legislative process and the voice of the people," May said during a floor speech. "That is what we are... The executive branch should not have funds that allow them to pick winners and losers with taxpayer money."

Officially called the Employer's Investment in South Dakota's Future Fund, the program was established by Gov. George Mickelson in 1987. It is intended for economic development, and it is funded by a tax on South Dakota businesses, one tied to payroll taxes for unemployment benefits. The percentage that the state receives is called an "investment fee." The money is controlled exclusively by GOED, part of the governor's administration, and it can do what it wants with the money to promote economic development. "Gov. Mickelson had a vision for the utilization of this fund," said Rep. Amber Arlint, R-Sioux Falls. "I don't believe that his vision would

have aligned with how the fund has been used recently."

Also irking lawmakers is the revelation that Tru Shrimp, a seafood company based in Minnesota, received \$5 million in Future Funds from GOED and abandoned its plans for a new facility in Madison. Members of the House State Affairs Committee grilled GOED officials on the transaction when May's bill came up during a rare Friday evening meeting.

"They just walked off with it," said Assistant House Majority Leader Marty Overweg. "Never turned a shovel, never pounded a nail."

The New Holland Republican continued his verbal assault on the fund.

"Do you realize how much money is in this fund compared to how much money we get to use this year to fund the state?" Overweg said. "It's in the hands of a few to decide what is economic development in this state, and who wins and who loses."

Lawmakers have taken similar runs at reforming the fund in years past. Last year they attempted to cut the dollars going into the Future Fund by a tenth of a percent. That bill failed in the Senate, but a compromise borne out of it was signed into law by former Gov. Kristi Noem requiring a bi-annual report be sent to the Appropriations Committee detailing how the Future Fund monies were spent. Though several lawmakers acknowledged an appreciation for the conversation forced by May, there were also compliments about programs the fund had launched, including scholarship programs that helped retain and expand the state's workforce. A slight majority of lawmakers want to give Gov. Larry Rhoden a chance to right the ship with the scheme.

"What is important to remember on this topic is I hear a lot of conversation about wanting to rein this in," said Democratic Rep. Erik Muckey, also chastising previous uses of the money. "But that isn't in the bill... I really want us to focus on regulating and getting involved in oversight."

May moved for the Legislature to reconsider the legislation, bringing her own amendment that would have required expenditures by the executive branch to be approved by the Joint Committee on Appropriations. However, the effort to force reconsideration failed by a 32-36 vote..

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Feb 28 -

7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee Belle Silver Lining Chamber Annual Banquet 5PM @ Community Hall

March 1 - Whistle Stop Market - Newell, 10AM Tri State Museum Brunch, 6PM BFACT 90's Prom @ Community Hall

March 3 - 6PM City Council Meeting

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or by April 1, 2025 for County Board of Equalization.

Please call Butte County Equalization at (605) 892-3950 or visit <https://www.buttesd.org/director-of-equalization> for more information.

Respectfully Submitted: Cristina Wilson
Butte County Director of Equalization



Golden Owl Ag Educator of the Year

FFA; Had the honor of surprising Mr. Austin Bishop as he was recognized as the District 5 winner of the Golden Owl Ag Educator of the Year Award for South Dakota!!!

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Show Up

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As you fill your brand new 2025 calendar, be sure to add the FINE ARTS events in our community and our schools.

JOIN the latest Belle Fourche Area Community Theater for their next show, the one-act production of *Atomic Lobsters From the Center of the Earth*, AUDITIONS will be next week, February 25th & 26th, at 6:30 PM in the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater. This show is part of *Getting Our Acts Together* (GOAT), A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts. GOAT is an evening of four one-acts: one by the Historic Homestake Opera House from Lead; one by the Matthews Opera House in Spearfish; one by the Sturgis Community Theater; and one by Belle Fourche Area Community Theater. Each night will be held in a different location, so each theater group gets a chance to perform in a new space and give that community a chance to see a show by other local theater groups. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind show! The Belle Fourche performance night is March 29th.

90's PROM FUNDRAISER on SATURDAY, MARCH 1st: BFACT invites you to come dressed in your 90's best and bring your friends. While there you can enjoy a delicious pulled pork dinner and a full bar. There will be a DJ playing all the hits from the 90s. Also included: 90s trivia, vintage gaming, party games, photos booths and so much more! 90s' PROM Schedule: 6pm – Social Hour; 7pm – Dinner/Trivia; 9pm – Dance into the night! The best thing about this night is that all of the proceeds go right back into BFACT to help us put on our 15th Season of theater in Belle Fourche. Due to the sale of alcohol at this event, it is 21+ only. Only 125 tickets available, tickets are also available at the door the night of the event. Tickets are \$40/person or \$70 for two. See you there!

The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters has two more big events on their calendar: *The Junior/Senior Fine Arts Trip & the upcoming Community Variety Show*. Eleven Juniors & Seniors will be traveling to Denver in February for a three-day weekend packed with theater, music & art. The trip is supported financially by the BF FAB, the students' fundraising/concession sales, & contributions from members of the community who donate to the fundraisers.

The Community Variety Show will be on May 4th, a Sunday afternoon, at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. This FUNraiser showcases local talent & the arts. If you have an act or art to share, contact the BF FAB at bfhsfab@gmail.com.

Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so don't forget to add all these upcoming fine arts events to your calendars!

MARCH 1, Saturday, BFACT's first ever 90's PROM FUNDRAISER - 6 PM to 12 AM, Belle Fourche Community Hall.

Mar. 14, Friday, MS Play, MAGIC, @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm

Mar. 15, Saturday, MS Play, MAGIC, @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm

Mar. 17, Monday, BFHS Band / Chorus Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm

Mar. 18, Tuesday, BFMS 6th, 7th, & 8th Spring Choir Concert, @ the Rec Center Theater, 6:30 pm

Mar. 29, Atomic Lobsters, Getting Our Acts Together, Belle Fourche Community Theater, @ the Rec Center Theater

April 7, Monday, BFMS/BFHS Jazz Concert @ the Rec Center Theater, 7:00 pm

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



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Community Calendar

Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program
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Saturday 10am-4pm
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Check with the staff if you have items to donate.

AA Meetings
Meetings are held on
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays
at 8pm at 806 6th Ave, Belle Fourche.

Writer's Group
Regular Meeting: Meeting will be Saturday, at 10 AM.
B F Public Library, 3rd Sat.as always.
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Meals On Wheels Program Ongoing
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World Day of Prayer service is scheduled for Friday, March 7, in Belle Fourche. Global Methodist Church will host to the event with music by The Pickers beginning at 12:30 , program at 1 p.m.

Christian women in the Cook Islands have written the script this year . Prayer, Bible readings, hymns are featured. A lunch will follow. The public is invited.

This marks year 98 of services that are held globally on the first Friday of March in 170 countries. Each year a different country prepares the program. Local churches rotate as the host.

Planning meetings are being held every Friday at the church. Readers, ushers and hosts are needed. Women interested in being a part of the program are invited to come to the planning sessions.



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On the 11th day of March 2025 at 5:00 pm, the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Butte County Commissioner's Room, located on the main level of the Butte County Courthouse, 839 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The Butte County Planning Commission will accept public comment on the following:

OWNER: PATTY ESZLINGER NIESENT & RICHARD NIESENT LOTS 2A AND 5 OF ESZLINGER SUBDIVISION FORMERLY LOT 2 OF ESZLINGER SUBDIVISION AND A PORTION OF THE SW4SE4SE4 OF SECTION 8, T8N, R2E, B.H.M., BUTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

You have a right to appear personally or by attorney, or to submit written comments to the Butte County Planning Commission. A copy of the Preliminary Plan is available for your review in the Butte County Equalization & Planning Office located at 117 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Respectfully Submitted:
Cristina Wilson
Director of Equalization
Planning Administrator

BUTTE COUNTY SCHOOL LAND LEASE AUCTION

A school land lease auction will be held at the Butte County Courthouse (commissioners room), Belle Fourche, SD on March 28, 2025 at 10:00AM (MT).

A list of tracts available for lease may be obtained at the Butte County Auditor's Office or by contacting the Office of School & Public Lands, 500 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD, 57501-5070 at (605) 773-3303. You may also visit the SPL website www.sdpubliclands.sd.gov. Phone bidding will be allowed on a recorded conference line at 1-848-777-1212 with access code of 18892020# Disabled individuals needing assistance should contact the Office of School and Public Lands at least 48 hours in advance of the auction to make any necessary arrangements.

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they, for instance, were getting that somewhere else, they may not have the training to know that this could be something (needing medical attention). I just stopped the service, and I just said, okay, I'd like you to see a podiatrist. Once the podiatrist says you're good to come back to me, I'm happy to resume."

Digits Nail Spa PLLC offers all of the traditional manicure and pedicure services including acrylic nail extensions and fills, poly gel, hard gel and dip. Runnels has a special that could be called 90 minutes of bliss, but she refers to it as Get Out of Your Hed-y Pedi. The theme changes each month.

"Next month, we're calling it Pot of Gold, all of the products go along with the theme—all the products I use have gold glimmer in it," said Runnels.

"You come in, you get noise canceling headphones, an eye mask, you get to recline in the chair, and you get a complimentary drink that goes along with the theme as well. You can sit back, kick your feet up, put a mask on and get an extended massage to really help you relax and get out of your hed-y!"

Digits Nail Spa PLLC opened its doors December 2, 2024. You can find the Nail Spa at 520 5th Avenue inside the Belle Boutique and Salon. Follow the business on Facebook to see the current specials. "I have hours set Tuesday through Saturday. Tuesday nights, I'm open later so people can come in after work and then I'm just closed on Sundays and Mondays," explained Runnels. Mobile nail trims are also offered to seniors who can't make it in to the salon.



MaryBeth Runnels, RN takes her time to work on a client's nails at her new nail salon, **Digits Nail Spa PLLC**, that recently opened for business in Belle Fourche.
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Cattle Report - Friday, February 21, 2025

Lots of demand for bred cows & hfrs - sold \$\$\$ higher
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 Lewis Brothers Angus Bull Sale Results
 Avg on 34 fall bulls - 89,382
 Avg on top 5 fall bulls - \$15,900
 Avg on 87 yr/g bulls - \$7,057
 Avg on top 6 yr/g bulls - \$14,917

Next Sale - Feb. 28 - Bred Cow & Feeder Cattle Special
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Hagedorn, Matt, Volborg MT.....	11.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	1079.....	\$3,275.00
Arledge Livestock Co Lic, Robert Lee TX..	27.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	972.....	\$2,950.00
Arledge Livestock Co Lic, Robert Lee TX..	21.....	Blk.....	Brkn.....	1513.....	\$2,575.00
Arledge Livestock Co Lic, Robert Lee TX..	8.....	Blk.....	Ss.....	1549.....	\$2,350.00
Arledge Livestock Co Lic, Robert Lee TX..	1.....	Blk.....	Brkn.....	1335.....	\$1,775.00
Brian Creek Cattle Co, Ashland MT.....	18.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	1062.....	\$2,875.00
Coal Creek Ranch Lic, Gillette WY.....	19.....	Blk.....	Brkn.....	1385.....	\$2,300.00
Ehrler, Daniel /Janine Rae, Redcluse WY... 10.....	Blk.....	4-5.....	1406.....	\$3,150.00	
Ehrler, Daniel /Janine Rae, Redcluse WY... 1.....	Blk.....	4-5.....	1460.....	\$2,350.00	
Ehrler, Daniel /Janine Rae, Redcluse WY... 9.....	Blk.....	Brkn.....	1430.....	\$2,050.00	
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Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....	6.....	Blk.....	3 Yr.....	1246.....	\$2,925.00
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Hansen, Ken Or Pam, Fruitdale SD.....	12.....	Blk.....	Brkn.....	1350.....	\$1,975.00
Hendrickson, Roy, Caputa SD.....	12.....	Blk.....	Ss.....	1499.....	\$2,925.00
Hendrickson, Roy, Caputa SD.....	5.....	B/R.....	Brkn.....	1450.....	\$2,250.00
Randall Inc, Broadus MT.....	11.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	1052.....	\$3,000.00
Randall Inc, Broadus MT.....	36.....	Blk.....	Hfr.....	1035.....	\$3,075.00
Riley, John Or Mike, Volborg MT.....	10.....	Blk.....	Brkn.....	1495.....	\$2,150.00
Shaykett, Alan, Nisland SD.....	9.....	Blk.....	S-Ss.....	1400.....	\$2,700.00
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March 7th - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
 March 14th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
 March 21st - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
 March 28th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
 April 4th - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
 April 11th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
 April 18th - Pair & Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
 April 25th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

2025 SPRING BULL SALES

March 28th - Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale
 April 4th - Ck Bar Ranch Sim-Angus Bull Sale
 April 11th - Cactus Cattle Company Angus Bull Sale
 April 18th - Baker Lemar Angus Bull Sale
 April 25th - Jordan Cattle Co Sim Angus & Angus Bull Sale
 May 16th - Turn-Out Bull Sale

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 March 20th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
 March 27th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
 April 3rd - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
 April 10th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
 April 17th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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125 years ago
THE TIMES
January 4, 1900

Mrs. Marble Dead That dread disease, diphtheria, is in Belle Fourche, and has taken from our midst the beloved wife of A. H. Marble, cashier of Butte County Bank, who died this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mrs. Marbel had been suffering with her throat for nearly a week, and on Sunday Dr. Paddock, of Deadwood, was called in for consultation and it was decided that it was a case of diphtheria. The house and occupants were at once quarantined and every precaution taken to present the spreading of the disease. During the past week Dr. Townsend has been constantly at the bedside of Mrs. Markle (sp) and exhausted every resource known to the medical profession to save her life but to no avail.

Our Annual "Speel." With this issue the TIMES enters upon the fifth year of its existence. Although passing through many vicissitudes of fortune it continues to make its appearance every week, and it has ever striven to be true to the people's interests. During the three years the writer has been connected with the TIMES he has endeavored to give the people just as good a newspaper as the receipts of the office would warrant. "Tis true we have made mistakes, but we are but human. THE TIMES will continue to advocate the interests of the masses, but as in the past will ever treat political opponents courteously.

100 years
The Northwest Post
February 19, 1925

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT Joseph W. Couch, Prominent in Local Business Circles, Dies Following Brief Illness.

Joseph W. Couch, senior partner in the firm operating the C. & G. Grocery and Bakery, passed away last Saturday afternoon at the Belle Fourche hospital, where he had been confined for a week, suffering from a complication of ailments. Up until about two weeks ago Mr. Couch had apparently been in his usual good health, when he became ill with gall bladder trouble. He was taken to the hospital in Deadwood for an operation, but upon his arrival there it developed that he was also suffering from pneumonia, and he was brought back to Belle Fourche the next day and taken to the local hospital. He seemed to be getting along very satisfactorily until early Wednesday morning of last week, when he suffered a paralytic stroke and gradually grew worse until the end. Funeral services were conducted at the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Lauriston Reynolds. All the business houses were closed during the hour of the funeral, the church being filled to capacity by citizens and old friends of the family. A splendid quartet sang "the Old Rugged Cross," after which one of the Klansmen made a short, but eloquent talk, and the hooded visitors marched out in orderly manner. The remains were followed to their final resting place by a long line of autos. At the grave Rev. Reynolds conducted brief services.

Joseph W. Couch was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Couch, well known pioneer residents of the Sour Dough Flat country, southwest

of Belle Fourche. He was born near Trenton, Grundy county, Missouri, May 19, 1871. With his parents he came to Belle Fourche in 1887, and located on the ranch where his aged father and mother yet reside. When he became of age, Joe filled on land adjoining the homestead and had made his home in this locality ever since. For a couple of years he was engaged in hauling wood from the Hills to this city, later following the trade of a plasterer and working with his father for several years. A number of years ago he suffered the loss of a leg, which was amputated close to the body. This affliction did not deter from working and providing for his family, and during the last few years he had been engaged in various business ventures, all of which have been very successful. He first tried the real estate business, putting his own money into a number of ventures, which nearly always turned out profitably. Then for a year or two he operated a billiard and pool hall, and last year organized the company which purchased the grocery and bakery business of A. E. Pomeroy. For the past ten years he had been a justice of the peace in this city. Mr. Couch had been married three times, his first wife being Miss Mabel Stillman. To this union four children were born, all living, namely: Roy and Gregory Couch of Belle Fourche; Mrs. Edith Stanley of Blanche, Neb., and Mrs. Ruth Bullock of Palisade, Neb. On April 16, 1914, he was married to Miss Bertha Osburn, who, with four children, survive him, as follows: Phoebe, aged thirteen years; Edward, aged eleven years; Charles, aged six years, and Dorothy, aged fifteen months. He is also survived by his father and mother, one brother, Homer Couch and five sisters namely: Mrs. C. R. Beecham, Belle Fourche; Mrs. E. A. Huffman, Custer, S. D.; Mrs. Etta Syers, Eothen, Wyo.; Mrs. Minnie Wills, Sentinel Butte, N.D., and Mrs. Carrie Odle, Belle Fourche. All were present at the funeral except his two daughters in Nebraska and his sister, Mrs. Wills, of North Dakota.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
February 21, 1950

New Administration Takes Over Belle Problems Today Belle Fourche's city administration is in new hands today. Members of the senior class, selected to the offices at last week's government day elections, officially took over last night when they met with the city council. Mayor O. H. Frost



by Mary Buchholz

explained the duties of the various city officials when the two groups met last night. The new officers talked things over with officials, and were all ready to run the town this morning. Today's mayor, of course, is Ronald Wilson, standard bearer for the Rodeo party, Dan Doody is chief of police; Clifton Brownell, fire chief; Doris Pridgeon, auditor; Don Shevling, assessor; Bob O'Donnell, treasurer; Larry Ross, attorney; Kent Robinson, engineer; Howard Tope, justice of peace. The new aldermen include: Phylliss Fondy, Dave Penn, Jim Green, Owen Shay, Joann Wyman and Paul Pluimer. The student government project is a phase of the American Legion's program to promote interest of students in civic affairs.

Glendive Boy to Substitute for Cornella Wednesday

A case of mumps has forced a substitution in Wednesday night's Lions Club fight card, it was announced last night. One of the main events will see Don McCormies, a 16 year-old whirlwind from Glendive, Mont., tangling with Fritz Kling, Belle Fourche, McCormies wights 142 pounds and preliminary reports indicate he's a good substitute for Delbert Cornella, Buffalo, who originally was slated to meet Kling. Cornella came down with the mumps yesterday and had to drop out of the card. The fight will be one of 12 scheduled on the 36 round card at the high school auditorium here Wednesday night. The other main event will see Billy Jones, Deadwood, meet Bobby Cruz, Belle Fourche.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
February 20, 1975

School Board Acts on Varied Items

Subjects ranging from a leave of absence to contract negotiations were discussed Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the board of education of the Belle Fourche school district. The board gave final approval to the amended bus contract for the 1974-75 school term. Richard Muth, high school English instructor, was granted a year's leave of absence, without pay, to further his education. Approval was given the travel expense reimbursement schedule for authorized district travel as established by the state board of finance. The board approved investing \$150,000 of general fund money in a certificate of deposit for 30 days.

CANDLES AND MIRRORS #22

By DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel
Ice Storm Rescue

The sound woke her in the darkness. Rain pounded on the roof and sluiced down her bedroom window. The young girl wondered at the strangeness of rain in February, but soon drifted back to sleep.



Slight muffled sounds began, like something scraping on the bottom. Soon, a muted softness brushed against the insides, and a gentle tapping caused the top flaps to lift slightly. Deloris saw a bit of red, then the tip of a brown feather flash through the openings.

Hours later, in the warm kitchen below, the rain still battered the north window. Deloris stirred the oatmeal on the cook stove while Mom sliced bread for toast. Dad and Donald were eating breakfast when the outside sounds shifted. The pounding grew louder, like hail crashing against the window and house. Almost as suddenly it stopped. An eerie silence seemed to blanket the house and the room darkened as a thickening layer of ice coated the window. Dad strode to the blurry frame and shook his head. He reached for his coat. "I need to check on the livestock." He told Mom not to go out, that he would do her chores.

Donald hurried for his own winter gear. Dad ruffled the boy's blonde hair. "You stay in for now, Son. I'm not sure what I will find, and don't want you getting hurt."

The little boy's shoulders slumped, for he always shadowed his father. Mom said he should get his tractor out. Deloris smiled when she heard "putt-putt" sounds coming out from under the table.

Soon Darlene and Dorothy awoke and Deloris helped Mom dress her little sisters and get their breakfast. The rain had stopped, but Deloris kept glancing at the coated window.

An hour later, the kitchen door flew open. Dad stepped in, worry etched in his frost-tinged face. "I need two big boxes."

Mom rushed to find what he needed. Her eyes met her husband's, but no words were spoken as he hurried out, boxes under his arm.

It seemed like forever to Deloris before she heard the stomping of boots through the porch and down the basement stairs. At last Dad peeked in the kitchen. "Want to come down and see what I found?"

Deloris and Donald sat on either side of their father. Mom and the little sisters huddled down behind them on the wooden steps. All eyes stared expectantly at the two boxes on the floor.

"Pheasants," Dad spoke quietly. "Eleven of them down by the haystack. I couldn't figure out why they weren't moving, so I picked one up. Her eyes and beak, her whole head and body was coated in ice. I don't think she could see me."

The noise from the boxes grew louder. Finally, Deloris wondered, "How come you didn't take them to the kitchen, next to the stove?"

"Well, I read somewhere that when humans get frostbite, they are to warm up slowly. Figured it might be similar for birds." Then his eyes twinkled. "And I didn't think your mother would appreciate chasing flying pheasants through her kitchen if they got out."

Deloris covered her mouth to stifle a giggle. Donald grinned. So did Mom.

When Dad was certain that feathers were dry, he carried the noisy boxes back out to the haystack. Deloris and Donald followed in his icy footprints. He opened the boxes and stepped back. The wild birds quickly rose into the air. Wings pounded and jubilant freedom calls echoed through the frosty stillness.

Deloris reached for her father's hand as they watched the pheasants glide over the trees in the pasture and disappear. "I'm glad you saved them, Dad."

Later that day the kitchen brightened as the sun melted the ice away. But my sister will never forget the covey of pheasants Dad rescued that wintry day and how they came to life in boxes in our basement.

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B's Buzz

Well. I had a plan on what I would write this week. There was a running commentary in my head that sounded pretty good. Uplifting. Happy. Light-hearted. All the things that make the days bright and sunny.

But life changes quickly. It's not that things are dark and gloomy, but right now the bright words seem to be far away. You see, today I watched as my big brother passed from this life into eternity. It was a quiet and peaceful time. He was taken off life-support and we as a family stood by his side and watched him as he took that last earthly breath.

He had been in a lot of pain and had been slipping away from us for quite a while. The phone call was expected, but still a surprise.

As we drove down to Rapid City, my thoughts turned to our childhood and adulthood. He was 74 and three years older than I am. He was my champion, my protector, my Big Brother.

Although, we didn't spend a lot of time together since we became adults, we always knew that the love we had for each other was beyond what many had. Anytime there was a problem in my life as an adult or child, I could always count on Curt. He was steadfast and ready to help.

When our son, Daniel, died in a car wreck, it was Curt who came and hugged me. He didn't need to say a word, but I knew he hurt as much as I did.

And when our son, Matt, was killed he was there. All he said was "I know" and felt the pain of losing a child.

And now my Big Brother has left me. I told a close friend that although I know that Curt is in heaven and is free, I selfishly want him back. I'm all alone now-Mom and Dad are gone, it was Curt and me left of the Deyo family. It makes me feel isolated and alone because of the time we spent together growing up and doing stuff together.

But then I remember his laugh and how he argued with me about stuff growing up, too. Like the use of the word "condone" and how he said I kept using it wrong. I'm pretty sure I was right, but he was older and I respected that.

And I remember how all he talked about was cars! He drove us to school and always talked about cars and how he was going to "soup up" the Rambler he drove. So, I learned what things were called, maybe not where they were on a car, but at least their names.

He kept me from making mistakes with boys and life decisions. Even when I thought I was right and he was wrong. He was usually right and I was safe.

I can't help but think about him and his laugh and how he talked. Things that will always echo in my head. He sounded like our dad. His tone and the manner of saying words. It must be a Deyo thing.

Letting you know about my big brother has helped me to see how much I loved him and how much he cared. I hope I've given you a bit of insight into our family by telling you about Curt. And I hope you realize how important family is to each of us. We can have differences of opinion and argue, but never be far from the love we have for each other.

Family is the most important part of life here on earth. Whether it's a brother or sister, cousin or aunt or uncle, or mom and dad, we need to embrace family.

We had lots of hugs today and will have more in the next few days. I'm so glad we are a family of hugs. They go a long way in healing. So, plan a time of getting together and talk about life and the good

Ready to Serve



The faces of the Newell Ambulance crew as they gathered for the Annual Banquet at High Plains Restaurant. From the left are: Back Row Calvin Fickbohm, Tom Lewis, Ryan Stark, Randy Decker, and Stan Lewis. Front Row Sherry Hocking, Amy Wismann, Lynn Koehn, Kurt Hocking, and Don Tishmack. Photo by Betty Bruner

Honoring Crewmembers

Betty Bruner

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NEWELL-Longstanding members of the Newell Ambulance crew were honored recently at the annual banquet held Friday, February 21 at High Plains Restaurant. Calvin Fickbohm has served as the ambulance treasurer for 10 years, Don Tishmack has served the community for over 50 years, and Sherry Hocking was given a special honor for being supportive from keeping everyone's passwords to anything that is needed.

February 22, 2025 was proclaimed as Donald Tishmack Day in Newell. The proclamation was read and presented by Newell Mayor Tara Tennis and is found at the end of this article.

The Newell Ambulance crew is staffed by volunteer

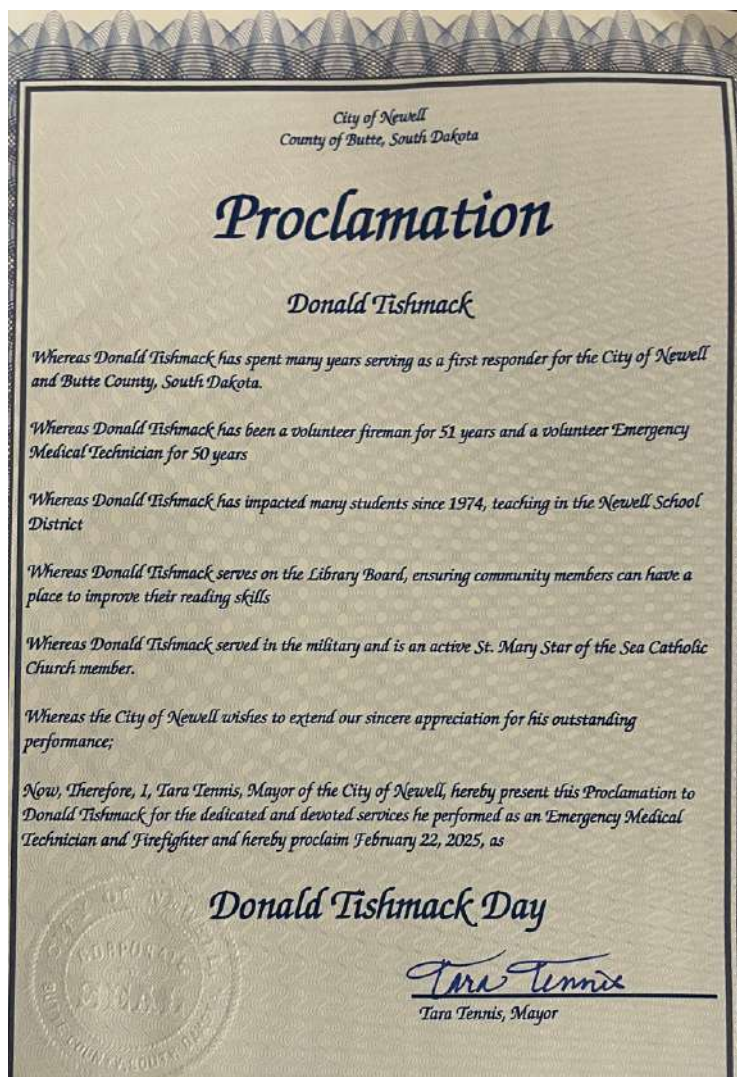
EMTs and EMT1s who have invested their time, efforts, and money to maintain skills that provide high quality care.

The Newell Ambulance has been designated as a SD Cardiac Ready Community. During a cardiac emergency, every second – every minute that passes without CPR or AED use can mean the difference between life and death. It can take an ambulance more than 30 minutes to respond in our remote areas.

The Cardiac Ready Community Programs equip and empower local members to be better prepared in helping someone experiencing a cardiac event before the ambulance arrives. The Newell Ambulance crew has worked diligently under the supervision of Director Sherry Hocking to provide training to over 130 community members.



Above: New members are Amy Wismann and Lynn Koehn. Below: Mayor Tara Tennis proclaimed Saturday, February 22 as Donald Tishmack Day. Photos by Betty Bruner

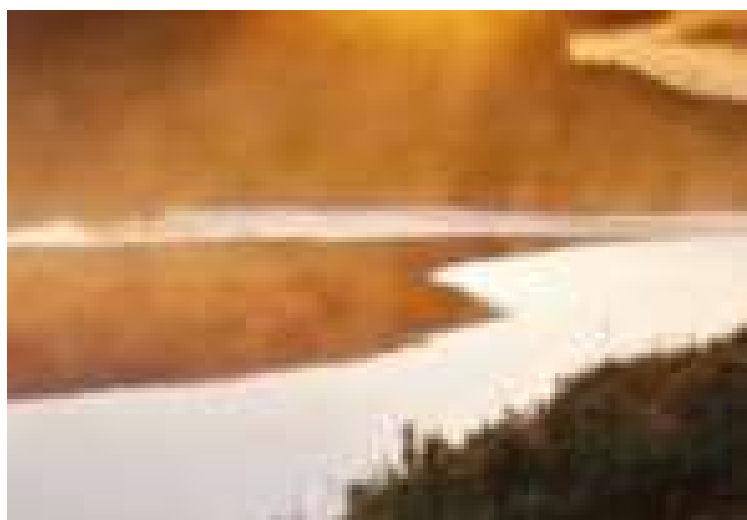


things that have happened. Hug somebody close and tell them you love and appreciate them. I'm going to hug my hubby and hold him close for a while.

Right: Calvin Fickbohm has served as the ambulance Treasurer for 10 years. Photo by Betty Bruner



Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This week started out really cold with a temperature of minus 25 degrees Monday morning but it warmed up to 50 degrees on Saturday and 53 degrees on Sunday.

I went to Buffalo Monday morning for our friend Chuck Davis' funeral at the Harding County School and got to see a lot of friends and family.

We lost more old friends this week: Gerald Verhulst, age 90, of Hettinger, passed away on Saturday, February 15, at the Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be scheduled for a later date. Reub and stopped to visit Jerry at the nursing home in Hettinger a couple weeks ago and had a good visit with

our old friend. I forgot to bring him the picture of the Reeder Homequards dressed up in the WWI uniforms and standing outside on the street in Reeder that was taken during WWI. Jerry had a building in Reeder just full of history stuff and we thought that the picture belonged there with all that other interesting history he had there.

Jim Holloway, age 85, of Faith, passed away at his home on Monday, February 17, in Faith. Funeral Services for Jim were held on Saturday, February 22, at the Faith Community Center in Faith with burial in the Faith City Cemetery. Jim was a brand inspector in Faith and we would have good visits with him whenever we were at the sale barn at Faith.

It was -26 degrees when

we got up Tuesday morning and they called school off in Buffalo so the kids got to stay home and help with chores. I made several trips to the chicken coop, but that was as much as I wanted to be outside that day. It was my Aunt Patsy Wilkinson's birthday that day so I called her for a nice visit. I had a ZOOM call with the SD Coalition that evening and it sounded like it was colder here than anywhere else in South Dakota.

It was -37 degrees when we got up Wednesday morning and finally reached a high of zero before noon and then the temperature dropped down low again. School was two hours late in Buffalo because of the cold so I took Copper, Knox and Beau Doll down to Reva that morning to get on the school bus to go to school. When I met Clint Doll when I picked up Beau that morning, I asked him what the temperature was at his house and he said his thermometer registered -40 degrees at their ranch close to the South Grand River west of us. Our daughter Teri Dee McNelis called me that afternoon and her broken leg is getting better, but she hasn't gone back to work at the hospital in Buffalo, Minnesota yet. It was -6 degrees when I went down to Reva that afternoon to pick up Copper and Knox off the school bus and it sure cooled down the closer it got to evening. Wednesday was

our son Sandy Dan's birthday and when I called him he was at home in Newell. He had a lot of vacation days available so he took a vacation day on his birthday, because if he doesn't use those days he will lose them. He was born in that horrible winter of 1979 and I had quite an adventure bringing him home from the hospital in that terrible blizzard. Thank God we made it!

School in Buffalo was two hours late again on Thursday because of the cold weather so I took Copper and Knox down to meet Kelli Doll at her mailbox so she could take these kids and her son Beau to Reva to ride to town on the bus. These guys were moving cows across the highway from our east ranch to the home place and I went down to flag the highway for them. If a vehicle is coming up from the south they can't see cows on the highway until they top the hill and are in danger of smashing into the cows. After Reub finished feeding and helping move cows and I had taken care of my chickens we ate lunch and drove to Hettinger that afternoon to get some stuff from town. That was the first day in a long time where the thermometer actually registered above zero with a temperature of 12 degrees! Unfortunately, they weren't having coffee in Reeder so we just came home early.

All four of the Harding County Central Committee

members left for Pierre Friday afternoon for the South Dakota Republican Party Central Committee meeting and election on Saturday. I'm the Harding County Chair, Claudia Vroman is Vice-Chair, and John and Sue Klempel are the Committeeman and Committeewoman. Members of GOP county leadership from across the state elected Jim Eschenbaum as the GOP party Chair on Saturday. Eschenbaum, a Hand County Commissioner, led the movement to repeal Senate Bill 201 at the ballot box last November with Referred Law 21. Janet Jensen was elected the party's vice-chair and SD Rep. Tina Mullaly was elected the party's treasurer and Starla Russell was elected secretary. Rounding out the regional advisory board for the party was: Tom Pischke in District 1, Ben Krohmer in District 2, Doug Post in District 3, Rich Hilgemann in District 4, Tom Bruner in District 5, and Ezra Hays in District 6. All members of party leadership will serve two-year terms.

We had coffee, snacks and fellowship after church Sunday morning and it was 53 degrees when we got home from church! The snow is melting and Olson Creek is full of water. It almost feels like spring here!

With this warm weather, I'll leave you with this: What if aliens are responsible for global warming? And this is just their way of breaking the ice.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

February 25, 1915

William Finck and wife had a narrow escape from death when a barrel of kerosene which they were hauling home in their wagon caught fire from a spark which dropped from a cigar and the clothing of both Finck, and his wife were ablaze before they could leap from the wagon. The team was got loose from the wagon and a part of the load pulled clear, but not without severe burns for both of them in their efforts to save the team and the other portions of the burning load which were pulled from the fire.

The Fruitdale Pioneer

and others will receive similar orders, the plan being to rid the town of persons who have no visible means of support and who are accustomed to living by their wits.

Mr. & Mrs. Boy Nelson made a trip to Newell from Hoover Saturday on business, intending to take in the dance at Castle Rock on their way back. But about 5 miles out of town their car broke down and instead of dancing that evening, they were walking. In spite of their absence, the masquerade dance at Castle Rock was well attended by other Hoover people and consequently were well supplied with boxes of candy

by Linda Velder

held today at the Lutheran Church with Rev. L. R. Schultz preaching the sermon with interment in Pineslope Cemetery near Belle Fourche.

Around 2,000 people attended the auction sale held yesterday by Hemming Strong. It was the largest crowd ever to attend a sale in this section, according to the old-timers. Everything brought very good prices and the bidding was brisk. C. E. Scott, Rapid City, was the auctioneer.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schmele, Mrs. Joe Persche and her sister Miss Mae Free were visitors at the William Schmele home Sunday afternoon.

February 22, 1945

At the dance in Vale last Saturday evening, 2 cartons of cigarettes contributed by Kingsbury & Son and the Vale Liquor Store were auctioned off as a good start to benefit the Red Cross, bringing in the neat sum of \$35.80. Roy Smith proved his ability as an auctioneer.

A freak accident happening, out in Meade County recently was no doubt an accident but might very easily have resulted in serious consequences. Thursday afternoon at Thomas McNenny's ranch house near Herford was damaged as the result from a box of 50-caliber machine gun ammunition was dropped from a bomber enroute to the Rapid City Air Base and hit the roof of the McNenny house. It broke through the roof, caused considerable damage in the attic, then crashed through the dining room ceiling, then broke a 6-foot hole, knocking down the stove pipes and completely demolished a rocking chair. Bullets and powder were scattered over the room, marring the floor, fixtures and woodwork. Due to the fact that the Heatrola was turned very low, no explosion resulted. Mrs. McNenny was in the adjoining room while Mr. McNenny and small daughter were in the yard. An investigation of the incident was made by officials from the Air Base.

Mr. & Mrs. Nestor Kivimaki of the Twilight Community were in Newell last Saturday stocking up on groceries to tide them over the isolation period which they expect to follow the thawing of the present heavy blanket of snow.

February 24, 1955

Butte County apparently ranks second among counties in South Dakota in the number of Registered Communists, according to Mrs. G. W. Austin, who told of Registered Communists in an Americanism talk at a meeting of the American

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Legion Auxiliary. She pointed out that Butte County ranked second to Minnehaha County in the number of such registrants. We are pleased to hear that Butte County is not the worst but wish a service organization such as the Legion or Auxiliary might make public a list of such registrants.

A breakfast, at which the volunteer workers will receive

parked along Main Street. A portion of telephone service was disrupted when the top of the helicopter caught and broke lines across First Street in the southwest part of town.

February 18, 1965

Ice fishing is in the mid-winter doldrums now with few catches reported and seemingly even fewer anglers.



Empire School. The building also served as a Community Hall. Nearly all gatherings were held within.

changed hands last week. Melvin Brothers selling to F. F. Sheppard late publisher of the McLaughlin Messenger. Br'er Sheppard is a thorough newspaper man and will give Fruitdale and vicinity, 100% on the dollar newspaper. Mr. Sheppard has taken his sons into partnership with him and the firm's name will be F. F. Sheppard & Sons. The Sheppard's were in town on Monday between trains.

Several of the farmers east of Nisland, have organized a rural telephone company. Officers selected are President Chris Castle, Vice President Hans Sorensen and Secretary C. C. Briggs. Much interest is shown in such communications.

February 19, 1925

Will the person who received last month a First State Bank Certificate of Deposit belonging to the Neighborhood Club and addressed to "Horse Creek Neighborhood Club", kindly communicate with Mrs. George H. Day, President of South Hilen Neighborhood club.

Authorities have opened warfare upon persons regarded as undesirable residents and are running them out of town. Thus far several have been ordered to leave the city within 24 hours

given by Mr. Jacobsen with each dance ticket.

Ex-Sheriff Arthur Le-fors of Belle Fourche left this week for the eastern part of the state to enter upon his new duties as a Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer. He will be assigned to a post somewhere in South Dakota. The position carries a good salary.

A son was born last Sunday, February 15, north of Newell to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Valentine of Leola, South Dakota at the home of Mrs. Valentine's mother, Mrs. Dan Roberts. Dr. Clark reports that the little Valentine arrived only 50 minutes after Valentine's Day.

February 21, 1935

Leonard West, John Johnson, O.T. Queso and Harry Richards were in from Bixby on Monday. They are now baling hay at the Martin Haines ranch but ran out of wire, but none was to be had here and they had to go to Sturgis for more. There is about a week's work for the baler in that neighborhood.

Drinking kerosene was fatal for Harold Dean Dahlinger, the 1-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. David Dahlinger of Nisland. The little tot died Tuesday, and funeral services are being



Bushnell Garage, Inc. where you could purchase kerosene by the can or barrel from trusty serviceman, Mr. Keefer. Many accidents occurred because of mishandling the product.

Newell Museum

materials, will kick-off the Annual 1955 Red Cross Fund Drive in the Newell territory, next Wednesday at 8:00 A.M., it was announced by local drive chairman, Walter Johnson. The breakfast, courtesy of Herby Loewel, will be held in the Sky-room of The Cove, with volunteer workers in the eastern part of Butte County. The campaign is divided into sections: Newell Business, Newell Residential, Vale, and Rural Newell.

Two members of the US Air Force were killed, respectively when a jet and helicopter from Ellsworth Air Force Base, crashed in northwestern Meade County east of Newell Thursday afternoon and evening. The jet pilot was killed when his parachute failed to completely open as the F-86 jet crashed about 8 miles northwest of Stoneville. His body was located about 3 miles from the plane. A helicopter, flying to the site of the downed jet at about 9:00 PM Thursday, then crashed about 3 miles east of Mud Butte along US 212, attempting to return to Rapid City for additional guards and investigating detail. The helicopter, brought to Newell on Saturday evening, attracted considerable attention as it was

Orman Dam, which has been the hot spot in the West River recently, has slowed down according to reports from Game Warden Chuck Webster. Wall-eyes taken there now average only from 1 1/2 to 4 pounds. The ice is in good shape.

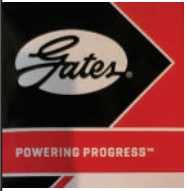
A delegation to Washington, DC to testify before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on behalf retention of the US Newell Field Station, is necessary next week. It was noted by the Newell Community Club at its regular luncheon noon meeting at the Cove Café. Members voted that selection of such delegation be left to the US Citizens Advisory Council to the US Newell Field Station but ask other communities, including Belle Fourche, Sturgis, Rapid City, etc. to contribute on a like basis as the Newell Club to finance the expenses of such a delegation.

Mrs. Cletus Huber and Mrs. Jack Dawson participated in the District Bowling Tournament in Sturgis on Sunday afternoon. Other members of the Irrigator Bowling Team: Mrs. Emmitt McDermott; Mrs. Bill Marty; Mrs. Ralph Kirk and Mrs. William Stolnack were also in the tournament.

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St. Patty's Cornhole Tournament, Newell City Hall
Saturday, March 8. Registration 11:30 - Noon, Play begins at 12:30.

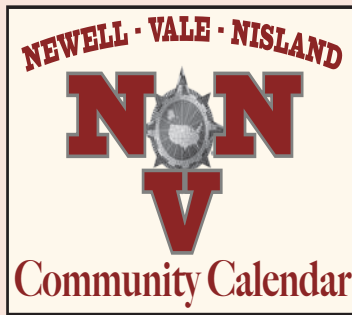
Whistle Stop Market
First Saturday of every month through April, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newell Senior Center

Mondays
Monday Night Bingo at the NVN Senior Center 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

BH Farmer's Market
Second Tuesday each month, 4:30, Nisland Town Hall

Feeding South Dakota
Second Thursday every month, 1:30

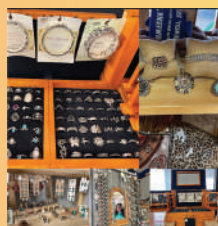
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From the Superintendent



The Newell sixth and seventh graders have been

working diligently with Mrs. Erk to prepare for the Science Fair. The Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, February 12th with judging and projects on display. The awards will be presented on Thursday at 8:00 am in the Physical Education gym. Award winners will have the opportunity to advance to the regional competition at the School of Mines in Rapid City.

On Thursday, eighth grade students will be involved with the Business Fair. With the guidance of Mrs. Erk, students have developed a product and will present their creations in the gym through Thursday

morning. Feel free to shop in and enjoy some creations.

On February 13th, we will be hosting Parent Teacher Conferences from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. Students will have an early release from school at 12:00 pm. Conferences are a great opportunity to learn about your child's progress as well as ways to influence learning beyond the classroom. Parents and guardians have a huge impact on a child's learning. Understanding your child's progress will help you advance their learning. We also have online programs that can be used at home to reinforce learning. Feel free to

ask teachers about the various learning options.

A book fair will also be held in the multi-purpose room during conferences. A wonderful selection of books will be available for your child. Literacy is a powerful blessing in a child's life.

Thursday morning the Juniors and Seniors will travel to Sturgis for the annual Career Fair. Excellent opportunities for our students to experience various employment opportunities as well as post secondary education.

Newell Irrigators will be hosting Timberlake on Friday. The evening will include Parent's night. Join these young ladies and gentlemen as they host

their final home game of the season. The Newell wrestlers will travel to Bennet County on Saturday and the Middle School boys' basketball team will head the opposite direction to Harding County.

Newell Irrigators have been working hard this year. Join us in our celebration of activities.



MARCH

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
3) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Corn Dogs, Corn, Fruit, Milk Tomato or Broccoli Soup	4) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Tomato Soup	5) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Beef Straganoff, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk Chicken Tortilla Soup	6) Egg Roll Eggs, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Sloppy Joes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	7) NO SCHOOL
10) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chili, Corn Bread, Corn, Fruit, Milk	11) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Peppers, Onions, Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk	12) Muffins, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk Broccoli Cheese Soup	13) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Irish Stew, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	14) NO SCHOOL
17) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Irish Stew, Sweet Potatoes & Apples, Fruit, Milk	18) Bagels, Omelets. Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Chicken Noodle Soup	19) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Italian Pasta Bake, Corn, Fruit, Milk	20) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Cubano Sandwiches, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	21) NO SCHOOL
24) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk	25) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Goulash, Broccoli, Fresh Rolls, Fruit, Milk	26) Breakfast Taco, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Taco Salad, Corn, Fruit, Milk	27) Croissant Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	28) NO SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change!

Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar

Newell School Highlights



Above: Mr. Fielder's Finish Carpentry 2 class built and installed a new cabinet for the elementary Title room .

Below: The students gathered for a pep rally to celebrate the wrestlers heading to State and the girls' and boys' basketball teams going to playoffs.

Below: Future ball handlers showed off their skills during a recent basketball game.

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Honoring the Crew



This sign was presented to Don Tishmack for his 50+ years of service to the Newell Ambulance. The design was cut by Newell welding students and finished by Truck Defender employees. It is a testament to the caring skills of the Newell Community.

Photo by Betty Bruner

Good Luck At State
Newell School District
Wrestling

WE Are NEWELL

Good Luck Girls & Boys Basketball in the playoffs!



Newell Ambulance Director Sherry Hocking was noted for her unwavering support of crew members with a flower arrangement handed to her by Stan Lewis.

Photos by Betty Bruner

The Future of the Newell Basketball program was in the house last night!

Great job Little Dribblers!

Thank You Coach Morgan and Coach Liz

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