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Dash Cams Installed in County Graders and Snowplows

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BELLE FOURCHE-Butte County Highway Department has expounded on a highway employee Remote Contact Policy to ensure a safe working environment for Butte County Highway Employees. It includes directions for employees to follow when approached by any individual while in county equipment. The County will provide dash cams in the six county graders and two county snowplows. The employees are responsible for turning the dash cam on when operating the equipment. If there is an incident it is recorded on a memory card from the dash cam and taken to the Highway Office to be stored on the administrator's computer. The recordings are stored for as long as the Highway Superintendent and/or State's Attorney deem necessary.

A public hearing took place concerning property owned by Jay and Wilma Tope along Highway 212. Wilma Tope was available

to explain the specifics and use of the property. Tope offered to put up a privacy fence, probably with movable fence sections, that will come into compliance with South Dakota codified law. The commissioners approved an extension until May 15 if they come into compliance. Sheriff Fred Lamphere will monitor any illegal dumping at the site.

Several members of the audience made comments during Public Comments.

Sue Broadhurst mentioned holes in a bridge over Red Water and the conditions of Snoma and Crooked Oaks roads. She asked that the county website be brought up to date and encouraged the department heads to check out the site. Broadhurst added that the commissioners should be aware of how the neighbors view the county property that is for sale.

Dale Simanton explained what happened at the Nisland Town meeting recently and the reaction of the citizens of the area when

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Bronc Fan Energy Makes Every Game a Go!



The Belle Fourche faithful attended in force wanting their 15-4 Lady Broncs to upset the undefeated on the season Mahpiya Luta Lady Crusaders at Case Auditorium in Hot Springs. Courtesy Photo

Lady Broncs BB Make SoDak 16 in Playoff Run

Fehrin Brindley
Special to the Beacon

For their final regular season game, the Broncs traveled down to Wall to play the Class B powerhouse. The Eagles and Broncs fought hard for majority of the game, but it was the guests who slowly garnered a lead by the final buzzer.

Belle Fourche took home the final regular season win with a score of 71-56 and a season record of 15-4. Mataya Ward, Lily Nore, and Sloan Young turned in big numbers for the win with 26, 20, and 18 points respectively.

The Lady Broncs defeat over Wall helped them jump to the number one seed in region 8A. This gave them a first round bye for playoffs and the home court advantage in round two.

The Rapid City Christian Comets were seeded number 4 and defeated the Custer Wildcats in the first round, so got to travel to the Edwin Petranek Gymnasium. The Comets put the first points on the board with a three pointer, but Mataya Ward answered with a layup to keep within one, 3-2. Rapid City Christian scored a layup, but Sloan Young dropped a jumper, Reese Larson put a rebound back in, and Lily Nore put in a jumper in consecutive

plays. The Broncs then had the lead 8-5 mid-way through quarter one. The Comets would score another layup within the last few seconds, but Nore would offset that with four points of her own, giving the Broncs the lead, 12-7.

Ward, Young, Larson, and Nore would add more points to the book during the second quarter and the Broncs would go into the locker room with the ten point lead 27-17.

Ward opened the second quarter off a feed from Sarah Juelfs. The Comets answered with a layup of their own followed by another Ward layup and the extra point on her free throw. The Comets made a three pointer a few possessions later to bring themselves back within 10 at a score of 32-22. Young made it short lived, taking the Broncs up another two points 15 seconds later. Rapid City Christian made some big plays before Juelfs dished to Larson at the elbow for another two points. However, that play was followed by two Comet three pointers in a row taking the score to 38-35 with three minutes left of the third. A pair of free throws by the Comets brought them within one point before Ward answered on the following play. Before the end

of the quarter, each team would score once more and the Broncs would keep the tight lead at 42-39 going into the final period of play.

Ward and Young opened the fourth quarter and extended the lead to 46-39. The score would remain there until Rapid City Christian made a free throw followed by a Nore layup with 5:20 left to play. A score of 51-45 and less than two minutes remaining, Larson would sink two free throws and Young would add one of her own to take the 9 point lead. With less than a minute left, the Comets would fail to get a scoring possession. Nowowiejski went to the free throw line for final point of the night and the win at 55-45. Ward scored 27 points followed by Nore with 10, Young for 9, and Larson for 8. The win clinched their place in the SoDak 16 for a chance to play at the State Tournament.

Playing the undefeated the Mahpiya Luta Crusaders, the Broncs traveled to Hot Springs on February 29th for a chance at State. Following an intense quarter and a half of play, Mahpiya Luta would separate themselves with their artillery of three point shooters to take away the Lady Bronc's chance

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Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere presented a commendation to Deputy Bailey Hahne for her bravery during a recent incident. Betty Bruner Photo

Don Elliott Unopposed for City Council, Ward 3

Meg English

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Don and Debra Elliott are very happy living in Belle Fourche. Don who is running uncontested for the ward 3 city council position on April 9 has a vision for sustaining and improving the quality of life in Belle Fourche. He brings some noteworthy achievements to the table and has demonstrated the ability to get things done.

Don who was born and raised in Miles City, Montana feels quite at home in a small town. He likes the people here



Don Elliott, candidate for Ward 3 City Council Position

and likes to explain how his background will help him serve the taxpayers of Belle Fourche. He is firmly committed to the idea that lawmakers need to be fiscally responsible and that they need to answer to the taxpayers.

Don and Debra, who have been married for 28 years, wanted a place to call home.

They moved to Belle Fourche nine years ago. Home prices were affordable and it's been a good fit.

"My professional trajectory started in the Navy where I became an Avionics technician. After six years and an honorable discharge, I went back to school and became an electrician." Don worked in the electrical field and in road construction before going back to college for more education. After three and a half years of hard work, he completed a bachelor's degree in chemistry. College was very demanding. He noted, "You could have very easily gotten overwhelmed by the workload."

After several years working for a hospital in Colorado, Don ventured into the oil fields and

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Get Out and Vote for Randy S.

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For \$20 and the Sales Tax you can wear and promote your favorite for the upcoming Belle Fourche Mayoral race; and raise city sales tax revenue.

Chances are you'll never again see a situation where a business can publicly promote a candidate without taking sides.

Pete's Clothing owner's Sheila and Lee Hodge were talking about the city elections and had the realization that both candidates were "Randys". Then

Mrs. Hodge said both "Randy S."

The two decided the town and politics needed a little humor and decided to make the T-shirts.

Not picking a side, it wasn't anything they thought would make a difference in the election.

The Beacon also decided a perfect opportunity to encourage people to get out and "Vote for Randy S"; and add local sales tax revenue to support the city.

Low voter turnout allows the minority to make decisions for us/

We asked if Randy S. had purchased the T-shirt. Randy S. did and Randy S. did not.

We contacted the Randy S's, and asked if they had comment for this story. Randy S. did, and Randy S. responded, "No thanks."

Coincidentally, when I reached out the Randy S's are adjacent each other in my phone Contact's.

We recommend you get out in the upcoming city Election and that you vote the for Randy S!



The annual Belle Fourche Career Fair was held again at the BF Rec Center on February 15th. This event was sponsored by Belle Fourche High School, Belle Fourche Rec Center, Belle Fourche Economic Development, and Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce.

It was full participation again 67 tables occupied for this event.

These tables consisted of the following: Universities, Technical Colleges, military, and business.

This event helps the students with their post secondary plans. We had all the students from 8th grade through 12th grade participate this year. Courtesy Photo



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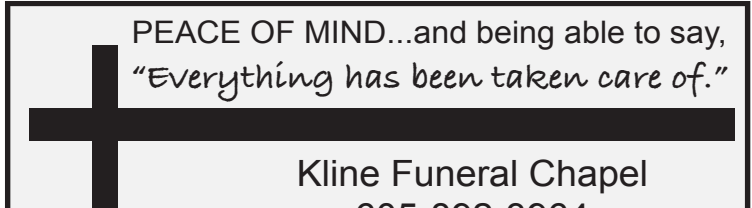
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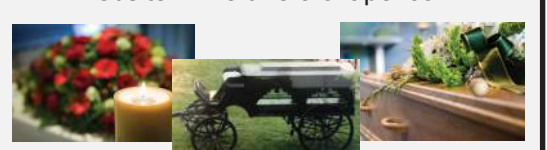
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Kathleen Ruth Marks Letellier, 71, died February 22, 2024, at her home in Pinetop, AZ, of cancer. Kathie was born in Benton Harbor, MI, to Adolph Marks and Louise Waldeck Marks. She grew up and attended school in rural Michigan along with seven siblings and graduated from Wayland High School in 1970. Following high school Kathie attended Miami Christian University in Miami, FL. It was there that she met and fell in love with Roy Letellier. They were married December 30th, 1972, and started their life together in Chadron, NE. Together they had three daughters the first, born at Chadron, died at birth, Katie, also born at Chadron and Amanda, born at Gordon, NE.

Over the next fifty-one years they lived in Gordon NE, Belle Fourche SD, Gold Canyon AZ, Mesa AZ and Pinetop AZ. Kathie left her mark with the friends she made and her community and professional achievements. She was the founder of Belle Fourche Christian School, now known as Black Hills Christian Academy. She was proud of the legacy of Christian education that vibrantly continues. Kathie was a successful Realtor in Arizona. She professionally served buyers and sellers for over twenty years. Her success transcended the business transaction, the relationships she established with her clients were her priority and it is evidenced by the huge number of clients who became life-long friends. Kathie loved to cook and bake and enter-



tain in her home, she was well known for her cooking and baking skills. She was always willing to share her knowledge with others and did so by conducting cooking classes as well as willingly sharing her tips and recipes with anyone who asked. While she will be remembered for her many skills and accomplishments, her legacy is the countless friendships that she made as a result of her genuine interest and care for others.

Kathie is survived by her husband Roy, daughters: Katie (Joshua) Zollinger, Amanda (Gabriel) Vandusseldorp, grandchildren: Amanda Marshall, Christopher Marshall, Tabor (Rebekah) Vandusseldorp and Anna Vandusseldorp. She is also survived by brothers: David Marks, Reinie (Dee) Marks, Robert Marks, Thomas (Kathy) Marks and Philip Marks and sister: Judy Sink. She was predeceased by her parents: Adolph and Louise Marks, brother: Timothy Marks, sisters-in-law Anna (Dave) Marks, Judy (Robert) Marks, Amber (Philip) Marks, and brother-in-law Thomas Sink.

Kathie will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Celebrations of her well-lived life will be held both in Pinetop and in South Dakota in the spring. Memorials may be sent to: Sunshine Bible Academy, 400 Sunshine Dr. Miller, SD 57362, or Black Hills Christian Academy, 630 S. 32nd St. Spearfish SD 57783.

Ronald Gale Rounds 86

Ronald Gale Rounds, 86, of Creede, Colorado passed away peacefully on January 25, 2024, at Sundance Hospital surrounded by his loved ones. He was a beloved father, grandfather, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Ron was born on May 7, 1937, in Sturgis, SD to Phillip and Ollie Rounds. He was one of four children. Ron attended high school in Belle Fourche, SD, graduating on May 22, 1956. While living and working at a repair shop in Belle Fourche, Ron married Flora May Westland in April 1957. Of this marriage came their firstborn son Clint Jay Rounds, daughter ReNette Wray Rounds (Penning), and son Donald Dale Rounds. In 1959, Ron and Flora May moved to Hulett, WY so Ron could work at the Hauber Homestake Mine as a mechanic. While working at Homestake, he was a field artillery crewman in the Army National Guard from 1960 to 1962.

Ron worked at the Homestake Mine until its closure in 1966, the family then moved to Creede, CO for Ron to work as a mechanic at Homestake Silver Mine. Divorcing in 1967, Ron continued to work, and make a home in Creede, working at the Homestake mine until its closure and reclamation



was completed in July of 1994. Throughout his time in Creede, Ron was a proud volunteer firefighter which he later retired from. After his time at Homestake Silver Mine, he ran a tire and small engine repair shop out of his shop called Ron’s Repair. There wasn’t a job too big for Ron and he took great pride in his work.

It was during this time that Ron began racing at Thunder Valley Speedway. He fixed up a 1972 Chevy pickup and had the time of his life racing around the track every Friday night. In addition to his love of mechanics and racing, Ron loved to hunt and fish and took every opportunity he had to do so. In closing, we have to mention Ron’s love of walking. As many of us can attest to there was nothing Ron enjoyed more than taking his daily walks around town.

Ron is survived by his two brothers Harley (Colleen) Rounds of Belle Fourche, SD, and Tom (Peg) Rounds of Sturgis, SD, and three children Clint Rounds of Carlisle, WY, ReNette Penning of Hulett, WY, Donnie (Kindra) Rounds of Monte Vista, CO, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

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.

Known for her kind and compassionate spirit, Linda cherished the simple joys of life, such as preparing meals that brought her family together around the table. Her culinary endeavors were more than a hobby; they were an expression of love, a tradition she held dear. Linda was also a woman of intellect, who found pleasure in the challenge of puzzles and the pursuit of knowledge. Her love for reading was insatiable, and her ability to engage in thoughtful dialogue on a myriad of subjects was admired by all who knew her.

Linda’s passion for understanding extended into the realm of politics, where she self-educated on the intricacies of government and relished in the spirited exchange of political debates. It was this same fervor that fueled her love of travel, a dream she realized by visiting all 50 states, and thereby, knitting a tapestry of experiences that spanned the vastness of our nation.

Above all, Linda’s life was a testament to the enduring power of love. She faced her two-year



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.



Muriel Jeffry 96

Muriel Jeffery, age 96 of Spearfish and formerly Fruitdale, went home to heaven on Leap Day, February 29, 2024.

A Memorial Service will be held 10:30 am Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery, in Belle Fourche. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Muriel’s funeral service can be viewed live or following it, from her obituary page located on the funeral home’s website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Muriel Elaine Thomas was born November 9, 1927 in Fruitdale, South Dakota. She was the daughter of George and Bessie (Faverty) Thomas. Muriel grew up in Fruitdale. On January 14, 1945 she was united in marriage to James Leslie Jeffery at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche. Together they were blessed with 63 years of marriage. Following their marriage, they farmed and ranched in the Fruitdale area for many years. Muriel loved the farm life, and she worked hard taking care of the home, as well as the farm, hand in hand with James. In 2007, James died at the age of 82. About ten years later, Muriel moved to the Edgewood Vista Senior Center in Spearfish. For health reasons, Muriel spent the last month of her life living at the Crook County Long



Term Healthcare Center in Sundance.

Muriel will be remembered for her sweet and loving personality. She was very generous and she took care of many loved ones. She was a mother before she was a mother, because of her love and compassion for others. She was a strong woman and she had a sharp memory. She could remember faces and stories very well. Muriel lived through a lot throughout her life, and wherever she was, she made friends. She will be missed by her family and friends very much.

Muriel is survived by her son, George of Belle Fourche; daughter, Carlie (Devin) Brashears of Belle Fourche; grandson, Rodney (Militza) Hecker of Gloucester VA; granddaughter, Shawna Ginsbach of Tacoma WA; 4 great grandchildren, Karina, Dylan, Courtney, Chris; 5 great great grandchildren, Havana, Emma, Genevieve, Kiera, Riley; and son-in-law, Andy (Betty) Demos of Belle Fourche.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, James Arthur; daughter, Wanda Demos; and siblings, Gene, Viola, Georgia, Donny, Wanda, and Weldon. She was also preceded in death by her nephew, Larry Dungey.



Gavin Klynsmas

Sorrowfully, on January 29, 2024 the world lost a benevolent human being but gained an angel in the sky. Gavin Klynsmas grew up in Rapid City and then moved to Newell, SD where he attended and graduated from Newell High School. He then attended Mitchell Tech for two years before moving to Liberty, MO to work with the railroad. After living a few years in Missouri, he moved back to South



Dakota.

Funeral services for Gavin were held Saturday, February 24 at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 602 Auburn Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.



G “James” Dague, 89

G. James Dague passed away February 26, 2024 at Monument Health Sturgis, SD.

James was born in Pierre, SD to Matilda and Milford Dague. He was the oldest of four children: a brother Duane, and sisters Louise and Janice; who all grew up on a ranch near Faulkton, SD. The family moved to California when James was 12 years old. After graduating high school, James worked for Boeing and then joined the Air Force.

He was stationed at Ellsworth AFB and received an honorable discharge as a Staff Sergeant.

James married his first wife, Charlotte and had a son, Michael while in the Air Force. He obtained a bachelor’s degree in Forestry from Humboldt State University, CA. James accepted a Forestry job in Sitka, AK and taught



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Cowboy's Ride Broncs to Victory

Kyle Wahlfeldt
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The Bronc Boys visited Lemmon on their home court on February 16th and came up short losing by a score of 47-64.

Two of the Cowboy's four losses came at the hands of Faith, who Belle Fourche upset the week prior.

It seemed that the Cowboy's would have a statement to make as they came out of the gate hot.

Once again, Belle was plagued with turnover problems turning over the ball 15 times during the game.

Jet Jensen converted on 5 of 11 attempts from beyond the arc as well as two field goals to lead the Broncs with 19 points.

Lemmon played a physical, fast-paced game that did not allow the Broncs (who only shoot 32% as a team) to find any rhythm throughout the game.

Bronc Scoring: Jet Jensen 19, Sern Weishaar 6, Gavin Pearson 5, Nolan Wahlfeldt 4, Carter McKenna 3, Rexton Audiss 2, Jordan Sandoval 2

Broncs BB Season Comes to an End

Kyle Wahlfeldt
Special to the Beacon

Thanks to a barrage of 3-point field goals the Broncs season came to an end on Tuesday February 27th at the hands of the St. Thomas More Cavaliers by a score of 23-54.

In a season that saw more lows than highs, the Bronc boys just could never find the rhythm they desperately needed.

Turnovers plagued the Broncs for most of the season and the inability to effectively rebound on the offensive and defensive side of the ball led to frustration for coaches and players. But

for two quarters on Tuesday evening it seemed as though the Broncs were going to give the Cavaliers all they could handle, but in true STM style the Cavaliers found got hot from beyond the arc.

At the end of the first quarter, the Broncs found themselves within striking distance, even converting on a number of STM turnovers.

Belle seemed to have the Cavaliers frustrated. Nolan Wahlfeldt all but shut down STM's big man Turner Thompson by allowing him

to only score 3 points in the first quarter, but that would be short lived after Wahlfeldt got into foul trouble late in the first quarter allowing Thompson to run over Belle's defense.

Before you could blink, the Broncs were down by 12 points going into half time. The second half would be all St. Thomas More.

The Broncs end the season with a record 6-15.

Bronc Scoring: Jet Jensen 6, Carter McKenna, 5, Isaac Voyles 4, Sern Weishaar 4, Nolan Wahlfeldt 2, Jordan Sandoval 2



In a world of ladies and knights - be both! **Aolani Stone, Alexa Stone, Kate Blair, Lexi Allert, and Hope Sinkey** play sisters who may not see eye to eye in the BFMS production of **CASTLE** on March 7th & 8th.



CASTLE, the BFMS show, includes troubadours, knights, and a guarded drawbridge, of course. **Kavin Linch, Bella Welles, Hope Ogaard, Kalani Meyers, Dillon Streeter, and Nathan Erhart** entertain with gusto.



It may be unclear who to trust in **CASTLE**, the BFMS production on March 7th & 8th. L to R: **Ellie Kukuchka, Kasey Dobesh, Ember Olson, & Kaeli Thompson.**



Costume volunteer, Colleen Anderson, helped the BFMS actors go back in time with period costumes. Parents and grandparents have also helped the young thespians get in costumes. **Piper Davis, Cora Kokinos, Hunter McKay, Rose Lafayette, & Tanner Wright** as they prepare for **CASTLE**, Mar. 7th & 8th.



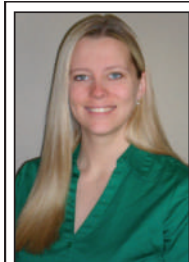
What would the Middle Ages be without the monks and nuns? L to R **Titus Thompson, Brux Hartman, Trey Shannon, Molly Collins, and Ainsley Jewett** preparing for the BFMS play, **CASTLE**. *Courtesy Photos*



Sir Rotia, the knight in **CASTLE**, has all the young maidens in a swoon. L to R: **Kasey Dobesh, Lucia Rodriguez, Piper Curran, Jeselyn Carr, Alexandra Huber, & LauraLee Dreiske.**



Squires and maids in **CASTLE** on March 7th & 8th are **Tayleigh Wooldridge, Chelsea Zinke, McKenna Freed, Kynlee Henderson, and Aspen Richter.**



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Lady Broncs contd. from A1 and win the game, 81-49.

The game opened with a minute and a half of defensive stops for both teams before Nore hit a jumper to open the hoops. Another minute and a half later she hit another on the baseline off a dish from Young.

Mahpiya Luta finally found their own basket with back-to-back 3 pointers to take the lead 6-4. Nore tied it up followed by Ward for 2 more points to reclaim the Bronc lead 8-6 with just two minutes left in quarter one. The Crusaders had a put-back to tie again at 8-8, then followed with a free throw for the lead to change hands again. Ward scored a layup and her own free throw on an old fashioned three point play to go up 11-9. It was short-lived, as Mahpiya Luta would tie it up again on the following possession.

The Crusaders drained a 3 pointer and a layup in the final minute to find their biggest lead of the night at 16-11. Nore hit a turn-around, fade-away jumper at the buzzer to put the Broncs two points closer, 16-13, to end the first quarter of play.

The start of the second quarter found the Broncs outscoring the Crusaders 5-2 to tie the game for the fourth time at 18-18. The teams answered back and forth for the next two possessions and Young’s jumper brought the score to its final tie of the night at 22-22.

In the final minutes of the half, Mahpiya Luta took the

reins and scored 16 points while Belle Fourche could only secure 4 more. The score at half time favored the Crusaders at 38-26. Nore opened the second half with a 3 pointer of her own followed by a Crusader layup for a score of 40-29. Midway through quarter three, Young hit back-to-back buckets to get Belle Fourche to 33 points. Ward scored two then found Nowowiejski for a 10 foot jumper and two more points to take Belle Fourche to 37.

However, the Crusaders were unstoppable behind their own arc and had accumulated 14 points of their own to increase their lead at 54-37. The score by the end of the third quarter was 66-42.

The same patterns ensued throughout quarter four as all the seniors came off the court together for their final time and underclassmen were subbed in.

At the final buzzer, Belle Fourche was handed the loss and Mahpiya Luta was awarded a trip to the State Tournament.

Only three teams in each class will get to end their season on a win this year.

Despite the heartbreaking loss in the SoDak 16, the Lady Broncs had an amazing season, finishing at the top of their region and with a record of 16-5.

Once the pain of the end subsides, we hope the Lady Broncs will look back on their season with pride and forward to the future with determination to do even better.

Thank you Belle Fourche Girl’s Basketball, it’s been a fun ride.



Lily Nore puts up short jumper. *Courtesy Photo*



Reese Larson puts a stop to Mahpiya Luta progress at top of the key. *Courtesy Photo*



Mataya Ward nails left handed layup for two. *Photos Courtesy Laura Young*

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Dr. Mike Nehl has been practicing dentistry in Belle Fourche, SD since 1984. In 2007, his son, Dr. Matt Nehl joined him in the family practice after completing his dental degree from the University of Nebraska, School of Dentistry, Lincoln, NE. The highly trained Nehl Dental team of certified dental hygienists, assistants and office staff work together to help patients feel comfortable and to ensure all questions about care, insurance and services are answered.

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Sloan Young goes up for two in Sweet 16 matchup. *Courtesy Photo*



Coach **Bill Burr** with squad during a time-out. *Courtesy Photo*

Show Up

Support our community’s youngest thespians by attending the BFMS Theater production this weekend! The show, CASTLE, is a suspenseful comedy of medieval proportions! Fifty enthusiastic and talented theater students will present their show this Friday & Saturday, March 7th & 8th., at 7 PM in the BF Rec Center Theater. Directors Reva Potter & Rachel Munce are promising us that the entertainment will be a Middle Ages adventure with wonderful costumes, classic comedic characters, subtle references to Shakespeare, and many technical surprises! It is a type of show young and old can enjoy together.

And don’t forget to catch more theater just one week later on Friday & Saturday, March 15th & 16th, for the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater’s Break a Leg: A Night of One Acts. The three shows are “Those Tasty Tulips”, “My Date With the Hitwoman”, and “Nobody Sleeps”. The word from the cast members and directors is that you will be laughing throughout the evening with these fun and surprising shows. Tickets are on sale in advance at bellefourcheact.com or before the show at the BF Community Hall. The cast 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 Bussiere.

Mark your calendar next month for an afternoon of family art and entertainment! On April 14th is the Belle Fourche Fine Arts Booster’s 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.

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.



Bronc Wrestlers Compete at State Competition in Sioux Falls

Kandi Tonsager
Special to the Beacon

On February 21st, eight state qualifiers & supporters were escorted out of town by the Belle Fourche Police Department in a send-off past banners, signs and cheerers along the route.

The 3 day state tournament took place at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls February 22-24th.

The Broncos went into the first round of wrestling with some tough matches to seeded opponents. The boys came up short in their first round with losses.

Riley Dighton, 4th year state qualifier, had a win in his second round to make it to the ‘blood round’ one match short of placing matches. Results were as follows:

Teedin Humble, Freshman at 106 pounds wrestled 6th seed, Freshman, Beckett Rehorst of Brandon Valley with a loss by fall in 45 seconds, followed by Freshman, Chase Mathews of Watertown with a fall at 2:18.

Riley Dighton, Sophomore at 138 pounds wrestled 3rd seed, Sophomore, Caleb Hodges of Madison with a loss by fall at 5:34, followed by Senior, Lah Doh Soe of Huron and won by fall in 4:46. In the Blood Round, Riley lost one match

before placing to 4 seed Senior, Beau Peters of Sturgis Brown by decision 7-0.

Owyn Schreder, Junior at 150 pounds wrestled Junior 6th seed, Jacoby Parker, of Rapid City Central with a loss by major decision 15-7, followed by Freshman, Grayden Timm of Aberdeen Central with a loss by fall at 4:06.

Peyton Alexander, Junior at 157 pounds wrestled Junior, 2nd seed, Michael Roob of Vermillion with a loss by Tech Fall at 4:23, score of 19-3, followed by Senior, 7th seed, Robert Watkins of Beresford/Alcester-Hudson with a loss by fall at 1:44.

Lucas Tonsager, Freshman at 215 pounds wrestled Senior, 8th seed Bryan Ramirez of Huron with a loss by decision 6-4, followed by Senior, Sam Sutton of Harrisburg with a loss by fall at 4:15.

The Lady Broncos had one placer make the podium. 3rd year State Qualifier, Freshman, Kyra Vandenberg, placed 8th in the 100 pound girls division. Junior, Alexa Swaney, 2 time state qualifier, made it to the blood round and Junior, Joselyn Shockey had her first taste of a state competition. Results for the Lady Broncos are as follows: Kyra Vandenberg, 3rd seed at

100 pounds won over Citabria Manzaneres of Sioux Valley by Tech Fall at 4:47, score of 15-0, followed by a loss to Freshman 6th seed, Shaylee Speck of Pierre T.F. Riggs in Sudden Victory with a final score of 11-13. Kyra then wrestled 7th grader, Kendyll Risse of Bennett County with a win by fall at 1:59, followed by a loss by decision 5-1 to the 7th seeded 7th grader, Annalee Pierson of Sturgis Brown.

Kyra’s final match for 7th and 8th place was against 8th grade 5th seeded, Mataya Jacobs of Rapid City Central with a loss by fall at 4:15.

Alexa Swaney, 6th seed at 132 pounds beat Senior, Julie Pitsenberger of Flandreau, followed by a loss to Junior, 3rd seed, Giada Scherich of Lakota Tech ended by fall at 4:16. Alexa lost in the Blood Round, one match before placing round, to Senior, Brooklyn Brant of Sturgis Brown by fall at 3:23.

Joselyn Shockey at 145 pounds wrestled Freshman, 2nd seed, Sarah Rickenbach of Hot Springs with a loss by fall at 1:24, followed by 8th grader, Samantha Dreiske of Lemmon/McIntosh with a loss by fall at 4:23. State Photos-A7

Belle Hosted District AAU Wrestling District Tournament

Kandi Tonsager
Special to the Beacon

On Saturday, March 2nd, the SD District 1 AAU Wrestling tournament was held in Belle Fourche.

The top 8 placers at Districts move on to the regional wrestling tournament held in Spearfish on Saturday, March 9th. From there, the top 3 in each weight class, plus a 4th from the Midget age brackets, will go on to the state competition held in Rapid City this year, for 3 days, Friday March 15th-17th.

The Belle Fourche AAU Youth Wrestling Club had 47 wrestlers place and qualify to move on to regionals. Results are as follows:

In the Tots division, 43 pound Myles Olson’s placed 3rd, 53 pound Easton Swaney’s placed 4th, 53 pound Brooks Lynch’s placed 3rd and 53 pound Joey Tonsager placed 2nd.

In the Bantam division, 44 pound Hudson Streeter’s placed 6th, 44 pound William Bonefield’s placed 7th, 47 pound Vincent Tysdal placed 5th, 50 pound Brayden Jones placed 6th, 57 pound Wyatt Ager placed 8th, 61 pound Alexander Bush placed 5th, and 65 pound Riddik Randolph placed 4th.

In the Midget division, 59 pound Kohen Williams placed 1st, 63 pound Logan Atkinson placed 7th, 63 pound Anderson Burke placed 8th, 67 pound Nash Kirstine placed 6th, 67 pound Royce Bachman placed 3rd, 77 pound Brody Gustafson

placed 4th, 77 pound Grayson Rosales placed 5th, 82 pound Patrick Tysdal placed 5th, 96 pound Bayzen Curtis placed 2nd, and 151 pounder Jeremy Merjil placed 1st.

In the Novice division, 72 pounder Landon Swaney placed 5th, 72 pounder Jayden Hodge placed 3rd, 77 pounder Jaxon Linch placed 5th, 82 pounder Tate Krul placed 1st, 108 pounder Jace Hiles placed 3rd, 117 pounder Kellen Williams placed 2nd, 138 pounder Owen Carbajal placed 5th, 138 pounder Brady Hakala placed 3rd, 175 pounder Logan Gleason placed 1st, and 175 pounder Jacob Nash placed 2nd.

In the Schoolboy division, 85 pounder Brux Hartman placed 3rd and 100 pounder Elijah Beatson placed 4th.

For the girls, Tots 37 pounder Mila Hudson placed 1st, and Tots 37 pounder Riley Mehlhaff’s placed 2nd, Bantam 40 pounder Nora Hodge placed 1st, Bantam 76 pounder Miranda Hudson placed 2nd, Midget 55 pounder Gracie Hodge placed 1st, Midget 77 pounder Kyriess Espy placed 3rd, Midget 96 pounder Lizzy Tonsager placed 1st, Novice 60 pounder Aubyn Hartman placed 1st, Novice 72 pounder Madalynn Rhoads placed 2nd, Novice 90 pounder Charlie Huston placed 1st, Novice 100 pounder Annabelle Dighton placed 3rd, Schoolgirl 75 pounder Lochlin Tibbs placed 1st, Schoolgirl 98 pounder Ema Leach placed 1st, and Schoolgirl 105 pounder Lia Mundt placed 1st.

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Celebrate Local Talent: Writer’s Night Hosted by Henry’s Books

Henry’s Books is thrilled to announce “Writer’s Night,” a special event dedicated to showcasing the extraordinary creativity of local writers and songwriters that benefits the crowdfunding efforts for Henry’s Books.

The event will take place on Sunday, April 7, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at The Matthews Opera House located at 612 N Main St, Spearfish, SD 57783.

“Writer’s Night” promises to be an event filled with literary inspiration and musical entertainment as writers and songwriters from the community take the stage to share their original works. From short stories and prose to poems and songs, attendees will be treated to a variety of

creative expressions.

“This event is a continuation of our crowdfunding efforts—we hope to elevate local talent and give the community the opportunity to support this unique project,” says Elizabeth Mattson, owner of Henry’s Books.

“During our first phase of crowdfunding efforts, we learned just how impactful it can be to simply ask someone ‘What are you reading right now?’

With each conversation we have, the more we solidify the overwhelming need for a bookstore here in Spearfish.” In addition to the captivating performances, attendees will have the chance to participate in raffle drawings featuring literary-themed items, specialty

items from local businesses, and signed books by both local and nationally recognized authors.

In addition to the \$20 admission, a cash bar will be available, and raffle tickets can be purchased on-site.

Those interested in performing at “Writer’s Night” are encouraged to register on the Henry’s Books website at Writer’s Night: A Fundraiser for Henry’s Books — Henry’s Books . Don’t miss this opportunity to support local talent and contribute to the realization of Henry’s Books, a community-driven endeavor that aims to bring the joy of literature to Spearfish.

For more information, please visit Writer’s Night: A Fundraiser for Henry’s Books — Henry’s Books or contact hellohenrys-books@gmail.com.

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Squad ready to embark to State Tourment.. *Courtesy Photo*



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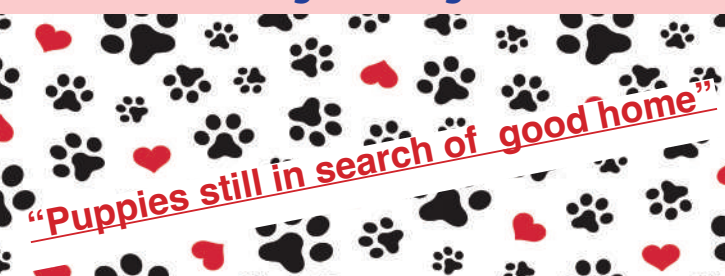
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Brown, Roger, Fruitdale SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1235.	\$107.00
Busenitz, Wesley & Andrea, Osage WY.....	1. Blk .. Ovette ..	1120.	\$129.00
Busenitz, Wesley & Andrea, Osage WY.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1550.	\$115.50
Collins, Kelly Or Melissa, Newell SD.....	1. Blk .. Ovette ..	1275.	\$127.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche SD.....	1. Blk .. Hfrt ..	905.	\$171.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	12. B/R .. Hfrt ..	1035.	\$147.50
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	20. Bld .. Cow ..	1368.	\$119.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	19. B/R .. Cow ..	1218.	\$119.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	20. Bld .. Cow ..	1353.	\$118.50
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	10. Bld .. Cow ..	1257.	\$118.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	19. Blk .. Cow ..	1362.	\$118.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	20. B/R .. Cow ..	1400.	\$118.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	20. Bld .. Cow ..	1395.	\$118.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	20. Bld .. Cow ..	1385.	\$117.76
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	18. Blk .. Cow ..	1229.	\$116.50
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	17. Bld .. Cow ..	1309.	\$116.00
C & W Feeders, Whitewood SD.....	19. Blk .. Cow ..	1246.	\$115.50
Dooley, Frank, Custer SD.....	1. Bld .. Cow ..	1355.	\$110.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD.....	1. Bld .. Cow ..	1440.	\$117.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD.....	1. Bld .. Cow ..	1745.	\$116.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1280.	\$108.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	4. B/R .. Hfrt ..	957.	\$144.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	4. B/R .. Ovette ..	1168.	\$135.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1330.	\$119.50
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	26. Bld .. Cow ..	1459.	\$118.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1145.	\$117.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1797.	\$116.50
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	5. Bld .. Cow ..	1355.	\$115.00
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	17. Bld .. Cow ..	1440.	\$113.50
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1350.	\$113.50
Geier, Marlin D Or Mary, Osage WY.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1295.	\$105.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....	1. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1005.	\$162.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....	1. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1005.	\$160.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1130.	\$119.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....	5. Blk .. Cow ..	1361.	\$117.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1190.	\$116.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....	1. Red .. Cow ..	1340.	\$115.50
Hat LLC, Miles City MT.....	2. Bld .. Hfrt ..	977.	\$167.50
Hett, Tyler Or Quade, Buffalo SD.....	4. Blk .. Hfrt ..	918.	\$195.00
Hett, Tyler Or Quade, Buffalo SD.....	2. Blk .. Hfrt ..	877.	\$180.00
Hewitt, Tanner, Whitewood SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1495.	\$119.00
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1167.	\$115.00
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	950.	\$113.00
Howell, Guy, Belle Fourche SD.....	2. Xbrd .. Cow ..	965.	\$107.00
Jespersion, Cassidy, Ekalaka MT.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1250.	\$114.00
Hat LLC, Miles City MT.....	2. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1030.	\$154.00
Kretschman, Kale Or Kimberly, Gillette WY.....	2. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1152.	\$158.00
Lewis, Dan Or Amy, Rapid City SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1430.	\$118.00
Lewis, Dan Or Amy, Rapid City SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1670.	\$116.50
Lewis, Jesse, Black Hawk SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1830.	\$115.00
Mahaffy, Ronnie, Newell SD.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1390.	\$114.50
Mograw, Michelle, Newell SD.....	1. Char .. Cow ..	1035.	\$115.00
Nicholas, William & Bryan J, Spearfish SD.....	1. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1070.	\$165.00
Nicholas, William & Bryan J, Spearfish SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1225.	\$105.00
Ollerich, Ty, Buffalo SD.....	1. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1005.	\$140.00
Ollerich, Ty, Buffalo SD.....	1. Blk .. Ovette ..	1255.	\$126.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT.....	4. Bld .. Cow ..	1305.	\$116.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT.....	6. Bld .. Cow ..	1405.	\$115.50

Perli, Keith, Piedmont SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1410.	\$119.00
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....	1. Blk .. Ovette ..	1170.	\$122.00
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1115.	\$117.50
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1542.	\$116.00
Phillippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....	2. B/R .. Cow ..	1112.	\$80.00
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY.....	3. Hfrt ..	1035.	\$160.00
Schneider, Jitt, Ekalaka MT.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1270.	\$114.00
Schneider, Jitt, Ekalaka MT.....	1. Bld .. Cow ..	1075.	\$106.00
Sprague, Lyle, Nisland SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1975.	\$115.50
Stolhammer, Lucas & Melinda, Newcastle WY.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1444.	\$116.00
Stolhammer, Lucas & Melinda, Newcastle WY.....	2. Bld .. Cow ..	1327.	\$115.00
Stolhammer, Lucas & Melinda, Newcastle WY.....	1. Xbrd .. Cow ..	1400.	\$115.00
Talcott, Debbie, Hammond MT.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1250.	\$116.50
Talcott, Debbie, Hammond MT.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1325.	\$115.50
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1290.	\$117.00
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1227.	\$117.00
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1490.	\$116.50
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1320.	\$115.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD.....	1. Red .. Ovette ..	1125.	\$133.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD.....	1. Red .. Ovette ..	1250.	\$125.00
Thompson Cattle Co, Billings MT.....	1. Blk .. Ovette ..	1040.	\$135.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Rygate MT.....	1. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1075.	\$148.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Rygate MT.....	1. Blk .. Ovette ..	1260.	\$120.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Rygate MT.....	1. Bld .. Cow ..	1315.	\$117.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Rygate MT.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1417.	\$117.00
Vavra, Linda, Nisland SD.....	3. B/R .. Cow ..	1470.	\$115.00
Wahle, Tim Or Jacki, Custer SD.....	2. Blk .. Cow ..	1312.	\$118.00
Ward, Vern Or Laurie, Fruitdale SD.....	1. Blk .. Ovette ..	820.	\$120.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge SD.....	1. Blk .. Hfrt ..	1060.	\$140.00
Williamson, Todd Or Melanie, Newell SD.....	1. Blk .. Cow ..	1135.	\$111.00
Weigh Up Bulls			
Antler Angus Ranch LLC, Moorcroft WY.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1875.	\$120.00
Cuka, Gerard, Belle Fourche SD.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1725.	\$128.00
Frederickson, Mark, Spearfish SD.....	1. Herf .. Bull ..	2295.	\$124.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1760.	\$117.00
Humble, Casey, Mud Butte SD.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1800.	\$126.00
Randall, Curt, Broadus MT.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1480.	\$125.00
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1075.	\$167.50
Triple S Land & Cattle, Union Center SD.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1985.	\$115.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge SD.....	1. Blk .. Bull ..	1625.	\$130.00
Williams, Justin Or Heidi, St Onge SD.....	1. Bld .. Bull ..	1085.	\$167.00
Williamson, Todd Or Melanie, Newell SD.....	1. Bull ..	1570.	\$101.00

Friday, March 8, 2024

Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special

9:00 AM - Weigh Up Cows 12:00 Noon - Feeder Cattle

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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 29, 2024

Lambs over 100# sold \$20 higher while lambs under 100# sold steady
Slaughter ewes sold steady to \$5 higher

Next sale - March 7th - 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!

Feeder Lambs

Billing, Lauryn, Olive MT..... 11. Lamb 94. \$233.00

Birdsall, Daryl, New Leipzig ND..... 39. Lamb 126. \$216.00

Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY..... 33. Lamb 75. \$246.00

Boller Mills Limited Partnership, Gillette WY..... 30. Lamb 61. \$244.00

Conger, Lesta, Buffalo Gap SD..... 25. Lamb 104. \$220.00

Grate, Zane, Isabel SD..... 15. Lamb 102. \$219.00

Grate, Zane, Isabel SD..... 30. Lamb 101. \$216.00

Hafele, Amber, Newell SD..... 20. Lamb 100. \$223.00

Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD..... 66. Lamb 82. \$250.00

Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD..... 82. Lamb 106. \$231.00

Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD..... 35. Lamb 125. \$214.00

Milner, Vicki, Crawford NE..... 33. Lamb 74. \$243.00

Moe, Todd, Stanley ND..... 15. Lamb 77. \$238.00

Moe, Todd, Stanley ND..... 6. Lamb 98. \$233.00

Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT..... 15. Lamb 73. \$248.00

Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT..... 44. Lamb 86. \$246.00

Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT..... 19. Lamb 106. \$224.00

Slaughter Ewes

Green Acre Ranch Inc, Olive MT..... 15. K Ewe..... 187. \$86.00

Green Acre Ranch Inc, Olive MT..... 30. K Ewe..... 165. \$80.00

Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD..... 11. K Ewe..... 181. \$86.00

Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD..... 8. K Ewe..... 144. \$80.00

Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT..... 11. K Ewe..... 190. \$86.00

Palmer, Dean & Shannon, Culbertson MT..... 13. K Ewe..... 163. \$80.00

Slaughter Bucks

Allen, Kim, Oral SD..... 2. K Buck..... 227. \$87.00

Humble, Casey, Mud Butte SD..... 2. K Buck..... 180. \$87.00

Spring, Jamie, Union Center SD..... 2. K Buck..... 237. \$87.00

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Thursday, March 7, 2024

Regular Sale 1:00 PM

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Arledge Ranch -- 620 7 Yr Old Ewes --
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2024 SHEEP SALES

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

Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$4/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

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THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. For more information, call Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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Highmark Credit Union CEO/President Carlson to Retire June 30th

Highmark Credit Union's CEO/President, John Carlson, has announced plans to retire June 30, 2024, after 32 years of service.

Carlson started his career as president/CEO at the credit union June 29,1992, having moved to Rapid City from Minnesota, where he had been the President/CEO of the First American Bank of Watertown, Minnesota and had previously worked in ag lending.

"When Carlson was hired to lead, the then, Rapid City Federal Credit Union, it was a \$12 million asset institution. Under his forward thinking and steady guidance Highmark is



John Carlson

now a credit union with over \$245 million in assets and an outstanding community reputation.

He led us through so much more than a name change. There is no way we can thank John Carlson enough for what he has done for Highmark Credit Union", stated Dana West, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Highmark. Membership grew exponentially during his tenure; Highmark now serves over 13,500 members in the region.

With a penchant for social gatherings and business development, Carlson enjoyed working closely with the Rapid City chamber, as well as with other regional economic entities.

He was a graduate of the

1993 LRC program, served as Chairman of the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce, chaired the boards of the Black Hills Workshop Foundation and the Western Dakota Tech Foundation, and served as President of the Rushmore Rotary.

Lynn Greff, Board Member when Carlson was hired, noted, "We appreciate John for his tremendous community involve-

ment, honesty, fairness, forward thinking and for being a true believer in the Credit Union philosophy of "People Helping People".

There will be an Open House/Meet & Greet for John Carlson and the incoming President, Mindy Howard, Friday, May 10th from 3-6 pm at the Hive, Main Street Square, Rapid City.



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A CHOSEN VESSEL

Does it seem to you that its a "me" type of world? Is anyone seeking to serve? at any level. Thinking about that recently led to rediscovering this old poem. Too much truth to ignore. I'll leave it up to you gentle reader.



*The Master was searching for a vessel to use;
On the shelf there were many - which one would He choose?*

*Take me, cried the gold one, I'm shiny and bright,
I'm of great value and I do things just right.
My beauty and lustre will outshine the rest
And for someone like You, Master, gold would be the best!*

*The Master passed on with no word at all;
He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;
I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine
And I'll be at Your table whenever You dine,
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
And my silver will always compliment You.*

*Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,
It was widemouthed and shallow, and polished like glass.
Here! Here! cried the vessel, I know I will do,
Place me on Your table for all men to view.*

*Look at me, called the goblet of crystal so clear,
My transparency shows my contents so dear,
Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride,
And I'm sure I'll be happy in Your house to abide.
The Master came next to a vessel of wood,*

*Polished and carved, it solidly stood.
You may use me, dear Master, the wooden bowl said,
But I'd rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!*

*Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay.
Empty and broken it helplessly lay.
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,
To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.*

*Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find,
I will mend and use it and make it all Mine.
I need not the vessel with pride of its self;
Nor the one who is narrow to sit on the shelf;
Nor the one who is bigmouthed and shallow and loud;
Nor one who displays his contents so proud;
Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right;
But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might.*

*Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay.
Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day.
Spoke to it kindly. There's work you must do,
Just pour out to others as I pour into you.*

Author unknown

Sitting quietly praying to be wise enough to seek service over self, I'm Jim Thompson.

Roots Grow Deep and Strong: Missing LifeStyles

"After 32 years of business, we are sad to announce that LifeStyles is permanently closed."



The announcement appeared in my email a couple of weeks ago. The news was not surprising on the heels of founder Lori Foos' passing. I did not know Lori well, but I liked her. I liked shopping at LifeStyles. I liked hanging out at LifeStyles, even when I was not running away from a Superbowl party. For LifeStyles regular customers, the experience of grief is two tiered. We are grieving the gift of Lori, and grieving the gift of her legacy, LifeStyles, the store where everybody knew your name.

There is no question that both Lori and LifeStyles will be deeply missed.

A visit to LifeStyles wasn't

always a shopping trip, although walking out of the store empty handed was unlikely. The variety of styles, colors, sizes, brands, and accessories offered fashionable options for any occasion. A visit to LifeStyles meant time to try on something new, or experiment with something outside of your comfort zone. And there was always something that caught your eye that was cuter than anything you've ever seen anywhere.

Clothes are important, but people are more important. Lori and her staff were consummate fashion consultants always available to help. There was never pressure to buy.

The store was welcoming, and it was a kind of unofficial gathering place. Shoppers in LifeStyles always seemed to

know each another and enjoyed catching up on gossip while searching the racks. A visit to LifeStyles offered a chance to get away from the ranch for a few hours to see what was new or who was out and about downtown. For others, a visit to LifeStyles was a planned stop when home for the holidays. Gift certificates drew men into the store from time to time. They too were welcomed.

I liked passing the shop to check out the colorful window dressings. I liked stopping in to say hello to Lori or whoever was working and to pick up another Life is Good™ T-shirt for my collection. I always seemed to meet someone I hadn't seen for a while. LifeStyles was indeed a memorable part of our lifestyle in Belle Fourche for 32 years and will be missed.



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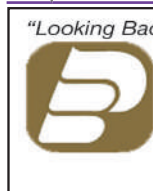
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124 years ago
THE TIMES
March 2, 1899
GOOD FOR THE SOUL
According to the Yankton Herald ExTreasurer Phillips has made an "open Confession" to having taken interest on the state funds, and furthermore he defies the state to recover it. The Herald says: In conversation with a prominent Huron attorney last week at Pierre, Kuk G. Phillips admitted taking the interest and said that he had simply followed a long-established precedent in doing so; that he should have publicly admitted the fact during the last campaign had it not been for his trends in which event he was confident he would have been elected. He also expressed the conviction that the money could never be wrested from him through the medium of the courts. This open confession of the second defaulting republican state treasurer, taken in connection with the opinion of the attorney general, leads as to inquire if it isn't about time the legislature was taking some steps looking to the closing up of these loopholes.

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100 years
The Northwest Post
March 6, 1924

WANT BELLE FOURCHE-NEWELL ROAD MADE PASSABLE Messrs. N. M. Bratten and A. F. Kennelly of Newell and Messrs. Joe Duer and N. P. Lang of Nisland, representing then Commercial clubs of those respective towns, were in the city last Tuesday and met with the executive committee of the Belle Fourche Commercial club. The purpose of the visit was to bring before the county commissioners the necessity of having the Shor Cut West highway between Newell and Belle Fourche put in shape for travel this spring, and a resolution urging the State Highway department to have the work done was adopted and filed with the commissioners. The resolution also favored this county assuming its proportionate share of the bond issue for the construction of the bridge across the Missouri river at Forest City, providing the Newell-Belle Fourche road is constructed, this being the last connecting link to complete the Short Cut West highway through Butte county. 50 years ago

IMMEDIATE RELIEVE FOR FARMERS AND BANKS DECIDED ON President D. R. Evans of the First National bank of Belle

Fourche, who was called to Minneapolis last week for a conference with the officers representing the new \$10,000,000 Agricultural Credit Corporation, is expected to return home the latter part of this week. In speaking of the benefits to be derived from the organization of this huge financial corporation, the news dispatches from Minneapolis say: Immediate assistance for farmers and banks in the northwest was decided on at a meeting of officers of the \$10,000,000 Agricultural Credit Corporation formed recently by bankers and business men to relieve economic distress in some sections. The corporation's officers and some directors and executive committee members met in an all day session with 40 bankers, business men and agriculturists of Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana and arrived at specific work to be undertaken immediately. J. R. Howard, former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who was elected an active vice president of the new corporation, attended the meeting. He plans to come to Minneapolis and take up his duties at the corporation's headquarters in ten days.

75 years ago
The Belle Daily Post
March 3, 1948

\$18,000 Needed Before Contact Can Be Let for Hospital Addition Board Hopes Order For Building Can Be Issued in April \$105,000 Addition Would Provide 30 More Beds, Several New Facilities Belle Fourche's campaign to raise funds for the proposed \$105,000 addition to the John Burns Memorial Hospital rolled into high gear this week as board members concentrated their drive in hopes of accruing the \$18,000 still needed so that their contact can be let by April 1. The hospital board, thru grants and donations already has over \$84,900, but they need \$105,000 to cover the contract and architect's fees. They want to let the contract for construction of the three-story addition by April 1. The proposed addition, which will extend southward from the present brick structure, will contain space for approximately 30 additional beds, a modern obstetrical and nursery service, kitchen and dining room (now contained in the old frame building), adequate laundry service and generally the additional services necessary to make a complete hospital unit of between 50 and 55 beds. Meanwhile, contributions to the campaign can be made to George C. Johnson, board



by Mary Buchholz

treasurer, at the First National Bank.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
March 2, 1974

Flood Insurance for Belle After March 2, 1974, all property owners in communities where flood insurance is being sold must purchase flood insurance to be eligible for federally funded financial assistance programs, according to Chester B. Leedom, district director of the South Dakota Small Business Administration. "In December of 1973 congress passed the Flood Disaster Protection Act, which expands the insurance coverage available for property owners who up until that time may not have been able to obtain flood insurance thru private insurance companies. Included in the act passed by congress last December, property owners must obtain flood insurance if they are in a designated flood prone community. If such insurance is not obtained, all forms of loans or grants including mortgage loans and disaster assistance loans from either a federal agency such as FHA, SBA, VA or banks or savings and loan institutions with government guarantees will not be approved," Leedom stated. Areas of South Dakota falling within designated hazard areas include portions of Aberdeen, Belle Fourche, Custer, Ft. Pierre, Hot Springs, North Sioux City, Rapid City and Sturgis. There are also other areas in Brown County and in Meade County which are incorporated at the present time, but also fall within the identifiable area. "Businessmen residing within the listed areas should check with their local authorities to see if they are located within the designated area and what provision apply. We would also suggest they contact our office or their local Housing and Urban Development Office for additional details," Leedom concluded.

Collins Takes Press Post with BBG The campaign of Barbara Bates Gunderson for GOP senate nomination has moved one step closer to formal announcement with the appointment of Lorraine Collins, Belle Fourche, as Mrs. Gunderson's press secretary. "What Barbara says is worth listening to, and I want to help bring her message to Republicans throughout the state," Mrs. Collins said, "We expect her announcement very soon." The author of a book and numerous articles in national publication, Mrs. Collins is a former member of the editorial staff of Time magazine. She is currently writing a regular feature for "Marriage and Family Living" magazine and has just completed work on a novel. She is a native of South Dakota, a graduate of Cornell College, Iowa, and lives in Belle Fourche, where her husband is a mining engineer. She is the mother of three school-age children. Mrs. Collins has long been active in civic affairs, serving with various youth activities, the Tri-State Concert



Lorraine Collins (left) serving on Commission on the Status of Women

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Central Meade County News



As of the beginning of the week, the Meade County prairies look similar to a typical dry August, minus the leaves on bushes and trees. We have had very warm temperatures, with the exception of Tuesday of this week, returning to more like fall temperatures. Those like John Rhoden who is calving out heifers are very satisfied with this weather pattern.

Kathryn Spring turned 93 on Feb. 24. Three of her great grandchildren have birthdays on the same day! Her family gathered in the church fellowship room after Sunday's service to celebrate her 93 years. Kathryn is very active for 93 years and is an inspiration to us all. On Friday she hosted a women's Bible Study in her home with 11 ladies in attendance. Kathryn still drives herself and others to appointments when needed and is famous for her delicious monster cookies. Her friends and family are very blessed to know her and to have her so engaged in their lives. Happy birthday to Kathryn Spring.

For youth interested in the Mega Teen Retreat held at Sunshine Bible Academy one may visit with Bill Meirose or someone from the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. For those wishing to enjoy a good message on Sunday morning but are not up to attending church service, one may go on Facebook to watch Bill's message at Union Center Commu-

By Sandy Rhoden
nity Baptist Church. He is very accessible for counsel for anyone in need of guidance, questions or a good visit.

This week marks the second to the last week of this year's Legislative Session. They seem to be making more progress than most any other year in getting bills through the Chamber of origin. With next week as the last, they look to be finished a day early possibly. Time and circumstances will tell.

Mike and Yvonne Barry returned recently from their annual stay in Arizona. They enjoy bicycling, dirt biking, getting together with friends and watching the sunsets during the several weeks they are there. It is fun to stay in touch with their adventures via Facebook. However, we were happy to see them home safely and in attendance for church service in Union Center on Sunday.

Cody and Liz Rhoden and girls spent Sunday afternoon and evening helping Larry and Sandy with materials, moving and painting their office. The idea of slightly renovating even a small space seems to turn monumental when it becomes a reality. It appears their 2nd living area will be full of furniture, books and equipment for the full week at least. Walls, ceiling and floor will all receive a facelift.

The question at this time is 'will March come in like a lion or a lamb?'



By **KAREN ODELL**

Capitol News



February 26, 2024
Ronda Cordell's trip to the Little Missouri Soup Supper, last Sunday, turned out to be quite interesting. A half mile west of Chancey and Megan's, she ruined a tire. It was dark by the time the doughnut was mounted, but she managed to get there in time to enjoy the delicious soup. She ended up catching a ride home with the Zolnoski's, as the doughnut was hissing air when she arrived at the Camp Crook Area Community Center. On Monday morning, the barn building crew was back at their job. The barn has really taken shape this week, and will no doubt, be finished by February's end. Gary Johnson delivered more supplies to Ronda's, on Monday afternoon. Curt Zolnoski came to Clint and Denise's, on Tuesday evening, to stay to help with brisket tagging the yearling heifers, on Wednesday. He also measured for the building of some barn doors. Gene Secrest helped, this week, with the tagging and ranch projects. Denise and Abby helped with tagging and dinner. Ronda thought that the day they tagged was the best day of the week, weather-wise. The wind gave a bit of bite to several days at the end of the week, so Ronda stayed in to do some baking during those days. Erik Berglund came from Rapid City, after work on Friday. The red storage unit was given a ride home from the Berstrom place, on Saturday. Ronda drove up to watch it be loaded, but it was already on the trailer and ready to head east. Tony Hannah said that it only took fifteen minutes to get it loaded, and Linda Hannah told her that moving it opened up a beautiful view from the kitchen window. Diane Wear came over to visit and see the new barn, on Saturday. On Sunday, she drove Ronda in to Camp Crook for her car, before she headed back to Ekalaka. Ronda ate dinner at the Over the Edge. Erma Albert visited Crystal at the Clinic, on Tuesday. It seems

that her allergies were acting up again. By Friday, they went to the Senior Citizen chicken dinner, where fish was also served for the season of Lent. They ate fish, but brought home some chicken so they could eat it the next day. On Sunday, they went to church at the Catholic Church, and stayed for the pot luck dinner and Bible study in the afternoon. Alvin and Marlee Cordell had gone to the Little Missouri Soup Supper last week, too. On Tuesday, they went in to Camp Crook to vote in the school election. They sorted heifers on Wednesday, and now already have three calves. They went to see the girls' high school basketball game at Buffalo, on Thursday. The girls played Timber Lake. On Sunday, Alvin and Marlee met with Gerald and Becky Burghduff and Terry and Laurie Goehring, to have supper at the Over The Edge in Camp Crook. Doug and Julia Davis made a trip to Bowman, on Tuesday, for an appointment at the eye doctor's, and they voted in the school election in Camp Crook. On Wednesday, they went to the Fair Board Supper at Blossoms and Brew in Buffalo. On Saturday, Julia and Kay Latham planned a baby shower for Mackenzie Buck and Aislinn at the Camp Crook Community Center, while Doug stayed home and worked on the pick-up. Junior and Shirley Melum had a quiet week. Shirley was glad to finish edging her quilt. It had become quite difficult, because she was doing hand sewing to attach black to black, and it was quite difficult to see. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to church in Baker on Sunday. Then they had lunch with Rachel's sister, Sarah and David Waterland and her mother, Carol Kalbach. Dorothy Padden had another busy week. She rode along with Bryce and Dawn Padden to the girls' basketball game in Buffalo, on Tuesday evening. That game was against Bison. On Thursday, they were back again for the Region 8B girls' basketball tournament game against Timber Lake. On Saturday, Brandon and Ashley's family headed east to the state high school

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The Imperative of Keeping Dollars Local: A Matter of Survival

George Bernard Shaw's words echo with profound relevance today: "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man." In the backdrop of COVID-19 and current economic condition, it is imperative for small and mid-sized communities to retain their local dollars, it is no longer just a nice thing to do, it has become a choice between extinction and one of survival.

The impact of shopping local goes far beyond convenience; it is the lifeblood of community resilience. Consider the ripple effect: if each resident increased their monthly local spending by a mere \$25, the annual infusion coupled with the compounding of that spending into the local economy would range between \$9,000,000 to \$21,000,000 in a community of only 10,000 residents. This surge in local spending not only fosters economic growth but also fortifies the social fabric by bolstering employment, local entrepreneurship, and community development initiatives.

Moreover, the current onslaught of government regulations is disproportionately impacting small businesses, the backbone of local economies. While corporate behemoths are better equipped to



by **John Newby**

weather the storm, local Main Street face the brunt of impact and restrictions, jeopardizing livelihoods, and destabilizing communities. The fallacy started during COVID by labeling these small businesses as "non-essential," neglecting the interconnectedness of livelihoods, supply chains, and economic stability. The repercussions reverberate beyond shuttered storefronts, impacting income streams, employment opportunities, and consumer spending across the board.

The compelling case for keeping dollars local is underscored by empirical evidence spanning the nation. Once-thriving towns now languish as mere shadows of their former selves, casualties of neglecting Main Street in favor of Wall Street. The erosion of local economies not only manifests in economic decline but also manifests in social malaise, with dwindling civic engagement, rising poverty rates, and escalating crime statistics.

In the face of the accelerating exodus of dollars from local communities precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, swift and decisive action is imperative. The trajectory is clear: towns on the brink of prosperity risk descent into economic oblivion, exacerbating existing disparities and amplifying social discord. Urgent intervention is non-negotiable to stem the hemorrhage of local

wealth and preserve community vitality.

Community leaders must seize the reins of change, marshaling a coalition of stakeholders to confront this existential challenge head-on. A multifaceted approach is indispensable, encompassing policy advocacy, community mobilization, and strategic partnerships. Collaborative initiatives such as citywide promotions, business incubation programs, and targeted marketing campaigns can galvanize local patronage and invigorate economic activity.

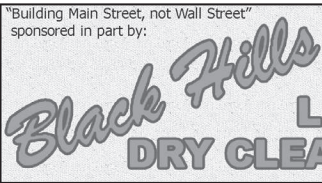
The blueprint for revitalizing Main Street lies in proactive engagement and innovative solutions. While the road ahead may be fraught with challenges, the stakes are too high for complacency. Every community possesses the agency and ability to rewrite its narrative, reclaiming its economic sovereignty and nurturing a resilient ecosystem of local enterprise.

The time for action is not tomorrow, not next week or not next month, the time for action is now. The storm clouds of continued economic pain are on the horizon, delay is not a luxury communities can afford as the specter of economic storm clouds loom large. Let us heed the clarion call to action, uniting in our resolve to safeguard the future of our communities for our children and grandchildren.

Together, we can build not just Main Street, but a future anchored in local prosperity and shared prosperity.

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wrestling competition. Their daughter, Kanyin, had advanced to the state competition in girls' wrestling, and both Brandon and Ashley were coaches. Bryce and Dawn were needed at home to do the chores, but they, too,

got away on Saturday, to go to Baker for the AAU wrestling competition. Bryce was coach of the young group from Ekalaka that competed, and they were glad to have their coach there with them.



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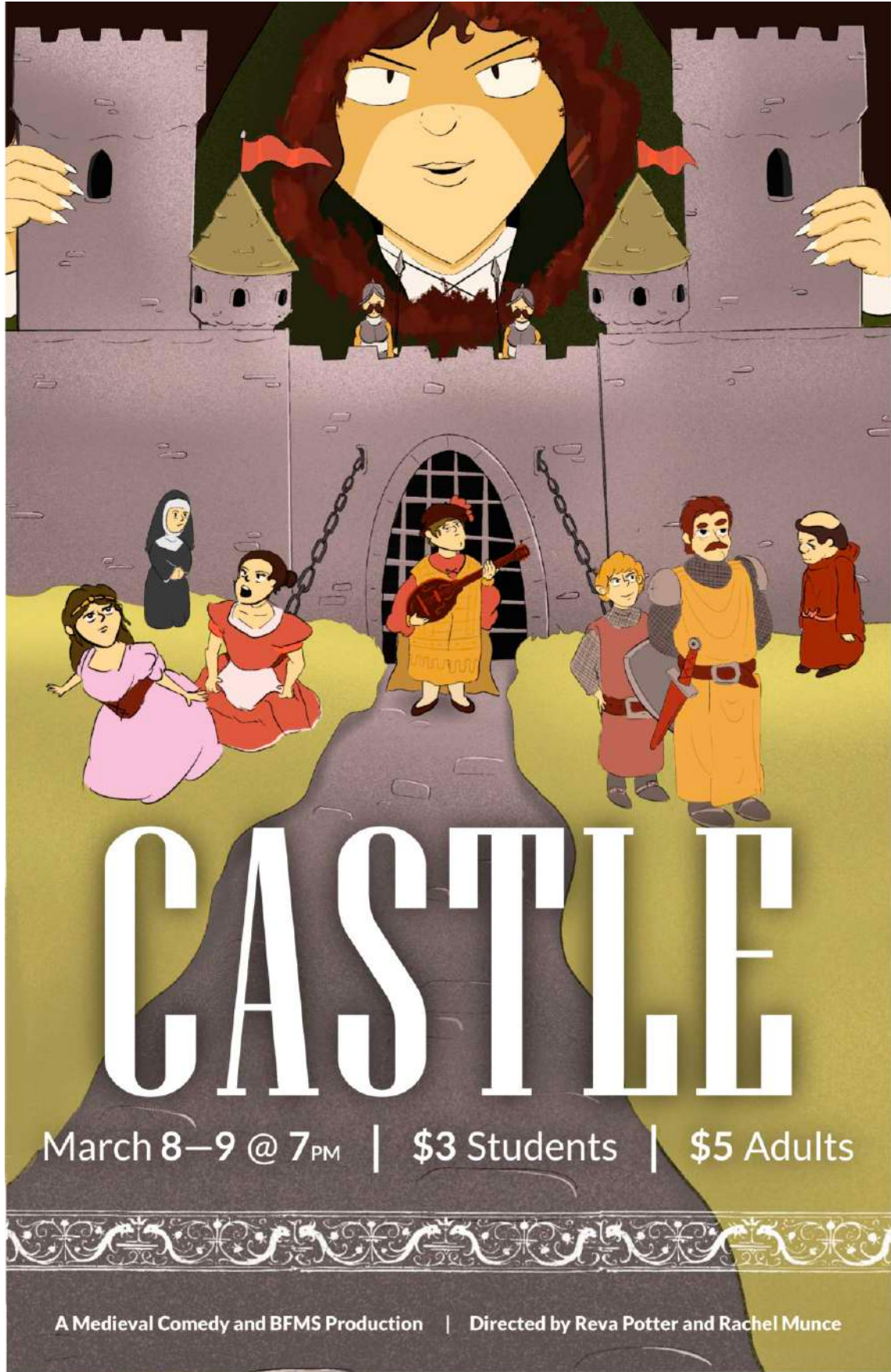



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You may wonder, who is Pan Atlantic foundation? We have been serving exchange students and supporting families for over 30 years. We make sure all the business of placement, travel, hosting, and schooling is in place before your student arrives in America. We have just expanded into the Midwest this year and are very excited to introduce this program to you. We believe our program makes the world a little smaller, teaches different cultures around the world through personal relationships, and schooling. We bring joy and excitement into lives through host families, the student, and the nature parents. We create lifelong relationships.

Did you know anyone can

apply to be a host family? You can be single, married, widowed, have young or grown-up kids, or no kids at all, or be an empty nester. We are looking for the American family who is too busy, over scheduled, imperfect, pizza loving, Netflix watching, hand me down wearing, families to host a typically, hormonal, awkward, excited to come to America, English speaking teen. All you need is a room with a bed and a dresser, a quiet place to study and lots of love in your heart. Your student also needs to have a way to and from school. Bus routes are automatically approved. Host families are fully vetted to provide a safe place and reassurance for the students and their parents. This process takes about two week and before you know it, you're looking through student profiles, talking to students and their parents and making a choice. One week before school starts your student will arrive and get homed in and start on this great adventure with you. Your heart will be broken when the school year ends, and

your student must return home. But don't despair, you have built a lifetime relationship with the student's family, and they would love to welcome you in their homeland for your next vacation.

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I am so excited for the people who decide to host a student for the 24/25 school year in our area. We will open up the world of the Midwest, share our values, and our ways!

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Letter to the Editor

Did you know that the counties and SD's Secretary of State's office have kept anyone from seeing the Code Vote Records that audit the ES&S computerized voting tabulators even though it is Federal Law? In CA they post the CVRs right on websites after elections. SD Canvassing is currently involved in litigation to retrieve the CVRs.

Did you know that several counties have been paying thousands of dollars yearly for a software subscription that helps read the CVRs, yet no county knew how to use it nor has ever done an audit of these computer tabulators?

Did you know that SD Canvassing found the same exact algorithm in the 2022 governor race and the federal races? An algorithm, for the non-programmers among us, is a set of instructions that take an input, A, and provide an output, B, which changes the data involved in some way. All county auditors and the SOS office denied CVRs existed and some still continue to deny even after the CEO of ES&S admitted they do exist, and they are not proprietary. Did you know Rep. Mary Fitzgerald is recorded at a meeting repeating the SOS lie that they were proprietary after lying about the existence of CVRs. Do you know that SD never voted to implement these third party controlled computerized machines but instead the federal government sneakily slipped it into our state? That to me is and many others should be unconstitutional especially when not one audit has ever been done on these machines for years now!

"The South Dakota Constitution in article 3 section one expressly states that "the people expressly reserve to themselves the right to propose measures, which shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state. Article 6 section 4 of the South Dakota Constitution states that "the right of petition, and of the people peaceably to assemble to consult for the common good and make known their opinions, shall never be abridged." Section 26 further states that "all

political power is inherent in the people, and all free government is founded on their authority, and is instituted for their equal protection and benefit, and they have the right in lawful and constituted methods to alter or reform their forms of government in such manner as they think proper."

The US Constitution refers to the same inherent rights to petition the government in the first amendment. The 14th amendment states that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States..." most importantly, the right of petition..... shall NEVER be abridged. SD Constitution." SDcanvassing.com or go to our substack to read tons of evidence. Also <https://goldrushdiscoverynews.substack.com/> that I operate.

We have a constitutional right to petition to bring forth an initiative to the people to vote on hand counting. We have learned a hand counting method that is accurate and swift but most importantly has lots of checks and balances. Just like balancing our own bank accounts we get to balance our votes with two democrats and two republicans working together to tally the votes! That is spiritually uplifting and gives hope for a bright future even for our descendants.

We did a demo at the state capital, and it went wonderfully on February 23rd. It brings our communities together no matter what the party affiliation and people felt rewarded with knowing it was done properly with transparency. That is something these third party contracted computerized tabulators do not do!

Please attend our future hand counting training events.

You will adore it and walk away with a smile on your face knowing it is the right thing to do. Do not allow these people to lie to you.

We are working to keep everyone's freedom. From Freedom Works, see you soon Neighbors!

Respectfully,
Kate Crowley Johnson.



CyRilla Schultz- Pan Atlantic Foundation

City and School Candidates

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NEWELL-A combined City and School election will determine a new mayor and three positions on the Newell School Board.

Candidates for Mayor are incumbent Ken Wetz and Tara Tennis.

Newell School Board candidates are Tyrel Bonnet, currently Board President, Randy Oliver who was appointed recently to fill a vacancy, Kristen Bonefield, Amber Erk, and Karl Hoyal.

There will be a Candidate Forum, hosted by WIT, will be Tuesday, April 2 in the Newell City Hall beginning with a social time with refreshments amd the forum beginning at 6 pm.

Each candidate will have time for brief statements explaining their ideas for running for positions.

The combined election will take place Tuesday, April 9,

Remember: Voting is a privilege and it is important to be an informed voter!

Fourth Grade Students Learn Culinary Skills



The Newell Fourth Grade joined kitchen staff members Betty Bruner and Marlee Sais to prepare their own Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program snack. They learned the steps to prepare the tasty veggies and fresh dressing dips under the watchful eyes of Bruner and Sais. FFVP is a program that gives K-5 students access to a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables on a daily basis.

Courtesy Photo

Anheuser-Busch Donates Water to Newell Fire Department

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NEWELL— Last summer, the Newell Volunteer Fire Department was the recipient of a generous donation that has been invaluable throughout the past year. Anheuser-Busch, in collaboration with the National Volunteer Fire Council, donated a pallet of water to the department as part of their Emergency Drinking Water for Wildland Firefighters program. This program aims to keep fire-fighters hydrated during their challenging and often dangerous work.

The donation, which consisted of 2,352 twelve-ounce cans of water, was given to the Newell Volunteer Fire Department to be used over the course of twelve months. “We’ve used it a lot throughout the year,” said Don Tishmack of the fire department. Newell also shared the water with the Vale, Nisland-Arpan, Castle Rock, and Butte County Fire Departments, as well as the Newell Ambulance Service. “It wasn’t just us that benefitted from it,” Tishmack said.

Many volunteer fire departments struggle with limited budgets and resources. The Newell Volunteer Fire Department is just one example of how this program has helped to support those who put their lives on the line to protect their communities.

Family Formal Dancing with the Stars



Lineup and start those feet dancing!

Photo by Betty Bruner



Don Tishmack, of the Newell Volunteer Fire Department, displays some of the water donated to the fire department through Anheuser-Busch's Emergency Drinking Water for Wildland Firefighters program.

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NEWELL-This Saturday this Newell Multi-Purpose Room was filled with music, pretty girls, handsome boys, dads, grandpas and grandmas, moms, and friends and family. They were enjoying the evening sponsored by Newell PTO.

It was exciting to see fancy dresses and high heels, along with boots and hats. What an opportunity to dress up and practise some dance moves!



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Campbell's Chunky Soup



18.6-19 Oz.
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Rotella's Italian Bakery Sandwich Bread



17 Oz.

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Gorton's Fish Sticks



6.3-11.4 Oz.
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Jimmy Dean Breakfast Sandwiches, Burritos or Roll-Ups



12.8-18.4 Oz.
Selected Varieties

\$5.99

Pillsbury Toaster Strudel



7.2-11.7 Oz.
Selected Varieties

2/\$6

Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson
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This week was nice and warm, except for Tuesday when it was really cold and windy. The weather was beautiful last Sunday evening when we went over to Lester and Sharon Longwood's for Bible study. The state wrestling tournament was in Sioux Falls three days last week and Casey and Missy got home from the tournament late Sunday night.

There are more deaths to report: Ardell Ray (Stafne) Nelson, age 80, formerly from Reeder and Hettinger, passed away on January 6 in Billings, MT. Graveside Services for Ardell will be on May 25 at the Wolf Butte Lutheran Church Cemetery nine miles north of Bucyrus next to her son Craig.

Robert Frandsen, age 96, of Bismarck, formerly of Reeder and Hettinger, passed away on Saturday, February 24, at St. Gabriel's Nursing Home in Bismarck. Funeral services for Bob will be held Saturday, March 2,

at the Bismarck Funeral Home in Bismarck. Burial will be at a later date. Bob was a really nice guy who grew up next to my father, Bryce White, in the Slim Buttes. Bob's older brother, Don Baker, and my father were close friends in the same grade at the Rock Ranch School that was built by my Great Grandfather Carl Hallan where they all went to school.

Charlene (Drole) Honeyman, 72 of Reeder, passed away on Sunday, February 25, at the Southwest Healthcare Hospital in Bowman. A Celebration of Life for Charlene will be held on Sunday, March 17, at the DPEC Community Center in Reeder. There will be a Family and Friends service on Saturday, March 16, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Reeder.

The weather was nice while these guys were trailing cows home from our east place Monday morning. I went to Spearfish that morning and the thermometer in the pickup registered 64 degrees on the way home that afternoon.

It was only 2 degrees when we woke up Tuesday morning and the wind was just howling. The highest temperature was 9 degrees that afternoon, but when we got up Wednesday morning it was 9 below zero and the ground was covered with snow!

I went down to the church Wednesday morning to quilt with Linda Mohagen, Margaretta Hanson, and Connie Weishaar. Lori Besler had a Grand Electric meeting that morning so she couldn't be there. By the time we finished quilting that afternoon, all the snow was melted and it was nice and warm outside.

The quilters at the church on Thursday were Linda Mohagen, Patsy Wilkinson, Margaretta Hanson, Connie Weishaar, Lori Besler and me, and Jim Brown from Reeder came down to visit us and give each of us some beautiful wooden gifts that he made. Mr. Brown taught at the high school in Reeder for years and Iver Heier came up to

visit with Mr. Brown because Iver also taught at Reeder. Jim Brown is really a fun guy to visit with.

I get the Faith Independent newspaper and it had a really interesting article in the February 28 issue, called "Blue-y" the full circle saddle". It was written about Ed DeKnikker and the saddle he ordered in 1948 from the Potter Saddle Company in Texas when he was 18 years old. Scotty Phillips hired Ed DeKnikker and his brother Jim, along with three other guys to trail 1,000 head of cattle and 37 horses from Ft. Pierre to Phillip. Three of the cowboys, Ed included, were horseback and the other two were in a vehicle with food for the trip. Just a few years later, in 1952, Ed left to serve in the Korean War and he gave the saddle to his brother. For more than 70 years, the saddle passed through members of two families and Ed didn't get to see it again until his sister-in-law, Cleo (Collins) DeKnikker and her daughter Susan Carmichael located it south of Prairie City at another relative's ranch. I called Tracy Collins to see if he was the one who had the saddle and he said he's got it, but he hadn't read the story so he is going to get a copy of the newspaper. Ed DeKnikker, who is now 93 years old and resides at the Avera Oahe Manor in Gettysburg, was thrilled and thankful to see his old saddle

before it was returned to Tracy.

Friday, February 29, was Leap Day and the Harding County girls' basketball team celebrated it by winning the SoDak 16 game in Timber Lake that day to make it to state. The Harding County girls haven't lost a game this year. Congratulations girls!

Here we go again, Sunday, March 10, is when daylight savings time starts and I'll have to set all 10 of the clocks in our house ahead one hour again.

The time has come to complain for an entire week-end straight. "Spring forward" for Daylight Saving Time is upon us. This seems so stupid, because the sun comes up and goes down at the same time every day, depending on the season of the year. Reub's aunt and uncle, Mary (Olson) and Bob Parks, refused to change their clocks up at Ralph and they went to Arizona each winter where Arizona stays on the same time year-around.

I'll leave you with this: Next Sunday at 2 am, clocks will be set forward one hour to mark the beginning of Daylight Saving, stealing away one precious hour of sleep which we won't have returned to us until the first Sunday of November.

While we used to say "don't forget to change your clocks," our beloved smart phones will be doing all that hard work this weekend. Welcome to 2024.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

February 26, 1914

T. Koepf had 2 fat hogs butchered in his fattening pen. The hogs were stuck and allowed to bleed and were then dragged through the pasture and loaded into a wagon and drawn away. Thieves entered E. Simon granary last Monday and carried away 2 sacks of alfalfa seed. Arrests are likely to be made soon and the culprits will get what is coming to them.

Independent Blacksmith Shop for an absolute square deal. All work guaranteed first class. Horseshoeing and plow work a specialty. Bring in your work now and avoid the spring rush. The Smith who stays while others come and go.

The Literary meeting at the Langdon School was well attended. A good program was offered. The question debated: Resolved that the cow is more valuable than the horse. For Affirmative: Ira Shaw and Christy Sorenson and for the Negative: Chester Jenks and Harris Blakeley. The discussion was given to the negative side. The meeting was followed by a basket social, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase an organ for the school. The next meeting will be held at the Riverside School house on February 26th. A mock trial will be a feature of the program. All are cordially invited to attend.

February 21, 1924

In a letter received from Darrell Jones, Stoneville, who is attending Agriculture College at Brookings, he states many of the students have had to quit school on account of the bank failures. The Bank of Brookings closed its doors awhile ago, making 2 such failures in Brookings in one month.

Considerable excitement has been caused here this week by the rumor that troops had been ordered to Ft. Meade and that they would report on April 6th. According to have been in circulation, the troops are to come from El Paso, Texas, 365 horses and 400 men constituting the force which is to be stationed here. The rumor is evidently started at Ft. Meade by some people there, that orders had been received relative to work being done there in preparation for the arrival of the troops and requisitions for supplies for expected force.

Horse Creek and Indian Creek have been out of their banks this week. The ice going out has put several bridges out of commission. The Belle Fourche River is still badly jammed at the Tommy Brown Bridge, but apparently the bridge is in no danger. It is also reported that the Moreau Bridge on the highway north of Castle

Rock is again impassable since the floods of last week.

February 22, 1934

The US Experiment Farm at Newell will continue to operate after July 1, is indicated in a telegram received Wednesday from Washington, DC from Congressman Theo B. Werner, who advises that the appropriations for the operation of the farm has been restore by the Sub Committee and has also been approved by the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Werner has given much time and effort to saving the Newell Station and he has been successful is much appreciated by his constituents in the West River Country. It is quite likely improvements at the farm, approved some time ago, will now go forward. Among the work was drilling of an artesian well and the building of machine sheds.

Dr. Clark reports that up to the present time he has inoculated 57 children against diphtheria. Dr. Clark has a fresh supply of toxin antitoxin and is prepared to immunize your children against diphtheria with one dose. The Newell Hospital is a licensed Maternity Home. Write for rates or call on Miss Nina Carlson, Registered Nurse in charge.

Art Nelson of Dupree had a thrilling experience recently when driving his car to Newell. He was using distillate in the radiator which, before he got here, became so hot it burst into flames, melting the radiator, destroying the wiring, breaking the glass and doing other damage. Mr. Nelson was able to extinguish the fire before it got beyond control in the body of the car.

February 24, 1944

Next Tuesday evening, the Newell Rebekah Lodge will give a Leap Year Party at the IOOF Hall. There will be good entertainment features and lunch will be served. All Odd Fellows and their wives and Rebekahs and their husbands are invited to attend. Any single Rebekah can invite any single Odd Fellow to the party. At the regular meeting of the Rebekahs, Tuesday evening, Mrs. Wm Warren and Mrs. Walter Harman gave a program on "Our Flag" in memory of George Washington. Lunch was served by Mildred Gadsden and Martha Conner.

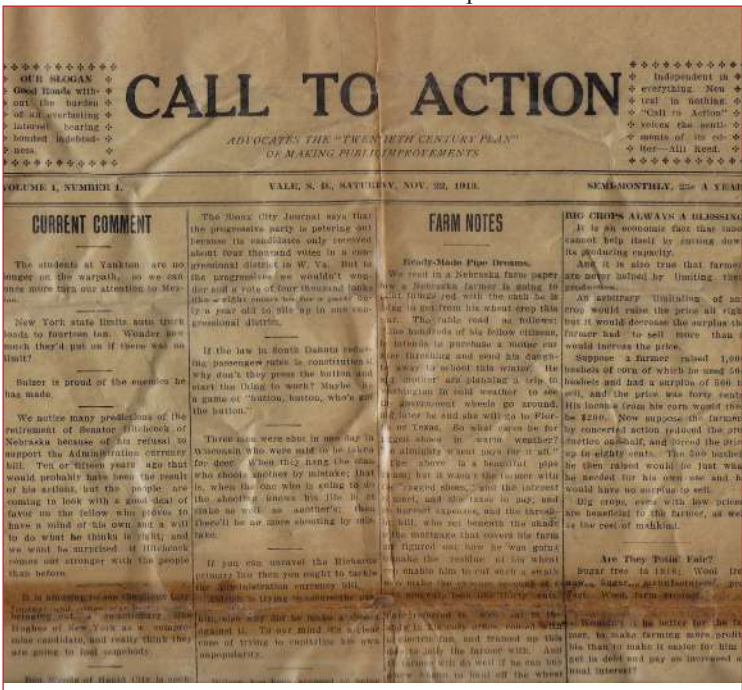
Eleven members of Circle 3 met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Smith. Mrs. O. A. Garness, Mrs. J. C. Brodsky, Mrs. Glenn Van Vactor and Mrs. Mary Meidel were guests. A program of "Stories of Bible Women" under direction

by Linda Velder

of Mrs. Edgar Anderson was much enjoyed, as were the tasty refreshment in the February theme, served by the hostess.

The end of February is moving time for many tenant lessee farmers and truck owners and Joe L. Nelson, local C.F.T.C. Chairman, warns that they must notify the District Office of Defense Transportation of their change of address so that their records can be straightened out, thus preventing delays in obtaining new gasoline allotments. This information will enable proper action to be taken on any possible re-distribution of tires and gasoline, so that all certificates can be honored as quickly as possible after issuance.

February 25, 1954



CALL TO ACTION masthead, newspaper owned by Ali Reeder -Newell Museum

Twelve couples were present for the annual Aladdin Club Valentine party, held on Saturday evening at the L. C. Williamson home. Alarm-club Canasta was played at 6 tables, with prized going to Mrs. Roy Wood and Mr. Williamson for high scores and to Mrs. Preston Hill and Donald Scoggins for low. At the close of the evening a lunch of sandwiches, pie and coffee was enjoyed by the group.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Kayras drove to Rapid City Tuesday to take Alfreda to the Doctor for a check-up. Mrs. Kayras reports their youngest daughter is in the hospital suffering from flu and gland trouble.

Paul Wiest, Newell Postmaster whose hobbies include golf and bowling, received national recognition the past week, when a form he devised was approved by the American Bowling League, he composed a form and submitted it to the American Bowling Congress for official approval. The form, a standard "Declaration of Averages", is of a type to be submit-



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ted by bowlers when entering tournaments and is designed to make it easy for bowlers to furnish composite averages and at the same time relieve city associations and league secretaries of considerable extra detailed work.

Mr. & Mrs. Neil Chauncey of New Town, North Dakota are visiting this week at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. L. L.

Hostess for the affair were Mrs. Alfred Silvernagle and Mrs. George Erk. Miss Klein is to become the bride of John Erk.

February 20, 1964

Marvin Twombly of Vale had the honor of setting the first 1964 South Dakota fishing record. Twombly landed a record 15.2 ounce yellow perch while ice fishing at Orman Reservoir, January 28. There had been no previous record in the category. The female perch with eggs was 12.2 inches long and 8.1 inches around at the widest portion of its body. Twombly used a minnow for bait and a casting outfit.

Five Newell boys escaped injury when the car in which they were riding overturned along a gravel road north of Newell Sunday afternoon and was badly damaged. The mishap occurred about 3:30 PM on the road past the old KLT Ranch. The 1960 Rambler driven by David Alden skidded on the loose gravel, hit a bridge and overturned. The vehicle owned by M.O. Alden was damaged, top, sides and fenders were damaged and its windshield was shattered. Young Alden's companions were: Ron Varland; Doug Lang; Tim Vasknetz and Jack McDermott who suffered no apparent injuries.

The cast of the Broadway hit of Guys & Dolls to be presented at BHTC on March 5-6 has been announced by the Theater Arts Department. Included in the cast is Terry Pickard of Newell, among the chorus-line girls.



Tile Block building downtown Nisland - 1926, sold by Mr. Duer to Jake Snyder (blocks could have been tile and not cement). Standing Left to right: Guy Tucker & son Duane, Chester and Ike -Newell Museum



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*He is off to his job before
the sun's up.*



Joe Crockford— Courtesy
photo

*No time for coffee, not
even a cup.*

*Works all day, up to the
night.
Good thing the Lord
turns out the light.
In the fall he has alot of
fun,
Hunting with his daughter
and his son.*

*(Belated) Happy Birthday
to you*

February 23!

Love You,

Your family.

Enjoying the FFVP Journey



ABOVE: Marle Sais demonstrates the proper way to prepare the
veggies for the Fourth Grade FFVP snacks.

Food Director Betty Bruner encouraged Newell Fourth graders
to understand the directions to make fresh Ranch Dressing. It took a
little math and some muscle to make the dressing just right.
Courtesy Photos



March 7, Fundraiser

Newell Elementary Basketball

Fundraiser, 7:30 pm Austin Auditorium

1st & 2nd Grade Girls/Boys

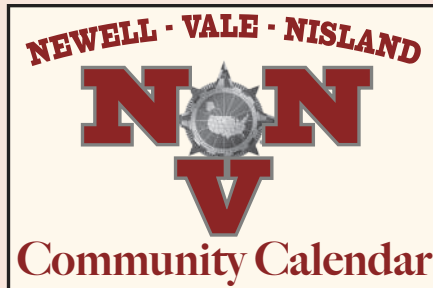
3rd & 4th Grade Girls/Boys

5th & 6th Grade vs The Parents

A free will offering helps pay for jerseys
and equipment. Concession Stand will be
open during the fundraiser so bring your
family and friends to eat out and enjoy a
night of family fun. Sweet Treats & Good
Food! All money raised in the concession
will go to the fundraiser!

March 10

Daylight Savings Time-Spring
Ahead!



March 28, Holy Thursday & Community
Potluck

Holy Thursday & Community
Potluck, 6:30 pm, Newell City Hall. Dave
Wagner will share good 'ole Gospel Music
and an inspirational message.

LOOKING AHEAD

Candidate Forum, Tuesday, April 2, 5:40-6
pm Social Time, Forum begins at 6 pm
Newell City Hall.

Story Time with Miss Patty

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 11-11:30
am Newell Library

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

Every Monday, Bingo, NVN Center, 6-8

WIT Coalition Spotlight

*It is with great sadness but
with respect as we honor "Vonnie"
this month as our Coalition
Spotlight. Vonnie unexpectedly
passed away on 2-6-2024.*



*She worked that day which was
always her plan. Vonnie said
she wanted to work until she
left this world as she wanted
to make a difference as long as
she could. She did that! We will
miss her greatly. Vonnie was a
huge help in getting the
Whatever It Takes Coalition
started in the Prevention Field
and helped guide us as we
become a Non-Profit Prevention
and Education Coalition. Her
friendly and continuous help
was needed and appreciated.
She attended our meetings and
helped keep us information on
the hot topics in the prevention
field and offered way in which
we could address some of the
issue. She was a mentor for so
many across the state.—The Ir-
rigator basketball teams played
a double header vs. the Wall
Eagles on Monday, February 5.*

*Here is a copy of her obitu-
ary:*

LaVonne Lee Ackerman, 80,
of Rapid City, SD, died Tues-
day, February 6, 2024, at Monu-
ment Health Sturgis Hospital.
LaVonne Lee Whitman was

born December 26, 1943, in
Sturgis to Ernest and Madeline
(Shummer) Whitman

in a maternity hospital oper-
ated by a Catholic doctor. She
joined older sister Gloria, and
they were raised in Sturgis by
their mother and large extended
family after their father passed
away when Vonnie was 8 years
old. Vonnie graduated from
Sturgis High School in 1961.
After graduation she started col-
lege in Laramie, WY, and later
transferred and graduated
from Northern State College in
Aberdeen, SD.

She married Robert "Bob"
Allan Ackerman in 1968, at
Grace Lutheran Church in St-
urgis, SD. They moved to Web-
ster, SD, where she taught high
school English, and while living
in Webster she also commuted
to Benson, MN, to teach. They
had a son, Larry in 1972, and he
passed away in 1973. They then
moved to Burlington, IA, where
she worked in social services. A
daughter, Carrie, was born there
in 1974, and then the

family moved to New Jer-
sey, where Bob worked as an
engineer in a water treatment
facility and Vonnie worked as
a case manager in a nursing
home and started work toward
her master's degree. Vonnie and
Carrie would spend summers
in Sturgis and Aberdeen with
family - and during this time
Vonnie went onto obtain her
master's degree from Northern
State College in 1977. The fam-
ily moved back to Aberdeen in
1981, where her husband, Bob,
took over the family welding
supply business and Vonnie
worked alongside him in ad-
ministrative positions. During
this time, Vonnie and a
business partner started Baskets
Unlimited, which continues to

operate under different owner-
ship today. Vonnie then began
working with the Even Start
program, an early children
education center in Waubay,
SD. They later moved to Lead
where they built a large log
cabin-style home which they
operated as a bed and breakfast.
She was also working for the
Meade County School District.
When Bob's health declined
due to Parkinson's, they moved
to Rapid City in 2001, where
she has lived ever since. She
worked at Youth and Family
Services as a counselor and
later, as a drug and alcohol
counselor at Wellfully.

The couple enjoyed traveling
and visited all of the U.S. states
including Alaska and Hawaii,
along with other countries
and continents such as Cana-
da, Mexico, Asia, and Africa.
They went on many cruises,
often traveling with family and
friends. As Bob's Parkinson's
Disease and dementia grew
more debilitating, Vonnie cared
for him at home until he passed
away in 2013.

Vonnie was active in many
organizations over the years,
such as: the local and national
PTA, Girl Scouts,

Black Hills Pioneer Society,
DAR, PEO, Black Hills Pioneer
Society, Hospital Auxiliary
Board, and Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church.

Vonnie would come to
Sturgis several times a week,
to visit the hair salon and to
socialize and play Scrabble and
Mahjongg with friends. She
loved board games, cribbage,
card games and knitting. She
spent her life learning politics,
cultural learning, studying pres-
idential history and the Civil
War, and visiting Presidential
libraries.

**Betty Bruner is our
Coalition Spotlight for
February: (Written by
Betty)**



I have been part of the New-
ell community for decades-four
in fact! It's been home to the
Bruner family since 1980 when
we moved to the area to begin
a dairy partnership at the Neil
Vollmer farm east of Newell.

We began with a herd of less
than 40 Holstein milk cows,
then moved to partner with the
Sulzbach dairy in Vale with a
few more cows. After a few
years, we began to dairy
at our present farm with a
herd that eventually grew to
nearly 100 Holsteins.

By 1984, there were six of
us-Sarah, Matthew, Mary, and
Daniel joined Chuck and I and
we were off and running!

The years flew by as the
Bruner Family became in-
volved in the Newell communi-
ty. School, church, and commu-
nity events kept every member
busy. Chuck and I were im-
mersed in the every-day life on
a dairy and trying to keep up

with four ambitious youngsters.
There were church activities,
4-H meetings and fair projects,
and of course, there were school
doings.

All four children attended
school in Newell. Between the
grade school concerts and sci-
ence projects and then football
and basketball, many nights
were spent at the school. The
joys of knowing nearly every
young person in the area made
life entertaining.

Having graduated with hon-
ors, our kids set off to become
active in their adult lives,
except for Daniel. He was killed
in a car accident the summer
he graduated, but had plans to
become a pilot.

Our eldest daughter, Sarah,
met her husband at Bible col-
lege and now resides in Denver.
Her husband Lee is a Journey-
man electrician.

Matthew went on to medical
school and became an OB-GYN
and then Chief Medical Officer
at Scottsbluff, NE. He was
killed in a plane crash two years
ago along with his oldest son.
He left four children and his
wife behind.

Our middle daughter, Mary,
lives north of Belle Fourche on
the Blair Brothers Ranch along
with her husband, Chad,
and their three children.

The years since our nest
became empty, I have been
engaged in several new areas.
Early 2002 found me involved
in the newspaper business. First
as an Administrative Assistant,
then as Editor and Publisher of

the Valley Irrigator in Newell. It
was an exciting time and gave
me an outlet for using all the
words pent up in my head.

Then four years were spent
in Gillette, WY working at the
Campbell County Detention
Center. That position opened
my bubble and I learned so
many new things about people
and life. I must admit up to that
point, I believe I had lived in a
bubble!

Finally, back in Newell, I
worked as a cook at the Blue
Line Diner. This was a place to
expand my culinary skills and
interact with lots of locals and
visitors to the area. During this
time, I continued to free-lance
for the local Belle Fourche Post
newspaper (I love words!). I
continue to write for the Belle
Fourche Beacon presently.

And now, I was selected to
become the Food Director/Head
Cook at Newell School. Life is
so fun! It has felt like coming
back home to be at the school
and enjoy all the youngsters!
Cooking every day and seeing
how it is relished (most of the
time) by the students keeps me
coming back.

Life is an adventure to be
enjoyed whole heartedly! I can
hardly wait for the next day!





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“Looking Forward to our Past”

March 4, 1914
Ali Reed of Vale, editor of “Call to Action” a publication devoted to good roads was a Spearfish visitor last week, his special mission being to urge upon citizens and taxpayers the necessity for building more and better roads.

A deal has been made in which the J. F. Anderson and the Peter Mintener Lumber Company have been over the lots belonging to the Montgomery Lumber Company and the latter has agreed not to re-engage in the lumber business in Newell. George Brandenburg, the local manager, has been given the management of the Montgomery Company’s yards at Winner and will depart soon to take charge of the business there.

On Friday evening, March 20, the Owl Creek and Arpan Literary Clubs will hold a joint debate at the Arpan Hall. Subject: Resolved, that the money spent on the US Navy could be better spent on pubic improvements. Dancing and refreshments after the debate.

by Linda Velder
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March 2, 1944
Neil Simpson of Deadwood, president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce, visited in Newell Saturday evening and formally presented the Newell organization with a Charter, showing its affiliation with the state organization. About 15 other Jaycee’s and their wives from Lead and Rapid City were present for the occasion and all remained for the dancing party late into the evening. The local Jaycee’s also entertained their guests at a midnight luncheon before departing.

Neighbors of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Herman honored them with a farewell party at the Wm Ernest home Saturday evening. Cards were played and the guests of honor were presented with a pieced quilt top which featured each neighbor’s name. Lunch was served at a very late hour. Others present were Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Stonelake,



Preparing cement work for drilling the artesian well on the US Experiment Farm. (1933-34) Newell Museum

February 28, 1924
J. D. Duer informs us that a deal was made on Thursday, whereby Jake Snyder becomes the owner of the Duer Cement Block building on Main Street in Nisland. Joe says he is going to sell his stock of groceries, move out on his north ranch and raise beets.

James and Lawrence Rowan were on the sick list this week and forced to miss school. Little Clarence Milberg is another victim of the whooping cough and Paul Staiger is suffering from an attack of the flu.

March 1, 1934
The political situation in Butte County is warming up as the time approaches for the filing of nomination petitions and prospects are that May Primaries will see a large number of candidates out for public office. M. E. Hafner, Newell, State Representative has not made official announcement, but petitions on the Democratic ticket are in circulations. From this area running is: Frank Doud for Butte County Sheriff; Sheriff A. C. Craven as yet has not announced whether he will be a candidate for Sheriff or not.

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March 4) Pancakes, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk	5) Maple Baked French Toast Squares, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Corn Dogs, Potato Salad, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk Cookie	6) Egg Skillet Omelet, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Chicken or Beef Nachos, Corn or Black Beans, Pasta Salad, Fruit, FF, Milk	7) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Tangerine Chicken with Rice, Broccoli, Fruit, FF, Milk	8) NO SCHOOL
11) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Shredded Pork Sandwich, Fruit, FF, Milk	12) Turkey Wrap, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup or Potato Soup, FF, Fruit, Milk	13) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Pigs in a Blanket, Baked Beans, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, FF, Milk	14) Bagels w/ Cream Cheese, PB, or Jelly, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwich, Carrot Coins, Fruit, FF, Milk PI DAY	15) NO SCHOOL
18) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Fruit, FF, Milk	19) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk	20) Croissant Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Ham or Turkey Subs, 3 Bean Salad, FF, Fruit, Milk	21) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, FF, Fruit, Milk	22) NO SCHOOL
25) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Peppers & Onions, FF, Fruit, Milk	26) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, FF, Milk	27) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Lasagna, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, FF, Fruit, Milk	28) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken & Noodles, Corn, FF, Applesauce, Milk	29) NO SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change!
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was guests at a farwell party Thursday evening at the Woodman Hall in Vale. Mr. & Mrs. Ehleringer left Sunday for Sturgis, where they will reside for a time. They have sold their farm to the Arthur Wood family.

March 4, 1954
Movies of the 1953 World Series will be shown in Newell next Thursday evening at the City Hall; it was announced by Dan Wiest President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The films shown are under sponsorship of Jaycees and all are invited to attend. No admission will be charged and women will be as welcome as men, ranchers as welcome as businessmen, young and old, Wiest added.

Game Biologists from State Game, Fish & Parks Department is transplanting wild turkeys in areas outside the Black Hills, Game Director Elmer Peterson announced this week. So far, 85 turkeys have been transported at 11 sites, including the Cheyenne River Breaks north of Wasta; the Cedar Pass and Reva Gap in Slim Buttes and O’Reilly’s Pass in North Cave Hills. The present wild turkey population is estimated at 3,000 in the Black Hills. The first planting of turkeys was in 1948, with 8 birds from New Mexico; 1950 12 birds from Colorado and 1951 6 birds again from New Mexico were released.

The Secretary of the South Dakota Historical Society, who is also Superintendent of the State’s Department of History, is the only State official in South Dakota not appointed by an elective officer of the Legislature. Will G. Robinson, State Historian, said the Historical Society of Dakota was organized in December 1863; in 1889, when South

WRCTC Donates Special Floor Cleaner to Newell School



West River Telephone representative Josh Macaben, center, presented Newell School custodians Sandy Miller, left, and Crystal Pickles, right, with a special broom to clean the floor in Austin Auditorium. Standing with them is AD and Principal Steve Schoenfish.
Photo by Betty Bruner

**You are Invited!**

FREE training sessions on Internet Safety for Kids.
Hollie Strand, Computer Forensic Examiner, from the Pennington County Sheriff's Office, and Detective Elliott Harding, from the Rapid City Police Department, lead these free classes.

- Monday, March 18, 2024— 6:00 pm
- Location: Newell School Multi-Purpose Room, Newell, SD
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- Sexting
- Online threats

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Dakota became a state, the records of organization were left at Bismarck; in 1901, the State Legislature provided that the South Dakota Historical Society become a permanent part of State Government. There are yearly membership dues; the group’s members elect an Executive Committee, which in turn, elects the Chairman and Secretary, thus the Department is wholly independent.

February 27, 1964
Mrs. Gordon Bonestell was hostess to members of the Newell Garden Club Friday afternoon at her home at which time Mrs. O. E. Milberg read and demonstrated on the care of azaleas. Members discussed last year’s flower show and suggestions for more community participation. Dissscuion was held on having an antique show in conjunction with this year’s show. Plans were furthered for having a Nativity scene in the City Park over the Christmas holidays and on material to be used for same. Lunch was served by the hostess using a patriotic theme. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harold Jensen, March 27, at which time members are asked

to bring a plant slip or a packet of seeds for exchange.
Department of Agriculture officials will take steps to begin work on improving the road to the Newell Field Station, when cost estimates are completed Senator Karl E. Mundt told The Valley Irrigator today. Mundt has obtained \$15,000 for the project through an Amendment he submitted in the State Appropriations Committee. Preliminary specifications pertaining to county Secondary roads in South Dakota have been obtained from the South Dakota Highway Department. At present the engineers are preparing an estimate of the cost to improve the road in accordance with minimum specifications.
Mr. & Mrs. George Erk and family were Thursday evening dinner guest at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Olson, honoring George on his birthday. Later guests were Mr. & Mrs. Louis DeJaeger, Susan Verhulst, George and Jean DeJaeger and Harry Lindulla. The evening was spent playing cards with, Mrs. Louis DeJaeger winning high prize. After card play, the traditional cake and ice cream was served. We wish George many more birthdays.



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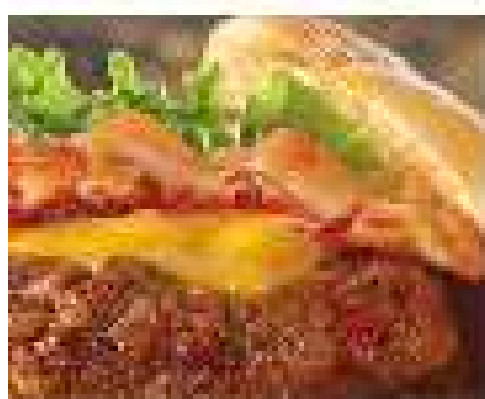
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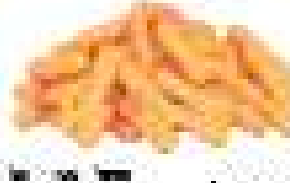
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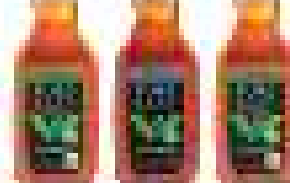
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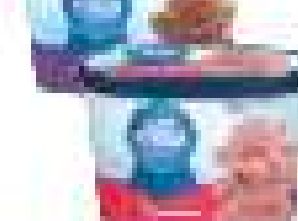
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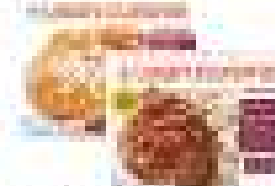
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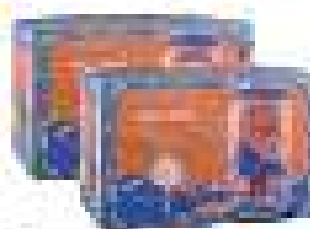
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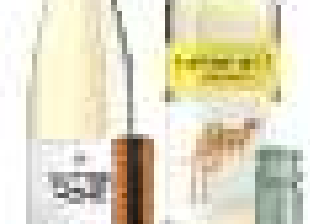
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