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Right on the Numbers

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BELLE FOURCHE—The regular meeting of the Butte County Commissioners was held on Friday, November 8 because of the General Election held on Tuesday. The Main Event of the day was the canvass of votes from the election. The process was time consuming, but essential to the integrity of Butte County's election methodology. Each commissioner had a specific part in the canvass that checked names and numbers from the Poll Book, Absentee Poll Book, and the tabulator results.

through a regimen of names written in the Poll Book, crosschecked against the registered names, and then doublecheck on the Recap Sheet, the commissioners concluded that the election results were correct.

There were two problems that were revealed because of ballots stuck together and one stamped with the wrong precinct, but the results were considered corrected as counted by the commissioners, auditor, and the election workers.

An audit of the ballot questions was also held with all votes counted and results free of error.

As each precinct was checked

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Chad Erk checked the numbers of the Poll Book with the Tabulator numbers during the Canvass of the November 5, 2024 General Election. *Beacon Photo*

Vendors Fill Merry Market for Holiday Shopping

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BELLE FOURCHE—The holidays are right around the corner and it's time to start planning for presents and holiday decor. Nothing made this more clear than Merry Market at Venue 519 on November 8 and 9.

area for the event. From local sellers to those traveling in from Montana, everyone came prepared.

There were tables full of books, fresh baked food, cutting boards, holiday signs, mugs, shirts and many more items.

One of those vendors, Ashley Schult, owner of Bugaboo Designs creates custom apparel, home decor, wristlet key chains, coffee mugs, air fresheners, pillows, and hats. She has been bringing her items to this holi-

A large facility filled with two rooms of vendors displaying tables full of unique holiday gift ideas and novel home decorations to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

A variety of vendors from all over the region travelled to the

Merry Market B4



Vendors and shoppers enjoy all the holiday shopping at the Merry Market at Venue 519. *Longbrake photo*

NFR Sendoff Celebrates Local Cowgirls

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BELLE FOURCHE—The local community came together to support and celebrate the accomplishments of South Dakota cowboys and cowgirls as they prepare for their journey to the 66th Annual Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, NV.

ber 9.

Area cowgirl Rickie Fanning was in attendance. She heads to the NFR sitting in 9th place in the breakaway roping with \$97,007.54 in year end earnings. The 2024 NFBR will take place December 3 and 4 at the South Point Arena and Equestrian Center in Las Vegas.

Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2024, Callie Mueller, was also on hand. "A little fun fact about

Send Off B4



Rickie Fanning is sitting 9th in the Breakaway Roping and was honored at the NFR Sendoff celebration at the Branding Iron Steakhouse. *Longbrake photo*

Steady Voter Turnout



Citizens were occupying all available voting booths Tuesday morning at the Belle Fourche Community Hall voting headquarters. A scene repeated throughout the busy November 5th Election Day. *Beacon Photo*

Long Ballots and Strong Voter Turnout Bring Conclusion to 2024 Election

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A light rain was falling on Tuesday in Butte County as the precinct polling places opened at 7 AM for business. The air was seasonable cool, but warm enough for light jackets. The forecast promised pleasant early November weather for the remainder of the day.

An atmosphere of positivity and patriotism the Belle Fourche Community Hall was a hub of activity as voter turnout was strong early in the day. People milling in and out demonstrated body language of positivity, and patriotism. Butte County Sheriff Deputies were on hand.

According to the Butte County Auditor's office there are 6,942 active registered voters in Butte. Many of them voted early by way of absentee ballots. As of 7 AM on Tues-



Dedicated election officials assist voters with precinct information and other election questions.

day 1,595 absentee ballots had been mailed out and 1,532 had been returned. The remaining 63 ballots must be turned in by 7 PM before the polls officially close.

Just shy of 22% of the votes

were absentee.

The two additional polling places in Butte County are in The American Legion Hall in Nisland and the Newell Community Hall.

Center of the Nation Concert Series Brings Pianist to Town

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BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Fourche was treated to an extraordinary afternoon full of music and nostalgia as Jason Floyd Coleman took the stage at the Rec Center on Saturday, November 9, part of the Center of the Nation Concert Series. Coleman, an accomplished pianist and the grandson of legendary country music pianist Floyd Cramer, performed to a full auditorium, taking the audience on a musical journey through the history and legacy of his grandfather's work. For the first hour of the show, Coleman captivated the crowd with enthusiastic renditions of his grandfather's iconic songs,

Concert Contd. A3



Pianist Jason Coleman signs autographs for fans after Saturday's show. *Heitz photo*

Local Family Seeks Support for Infant Daughter's Medical Needs through Fundraiser and Community Awareness

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BELLE FOURCHE—Shai and Travis Pitt, Belle Fourche residents and parents of an infant daughter with severe medical challenges, are reaching out to the community for support. Shai Pitt shared the story of her daughter Athena, who has faced life-altering medical conditions since birth. Born in January, Athena's delivery was marked by an emergency resuscitation after being without oxygen and a heartbeat for over 22 minutes. This caused a severe anoxic brain injury, leaving Athena with significant developmental and

physical challenges, including cerebral palsy and frequent seizures.

Since Athena's birth, Shai and her family have been coping with the realities of their daughter's condition. "We're just in the beginning stages of seeing what this life is going to look like," Pitt said. "But we've already gotten a taste of the good and the bad that come with it." From ongoing emergency visits to three medical flights this year alone, the journey has been challenging. The Pitts have taken steps to address their mounting medical

Athena Contd. A8



Shai Pitt and daughter Athena enjoyed Halloween Spooktacular. *Heitz photo*

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Christal Jean Pummel 73,

Christal Jean Pummel, 73, a native of Lead, SD and resident of Spearfish, SD, passed away at home on Saturday, November 2, 2024 after a lifelong battle with diabetes and multiple sclerosis.



Christal was born March 20, 1951 in Deadwood, SD to Albert "Bud" and Aili Maria (Penttila) Mitchell and was a sister to Eileen and Steven. She was raised in Lead, attended schools there, and graduated from Lead High School in 1969. She received a BA degree in Music from Black Hills State College in 1973.

She worked as a legal secretary at the law firm of Richards and Hood for several years. She then pursued a career at Spearfish Hospital for 23 years as a medical transcriptionist, and later, as manager of medical records for Monument Health.

Christal had a love and passion for music. She served as a church organist, pianist, and vocalist at the United Church of Christ in Spearfish for two decades until her health dictated otherwise.

Christal was united in marriage to Gary Alan Pummel, on July 21, 1990 in Spearfish. Gary was a very loving husband who provided an unwavering and selfless level of care and well-being for her. Likewise, one of Christal's joys was providing

nourishment and snacks for all the birds in the neighborhood and food, shelter, and care for any stray cat that appeared at her doorstep.

Left to cherish and hold dear the many memories of Christal are her husband, Gary, of Spearfish; brother, Steven (Cindy) Mitchell of Rapid City, SD; brothers-and sisters-in-law Charlie of Phoenix, AZ; David (Kellie) of Belle Fourche; Stuart (Debbie) of Casper, WY; Patricia

Pummel of Spearfish; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Eileen.

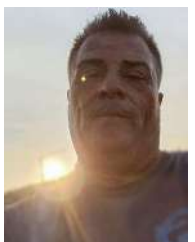
Services were held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1020 State Street, Spearfish. Graveside services followed at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be given in Christal's memory to the Artemis House in Spearfish or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Condolences may be communicated online at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapel.com.



Donald Lynn Gerlad Evenson, 50

Donald Lynn Gerlad Evenson, 50, was born Sept. 5, 1974 in Hettinger, N.D. to Karen Evenson. At age 8, Donnie and his sister Monica Evenson, spent the next 4 years in a foster home in Lead, S.D. to help facilitate schooling through the Black Hills Special Services COOP in Pluma, S.D. Both Donnie and Monica moved on to other BHSSC Programs to further their life skills.



Donnie, as he got older, did numerous jobs, one of which was working in Rapid with a bus line doing maintenance and also cleaning "big passenger busses". Once in a while he got to drive them around the grounds as needed - he was thrilled! Donnie also loved to cut down small trees into firewood for himself and others with several chain saws he had that he was very proud of.

Donnie was very special in his desire to help other people even more so after he became a New

Testament Christian. He was baptized at Black Hills Bible Camp which was a highlight in his life, until Donnie tragically died in a pedestrian - automobile accident on Highway 212 in Montana Sept 7, 2024 leaving behind: mother, Karen Tyon, Faith S.D.; sister, Monica Evenson, Sturgis, S.D.; step daughters: Amoni Rooks; Lady Hawk Rooks and son; Aunt Janice (Leonard) Heupel, Hettinger N.D., Aunt Barb (Ron) Reddick Ainsworth, N.E.. Preceding Donnie in death was his beloved son, Marvin Evenson and step daughter Kaya Rooks.

The memorial service for Donnie Evenson will be held at the Faith Community Action Hall, 102 East 3rd Street, Faith S.D. at 2:00 p.m. on November 16th, 2024 with refreshments served afterwards for all family and friends.

Edwin E. Denham 94

Edwin E. Denham, son of Ernest and Norma (Johnson) Denham, was born April 19, 1930 in East Pueblo County, Colorado. He received his education in Colorado, graduating from Fowler High School in 1949.



On July 17, 1951 Ed joined the United State Air Force, serving four years before being Honorably Discharged on July 16, 1955. During his years serving in the military Ed was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

While living in Colorado Ed worked as a mechanic and then moved to South Dakota where he continued his employment in the mechanic business. While living in South Dakota Ed met his future wife, Joanne Robbins.

They were united in marriage at the Presbyterian Church on August 20, 1955 in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Ed and Joanne made their home in Belle Fourche and in 1966 Ed opened his own business, Ed's Repair, which he operated until his retirement in 1994. He enjoyed working at his shop and visiting with all of the individuals he did repair work for.

Ed was a member of the United Church of Christ. He was very musical and loved singing in the

Northern Hills Barbershop Quartet and in the Senior Chorus.

Since Ed and Joanne had no children of their own they found great joy in spoiling their nieces and nephews when they would come to visit in South Dakota. Ed loved living in the Hills and spending time at his cabin. After a short illness Ed moved to Emmetsburg to be near his family. He passed away Sunday, November 3, 2024 at PARC Hall at the age of 94.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Norma Denham; his wife, Joanne; sisters, June Hodges and Lucy Gill; and sister-in-law, Nancy (Fred) Bock.

He is survived by his nieces and nephew, Brenda (Todd) Bell of Emmetsburg, Pam (Mike) Hartman of Mallard, Iowa and Larry (Tonya) Hodges of Palmer, Alaska; great nieces and nephews; as well as other relatives and many friends.

Arrangements by Martin-Mattice Funeral Home martinmatticefuneralhome.com.

Committal Service was held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Black Hills National Cemetery with Military Honors, United States Air Force Honor Guard

Jeremy Will Richardson 55

Jeremy Will Richardson passed away peacefully in his sleep the night of September 23, 2024 at his home in Newcastle, WY.



Jeremy Richardson was born in Roseberg, Oregon on May 30th, 1969 to Jimmy and Janice Richardson. Jeremy was the oldest of 2, his sister Julie Richardson was born 2 years after him. Jeremy went to school in Oregon, before moving to Rock Springs where he graduated in 1988. During his time in school in Rock Springs he was an avid wrestler which led him to be state champion his 8th grade year. Once he hit high school he met his future wife and mother to his two children Cheryl Parrow. While in high school they did marry on July 5th, 1987 and he also found his love for cars which led to his first job in a machine shop and the purchase of his first car being a 1968 camaro rs/ss. Once married Jeremy and Cheryl moved to Douglas Wyoming where they had their first child Kera Richardson on February 12th, 1992. 4 years following they moved to Buffalo, Wyoming where they gave birth to their son Cameron Richardson. Jeremy had moved to many places throughout his life but always did jobs that related to cars and spent much of his time working in different car parts stores, mechanic, and truck driving later in his life. He always preferred to spend most of his free time with family, children and grandchildren. Even though he moved around a lot he always found himself coming back to Wyoming. He moved to Newcastle, Wyoming the summer of 2013.

Jeremy had many hobbies in his life. He enjoyed hunting and fishing which he did a lot of in his

younger years with his father and uncles. He also enjoyed weightlifting and strength training in his younger life. He always had a deep passion for mechanics but almost seemed to enjoy the hunt for odd or obscure cars and parts more than he enjoyed actually working on them. However, it never stopped him from having countless car projects over the years. He even dabbled in the culinary world as he enjoyed smoking meats and baking breads. Sourdough being one of his favorites. All while enjoying his favorite drink, a screwdriver.

Jeremy was a family oriented man, who cared deeply for his loved ones. He loved spending quality time with his family and always put them first before himself. He is survived by his mother Janice Richardson, his father Jimmy Richardson. His aunt and uncles Ken and Carol Richardson and Tom and Linda King. His cousins Troy Richardson, Kenna Rubinato and Greg King. His sister Julie Richardson, his daughter Kera Weldon, his son Cameron Richardson, his grandkids Toryn and Ariya Weldon. Also survived by his 3 dogs Abby, Bowser, and Caine.

Jeremy made many friends everywhere he went, he never shied away from knocking on a stranger's door just because they had a cool car in their yard. He loved his family and we love him. He will be greatly missed but always remembered.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railway Ave., Newcastle, WY, 82701 or expressions of sympathy may also be made online at meridianmortuary.com.

John 15:12-13

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches, we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

Jeremiah 30:17

But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH DAKOTA ANIMAL INDUSTRY BOARD

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board will conduct a Public Hearing in the Animal Industry Board conference room at 411 South Fort Street, Pierre, SD on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. central time, to consider the request for an auction agency license application of Linch Livestock, LLC dba Belle Fourche Livestock Market, Travis Linch, applicant.

This hearing will be held under the legal authority and jurisdiction of SDCL chs. 1-26, 40-3, and 40-15 and ARSD 12:68:07. Particularly statutes 40-3-14, 40-15-3, 40-15-4 and administrative rules 12:68:07:01, 12:68:07:03, and 12:68:07:04.

Interested persons may appear in support or opposition to the issuance of the license. The applicant has the right to be present and represented by a lawyer due to the adversarial nature of the hearing. This right will be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing.

The decision of the Board at this hearing may be appealed to the circuit court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law in SDCL 1-26.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the above mentioned office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3321.

Beth Thompson, JD, DVM
 SD State Veterinarian
 SD Animal Industry Board

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County from A1

A Post Election Audit will be held November 14 in the Commission Room with the public invited to attend.

The commissioners thanked Auditor Annie Capp and her office for their hard work in making the election go smoothly. Capp echoed the kudos saying that the election workers did a fine job.

Voter turnout for the 2024 General Election was 74%. Absentee ballots were at 25% with a total of nearly 1700 for absentees.

Julia Day, Butte County Dispatch, gave a report featuring the Tenth Anniversary of Dispatcher Crystal Rath. Rath has served well during her 10-year term and is looking forward to the future.

Day also reported that Dispatch is coming in under budget for the year and that they are nearly fully staffed.

Flooring quotes for the Ad-

min building basement were discussed. The commissioners decided to accept the quote to carpet except for the Breakroom and Restrooms, which will be linoleum.

Western Construction was granted the bid for gravel for the county. The commissioners decided that 40,000 tons would need to be ordered for 2025 at a cost of \$9.25 per ton.

Five liquor licenses were renewed by the commissioners; Besler's Cadillac Ranch, Stone House Saloon, Spur Creek Saloon LLC, Newell Golf Club, and Short Grass Resort.

During Public Comments, Colin Hanzlik spoke on behalf of the residents of Hay Creek Road.

Several residents of the area had asked if the speed limit could be reduced from 40 mph to 25 mph. Hay Creek Road is a dead-end road and the reduced speed limit

would assure a safer roadway and reduce dust. The commissioners approved the new speed limit with Chad Erk giving a dissenting vote.

Dale Simanton suggested the commissioners look into another method of cleaning the old jail building. He had used a system called ADMAC several years ago and thought it would be worth checking out.

Several applications were approved by the commissioners for the Highway Department. An Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way for Butte Electric Coop on Youngberg Road and 138th Avenue. There was an Agreement for Voluntary Right of Way Donation on Gaver Road and an Application to Construct an Approach or Driveway for Duane Olson were granted.

The next regular meeting of the Butte County Commission will be November 19 at 9:30 am in the County Courthouse Commission Room.

Butte/Lawrence County Extension Club News Bytes

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Western North Carolina Hurricane Relief Assistance

Butte-Lawrence County extension clubs have been asked to respond to 4-H youth in North Carolina who have suffered the loss of homes and possessions during the recent hurricane season. Recovering from these losses may take many years.

Meanwhile, funding for normal enrichment and summer activities is probably the last things on their mind of 4-H youth and families in western North Carolina.

The NC 4-H Honor Club and the NC Volunteer Leaders Association are leading the effort to appeal to 4-H organizations throughout the United States for monetary donations to 4-H participants in these areas.

Monetary donations can be made by check to either:

NC 4-H Honor Club / Checks Payable to: NC 4-H Honor Club ATTN: Shannon McCollum, 4-H Youth Dev. Specialist, Box 7655 NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695-7655

NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association / Checks Payable to: NC 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association ATTN: Diane Sturges, NCVLA Financial Officer, 12156 NC Highway 125, Halifax, NC 27839-9525

4-H Shooting Sports in Butte/Lawrence Counties

Shooting Sports is growing in popularity. In Butte/Lawrence counties shooting sports is one of more than 70 project areas available in the 4-H Program.

There are two shooting sports groups in Butte/Lawrence counties. Both groups are open to all 4-H members in Butte and Lawrence counties and 4-H members are welcome to join whichever group fits their schedule. These are special interest groups that meet in addition to regular club work.

Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports meets weekly on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 PM and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. All practices are held in the basement of the Economic Development building in Belle Fourche. This group offers BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol and Archery as well as .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol, weather permitting, to regular attendees. For

more information, please contact Amy Clark at 605-569-0408

Lawrence County Sharp Shooters meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM at the Historic Homestake Opera House Shooting Range in Lead. This group offers BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. .22 Rifle and .22 Pistol are also available on a limited basis. For more information, contact Kristy Eastman (605) 920-0248 or Levi Brownell at (605) 645-5679.

South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports - State website for additional information about the program.

Contact the Butte/Lawrence Extension Office at (605) 892-3371 for details or if you need help finding a 4-H club to join.

New 4-H Club begins! The return of Sage and Cactus to Butte County

Micole Braun is the fearless leader of the new "Sage N Cactus 4-H Club" She is a 4-H alumna of Meade County 4-H who now lives north of Newell near Hoover SD. She has recruited 15 members so far Welcome everyone!

State Fair Results

Congratulations to our State Fair participants who entered livestock in the SD State Fair Butte/Lawrence

- Baylee Clendening with her Corriedale Sheep: Yearling Ram Blue, Late Spring Ram Purple, Yearling Ewe Blue, Late Spring Ewe Blue, Showmanship Blue

- Abbey Clendening also Corriedale Sheep: Late Spring Ram- Blue, Yearling Ewe Blue, Late Spring Ewe Blue, Showmanship Blue

- Teegan Frederickson with his 2 Hereford Market Beef Purple, Purple

- Tiernan Frederickson also a Hereford Market Beef Purple

- Bennett Gordon- Market Meat Goats-Grand Champion Division 1 Market wether 3rd place purple 4th Division Market Doe Purple, Market Meat Goat Wether Purple, Bennett placed Second in the Wether Dam & Market Meat Goat Showmanship!! (Photo below from the extension page)

- Wyatt Lesmeister attended the state fair for the Performing Arts presentations.

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City Council Proclaims Veterans' Day and Small Business Saturday

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BELLE FOURCHE— At the Belle Fourche City Council meeting on November 4, Mayor Randy Schmidt made proclamations for Veterans' Day and Small Business Saturday in Belle Fourche. "The government of Belle Fourche celebrates local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community," said Mayor Schmidt, declaring November 30, 2024 as Small Business Saturday in Belle Fourche. Schmidt then honored the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the armed forces, and called upon "all residents of the city of Belle Fourche to observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2024."

During community input, Kenny McFarland made a complaint about not being able to receive information from the city for an incident that occurred on May 2, 2023.

The Chamber of Commerce reported that the final Lunch and Learn of the year, focusing on "Preventing Dementia," will be held on November 15, 12:30 p.m. at Grap's, in collaboration with the Global Methodist Church

and Belle Fourche Counseling. Additionally, entries are now open for the free Light Parade on November 29. This year, Belle Fourche is teaming up with Spearfish, Sturgis, and possibly Rapid City for a multi-city parade tour, with a small gift for floats that participate in all parades.

The Museum and Visitor Center reported that on October 5, the First Saturday Brunch featured project updates and a tour of the addition led by Ainsworth Benning's Project Manager. The new "Bats in Our Belfry" mini exhibit, launched October 12, has received positive feedback. The October 20 Family Fun Day attracted 28 attendees for a Haunted Spaulding Cabin tour. Pumpkinfest on October 26 saw 350+ attendees, with 162 goodie bags distributed and 36 new kids at the bounce house. Staff participated in the Rec Center's Spooktacular, while another member judged the Halloween Costume parade. Preparations are underway for the Ginger Festival on December 7 and the Volunteer Luncheon on December 13.

The Parks & Recreation reported that recent community events had strong turnouts. The Hotel Transylvania movie

screening attracted 25 attendees. The Fearless 5K drew 59 participants for a Halloween-themed run, while attendance at the Spooky Swim grew from 35 to 52 after expanding to a family event. The Spooktacular set a record with 1,136 attendees and 22 booths, supported by community and city staff involvement, with plans to improve the layout next year.

City Administrator Jason LaFayette gave updates on the progress of the Public Works building. Concrete is being poured with doors, windows, and metal siding to be installed soon. LaFayette also spoke about the drilling platform being put into place for the Well #3 site in Hat Ranch. Drilling is to start soon.

Councilperson Schild attended the Belle Fourche Senior Center's Board of Directors meeting and informed the Council that about 80% of members were now paying for their meals. There has also been a rise in those below the age of 60 who are low-income or transient unable to pay for their meals.

Police Chief Ryan Cherveney gave a reminder for the Internet Safety meeting at the Rec Center on November 14, 6 to 8 p.m.

The next City Council meeting will be held on November 18 at 6 p.m.

Concert from A1

sharing the stories behind each one. Highlights included beloved hits like "Last Date," "Tennessee Waltz," and "Unchained Melody," --songs that transported the audience back to the heyday of classic country music. Floyd Cramer pioneered the "slip-note" style of piano-playing, a signature sound that can be heard in the songs of greats like Patsy Cline and Elvis Presley. Coleman's storytelling made each piece a tribute not only to his grandfather's talent but also to the emotional connection music can foster across generations.

After a brief intermission, Coleman returned to the stage, delving deeper into the personal history he shares with his "Grandad." He shared nostalgic footage from 80s and 90s talk show episodes in which he played the piano live alongside his Grandad at a young age.

Coleman also played an original song that he wrote for his wife, and honored the late Kris Kristofferson with a cover of "Why Me."

The evening wrapped up with Coleman greeting fans in the lobby, where he spent time signing autographs, posing for photos, and chatting about music. A Nashville native, Coleman's concert tour continues through several states in the Midwest, with upcoming stops planned in Wyoming and Nebraska.

Now in its 32nd year, the Center of the Nation Concert Series has long provided entertainment for Tri-State area audiences. Saturday's show was co-sponsored by the Belle Fourche Beacon, Belle Laundry & Dry Cleaning, and KBFS/KYDT. The series' next concert is scheduled for February 13, with the Doo Wah Riders performing.



Legendary music artists appeared on stage via Video presentation during **Jason Coleman's Center of the Nation Concert.** Beacon Photo

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Lady Broncs Dominate Season Opener with Championship Win in Dickinson

Special to the Beacon

Dickinson, ND – On November 2nd and 3rd, 2024, the Lady Broncs traveling team, led by coaches Chris Lureen and Ryan Barber, kicked off their season with an extraordinary win, bringing home a much-needed morale boost.

Competing in their first tournament of the season, the Lady Broncs showed no signs of nerves as they took to the court with determination and tenacity.

Throughout the weekend, the Lady Broncs displayed exceptional teamwork and skill, going undefeated with an impressive 6-0 record. Their performance secured them a spot in the championship play-offs against the Pink Devils from Glendive, Montana.

The championship game was a testament to the Lady Broncs' unwavering resolve and synergy.

Playing with a collective spirit, the team amassed 15 rebounds, 16 steals, and 8 assists, culminating in a dominant 27-0 victory over the Pink Devils. This remarkable win not only marked their first championship of the season but also set a high standard for the games to come.

The other teams' fans were thrilled by the Lady Broncs' passing and teamwork, especially given their young age. Spectators couldn't help but admire the precision and unity displayed on the court, making every play a joy to watch.

The team is profoundly grateful for the unwavering support from the Belle Fourche community. From fundraising efforts to facility usage, the local backing has been instrumental.

Special thanks go to Brooks Audiss and Tessa Voyles for their crucial roles in helping the team reach this milestone.

Coaches Lureen and Barber praised the team for their exceptional effort and dedication. "This win is a true reflection of the hard work and commitment these girls have put in. We're incredibly proud of their performance and excited for what's ahead."

The Lady Broncs have set the bar high, and their season opener is a clear indication that they are a force to be reckoned with.

The team looks forward to continuing their winning streak and building on this success as the season



From left to right: Laramie OKeefe 20, Lakinn Schwender 18, Harper Hanson 12, Gracie Kracht 06, Emery Dobesh 24, Henlie Barber 14, & Rayne Lureen 22; Ryan Barber (L), & Chris Lureen (R). Courtesy Photos

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



AMY REESE
DENTAL ASSISTANT

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She is a resident of Belle Fourche and has 2 adult children Shaylyn and Bryson. Amy enjoys her free time playing pool and spending time with her dog Rogue.

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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Sheri Fadley, BF United Methodist Church

"The Holidays"


"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

As November approaches, I find the need to take a "deep breath" before we dive into the holiday season. The next couple of months can become a whirl of activity, a frenzy for some, and they land into the new year, wiped out and wondering how the past two months went by so quickly.

Some time ago I recognized the beauty and deep meaning in how Thanksgiving comes before Advent. During the Thanksgiving season we are encouraged to look back over the year and remember how the Lord blessed us and to give thanks and praise to him for our many blessings. Remembering and thanking the Lord renews my trust in him and is a great way to inspire a deeper love for him and for others.

One way to approach this holiday season, to prevent holiday stress, is to reorient yourself and your life to the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Write a list of all the things you normally do to celebrate the holiday season; then examine the list and try to figure out what the motivation is behind those activities and practices. The next step would be to put the activities into categories like family, friends, work-related, community, household, church, and finally Christ. Which categories have the most developed lists? Is there a big imbalance between all of those categories and what you have under church and Christ?

This kind of activity may help you figure out what matters



most to you. Maybe there are some activities that you can easily let go of and taking them out of your life may help you make more time for the Lord and his church. Another benefit from this kind of exercise is that you have a list of blessings for which you can give thanks to the Lord.

Another way to step away from the hectic holiday pace is to practice sabbath and worship the Lord. Worshipping God during the beauty of the Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas seasons helps people to reorient their lives towards Jesus. People receive an infusion of God's love when they worship him. Filling one's cup with the Lord, helps people be better vessels of God's love into their loved ones and other people's lives.

Belle Fourche has so many churches and they all have different forms of worship. Every one of them would welcome visitors and seekers to join them for the Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas seasons.

One other activity that might help you find more peace, joy, and gratitude in the holidays is to spend quiet time with the Lord in a designated place. The Belle Fourche Methodist Church has a prayer room where people can spend some quiet time with the Lord. This room is open to the public. If you would like to use the room, feel free to call the church and schedule a time.

As we move into the holiday season, I hope that these activities may help you experience a more thankful, peaceful, and joyful season.

In Christ's Spirit,
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New Year's Eve Teen Blast

Christian Life Center is teaming with other churches in our community to bring back the New Year's Eve Teen Blast event. The event is open to all Belle Fourche High School students (including home-schooled students and High School students from nearby communities attending Belle Fourche churches) and will be from 5:30 pm New Year's Eve until 1 am New Year's Day at Christian Life Center, 2020 Vista Street in Belle Fourche.

This will be an adult-supervised, fun-filled, alcohol- and drug-free event with food, games, prizes, and youth ministry. Admission is \$20 and registration materials are located at Summit Open Bible Church, 1st Baptist Church, 1st Congregational Church, Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Connection Church and Christian Life Center during regular office hours. If your church is not listed and would also like to participate, please contact Pastor Dan Carlson at Christian Life Center.

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State Cheer Competition

Cheer!

Special to the Beacon

Belle Fourche High School's competitive cheer team made waves last Friday, October 25th, at the State Cheer Competition held at The Monument in Rapid City.

Belle Fourche Broncos made history as the first team to compete in the recently added co-ed category.

The co-ed division, introduced a few years ago, requires teams to have at least two male cheerleaders, adding a new dimension to the competition.

The Broncos brought energy and skill to the mat, impressing judges and fans alike with their "fire" theme this season. True to this spirit, dedicated supporters dressed in flame-themed attire, creating a striking presence in the stands and showing the team how much their supporters were behind them.

The hard work and dedication of the Broncos paid off as they took first place in the co-ed category, with each athlete proudly receiving a medal for their efforts.

Seniors Amiyah Gomez and Selene Walker were also recognized for Athletic All State. Coaches Michaela Horn and Lacey Doyle couldn't be prouder of their squad's accomplishments this season.

"We're so grateful for the growth of this program and the support from our community, which welcomes all athletes who want to be part of competitive cheer," said Coach Horn.

The team's success highlights their commitment to excellence and the power of teamwork.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents and community members who have cheered, supported, and

encouraged these athletes to reach their goals.

Congratulations to the Belle Fourche Broncos cheer team.



Coaches Michaela Horn and Lacey Doyle

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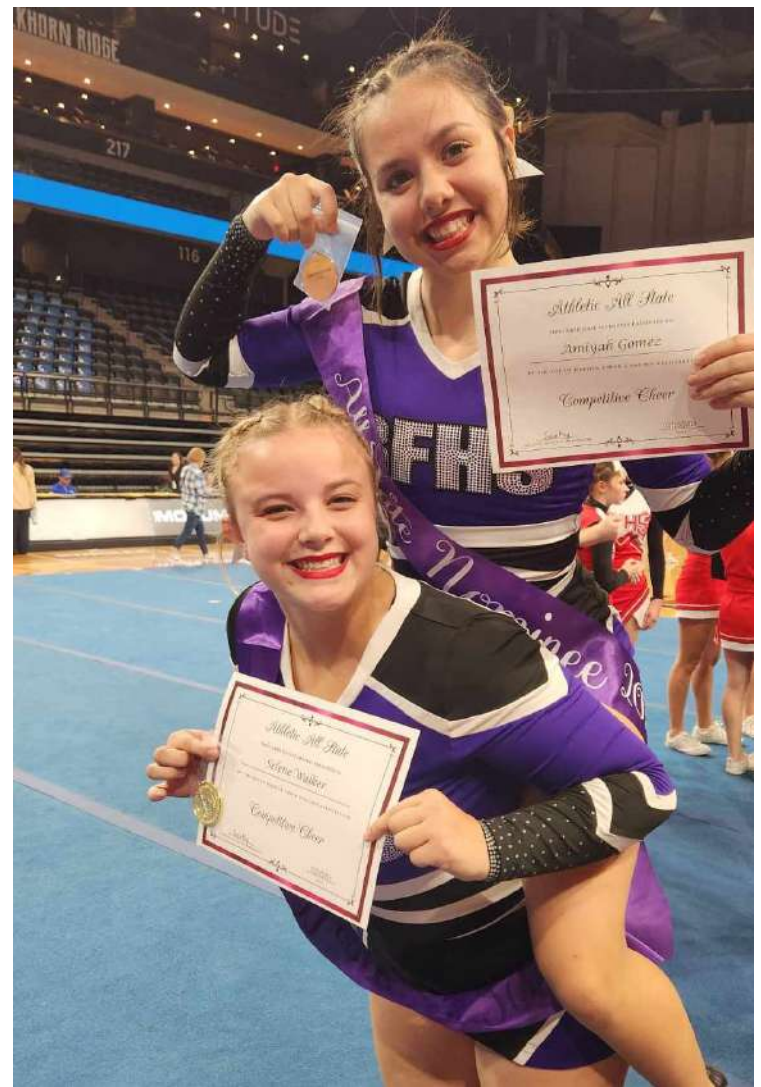
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Anything Left in the Barrel?

The 2024 Election is over and like them or not the results are in and now the work to fulfill all the promises begins. * * *

One coffee break friend of mine said, "if he was a billionaire, he'd buy all the TV and radio ad time in the 2 weeks prior to the election, so we wouldn't have to see all that junk. (stronger noun was used in actual conversation)" * * *

Electronic ads aside an old test to tell if people were interested in reading the political mailers was to check the garbage can at the post office. Was anyone reading them, or are they all just thrown away? * * *

Not sure if they will come back now that the election is over, but you may have noticed recently, there is no longer a trash can in the local PO ????

(Campaign literature conspiracy or government budget savings move?) * * *

Beacon had the honor of being a Center of the Nation Concert Series sponsor this past Saturday (Jason Coleman story on A1). * * *

Our instrument is the radio, but have always had a love of piano music. * * *

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what they knew that we all liked. Floyd Cramer would be proud. * * *

Beacon is now just 17 Days away from celebrating its 7th birthday with a food, cupcakes and Ice-cream event. (Starts at 6pm) * * *

Last week I mentioned entertainment. The Wilt Brothers Band will play from 7 to 10 pm for your listening enjoyment and, or dancing pleasure. * * *

Not only is the evening a Beacon Birthday party and appreciation night and all customers, readers, subscribers, contributors, col-

umnists, contributors, observers, and critics are welcome to attend! * * *

It is kind of a nostalgia night too. The event will be held at **Grap's, 512 National Street.** Some of you more mature readers may know it from the days it was call "Max's." * * *

The nostalgia comes from when it was a venue where the Wilt Brothers Band performed and was also the 1987 location of the site of Mrs. Cole's wedding reception. Oh, yes. I was there too. * * *

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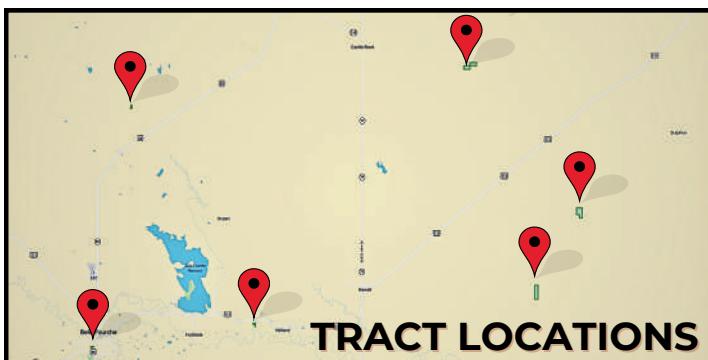
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We are expecting B???? will be there and dance every dance too! You might not be able to keep up with him, but you won't want to miss seeing him in action. * * *



The BFHS took two quartets to the *All State Chorus & Orchestra* concert in Sioux Falls on November 2nd: **Tim Thompson, Trinity Hostetter, Derek Scott, Kaeli Thompson, Kale Williams, Alexandra Klocek, Nora Bricker, and Stephen Stein.**



Sleepy Hollow's leaders plan for Ichabod's future as the teacher in *Sleepy Hollow*. L to R: **Kaydence Gallagher, Sonja Cropper, Ember Shannon, Timothy Thompson, Wyatt Lesmeister, Trevor Welles, and Logan Willert.** *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* opens on Thursday, November 21st at 7 PM, and continues through Friday and Saturday night, November 22nd & 23rd. *Courtesy Photos*



Yost (Trevor Welles) encourages **Brom Bones (Logan Willert)** as his admirers, **Greta (Trinity Hostetter)** and **Hilda (Kaeli Thompson)**, and the less-admiring **Katrina Van Tassel (Joselyn Shockey)** look on. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* is the BFHS fall production under the direction of **Toi Lyn Flick** and **Allie Juso Verry**.

“Thankfulness” Turkey Art at the Rec

Meg English

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Friday, November 8 was “Thankfulness” Day at the Belle Fourche Recreation Center. Under the direction of Rachel Munze, artist program coordinator and former middle school art instructor, children were invited to create a collaborative mixed media project illustrating “Thankfulness”.

There were plenty of mixed media supplies on hand as kids worked on some individual projects and the collaborative poster. “Art at the Rec” is a recurring event at the rec center.

The “Thankfulness” poster will be framed and on display at the rec center.



Rachel Munze



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By Tera Morris

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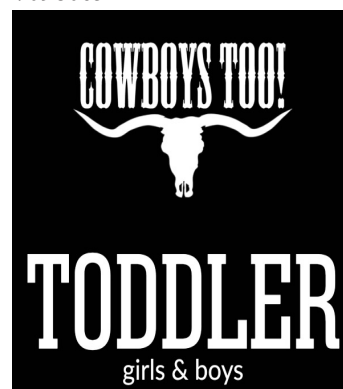


Katrina (Joselyn Shockey) and **Brom Bones (Logan Willert)**, may not see eye-to-eye in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, the BFHS fall production Nov. 21-23.

Athena From A1 expenses, creating GoFundMe pages to help cover the extensive costs of Athena’s care. “Sometimes she ends up being admitted, which can cost a couple thousand dollars a month, just for one parent to stay with her while the other works,” Pitt explained. In addition to seeking financial support, the Pitts are collaborating with local organizations to enhance Athena’s care. Recently, Shai and her family met with Belle Fourche Ambulance staff to discuss Athena’s unique medical needs. Given Athena’s frequent emergencies, the family anticipates needing ambulance services and wants to ensure responders are familiar with her complex health issues. “We had a couple-hour sit-down with the team, explaining Athena’s different medical needs and why we might call on them often,” said Pitt. A new community initiative is on the horizon as well: CPR and seizure-response training. The Pitts, in collaboration with Dennis at Belle Fourche Ambulance, are organizing CPR classes for their family, along with training on seizure rescue techniques. This training is intended to prepare them for emergencies and better equip them to care for Athena. Pitt shared that they are considering the possibility of extending these classes to the community. She believes that public CPR and seizure-re-

sponse training could not only raise awareness about Athena’s condition but also offer valuable skills to other families who might face similar challenges. At just ten months old, Athena’s conditions are expected to be lifelong. Despite the obstacles, Shai and her family are committed to giving her the best possible life and advocating for greater awareness of conditions like cerebral palsy and anoxic brain injuries. “We want to share her story to help people understand these challenges,” Pitt said.

For those interested in supporting Athena’s journey, the Pitts have a GoFundMe page set up to help cover her ongoing care and related expenses. They also hope to announce more details soon about community CPR and seizure-response classes, which could further involve Belle Fourche residents in supporting their efforts. If you would like to make a donation to the family, use this web link: <https://gofund.me/f70980e5>



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Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY	21	Bld...Hfr	469 \$299.00
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY	12	Bld...Str	450 \$352.50
Yemington Ranch LLC, Sundance WY	23	Bld...Hfr	582 \$282.00
Yemington Ranch LLC, Sundance WY	16	Bld...Str	487 \$306.00

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Sheep Report - Thursday, November 7, 2024

A good run of sheep today
Lambs sold \$5 to \$10 higher
Slaughter ewes sold \$3 to \$5 higher
Replacement ewes sold steady

Next sale - November 14th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep and goats
Expecting 1000 to 1500 lambs
Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Replacement Ewes - Sold by the Head			
Clements, Steve, Philip SD	86	2-3yr	174 \$210.00
Clements, Steve, Philip SD	61	4yr-S	182 \$185.00
Clements, Steve, Philip SD	30	Ss-St	180 \$145.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD	120	Yrfg	121 \$200.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD	45	6yr	149 \$115.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD	184	6yr	160 \$137.50

Feeder Lambs			
Ahart, Keegan & Jean, Nisland SD	108	Lamb	94 \$178.00
Basel, Tammy, Union Center SD	79	Lamb	78 \$201.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo SD	46	Lamb	62 \$240.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo SD	344	Lamb	83 \$198.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo SD	167	Lamb	105 \$174.00
Darling Creek Ranch LLC, Meadow SD	105	Lamb	49 \$271.00
Darling Creek Ranch LLC, Meadow SD	358	Lamb	67 \$230.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City SD	14	Lamb	55 \$265.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City SD	191	Lamb	79 \$201.00
Fishhook Ranch, Prairie City SD	96	Lamb	100 \$177.00
Fritz, Kayla, Belle Fourche SD	43	Lamb	87 \$190.00
Fritz, Kayla, Belle Fourche SD	65	Lamb	110 \$166.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	184	Lamb	91 \$189.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	64	Lamb	109 \$164.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD	107	Lamb	64 \$225.00
Spring, Jamie, Union Center SD	17	Lamb	55 \$265.00
Spring, Jamie, Union Center SD	106	Lamb	71 \$207.00
Watt Sheep LLC, Upton WY	41	Lamb	52 \$267.00
Watt Sheep LLC, Upton WY	320	Lamb	72 \$206.00
West, Kyle & Shelly, Oshoto WY	155	Lamb	76 \$213.00

Slaughter Ewes			
Chapman, Beau, Bison SD	23	K Ewe	175 \$68.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo SD	12	K Ewe	191 \$81.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo SD	24	K Ewe	169 \$69.00
Clements, Steve, Philip SD	6	K Ewe	184 \$81.00
Darling Creek Ranch LLC, Meadow SD	64	K Ewe	140 \$66.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	29	K Ewe	174 \$69.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	52	K Ewe	154 \$65.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD	5	K Ewe	154 \$81.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD	48	K Ewe	143 \$68.00
Watt Sheep LLC, Upton WY	39	K Ewe	155 \$69.00
Watt Sheep LLC, Upton WY	44	K Ewe	138 \$68.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Feeder Lamb Special 1:00 PM
Expecting 1000 to 1500 Feeder Lambs
Feeder Lambs

Brian Franke - 500 Lambs

Please have animals in by 10:00 AM
So they can all be weighed before the sale!

2024 SHEEP SALES

November 21st - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 28th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 12th - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 19th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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Friday, November 15, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

9:00 AM -- Yearlings followed by Calves

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
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Calves

MecCage Ranch - 190 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI

Dust Devil Herefords - 130 Herf Strs - 450-500# - BT

- 31 Herf X Strs - 400-425# - BT

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Marlin & Lois Schlup - 175 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-625# - BT, PC

Michael & Lynn Rourke - 130 Blk Hfrs - 525-600# - BT, PC, No Hfrs Kept

Sunnyside Livestock - 110 Blk Mostly Strs - 475-550# - BT, PC, NI

Linn Jespersion - 100 Blk Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC

Dallas Steen - 85 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI

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Allen Miller - 35 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-650# - BT, PC

Plus more by sale time!

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Bred Hfr & Cow Special

9:00 AM -- Weigh Ups 12 Noon - Bred Cows

Bred Heifers

Tom & Susan Vore - 30 Blk Hfrs - Bred Blk - 2/10

Bred Cows

Larry Draine - 40 Blk Short Solid To Broken Mouth Cows - Bred Blk - 3/15
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Tom & Susan Vore - 32 Mixed Age Cows - Bred Blk & Char - 2/15

Wayne & Dixie Garman - 11 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 2/19

Plus more by sale time!

2024 CATTLE SALES

Friday, November 22nd - Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 23rd - Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups

Friday, November 29th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 30th - Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special

Friday, December 6th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, December 13th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, December 20th - Last Sale Of 2024 - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Lunch and bottomless cup of coffee will be served all day with a free-will offering taken as a donation to the Bullock Community Center.

Robin Humbracht will be showcasing her wide variety of original candles and her daughter Shania's business products including wristlets, make-up accessories, so much more. Linda Mae is back with those fabulous Christmas arrangements that make the celebration more special.

Looking for some delicious soup, cookie and snack mixes? Nicole Njos will have just the ticket for a delicious, easy and quick meal preparation.

Susan Nelson sews the cutest kids clothes that are a "one of a kind" as she tailors them to the individual's taste. She will have some for cash and carry but will be taking orders also.

Kay Ovitiz brings high fashion to the event with her felted creations that are timeless.

Paula Richter and her granddaughters are planning a booth full of an eclectic array of everything a sewing machine can produce!

Tastefully Simple is in the house and Elizabeth Henderson's booth is the place to find those timeless products. She also has beautiful handmade items to round out her display.

Heather Brixey is bringing her Color Street nails for that perfect touch to the holiday look. Jaylie Beckman has added her custom decorated pens for a popular stocking stuffer. She will still have her original paintings for sale also.

Rollin' in the Dough is coming ready to fill out any menu with baked goods straight from the oven.

Needing a perfect gift for that "hard to get" person in your life? Zak Njos has the answer with his unique wooden creations.

Busy Ewe creations will be there with a special addition of frozen lamb cuts!

What would we do without Rexene Till's delicious jams and jellies. She even has them packaged and ready to go right under the Christmas tree.

Usborne books have been a wonderful tool for inspiring children to read. Brittany Hausman will have a very diverse and wonderful collection for a great shopping experience.

Jus Lil Bit comes from South Heart, ND and what a diverse collection! Last year the booth had everything from clothing to a guitar. This business's owner, Marty Sullivan brings a large inventory.

We are excited to welcome Lydia Muller as a new vendor! Her sourdough baked goods will melt in your mouth and she offers gift baskets as well.

As the date draws nearer, more vendors may be added so

be sure to come check out the wide variety of products for your shopping convenience.

Stop by the Artist's Corner, a place where we feature a local artist's work, to enjoy some of the tremendous talent from this remote area.

Markus Muller is this year's featured artist. His medium is wood and his creations are amazing!

This is going to be a great afternoon for shopping, visiting and enjoying the holiday spirit.

Come and join us November 17th, at the Bullock Community Center for the annual Christmas Extravaganza.



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CANDLES AND MIRRORS #5By DeAnn Kruempel "Living By the Rules"

"Children should be seen, not heard." Both of our parents were raised by the strict rule; when adults were present, youngsters were not allowed to speak unless spoken to. Our parents carried on the tradition to a certain extent with their own children.



south pasture. It was also a time when the folks reminisced of their own growing-up years. We stayed at the table until everyone was finished. Before we could slide off our chair, each addressed our father, "Please, may I be excused?"

Rules followed us wherever we went, including school. From day one, each of us understood that if we got into trouble at school, we would be in far deeper trouble at home. The rule was pretty effective except for those times when the folks never found out, but that's another story!

The first thing we did when we came home from school was change into everyday clothes. It was important to take care of what we had. After supper, homework reigned supreme over TV, games or books, at least in our parents' eyes. However, if I sat in the right spot at the kitchen table, I could lean back and see the TV in the living room.

"Turn off the light when you leave the room." "Hold the door for others to enter first." "Offer to carry heavy packages." "Always say please and thank you."

Most of our rules were not unique to our family, and though we may have grumbled (very quietly), we understood the reasoning behind them. Respect others. Life is easier when everyone pitches in. Nothing should be wasted.

A lifetime later as I reflect on those growing-up-time rules, I realize they had a part in making us what we are today. We learned teamwork, responsibility, persistence, accountability and the value of hard work. As for that one about children being seen and not heard—well, I am really glad to be the youngest!

Do You Remember?

What were your family's rules? Tell your stories. Write them down. Your life matters! If you wish to read more of Kruepel's stories, her nine books are available on Amazon. The newest book, *Leaving a Trail*, includes all 52 stories from last year's column plus pictures! Contact the author at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com.

My siblings remember the family law: when we were among adults, whether in our home or visiting elsewhere, we were expected to listen quietly. As the youngest, most spoiled child, I don't remember such imposed silence. I did understand that I was to show respect to all adults and that I should never interrupt when someone else was speaking.

Growing up on the farm in South Dakota, we had other rules. Work before play. No shooting baskets or tire swing adventures when chores waited. If Mom was outside carrying feed to the chickens or inside preparing supper, we had better be helping in some way. If Dad was picking corn in the field, the rest of the family pitched in wherever needed. Blackie knew she would be milked twice a day at the same time. The livestock never went hungry. Neither did we.

Everyone sat at the supper table. After saying grace together, Dad helped himself to the bowls of food and passed them around. We were expected to consider the rest of the family; to empty the gravy bowl when five more were waiting would have been frowned upon. Eating the vegetable was mandatory, even if just a spoonful. No dessert allowed unless we cleaned up our plates. And we all loved dessert!

Delmer recalls one of Dad's supertime rules: No jam on our first slice of bread. We could slather plum jam or apple butter on the second slice or our heart's content, but only butter was allowed on the first. I am still trying to figure out the reasoning behind that one!

The supper table conversation may have touched on Dorothy's purple ribbon no-bake chocolate cookies, Delmer's home run at the Legion baseball tournament, why I felt the need to run away from Bible School or the thistles that needed hoeing in the

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124 years ago
THE TIMES

November 12, 1899

WOLFNEWRAM FOUND
Contains Tuagsten Acid, Rarely Found Elsewhere - Otto Grantz, Made Famous Discovery in Wolfram Ore Shoot-Deadwood, S. D., Nov. 7 - The mining of Wolfram ore in a few districts in Lawrence county has become uite a feature. The first wolfram ore in the northern Hills was discovered last winter in the Harrison mine, north of Lead, and since that discovery this kind of ore has been found in a number of other places. An Omaha company had been mining the ore for some time previous to the Harrison discovery from a place near Hill City, in Pennington county. At the Durango mine, in the north Lead mining district, there is a shoot of wolfram ore about eighteen inches wide and four-teen inches thick and thirty tons of it have been mined and are ready for shipment. The ore runs from 40 to 55 per cent wolfram and it sells at the mine for \$.50, a percent which it a very valuable ore to mine. It is nearly twice as heavy as the gold ore. In the Harrison mine, adjoining the Durango on the west, there is a shoot or ore about twenty-five-foot wide of silicious gold ore and on the top there is a layer of wolfram which is of about the same richness as the Durango ore. The owners of the Harrison leased the Cris Rath stamp mill, in Sawpit gulch, last summer and concentrated the ore successfully. The mill would be running yet had the water not played out. Wolfram ore is also found in the Reddy, Golden summit and other mines in this north Lead district and it was while following a wolfram ore shoot that Otto Grantz discovered the first nugget of gold ore which afterwards led up to the remarkable discovery of the rich mine. Olfram contains tungsten acid, which is used for hardening steel. There are very few countries in the world that contain it. It is adark colored aro and usually accompanes a vein or shoot and gold bearing ore.

Poverty Ball

The above named event occurred at the old Roberts building last Friday evening and was the most successful social event of the season. The band boys appeared in their rags and after parading the streets marched to the hall and played a few selections. Before the dance began the crowd listened to an address of welcome to the returned volunteers by T. W. LcFleiche and repns by Capt. G. E. Hair and Quartermaster Sergeant Jno. L. Wells. The dancing began about 9:30 and continued until 3 a.m. and all present pronounced

the occasion one of the most pleasant in the history of the town.

100 years

The Northwest Post
November 13, 1924

NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK - Many people in Belle Fourche do not yet know that the public library has been moved from its recent location in a basement room of the court house to the southwest room in the old court house building. Thanks to the city commissioners, the place has been cleaned and made more presentable with new paper and paint, and though it is small it looks somewhat as a public library ought to look. Miss Stokes is the librarian at present, and keeps the room open from 1 o'clock until 4 every afternoon except Sunday. She would be glad to receive donations of books and particularly subscriptions to good magazines for the reading table, as lack of funds makes impossible to purchase either. The public library is an institution which has always been treated with apathy in Belle Fourche. When its needs are mentioned one hears instantly that the high school library is a large and fine one. Without disputing that fact nor the benefit of the school library it is true that it cannot take the place of a library which others beside school children can use. This town is behind the times in some ways except where athletics and rodeos are concerned.

HERE AND THERE They have all-night service now at the Highberg Garage. It is announced that 100,000,000 phonograph records were sold last year. So we had heard. Harry Barnett and wife, A. G. Powers, R. L. Bronson and R. A. Highberg left Tuesday morning for Mobridge to attend the bridge opening.

75 years ago

Belle Fourche Daily Post
November 10, 1949

Hospital Board Says Thanks Again -The staff of the John Burns Memorial Hospital is saying thanks again... thanks for all you did for the hospital benefit block party. The board received this week from Mayor O. H. Frost, chairman of the block party committee, a check of \$1248.67 - receipts from the block party. This money will be held for the purchases of a food service elevator. Bids on such an elevator have exceeded this amount but the board still is looking around for one which will serve the purpose and will still come within the limits of the available funds. Board members expressed their thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, those organizations which participated in the block party, and everyone who contributed to making it a success. Took Statehood in Stride, Says Dave Barr, Nearing 92

Permanent Holiday Lights Assured Here Permanent holiday lighting appears to be assured for Belle Fourche. J. F. Koller, Round-Up secretary, announced yesterday that the Round-Up committee had voted to buy eight strings of permanent holiday lights for Belle Fourche. These, added to the eight to be purchases by the Chamber of Commerce and seven to be bought by the city, will bring to 24, the number of 100-foot strings to be secured-enough, it is believed, to light properly six blocks of the business section of town. These strings represent an investment of over \$1000. The cords are estimated to cost \$30 each, while



by Mary Buchholz

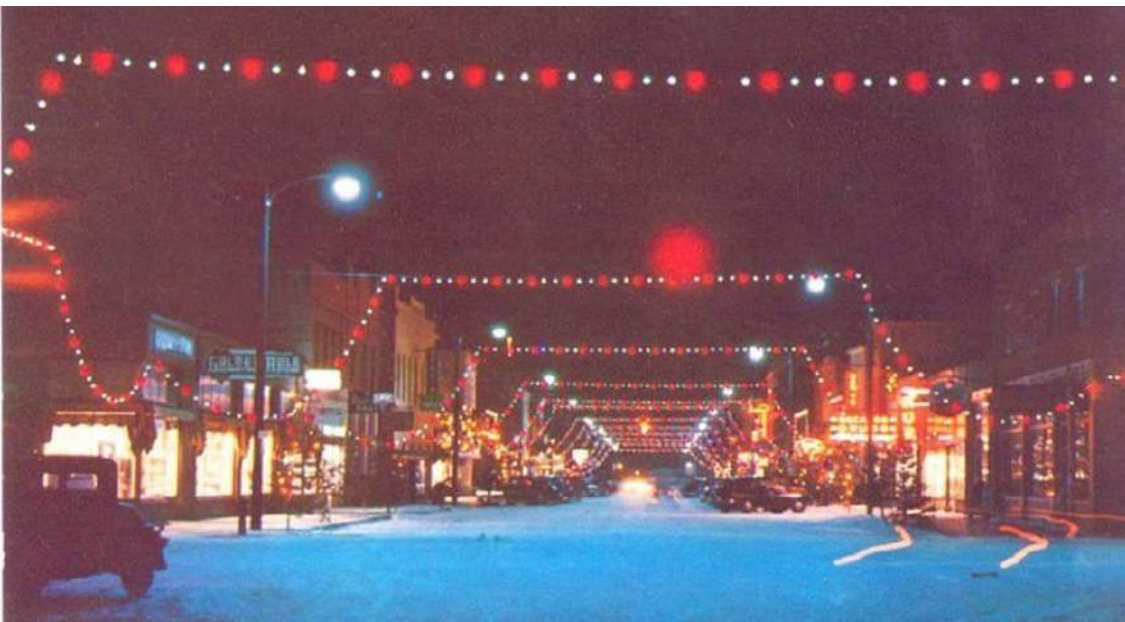
the 25-watt bulbs - 100 of them - needed for each string, will cost another \$15. That means \$45 for each string of lights. A. E. Busdicker, Black Hills Power and Light Company manager, yesterday wired to find out how soon the lights could be available. However, he had received no reply last night.

50 years ago

Belle Fourche Daily Post
November 13, 1974

Recount Seen for Butte Election If you thought the election was over in Butte county, you'd better take another look. One recount has been requested and another is in the making. The action was taken official canvass of the votes in the Nov. 5 election. Charles Bruggeman, candidate for Butte county commissioner in the fifth district, asked for a recount of the ballots after the canvass disclosed there had been a mix-up in recording the votes on the poll books. Someho, some votes were registered for William Olson in one of the poll books. Olson was not running in that ward. The figure did not match those in the other book, so at the moment there is no explanation. Wayne Pluimer, the incumbent, defeated Bruggeman 270 to 262 according to last Tuesday's un-official count. After the mix-up was discovered, both candidates indicated a recount should be sought. Bruggeman took the action but Pluimer said he would have called for a recount if Bruggeman had not.

Belle Boys Save Tot from Drowning Thanks to the sharp eyes and the quick thinking of Tony Marconi, 13 and Larry Schaub, 14 three year old Troy Voegel as at home playing his usual games yesterday. The two older boys were credited with saving Troy's life Saturday afternoon. Troy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Voegel, lives at the Cleveland Trailer Court on East Elkhorn, a short distance from Redwater River. Saturday afternoon Troy and a friend, Billy Bob Reitz, wandered to the river. No one knows what happened, but Troy tumbled into the stream. Only his little companion saw him fall. About this time Tony and Larry were wandering along the bank of the stream about two blocks away from the point where Troy apparently tumbled into the water. The boys saw something floating in the stream. At first they thought it was a log, then saw it was a little boy. Tony jumped into the river, grabbed the boy and hauled him out. Both boys say that Troy was not breathing. Officers said Larry flopped the child over on his stomach and pressed water out of the lad, then gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Meanwhile, Tony called for help. When Patrolman Gene Ficek arrived, the boys had Troy breathing. He was cold and blue, but alive. Moments later the ambulance was on the scene. Troy was rushed to the hospital. The doctor looked him over, pronounced him OK, and with a half hour Troy was back home, ready, according to his mother, to go out and play again. She said "They saved my boy's life. There's just no way we can say how much gratitude we feel." Meanwhile, Mayor Henry Hessepe says steps are being taken to see that the boys receive further recognition.



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Merry Market Contd. from A1
a great event.

This was actually the very first location I ever did an event in when I first started doing this. I love this event, I look forward to it every year," she said.

The first night of the Merry Market was very busy this year. "Tonight was a lot busier than last year, by this time last year we were ordering pizza because it was so slow," said Schuldt. "We've had awesome foot traffic today and hopefully it carries over to the same thing tomorrow."

Handmade photo albums are

the specialty of Geney Holley of Geney's Legacy Albums. Her intricate designs take three weeks to make each one. Coming from Spearfish, this was her first year at the Merry Market. She explained that it is important to start the holiday vendor fairs early in the season, before everyone has their holiday shopping done. "If you wait until December, most people have bought their Christmas stuff. I have four shows in the next five weeks, the last one will be the first weekend in December, because by then, people will be done shopping."

Send Off Contd. from A1

2024, Callie Mueller, was also on hand for the revelries. "A little fun fact about myself is that I was the 2020 Miss Black Hills Roundup Rodeo Queen, so it's always a pleasure to be back here in the community of Belle Fourche," she shared.

Mueller goes to the NFR to compete for Miss Rodeo America. "I am super excited to represent the great State of South Dakota at Miss Rodeo America, I'm leaving in just a few short days. The contest starts on November 30," said Mueller.

Both of the cowgirls spoke to the crowd, signed autographs, posed for pictures with fans and visited with the public. "This event is huge. Roxy and Tony have us all here and it's always fun. I got to come the last couple years and what they do for not only me but bringing everyone in this community together, it's a blessing," said Fanning.

Having all of the love and support from the community helps in preparing for the upcoming competition. Fanning appreciates all of the encouragement. "Going into the finals you get to see all the support, they show up and they show out for me.

I think it's always just fun to actually get to sit and talk to people and give them a hug or shake their hand and let them know that I appreciate everything that I get," she said. As she heads to the finals, Fanning has a game plan. "I'm going to try to perform to the best of my abilities. I think a big thing is getting out of the barrier and catching all my calves and just show up every round," she said.

This sendoff party was extra special, as it was also a fundraiser for local cowboy Rod Hoffman to help him with expenses



Roxi Dobesh, Manager of the Branding Iron Steakhouse presents **Rickie Fanning, NFR qualifier in Breakaway Roping**, with appreciation gifts. Longbrake photo

related to his cancer treatments. He was recently diagnosed with AML leukemia.

Fanning said, "This year is a little more special because we got to add a benefit to it, helping Rod because of cancer and his treatment, I think this is definitely more special, not only for me, but also for Rod."

The evening started off with a free-will donation chili feed with the proceeds going to Hoffman's medical fund, followed by a live auction of donated items.

The event of the night was the calcutta, where fifteen teams containing eight cowboys and cowgirls—one from

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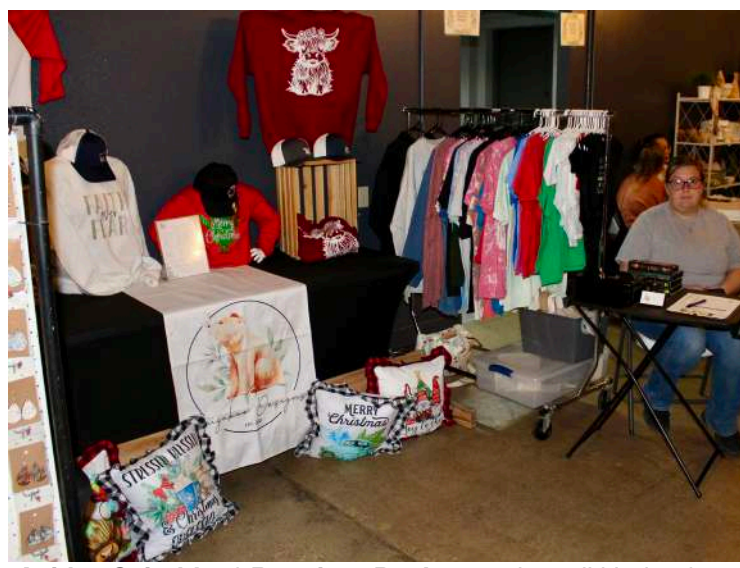
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Geney Holley owner of Geney's Legacy Albums shows off all of her one-of-a-kind photo album creations. Longbrake photo



Ashley Schuldt of Bugaboo Designs makes all kinds of custom creations to sell at the Merry Market. Longbrake photo



Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2024 Callie Mueller addresses the crowd at the NFR Sendoff event. She will be competing for **Miss Rodeo America** at the Finals. Longbrake photo

each event—were randomly drawn to create a team. Each team is made up of one cowboy or cowgirl from bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping (header), saddle bronc riding, tie down roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping and bull riding.

A total of 15 teams were auctioned off. Winners are determined at the end of the NFR in Vegas. 15 percent of the calcutta will go to the Hoffman Medical Fund.

The NFR runs for ten nights beginning Thursday, December 5 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, NV.

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CONBA Gives Thanks To Area Ag Community

Robbi Longbrake

news@bellefourchebeacon.com BELLE FOURCHE—For the past 15 years the Center of the Nation Business Association has been hosting a Pie and Coffee event at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market as a thank you to the ag community. This year was no different, the event this year was on November 7.

"This is the annual Pie and Coffee that we do for our ranchers to thank them for coming and doing business in Belle," said Stacey Raisanen, CONBA Board member. "We hold it during the fall run."

The cattle industry has been the historic backbone to this area. Beginning as far back as 1890 the first train car loaded with cattle was shipped from the area by rail. By 1895 Belle Fourche was the largest livestock shipping point in the world.

Since 1935 the Belle Fourche Livestock Market has been selling cattle in the Tri-State area. They are an important part of the economic fabric of the Belle Fourche area. "This is one of the biggest mainstays of our economy, and people like to come

here and socialize," said Raisanen. Sales are every Thursday and bring many people to town. "Most of our business is from the ranchers and farmers," said Lee Hodge of Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery.

To prepare for the event, CONBA purchased pies from local bakers. "We are all in business, and we understand how important it is to support other businesses in town," said Raisanen. A total of 18 cream and fruit pies were baked and bought. A pie for any appetite was available, Chocolate Cream, Banana Cream, Peanut

Butter, Sour Cream Raisin, Coconut Cream, Rhubarb, Apple Custard, Peach, Blueberry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Raspberry, Pecan, Bourbon Peach and of course, Apple.

In addition to the pie, Hot Shots Ice Cream donated homemade vanilla ice cream to go with the pie. AmericInn Lodge & Suites donated the Coffee and Pioneer Bank and First

Interstate Bank donated cups and napkins.

All of the CONBA members that helped serve pie and coffee were in agreement when Dianna Palmer, Tri-State Livestock News, said "We appreciate our farmers and ranchers!"



Members from Center of the Nation Business Association hosted a Pie and Coffee event at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market, from left: Lee Hodge, Laura Bennett, Stacey Raisanen, Roxi Dobesh, Dianna Palmer, LaVern Bills and Greg Mondillo. Longbrake photo

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to pull out of the race. Gene Griffin and Michelle Schmidt helped pace the two during the night portion of the race. Shawn Donovan acted in his usual capacity as chief crew person and made sure everyone had everything they needed at aid stations and in between. After the race the group spent some time in the area touring coal mines, natural caverns and enjoying the trails and beautiful fall foliage.



Gene Griffin and Shawn Donovan reading the *Beacon* in the lookout tower over the *Droop Mountain Battlefield* in the *Greenbrier River Valley*, north of *Lewisburg*, *West Virginia*. Droop Mountain was the site of a major civil war battle that took place in 1863. *Courtesy Photos*

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Kari Griffin and Erica Donovan the starting line of the *Rim to River Run*.



Michelle Schmidt reading the *BF Beacon* on the steps of the Courthouse in *Fayetteville, West Virginia*.



Kari Griffin and Erica Donovan in the lookout tower over the *Droop Mountain Battlefield*



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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden November 4, 2024



After a month of no rain there were several areas in Central Meade County that receive .75 and thereabouts of moisture.

It sure has helped the fire danger. The leaves are not completely gone but are leaving fast. We haven't had a real hard frost but it is close and possibly are ready has in some areas. Cattle are being moved home from summer pastures at this time.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the Casey Tibbs Foundation Tribute Dinner in Ft. Pierre on Saturday night. They were there to help honor Rorey Lemmel, who was being inducted into their Rodeo Hall of Fame as Rodeo Promoter 2024. All of his family was in attendance. Ron Jeffries, General Manager for the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo, gave a detailed account of Rorey's history and story of how he made it to be a producer of many of the top rodeos and events in the nation. Rorey

attributed his success to many of his rodeo friends and most of all to his parents, Spud and Bernice Lemmel, his wife Krista, and their four children. It was a touching tribute in many ways and the honor he received was well deserved. True to Rorey's character, he shared some stories that made the packed event center fill the room with laughter. Congratulations to Rorey Lemmel for this great honor.

Speaking of rodeo, Tegun Spring recently won the honor of the state champion steer wrestler at the SDRA rodeo held in Huron in mid October. Bret Wilcox placed 5th in steer wrestling. Tegun spent this last weekend competing in Gillette, Wyoming for an NRCA rodeo and wound up third in the average. Congratulations to Tegun Spring as a SDRA state champion!

On Saturday, November 16th there will be a baby shower for Paige Brink and their baby boy due in January. It will take place **Meade C. News Contd. C6**

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" How to Destroy a Community in 5 Simple Steps



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

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

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

Make no mistake, local media plays a crucial role in fostering community cohesion by informing residents about local issues, events, and opportunities.

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

The second step in assuring failure is to have a lack of zoning and permitting. The zoning and permitting processes are vital for organized development. Without proper zoning discussions, communities' risk haphazard construction and incompatible land use, leading to congestion, reduced property values, and decreased quality of life.

The absence of a permitting process can result in unregulated development, potentially compromising safety standards and environmental sustainability. Proper permits ensure that structures adhere to safety codes, protecting residents and

the community's overall well-being.

The third step in promoting failure as a community is the lack of respect for property rights. Ineffective regulations and lack of enforcement

against slumlords and trash generating lots will lead to the deterioration of housing quality, negatively impacting residents' health and safety.

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

The fourth step towards failure is the lack of encouragement to shop and spend locally. Supporting local businesses is essential for the economic vitality of a community. When residents consistently choose online retailers over local businesses, it drains resources from the local economy and contributes to the decline of small businesses.

Local businesses are often the backbone of a community, providing employment opportunities, contributing to the tax base, and fostering a unique community identity. Neglecting to educate residents on the importance of supporting local businesses can lead to a weakened economic foundation.

The fifth step is one many may not think about often, that is the lack of civic engagement. Communities with low voter turnout are a community full of people that have given up, or just plain don't care. I have often said that you can measure the strength and resolve of a community by the voter turnout.

Low voter turnout means the residents are not engaged, the residents feel they can't make a difference, the residents are just fed-up, and/or the residents have no faith in the leadership.

Do you want to lift your community out of poverty or take it to another level? If that is the case, leaders need to instill hope, they need to instill a sense of pride, belonging and being heard. Bottom-line, they need to reignite the love and passion that people use to have towards their community.

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

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Karen Odell
November 4, 2024
Tie Creek and Capitol got

some rain this week. It was actual rain, and the soft drizzle lasted all day. There were even puddles that the cats stared at, in surprise, and avoided with curiosity.

Dick and Erma Albert had eye doctor appointments on Tuesday. Their prescriptions did not have to be changed, but Dick's scratched lenses needed to be replaced. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizen Dinner, and were glad to visit with Delores Sperle and some of her family. Church on Sunday was early.

It was also the day for the church's bazaar, at the Buffalo Community Center. Their dinner was at noon, and they always have the most delicious meal. There was bingo in the afternoon, and many stayed for that, too. Some even won those delicious pies.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell had eight-tenths of an inch of rain by Wednesday.

That is big news for the Tie Creek area that has been in a terrible drought. Alvin went to Buffalo, on Friday, to get more supplies for insulating his water tank for winter. Rod Bisgaard came out, that day, to help with the Saturday cattle drive.

On Saturday, Wade, Gavin, and Cade Pearson, all of Ryan's family, Ashley and Shannon Secrest and their kids, Terry Cordell, and Kent and Ashley Williams were on hand to help drive the cattle out of the Sheep Mountains. Things went well, and their crew of nine on horses and four with ATV's, did

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a good job. Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had three 'trick or treaters' visit on Thursday.

The whole Wilcox family came along. Bruce and Lynn got to join in a birthday party for Keegan and Dawson Wilcox, too. They turned six and two. Bruce and Lynn went to church at the Little Missouri Church on Sunday.

Doug Davis had an FSA meeting in Belle Fourche on Tuesday. Doug and Julia had planned to ship calves on Friday, so they got up nice and early to a fog, so thick that they were not sure there was a chance to find any cows. Luckily, they were in a smaller pasture, and the cows did appear, one by one through the dense fog. Julia knew when the truck was arriving only by listening. It, too, finally came in to view through the mist, and they got things in order. Doug spent the next two days helping Latham's ship their calves.

Junior and Shirley Melum had a quiet week, but got some company on Sunday evening, when Ernie, Rachel, and Tom brought them some groceries from town. Dorothy Padden had an unusually quiet week. She spent lots of her time working on jig-saw puzzles.

Allyn Marshall has been visiting at Dawn and Bryce Padden's. On Halloween, Brayden Padden and JC Turbiville, stopped by. Brandon, Ashley, and Kanyn came, too, and got some Halloween treats. Dawn spent Sunday, helping do carpentry on BJ's new house. They are hoping to get it enclosed so the work won't be so cold. Then they can enjoy working on the inside later.

Ronda Cordell and Clint Zolnoski got their shipping done last Monday, and sent cattle to St. Onge, because getting help and working on a Thursday and Friday was easier. Diane Wear came from Ekalaka on several days. They had a good crew to help ultrasound, gather and load calves.

The trailer house siding and skirting is completely finished, and gives three western Montana hunters a spot to camp for a few days.

Linda Bergstrom Blanc's son-in-law, Jason Spaid, his brother, and a friend, came on Saturday from Missoula. With Diane's help, Ronda got much of her garden produces in. Tomatoes have been steamed, strained and frozen. This week, Ronda had headed to Rapid City to stay over at Westling's, because she had a morning appointment with the dermatologist. Diane came to do chores and sit with the dogs. Ronda visited Curt Zolnoski, before heading home. This week, Ronda and Clint Zolnoski sorted more cows to send to a bred cow sale.

Clint's gauge registered a half inch of rain. A dense fog hung around on Halloween morning. Dell Dague and Peter Tenold hauled cows to St. Onge Friday, and Ronda drove down for the Saturday sale. Sunday ended with a call from the hunters. Two cow elk were on the ground in precarious areas, and they needed a ride.

On Monday, Rachel and Tom Melum came to Karen Odell's to ride with her to Ekalaka to Community Choir practice at the Lutheran Church. It was a good practice and fun to sing with a choir again.

Karen had sung in choirs on the East Coast, the West Coast, **Capital News Contd. C6**

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8-10 Scariest



3-4 Most Original



3-4 Prettiest



3-4 Scariest



0-2 Most Original



0-2 Prettiest



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5-7 Scariest



5-7 Most Original



5-7 Prettiest



Family 1st place



Family 2nd place



Family 3rd place



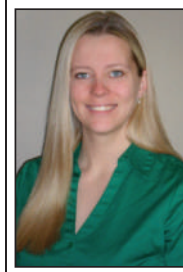
Family 4th place



Bennett Gordon holding the State Fair 3rd overall Market goat and accompanied by family and friends.



(L) Traffic outside the Community Hall was steady throughout Election Day. (R) This Mom demonstrating how to cast a vote with a future voter.



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Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 23

“Coloring the Canvas and Soothing the Soul”



Meg English

For three weeks in October, I had the pleasure of leading a beginning watercolor class called “Intro to Watercolor, Freedom of Expression” offered through Black Hills Community Education.

I worked with nine novice watercolorists.

Watercolor can be a daunting medium even to skilled artists.

During our three two-hour sessions, it occurred to me that watercolor artists might find insight in literature, specifically, mythology. The real-life creation of watercolor art and the Greek creation story have some symbolic similarities that are worth noting.

According to the Greek creation myth, the world begins when two formless figures, Mother Earth and Father Heaven miraculously appear from nothingness.

For novice watercolor artists, blank empty paper without form, impersonal tools, loose water, and colors are intimidating. Watercolor can be unforgiving. An artist can't erase mistakes and often you can't paint over them.

Back to the myth. From a genetic standpoint, because Father Heaven and Mother Earth are “formless” it makes sense they would give birth to some weird kids. Three of the children had one hundred hands and fifty heads. Three others were Cyclops who have only one eye in the middle of their foreheads. Then there was a whole race of Titan kids who were super-sized and dangerous because they don't know their own strength.

The reassuring thing about Greek mythology is that the collective divinity is so imperfectly human, they are easy to understand.

Father Heaven is disappointed in his children, so he cruelly locks them up in a cave in the middle of the earth. Mother Earth is understandable really mad about this and so she tries to persuade the kids into rebelling against their dad. One of the Titans, Chronus, rises to the occasion. He stomps on Father Heaven, gets married to Rhea who in turn begets Zeus and a big sibling group of Olympians. The rest is mythical history.

As watercolor artists, we often focus on the imperfections and want to destroy what seems imperfect.

I recall some hideous monsters in my “earlier” period, now buried deep in the Belle Fourche landfill. However, revisiting some “bad” paintings that have survived, I have realized that Mother Earth was right. Just because the kids (paintings) don't seem perfect, doesn't mean they don't have exceptional unique qualities.

I'm not a professional artist or a trained artist. I have earned quite a few “loose” college credits in art that don't form a degree but are enough to qualify me as art teacher in a few states.

Each evening the two hours went by so quickly that I forgot to take pictures of the artists and their work. Their work was wonderful, and pleasing and we learned so many things in a few short hours.

We learned about paper. There are two kinds of watercolor paper, hot and cold press. The difference has to do with how the paper is prepared, but what's important is that one has a rough surface (Hot press) while the other is smoother (Cold Press) The choice of one or the other determines how the paint will react to the paper.

Our first project was a landscape with three trees. We learned how to layer paint, blend colors and work from a sketch. Each of us completed a satisfying three-tree landscape with a meandering stream. We tackled ways to paint water.

We learned about brushes, how much to spend for a good brush, and where to buy brushes for the best value. We learned the importance of a good “mop” brush that can hold water and can also take water and color out of a painting

Our second session project was a still life. In addition to hosting our class, and accommodating our needs, the rec center staff very kindly permitted me to use a few of the last surviving roses and branches for our model.

We learned about “quick” drawing, and erasing the pencil lines to minimize the appearance of guiding lines. We learned how to tape paper to the desk with artists' tape to create a border and how to prevent the paper from curling.

We also learned how to “fix” mistakes. We covered mixed media and how to incorporate colored pencil, marker, even fabrics with watercolor. We touched briefly on perspective.

We learned how to step back from a painting that looked like a disaster at one point and how to study our work before condemning it.

Our last session was a portrait. What I thought would be easy was quite challenging. We learned how to use reds and yellow ochre to create skin tone and how to mix darker colors to represent shaded places on the faces. We learned how to paint hair and make eyes look realistic.

We all felt a little sad on the last evening, but accomplished too.

I have attached a few of my own rescued hideous monsters because I failed to remember to take photos of the other artists, please find a few examples of some surviving “hideous monsters.”

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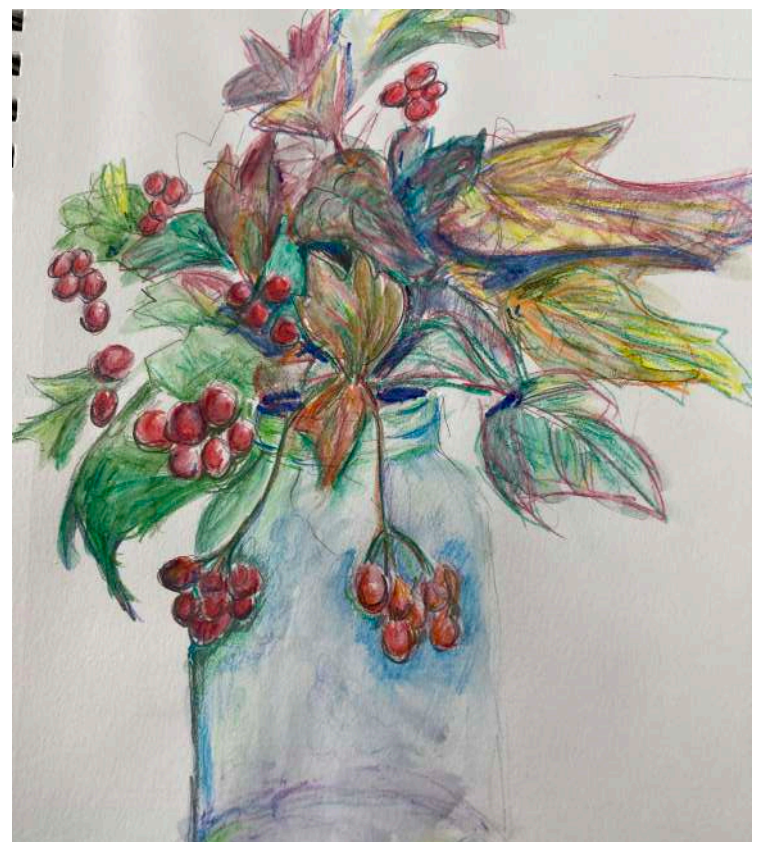
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From C3 Meade C. News in the fellowship room at the church in Union Center at 2:00 pm. There will be a diaper raffle and she has a baby registry on Babylist. Come and help celebrate this little bundle of joy.

A large crowd of over 500 people attended the Legends of Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame on September 29th in Rapid City. There were 17 musicians inducted, some posthumously, in an afternoon ceremony. Edna Smith was #1 on the list. Her brother, Bob Haley, who played in the Buddy Meredit and the KOTA Cowboy's band for years was inducted posthumously #12. Edna would like to thank all who attended.

From C3 Capitol News

the middle of the US, the Bahamas, the South, across Europe and in Gymanfa Ganus. She still keeps in contact with past friends that remember wonderful memories from choirs. Karen remembers sitting on the beach in the Bahamas with the waves rolling over her feet. The next day at the choir concert, her feet were so sunburned and swollen that she could not march in with the choir. Karen had to wait backstage, and have the men in the back row lift her up onto the back risers, where she could join in singing. She had to purchase woven slippers to wear for a day or two, because her shoes didn't fit.

This Tuesday, it actually rained all day. It was the first real rain in six months. In the evening, Karen got to see grandson, Carson Odell, in the Mitchell Kernels Fall Choir Concert, on YouTube. Karen let Rachel know about the concert and she got to watch it, too. They were both so impressed with the concert that included high school and junior high boys' choirs, girls' choirs and mixed choirs. The finale was spectacular with the entire stage and risers in front of the stage

It was a great honor to her to receive such an award.

Folks enjoyed the extra hour this last Sunday of gaining the hour for Daylight Savings Time.

Hopefully, everyone was able to vote on Tuesday which will determine the very important direction we will take as a nation as well as a state.

The Community Baptist Church of Union Center provided a soup supper on Monday night followed by a time of prayer and praise for our country, Kneeling for America. Monday night at 6:00 was designated as a time for Christians all across America to pray for our nation.

filled with music students. There were so many that both directors directed the final song that was absolutely wonderful. What lucky kids.

Karen also got to see her grandson, Murphy Hinds earn a purple belt in Karate, because Micki sent a video of the event. She got pictures of grandchildren, Kyia Smith, Rowan and Murphy Hinds dressed for Halloween. Karen's black cat was her only other Halloween visitor. At church on Sunday, Karen learned that Alan Loken had delivered 40 pounds of chicken gizzards to his brother, Eric, so there may even be some left for next year's Wickham Gulch Picnic. Alan conducted the service at the Methodist Church. Lynnette Wolfe gave the children's sermon. The Wolff and Cordell children rang the bell, did the candle-lighting, and served as ushers. Karen accompanied the singing on the piano.

Don't forget the Little Missouri Ethnic Supper, next Sunday from five to seven at the Camp Crook Community Center.

Doesn't it make sense to put a ringer on your glasses so you can call them when they are lost?

November Family Fun Day is "Thanksgiving Foods"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Family Fun Day on Sunday, November 17th from 2-4 p.m. entitled "Thanksgiving Foods."

The event will consist of a presentation about the history of Thanksgiving foods such as turkey and cranberries, plus an opportunity sample a few Thanksgiving foods.

There will be Thanksgiving crafts, a drawing for the

book, "Sharing the Bread: An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving Story," and everyone receives a free take-home workbook about the holiday. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is \$2 per person or free with museum membership.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. Information can be reached by calling 605-723-1200.

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Regional West Foundation Awards \$19,000 in Scholarships to School of Radiologic Technology Students

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb., — The Regional West Foundation Board of Directors has awarded a total of \$19,000 in scholarships to five Regional West School of Radiologic Technology students.

Each year, Regional West Foundation grants health education scholarships to students from Regional West's service area. Following graduation, many of the students pursue employment in the communities Regional West serves.

Scholarship awards are split between the 2024 fall and 2025 spring semesters.

Adam Bell, Scottsbluff, and Benjamin Okraska, Scottsbluff, were each awarded \$5,000 Gerke scholarships.

Sarah Wallace, Newell, South Dakota, was awarded a \$1,000 Radiology Fund scholarship and a \$2,000 V. Miller

scholarship.

Alyssa Gonzalez, Minatare, received a \$1,000 C.N. Sorensen scholarship and a \$2,000 Ostenberg scholarship.

Hannah Lemmon, Gering, earned a \$1,000 C.N. Sorensen scholarship and a \$2,000 William Connell scholarship.

Founded in 1951, Regional West Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology is a two-year hospital-based program offering the only radiographer education program in western Nebraska. Regional West's radiography program is nationally accredited through The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

The Regional West Foundation was established in 1972 to support the health system's mission of excellence in healthcare. Today, the Foundation's success

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Nov 18 - City Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall

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LETTER I Remember the 11th hour of 11th day of 11th month

From the Dakota Scout www.thedakotascout.com

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and Allied Nations came into effect. On Nov. 11, 1919, Armistice Day was for the first time.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory."

In 1954, the 40 and 8 and other veteran service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans." Congress approved this change,

and on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11th became a day to honor all American Veterans wherever and whenever they had served.

It is marked by parades and church services and flying the American flag at half-staff. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11 a.m.

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses), better known as the 40 & 8, which held its first meeting only four months after the signing of the armistice, encourage all Americans to honor and thank veterans whenever and wherev-

er they see them, especially on Veterans Day.

As President Wilson said; America was established not to create wealth but to realize a vision, to realize an ideal - to discover and maintain liberty among men.

Let us all pause silently for a couple minutes at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11th to give thanks to all Veterans for our Freedom.

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Key takeaways: Trump sets tone for South Dakota Republican rout

Sioux Falls took longer to count votes than entire state of Florida

Stu Whitney
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Tuesday's election was full of good news for the GOP, soul-searching for everyone else and questions about slow tally. "It's not acceptable that Minnehaha County takes longer to count votes than the entire state of Florida."

The Republican rampage that propelled Donald Trump to the White House with majorities in the U.S. Senate and possibly the U.S. House of Representatives was felt strongly in conservative South Dakota.

Not just in candidate races, where GOP establishment favorites Rep. Dusty Johnson and Kristie Fiegen easily won re-election to Congress and South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, respectively.

But also on ballot measures, where progressive priorities such as abortion rights, grocery tax repeal and legalized recreational marijuana all went down to defeat, as did open primaries and even an attempt to get rid of male-only references in the state constitution, which fell prey to the uproar over pronouns. Coming Monday: Poll results on the favorability ratings of top politicians.

The only winning ballot initiative efforts involved the core conservative principle of work requirements for Medicaid expansion and the populist rancor over carbon pipelines, which led to Referred Law 21 going down in flames.

In state legislative races, delayed in some cases by the glacial pace of vote counting in Minnehaha County, South Dakota Republicans increased their super majority to 32-3 in the Senate and 64-6 in the House, setting up intraparty battles for leadership between establishment and populist factions.

Johnson, taking the stage at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls after being lauded by U.S. Sen. John Thune and Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken, talked about fighting back against inflation, illegal immigration, crime and government spending under a Trump administration and possible Republican trifecta. "I'm here to tell you that's not easy work, but it's going to get a whole lot easier to get done after what we've seen tonight," Johnson said to cheers from the party faithful on a night that seemed like an endless stream of positive news for the GOP and soul-searching for everyone else.

Here are a few other main takeaways from South Dakota's 2024 election.

Trump's landslide reflected in South Dakota

Trump ended up with 65% of the statewide vote in South Dakota, a slight improvement of his 62% showings in 2016 and 2020.

The general perception was that the former president's resounding triumph nationally set the stage for what happened in South Dakota, from ballot amendments tanking to Republicans securing convincing legislative wins in vulnerable districts.

Inflation and the rising cost of living during the Biden Administration were big factors that led Monte Sandal of New Underwood to vote for Trump over Vice President Kamala Harris. Sandal, 55, owns a restaurant in New Underwood and a hot-tub servicing business in the Black Hills and has about 25 employees overall. Sandal said inflation has made it difficult to afford food products at his restaurant and the chemicals needed to service about 600 hot tubs he has under contract.

"This election will dictate if my prices will increase because I've been eating a lot of costs the past few years," he said.

Sandal said Trump's demeanor has given him some pause but that, overall, he wants a business-focused president in the White House.

"I don't know if I'd want to

sit down and have a beer with the guy," he said. "But you can't argue with his policies because he's a businessman and I like a business way of thinking."

GOP extends SD Senate edge to 32-3

One of the main questions entering the election was whether South Dakota Democrats could improve their strikingly low representation in Pierre, where Republicans outnumbered the junior party 94-11 the past two years, including 63-7 in the House and 31-4 in the Senate.

The short answer is no. Republicans actually gained a Senate seat to make it 32-3, with Tamara Grove knocking off Democratic incumbent Shawn Bordeaux in District 26, which includes the Rosebud Indian Reservation and the West River I-90 corridor of Chamberlain, Presho and Murdo.

Former gubernatorial candidate Jamie Smith won District 15 in north-central Sioux Falls, holding the seat previously held by fellow Democrat Reynold Nesiba.

But other Democratic Senate hopefuls in Sioux Falls such as Clay Hoffman (District 12) and Sandra Henry (District 14) fell short. So did Sarah Carda, the Yankton School Board president who was seen as a strong candidate against Republican Lauren Nelson in District 18, which includes Yankton and Clay counties.

Nelson, who ran to Jean Hunhoff's right in the primary on a platform of limited government, property rights and Second Amendment protections, rode the Republican wave on Tuesday night to a comfortable victory with 57% of the vote.

Leadership battles could divide Republicans

Republicans also picked up a seat in the House to increase their advantage to 64-6, a low-water mark for the Democrats over the past two decades.

In District 26A, Republicans prevailed as populist Jana Hunt handily defeated Democrat Carl Peterson to take the seat formerly held by House Minority Leader Oren Lesmeister, who was term-limited.

Also, Kameron Nelson of Sioux Falls was ousted in District 10, where fellow Democratic incumbent Erin Healy (38%) and Republican Bobbi Andera (32%) finished ahead of Nelson (30%) in a tight race.

Democrats gained a seat in District 32 (Rapid City), where Nicole Uhre-Balk joined Republican Steve Duffy as the two top vote-getters.

All eyes now turn to Pierre, where intraparty GOP battles for leadership positions will heavily influence the Legislature's policy-making machinery in 2025 and 2026.

Can a surge among populist candidates on the Republican right, animated by the carbon pipeline issue, lead to changes in caucus leadership, threatening the ability of the party's pro-business establishment to craft and control policy?

Right now it's too close to call in the Senate and leaning establishment in the House, but an influx of new members makes it tough to assess.

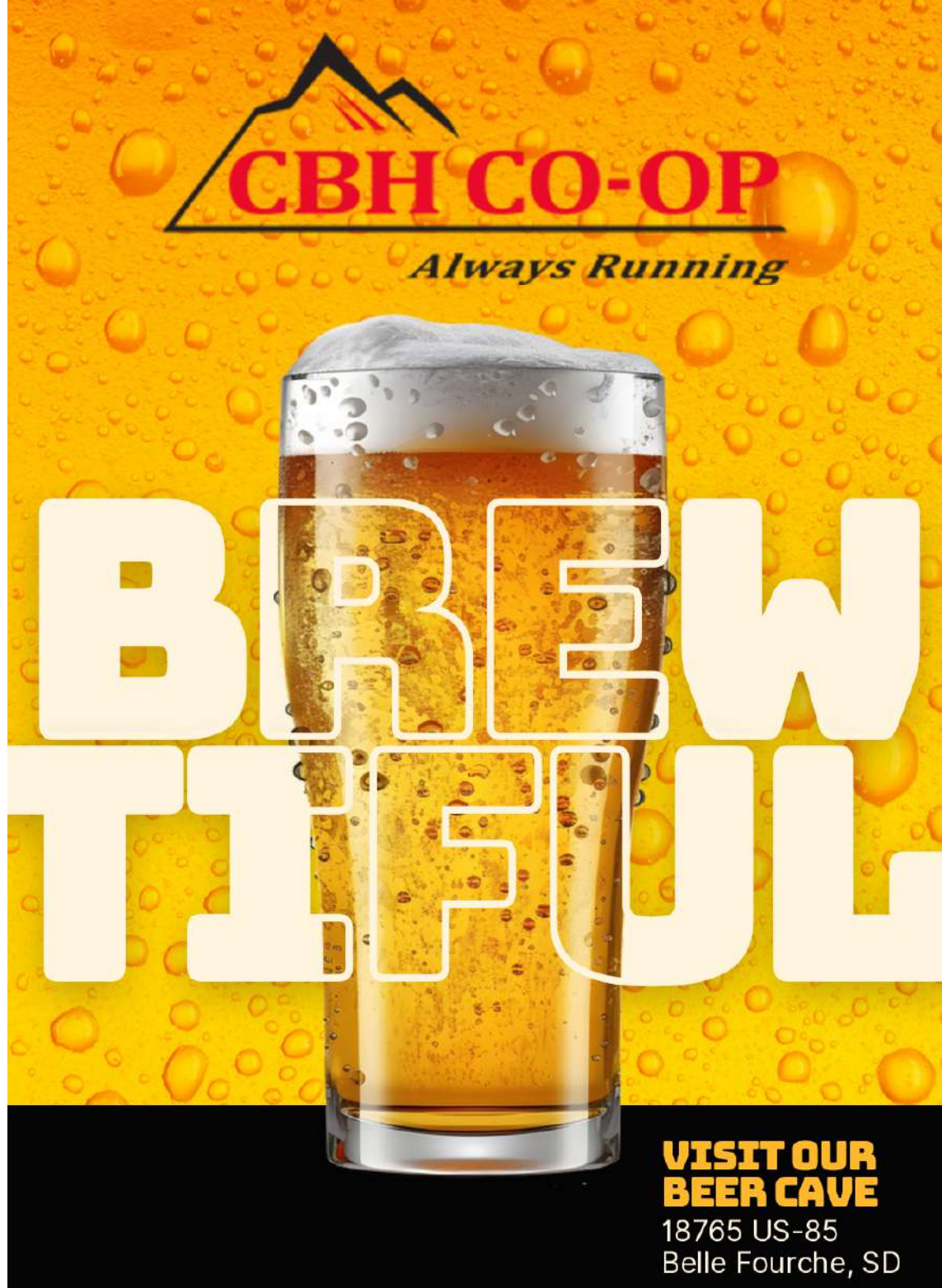
The votes are scheduled for Friday night, so the suspense won't last long.

Money, organization fuels anti-abortion win

There was a marked difference in mood between the election night gatherings for anti-abortion Life Defense Fund and progressive petition group Dakotans for Health, which sponsored Amendment H to enshrine abortion rights in the South Dakota Constitution.

At the Best Western Ramkota in Sioux Falls, Republican state legislator Jon Hansen and longtime anti-abortion advocate Leslee Unruh flew their "No on G" banner proudly as results showed the amendment barely getting 40% of the statewide vote.

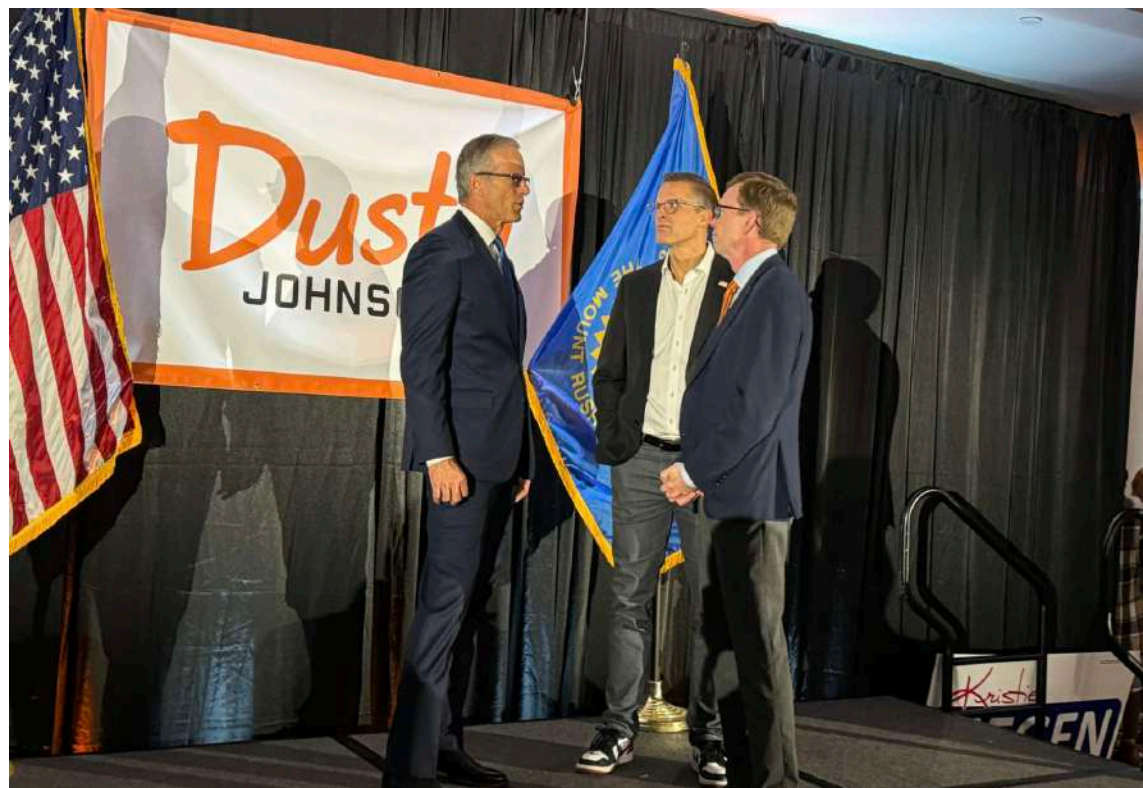
Hansen hoisted a glass of wine in the hotel corridor as Unruh spoke to News Watch about the momentum of the anti-abortion movement, which



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South Dakota Rep. **Dusty Johnson** (right) speaks with **Sen. John Thune** (left) and Sioux Falls Mayor **Paul TenHaken** at Johnson's victory party at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Nov. 5, 2024. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)

was reflected in out-of-state donations, ground-level organization and poll swings leading up to the election.

"I feel that there are too many people who are triggered by this conversation," said Unruh, who noted her decades of work at the Alpha Center, a Sioux Falls pregnancy resource center. "My hotline is going to be busy with women who are hurting because they feel (animosity) from both sides, and we can't do that. We have to meet people where they're at."

Though the campaign ran radio commercials conceding that South Dakota's restrictive abortion law "may need to be changed" in the Legislature, Unruh didn't offer any specifics changes that she would support.

Across town at the downtown ICON Lounge, Dakotans for Health founder Rick Weiland huddled with family and friends around 11 p.m., long after most attendees departed after seeing the handwriting on the wall for Amendment G and also Initiated Measure 28, the group's ill-fated grocery tax repeal measure.

Abortion rights measures in other states were immune to the Trumpian wave, with successful efforts in states that the former president won, such

as Arizona, Missouri, Nevada and Montana.

That suggests there was more at play than just ideology and vibes in South Dakota, where voters rejected near-total abortion bans by statewide vote in 2006 and 2008.

The fact that Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union declined to get behind Amendment G early in the process complicated efforts to raise money nationally and build an effective coalition of political and legal stakeholders. Dakotans for Health and its volunteers found themselves on an island, outraised by a margin of 4-to-1 as the anti-abortion factions launched a robust and effective ad campaign calling the measure "too extreme."

"We didn't have any money to push back when they were pushing hard," Weiland told News Watch as a few stragglers watched election coverage on a big screen. "You can do a lot of damage with 3 million bucks if you keep throwing out messages of disinformation to scare people. It's almost like their campaign has made lying fashionable or something."

Unruh and Hansen wouldn't commit to whether a scheduled trial in Minnehaha County challenging Dakotans for Health's petition efforts would proceed

starting in late January. One of the requests of the lawsuit was to prohibit Dakotans for Health "and those who worked with or for it" from being involved in petition or ballot measure campaigns for a period of four years.

"There's a lot wrong with the way these ballot initiatives are done," said Unruh. "My name's on (the lawsuit) and I would personally like it to go forward, but there are other people involved, so we'll just have to see."

County staffers and election volunteers huddled around machine tabulators and deep stacks of ballots on the third floor as the rest of the state waited for vote results from the state's largest county, which still showed 0% precincts reporting.

"We have two machines running absentees, two machines processing Election Day ballots," said Anderson, Minnehaha County's Republican auditor. "As you can see, some of the stacks of ballots are in the thousands. So it's just a slow process."

By noon on Wednesday, the Secretary of State's website showed that Minnehaha still had only 15 out of 81 precincts (19%) reporting, while every other county in the state was at 100%.



Sudoku

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

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 6 Dismounted 7 Amer. Basketball Assn. (abbr.) 8 Fruit 9 Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (abbr.) 10 Sesame 11 Single lens reflex (abbr.) 17 Belonging to (suf.) 19 Thing (Lat.) 21 Lacerate 22 Affluence 23 Vehicle compartment 25 Habakkuk (abbr.) 26 Toothless 27 Assam hills 28 Son of Zeus 30 Flounder 33 Speckle 34 "Casablanca" character 35 Eye inflammation 36 But (Sp) 37 Flower part 38 Bauble 39 File 40 Eat 41 Eye-infesting worm 42 River or sea bottom 44 Atomic Energy Commission (abbr.) 45 Buddhist column

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-51.

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

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

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Editor's Note:

In last week's story about Karen Swan's retirement, there was an error concerning the number of miles Karen has traveled. She calculates that she has traveled a half a million miles during her career, not in just one year.

B's Buzz

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Do you have dreams? Not the ones most of us have at night when we are sleeping, but dreams about the future. Dreams that carry us from one moment in time to another. There are dreams of marriage, kids, or jobs. Dreams about what kind of house we will live in or how it would be if...

It's the "what if" part of the dream that carries us into the future. But is that a good way to spend our lives? What if we run out of money and can't buy that home? What if I don't have children or grandchildren? What if the car breaks down? What if I can't find a spouse?

We miss so many moments in time by centering on the "what ifs" in life. During this time, I've tried to look forward to the future with anticipation and eagerness to see what could be happening. I hope you have turned your vision to see what surrounds you and makes you smile.

Recently, most of us took time to do what has made America the best country in the world. We voted and had a say in the future direction of our country. Although the outcome is important, it's what we do with that outcome that makes the difference.

Maybe what you desired for an outcome didn't happen the way you wanted, but the answers are in and the results have been tabulated. Now we go forward and work together to make a difference.

I love this country. I love what it stands for and where it has been and where it will go. I grew up with stories from WWII and Korea. With boot camp stories and friends who will be friends forever.

Once I asked my dad what my ancestry was. I asked him what nationality I came from. You know what his answer was?

As he slapped the table, he said, "You are an American. That's all you need to know!"

And so, when someone asks what nationality I am, I tell them proudly "I am an American!" And then I add, "With a little Irish, Dutch, French, and English stirred into the pot."

Family roots run deep in our family. My great-grandparents came to America to find a new life. From the East Coast to South Dakota, it's been an adventure for our family. Fighting in wars from the Revolutionary War to Korea, the family has made a home

Casting Your Vote



Poll Workers Kim Richards, Marge Adams, and Linda Vollmer diligently do their duties as they check in a voter during the General Election last Tuesday. Photo by Robbi Longbrake

Voters Turn Out to Elect President

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NEWELL—Polling places were busy on election day, November 5. Newell Community Hall was the voting place for Precincts 06, 08, 13, 14 and 20. This encompassed the cities of Newell and Vale and the surrounding rural areas.

American Legion Hall in Nisland housed Precincts 12 and 18.

According to Poll workers in Newell the consensus was that it was a busy day and turnout was good. Official results backed up their claim as a total of 857 voters cast ballots out of 1,114 registered voters

that were utilizing Newell City Hall. Breaking those numbers down by precinct: Precinct 06 - 48 out of 61 registered voters, Precinct 08 - 28 out of 31 registered voters, Precinct 13 - 252 out of 317 registered voters, Precinct 14 - 286 out of 377 registered voters, and Precinct 20 - 243 out of 328 registered voters cast ballots in the 2024 election.

It was the same story in Nisland, 222 voters out of 289 registered voters cast ballots. Voters by precinct: Precinct 12 - 92 out of 119 registered voters and Precinct 18 - 130 out of 170 registered voters cast ballots. American Legion Hall was busy. According to Poll Worker,

Gwen Kitzan, "it's actually nice and going very smooth. Our percentages were good, so we are very happy with that."

Both polling places were calm with no disturbances.

"Absolutely nice and quiet. The deputies have been in three different times now and it's been perfect," said Kitzan.

When the polls close, all of the ballots get transported to Belle Fourche to be counted. "When they take the ballots into Belle Fourche, the deputies are right behind them so everything is always secure."

From the Newell/Vale area in the Presidential race 108 votes were cast for Harris/Walz and 718 were cast for Trump/

Vance with 15 cast for others and 16 were cast for none of the candidates. From the Nisland area, 44 cast ballots for Harris/Walz, 172 for Trump/Vance, three for others and three cast votes for no one.

"I don't like any of the candidates," said Allison Stark, voter. "It made it difficult to choose." But Stark shared that she thinks it's important to vote and does in every election.

First time voter, Donald Granger said that there wasn't anything in particular that he was excited to cast a ballot for, but that as a citizen, it's his job.

"I should do my civic duty for the first time," he said.

here and dug deep.

And my question to you is this-How deep are your roots? The wind blows and the rains come, a tree with shallow roots will soon give in to the elements. But deep roots hold on tight to weather the storms.

Our country has gone through storms and turbulent times, but still stands. As long as we continue to do our part and hold on tight to the values of our family and those who fought for our freedom.

And as I said before, I love this country! I cry when I hear the National Anthem. I cry at parades. I remember what our Pledge of Allegiance is based on. And I think about those who fought for the freedom I have and can share with my children and grandchildren.

I'm an American!



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Grand River Roundup



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It's still cooling off and we had a high temperature of 33 degrees on Wednesday. The trees are very colorful and they are losing their leaves. The little people living in our yard are having fun raking the leaves into big piles and then jumping into the piles, which is really fun to watch.

We started the week off with Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's last Sunday evening and were joined by friends Duane and Dawn Harris, John and Corinne Erickson, Jim and Lucy Anderson, and Ginger Kootz. It was a pleasant evening and I didn't hit any deer on the way home, although we sure saw a lot of them.

Sadly, there are more deaths to report: Funeral Services for Elodie Mae Giannonatti, new born daughter of Ace and Katherine Giannonatti of Bowman, were on Sunday, November 10, at the Ludlow Hall in Ludlow. Elodie Mae Giannonatti, was born on Sun-

day, November 3, at Sanford Hospital in Bismarck, but tragically, due to complications from preeclampsia, she died that day.

Vince Gunn, age 84, of Lemmon, passed away on Monday evening, November 4, at the Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon. Mass of Christian Burial for Vince were held on Monday, November 11, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lemmon with burial at the Scholaas Cemetery west of Shadehill.

Robert Collins, 89 of Faith, passed away on Friday, November 8, at the Rapid City Hospice House in Rapid City. His funeral will be Monday, November 18, at the Faith Community Center with burial at the Bear Butte Cemetery near Sturgis.

These families have our sympathy.

Taz and Amanda had a birthday party for River Lu Monday evening with great grandma Louise Jenson, Grandpa and Grandma Ron and Starla Jenson, Grandpa and Grandma

Casey and Missy Olson, and Jace, Kami and Keen Jenson, and Reub and I all coming to help her celebrate her 5th birthday a day early because election day was the next day on her actual birthday.

Our grandson Trig came home from where he's working in Pierre Tuesday morning so he could vote at Ralph, which is where we all vote. Taz voted on the way to work on the house at Dalton Mellmer's and the rest of us also voted. I don't know about you, but I was pretty happy with the way the voting turned out when Sam Marty won the SD Senate, Travis Ismay won the SD 28B House, Jana Hunt won the SD 28A House and Donald Trump and JD Vance won the White House. Trig went back to Pierre that afternoon and everyone else, except Reub and me, went into Buffalo to watch the Harding County volleyball team beat McIntosh that evening.

It was fun watching the news about the election Wednesday morning when everyone I voted for won and ev-

everything I voted against lost. We went to Hettinger that morning to have Mary Eggebo work on Reub's back and when I stopped at the Dollar Store, Vickie Abelseth told me that they had an inch of rain the night before. We just live a few miles from Abelseths, but we didn't get a drop of rain here, although there was water on the highway on our way to town. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and some good visits with the Prairie Pioneers.

Taz and Casey went up to Reeder on Thursday to do more carpenter work on Dalton Mellmer's house. Missy kept most of the kids that evening while Amanda and Copper went to Faith to watch the Harding County volleyball team beat Lemmon in the Semifinals.

Amanda went with Taz Friday morning to help him put some windows in Dalton Mellmer's house while Grandma Starla Jenson kept the little people. It was Sam Marty's birthday on Friday and when I called to wish him happy birthday that morning he was getting ready to leave for Pierre to elect the leaders in the South Dakota Legislature and they selected a good bunch of people for those jobs. Our grandson Trig and his wife Dakotah came home from Pierre late that evening so Trig and Casey could go up to Reeder to help Taz put more windows in Dalton Mellmer's house. Dakotah went to a baby shower Saturday morning while the guys went to Reeder to work

on those windows. Amanda and Missy took the kids to Belle Fourche for Copper's basketball game that afternoon.

Monday was Veterans Day and we are so grateful for the service that veterans give us to protect our country and for all they had to live through to save us. My father, Bryce White fought through all of WWII, my great uncle Gus Smith died in France in WWI, Reub's uncle Clarence "Tad" Olson was in WWI, his cousin Bill Larson fought in the Korean War, his cousin Sandy Bill Matson and his brother Doug Olson were in Vietnam. Pastor Henry Mohagen and Sam Marty fought in Vietnam, with Sam getting his Purple Heart 26 years after he was wounded. When my family ran the Sorum Telephone office in Bison when I was a little kid, my father had a friend that served in WWII with him and sometimes Dad would get a call from his friend's mother telling Dad that his friend was suffering from "shell shock", which we now call PTSD. Dad would drop whatever he was doing to go help his friend and he might be gone a couple days so he could help his friend deal his problem. So many of these veterans lived through that trauma and, just like my Dad, wouldn't talk about it to anyone but another veteran. We owe these veterans a lot and we are so thankful for what they suffered through for us.

Happy Veterans Day!

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

November 12, 1914

Woman Suffrage in the State has been defeated by at least 10,000 majority. In Minnehaha County the vote against it was larger, the "noes" receiving a majority of 900. All reports so far received from the eastern counties are strongly against suffrage.

A shipment of 260 head of saddle horses for the English Government left here today bound for Winnipeg. The horses are all saddle broke and have been purchased in this section of the State by a Winnipeg firm and are to be used as Cavalry stock.



B-24 Bomber, similar to the one that crashed near Meadow, SD. Lt. Robert Price (Newell) was an Echelon Instructor and Commander in CA.

Eli Long has several head of Improved Chester White boar pigs, 4-months old, eligible to registry, which are for sale at his place 3 miles southeast of Newell. Also 8 well bred Duroc sows that will farrow soon for sale at 7 cents per pound. Must inquire at Valley Irrigator office.

Ralph Hugo purchased the Allison shack and is moving it to his claim. Joe Briggs has completed a well for Hugo. There is plenty of water available.

November 6, 1924

At the Regular monthly meeting of the City Council Monday evening the Theater Ordinance was amended so as to now allow the production of moving picture shows on Sunday. The last episode of "The Santa Fe Trail" is now showing. Saturday evening "Pioneer Trails", show starts 7:30 PM sharp. The amended Ordinance is now in effect.

Something over 700 acres of cucumbers have been signed for by farmers in the immediate Newell vicinity. No doubt remains about the establishment of a salting station at the Newell Depot next year.

J. C. Denison, in charge of the State Highway grading outfit that built the road from Newell to Cedar Canyon, was a Newell visitor Monday. He has been working for the past year in Meade County, being located at the present time near

Clough. Mr. Denison came in after repairs for one of his big tractors.

November 15, 1934

Three men were arrested this week at Rapid City as a result of shoplifting operation carried on in Newell, Belle Fourche and Rapid City. One of the men pleaded guilty to petty larceny, but he also being held for grand larceny along with a second member of the gang. The third man is being charged with receiving stolen property. At Newell recently the men walked into the Kenaston Store and while one of them

attracted the attention of Guy Kenaston, the others appropriated 2 coats and some other wearing apparel. After their arrest in Rapid City the coats were found in their possession and were identified by Mr. Kenaston. Police in Rapid City grew suspicious of the men when they attempted to dispose of the miscellaneous clothing, over coats, sox, leather vests, etc., which was found in their car.

Sheepmen of eastern Butte County brought a considerable number of sheep pelts to Newell this week for shipment. The pelts were shipped out in connection with the government's sheep buying program. There will be a shipment for Belle Fourche on November 17th, which will clean up all pelts in Butte County.

Bob Butts, County Relief Director has been ordered to advertise for fence material for the Newell Airport. The field will be enclosed as soon as relief labor becomes available. Ralph McKinnon, State Airport Supervisor, was in Newell recently and left instructions for the necessary improvements.

An interesting Armistice Day program was put on by the American History Class last Wednesday, Professor Russell Gee, with his 6 unruly pupils, entertained us for a while. Marian Smith gave a reading, "A Coward"; Gene Kenyon, John Richards, George Quinn and

by Linda Velder

Russell Gee sang a quartet, "In The Trenches". The program was closed by community singing.

November 2, 1944

Four Army Air Force fliers were instantly killed, one slightly injured and 5 others escaped with only slight bruises when their B-24 Bombing plane crashed northeast of Meadow 10:10 PM October 29. The ship was on a routine training flight from the Casper Wyoming Base. The pilot and co-pilot were forced to make a crash landing on the Hubler farm after 7 of the crew members had jumped, 3 parachuting to safety. The injured man, the turret ball gunner, had to be chopped from the plane and taken to the Lemmon Hospital and remained there until Saturday when he was taken by plane to the Casper Air Base hospital. The remains of the 4 crew members were taken also by plane to the Air Base. A 24-hour guard was placed around the wreckage until salvage trucks from Rapid City Air Base came and disposed of it.

Mrs. John Barber was still picking strawberries in her Victory Garden on November 1. This reporter can vouch for the statement as he had the opportunity to gorge on a half quart or more. And we're willing to wager several dimes that the fruit had more savor and flavor than any raised at anytime of the year in any of the west coast areas. Joe Theno, take notice!

Marshall Bert Lyons reports 4 or 5 carloads of Hallowe'en revelers came to town Tuesday evening from the south and west countryside, on an "upsetting" spree. They were driven out before they had a chance to perform any funny stuff. There must have been 30 or more men and boys in the gang.

November 11, 1954

The Empire PTA will sponsor a program and carnival at the Empire School on Friday evening November 12 at 8:00 o'clock. The program will consist of several skits, one of which is entitled "Sob! Sob! Sob!". There will also be a men's "Bubble Chorus". The carnival will consist of the usual line of fishpond, fortune telling and a white elephant auction. Lunch will be on sale in the basement. Fun and enjoyment for everyone is planned, with the proceeds going to buy library books for the school and other PTA projects.

Residents of Newell are cautioned this week by Mayor Vern Hafner, not to burn leaves, grass or other trash on

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bituminous streets. A number of residents have already been stopped in such action and pointed out that the heat from such fires destroy binder in the surfacing, causing it to check and break up, leaving holes in the street. It is further noted that fires on cement gutters adjacent to such surfacing also results in similar damage at the joint and that instances of cold weather the heat from such fires will also weaken the cement.

Around 80 deer Have been brought to the Tri-County Locker plant by Monday evening. Perhaps the most unusual "buck" however, was the 2-point shot by Louis Boswell in the Slim Buttes territory. It dressed out at about 185 pounds, but despite its rack, the animal proved to be a doe. Lou promptly tagged the oddity in the animal world a "Christine". The biggest single load

dealers receiving such honor.

Elmer Eichler of Castle Rock was recently honored by the Weather Bureau for 10 years of weather observing precipitation and temperatures. Mr. Eichler was presented with a 10-years' service award certificate by Walter Spuhler, State Climatologist from the Weather Bureau Office in Brookings. Ralph Hackman, Weather Bureau Field Aid, attended the presentation ceremony. The observations taken at Castle Rock are published and used in studies of the weather and climate of South Dakota. The 10-year certificate awarded to Mr. Eichler is a small token of the Weather Bureau's appreciation for his dedication and diligence in reporting

Thirty-one relatives and friends gathered at the Hoover home of Mrs. Anna Flaigg, Saturday for a potluck din-



Flaigg Cabin built on Horse Creek 1880. Where the Flaigg and Gardner families were born and raised. It was donated to the Newell Museum by Robert & Sondra Boggess, October 2004, where it was restored. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

of animals however were 4 elk brought in by Felix Rittberger and son Stanley and Tolgar and Donald Bekken. They had bagged that morning in the Hermosa area. The prairie season continues through November 14 while Black Hills season is 2-weeks longer until November 28 of either sex.

November 5, 1964

Mr. & Mrs. Cletus "Fizzer" Huber of Newell will leave here Monday for Sioux Falls, from where they will join other NORGE Appliance dealers and their wives on an 8-day trip to Rome, Naples and other points in Italy. The trip was awarded to them on the basis of selling a certain quota of NORGE appliances at their Fizzer's Furniture Store in Newell. Huber was among only 10 South Dakota

ner honoring her on her 80th birthday. Her 3 sons, Ernest, Fred and Howard and daughters Mae Stroschein and Rose Sundstrom and niece Sophia Blomberg were present. Mrs. Flaigg is the oldest pioneer living around Hoover, having lived there since 1910. The former Anna Gardner was born and grew up in the Horse Creek vicinity. The delight of the dinner was a beautifully decorated birthday cake tinted in lavender with a large "80" numeral on top, a gift from Mrs. Jepsa Flaigg of Ft. Pierre.

Joyce Dawson entertained members of the 8th grade class at a Halloween party at her parents' home Saturday evening. Supper was served after which the time was spent in dancing, playing games and telling scary stories.

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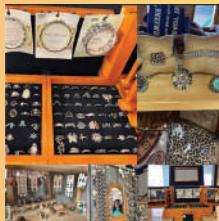
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Sarah Wallace Receives Scholarships



SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb., — Sarah Wallace, Newell, South Dakota, was awarded a \$1,000 Radiology Fund scholarship and a \$2,000 V. Miller scholarship.

The Regional West Foundation Board of Directors has awarded a total of \$19,000 in scholarships to five Regional West School of Radiologic Technology students.

Each year, Regional West Foundation grants health education scholarships to students from Regional West's service area. Following graduation, many of the students pursue employment in the communities Regional West serves. Scholarship awards are split between the 2024 fall and 2025 spring semesters.

Sarah also received a Volunteers and Friends of Regional West scholarship in the amount of \$3,000

Regional West Foundation Awards \$19,000 in Scholarships to School of Radiologic Technology Students

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The Regional West Foundation was established in 1972 to support the health system's mission of excellence in healthcare. Today, the Foundation's success is a continuation of a long and proud tradition of community support for superior healthcare services in the communities it serves.



As we take another exciting school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for your continued support of our public schools. Public education plays a vital role in shaping the future of our community, and I am proud to share the remarkable work being done every day to provide opportunities for all our students.

Public Schools as the Heart of the Community

Our public schools are more than just places of learning. They serve as the foundation of our community, where children from all walks of life come together to grow, learn, and develop into responsible citizens. Public schools offer a welcoming environment for every child, regardless of background or financial means, and it is this diversity that strengthens the fabric of our community.

Academic Excellence and Innovation

In our schools, academic achievement is always a top priority. We have dedicated teachers and staff working tirelessly to ensure that each student receives a high-quality education. Our schools offer a wide range of academic programs designed to meet the unique needs of all students. From STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs to advanced

placement courses, we are preparing our students for success in college, careers, and beyond.

We also embrace innovation in our classrooms. Technology plays a significant role in today's education, and we are proud to offer cutting-edge tools and resources to enhance student learning. Digital learning platforms, interactive lessons, and access to advanced technology ensure that our students are prepared for the demands of the modern world.

Extracurricular Opportunities

Beyond the classroom, our public schools offer a wealth of extracurricular activities that contribute to the development of well-rounded individuals. Whether it's athletics, music, theater, art, or clubs, there are opportunities for every student to explore their interests and passions. These activities help build teamwork, leadership skills, and a strong sense of community, providing students with experiences they will carry with them throughout their lives.

A Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment

Creating a safe and welcoming environment for all students is at the core of our mission. We take great pride in fostering an inclusive atmosphere where students can feel confident and supported. Our schools actively promote values of respect, responsibility, and kindness, ensuring that every child feels valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Support for Every Student

Public schools are committed to supporting the unique needs of all students, whether they require special education services, counseling, or academic interventions. Our

schools work tirelessly to provide personalized support, ensuring that every student, regardless of ability or background, has the opportunity to succeed.

Building Future Leaders

Perhaps the most inspiring part of public education is the role it plays in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. From fostering a love of learning to encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving, our public schools are preparing students to tackle the challenges of the future. Our graduates leave us not only with the skills to succeed in their chosen careers but also with the empathy and character to contribute positively to society.

Your Support Makes It Possible

All of these achievements are made possible thanks to the unwavering support of our taxpayers, parents, and community members. Whether you have children in the school system or are a lifelong supporter of education, your investment in public schools is an investment in the future of our community.

We are proud of the work being done in our public schools, and we want you to know that your support is crucial to maintaining the excellence and opportunities we provide. Public education is the backbone of our society, and together, we can continue to ensure that our schools remain vibrant, innovative, and inclusive places for every child.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our public school system. With your support, we will continue to grow and thrive, ensuring that future generations have access to the best education possible.

11) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Fruit, Milk	12) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	13) Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	14) Bagels, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Cubano Sandwich, Squash, Carrot Salad, Milk	15) NO SCHOOL
18) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chili, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	19) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Brussel Sprouts, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	20) Breakfast Egg Rolls, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Beef Enchiladas, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	21) Quesadilla, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pork Rib Sandwiches, Green Beans, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	22) NO SCHOOL
25) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk COOK'S CHOICE	26) Long Johns/Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Turkey and All the Fixins, Fruit, Milk	27) NO SCHOOL	28) NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING 	29) NO SCHOOL

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Five Chosen for Honor Band

Congratulations to the five students from Newell School District chosen to perform in the Northern Hills Honor Band on November 26, 2024. Newell band students will practice throughout the day with se-

lected students from other high schools and middle schools at Black Hills State University and perform that evening. Details, including time and location, will be announced soon.



Newell Wrestling

Tyler Waterson
Newell Wrestling Coach

Hello, Irrigators! The Middle School Wrestling season has kicked off with a solid start! On Monday, November 4th, four student-athletes: Kallie Eaton, Bubba Shaykett, Will Erk, and Jace Schulte traveled to Stagebarn competing against Belle Fourche, Lead-Deadwood, Sturgis, and Stagebarn.

Kallie, Bubba, and Will, the

experienced wrestlers in the group, ended the day 2-0 with Pins! Jace, the beginner of the group, ended his day 2-1, obtaining two pins against other opponents!

These four will head to Belle Fourche on Friday, November 8th, then return home for the Newell Invite on Tuesday, November 12th. We hope to see you there and support your very own Newell Irrigators!



Newell Middle School wrestlers were tough competitors. Courtesy Photo



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Ag Issues Competition

The Ag Issues team competed today at the District LDE competition in Wall and brought their A-game! After months of hard work and dedication in class, we're excited to announce that our team is advancing to

the State LDE competition!

The journey doesn't end here—there's still plenty of work to be done. The team is gearing up for several local forums in the next few weeks to continue refining their skills and

preparing for the big day.

The state competition is on December 1st, and the whole team is excited to represent our district and compete against top teams from all across the state.

Butte County Sheriff Receives Honor

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BELLE FOURCHE—Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere has been honored with this year's SACCY Award. The annual South Dakota School Age Care Alliance conference awards a person, organization, or business the SACCY award in recognition of their leadership and support in the field of school-age care in South Dakota.

The award is "Like an Emmy, but for School Age Care."

Sabrina Harmon and Billie Bakeberg nominated Sheriff Lamphere for the award.

Lamphere "has been an invaluable asset to our community, particularly through his support of the Newell Hope after-school program, which he helped establish at the Newell School. His dedication has been evident over the past decade as he actively participated in

events and presentations."

"I am very honored by the award. I have always tried to stay in touch with the youth of our communities. I personally feel that if you spend time with kids in a positive manner, they

will want to follow that behavior," Lamphere said.

"In my position as Sheriff I try to encourage my staff to participate in every opportunity to interact with school age children."



Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere is handed the SACCY Award by Bille Jo Bakeberg.



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