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South Park Elementary Students Honor Veterans



Belle Fourche Kindergarten students led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and "God Bless America".

Local Artist Hosts Paint & Sip

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BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Flowers & Co hosted an exciting and creative evening with a Paint & Sip class on Tuesday evening, November 12.

Local artist Alexandria Hanson of Aladdin, WY, led the class, guiding a room full of painters step-by-step to achieve a seasonal painting of pumpkins.

Hanson, who holds an art degree from Oklahoma State University, didn't always live the life of an artist.

She previously owned a craft beer bar and coffee shops before rediscovering her passion for painting during the COVID-19 pandemic. "I realized, this is what I'm supposed to be doing in life.

So, I sold my businesses and went all in."

For the past four years, Hanson has been fully immersed in the art world. Her professional portfolio focuses on Western contemporary art, featuring vintage signs, machinery, cattle, and horses.

While her days are spent in solitude, creating intricate oil paintings from her home studio, Hanson balances this solitary work with her sip and paint classes.

"It started almost by accident," Hanson recalled. "Someone asked if I did sip and paints, and I just said yes. Then I had to figure it out, but I fell in love with it."

These classes offer her a refresh-

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Alexandria "PeeDee" Hanson demonstrates a brush technique at Belle Flower + Company's Paint & Sip Class.

Beacon and Belle Businesses to Give Away Gift Certificates

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Over the first five + years since starting publication in 2018 the Beacon was provided at no cost to a seven county section of the Tri-State area. Any one wanting to subscribe was asked to voluntarily do so. Many did.

The Beacon has always been referred to as "A Work in Progress." Basically there are three sources of income that can support publication of a newspaper: 1• Advertisers, 2• subscriptions, 3• publication of legal notices.

Beacon distribution in the beginning was built by the advertisers. The various advertisers with their use and support of the Beacon have kept the 'work in progress' moving on.

The second necessary support to continue publication is to increase annual subscriptions.

To perpetuate that concept we are beginning a subscription request marketing program that will give away "Gift Certificates" from local food & eating establish to highlight the excellent variety of choices and promote the quality of the food choices we have available in the area.

We will be have our first drawing for the winners and give

away of food and restaurant "Gift Certificates" on December 2, 2024.

To be eligible to win you only have to have purchased a subscription to the Beacon. "From the pool of subscribers the winners of "gift certificates" will be selected/drawn. If you have always received in the mail in the Tri-State area, or read online the subscription is \$52. If you live in out side of that seven county area and we mail it First Class to you a subscription is \$105 for year.

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When the season places a nice blanket of white aren't you glad you'll have a Beacon you can sit by the fire & enjoy reading?

Veteran's Day Celebration Belle Fourche Style

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"It's funny how life grabs you." There were few empty seats in the Belle Fourche Rec Center auditorium on Monday, November 11 as SSG Nic Allen described his career in the armed forces to a group of students, staff, and honored veterans. SSG Allen was the special guest speaker at the annual "Honoring All Who Served" assembly presented by Belle Fourche High School students.

SSG Allen went on to explain how living a military life was not part of his plan when he was a teenager at Belle Fourche High School. He said that despite the 'ups and downs' of his career he couldn't imagine a more fulfilling life than the life of service to one's country. "I'm not here to recruit." He said as he reiterated some interesting and educational experiences he has had in the service. He went on to explain how grateful he is to have made the choice to serve.

The occasion was the Belle Fourche High School's "Honor-



Special guest speaker and Belle Fourche native SSG Nik Allen (Photo courtesy of Belle Fourche High School Student Council)

ing All Who Served" annual Veteran's Day assembly.

Belle Fourche has a long-standing Veteran's Day tradition.

Throughout the day, each of the three schools, honors the veterans with a special assembly of music, poetry, and

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Wilt Brothers Band to perform for Beacon Appreciation Event

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Saturday, November 30th the Belle Fourche Beacon will be hosting at Graps Burgers and Brews, 518 National Street (once upon a time Max's Lounge) an appreciation night celebration.

The event will commemorate the publication of the paper for 7 plus years.

There will be snacks, sliders, Birthday cupcakes, ice cream and entertainment.

Every advertiser, subscriber, supporter, contributor, and general reader of the Beacon is cordially welcome to attend.

If your reading this article, yes it is you we are inviting!

Food, cupcakes and ice cream start at 6:00 pm and the Wilt Brothers Band from 7-10 pm will entertain for your dancing and listening pleasure.

In addition to the customer/reader appreciation celebration to commemorate seven plus

years of providing local and area news to the Tri-State area it happens to be our old gray haired founder/publisher's 70th Birthday on November 27th. Wears hearing aids, glasses, has had knees from concrete finishing, but claims, 'other than that, perfect health.'

So, again we say "Welcome! Stop by for a minute or the evening. Be our guests to enjoy the food, cupcakes and ice cream and the great sounds of the Wilt Brothers Band!

It is an appreciation event, because we truly appreciate the support the entire Tri-State area



THE WILT BROTHERS BAND

Lunch & Learn: Preventing Dementia

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BELLE FOURCHE—Crystal Hanson of Belle Fourche Counseling gave a presentation on preventing dementia at Friday's Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn, hosted at Grap's Burgers and Brews. An audience of 27 people spent an hour learning about dementia and the numerous ways that this illness can be both developed and prevented. Attendees were given a special menu to order from and enjoyed a meal as they listened. Sponsored by the Belle Fourche

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Crystal Hanson of Belle Fourche Counseling presents "Preventing Dementia" at Friday's Lunch & Learn at Grap's. Heitz Photo

PEACE OF MIND...and being able to say, "Everything has been taken care of."

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Owner

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Gordon Pratt 71

Gordon Pratt, age 71 of Spearfish, died Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

Services to celebrate Gordy's life will be held in the spring. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences for the family on his obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Gordon Glen Pratt was born November 21, 1952 in Corpus Christi Texas. He was the son of Robert and Velma Pratt. Gordy was an accomplished musician who had a remarkable career throughout his life.

Gordy is survived by his wife, Patricia of Spearfish; son, Jason Pratt of Pennsylvania; daughter, Miranda Mikolaizik of Seattle WA; step-son, Josh Roadifer of Bozeman MT; step-daughter, Megan Roadifer of Las Vegas NV; 2 step grandchildren, Tia Larson of Belle Fourche, and Oz Fowlks of Las Vegas NV.

John Wade Morgan 82

John Wade Morgan 82 of Belle Fourche, SD went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 14, 2024 after a brief battle with cancer.

John was born on December 22, 1941 in Jersey City, NJ, the third of six children, born to Leroy and Helen Morgan.

John loved his country passionately. He was a fierce patriot, serving his country in the US Navy. He was also an Eagle Scout, a lifetime member of the NRA and a flag waving proud American.

On August 8, 1964 John married the love of his life Diane C Morgan in Old Bridge, NJ. To this union five children were born John, Dawn, Mark, Jane, and Jill.

John was strong, loyal, honest, patriotic, hard-working, dedicated, smart, resourceful, and quick with a joke. When it came to John, you always knew where you stood. He did not mince words and he could fix ANYTHING!

Left behind to mourn the loss of this amazing man are his wife of 60 years, Diane C. Morgan (Galati). His five children John C. Morgan of Belle Fourche, SD, Dawn (Brent) Brosnahan of Spearfish, SD, Mark A. Morgan of Belle Fourche, SD, Jane F. Summers of Belle Fourche, SD, and Jill (Paul) Mikelson of Prairie du Chein, WI. He is further survived by six grandchildren, Amanda, Dylan, Zachary, Emily, Nicole and Allison and seven Great Grandchildren. John is also survived by his sisters Helen Morgan, Joyce King (Ken), Gladys Butler and Deborah Santora (Frank). He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Roy Morgan.

Graveside services will be held 10:30am Thursday, November 21, 2024 at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. There will be no visitation. Military Honors will be provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.

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

Celia Jean (Bickerdyke) Welch 84

Celia Jean (Bickerdyke) Welch, 84, died peacefully with Jacki and Sue by her side at the Spearfish Canyon Healthcare on November 7, 2024.

Celia was born to Eugene and Naomi (Fern) Bruner Bickerdyke in Belle Fourche, SD on September 3, 1940, joining a brother, James. She spent her childhood along the banks of Cottonwood Creek in Carter County near the community of Capitol, Montana. Celia participated in 4-H for 10 years, with horses being her number one interest and lifelong love. She attended the rural one room Cottonwood Elementary School with cousins that lived up the creek and area neighbors through eighth grade, then spent two years of High School at St. Martins in Sturgis, SD and two years in Spearfish High School finishing her formal education with one year at Black Hills Teachers College. That one year in college forged friendships that would last a lifetime.

During the years following college Celia worked on the ranch with her parents, also helping area ranchers whenever an extra hand was needed whether it was lambing, calving or any kind of work involved with the ranching business. As a result, Celia accumulated a wide array of skills. One of those skills was braiding leather, rawhide, and paracord, making halters, bridles, and various horse related items.

Celia and Gary Welch were married May 14, 1973, and embarked on a shared life's journey of many and varied experiences, everything from ranching to herding bikers at the Sturgis Rally, ultimately becoming experienced teamsters leading a wagon train into the Black Hills and participating in many parades. Celia and Gary, "Joe" to many, liked to take road trips. They toured the Western coastline and the Redwoods. They traveled south to Texas and north almost to the Canadian border, that trip covering over 6000 miles. They enjoyed many shorter trips over the years.

Celia began a career as a cook at the Latchstring Inn, becoming the breakfast cook. She cooked at the Bay Leaf, the Holiday Inn and few other cafes in the Northern Hills. Finally, while working as a laborer in the building of Recreational Springs Resort, she became the first cook in the new restaurant as Recreational Springs built up the business to a full-service resort. From there, not wanting the daily commute, she became head cook at the Dorset Home in Spearfish until her retirement. After Celia retired in 2008, she and Gary moved to the Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch of Gary's nephew, Sandy (Jacki) Limpert. There they both helped with various tasks in the developing business of buffalo raising and buffalo feed lot operations. With the help of the Limpert family, she was able to stay living at the ranch until 2022 when she moved to the Hickory House in Spearfish. There she made many friends as she continued making quilt tops for the Ladner Lutheran Church Quilt Charity. The Ladner ladies estimated Celia had sewn approximately 175 quilt tops over the years. Many of them during her stay at Hickory House when she wasn't helping assemble numerous jigsaw puzzles or playing cards with her neighbors. She enjoyed her time there until poor health necessitated a move to Spearfish Canyon Healthcare.

Celia is survived by her cousin Theo (Bickerdyke) Yanzick, Lori, Kim and Nora Bickerdyke, special advocate/niece Sue Hight, sister-in-law Fay Coffield, brother-in-law Joe Scherr, numerous nieces and nephews including Sandy and Jacki Limpert and long-time friends Llewellyn and Karen Englehart.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother James, and her husband of 40 years Gary (Joe) Welch.

A Celebration of Celia's Life will be held 10 am Monday, November 25, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills with Pastor Pete Gradinaru officiating. There will be a private family committal service for inurnment beside her husband in Limpert Family Cemetery on the Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch in Harding County. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Jerome Brannen 64

Jerome Brannen, age 64 of Belle Fourche, died Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Services will be held in Nebraska at a later date. Local arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Jerome Howard Brannen was born August 19, 1960 in Shenandoah, Iowa. He was the son of Jerry and Barbara (Sheridan) Brannen. Jerry worked as a car salesman for several years, and lived in various places throughout the Midwest. For the past several years, he has lived in Belle Fourche.

Jerome is survived by his children, Sean (Amanda) Brannen, Katie (Joel) Kempter, Megan (Michael) Dunn, Rachel Brannen, Ashley Thumann, Dillon Brannen, Dawson Brannen; 10 grandchildren; father, Jerry Brannen; siblings, Jennifer (Tony) Taylor, Robert (Hui-fen) Brannen, and Amy Cardwell. He was preceded in death by his mother; partner, Katherine Austria; and brother, William.

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Andy Anderson of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

"God Transforms Lives"

Throughout the pages of Scripture, we see the fact that God transforms lives. Daily we see how God transforms the lives of thousands of people. Men and women finding real hope where there was none, finding forgiveness, and strength to overcome addictions and other shortcomings or sins that plagued their lives.

The best news of all is that God can and will transform your life if you'll place your faith in God the Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, was buried, and rose again, which is the gospel or good news for all. If you are miserable, without hope and purpose, you don't have to stay there, unless you choose to.

When a person places their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ a wonderful transformation takes place. The Word of God tells us in *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

The moment a person truly believes and comes to Jesus Christ in faith, the Holy Spirit takes up residence in the new believer and then He will begin to change your desires and give you the power to live a life that is honoring unto God. Galatians 5:16 states: *This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. The truth is, you cannot go with the flesh, nor the world and go with God at the same time.*

How does one make peace with God and find hope? How does one obtain the strength and power to overcome sin, to break addictions and live a God honoring life? Only through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

First realize the God loves you and desires to give you forgiveness of sin and eternal life. *John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Secondly, it is our sin that has separated us from God. God gave us the law, which cannot save us but reveals to us that we are sinners. If you don't love and put God first and don't love your neighbor as yourself, you are guilty of breaking God's law. Breaking one law makes us a sinner and puts us in need of a Savior. The only one who qualifies as Savior is Jesus who knew no sin and yet died for our sin. The sin that condemns a person to hell is the rejection of Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, how is a person saved? Realize that you're heading the wrong way, heading for hell because of your sin and rejection of Jesus Christ. Turn and place your faith in Jesus Christ for forgiveness and eternal life.

Romans 10:9-13 states: *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Fore spiritual guidance or to learn more please contact me.

Blessing Pastor Andy. www.ebcfb.org

Gift Certificates from A1
 Gift certificates that will be in the first shop and eat locally campaign are: 2- \$100 Gift cards (GC's) from Lueders Food Center; 2- \$100 (GC's) from Lynn's Dakota Mart; 2- \$50 (GC's) from the Branding Iron Steakhouse & Social Club; 2 \$50 (GC's) from Graps Burgers & Brews; from Crossroads All American Diner & Grill 2- \$50 (GC's) dine in or Door Dash; 2 \$25 (GC's) from Belle Fourche Pizza Hut.

These will be the first given away in our drawing and we will continue again next month with more and new establishments. The monthly drawings will showcase these and other eating opportunities and continue to grow your interest in the Beacon and enjoy all the fine eating opportunities available.

Thirdly, the recent change in state law the Beacon will be eligible to be the "legal newspaper" for Belle Fourche City and School and Butte County in July of 2025.

How did this all start?

The founder and publisher of the Beacon, Doug Cole, was having coffee and conversation in early 2018 about the possibility of bringing back the local paper that had been closed by the Rapid City Journal with lo-

cal businessman Scott Peterson. On State Street at the conclusion of the discussion Peterson held his arms up and pointed to the Northwest and Northeast and stated, "that's where Scott Peterson Motors customer's are located."

That gesture spawned the idea to start the Beacon and once again provide News and Information to the traditional Tri-State trade area.

Advertisers love the broad area of coverage and the knowledge "everyone receives the publication and has opportunity to see their ads."

Now the Beacon has continued the distribution with the request that you the readers subscribe.

That second leg of the financial underpinnings of the Beacon is one we must continue to grow to stay in print.

The cards and letters that have come to the Beacon in the mail have indicated enjoyment and support for continuation of the Beacon.

This Gift Certificate give away comes with the request that it is your believe the Beacon should keep going and growing and you wish to continue to receive.

To give you an idea of the over 9,000 Tri-State every mail

recipient coverage includes 100% of the following Zip Codes: 57717 (Belle), 57758 (Mud Butte), 57760 (Newell), 57788 (Vale), 82710 (Aladdin, WY), 57779 (St. Onge), in 57783 (Spearfish) RR#'s 1,4 &5, 82712 (Beulah, WY), 57649 (Prairie City), 57650 (Ralph), 57651 (Reva), 57793 (Whitewood- Route 002), 82711 (Alva, WY) 57720 (Buffalo including Ladner), 57724 (Camp Crook), 57555 (Ludlow), 57762 (Nisland), last but not least 57776 (Redig).

Purchase of a subscription not only gives you an opportunity to win a Gift Certificate, but helps insure the Beacon & Irrigator stay in print and are continued to be delivered to your mail box.

Hopefully you find value. Whether it is the ads, the Sale Barns, cartoons, jokes & riddles, Rodeo news, or the puzzles. Your paid subscription tells us "keep printing that paper, we enjoy reading it."

Also, we are always open to suggestions on how to improve.

Mail to PO Box 576, Belle Fourche, SD 57717 or purchase online at www.bellefourchebeacon.com

Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 24

"Life's Landscapes by The Belle Fourche Writers"



Meg English

Just a few days ago, the Belle Fourche Writers received the first draft copy of our new anthology, Life's Landscapes. The anthology committee met on Thursday last week to preview the finished product. We passed the new volume around, thumbed through the pages, examined the print and found it satisfactory and pleasing.

Our first anthology was Roots Grow Deep and Strong published in 2012. The group decided it was time for a second anthology.

The project began over a year and a half ago. Originally, the plan was to have the book available for Christmas 2024. We're ended up being a year behind, but the book will indeed be available for the 2025 holiday gifts.

The process hasn't been easy, but the dedicated members of the committee have pooled their talents, expertise, and determination to make the book happen.

We began the process by sending out invitations to all members of the Belle Fourche Writers to submit their poetry, fiction, non-fiction. We chose a title.

Life's Landscapes implies that as a group we come from varied landscapes that tend to roll into other landscapes. There have been some hiccups.

There's a lot to know about publishing. Thank you Kathy Bjornstadt for your enduring

commitment and expertise! And thank you Angela Hastings for your kind patience, warm presence, and sense of humor. Thank you, Joan Gerkin for taking over the job of treasurer and keeping us on track for a timely publication.

Thank you to all other members of the anthology committee, Eric Beeman, Jean Helmer, Margie Bolte and Lynda Edwards for the endless editing and reediting. It's been a great journey.

The Belle Fourche Writers have been meeting and writing together for the past 15 years. We hope to continue our work for many more. In this anthology, each of the writers offers a unique perspective of life experiences. We are poets, story-tellers, and artists. We practice fiction and non-fiction.

That a group of people with stories to share should come together for this length of time is significant. That the group has continually encouraged the talents and missions of its members is even more noteworthy.

Life's Landscapes is the product of several years of writing and editing together. It follows the first Belle Fourche Writers anthology Roots Grow Deep and Strong published in 2012. Life's Landscapes represents the efforts of a dedicated and talented team.

The group plans to launch Life's Landscapes on Saturday, December 14 at the Belle Fourche Public Library from 11:30 to 1:30. Authors will read from their work. There will be door prizes, treats and best of all books for sale for \$20. Life's Landscapes is a very "Belle Fourche" book.

Writers featured include Jean Helmer, Angela Hastings, Margie Bolte, Lynda Edwards, Holly Moseley, Joyce Orwick, Kathy Bjornstadt, Joan Gerkin, Erric Beeman, and Dale Kringen

Upcoming Holiday Events in Belle Fourche

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BELLE FOURCHE—For a small town in western South Dakota, Belle Fourche sure knows how to do the holiday season very big!

This time of the year all of the entities in Belle Fourche come together to create memorable experiences for young and old alike.

Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, November 29 the holiday season begins with a cash give away.

Center of the Nation Business Association will be giving away seven \$100 prizes each week. Drawings will be held on November 29, December 6, December 13, and December 20. Look in area businesses for your chance to sign up and win some holiday cash!

Along with shopping all of the sales in Belle on Black Friday, you can head over to the Community Hall where Belle Silver Lining will offer pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m. you can get some chili to eat while listening to Cowboy Band play.

CONBA will be giving rides in a horse drawn carriage beginning at 4:00 p.m. and running through 5:30 p.m. You can get on at the Tri-State Museum for a fee of 2 cans of food or a free will donation.

The Parade of Lights begins at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is Unlocking the Holiday Spirit and the route from National Street North on 8th Ave, left on State Street. Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce is planning this event.

The fun continues as everyone gathers at the park following the Parade to watch the City of Belle Fourche lighting the tree. Move on over to the Tri-State Museum for an open house following the lighting of the tree.

Small Business Saturday is November 30 and is a time for everyone to support all the local small businesses and see what fun they have to offer. Look for good sales offered to get your holiday shopping started, or even finished!

December 3 brings the Festival of Trees to the Belle Fourche Community Hall. The

open house runs from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This gives the public plenty of time to look at all of the beautifully decorated trees, wreaths, silent and live auction items. The auction starts at 5:30 p.m.

Beneficiaries for the 2024 Festival of Trees are: Belle Fourche Meals on Wheels, Belle Fourche Ministerial Association, Belle Silver Lining, Butte County Child Protection Team, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #12, and Greater Belle Fourche Foundation.

All of the silent auction proceeds will go to St. Paul's Kids Shopping Spree. The event is sponsored by the Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee and First Interstate Bank.

A fun night for all the gals is planned for December 4 at Grossenburg Implement as they host a Ladies Night. From 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. women are invited to enjoy food and drinks in their ugly Christmas sweaters. Receive 20 percent off all John Deere items and a free gift.

A block style party will take place on Grant Street for Jingle and Mingle Holiday Open House on December 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stop into each of the following businesses to socialize and enjoy food and drinks: Life Light Creative & Watson Hennessey Group - 501 Grant St., Anke's Bakery - 505 Grant St., Belle Fourche Chamber - 509 Grant St. and Weather Hat Company - 519 Grant St.

Another action packed Saturday begins December 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the breakfast with Santa at Belle Fourche rec center.

Later on in the evening of the 7th, Tri-State Museum will be hosting their first annual Ginger Festival from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

They will have an expanded Gingerbread Village to peruse containing a gingerbread exhibit with photos and storyboards about the history of gingerbread and gingerbread villages.

The Museum will host crafts and give out old-fashioned candy sacks for the kids. The kids can sign up for book drawings. Refreshments will be available and a photo op area for families to take festive pictures will be set up.

Listen to The Center of the Nation Quintet as they perform holiday music. Of course Santa will make an appearance.

The Polar Express rolls into town for a two day event beginning December 12. On the first night the theme is The Grinch Invades the North Pole and for

\$5 you can get a ticket to ride on the Prairie Hills Transit Trolley.

It will meander around Belle Fourche to allow the rider to look at the festive lights all around town and take part in judging the community house lighting contest.

There are two trips available each night. The first one runs from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and the second one runs from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The second night, December 13 the theme is Santa at the North Pole.

The time slots to ride the Polar Express, the judging of lighting contest and the routes are the same as the first night. The ticket price also includes a cookie, a voting ballot (for best lights) and a jingle bell.

North Pole will take over Rail Park to allow for pictures with Santa. Belle Fourche Soccer Association will be selling cookies. Tickets are limited and go on sale December 2.

December 13 will Light Up the Night with a spectacular firework display sponsored by Center of the Nation Business Association and the City of Belle Fourche beginning around 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in watching a Christmas show in a theater then you will have to catch one of the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater performances of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at the Belle Fourche Rec Center Auditorium December 13 through December 15.

Hot Shots will be offering free photos with Santa from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for four Saturdays in a row: Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, and Dec 21.

There are so many activities that you can take your friends, family, loved ones, or enjoy on your own happening in the Belle Fourche area over the holiday season.

Center of the Nation Business Association, Chamber of Commerce, City of Belle Fourche, Tri-State Museum, Belle Fourche Rec Center, Belle Silver Linings, Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee, and many local businesses are all going all out to provide a fantastic holiday experience for this small town.

This story does not contain a complete listing of all events in the area, as new ones are being added all the time, but here is a taste of what this small but mighty community has to offer this festive time of the year.

Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center to hold first annual Ginger Festival

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center of Belle Fourche will hold its first annual Ginger Festival on Saturday, December 7 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The centerpiece of the festival will be the Gingerbread House exhibit, which expands again this year with a new set. Formerly placed in the Visitor Center, due to lack of space in the museum, it will now be in the museum's new addition.

But the Festival will offer much more.

There will also be an exhibit with storyboards, photos and exhibit cases relating to the history of ginger spice and gingerbread houses. There will be several decorated Christmas trees, a gingerbread inflatable and an area with a Christmas backdrop where families can take photos. On the stage will be a fireplace, a tree and more décor.

The Center of the Nation Brass Quintet will perform, and Santa will be in attendance to

visit with the crowd.

Refreshments -including decorated gingerbread people from Red Onion Marketplace - will be served, as well as coffee, cider and hot chocolate.

There will be an activity table for children and drawings for gingerbread-related books. All children will receive an old-fashioned burlap bag of vintage candy, a candy cane, popcorn and an apple or orange.

"We have long wanted to do an expanded event featuring the gingerbread village and the addition has given us the means to do so," said director Kristi Thielen. "We'd like the Ginger Festival to serve as our signature event for future holiday seasons."

The village, exhibit, trees, décor and activity table will be up through January 1st.

For more information about the Ginger Festival, call 605-723-1200.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

odist Church also sponsored the event. Sheri Fadley, Pastor, said that the church hosted Lunch & Learns for nearly a year, from June of 2023 to May of this year. "Our congregation, we basically, for a year, held one every month on mental health issues, and at this time, my team, my mental health team, is reassessing what the community needs are," she said. "So that's why we decided to host this one, but we're still in a discerning phase of what will come next."

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Lunch & Learn from A1

Chamber of Commerce, the Lunch & Learn events have recently been resurrected, with sessions taking place in September, October, and November. There will be a short hiatus for the holiday season with Lunch & Learns starting back up in March, April, and May. Belle Fourche Global Meth-



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From A1 Veterans day military style pageantry, and a video tribute to those who have served.

The day began with the High School Assembly at 9 AM. Following SSG Allen's address, there were many other ceremonial awards and tributes in honor of veterans.

Next on the day's agenda was the South Park Elementary Veteran's Day Program.

Music teacher Ms. Lindsey Haber directed each of the four elementary classes in musical tributes to the veterans. First grade classes performed "Elev-eleven". Second graders, sung "Those Who Served" The third grade "Thank a Vet." And the 4th Graders performed "Proud of our Veterans".

The children in all four grades have been practicing for weeks. They have also been learning the history of America's national anthem and the history of American military music and traditions.

All students performed The Star-Spangled Banner together.

Speaking parts were assigned to fourth grade students. Fourth grade speakers were Sophia Reeves, Zander Vice, Jade Barnes, Alice Bonefield, Abijah Croteau, Greta Abraham, Corbin Selchert, Evangeline

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

AMY REESE
DENTAL ASSISTANT

We would like to introduce you to Amy Reese our employee of the Month. Amy has been with Nehl Dental for about 13 years as a Dental Assistant. She brings a little spice and knowledge to the office. 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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Funk, Lillian Black Elk, Amari Grove, Kyriss Espy, Savana Schwender, Brekyn Montgomery, Ryker Westland, Garrett Gumm, Isabella Rezac, Willow Bos, Dominic Soraci, Harmony Baker, Brody Gustafson, Kenadi Ochocki, Zhurie Grusing, Casey Kokinos, Avery Pascoe, Lyla Moore, Kortney Dobesh, and Illy Rusk.

The final celebration of the day was presented by the Belle Fourche Middle School staff and students. The audience participated in a sing-along to, "You're a Grand Old Flag" "Yankee Doodle Boy" and "This Land is Your Land." Kindergarten students led the

audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and "God Bless America" with more audience participation.

The program was a composite of patriotic music performed by the BFMS choir and the BFMS band.

There were several literary readings highlighting military incidents and events in American history.

To conclude the assembly, the audience remained standing during the retirement of the colors accompanied by "Taps" performed by 8th grader Porter Tysdale.

Following the program all were invited to enjoy coffee and cookies.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
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If so, we saw it there.
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as any friend could say;
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Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much,
Whatever the part.

The Family of Randy Austin



Greg Krajewski, pictured with family receives the "Veteran of the Year" award. (Photo courtesy of Belle High School Student Council)



The Belle Fourche High School Choir directed by Micah Pennel prepares to perform "Salute to the Armed Forces." (Photo courtesy of Belle Fourche High School Student Council)



Patriot's Pen Award winners right to left, Jaxsen Tucker, Aaliya Lennon, Neeko Piekkola, Kalani Meyers, Jaylen Scroggin, & Kasey Dobesh, and VFW Post 3312 Commander Nathan Juelfs.



(L) Scouts Colt and Slater Humbracht demonstrate the proper folding of the flag; (C) Josh Main reads a "Heartfelt Thanks to Veterans"; (R) America's White Table on display at the middle school. The White Table is a symbol for remembrance of soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty. It is the table where no one will ever sit. The white cloth represents the soldier's pure heart. A lemon slice and grains of salt represent a bitter fate and tears of families waiting for loved ones to return." (Photos courtesy of Belle High School Student Council)

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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.

Contact Information: Dan Carlson, Sr. Pastor
Christian Life Center Belle Fourche, SD 605-892-4767

Decline in Enrollment Numbers Brings Future Budget Concerns to the School District

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BELLE FOURCHE—A report of falling student enrollment numbers triggered a discussion about concern for future school year budgets.

This concern was addressed during the November Belle Fourche School Board meeting held on November 11.

The official 2024 enrollment for Belle Fourche School District is 1276 students for elementary, middle school and high school combined. That is down from 1332 total students for the 2023 school year, a decrease of 56 students.

When addressing the concern Superintendent Orion Thompson said, "We need to think outside of the box." He stressed that it was important to start looking at ways to slow the decline and bring students back to the district.

He went on to make suggestions such as connecting with students earlier, making the district "the option," and creating a position that focuses on retaining students, explaining that it will be hard budgeting for future

years if the enrollment keeps declining. He attributes the loss of students to several variables including homeschooling and having a large transient population that moves between area schools.

High School Principal, Mathew Raba, reported that seven students completed all graduation requirements set forth by the school district and they met all the requirements for early graduation.

Those students are: Peyton Alexander, Ozzy Dixon, Evin Gabbard, Carlee Grady, Damen Mayes, Kaisa Tanninen and Betsy Wilen. As of December 20, they will cease to be a student in the district and as such will no longer be able to participate in extra curricular activities. They will be allowed to participate in the spring graduation ceremony. All principals in attendance agreed that the students did a fantastic job with their Veterans Day programs. Thompson said, "I was blown away by the programs, it's fun to be the new guy and get to see all of the razzle dazzle for the first time."

Dr. Julie Hatling, Elementary School Principal shared that October Teacher of the Month was music teacher Mrs. Lindsay Haber.

South Park elementary teacher, Samantha Hunter, won a \$500 award from the Newscenter 1 and First Interstate Bank. CPAs met with Business Manager, Susan Proefrock to audit the budget. It was reported that they were complimentary to Proefrock and said that the process was "smooth and quick" and that was not always the case with many budget audits. The success was attributed to her hard work and experience although Proefrock attributed it to "lots of support" that she receives.

October students of the month were on hand to receive recognition for their accomplishments. Students honored this month were: 5th grade, Khloey Beane and Aden Young; 6th grade, Sierra Saivong and Dusty Burman; 7th grade, Gracelynn Williams and Noah Cherveny; 8th grade, Mackenzie Huston and Maliky Rodriguez.



October Students of the Month were honored at the November school board meeting, from left: Khloey Beane, 5th grade, Mackenzie Huston, 8th grade, Noah Cherveny, 7th grade, Dusty Burman, 6th grade and Gracelynn Williams, 7th grade. Longbrake photo

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Sara Larsen Named SD School Psychologist of the Year



Sara Larsen was named **South Dakota School Psychologist of the Year**. Larsen was honored at the South Dakota Association of School Psychologists Annual Fall Conference. Larsen is pictured with Julie Remmereid, SDASP President. Courtesy photo

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BELLE FOURCHE—School Psychologist, Sara Larsen, was named School Psychologist of the Year by the South Dakota Association of School Psychologists. She received this honor at the 2024 Annual Fall Conference held on October 3 and 4 in Rapid City, SD. "Receiving the award was a surprise! I love my job and it is amazing to be recognized for what I do," said Larsen.

In order to be considered for this award, the recipient had to be nominated by a coworker who had to explain why the individual nominated would be a good nominee for School Psychologist of the Year. Larsen was nominated by several different coworkers. She is the only psychologist in the BFS. The winner is then selected by a committee of SDASP board members. "It feels amazing to know that my coworkers think I am doing a good job and are willing to go out of their way to nominate me," said Larsen. In the letter that was read upon announcing her win, it said, "One of her colleagues stated after working over 30 years education, this individual is recognized as one of the most professional, compassionate, and respected figures in the field... She truly is vested in

all the students she interacts with and wants what is best for them."

In her 12th year with the district, she credits her success to those she has worked with during her time with the BFS. "I have so much respect for the special education teachers, speech language pathologists, therapists, support staff, and administrators that I work with," said Larsen. "As educators we are constantly having to grow and adapt to meet the needs of our students and those coworkers have helped me find my place while trying to be the best I can for both the students and staff."

Caleb Case, Special Education Director said, "Sara plays a valuable role in supporting our students and staff, including contributing to special education evaluations across the district, offering staff guidance on academic and behavioral interventions and participating actively in evaluation results meetings." He went on to say, "this is a well-deserved honor." Larsen is employed by Black Hills Special Services Cooperative and is contracted by the Belle Fourche School District. Larsen said, "Belle Fourche is the only school district that I have ever worked with and I feel just as much a part of the district as any other employee."



(L) High School Program emcees Kalani Meyers and Kasey Dobesh; (C) Ben Raba reciting Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address"; (R) Superintendent Mr. Orion Thompson presenting a plaque in honor of the South Dakota Color Guard to Blaine Anderson.

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



We can hear the hoofbeats at our heels! The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is this weekend! Directors Toi Lyn Flick and Allie Juso Verry have a strong cast of BFHS thespians creating characters and accents to entertain - and to spook - audiences on November 21-23 (Thursday through Saturday) at 7 PM. Cost is only \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Be sure to check out the sneak peek photos from practices this past week. (Photos on A 8)

We have many opportunities to enjoy the holidays together in our community! Belle Fourche school district brought the students and community together for multiple Veterans Day Programs last week, and now we can look forward to concert season in our schools. Be sure to check out upcoming Christmas programs listed below. Belle Fourche Area Community Theater is helping us all celebrate the season with their production, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical!* on December 13-15. La Belle Ballet & More Dance Studio will present *The Nutcracker Ballet Performance* on December 7th at 6 PM. (Photo A8)

BFAC is having a Christmas show this December 13-15! *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical!* After two nights of auditions, directors Sharon Thompson, Rachel Munce and Kelsey Reid filled all the roles with these wonderful actors and singers: Ralph: Titus Thompson; Imogene: Kaeli Thompson; Leroy: Tyler Stratman; Claude: Cade Pearson; Ollie: Andrew Thompson; Gladys: Talia Thompson; Grace: Jay Atkins; Bob: Wes Barnhouse; Beth: Hope Ogaard; Charlie: Jace Olson; Alice: Rebecca Jones; Ivy: Kaya Pesicka; Elmer: Braxton Reid; Teddy: Brux Hartman; Reverend Hopkins: Alexander Reeves; Helen: Karen Jensen; Luanne: Cadence Gallagher; Betty: Katharina Reeves; Connie: Jen Zoller and the Ensemble: Jeff Reason, Mike Meemken, Riley Mehlhaff, Raya Meemken, Alora Thompson, Taylor Zoller, Dante Preist, Clara Reid, Ember Olson, Adalyn Savory, Hope Sinke, Lucia Rodrigues, Heidi Willey, Britta Hagen, & Alexandra Huber!

Now is a good time to add these school and other fine arts events to your calendars!

November 21-23: BFHS Fall Production - TBA!

December 2: BFHS Band & Chorus Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

December 9: BFHS/MS Jazz Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

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

December 16: BFMS (6-8th) Chorus Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

December 20: Belle Fourche K-4th Grade Concert, BF Rec Center Theater, times TBA

January 20: BFMS Band Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

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

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2024 Election Reflection

Now that some of the dust has settled, many analysts are looking under the rubble (figuratively speaking) to make sense of the highly charged 2024 Presidential Election.

Voter turnout was high throughout the nation. Here in South Dakota 69.93% of the registered voters cast ballots. Butte County were even more enthusiastic. Altogether in the 18 voting precincts 73.99% of the 6,942 registered voters Butte County turned out to vote.

Here's a breakdown of what Butte County had to say:

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

KAMALA D. HARRIS AND TIM WALZ

Democratic 19% 942

CHASE OLIVER AND MIKE TER MAAT

Libertarian 1% 37

DONALD J. TRUMP AND JD VANCE

Republican 79% 4,024

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. AND NICOLE SHANAHAN

Independent 2% 79

TOTAL VOTES 5,082

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

SHERYL JOHNSON

Democratic 17% 838

DUSTY JOHNSON

Republican 83% 4,066

TOTAL VOTES 4,904

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER

FORREST WILSON

Democratic 15% 735

A. GIDEON OAKES

Libertarian 7% 326

KRISTIE FIEGEN

Republican 78% 3,719

TOTAL VOTES 4,780

STATE SENATE

DEAN SCHREMPP

Democratic 15% 745

SAM MARTY

Republican 77% 3,720

SHANE C. FARLEE

Independent 8% 370

TOTAL VOTES 4,835

STATE HOUSE

TRAVIS ISMAY

Republican 100% 3,646 **TOTAL VOTES 3,646**

SUPREME COURT RETENTION: SHALL JUSTICE SCOTT P. MYREN REPRESENTING THE FIFTH SUPREME COURT DISTRICT, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JANUARY 1, 2025, BE RETAINED IN OFFICE?

PARTIALLY: 0 / 691

YES 82% 3,413

NO 18% 764 **TOTAL VOTES 4,177**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT E: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION UPDATING GENDER REFERENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFICEHOLDERS AND PERSONS.

YES 30% 1,487 NO 70% 3,525 **TOTAL VOTES 5,012**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT F: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO IMPOSE A WORK REQUIREMENT ON INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR EXPANDED MEDICAID

YES 61% 3,050 NO 39% 1,953 **TOTAL VOTES 5,003**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT H: AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION ESTABLISHING TOP-TWO PRIMARY ELECTIONS

YES 30% 1,467 NO 70% 3,402 **TOTAL VOTES 4,869**

INITIATED MEASURE 28: AN INITIATED MEASURE PROHIBITING TAXES ON ANYTHING SOLD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

YES 30% 1,468 NO 70% 3,502 **TOTAL VOTES 4,970**

INITIATED MEASURE 29: AN INITIATED MEASURE LEGALIZING THE RECREATIONAL USE, POSSESSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA.

YES 36% 1,802 NO 64% 3,243 **TOTAL VOTES 5,045**

There are possibly some noteworthy precinct by precinct distinctions. In the presidential race the Harris/Walz ticket earned 20% or higher in 6 precincts. Some strong sentiment appeared in the responses to Amendment E, the initiative to implement work requirements for Medicaid recipients. Although the amendment was successful, there was a fair amount of opposition even

Community Calendar

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in the two most rural precincts, 6 and 8. Opposition was much stronger in precincts 18 and 21.

Amendment G, also voted down, had support in almost all precincts across the board. Opposition to the efforts to legalize cannabis were strongest in precincts 6 and 8.

Referred law 21 although defeated had a somewhat wide range of support and opposition. Two precincts with higher populations 25 and 28 were in favor. However, the measure failed.

More rural precincts such as 6 and 8 tended to be staunchly conservative. More detail is available at <https://electionresults.sd.gov/ResultsList.aspx?type=CTYALL>

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When we received the news of the passing of friend Gordy Pratt we asked Jim Thompson who was also a

friend of Gordy's if he would write a tribute to Gordy for the Beacon.

A Tribute to Gordy Pratt by Jim Thompson

Gordy Pratt died at monument hospital in Rapid City on Wednesday afternoon November 13, 2024.

He'd been in the hospital for about two weeks.

I met him nearly 30 years ago. He was a fabulous entertainer from coast to coast, but dearly loved in his black Hills of South Dakota.

Despite being bigger than life to his adoring audience, Gordy knew no strangers.

He was kind and considerate to all he met ...his wife Patty was a great strength to him in his last years ...the Black Hills lost a very talented singer/songwriter.

Nothing I could say would do justice to his talent. I lost a friend but so did dozens, no, a horde of people who saw him as I did; just Gordy! you know "that fabulous one guy."

We have engaged the local food purveyors to participate in a gift certificate givaway to encourage readers to subscribe to the Beacon.

The article that starts on page one talks about the first pages to participate and there will be more to gift card participants to follow. We have a host of places to please the palate.



Gordy Pratt's hat and guitar.

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Last week mentioned entertainment. A story and photo reminder that November 30th is sneaking right up on us.

The Wilt Brothers Band will play from 7 to 10 pm for your listening enjoyment and, or dancing pleasure.

So please again we say please join us for a night of food, fun, music, and memories. You are all welcome to be there from start to finish, or just come by to say hello and enjoy a cupcake or a dance.



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Wonderful period costumes and a witty script will be part of what makes the BFHS production of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* a real treat for audiences - November 21-23rd at 7 PM in the BF Rec Center Theater. Courtesy Photos



BFHS Theater is putting finishing touches on their production of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* this coming weekend. L to R: Trevor Welles, Director Toi Flick, and Derek Scott.



Best Christmas Pageant Ever cast members Cade Pearson and Ember Olson are joining other BFACT volunteers as they work on set for their shows the second weekend of December.



(above two) *Paint & Sip* class attendees concentrate on replicating Alexandria Hanson's art instructions at the *Belle Flower + Co* event.

Belle Fourche High School Presents..



By Tera Morris

November 21st, 22nd, and 23rd 2024 at 7pm

Performances will be in the theatre at the Belle Fourche Rec Center

\$5 for adults, \$3 for students

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Paint & Sip From a 10-year change of pace from the quiet of her studio, Hanson's approach to teaching is rooted in simplicity. "Painting is just breaking things down into shapes and colors," she explained. "Once you do that, even beginners can create something amazing." However, not every project is equally easy to teach. "Sometimes, I get carried away with my own creativity," Hanson admitted with a laugh. "I'll create something stunning, but then I have to figure out how to teach it. It's a fun challenge, though!" The demand for her sip and paint classes surges during the

holiday season, with November and December booked solid with Thanksgiving and Christmas-themed events. Many of these are private classes for businesses hosting holiday parties. Next week, Hanson will head to Tucson for a professional art show, and she's just finished a collection for Coors Light, which she'll deliver in Denver. For those interested in attending a sip and paint class, Hanson directs them to her Facebook page, Alexandria Hanson Art and Design. "It's all about encouraging people to try something new," she said. "Everyone starts as a beginner. Life is about exploring new things."



Alexandria Hanson explains color contrast and depth perception to Beacon reporter Ryder Heitz. (Below) The artist at work creating.



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Cattle Report - Friday, November 15, 2024

Right at 3000 hd today
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Next sales - Friday, Nov. 22 - Yrfg & Spring Calf Special - 9 AM Yearlings followed by Spring Calves
Saturday, Nov. 23 - Weigh Up Sale & Bred Cow Special - 9 AM Weigh Ups, 12 Noon Bred Cows
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Yearlings			
Forder Land & Cattle, Highwood MT.....	39.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	921.....\$233.00
Gondeiro, Nicholas, Highwood MT.....	44.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	758.....\$249.50
Spring Calves			
Meccage Ranch LLC, Baker MT.....	60.....	Blk.....Str.....	540.....\$336.00
Meccage Ranch LLC, Baker MT.....	32.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	486.....\$334.00
Meccage Ranch LLC, Baker MT.....	25.....	Blk.....Str.....	450.....\$376.00
Meccage Ranch LLC, Baker MT.....	14.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	389.....\$350.00
Meccage Ranch LLC, Baker MT.....	14.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	332.....\$341.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois, Douglas WY.....	66.....	Bld.....Str.....	557.....\$328.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois, Douglas WY.....	48.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	495.....\$324.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois, Douglas WY.....	33.....	Blk.....Str.....	478.....\$369.00
Schlup, Marlon & Lois, Douglas WY.....	10.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	406.....\$349.00
Brown, Sheri, Dodson MT.....	33.....	B/R.....Str.....	504.....\$349.00
Brown, Sheri, Dodson MT.....	34.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	459.....\$331.00
Brown, Sheri, Dodson MT.....	17.....	Bld.....Str.....	393.....\$398.00
Dust Devil Herefords Inc, Ingomar MT.....	94.....	Herf.....Str.....	519.....\$328.50
Evans, Anna Marie, Pringle SD.....	13.....	B/R.....Str.....	674.....\$278.00
Evans, Anna Marie, Pringle SD.....	15.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	630.....\$285.00
Flehs, Gary, Hermosa SD.....	12.....	Bld.....Str.....	671.....\$292.00
Gavrian, Andrew, Roberts MT.....	11.....	Bld.....Str.....	518.....\$337.00
Geis Revocable Trust, Aladdin WY.....	17.....	Bld.....Str.....	525.....\$340.00
Hall, Charles, Roberts MT.....	11.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	430.....\$329.00
Jesperson, Linn, Upton WY.....	83.....	Bld.....Str.....	559.....\$324.50
Johnson, Will, Belle Fourche SD.....	15.....	Bld.....Str.....	664.....\$286.00
Johnson, Will, Belle Fourche SD.....	13.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	646.....\$271.00
Johnson, Will, Belle Fourche SD.....	13.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	525.....\$302.00
Maass Enterprises, Hot Springs SD.....	36.....	Bld.....Str.....	605.....\$294.00
Maass Enterprises, Hot Springs SD.....	15.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	526.....\$302.00
Miller, Allan, Beulah WY.....	16.....	Bld.....Str.....	603.....\$300.50
Miller, Allan, Beulah WY.....	12.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	546.....\$286.00
Mix, Shane & Gail, Oshoto WY.....	12.....	Blk.....Str.....	544.....\$327.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT.....	22.....	Blk.....Str.....	451.....\$331.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT.....	10.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	410.....\$335.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD.....	29.....	Bld.....Str.....	516.....\$352.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD.....	29.....	Herf.....Str.....	505.....\$330.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD.....	29.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	463.....\$310.00
Oorlog Ranch, Soldotna AK.....	26.....	Blk.....Str.....	568.....\$324.50
Oorlog Ranch, Soldotna AK.....	14.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	511.....\$322.00
Owen, Jack, Alzada MT.....	24.....	B/Ch.....Str.....	600.....\$291.50
Plucker, Jeff, Aladdin WY.....	10.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	550.....\$292.00
Rahja, Bob, Whitehead SD.....	15.....	Blk.....Str.....	667.....\$280.00
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY.....	24.....	Blk.....Str.....	624.....\$299.50
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY.....	20.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	571.....\$284.50
Reynolds, Frank, Rozet WY.....	13.....	Blk.....Str.....	528.....\$337.00
Rolf, Shanie, Roberts MT.....	10.....	Bld.....Str.....	651.....\$287.00
Rourke, Michael Or Lynn, Gillette WY.....	94.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	573.....\$293.00
Rourke, Michael Or Lynn, Gillette WY.....	32.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	478.....\$330.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY.....	23.....	Blk.....Str.....	640.....\$287.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY.....	28.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	588.....\$283.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY.....	24.....	Blk.....Str.....	537.....\$329.00
Saunders Enterprises, Gillette WY.....	16.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	489.....\$325.00
Simons, Sully Or Debbie, Beulah WY.....	14.....	Bld.....Str.....	525.....\$299.00
Simons, Sully Or Debbie, Beulah WY.....	27.....	Bld.....Str.....	519.....\$343.00
Simons, Sully Or Debbie, Beulah WY.....	11.....	Bld.....Str.....	465.....\$363.00
Simons, Sully Or Debbie, Beulah WY.....	31.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	450.....\$324.00
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD.....	28.....	Bld.....Str.....	516.....\$343.00
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD.....	24.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	510.....\$327.00
Steen, Dallas, Scenic SD.....	12.....	Bld.....Str.....	398.....\$405.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY.....	56.....	Bld.....Str.....	537.....\$326.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY.....	28.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	484.....\$333.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY.....	17.....	Bld.....Str.....	475.....\$363.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	385.....\$347.50
The 1200 Ranch, Ashland MT.....	11.....	Bld.....Str.....	391.....\$380.00
Todd, Tim Or Kris, Rygate MT.....	21.....	Bld.....Hfr.....	468.....\$330.00
Vivian, Chad, Ashland MT.....	24.....	Blk.....Str.....	468.....\$368.00
Vivian, Chad, Ashland MT.....	31.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	458.....\$327.00
Vivian, Chad, Ashland MT.....	11.....	Blk.....Str.....	381.....\$427.50
Watsabaugh Livestock, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	480.....\$287.50
Wells, Gary, Forsyth MT.....	33.....	Blk.....Str.....	593.....\$309.50
Wells, Gary, Forsyth MT.....	4.....	Blk.....Str.....	510.....\$340.00
Wilson, Louise, Alzada MT.....	10.....	Blk.....Hfr.....	383.....\$335.00

Friday, November 22, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

9:00 AM -- Yearlings followed by Calves

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI-No Implants

Calves

Riley & Jimmy Kammerer - 350 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC, Bi, Df
Calvin & Roxanna Wilson - 210 Blk Mostly Strs - 500-600# - BT, PC, Nhtc, Ni
Jason Garman - 140 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 525-575# - BT, PC, NI
Spear E Ranch - 110 Blk Mostly Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC, Df, Ni, Poured
Rice Ranch - 100 Red Strs & Hfrs - 450-500# - BT, PC, Weaned 50 Days
Darrell Roush - 75 Blk Strs - 450-525# - BT, PC, NI
- 25 Blk Hfrs - 400-525# - BT, PC, NI
Joe Driskill Ranch - 100 Blk Strs - 500-600# - BT, PC
Russiff Ranch Inc - 80 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-650# - BT, NI
CJ Gaskill - 75 Blk Strs - 600-650# - BT, PC
Boreen Hay & Cattle - 75 Blk & Baldy Strs & Hfrs - 550-650# - BT, PC, Weaned
Roy Hendrickson - 40 Blk & Baldy Strs & Hfrs - 450-500# - BT, PC
Elliot Kammerer - 30 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-500# - BT, PC, NI
Wyatt Sabo - 20 Blk Strs - 500-600# - BT, PC

Plus more by sale time!

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Weigh Up Sale

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

Bred Heifers

Minow Ranch - 8 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Blk Angus - 4/15-4/30

Bred Cows

Russell Stinson - 60 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 3/1
- 50 Blk 4 Yr Old Cows - 3/1
Troy Johnson - 45 Blk 3yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 3/23 For 30 Days - Home Raised
Minow Ranch - 40 Blk Running Age Cows - Bred Blk - 3/10 For 50 Days
Mike Ellenwood - 25 3 Yr To Broken Mouth Cows - Bred Blk - 3/25

Pairs

Jd Stensland - 90 Blk 4 To 9 Yr Old Cows - Fall Pairs
T Quarter Circle Ranch - 15 Blk & Few Red 3 To 6 Yr Old Fall Pairs

Plus more by sale time!

2024 CATTLE SALES

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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Sheep Report - Thursday, November 14, 2024

Lamb market looked steady on all weights
Fleshy slaughter ewes sold \$5 lower
Medium & thin ewes sold \$10 to \$15 higher
Young replacement ewes sold steady, older ewes sold higher

Next sale - November 21st - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Special - Selling all classes of sheep and goats. Expecting 3500 to 4000 lambs
Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs

Franke, Brian, Belle Fourche SD.....	29.....	Lamb.....	61.....	\$251.00
Franke, Brian, Belle Fourche SD.....	366.....	Lamb.....	87.....	\$193.00
Franke, Brian, Belle Fourche SD.....	97.....	Lamb.....	104.....	\$163.00
Reed Livestock Llc, Douglas WY.....	49.....	Lamb.....	55.....	\$260.00
Balko, Roger Or Bonnie, Hulet WY.....	143.....	Lamb.....	93.....	\$177.00
Gress, Melynda, Ludlow SD.....	43.....	Lamb.....	110.....	\$162.00
Innes Ranch, Gillette WY.....	15.....	Lamb.....	52.....	\$259.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD.....	260.....	Lamb.....	86.....	\$191.00
Malli Ranch, Arvada WY.....	49.....	Lamb.....	69.....	\$232.00
Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD.....	81.....	Lamb.....	71.....	\$217.00
Randall, Jackee, Broadus MT.....	55.....	Lamb.....	105.....	\$173.00
Spangler Ranch Ltd Partnership, Hulet WY.....	107.....	Lamb.....	87.....	\$193.00
Sranberg, Reid Or Stacy, Newell SD.....	38.....	Lamb.....	88.....	\$191.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD.....	88.....	Lamb.....	72.....	\$209.00
Tenold, Robert, Reva SD.....	40.....	Ewe.....	93.....	\$174.00
Zezas, Karen & Jim, Buffalo WY.....	46.....	Lamb.....	74.....	\$202.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Britain, Kelly, Powder River WY.....	177.....	Yrfg.....	127.....	\$250.00
Britain, Kelly, Powder River WY.....	80.....	St.....	153.....	\$160.00
Mastrovito & Barbara, Ferdinando, Hulet WY.....	14.....	2-3yr.....	177.....	\$180.00
Mastrovito & Barbara, Ferdinando, Hulet WY.....	40.....	4yr-S.....	175.....	\$170.00

Slaughter Ewes

Britain, Kelly, Powder River WY.....	10.....	K Ewe.....	136.....	\$83.00
Clarkson, Bill, Buffalo SD.....	23.....	K Ewe.....	162.....	\$85.00
Driskill Goodson Livestock, Buffalo WY.....	5.....	K Ewe.....	204.....	\$91.00
Harrington, Garrett Or Katie, Broadus MT.....	19.....	K Ewe.....	148.....	\$85.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	25.....	K Ewe.....	169.....	\$71.00
Reed Livestock Llc, Douglas WY.....	33.....	K Ewe.....	160.....	\$85.00
Reed Livestock Llc, Douglas WY.....	9.....	K Ewe.....	145.....	\$83.00
Reed Livestock Llc, Douglas WY.....	12.....	K Ewe.....	172.....	\$71.00
Talcott, Duane, Hammond MT.....	31.....	K Ewe.....	180.....	\$71.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special 1:00 PM

Expecting 3500 to 4000 Feeder Lambs

Feeder Lambs

Arledge Ranch - 1100 Lambs - 75-80#
MT - 550 Lambs - 80-85#
Jack Murnion - 550 Lambs - 90#
Wendt Ranch - 300 Lambs - 85-100#

Replacement Ewes

Larry & Sandra Nelson - 170 Yrfg Ewes - 140# - Fine Wool
Dave Neimi - 200 Yrfg Ewes - 145#

Plus more by sale time!

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

2024 SHEEP SALES

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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The Belle Fourche Rec Teams played in the Nerdy Nuts Fright Fest Soccer Tournament against many club and select teams in Rapid City the weekend of October 26th-27th.

The U14 co-ed team came home with 1st place medals

Above right: **U12 Boys** First Row left to right: Kelton Streeter, Braxton Randolph, Jessie Jones, Nash Kirstine, Eli Woxland, and Riddik Randolph. Middle Row left to right: Caleb Cherveny, Owen Dacar, Steven Hancock, Corbin Selchert, Blake Willard, and Conner Ness. Back Row left to right: Coaches Ryan Cherveny, Jucole Jones, and Norm Fasse.

Below Right: **U14 Co-ed** First Row left to right: Roman Randolph, Noah Cherveny, and Berkeley Corbett. Middle Row left to right: Kylie Bidwell, AnnaBelle Dighton, Samantha Nygren, Irie McQueen, Wyatt Fasse, Titus Thompson, Nolan Harley, and Austin Ramirez. Back Row left to right: Coach Ryan Cherveny, De'Angelo Green, Austin Hewett, Coach Norm Fasse, Ashtyn Norlin, Coach Jucole Jones, and Jaxson Selchert. (photo credits Eric Selchert)



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This scene was inspired by a small b&w photo of my great-aunt Sadie hanging wash in winter.



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Belle Police Department Hosts Internet Safety Training

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BELLE FOURCHE—A powerful eye-opening event, Internet Safety for Kids, Protecting Our Children from Online Predators, was held for the community at the Rec Center on November 14. Additional sessions were offered that targeted high school students at 7:50 a.m. middle school students at 9:30 a.m. on the same day. Presenters were Elliott Harding, Detective with the Rapid City Police Dept. and Jodi Glasgow, Pennington County Sheriff's Office. The programs were all similar, but were offered in a slightly different way depending on age of the audience. "A lot is similar between the kids and the parents, just because I want parents to have those talking points," said Harding. "Some of the stuff we talk to the parents about, we don't want to talk to the kids about because we don't want to lead them towards something that maybe they're not ready to be exposed to, but that parents need to be aware of."

The team is generous with their knowledge and will travel to give presentations to any West River school or group that invites them to come. "We do programs all over western South Dakota, that is what our team covers, so if they ask us to come, we will come and we do it all year long," explained Glasgow. This program was arranged by the Belle Fourche Police Department along with the Belle Fourche School District. Our kids are more digitally connected than ever, which means online predators have more access to them. The educational program discussed how to recognize signs of online predator behavior, and the presenters shared real life examples from their current or past cases that they experienced which helped to explain the importance of the information they were giving. The presenters spent time empowering girls by letting them know that it is ok to say no to anyone asking for inappropriate pictures. They went on to explained what sextortion is and how it affects both males and females. The importance of knowing your digital footprint was highlighted along with responsible social media, sharing personal information, online threats, cyberstalking and cyberbullying. Educating our children to the



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reality of what their time on the internet can lead to and giving them the tools to handle different situations is having an impact that can be seen. According to Belle Fourche Police Chief, Ryan Cherveny, "Since these guys have been doing these presentations our cases—as far as the sexting and stuff like that—have actually been going down in the last couple of years in Belle Fourche." The time law enforcement spends with the kids allows for a positive relationship to emerge. "During kids presentations, we've had kids come up and actually tell us or explain to us situations that they're currently in that have actually generated cases," explained Harding. In some situations students may learn that something they are doing or that is being done to them is a red flag and needs to change. According to Harding, "We have received feedback from teachers that have said, as soon as you're done with your presentation, the kids run to their lockers and grab their cell phones and are obviously making some changes for the positive."

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CANDLES AND MIRRORS #6

By DeAnn Kruempel

“Those Who Have Ears, Let Them Smile!”

The sun flickered between the rows as we drove slowly by. Tall, tan stalks stood in perfect formation. Each spire sported a pointy sunburst, the dry flower of the tassel. Long tapered cylinders clothed in tawny jackets hung heavily from the thick stems.



flare-box metal wagon behind. Mom and the boys unloaded the crop into the elevator that carried the ears up into slatted cribs to dry. Years when spring arrived late, some of the corn was late maturing. Delmer recalls our mother standing at the bottom

All at once Dad pulled the car to the side of the road. He was out the door, down the ditch and between the barbed wires quicker than we could say “corn meal mush!” Through her open window, Mom and I watched the stalks bend as he moved farther into the field. Amid the rustle of crisp dry leaves, we heard snapping and ripping sounds. Minutes later Dad emerged, carrying three long, golden ears, husks flaring from their bases. Mom shook her head a bit, but her eyes sparkled as her smiling farmer proudly laid them on her lap.

hopper and watching for wet ears. She grabbed the undented corn and threw it into a pile. Delmer used his trusty little red wagon to haul it to the barn to be savored by the milk cow.

It was the kids’ job to shell corn for the chickens every night. The metal hand-crank sheller sat next to the crib. We loaded the hopper on top of the sheller with a pile of ears and dropped them, one by one, into the chute. If two of us worked together, the job went a lot faster. I remember feeding in the ears while Delmer cranked away. Golden kernels fell into the bucket underneath. Rough red cobs popped out the back. Later these cobs provided fuel for Mom’s cook stove. Nothing was wasted.

Today, eight to eighteen-row combines hurtle through ripe corn fields, quickly removing ears and husks and stripping kernels from the cobs. Stalks, leaves and cobs are chopped and returned to the soil. Wagons and semi-trucks haul thousands of bushels of the loose, clean kernels to bins or elevators. Fields are finished in a matter of hours.

In less than 100 years, the methods of harvesting as well as the uses for corn crops have changed drastically. But I am pretty sure farmers still search their fields for the longest, fattest ears they can find. And I know they still smile.

Smile At the Memories!

All of the stories from Kruempel’s previous columns have been published into books to keep you smiling. Those four books, along with her historical fiction series, “Promises to Keep,” are available on Amazon. Contact the author at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com.

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125 years ago
THE TIMES

November 16, 1899

From South Africa De-adwood, S. D., Nov. 7 – A. H. Marble is in receipt of a letter from J. F. Pyles, formerly Supt. of schools in this county, but who is now in the employ of the Crown Deep, a mining company of Johannesburg, S.A. R. Mr. Pyles says it took tow months to make the trip from the Black Hills, and that it was a pleasant and enjoyable journey. Cape Town is a beautiful city and the surrounding country is very pretty, but exiting north you do not travel a hundred miles before you strike a desert, or practically so – not a spear of grass growing, but the veldt is sparsely covered with a kind of sage brush. This continues until you reach the Osange Free State, then the country improves somewhat, but even that is a sorry looking country from an agricultural standpoint. On the prairie or veldt there is about one-third as much grass growing as grows on the other side of the Belle Fourche, and the country is not unlike that country in appearance, though not quite so rough. The farms you pass one would call gardens in South Dakota, but they only till what land they can water from small dams, about size of those across the Belle Fourche. There are no streams here. This country certainly leads the world in mining, not only in its production of gold, but in the scientific manner of treating the ore. There are al least ten mining properties in sight of the Crown Deep, none of which produce as little bullion as the Homestake. An incident will illustrate the profits derived from these mines. Last Monday’s Cape mail train carried in bullion, the profits of quite a number of the Rand mines for the month of September. When the gold reached the border of the Transvaal it was commandeered by the government. What did they get? \$1,500,000 – mind you profit from only a part of the mines in the mines of the vicinity of Johannesburg. This brings me to the all-absorbing question here at the present – war with England. As to the differences which exist between the two governments I will venture no remark, but the suffering which it is awful. We Americans feel quite jubilant over the intelligence that we would be allowed to remain but all British subjects must leave within forty eight hours after martial law is declared.

100 years

Belle Fourche Bee
November 24, 1924

Redwater Irrigation Association The annual stockholders meeting of the Redwater Irrigating Association will be held at Belle Fourche on Monday, December 1, 1924 M. J. Smiley, President W. B. Penfold, Secretary.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY

R. E. Tescher and John Maher (Hookie Jack) of Strool, S. D., and a garage man by the name of Odou of Hettinger, N. D., were given a preliminary hearing at Sturgis Monday of this week on the charge of stealing cattle belonging to Henry Karrals and Jacob Raskob (Big Foot Jake) of Bear Butte valley. The three men were bound over to circuit court in Meade county. Attorney Dan McCutchen of Belle Fourche has been

retained to prosecute these men. Last summer a number of cattle were stolen from the Leslie Boe summer herd in the Sulphur country, some of these belonging to Messra. Karrals and Raskob. It seemed impossible to get trace of the animals, as they had apparently disappeared without leaving a trace that could be followed. A short time ago Mr. Karrals received from the cattle inspector at the Chicago stock yards, a remittance for one LS steer that had arrived at Chicago in a shipment from Hettinger, N. D. Deputy State Sheriff Fred Westgate was put on the case and went to the North Dakota town to investigate. The result of this investigation was that he learned that four head of the steers in question had been sold to a butcher by the name of Wm. Herm at Hettinger. He also learned that Hookie Jack had asked to be allowed to put some cattle into the Henry Schar herd where it was driven to the railroad for shipment. These cattle belonging to Hookie Jack were to be turned over to Odou at Hettinger. In cutting out the cattle, one of the LS steers was by mistake left in the bunch to be shipped and eventually the returns for this animal reached Mr. Karrals, and the investigation lead to the arrest of Tescher, Mahar and Odou. Schar is not accused of having any part in the theft of the animals, as he allowed several neighbors to place cattle in his beef herd when he drove them in for shipment to market.

75 years ago

Belle Fourche Daily Post
November 24, 1949

SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GOING IN HOLE

The Belle Fourche independent school district has gone into debt \$80,000 since 1944, according to a report given by E. J. Coughlin, school board president, at the November meeting of the Parent Teachers association Monday evening. This \$80,000 includes \$40,000 from the sinking fund and the present warrant debt of \$40,000. The district is losing from \$18,000 to \$20,000 each year and some solution is necessary immediately, Coughlin added. Enlarging the high school district is the most logical solution to the problem, says Coughlin. With the additional revenue, it would be possible to broaden the course of study to better prepare students, especially those not planning to go on to college.

QUARTER-HORSE GROUPS COMBINE

The National Quarter-Horse Breeders association, the American Quarter-Horse Racing association will be consolidated into one organization to be known as the American Quarter-Horse association as a result of a recent meeting at Omaha. A small group of men, including director Toots Ayres, Belle Fourche, recently disposed of the affairs of an organization of 6000 members after canvasing nearly 2000 mail and proxy votes and arranged to close its books and turn its assets over to what had previously been a rival association. After the consolidation, one registry of “stud book” will include all of the 25,000 horses previously covered in the books of the three groups. National offices will be maintained at Amarillo, Texas. The quarter-horse is defined by ranchers of the west and south as the “all-purpose western saddle



by Mary Buchholz

horse that can be used as a cutting horse, a calf-roping horse, a cow pony or a short distance race horse.”

50 years ago

Belle Fourche Daily Post
November 23, 1974

Scotney Rites Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mae E. Scotney, 88, of Belle Fourche, who died Friday morning at the John Burns Memorial Hospital. Miss Scotney was the first and only woman to serve as mayor of Belle Fourche in the 83-year history of the community. She was elected to the post in 1954. Mae E. Scotney was born March 28, 1886, on a ranch in the Minnesola area, the daughter of John E. and Mary (Rawlins) Scotney. She grew up in the Belle Fourche area and attended school here. She was one of the first three students to graduate from Belle Fourche high school. She taught school at Sisseton for five years, served as superintendent of schools at Peever, then returned to Belle Fourche where she taught the Ingersoll school for 12 years. She later served as Butte county superintendent of schools for six years. Mae Scotney worked at the J. C. Penney store for a time, then served as Butte county treasurer. She later bought the Billings Market on 10th Avenue and went into grocery business. In recent years, she has operated a home for the elderly. Surviving are: four sisters – Mrs. William Donahay, Newell, Mrs. Ruth Fenton, Nisland, Mrs. Edna Foster, Ukiah, Calif., Mrs. Howard Tope Sr., Belle Fourche; several nieces and nephews. Proceeding her in death were her parents, a brother, John; four sisters – Lola Thompson, Ethel Roemeran, Florence Holm and Dessie Shipke.

Hampton Hotel To Close to Transient Guests

The Hampton Hotel will close its doors to overnight and transient guests on Dec. 1, according to an announcement from Art Jones, vice president and manager of the Belle Fourche office of the First National Bank of the Black Hills, owners of the building. In making the announcement, Jones stressed that the long term renters who have apartments in the building, and the commercial firms, including the Tri-State Café, Hank’s Barber Shop and Conley’s Insurance, will not be affected by the closing. Tentative plans are to close the lobby, except for a passage to the commercial firms. Plans are to raze the building sometime next summer as part of long term expansion plans of the bank’s Belle Fourche office. Jones cited the excessive expense involved in renovating the hotel’s facilities to meet health and safety standards as the primary cause for the shutdown of the hotel.

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 Hesse says steps are being taken to see that the boys receive further recognition.

Hampton Hotel ca 1954 before the Butte County Belle was replaced by the Belle Fourche National Bank, currently Prairie Hills Pharmacy



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	118	Bk/BwF-Str	537	328.50	\$1,763.73
Riley Ranch, Spearfish SD	99	Black-Str	624	314.00	\$1,959.32
	40	Bk/BwF-Str	529	332.25	\$1,758.84
	87	Black-Hfr	571	298.50	\$1,704.36
	26	Black-Hfr	471	330.50	\$1,557.16
J & S Properties Llp, Bainville MT	107	Black-Str	537	325.00	\$1,746.49
	72	Bk/BwF-Str	398	417.00	\$1,660.47
	90	Black-Hfr	532	312.50	\$1,662.67
	75	Bk/BwF-Str	414	338.50	\$1,402.51
B&L Betz Cattle Company I, Clearmont WY	87	Bk/BwF-Str	572	315.00	\$1,802.56
	29	Bk/BwF-Str	480	356.00	\$1,708.80
	59	BwF-Hfr	532	313.00	\$1,665.79
	31	Black-Hfr	516	320.50	\$1,655.22
	14	Bk/BwF-Hfr	424	335.00	\$1,418.96
Clint Stinson, Miles City MT	87	Black-Str	550	325.00	\$1,787.12
	9	Black-Str	451	365.00	\$1,646.55
Sterling Small, Busby MT	99	Bk/BwF-Str	553	315.50	\$1,744.65
	70	Bk/BwF-Str	462	364.00	\$1,680.64
	17	Bk/BwF-Str	474	355.00	\$1,681.02
	85	Bk/BwF-Hfr	462	328.00	\$1,516.13
	16	Black-Hfr	364	362.50	\$1,320.85
Tim C & Joy B Moore, Hulett WY	72	Herf-Str	560	306.00	\$1,712.96
	16	Herf-Str	473	342.50	\$1,620.45
	14	Herf-Str	393	374.00	\$1,470.62
	32	Herf-Hfr	520	322.50	\$1,676.49
	20	Herf-Hfr	431	329.00	\$1,417.16
	15	Herf-Hfr	375	332.50	\$1,246.87
Sharon Small, Ashland MT	21	Bk/BwF-Str	620	306.50	\$1,901.02
Jack Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD	27	Herf-Str	540	318.50	\$1,719.31
	10	BwF-Str	501	345.50	\$1,729.22
Dean Mahaffey, Whitewood SD	12	Black-Str	641	298.50	\$1,914.13
	15	Bk/BwF-Hfr	614	275.00	\$1,687.58
TI Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	41	Bk/BwF-Str	547	326.00	\$1,784.65
	4	Black-Str	365	412.50	\$1,505.62
	42	Black-Hfr	511	327.00	\$1,671.98
	2	Black-Hfr	355	347.50	\$1,233.62
Lance & Cassidy Marshall, Sundance WY	8	BwF-Str	641	298.50	\$1,914.13
	4	BwF-Str	590	312.00	\$1,840.80
	2	BwF-Str	613	298.00	\$1,825.25
	8	BwF-Hfr	640	271.00	\$1,734.40
	7	BwF-Hfr	586	275.00	\$1,612.67
Spotted Mule Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	31	Bk/BwF-Str	536	327.00	\$1,754.19
	11	Bk/BwF-Str	375	400.00	\$1,501.81
	27	Bk/BwF-Str	508	313.00	\$1,589.92
	9	Rd/Bk-Hfr	369	365.00	\$1,348.47
Rafter Diamond Lip, Buffalo SD	24	Bk/BwF-Str	526	311.00	\$1,635.34
	8	Black-Str	463	350.00	\$1,618.75
Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	17	Bk/BwF-Str	488	356.00	\$1,737.07
	11	Black-Str	424	386.00	\$1,635.23
Wade Dungey, Aladdin WY	18	Bk/BwF-Str	599	300.00	\$1,795.83
	3	Red/RwF-Str	598	297.00	\$1,777.05
Consignment From MT	34	Black-Hfr	464	333.50	\$1,545.87
	15	Black-Hfr	415	342.50	\$1,421.37
Puptown Cattle, Ekalaka MT	34	Bk/BwF-Str	425	384.00	\$1,630.87
	81	Bk/BwF-Hfr	436	337.50	\$1,471.87
Waite Ranch Lip, Belle Fourche SD	42	Bk/BwF-Str	547	317.50	\$1,735.28
	12	Herf-Str	524	317.00	\$1,661.60
	10	Bk/BwF-Hfr	478	311.00	\$1,485.02
Powder River Land & Cattl, Stevensville MT	22	Char-Str	445	346.00	\$1,539.70
	14	Char-Hfr	341	370.00	\$1,261.96
Terry Hoenke, Ismay MT	14	Black-Hfr	411	344.00	\$1,415.31
John Or Richard Brewer, Baker MT	15	Red-Str Ss	612	288.00	\$1,762.56
Norman Ranch, Black Hawk SD	32	Bk/BwF-Str	573	305.00	\$1,746.60
	11	Bk/BwF-Str	483	344.00	\$1,662.14
	29	Bk/BwF-Hfr	542	282.50	\$1,530.85
Ryan Raisanen, Newell SD	11	Bk/BwF-Str	571	300.00	\$1,714.09
John Vassar, Billings MT	15	Black-Str	486	309.00	\$1,500.71
Slatham Real Estate Llc, Battle Ground Wia	17	Bk/BwF-Hfr	848	212.00	\$1,797.63
Six Mile Cattle Co, Dayton WY	12	Rd/Bk-Yrig	819	243.50	\$1,994.67
Terry Hoenke, Ismay MT	20	Bk/BwF-Hfr	795	215.00	\$1,708.17
	32	Bk/BwF-Hfr	843	210.50	\$1,774.77

	13	Black-Hfr	678	258.00	\$1,749.43
Leon Jay, Hulett WY	11	Bk/BwF-Str	446	359.00	\$1,602.44
	16	Red/RwF-Str	434	343.00	\$1,488.83
	33	Bk/BwF-Hfr	486	321.00	\$1,561.22
	19	Bk/BwF-Hfr	375	362.50	\$1,359.37
Scott E Sewell, Newcastle WY	20	Bk/BwF-Str	568	314.50	\$1,784.78
	20	Bk/BwF-Str	570	314.50	\$1,791.86
	33	Bk/BwF-Hfr	512	304.00	\$1,557.30
	7	Black-Str	588	299.00	\$1,757.69
Tyrel Larson, Sturgis SD	2	Black-Str	518	302.00	\$1,562.85
Sd Consignment, Newell SD	22	Bk/BwF-Str	605	301.50	\$1,824.07
	22	Bk/BwF-Hfr	569	280.00	\$1,593.45
Maupin Ranch Llc, Hulett WY	47	Bk/BwF-Str	583	301.50	\$1,757.68
	26	Bk/BwF-Str	447	361.00	\$1,612.69
	60	Bk/BwF-Hfr	523	289.00	\$1,511.47
	21	Bk/BwF-Hfr	381	347.50	\$1,323.80
	10	Black-Str	550	313.00	\$1,719.93
Johna Rovere, Sturgis SD	25	Bk/BwF-Str	523	327.50	\$1,712.82
Houston Creek Cattle Co, Sundance WY	15	Bk/BwF-Str	533	327.50	\$1,746.66
	39	Bk/BwF-Hfr	521	309.00	\$1,609.96
	11	Black-Hfr	435	333.00	\$1,448.55
Bryan Tarter, Ashland MT	58	Black-Hfr	513	315.00	\$1,615.73
Todd Or Melanie Williamson, Newell SD	17	Bk/BwF-Str	448	375.00	\$1,680.88
	41	Bk/BwF-Hfr	484	337.50	\$1,632.75
Consignment From MT	17	Herf-Str	443	344.00	\$1,523.71
	13	Bk/BwF-Str	388	385.00	\$1,495.57
Douglas Moore, Sundance WY	30	Black-Str	617	303.00	\$1,870.52
	17	Black-Hfr	517	318.00	\$1,644.24
Clayton Patten, Broadus MT	34	Black-Str	578	308.00	\$1,780.51
	13	Black-Str	488	351.00	\$1,713.15
	12	Black-Hfr	489	320.00	\$1,564.00
Linda Brost, Alzada MT	14	Black-Str	527	319.00	\$1,681.58
	21	Black-Hfr P	480	327.50	\$1,572.00
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	82	Black-Str	487	329.00	\$1,603.47
	20	Black-Str	368	397.50	\$1,460.81
	92	Black-Hfr	448	325.00	\$1,454.72
	22	Black-Str	353	377.50	\$1,333.26
Beth Michele Smith, Sundance WY	10	RwF/BwF-Yrig Hfr Op	1016	218.00	\$2,213.79

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Sleepy Hollow at Rec Center

Toi Lyn Flick
Special to the Beacon

Thursday, November 21st, Friday, November 22nd, and Saturday, November 23rd join the Headless Horseman, Ichabod Crane, Katrina Van Tassel, Brom Bones, and the residents of Sleepy Hollow at the Belle Fourche Area Rec Center theatre for an evening of delightfully creepy storytelling.

That's right, Washington Irving's classic tale will be brought to life on stage by the Belle Fourche High School theatre students! The show begins at 7pm each night. Tickets may be purchased at the door, \$3 for students, and \$5 for adults.

BFHS students have created an immersion into Sleepy Hollow with their characters, costumes, and beautiful set pieces, including an imposing horse for the Horseman!

This particular script, written by Vera Morris, includes phantoms as well, which have been a new challenge for the actors and actresses.

Tackling these iconic characters are Timothy Thompson-Ichabod Crane, Joselyn Shockey - Katrina Van Tassel, Trinity Hostetter - Greta, Kaeli Thompson - Hilda, Logan Willert - Brom Bones, Trevor Welles - Yost, Wyatt Lesmeister - Farmer Stuyvesant, Ember Shannon - Mrs. Van Tassel, Sonja Cropper - Widow Van Doorn, Kaydance Gallagher - Mrs. Van Hudson, Tace Hartman - Mrs. Trenkler and Wilda, John Hale - Hendrick and Indian Chief, Madisyn Carson - Johanna and Woman in White, Trey Shannon - Walter and Pirate. Avery Mastin oversees the sound, and Emma Tinsley graciously agreed to handle lighting responsibilities.

"Beware the galloping hooves, beware the cries in the night. When the Headless Horseman rides, you'll probably die of fright!" Be at the Belle Fourche Area Rec Center theater this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to enjoy this classic tale as it gallops its way through Sleepy Hollow!

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by: Pastor Dan Carlson Belle Fourche Christian Life Center

"This Christmas... It's Personal!"

The election is over and, depending on how you voted, you are either happy or disappointed. But we'd do well to remind ourselves that God places people in positions of authority to accomplish His greater purposes. Romans 13:1 says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except by God's appointment, and the authorities that exist have been instituted by God." It's noteworthy that the apostle Paul wrote those words when Nero, an evil despot who tortured Christians for amusement, was emperor over the Roman empire.

I would say to those believers who are upset that Mr. Trump won that their focus now should be to pray for him. Ask God to work in his life in such ways as to cause him to seek the Lord's guidance and wisdom as Mr. Trump prepares to take office. Pray also that Mr. Trump will be attentive to the Holy Spirit's call on his life and that by the transformative power of Jesus Christ he comes to deeper faith in the Lord. Pray he succeeds in making America great again. In the same way we should pray for all of our leaders and candidates, asking that God move with power in their lives.

And if you didn't vote for either candidate because you found them both morally reprehensible, I refer you to the Bible. It's filled with stories about flawed men and women who God used to do incredible things. Abraham was a liar. Rahab was a hooker. Gideon was insecure. Samson was... really messed up. David was an adulterer and murderer. Solomon strayed from God. Josiah became king at the age of eight. Jonah ran away from God's call on his life. Peter was impulsive. Thomas doubted the resurrection. Paul initially put Christians in prison. Are you beginning to see a pattern here? God uses flawed people and the Internet meme is true when it says He only sometimes calls the qualified, but He always qualifies the called.

We will always have flawed people on the ballot until Jesus Christ returns. We elect them to office, not to be our messiah. And if we find ourselves under the authority of those we personally object to, the Bible gives us this

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden November 16, 2024



While temperatures have cooled down even past mid November, we still are not dealing with the white stuff yet. This makes it easy to travel and make plans even if the wind is blowing. It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is less than two weeks away.

Will we be going over the river and through the woods in the snow or dry ground? Paige (Brink) Fees was showered with some very nice baby gifts on Saturday at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. Francie Brink hosted the shower for Paige with lots of blue décor and yummy treats. A couple of fun activities took place and the ladies got in a lot of good visiting. Paige and her husband Nick are expecting the arrival of their baby boy around February 7.

While at the church on Saturday, some of those in attendance took the opportunity to go upstairs to view the very large and unique nativity scene. It takes up the entire stage and was brought in by Gary and Amy Cammack from Nebraska. They took advantage of the offer

to let it come in our direction for the Christmas season. It is quite delicate but is very beautiful, resembling a painting by Michelangelo. It originally came from Italy so the white is definitely there. Chris Cammack is the owner of the display and we appreciate him for letting us display Christmas as never before.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden as well as Lorie Hausmann attended the premiere of Sound of Hope at the Elks Theater in Rapid City last Wednesday night. Governor Kristi Noem was there and spoke to the audience of 500 about fostering and adoption. Her family took in a foster brother at one time when she was growing up. The need in Pennington County is the highest of any place in the state. Fostering and adopting make a huge impact on children's lives forever.

One by one, deer hunters are filling their tags as it's archery deer season. However, many are still waiting for that perfect buck. Either way, with the cost of meat these days, it has to be a sweet victory to fill a tag and process the meat for some good deer jerky or hamburger.

By Sandy Rhoden November 09, 2024

After a beautiful, long soaker over the weekend we received a total of an inch of rain. While it was very dark during the day, Mother Nature was doing a very good thing. Sunday was a bright, sunny day reaching up into the mid 60s. Folks are still amazed at the warmer temperatures and the fact that there are still colorful leaves on some trees this far into November.

Another good thing happening this fall is that for cattle ranchers, prices are up. If raising cattle has ever paid off, it's this year.

There was a soup/chili supper held at the church on Monday night for whoever wished to enjoy a meal together and pray together afterward at the First Community Baptist Church in Union Center. The prayer meeting included pledging allegiance to our flag, singing music that carried meaning for the foundation of our country, and prayer for our country and it's direction. Christians all across the nation prayed at 6:00 pm wherever they were.

For many, the sun has come out in a different way. While not true for all, many folks were pleased with the election results on Tuesday. Ballot issues this year could have been very life changing in South Dakota had they passed, while the presidential race and congressional races also carried heavy and important results for our country as well. Life, health, integrity and the economy were all at stake this year and South Dakota voted to keep them.

It is interesting and fun to watch our young cowboys and cowgirls from Meade County excel in the world of rodeo. Tayson Jones was in Gillette also for the NRCA finals, along with Spring, Wilcox and Arneson. Tayson finished up 2nd in the average in saddle bronc. He ended with an 80 on Café Latte, 71 on Gray Ghost, and 75 on Wangio Girl. These are some names to keep track of as they continue to improve and become even more successful competitors in rodeo at the national level.

In case anyone is wondering where the old school house is that is missing from Union Center, it has a new location just south of the new Rural

Meade School. John and Sylvia Rhoden purchased the building and have put a lot of time and effort into moving it. This school house is where Sylvia once taught and many families like the Rhodens, Brinks, Hales, Harwoods, Anders, etc. went to grade school. The building was later turned into the Rural Schools Depository where Janice Arends and then Karen Speed worked. The best feature of the building was the wall of windows facing the south. What will be the future of this building that holds so many memories from the past?

I have chosen Donna Cammack for November's Citizen of the Month. Donna served her 67th consecutive year on the election board in Meade County last Tuesday. She has not missed an election since she began serving in 1957. She is always there to greet voters with a smile and a hello for every election held. She was honored at the church for her service and dedication to her country, state, church and family on Sunday. She received a beautiful little bouquet of flowers of red, white and blue and her gift was a painting by Sandy Rhoden framed in wood from a log cabin that her uncle once owned and the Murpheys resided in down near White Owl Creek. The Murpheys were Mildred Rhoden's family. The painting was a nature scene with a log cabin and a creek running near by.

As this special honor was being planned, it was rumored that Sunday might be Donna's birthday. That was confirmed on Sunday when the parking lot was full of churchgoers as well as her family. So the church was full to witness her special award as Sunday, November 10, was named by her church family as "Donna Cammack Day." What a great co-incident! Donna's actual 90th birthday was on Sunday. A very nice display was set up in the foyer with lovely stationary for anyone wishing to write her a special birthday note or message and place in a basket. It was a bright, sunny day, just like Donna. Her son, Mike was home for the special occasion and her sons and families were

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far beyond race day, creating lasting benefits for residents and visitors alike. In an era where communities compete globally for talent and investment, fostering an active, vibrant environment through endurance sports isn't just good health policy - it's smart economic strategy.

John Newby is a nationally recognized Columnist, Speaker, & Publisher. His "Building Main Street, not Wall Street," column appears in 60+ newspapers and media outlets. As founder of Truly-Local, he assists chambers, communities, media, and businesses in creating synergies that build vibrant communities. He can be reached at: John@Truly-Local.

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Economic Power of Endurance & Sporting Events

I recently wrote a column on bikings impact on local tourism. This week I would like to expand upon that to how events can impact local communities in a huge way. When 45,000 runners crossed the starting line of the 2023 Chicago Marathon, they weren't just beginning a 26.2-mile journey - they were powering an economic engine that would generate \$386 million for the city's economy. This single event created thousands of jobs, filled hotels to capacity, and packed restaurants across the Windy City. More importantly, it showcased Chicago's vitality and brand to a global audience.



events punch above their weight: the Mount Desert Island Marathon in Maine, with just 2,000 participants, generates approximately \$2.2 million in direct spending across the small coastal community.

These figures stem from multiple revenue streams. Participant spending on accommodations (average 2.5 nights per event) You have food and beverage consumption, retail purchases, transportation, registration fees, equipment and apparel, and tourist activities before and after events. Participants rarely travel alone. Studies show that marathon runners, on average bring 1.6 supporters with them, nearly doubling the economic impact per registered participant.

Beyond direct spending, endurance events create cascading benefits throughout local economies. Take the Sea Otter Classic, North America's largest cycling festival, held annually in Monterey, California. The four-day event attracts over 74,000 visitors and generates \$45 million in economic impact. Local bike shops report 30-40% increases in sales during the month surrounding the event, while restaurants and coffee shops have expanded their operations to accommodate the influx of health-conscious customers.

Successful endurance events often catalyze infrastructure improvements that benefit residents year-round. Cities hosting major cycling events typically invest in bike lanes, trail systems, and road improvements. These infrastructure upgrades enhance quality of life for residents, increase property values, attract health-conscious professionals and families, reduce transportation costs, and improve public health outcomes.

Perhaps the most significant long-term benefit is the tourism multiplier effect. Research shows that 87% of first-time visitors for sporting events express interest in returning to the destination for leisure travel. Events showcase a community's best features to an engaged, affluent audience: The average marathon participant has a household income of \$125,000 and spends significantly more than typical tourists.

Destinations like Boulder, Colorado, and Portland, Oregon, have leveraged their reputations as endurance sports hubs to build year-round tourism economies. Boulder's extensive trail system and cycling infrastructure, initially developed for events, now attracts over 3 million visitors annually for outdoor recreation.

The intangible benefits may be even more valuable than the direct economic impact. Endurance events build social capital by creating volunteer opportunities, fostering community pride, encouraging healthy lifestyles, building cross-sector partnerships, attracting media coverage that shapes positive community narratives.

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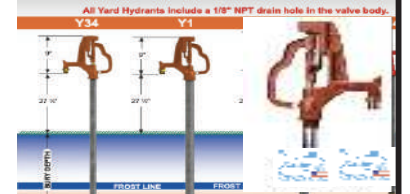
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Belle Fourche FFA Prepares for State LDEs

Wyatt Lesmeister

Special to the Beacon

Belle Fourche, SD — The countdown is on until South Dakota FFA members gather in Rapid City on December 1-2 to compete in their State Leadership Development Events (LDEs). Our members have been working hard to prepare for this event by attending practice competitions, Rushmore Leadership Roundup (RLR) and Jackrabbit Invite, as well as qualifying for state at the District V LDEs.

At the RLR, held at the Belle Fourche High School on Oct 17th, our members did extremely well. Results are as follows: Ag Broadcasting - Alexa Swaney 4th; Ag Communications - 1st; Ag Sales - 4th; Conduct of Chapter Meetings - 1st; Creed Speaking - 9th; Employment Skills - Rachel Lee - 1st, Atlee Olson - 3rd; Extemporaneous Speaking - Lexi Picket - 3rd; Parliamentary Procedure - 1st; and Prepared Public Speaking - Lydia Main - 1st, Aaliyah Lennon 5th.

At the Jackrabbit Invite, held in Brookings on Oct 31st, our members showed the state what to prepare for. Results are as follows: Ag Broadcasting - Alexa Swaney 18th; Ag Sales - 16th; Conduct of Chapter Meetings - 6th; Creed Speaking

- Ambree Kirstine - 5th, Mikka Dunavant - 9th; Employment Skills - Rachel Lee - 10th, Atlee Olson - 25th; Extemporaneous Speaking - Lexi Picket - 22nd; Parliamentary Procedure - 1st; and Prepared Public Speaking - Aaliyah Lennon 13th, Lydia Main - 19th.

Our members then prepared to qualify for the state competition practicing over lunch and after school. On November 7th, our members loaded the bus to head to Wall for the District V LDE competition. This is also the first meeting of the district, so two of our members applied and interviewed to be on the district officer team. Congratulations to Atlee Olson on being an amazing District Treasurer this past year and good luck as you serve as District V Secretary! Good job to Ambree Kirstine for taking a chance and applying; we hope to see you up there next year! Results were announced prior to officer announcements and are as follows: Ag Communications - 2nd; Ag Sales - 4th; Conduct of Chapter Meetings - 1st; Creed Speaking - Ambree Kirstine - 3rd, Mikka Dunavant - 10th; Employment Skills - Atlee Olson - 1st, Rachel Lee - 2nd; Extemporaneous Speaking - Lexi Picket - 1st; Parliamentary Procedure - 1st; and Prepared Public Speaking -

Aaliyah Lennon 4th, Lydia Main - 5th.

This year's team consisted of the following members: Ag Communications: EC Blair, Alexis Hogan, Ambree Kirstine, and Atlee Olson; Ag Sales: Nathan Bowers, Tacen Carr, Andy Pruitt, and Ryan Wood; Conduct of Chapter Meetings: Brahnson Brink, Abbey Clendening, Cooper Conry, Chole Crowser, Tyler Hedrickson, Jeffery LaFontaine, Parker Lee, Josh Main, Peyton Mankee, Charleigh Silbernagel, and Daven Williamson; and Parliamentary Procedure: Taya Kirstine, Wyatt Lesmeister, Justus Marshall, Bailey Moke, Jazlyn Olson, Raif Parmeter, and Kate Williamson.

Thank you to the hard work of all of our coaches, judges, and community for supporting us this year and helping the following members and teams not only make it to state but also grow their premier leadership, personal growth, career success through ag education. Congrats to the following teams and members who qualified for state: Creed Speaking: Ambree Kirstine; Employment Skills: Rachel Lee, Atlee Olson; Extemporaneous Speaking: Lexi Picket; Ag Communications Team; Conduct of Chapter Meetings Team; and Parliamentary Procedure Team.



Parliamentary Procedure
Kate Williamson, Wyatt Lesmeister, Justus Marshall, Raif Parmeter
Taya Kirstine, Jazlyn Olson (Not pictured: Bailey Moke)



District V Officer Candidates
Atlee Olson: Secretary
Ambree Kirstine



Ag Communications
2nd - State Qualifier
Alexis Hogan, Ambree Kirstine, EC Blair, and Atlee Olson



Parliamentary Procedure
1st Place - State Qualifier
Kate Williamson, Wyatt Lesmeister, Justus Marshall, Raif Parmeter
Taya Kirstine, Jazlyn Olson, and Bailey Moke



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SCOUTING REPORT River otters trapped, North Koreans in Ukraine, 'Giants in the Earth'

A weekly digest of interesting local, state, national and even international developments

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South Dakota's legal

trapping season on river otters lasted less than two weeks after opening Nov. 1. The limit of 20 otters was reached on Nov. 12 at 3:30 p.m., South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks reported.

Despite meeting the limit, state regulations allowed an additional 24-hour grace period for otters that were caught in previously set traps. Trappers had until Nov. 13 at 3:30 p.m. to report any additional catches.

"After this time, any harvested river otter is considered an incidental take and must be surrendered to GFP," the department warned. Trapped otters after the Nov. 13 deadline that were still alive were required to be released and reported to GFP. Deceased otters were to remain undisturbed and also reported to GFP.

This was the fifth season that trapping had been allowed. GFP opened a trapping season with some controversy. The animal had been extinct in South Dakota due in part to excessive hunting. But in the 1990s, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe acquired otters and released them into the wild.

Their numbers multiplied over the years to the point that GFP thought them sufficient to open a trapping season. The animal is valued for its pelt.

Still, hunting here and elsewhere is tightly regulated due to their precarious numbers.

"A person may only possess, purchase, or sell raw river otter pelts tagged by GFP or, if taken from another jurisdiction, properly and securely tagged with a tag supplied by the governmental entity issuing the license," GFP warned. "If the govern-

mental entity issuing the license does not issue a tag, other proof that the river otter has been lawfully taken is required."

In international news, North Korea sent troops to fight in Ukraine. But this has led to predictable results. The soldiers, guardians of the Hermit Kingdom, have not had access to an unregulated internet. But since deployment, they do, and they've discovered videos of people having sex.

Now with unfettered access to the internet, North Korean soldiers are spending significant time watching adult content, reports the Times of India. Back in North Korea, dictator Kim Jong Un has established strict controls and punishments on outside media in an attempt to control his people.

"This highly restrictive environment underscores the drastic change in digital freedom that these soldiers are experiencing in Russia," the paper notes.

Of course, war is a breeding ground for propaganda – the United States was deluged with propaganda about "Huns" eating babies in an effort to get us to intervene in World War I, which we eventually did. So, who knows. But the issue was first reported by Gideon Rachman, a foreign affairs reporter for the Financial Times.

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hidden from them by their government.

To celebrate the 100-year anniversary of a classic in literature, the South Dakota Historical Society Press has republished "Giants in the Earth," by Ole Edvard Rølvaag. Originally written in his native Norwegian, the book was not translated into English for three years, but it became a hit.

Rølvaag, an immigrant from Norway, wrote about the struggles that large numbers of Norwegian immigrants faced when homesteading in the Dakotas. The book features the challenges — and beauties — that a Norwegian couple faced homesteading outside of Sioux Falls in the untamed Dakota Territory.

"As they build their life

together, their love is tested by isolation, hardship, and yearning for connection," the Historical Press writes.

The reprint features an updated introduction and annotations by Allan Carlson, a professor who has a Ph.D. in modern European history from Ohio University.

To celebrate the anniversary, the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra will play a 1951 opera inspired by the book that won the Pulitzer Prize. That was a time when a Pulitzer Prize was actually meaningful. The SDSO's performances will be April 26-27, 2025.

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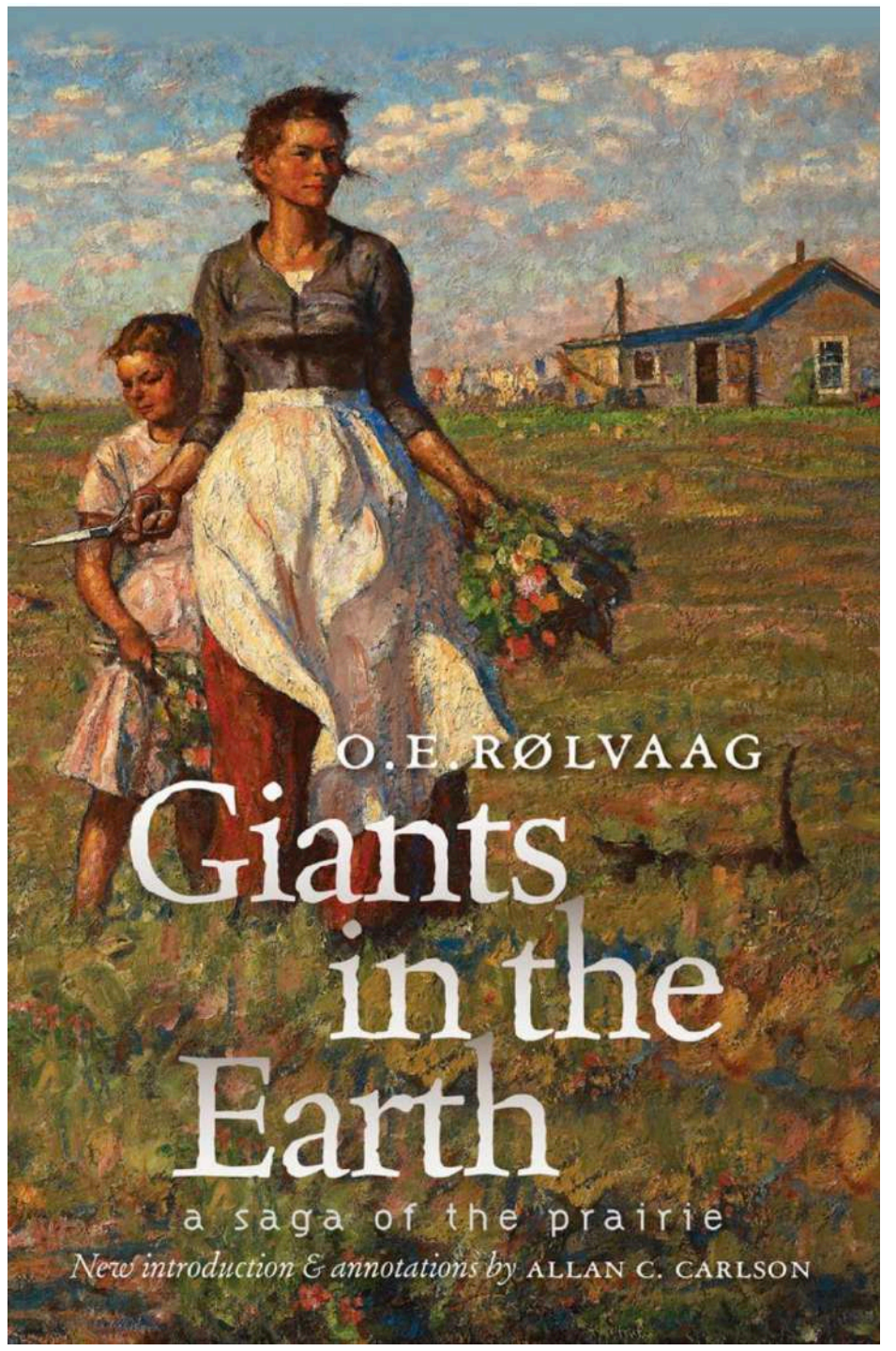
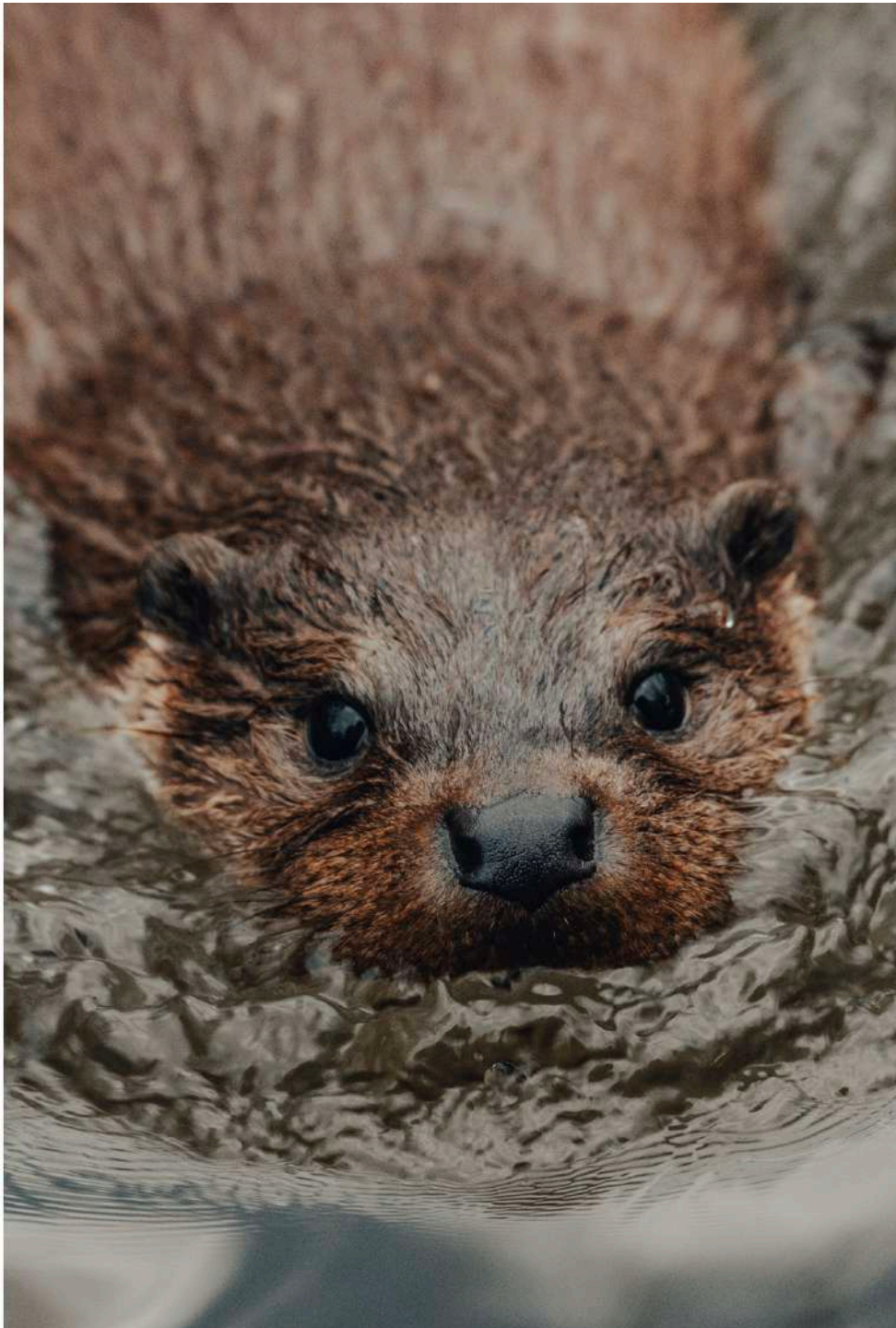
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 Donna has been an inspiration to all who know her as a great patriot to her country, her family and as a servant to her Lord & Savior.
 She has been highly commended for serving for 67 consecutive years as an election committee member, serving since 1957. Her dedication and commitment to all that she serves is a rare and honorable thing to behold. Therefore, we declare that she is to be honored today and from this day forward as a true patriot of our community, church, state and nation.
 Many schools held Veterans Day programs this

week. Larry Rhoden attended the Veterans Day breakfast and program at Bear Butte Elementary in Sturgis as he received a personal invitation from his grandson, Ladd Rhoden.
 At this time, with Veterans Day being Monday of this week, thank you to all of our veterans. Every year that we honor our veterans, is a year that our youth have engrained in them just how important serving their country is. They hopefully understand with every year of remembrance, that this is a free country, but it wouldn't be without our veterans. The price for freedom is high. Some died. Some gave parts of their bodies. Some gave up parts of their minds. Much sacrifice has gone into our rights and freedoms and the more we honor and acknowledge it, the more our youth who become adults, will value and cherish our country and those who fought for it. To all veterans reading this, we can't thank you enough. God bless you all.



Karen Odell
Nov. 11, 2024

Ronda Cordell made a trip to the bank in Buffalo, on Monday. She was afraid the mail would be at 'Pony Express' speed through some far-off post office. Some of her mail has a new address, and the bank has changed her address to Capitol Rock Township with a South Dakota zip code. No one has been able to explain this change, or why this change has occurred. Ronda called the newspaper and Seaton Publishing, who tried to change the address back, but the computer would not allow the change. The letter had originated from the post office in Sioux Falls, and when Ronda called them, they said Capital Rock Township was the designated closest town to her residence. Ronda laughed, and asked if they were aware that Capital Rock was a huge rock formation about three miles away in the middle of a national forest. The man was of the understanding that people in the south of Carter County had been designated a Medicine Rock Township for city closest to them. Some of Ronda's mail has taken three weeks to arrive, since that change.

Ronda went to Ekalaka to vote on Tuesday. The country's voter turnout was huge. Having lunch and visiting at the Wagon Wheels is always enjoyable, when she goes that way. Ronda joined hunters at the trailer for lasagna, on Wednesday. Their hunt was successful, and they headed home on Saturday morning. Ronda went to see if she could get to the elk. She had watched them the evening before, as they came in. She found no elk, but stopped by Hannah's for coffee. Later, Toney and Linda came down for some horse feed.

They stayed for a sandwich, and some visiting. Justin, Krista and Kyra Kerr trailed their last pairs of cattle from the hills to put in Ronda's lot. Les Kreitel came back with them again on Sunday morning, to load and inspect the pairs to go to Bowman Livestock. On Sunday evening, Ronda went to Camp Crook for the Little Missouri Ethnic Supper. There was an extremely huge crowd, and as always, good food.

On Thursday, a hunter came from Iowa to Alvin and Marlee Cordell's to do some archery hunting. Alvin went out with

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the hunter, while Ryan, Tawni and a crew of help worked cows on Friday. They shipped steers and weaned calves. Wade and Ashley Pearson, and their family, helped. Some of the other helpers were: Ivan and Mary Teigen, and Bobby Cordell. On Saturday, Wade, Ryan, and Kent and Amanda Williams weaned calves at the Loken place. Sunday morning brought some frost. Marlee went in to the Ethnic Supper in the evening at Camp Crook. Then Alvin and his hunter joined her at the Ethnic Supper, where there was a huge crowd of people.

Dick and Erma Albert were glad to have their daughter and son-in-law from Omaha visit, this week. They spent time sorting and arranging things for Erma. On Wednesday, Dick and Erma brought home supper from Saloon Number Three for the group. Their company left on Thursday morning. On Friday, Dick and Erma went to the Senior Citizen dinner, and Erma stayed afterward to play cards. They went to church on Sunday, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three with the Helms and Erk families.

Lynn Gustafson made a trip to town for groceries on Monday. Then on Thursday, Linda Matthews joined her for a trip to Bowman to the hair stylist. Lynn spent lots of time, this week, cooking and getting ready for the Little Missouri Ethnic Supper. Sunday was the big day for the supper, and the crowd was so huge that there was only a couple of cup cakes and a few hot dogs left at the end of the day.

Doug and Julia Davis went in to Camp Crook to vote, on Tuesday. Doug helped Latham's pre-test on Wednesday. Then Julia took Darla Hammel to Spearfish to visit the doctor, and have tests done. Julia's car was finally fixed and she can take back the loaner car she has been using. On Friday, Doug took cows to the sale at St Onge for Billy Roadifer. Julia made a trip to Ekalaka to get a hair cut, on Saturday afternoon, and they both went to the Ethnic Supper in Camp Crook on Sunday.

On Tuesday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to Macintosh for the high school volleyball matches. Then Dawn went with Michelle Padden to the games at Faith on Thursday. These were very close and exciting and Harding County finally won in the fifth game

to go on to play next Tuesday. Bryce and Dorothy spent the day at the cattle sale in Belle Fourche, that day. Al was still visiting from Wisconsin, and Lester and Marty Oster came from Arizona. Then on Sunday, three hunters from New York came out. Two had driven out, and they had picked the other one up at the Rapid City airport. On Sunday evening, Dorothy went in to the Ethnic Supper in Camp Crook.

Karen Odell had a wonderful week. On Tuesday, she picked up Junior and Shirley Melum, and they made a trip to Alzada, so that Junior and Shirley could vote. Then the Melums took Karen out for lunch at the truck stop in Alzada. The hamburgers were huge, and the onions rings were delicious. The meal was enough to last them way into the night, and they also got to visit with Bobby and Gay Arpan and Doran Higgins, too. Karen had already voted, so she didn't have to drive to Ekalaka, that day. On Thursday, Mollie Smith came to Karen's from a business meeting in North Dakota. Micki and Murphy Hinds came to Karen's from Billings, where their flight had landed from Tacoma, Washington. Then Charlene Rosencranz brought Kyia Smith to join the group. Kyia had been staying with her other Grandma for a couple of days. Things suddenly became lively, and Hywel was enjoying the whole gathering. On Friday, Mollie, Micki, Kyia and Murphy baked a layer cake to celebrate Karen's eightieth birthday. Kyia and Murphy decorated the cake, and Hywel joined in the singing of 'Happy Birthday'. It was a beautiful day, and they all spent some of the day outside. Mollie and Micki did all of the cooking, and Karen felt like a queen waiting to be served. The girls also repaired antique lamps, and helped move a cupboard and a desk for Karen. Cousins Murphy and Kyia always have a great time together. On Saturday, Micki took Karen to Wolffy's, where she got her pick-up after an oil change, while Mollie was working at home. On Sunday morning, they all had to leave to catch their flights home. Micki and Murphy went toward Billings. Mollie and Kyia went to Rapid City, and things quieted down a lot after that.

Should we criticize someone who wishes for something they don't have? If you have it already, there would be no need to wish for it.

VIEWPOINT | When the U.S. House got the final presidential vote

Guest column by David Adler, The Alturas Institute

James Madison, writing in August of 1823 from his home in Montpelier, Virginia, to which he repaired in what turned out to be a futile effort to retire from public life, continued to assess the defects of the Constitution, including the way America elects its president. Madison, who preferred direct election of the president, addressed what he regarded as a foundational weakness in our electoral system. In the case of a tie in the Electoral College, the Twelfth Amendment requires the U.S. House of Representatives to choose the next president. Madison called for a constitutional amendment to correct this flawed mechanism. "The present rule of voting for the President by the house of Representatives," the Father of the Constitution declared, "is so great a departure from the Republican principle of numerical equality, and even from the federal rule which qualified the numerical by a State equality and is so pregnant also with a mischievous tendency in practice, that an amendment of the Constitution on this point is justly called for by all its considerate and best friends."



selected on the 36th ballot after six days of debate. He and his running mate, Aaron Burr, had tied in the Electoral College, each receiving 73 votes. Jefferson's victory in the House was a product of intrigue and mischief. The Constitution of 1787 stipulated that members of the Electoral College — Electors — would cast two votes for president. The candidate receiving a majority of the electoral votes would be declared the president. The candidate receiving the second most votes would become vice-president. There was no formal way to distinguish a vote for president from a vote for vice-president. Jefferson defeated his ostensible opponent, the incumbent President John Adams, in the Electoral College, 73-65. For the first time, however, with the development of political parties, slates of party candidates and means to enforce party expectations, Jefferson formed a ticket with Aaron Burr, whom everyone, including Burr, understood was the vice-presidential candidate.

Madison's lament, one aired by Thomas Jefferson a week earlier, recalled the political intrigue and disreputable deal-making that characterized the election of 1800, the first—and one of two elections—decided by the House of Representatives. The indirect election of the president by the House, criticized for being two steps removed from a direct election which, they believed, best represented the republican principle that the sovereign people should elect the nation's highest office, constituted, in Jefferson's description "the most dangerous blot on our Constitution, and one which some unlucky chance will some day hit."

In that rancorous race — the "Revolution of 1800 — Vice-President Jefferson was

But Burr, known as "the man who could not wait," decided — surprise — that he would prefer the presidency. The tie forced the election into the House of Representatives and Burr's supporters immediately approached Federalist members, those who supported Adams, to negotiate deals in exchange for

their votes. Jefferson's supporters were outraged by Burr's betrayal and the House agonized over its decision.

The vote would be taken by the lame duck House, not the newly elected House, because the newly minted Congress would not convene until March 4, 1801, and the country needed a new president. The lame duck House, dominated by the Federalists, was deeply disappointed by Adams's defeat and enough voted for Burr to deny Jefferson a first ballot victory. The maneuverings and back-door deal making extended the election until Alexander Hamilton, a leading Federalist and arch nemesis of Jefferson, persuaded

his colleagues to vote for Jefferson on the 36th ballot on Feb. 17, 1801, because he disliked Burr more than Jefferson. Burr, it will be recalled, "repaid" the favor in 1804 when he killed Hamilton in a duel.

The Madison-Jefferson letters presaged the 1824 election which, thrown to the House, resulted in the election of John Quincy Adams, even though Andrew Jackson had won both the popular and Electoral College vote. "Unlucky chance," as Jefferson had warned, had indeed "hit." The lame duck House that selected Adams frustrated the public will amidst rumors of rank deal making. Jackson charged key figures

with "bare faced corruption." After the vote, future president Martin Van Buren declared that Americans were united by the "absolute necessity of taking the election away from the House." But Madison's call for an amendment has not been answered, and the risk to the republic remains.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota News-Media Association and The Dakota Scout.

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MITCHELL, S.D. – It’s a rare sight to see Tim Allen in the wood-paneled office space just off of Mitchell’s Main Street. Sitting behind the counter on a Monday in October, he calls a customer. “This is Tim with Tobin’s. Guys should be there probably about 3:00, 3:30 to move the stuff out of the basement. Okay. Yep. Thank you. You bet. Bye.”

Allen, one of the owners of North American moving company Tobin Transfer, is usually on the road, driving cross-country with a semitrailer full of people’s possessions.

But this year is a presidential election year and without fail (2020 doesn’t count because of the pandemic), business slows down. His cross-country shipments are down 7% so far this year.

“This is about the stupidest year I’ve seen,” Allen says. And he’s seen a lot. Allen’s been in the business since he was 13 and started working full-time when his parents bought the company in 1978. His sister, Becky Riggs, was 14 when she started.

“Our parents didn’t let us go get into trouble and be hoodlums. They made us go to work,” says Riggs, also an owner.

Through the decades, the moving business has gone through many changes. Insurance costs climbed, labor supply dwindled and semi trucks with automatic transmissions became the norm.

But there’s at least one constant. Every four years the moving business takes a dip. Riggs doesn’t even need to turn on the news to know there’s a presidential election.

“I don’t go to political rallies, but I know what’s going on as soon as the phone don’t ring,” she says.

The why makes sense when Allen explains it.

“Companies don’t know if the United States is going to take a different turn or if it’s going to go back or going to move forward, everything is in an uproar,” he says. So, many companies sit in a holding pattern, not relocating employees.

This year is especially uncertain

Just last month at a global conference in Washington for relocation companies, this topic was discussed.

Anthony Horton, CEO of Corporate Relocation International (CRI) was there. This year the company’s volume is down 9-10% from 2023.

“Many companies sort of adopt a wait-and-see approach regarding hiring, relocations, other investments as they prefer to assess the political and reg-

ulatory landscape under the next administration before committing to any long-term plans,” he tells News Watch. And this presidential election was particularly uncertain. Economic policy proposals from President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris were broad. “They’re both in their own way a little difficult to pin down,” says Joseph Santos, director of Ness School of Management and Economics at South Dakota State University.

“That’s the nature of political campaigning, to some extent. But they don’t really have attached to them really, clearly defined plans in terms of policy.”

North American Van Lines’ corporate spokesperson declined to speak, citing the company’s strict policy not to comment on political matters.

Sirva, which owns North American, Allied and Global Van Lines, among other relocation companies, produces a podcast. In an October episode titled “The Vote that Moves: Exploring the Impact of Political Elections on Global Talent Mobility,” the participants discussed how 2024 is the biggest election year in world history, with half of the world’s population voting in 72 countries.

Immigration is a key election topic globally, so who’s elected can also make it harder for employees to relocate to certain countries.

Politics of 2020

Business in 2020 was once-in-a-lifetime for Allen. “You could have ran 24 hours a day and not moved everybody,” he says.

He moved plenty of out-of-staters into South Dakota who were looking for fewer COVID restrictions and cheaper taxes, many from California and Washington.

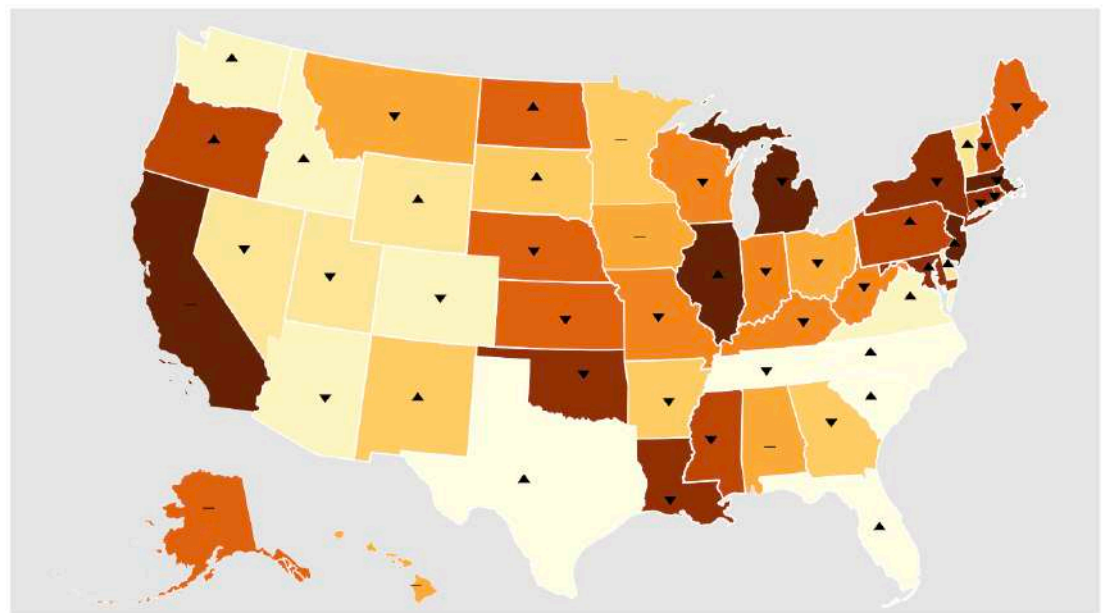
According to U-Haul migration data from more than 2 million transactions, more trucks left California than entered in 2020, with the largest net loss of self-movers, ranking last in the nation for growth that year. Washington dropped from a top 5 growth state in 2019 to 36, indicating more people were leaving.

South Dakota placed 25th. In the past two years, Allen has been contacted by seven of those families he moved into South Dakota in 2020. They now want to move out saying, “We can’t deal with the politics in here,” Allen recalls.

California remained dead last for growth in 2023 and Washington moved back toward the top with 7th place, according to more than 2.5 million U-Haul transactions. South Dakota climbed to 19th because it still had more people coming than leaving.

Moving trends across USA since 2020

Colors represent state rankings of moving growth based on U-Haul data. The light colors represent states with the largest net gain of movers, while the dark colors are states with the largest net loss of movers. The triangles indicate the change in rankings since 2020.



SD Heat travel basketball team won 6-7th grade division undefeated during the **Fall Hoop Fest Tournament** at The Box in Rapid City. This took place November 8-10. Game scores: 59-24, 37-35, 34-15, 37-15, and 55-27 in the championship game. Congratulations to the boys and coaches who worked incredibly hard.



From left to right: Coach Ben Pravecek, Grady Martin, Parker Martin, Paxton Pravecek, Ben Raba, Kasen Lang, Thaddaeus Johnson and Assistant Coach John Lang. Front: Gunner Walding and Cade Pelster. Courtesy Photo



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Business Handled Quickly

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NEWELL-Business was handled relatively quickly at the regular meeting held Wednesday, November 13. There were several reports from organizations along with liquor license renewals and readings for new ordinances.

Dr. Pandi Pittman reported on the happenings at the Newell School. She outlined the various sports events and other activities at the school. The teachers are exploring teaching avenues to bring the students further in their pursuit of academics.

The WIT (Whatever It Takes) Coalition sponsor, Sabrina Harmon, gave an outline of what she has done in the past month. She has met with the Action for the Betterment of the Community-Butte County (ABC/BC) who has received a five year "Drug Free" grant. ABC/BC wanted to join with Newell School and the town of Newell to see what more can be done.

Harmon also highlighted the Christmas Fair, NVN Food Pantry, Realtors for Kids, Angel Tree, flag etiquette, and the Veteran's Day Program among many other projects. She reminded the commissioners of the Community Thanksgiving Supper to be held at the City Hall November 24 and invited each one to attend.

Two building permits were approved by the commission. One is for a mobile home at 418 7th Street and the second is for a shop on Lot E2 Block 61. The rezoning for Ryan Dennis was given the go-ahead for his plans.

Three liquor licenses were renewed which included packaged (off-sale) liquor and retail (on-sale) liquor license for the Municipal Liquor Store and on-sale liquor license for High Plains Restaurant.

Commissioner Allen Youngberg requested information on setting a policy for absence of a commissioner and the length that should be addressed. Presently, there is nothing on the books, but the general consensus was that something could be done.

It was decided that the commissioners would be paid per meeting. Payment would be made on an annual basis, but contingent on the meetings they attend.

The second reading of Ordinance 02-2024 Gross Receipts Tax was approved. The ordinance enables the town to "impose a municipal gross receipts tax of one percent from the sale of leases or rentals of hotel, motel, campsites or other lodging accommodations within

Thank You, Veterans



Newell Elementary students gave a special song and "Thank You" to area vets at the annual Veterans' Day Service. Photo by Betty Bruner

The 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month

Free Lance Writer

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On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in the year 1918, an armistice was signed that ended World War I.

Every year since then, Nov. 11 has held very significant importance, not only from a historical standpoint, but also as a time where citizens of the United States honor those who served their nation. In Newell, 2024 continued the long-standing traditional Veteran's Day program by the W.I.T. Coalition Director Sabrina Harmon. The Austin Auditorium was filled with

the municipality for periods of less than twenty-eight consecutive days, the sale of alcoholic beverages as defined in SDCL 35-1-1, establishments where the public is invited to eat, dine or purchase and carry out prepared food for immediate consumption, and ticket sales or admissions to places of amusement, athletic, and cultural events."

The rental fee was waived for the community Thanksgiving supper on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

There will be a Parade of Lights this year on December 13. The large Christmas tree in the South Park will be lit soon after Thanksgiving. Mayor Tara Tennis will talk to Sabrina Harmon to see if she can get someone to help. It was suggested that it happen on Sunday, December 1 at 5 pm.

Mayor Tennis urged the commissioners to look toward joining a local Chamber to enhance the advertising for the town. She will pursue the

attendees to honor our Veterans near and far.

Mr. Wyatt VanderVorst was the master of ceremonies



Above: John Locher.

Courtesy Photo

Right: Fred Wells, right, Dave Baumiller, and Nila Charles presented the colors at the Veterans' Day Service at Newell.

Photo by Betty Bruner

delivering the program with professionalism and honor. The VFW presented the Colors and the Newell School District flag team did a presentation to the song "The Brave-Hallelujah Veterans Version."

The Middle School and High School choir led the crowd in the Star-Spangled Banner followed by a moving rendition of the song 'Traveling Soldier.' The Elementary students delighted the soldiers and crowd with their resounding version of 'This Land is Your Land' and 'Thank You Soldiers' while the middle school students did a patriotic ribbon presentation.

The keynote speaker was John Locher, United States Marine Corps Retired. The statistics, history, and wisdom during his military journey

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* Grenada operations 1983, Panama operations 1990, Gulf War (Desert Storm) 1991

Following the program, the students were honored to shake the hands of the many Veterans who were in attendance. A delicious brunch was then served. Conversation was



matter to see what can be done.

There will be a free Thanksgiving Dinner at the High Plains restaurant Thanksgiving Day, according to owner Shelby Schuelke.

enthralled the crowd. Mr. Locher's accolades include:

- * Retired as a Gunnery Sergeant (Gunny) E7
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lively and the pride of America was paramount. We thank our Veterans for their service.

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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It was 60 degrees last Sunday, which was probably the warmest day we'll have until next spring. Last Sunday was a great day with the baptism of Suzanna Hotchkiss, daughter of Rosie and Ty Hotchkiss, at church that morning with Rosie's parents here from Scotland. Our grandson Trig and Dakotah came to church and then drove back to Pierre to return to work. Reub and I went to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner that afternoon. Jim and Kim Petik and Jane and Rolland Peterson came to the meeting. Jim Petik and Jane Peterson have been dealing with health issues so it was wonderful to see that they are doing pretty good now. Thank the Lord!

Taz and Casey went up to work on Dalton Mellmer's house on Monday until Casey went to Buffalo for wrestling

practice and Taz had a church council meeting that evening. Reub and I and Amanda and the little kids joined a huge crowd for the Veterans Day program that afternoon at the school in Buffalo. The program started with the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem played by the HCMS band ensemble followed by the American history class presentation of an interview with US Army Veteran Allen Grimes. The kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade sang God Bless America by Lee Greenwood, the 3rd and 4th grade told of the Veterans Day history, the K-8 music students sang "Thank You Military", the 5th grade presented America's White Table, the 8th grade history class gave the Harding County Hero American Legion presentation to 95 year old Ray Shinabarger, who couldn't be there because, unfortunately, he was in the hospital. The program ended with asking all veterans to stand up to be

recognized and the American Legion Auxiliary presented them with a coin of recognition. Everyone enjoyed ice cream, coffee and cookies after the program and it was a wonderful way to honor our veterans.

Bev Heier hosted Ladies Aid at the church Tuesday afternoon with all the ladies able to attend. Missy rode down to the church with me and after the WMF meeting, Casey picked Missy up to take her with him to the JH wrestling in Newell that afternoon.

Gordon Pratt, age 71 of Spearfish, died Wednesday, November 13, at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital. Services to celebrate Gordy's life will be held in the spring. This talented man will be missed.

Reub and I went to Hettlinger Wednesday morning to have Mark Faller put a new headlight in our pickup at Lake-side Autobody. We had to get some things from Runnings and

White Drug before we left town to stop in Reeder for coffee with the Prairie Pioneers. Iver Heier and Sam Marty joined us there and they got to visit with a lot of old friends and Sam even got to talk to his cousin Doug Donner after Kathy Donner called Doug and told him he had to come to coffee because someone, she didn't say who, wanted to see him. I joined in the conversation with Sam and Doug while they were talking about the old days and several of their relatives that I knew really well while Sam and I were growing up. Almost everyone at coffee knew Iver really well because he had taught school in Reeder with Jim Brown and some of his students were there so we all had a good time visiting.

Taz and Casey spent several days this week working on Dalton Mellmer's house north of

Reeder and they went up there on Saturday when it was really cold and windy with the highest temperature at 35 degrees. I was trying to get all the shovels, rakes, hoes and hoses put away that day, but I had to quit once in a while to come inside to warm up. When I fired up the wood stove that evening it sure felt good inside. Copper had a basketball game in Belle Fourche that day and this was the last game before the tournament next Saturday.

Reub's cousin, Lance Olson, had a birthday on Saturday and Reub called Lance to wish him happy birthday out in Great

Falls, Montana. Lance is a year older than Reub, but they both started out here on the ranch before Lance's parents, Check and Virginia (Lenerville) Olson and family moved to Buffalo where Lance and his brothers went to grade school. They moved to Oregon for a while where Check became a barber and then they moved to Montana where Check continued to cut hair and the boys finished high school there. Lance has a son named Lance, but they call him Buck after Reub's father Buck Olson. It's so nice to have good friends like this, even if we don't get to see them very often. Happy Birthday Lance!

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were gone this Sunday so Casey led the service and Eric Schuchard's father Craig Mickelson gave the sermon. Amanda Schuchard made lunch for us after church and we got to see their daughter Kiley and Mason Sandal and their two little kids who came to listen to Kiley's grandfather give the message. We are so blessed to have friends like these!

Thanksgiving is coming so I'll leave you with this:

THANKSGIVING POEM
May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and
gravy
Have never a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving
dinner
Stay off your thighs!

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

November 19, 1914

A small crowd from Sulphur attended the box social, program and dance held at the McDonald School House Friday. Everyone present reports a fine time. The teacher Louis Schell left Saturday for Newell, from which place he expects to leave for his old home in Ohio. The McDonald School is closed until another teacher is secured.

In Circuit Court last week Charles Wheeler and Bryan Guffey charged with malicious mischief were found not guilty by the Jury; John Karinen, charged with working-over a

first vote for President.

At the Farm Bureau meeting at the Webb School house on Friday evening most of the time was spent on the discussion of seepage and drainage. Both Mr. Youngblutt and Engineer Walker were present and talked on the subject. As the woman didn't seem to turn out in crowds for this meeting, the usual refreshments were minus. It is hoped that a debate can be provided for the December meeting, including refreshments.

A dance at Castle Rock is set for Saturday night November 15, the Vale Orchestra fur-

by Linda Velder

Lead at Vale. Over 1,000 made the total in different places on the last evening.

November 19, 1944

Clarence E. Clark, formerly of Sulphur and now living in Portland Oregon, writes the Irrigator that his son Avery Clark is a Merchant Marine seaman on the new tanker, "S.S. Black Hills" which was recently launched at Portland shipyards. Mr. & Mrs. Clark are both employed in the shipyards helping to build troop transport.

Spurred by from 2 inches to 4 inches of snow which covered Saskatchewan and Manitoba together with parts of Minnesota in the past 48 hours, heavy flights of duck are on their way southward. The annual migration will hit full strength soon as Canadian marshes are beginning to freeze over. There are estimated 140 million ducks in West Canada. The Newell nimrods could benefit from this migration.

Dave Malcolm, Republican candidate for Butte County Sheriff, ran away from his opponents, E. L. Conner and W. J. Sornberger in a 3-way contest. Malcolm rolled up 1,327 votes, Conner 900 and Sornberger 613. The only other contest was for the Butte County Commissioner in the 4th District where Henry Jacobsen, present incumbent, prevailed over his opponent, J. O. Folden, by a majority of 52 votes.

On account of the drizzling rain which prevailed throughout the day, gradually turned to snow as the day progressed, Arne Lund, the Newell - Faith mail carrier, left in the morning reporting a foot of snow at Faith. From Maurine on he had a precarious trip as the snow plastered on the windshield and made driving difficult, arrived in Faith at 7:30 PM. After eight and half hours on the road, he decided to stay over and returned yesterday over Highway 24 via Sturgis.

November 16, 1954

Possibilities of securing Christmas decorative lighting for Newell business District, increasing the number of strings of lights across downtown streets was discussed at the November Community Club meeting. December 4 was set for completion of the Christmas lighting and the 11th was set as Santa Claus Day. The Holiday Committee was designated to urge all business to have their connecting wires and tree lights ready for installation prior to such a date. Word was received from the Forest Service that trees for the streets would be received prior to November 25.

nishing music for the occasion. They have rented the hall with tickets going at \$1.00 each. NO moonshine whatsoever is permitted.

November 22, 1934

The Newell School had perfect attendance last Thursday and Friday and they are going to try to keep it up. Fred Lopez, a 3rd grader, returned to school also this week after being absent about 3 weeks working in the beet fields.

Two boxcars and caboose, marooned in Spearfish by the flood in the spring of 1933, no longer remind Spearfish of its days of train service. They were moved from Spearfish to Red Water siding overland. Heavy rollers were placed under them for the 8-mile trip down Spearfish Valley. The cars have remained stationary on the track near the Burlington Depot since May 22, 1933, when the last train entered Spearfish. Since a flood that wrecked several miles of track in Spearfish Canyon. The Burlington Line was granted permission by the Interstate Commerce Commission last summer to abandon the line.

The United Gospel meetings in the area, closed Sunday night; there was a good attendance all week; at Newell an effective address given by Rev S. H. Herbert of Belle Fourche; Pastor Henry Bey in the Riverside School House gave a beautiful address and "A Song In The Night" was wonderfully delivered by Rev. Buchholz of



This Thanksgiving "Penny Post Card" was sent in 1911 Newell Museum

brand, was also found to be not guilty; John T. Beard was given 7 months after pleading guilty to breaking jail and George Oens was given a judgement of \$66 against Wm. Demerly. The latter had removed hay from the shocks that the former had made of hay he had cut on the prairie.

The Belle Fourche Bee has purchased a NO 8 Linotype, with which the operator can set 6 sizes of type and in 3 different lengths of lines without leaving his seat. It is to be installed this week.

The biggest and best dance of the season is at the Theatorium on Wednesday evening, November 25. The best music, a 5-piece orchestra has been engaged. Thanksgiving eve dinner followed by the dance. Everyone welcome, bring a good appetite

November 13, 1924

Detroit man invents new speedometer: at 40 miles per hour, a green light flashes; at 45 miles per hour a red light flashes; at 55 miles per hour the red light flashes, gong rings and a phonograph plays "Nearer My God to Thee".

Ralph Milberg had a pleasant surprise the evening of November 3rd, when about 50 of his relatives came in, bringing their supper along to celebrate his 21st birthday. They also brought him many nice presents, including many pieces of Black Hills jewelry. Ralph came of age, just in time to cast his

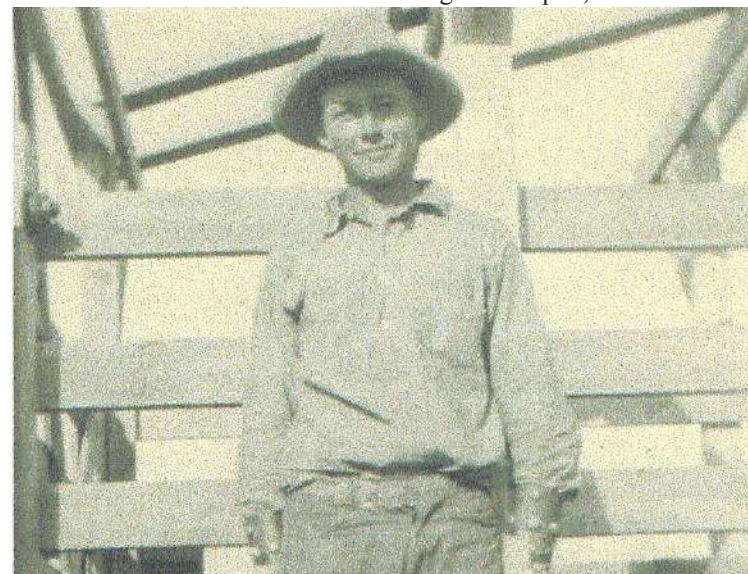
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Nine ladies met at the home of Mrs. Thornton Vallery near Nisland Tuesday evening to form a new Extension Club. Elsie Wood, Butte County Home Agent, was present to explain Extension Club work. By Roll Call vote, "Tot and Twenty" was chosen as the new club's name. Officers elected were President Mrs. Thornton Vallery; Vice President Mrs. John Bentz Jr; Secretary Mrs. Keith Milberg; Treasurer Mrs.

Grand Prize winners in 50 states, she learned Friday as she processed a coupon secured in Kelly's Super Value here. The food promotion contest was organized by Chicago-promotion Concern which wished to promote the fact that today the average family spends only 19 cents each after tax dollars on food whereas 15 years ago it was 25 cents. When a "19" showed up on the "Food is a Bargain" coupon, the contest



Walter Milberg about 21 years old, 1924 Newell Museum

Lawrence Bentz and Reporter Mrs. Darrell Anderson. It was decided the meetings will be monthly and held at 7:30 PM in rotation at member's homes. The December meeting will at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Bentz with Mrs. Darrell Anderson as co-hostess.

Lorman Lange, Newell, will face Willie Heather, West River and Sioux City Golden Glove Bantam weight Champion, in the main event boxing card at Wall on Saturday December 4th it was announced this week by Donald Moore, Newell boxing coach. Moore also revealed that 3 or 4 other local youth participated this week in the boxing program sponsored by the Ross-Kayras Post of the American Legion and may also appear on the same card. At least 2 fight cards are planned at Newell this season and local boxers may participate in other cards at Timber Lake, Dupree and Belle Fourche.

November 12, 1964

Mrs. Eddie McDermott, Mud Butte, is one of 100 \$1400

reached its conclusion.

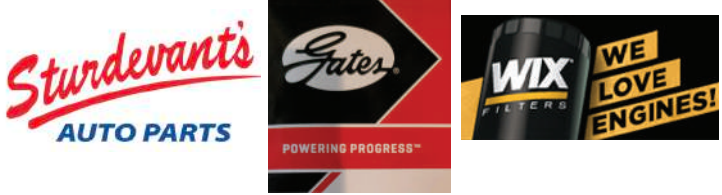
Ed Wierzbicki was employed by John Erk and Don and Elmer Kivimaki last week digging and burying an underground telephone line, purchased from the government (formerly used by the Missile Bases), which now connects them with the Bell Telephone Company out of Newell.

Humorous embarrassing incidents in their lives were related by Newell Toastmasters in one-minute talks at the regular desert meeting of the club Monday evening at the BEC Hospitality Room. Vice President Armine Kuhlman presided at the meeting and served as Toastmaster; Clyde Schallenberger was Topicmaster; George Erk General Evaluator; Individual evaluators were Kenneth Anderson; Lyn Gladstone and Sam Bober; Timer was Donald Breidenbach; Grammarian Doug Eickelman and AhmMeter George Levin. Membership in Toastmasters International has been lowered to 18 years and High School students are invited to join the Toastmasters organization.

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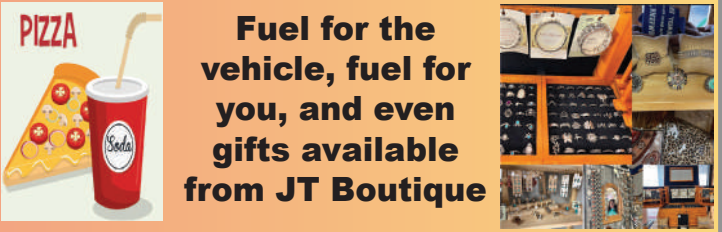
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The Newell Flag Team was made up of Junior and Senior students. The Ribbon Team consisted of Middle School students.

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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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Veterans' Day Photos



The Middle School/High School Choir sang *The Traveling Soldier* for the crowd gathered on Veterans' Day. Photo by Betty Bruner



Kialya Yates, left, placed Second in the Patriot's Pen Essay contest. Next to her is First Place Winner Lillian Raisinen. They were presented with checks for \$30 and \$40 respectively by Nila Charles. Right: Newell Elementary students sang "This Land is Your Land" under the direction of Kim Bachman. Below: Mr. Wyatt Vaner Vorst was the MC for the Veterans' Day Service.



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Dawn Gardner Named to School Board

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NEWELL-The seat left open when Brianne Bonnet will now be occupied by Dawn Gardner. Following an interview by the present school board, Gardner was sworn in and took her place

at the table.

During Public Comments, Wes Ginsbach approached the board members and asked why his Letter of Intent had not been recognized. It had evidently been sent to the wrong email address and had not reached the

board. Business Manager Amy Williams was not present at the meeting to give further explanation.

Cheryl Hohenberger was hired as assistant coach for the MS GBB for \$1,052.66. She will replace Amanda Shirley.

Ryan Niman was hired as Head of Maintenance at a salary of \$55,000 per year. He will begin soon.

Kudos were given to Sabrina Harmon for everything she has accomplished in recent years. Harmon had applied and passed three different steps to be selected to participate in a national program that equips current and aspiring leaders in prevention. There are only 30 individuals from across the United States who qualify to be a part of this group. Participants from Alaska to Honolulu and Oregon to New York are part of the program. Harmon is the only one from South Dakota.



Administered by Superintendent Dr. Pandi Pittman, Dawn Gardner takes her oath as she takes the open school board seat. Photo by Betty Bruner



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