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## 2024 Soccer

Soccer  
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The Belle Fourche High School Boys' Soccer team ended their season with an awards banquet November 14, 2024.

Throughout the season, the boys impressed their soccer fans with intense games which highlighted skill, dedication, focus, integrity, great teamwork & good sportsmanship.

Just watching the team's camaraderie, it was obvious "you win as a team...or lose as a team".

The Broncos showed vast improvement throughout the season & came really close to qualifying for state, but, unfortunately ended with a 0-2 loss in the semi-final game vs Vermillion.

Individual players who excelled at their soccer game were recognized by Coach Lucas Trimble & Assistant Coach Mike Ryan.

Drake Sutter's awards included: Most Valuable Player, Black Hills All-Conference & Boys A All-State Honorable Mention. Isaac Voyles was recognized with Academic All-State, BH All-Con-

## Belle Fourche Soccer Awards Banquet



: Team picture Back row: Coach Mike Ryan, Jaxson Kirksey, Griffin Biehl, Oscar Garcia, Drake Sutter, Isaac Voyles, Eli Sechser, Jaezdyn Jones, Brahnson Brink & Coach Lucas Trimble. Front row: Logan Willert, Darian Pesicka, Josh Brill, Turner Williams, Chase Robinson, William Cudmore, Teigan Thomson, Billy Bryan & Angel Sanchez. (missing Jaxsen Tucker) Courtesy Photo, Addition Photos on A8

ference & Boys A All-State First Team honors.

Receiving MVP Offense Award was Keagen Walker with Billy Bryan being recognized for MVP Defense & Brahnson Brink Most Improved. Jaxon Kirksey received the Bronc

Award & Josh Brill Black Hills Honorable Mention.

Darian Pesicka was awarded BH Honorable Mention, MVP Midfield & Boys A All-State Honorable Mention recognition.

Although the team will lose five players to graduation, the

Broncs look forward to another successful season next year.

The soccer team is thankful to those who helped make the program such a positive activity...that would be the players, coaches, family, friends and the Belle Fourche Beacon.



## Quilting Group Provides Warmth for the Holidays

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BELLE FOURCHE—Imagine receiving a soft, warm blanket when you are going through a hard time.

That gift of kindness is happening right here in Belle Fourche; the ladies of St. James Lutheran Church get together monthly and create beautiful works of art to give out right here locally to those in need.

The Kids and Cops program was recently a recipient of 25 hand-made quilts this holiday season, though it is not the first time these kind ladies have given the gift of warmth—they give the quilts every year they are asked for them.

According to Betty Artus, leader of the quilting group, in addition to the Kids and Cops program, the St. James Lutheran Church quilting group also donates 40 quilts a year to Canyon Hills Center in Spearfish, SD.

They give enough quilts so that each child at the center gets their own quilt when they arrive. The kids then get to take it home with them when they leave. "It is theirs to keep," she said.

It warms the quilters' hearts when they can see how much the quilts are appreciated. On a tour of the Center in Spearfish, Artus said, "We got to look in the rooms and when we did, we could see our quilts on the kids'

beds."

The group has developed a streamlined process to get the quilts made. A few ladies take home material and put together the tops of the quilts and then bring the tops back to the group, where a different group of quilters put the backs on them and finish them.

Finally, whoever can help tie off the quilts does, and then they are complete. "It takes about five hours from start to finish," said Artus.

One of the problems facing the quilting group is dwindling numbers of those who can help make quilts. "It's not that people are quitting," said Artus. "They get older and move into assisted living or pass away and just can't help anymore."

They are down to five quilters and invite anyone interested in quilting to come and see what it's all about and help give back to those in need. "You don't have to be a member of the church to participate.

Anyone can come," said Artus. They meet at the church on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help, you don't have to be a skilled quilter, just have a desire to help give back to the community. If you come, they will find you a job!



Betty Artus with the St. James Lutheran Church quilting group donates 25 quilts to the Kids and Cops Program in Belle Fourche. Courtesy photo

## Volunteers Coaches and Referees Needed

Volunteerism is emotionally and psychologically rewarding.

Volunteerism benefits kids in Belle Fourche. Fortunately, ample volunteer opportunities are available at the Belle Fourche Rec Center. Registration for the 1st through 6th grade boys' basketball program is now open. The Rec Center needs coaches and referees. If interested in a coaching or referee position, please contact Tessa for details. Her number is 605.892.2467.

## South Park Students Create Monsterpiece

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South Park Elementary 3rd and 4th grade students once again put their creativity and teamwork skills to the test by constructing an entry piece for the Global Monster Project.

The Global Monster Project (GMP) is a nationwide collab-

orative STEM project for K-6 students in which each participating school submits a 12-20 word description of a "Monster Part".

Each participating class or group builds its own monster according to each part description.

This year South Park classes were responsible for describing

the monster's Toes & Toenails.

This is the third year Audrey Pruitt's and Lars Dunavant's Vertical Learning Classes have participated in GMP, which Pruitt came across in a Facebook group for teachers. "I wanted my students to have an experience working with each other and

Monsterpiece Contd.A8



3rd and 4th Graders in Audrey Pruitt and Lars Dunavant's classes participated in the 2024 Global Monster Project during the Month of October. Courtesy Photo

## La Belle Ballet to Present the Nutcracker Ballet

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Sugar Plum Fairy will grace the stage of the Belle Fourche Rec Center December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Watch as Clara and the Nutcracker doll, who comes to life on Christmas Eve, battle the evil Mouse King when La Belle Ballet presents the Nutcracker Ballet.

Preparation for the lavish affair has been in the works for some time. It began with auditions for the ballet back in August.

The process of picking the cast was an intense ordeal that took place over two days. According to the Director, Mary Neiman, auditions took

place over a two day period. Potential cast members had to prepare a piece to perform and take part in a rigorous interview to determine how dedicated they were to learning the role and rehearsing.

The cast consists of performers ages 3 to 30 plus. Under the direction of Mary Neiman and Lauren Krier, the cast of the one-hour ballet is putting on the final touches to bring this outstanding performance to the stage.

Neiman has been running La Belle Ballet for 11 years and has been teaching dance for 13 years.

This will be the second time the La Belle Ballet has put on the Nutcracker. "We do the Nutcracker every other year,"

said Neiman. They alternate years with the Winter Showcase.

This year's cast is Clara, Aurora Larive; Nutcracker, Audrey Jeitz; Mouse King, Lucy Merjil; Sugar Plum Fairy, Austey Stiefrater; Dew Drop Fairy, Emma Schulze; Snow Queen, Chloe Schulze; Arabian Dancer (coffee), Adeline Erickson; Spanish Dancer (chocolate), Brooklyn Schulze; Chinese Dancers (tea), Cora Kukuchka and Mary Ruzicka; Russian Dancers (candy canes), Annabelle Dighton and Charlie Huston; The Clown, Talia Thompson and Mother Ginger, Clara Riley.

Get your tickets, support the ballet and enjoy a night with the Nutcracker!



La Belle Ballet will bring the Nutcracker Ballet to life on the stage of the Belle Fourche Rec Center December 7 at 6:00 p.m. Courtesy photo

John Lee Skogberg 83

John Lee Skogberg was born January 1, 1941, in a little farmhouse in Sacred Heart, Minnesota. The country doctor made a trip to the Skogberg home to deliver him, a preemie but also the community's first New Year's baby. John always liked to say the whole world stayed up each year to celebrate his birthday.



ue capturing rodeo action even after his legs could no longer outrun wild horses and bulls. His family often said with each birthday John's telephoto lens got just a little bit longer.

Growing up on the Skogberg farm meant being surrounded by pigs, sheep, stock cows, milk cows and most importantly for John, horses. He and his brother Bob began riding bareback and breaking colts when only eight years old. His love of horses eventually led to a passion for rodeo, a sport in which John excelled. He would go on to become a Minnesota high school state champion bareback rider, bulldogger, and all-around cowboy. He also actively participated in high school FFA and was elected FFA president for the state of Minnesota during his first year of college.

After one year at the University of MN, John transferred to South Dakota State University where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science. As a student there, he continued to rodeo on the weekends. It was also at SDSU where he took his first photography class and learned to develop his own black and white film. That decision marked the beginning of a lifelong passion for rodeo photography.

After graduating from SDSU John moved to Sawyer, ND where he managed a feedlot for one year. It was during this time that he met and rodeoed with the Nelson brothers from Towner, ND. Through his friendship with Orrin and Rodney, John met the love of his life, their older sister Genevieve. John and Genevieve married in 1964 and moved to Canton, SD where John took a job with the SDSU Extension Service. He spent a total of 33 years working as an extension agent first in Canton, then in Selby and finally Belle Fourche. As a man who always strived for excellence, John enjoyed the many ways his job allowed him to help farmers, ranchers and 4-H youth to "make their best better."

John also had a passion for singing. He spent his childhood making music with his siblings, uncles and father, providing the foundation of a lifetime of musical involvement. He was known for saying he learned to harmonize by osmosis - through his butt - by sitting on the piano bench and listening to his Dad practice with the local barbershop quartet. John later spent many wonderful years singing in barbershop choruses and quartets himself. He also sang in the church choir all his life, and loved sharing music as a member of country gospel groups both in Sawyer, ND and more recently, with the Pickers in Belle Fourche.

While John is well-known for all these roles, perhaps he is best known as a rodeo photographer. His family could never remember sitting with him in the rodeo grandstands because John was always in the arena with his camera, capturing the wild rides and fast action of the contestants. His wife once said, "He would rather hang out with the cow turds than the family nerds." John's persistence in rodeo photography paid off. At the very first professional rodeo he photographed, he caught a fantastic bull-riding buck-off shot that he submitted to the Rodeo Sports News. The magazine published the image, and he was hooked.

If John would have had a theme song, it would likely have been "Hit Me with Your Best Shot." Perfecting the art of catching action on film (and later digital images) was a challenge he loved, even if it meant hiding behind barrels or getting run down by wild stock. Thankfully, as John aged technology also improved, allowing him to contin-

not only in numerous publications and promotional posters, but also in museums and businesses throughout the state, and on the walls of generations of SD rodeo families.

Even outside the rodeo arena, John saw the world through his camera lens. He enjoyed using his skills to document events and milestones in the larger community. Over the years, John walked many miles along the sidelines, fields, courts and mats at high school competitions, shooting pictures for the local newspaper. His photos were published locally, regionally and nationally. He also photographed family reunions, school reunions, senior pictures, and weddings.

In addition to photography, John was a gifted communicator. While in Selby, he had a weekly radio show discussing ag issues. He also wrote a weekly column for the Selby and Belle Fourche newspapers for over three decades, winning national awards for his work.

Hunting and fishing were also a big part of John's life. He loved hunting birds, antelope, deer and elk, and even made his own arrows back when few people used archery to hunt deer. Fishing was also a pastime he loved, even though more than once he and his passengers found themselves paddling the boat back to shore when it quit in the middle of the lake.

Above all, John cherished his faith and his family. His deepest joy came from supporting, photographing, and spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His most important legacy to those who knew him best is his faithfulness. John put God first - praying before every meal, rarely missing church or choir practice, tithing, and giving back without hesitation through the offering plate and the sharing of his gifts.

While John will be greatly missed by many for the way he touched their lives, his work on this side of the divide is finished and he has graduated to join a heavenly choir. Well done, good and faithful servant. Go rest high. John is survived by his wife, Genevieve of Belle Fourche; daughter, Cari (Scott) Eastman of Sioux Falls; son, Cody (LaVonna) of Belle Fourche; 7 grandchildren, Katy, Riggan, Bridger, Dorionna, Brandon, Abigail, Mataya; "honorary" grandson, Wyatt; 2 great grandchildren, Gunnar and James. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Robert.

John went home to heaven at the age of 83 on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. The funeral service was held Saturday, November 23rd, 2024 at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation was Friday, November 22 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be held in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to St. James Lutheran Church, Butte County 4H Rodeo, or the SDSU Rodeo Team.

Friends may leave written condolences online and view the livestream of the funeral at: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)



Linda Wright 64

Linda Wright, 64, a compassionate soul who touched the hearts of all who knew her, passed away peacefully at Monument Health on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. She left behind a legacy of love and kindness. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend whose warmth and generosity enriched countless lives.



Belle Fourche and Mark, Custer; and her sister, Deb, Rapid City. She also had ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her family was the cornerstone of her life, and she found immense joy and pride in their accomplishments and happiness.

Linda was born on February 16, 1960, in Ho Springs, South Dakota. She attended Custer Elementary School, and her family moved to Melba, Idaho, where she finished school. She met her husband Rick in 1975, and the two moved back to South Dakota in 1976, knowing she did not want to be apart from him. Linda married Rick on December 31, 1976, at Open Bible Church in Custer, South Dakota. The couple remained in Custer, raising her boys until moving to Belle Fourche, South Dakota, in 1993. Linda worked various jobs in Belle Fourche before retiring from Mid America Travel Plaza in September 2022. Linda loved fishing trips to Orman Dam and Cox Lake.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Rick Wright, of Belle Fourche; her four cherished sons, Randy Wright (Traci), Oregon; Shawn Wright (Kris-tine), Piedmont; Kevin Wright (Sand), Kansas; and Michael Wright, Colorado; her brothers, Stanley,

deeply felt, Linda carried their memory forward with strength and grace, embodying the values they instilled in her.

Linda's compassionate nature shone brightly throughout her life. She had an uncanny ability to make everyone feel seen, heard, and loved. Whether through her kind words, acts of service, or a genuine smile, she left a lasting impact on all who crossed her path. As we say goodbye to Linda, we hold on to the countless memories of her selfless love and unyielding compassion. She will be dearly missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who loved her.

An online guest book is available at [klinefuneral-chapel.com](http://klinefuneral-chapel.com)



Larry James LaRue 90

Larry James LaRue, 90, of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, November 20th in Belle Fourche.



He was a great father, family man and a great person to anyone and everyone a part of his life. Larry always had a heart like a kid. You never knew who to get after, him or his great grandchildren that he loved so much.

Larry was born on October 14, 1934, in North Lemmon, Adams County, North Dakota. He was raised on the LaRue homestead near Lemmon where he attended school until the 8th grade. He worked on the farm until soon getting a job with Corcoran Trucking. In October of 1954 he became engaged to the only woman he loved, Shirley Ann Peters. Larry soon switched jobs and worked for a construction company which started his love and career with mechanics. Larry and Shirley were married on June 4th, 1955. A simple coin toss led them to start their lives in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

In 1957 Larry worked at Green's Lineup where soon after they gave birth to their son, Doug Larry James LaRue. Larry started working for Vanco Motors which led to his lifelong friendship with Vince Kaiser. In 1961 they gave birth to their daughter, Lorrie Ann LaRue.

Larry developed the mechanic and welding program at Belle Fourche High School from 1968-1992. He attended Springfield College and Black Hills State University for his continuing education. Larry also served in the South Dakota National Guard as a Staff Sergeant for ten years.

Larry took on the nickname "Coach". To many of his former students he became a respected role model. A poke on the chest or a squeeze on the shoulder, you always knew he was there for you. As a man of very little words, we knew he was a humble, very stubborn, hardworking, honest and a man of his word. Larry enjoyed golfing, softball, trap shooting, wood working and hunting. He was a family man and never a stranger in the crowd. Later in life Larry became part of the Friday breakfast club which led to long life

friendships with many.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents Floyd and LeLa (Hannah) LaRue. His five sisters Molly LaRue, Lu Marty, Hazel Newell, Deloris Guizzetti and Lillian Gilbertson Clarkson.

Larry is survived by his wife Shirley LaRue, Belle Fourche; son Doug (Jean) LaRue - Rapid City, SD; Daughter Lorrie (Roger) Kimball - Belle Fourche, SD; Grandchildren Brooke Schmett - Anchorage, AK, Cassie (Grant) Mason - Gillette, WY, Amanda Nelson - Sheridan, WY, Jamie Burke - Belle Fourche, SD and Daniel (Elizabeth Harrell) LaRue - Rapid City, SD; Great grandchildren Mitchell and Audrey Schmett, Natillie, Lucie, Korrie and William Mason, Coy Nelson and Adilynn LaRue Burke and Anderson Burke. As well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Friday November 29th 5-7 p.m. at Kline Funeral Chapel. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, November 30th at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Lunch will be provided from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Belle Fourche Country Club.

Pallbearers are Steve Kasperek, Roger Kimball, Daniel LaRue, and Grant Mason. Honorary pallbearers are his nephews and the Friday breakfast club.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Larry's obituary page at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com) An online guest book and video tribute is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)



## DC Booth Hatchery Holidays Schedule

**In the Booth House & Hatchery grounds.**  
**Musicians:**  
**Thursday December 5**  
 12-1pm --*Ellen Plocek*/piano  
 1-2pm – *Tayla Bahr*/violin  
 2-3pm – *Rita Hicks*/piano  
 3-4pm –*Autumn Anderson*/violin  
**Friday December 6**  
 Noon- 1pm - *Morgan Moore*/piano  
 1-2pm -*Tayla Bahr*/

2-3pm – *Priscilla Romkema*/piano  
 3-4pm -  
**Saturday, December 7**  
 Noon- 1pm – *CON Brass* on the Hatchery Grounds  
 1-3pm -Tours of Rail Car  
 1-3pm- S’ mores & cocoa – Fish Car brick walk patio  
 1-2pm - Santa Clause  
 2-3pm - *Chris Davis, Rod Garnett, Katrina*

*Garnett* (guitar, flute)  
 3-4pm – Paul Peterson  
**Sunday, December 8**  
 Santa Claus  
 Noon -1pm *Chris Davis, Rod Garnett*/guitar/flute  
 1-2pm – *Lucy Cole*/piano  
 2-3pm – *Veronica Moore*/piano  
 3-4pm – *Erica Sowers*/Joyful Music Studio/ piano teacher with students

## KEVN Black Hills Fox Announces 19th Annual Rising Star of the West Scholarship Contest

KEVN Black Hills FOX is pleased to announce its eighteenth annual Rising Star of the West Scholarship contest. This year, thanks to Monument Health, the total value of scholarships is once again at \$7,500.

The first place winner will receive a \$4,000 college scholarship, with \$2,000 for second place, \$1,000 for third place and \$500 for fourth place.

High school students will have the opportunity to present commentaries on KEVN Black Hills FOX News on topics important to them.

Viewers will then be able to view those videos at blackhillsfox.com and help pick the four finalists and the eventual winner.

Students who wish to participate need to shoot a short (1

minute) video of them talking about any subject that interests them. They don’t need to be elaborate productions since those videos won’t run on air. The videos need to be submitted to KEVN Black Hills FOX, along with an entry form, by January 12, 2025.

The 20 students selected for the contest will tape their commentaries at the KEVN Black Hills FOX studios to air beginning in February. The four weekly winners will become finalists and will tape four more commentaries on four common topics to air during the finals of the contest beginning in April.

Interested students can get entry forms and rules at www.blackhillsfox.com.

They could join our previ-

ous winners, Shad Christman of Lemmon High School along, Kaitlyn Hemmingson, Annelise Ewing and Janesa Bakeberg of Spearfish High School, Caila Brennan and Audrey Cope of St. Thomas More High School, Jordan Barthel of Lead-Deadwood High School, Rae McKee, a homeschool student from Nemo,

Gavin Brucklacher of Philip High School, Noah Storm, Jessica Benson and Elliot Hendrix of Stevens High School, homeschool student Emma Smith and Ireland Larsen, Melissa Rothe and Amanda Rothe from Douglas High School, Katherine Kvale from Bison High School and Wall High School’s Sierra Hilgenkamp as the latest Ris-

## Notice

The annual meeting of the Redwater Irrigating Association will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, December 2nd 2024 at the Hospitality Room at the First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche S.Dakota. Chase Kukuchka, Sec.

## City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The November 18 City Council meeting opened with community input. LeAnn Corean, local daycare owner, stood up to ask for extended time to license her daycare.

Two community members, Ayda Cazer and Theresa Prozeller, spoke in support of Corean, emphasizing Corean’s dedication to taking care of the children in the community.

The Council later approved the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation that the Conditional Use Permit for a Home Occupation Group Family Daycare be revoked for Corean’s property, effective February 5, 2025, unless Mrs. Corean is able to adhere to the state licensing procedures needed and her state license is reinstated by February 5.

The Chamber of Commerce reported that it welcomed

605 Media and Entertainment, Alley Fitness and Recovery, and Black Hills Lifestyle Magazine. November’s Lunch and Learn on preventing dementia drew 27 attendees.

The Lunch & Learn events will return in February. Upcoming events included the Chamber Mixer on November 21; the Parade of Lights on November 29; and Small Business Saturday on November 30. Entries are open for the free Holiday Light Contest, with votes cast during the Polar Express tour.

CoNBA reported that it hosted its Pie & Coffee event at the sale barn and is currently finalizing the list of businesses for the Christmas Holiday drawings. Bags will be distributed next week, with advertising to follow.

Councilperson Schmaltz commended the City employees on receiving the Gold Award from South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance.

The next City Council meeting will be December 2 at 6 p.m.

## Tri-State Museum’s November Family Fun Day Delights with Thanksgiving Foods Theme

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BELLE FOURCHE—Families gathered at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center on November 17 for the monthly Family Fun Day, where the theme “Thanksgiving Foods” brought history and tradition to life.

The event explored the origins of popular Thanksgiving dishes, offering an educational and interactive experience for attendees of all ages. Families enjoyed a presentation about why certain foods have become Thanksgiving staples, while children took part in festive crafts. Light refreshments added to the warm and welcoming atmosphere.

A highlight of the day was the

book drawing for “Sharing the Bread,” a story celebrating family and food traditions. Children entered the drawing by filling out slips during the event, with one lucky participant taking home the book.

Each Family Fun Day at the museum includes activities designed to educate and entertain. In addition to the presentation, families received take-home packets filled with information and activities to continue the learning experience.

Held on the third Sunday of each month, Family Fun Days at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center provide an opportunity for parents, grandparents, and children to connect through hands-on learning. November’s event offered a festive and enriching way to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving.

## Fireworks Night December 13th

Belle Black Friday, the night of the fireworks and the Polar Express, will be Friday, December 13th.

This originated several years ago when we had a snowstorm the night of “Light Up The Night” and we had to move everything to two weeks later. “Light Up The Night” fireworks will be set off at 7:00

p.m. behind the Tri-State Museum.

You know your businesses and what works best for your clientele.

Perhaps having a sale/promotion from 5:00 - 6:30 or so to bring people in that extra hour/hour and a half would give your business that boost during the holidays.

## Free Nonprofit Workshop: Building a Sustainable Team

Join us in January for our next Nonprofit Connections workshop in partnership with United Way of the Black Hills. We will be discussing best practice in board development, employee management, volunteer coordination, and leadership succession.

What do they all have in common? They are all about people... the most important ingredient in the recipe for organizational sustainability. This workshop is designed to be valuable for staff members at every level.

Bonus: Join your fellow workshop attendees to bridge the gap between what you learned in the workshop to implementation within

your organization with a post-workshop Action Group session to help launch your plans from paper into practice!

Don’t miss this chance to connect and collaborate with fellow local nonprofits to strengthen your network, share insights, and discover new opportunities for partnership and growth.

This workshop is FREE to attend and includes lunch and networking opportunities.

Date: January 10, 2025 11 am – 2 pm (lunch provided)

Location: Joy Center, Spearfish Learn more/register: https://www.innovnp.com/npc-blackhills

Contact: For questions please contact Sarah at info@innovnp.com

with others in charge of the Opioid funding. Auditor Annie Capp said that presently the funds are distributed equally between the three entities.

The commissioners decided to table any decision until the next regular meeting.

A report on ABC and New Dawn showed that the climate is changing but conversations are hard. There have been 17 overdoses in Butte County this year.

Capp reported on the sale of the county’s properties. All the parcels were sold above the appraised values bringing in a total of \$704,943. There

may be \$5,000 for advertising yet to be paid. The money will be distributed at the December 30 meeting when final funding is handled.

Director of Equalization/Planning Cristina Wilson gave an activity report adding that she has an incredible team.

The liquor license for Branding Iron Steakhouse & Saloon for On-sale and Sunday Year was renewed for another year.

Auditor Capp noted that offices will be closed December 23 because of a State Holiday.

The next regular meeting will be December 3 at 9:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

Upcoming events,  
 for more information call:  
 605-892-2676



**Nov 29 - BINGO @ Belle Flowers + CO, Wagon Rides @ Tri State Museum 4PM, Chili Feed @ Community Hall 4PM-6PM, Parade 6PM tree lighting to follow**  
**\*Be sure to shop Small Saturday!\***  
**Dec 3 - Festival of Trees - Community Hall**  
**Dec 4 - 5:30 Grossenburg Ladies Night**  
**Dec 5 - Block Party Open Houses (Grant St) 5PM**  
 Prairie Hills Pharmacy Open House

Be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us on social media for all the information or visit our website

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## Butte County Road Contentions

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BELLE FOURCHE—During the regular Butte County Commission meeting held November 19, the conversation kept coming back to county road conditions. Public comment addressed frustration on many of the roads.

Dale Simanton began by telling the commissioners that he had received several phone calls complaining about the roads in his area. He said he wasn’t sure why the calls came to him, but he was there to voice the comments. He wants the Road Committee to drive the roads and see what they are really like. Many places are dangerous when vehicles meet, according to Simanton.

Wyatt Lesmeister spoke to the road conditions that he must travel. He said that recent maintenance has made it a swamp.

Later in the meeting, Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich explained that a crown had been put on the roads to keep them drier and make snow

removal more efficient.

“It works,” he said. However, there have been complaints about the process.

Redwater Road had been done with new gravel and grading, but the rain had made it “mush,” he said. Presently, it is being redone. The highway department cannot go out when it’s raining, but have to wait for it to dry.

“It looks like a super-highway,” he said.

Simanton pointed out that the roads should not have a point and need more gravel. He did express kudos for what has been done.

“There are people who are not getting anything for what they are paying for,” conveyed Simanton. “There needs to be a balance.”

According to Simanton, these people have no kids in school, are not getting the gravel they need, and seem to have no balance for what they are paying. Property taxes are too high, he affirmed.

Commissioner Karrol Herman said that perhaps they should

be in another county that has more available funding. Property taxes pay for sheriff services, roads, and a myriad of other county services.

Herman did proclaim that the “highway guys deserve respect.” Commission Chair James Ager echoed her sentiments and said that as commissioners they have a duty to listen.

Travis Ismay mentioned places along Wilson Cemetery Road that have areas with damaged culverts. Heidrich told him the culverts were next on his list.

Hilary Schwab from Compass Point, requested a portion of the Opioid funds from Butte County in the amount of \$30,000. She said the organization would use the money for purposes of having a stronger presence in the county. Compass Point is the home of the only medically monitored facility in this area.

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### BHSU Music Department to Present Annual Madrigal Dinner

SPEARFISH, S.D. – The Black Hills State University Music Department will be hosting their annual Madrigal Dinner fundraiser Dec. 5-7 at 6:30 p.m. in Meier Hall, with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner will feature an ensemble of 16 singers who specialize in performing early Renaissance music. The singers, dressed in Renaissance attire, will portray a sixteenth-century king, queen, and court who have invited the audience to a Christmas feast in the castle's great hall, complete with a recorder ensemble, herald trumpeters, a murder mystery, and a post-dinner concert. The concert will include works from Renaissance composers Adrian Willert, William Byrd, John Wilbye, and others. During the dinner portion of the evening, the court and court jester will present a program with performances of traditional carols, including "The Boar's Head Carol," "A Wassail

Song," and "Silent Night."

"The Madrigal Dinner is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season with great music, food, and fun while supporting scholarships for BHSU students," said Dr. Jonathan Nero, professor of music at BHSU.

The Madrigal Dinner is \$60 per plate and features roasted sweet potato and apple soup for starters, roasted turkey breast with apricot and cranberry pan sauce, apricot wild rice stuffing, and green beans as the main course, and an orange cranberry bread pudding with vanilla creme anglaise for dessert.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible at BHSU.edu/Madrigal or by calling Katherine Kemp at 605.642.6420, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri. Please note any dietary needs, such as vegetarian meals or nut allergies when making



### Belle Fourche Chamber Monthly Mixer

**Chamber**  
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The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce had its monthly mixer on Nov. 21, this month it was hosted by Highmark Credit Union.

The mixers take place each month, 3rd Thursday from 4:30-6:30PM. The public is welcome to check out these mixers, meet local businesses and Chamber staff and Board of Directors.

The next mixer will be at Hitching Post Tap house on Thursday Dec. 19th. These events are free to attend.

The Chamber has brought back Lunch and Learns. Currently a scheduled holiday break from these, and returning in February.

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Belle Fourche, SD — To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. This fall, a record number of 458 South Dakota FFA members from 88 chapters, will receive their own FFA jackets - carrying forward that long-standing tradition of pride, dignity, and honor.

Jackets were sponsored by various individuals through the SD FFA Foundation program. Welcome new members into the fabric of FFA. FFA members filled out the Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program application, answering short essay questions about their FFA experience and goals, competing to earn their own FFA jacket instead of purchasing one. The 2024 Belle Fourche recipients were Ambree Kirstine, Brahnson Brink, Breanna Wilen, Charleigh Silvernagel, Joshua Main, Kate Blair, Mikka Dunavant, Parker Lee, Peyton Manke, and McKenzie Ewalt.

In FFA members must also

set goals for themselves. For Freshman Brahnson Brink, his goals are "Self growth in leadership, being able to better help my peers, and expand my knowledge in agriculture."

To each member the jacket means something different. For Freshman Ambree Kirstine, "Having my own jacket means I accomplished something that means so much to me."

When students join the FFA, they typically purchase or borrow jackets to compete in the many Career and Leadership Development Events offered through FFA. The jacket is their team "uniform" to be worn at all official FFA events. The blue corduroy FFA jacket has been the status symbol of the national FFA organization since 1933, when delegates to the national convention voted to make the jacket part of the organization's official attire, thus creating the long-standing tradition.

Giving to the FFA program allows programs like the Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program to help members, or the Living to Serve Grants Program to allow chapters to better their community. Thank you for all of your support.



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## New Year's Eve Teen Blast

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

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

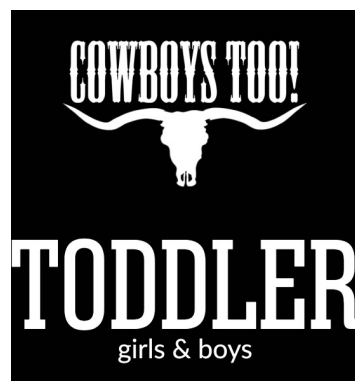
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# Show Up

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**SHOW UP**

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)

**BFACT 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!

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: BFACT 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](mailto:bellelavenue@gmail.com). I especially love the *juicy backstage dish and green room gossip!* Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!

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Although I offered on several occasions to pay him for his services he always refused to accept.

Farewell until we meet again my friend.

We want to remind you again to subscribe to the Beacon and get your name in the drawing for the food and restaurant gift card giveaway we are promoting.

The first drawing will be December 2nd.

Since starting the Beacon we have delivered copies to the nursing home and assisted living centers in the community.

I do this in honor of the memory of my Great Aunt Edna who was in the Nursing home when I was a young boy delivering papers in Platte. She used to greet me every Saturday morning at the front door of the Nursing home and was anxious to receive and find out what the latest news was.

It was her way of staying in touch with life when it was normal. I've always remembered that.

We do sincerely hope you will come to the Beacon appreciation and 7th anniversary party at Graps Saturday November 30. Birthday cupcakes, ice cream, and sliders



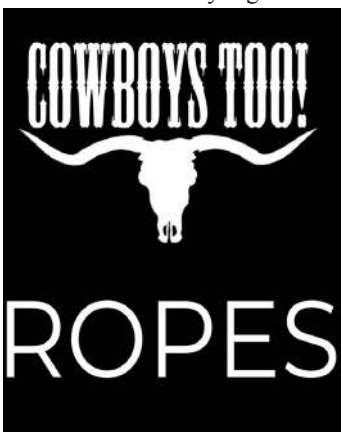
**A Tribute to John Skogberg.** This display was for viewing at John's visitation at Leverinton Funeral home Friday the 22nd. John stepped in and became the Beacon's rodeo photographer from day one and remained so until he was physically unable to do so. He was the best. He shall be always remembered and greatly missed. (John's obituary is on A2.)

start at 6pm and the Wilt Brothers Band will entertain from 7-10 pm.

The Beacon knows it pays to advertise. We had run an ad for a sports writer in the previous edition and received a call from an individual expressing interest in filling that role on a part time basis.

We have been lacking in sports coverage and strive to improve that aspect of the paper. We are optimistic and will keep you posted as it develops.

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3rd and 4th Grader's 2024 monster creation stands tall in the South Park Elementary Lobby. *Courtesy Photos*



Vertical Learning classes at South Park have been building GMP monsters for the past 3 years, including this entry from 2023.

From A1 **Monsterpiece** around the world," says Pruitt. "We divide into two groups - head and body. Within those groups the students choose teams to work on a specific part. As the individual parts are finished, we start assembling the monster." "GMP is so much fun!" says Oliver, a 3rd grade student in Dunavant's class. "My group had to do the horns." Students began work in late September and had finished and submitted photos of their monster, lovingly named Mr. Moletrace Fish Megalovania, by Halloween in order to be voted on by other participants. In 3rd grader Brady's opinion, "the GMP was fun, challenging, and messy! My favorite part was voting because different schools around the world made monsters and we voted on which was the best!" "I think the best part about GMP is that I get to have my friends working with me and I get to see it all come together," says Harmony, a 4th grade student in Pruitt's class. Project creator Terry Smith, who has taught at both university and elementary levels, describes the project as "a major lesson in

working together and learning to compromise in a group decision process." Students must plan and work together to make sure each individual part - eyes, hair, fingernails, etc - fits both the description given and their group's monster. Despite very detailed descriptions of each body part, the project and end result varies greatly by school and from year to year, meaning no two monsters will come out the same. "The first year we did it 100% out of construction paper in 2D and stapled it to the wall," says Pruitt. "Last year our monster went 3D and this year it was twice as tall as last year's!" "One thing I learned," says 4th grader Zane, "is that all monsters are cool. Especially Mr. Moletrace Fish Megalovania. If I had to pick Sully from Monster's Inc., Mike from Monsters Inc., or Mr. Moletrace, I would pick Mr Moletrace." Students among both participating classes agreed that this was a very challenging but rewarding project to be involved in, but 4th grader Bradley sums it up best - "Do something hard so you can look back and be proud of yourself."

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## Cattle Report - Friday, November 22, 2024

Market was \$10 to \$20 higher on light calves  
\$5 to \$10 higher on bigger calves  
Lots of demand for all sizes!

Next sales - Friday, Nov. 29- No Sale  
Saturday, Nov. 30 - Annual Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special  
- 8 AM Weighups, 12 Noon Bred Cows  
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Calves	Bld.	Str.	Hfr.	Price
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD. 109	Bld.	Str.	514	\$363.50
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD. 55	Bld.	Str.	449	\$386.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD. 96	Bld.	Hfr.	491	\$321.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD. 42	Bld.	Str.	427	\$320.00
2d Nice Valley Ranch, Forsyth MT. 12	Bld.	Hfr.	495	\$295.00
Anderson, Dwayne, Gillette WY. 11	Red.	Str.	408	\$343.00
Bird, Ken, Volborg MT. 20	Bk.	Str.	606	\$300.00
Boreen Hay & Cattle, Basin WY. 16	Bld.	Str.	617	\$298.50
Boreen Hay & Cattle, Basin WY. 12	Bld.	Hfr.	529	\$287.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT. 43	Bld.	Str.	629	\$296.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT. 14	B/R.	Str.	552	\$315.00
Clarys, Richard, Olive MT. 42	Bk.	Hfr.	522	\$289.50
Crago, Cooper, Belle Fourche SD. 13	Bk.	Str.	425	\$315.00
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette WY. 15	Red.	Str.	508	\$325.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY. 14	B/R.	Str.	409	\$407.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY. 48	B/R.	Str.	347	\$475.00
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT. 39	Bld.	Str.	582	\$319.50
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT. 11	Bk.	Str.	445	\$347.50
Garman, Jason L, Alzada MT. 52	Bld.	Str.	564	\$324.00
Garman, Jason L, Alzada MT. 23	Bld.	Str.	468	\$364.00
Garman, Jason L, Alzada MT. 58	Bld.	Hfr.	506	\$310.00
Garman, Jason L, Alzada MT. 16	Bld.	Str.	415	\$362.00
Gaskill, C. J, Volborg MT. 16	Bk.	Str.	574	\$312.00
Gaskill, C. J, Volborg MT. 59	B/R.	Str.	689	\$281.50
Gorman, Brent, Gillette WY. 19	Bk.	Str.	517	\$345.00
Gorman, Brent, Gillette WY. 20	Bld.	Hfr.	478	\$317.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT. 10	Bk.	Hfr.	348	\$372.50
Grubbs, Maureen, Upton WY. 55	Bld.	Str.	575	\$318.00
Grubbs, Maureen, Upton WY. 22	Bk.	Hfr.	458	\$283.00
Grubbs, Maureen, Upton WY. 10	Bk.	Hfr.	476	\$317.00
Handran, James & Lois, Gillette WY. 19	Bld.	Str.	616	\$301.00
Handran, James & Lois, Gillette WY. 15	Bk.	Hfr.	545	\$289.00
Hendrickson, Roy, Caputa SD. 24	Bld.	Str.	539	\$336.00
Home Creek Cattle, Ashland MT. 26	Bk.	Str.	529	\$342.00
Home Creek Cattle, Ashland MT. 18	Bk.	Str.	436	\$386.00
Home Creek Cattle, Ashland MT. 29	Bk.	Hfr.	477	\$316.00
Kammerer, Elliot, Piedmont SD. 15	Bld.	Str.	517	\$296.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett WY. 20	Bk.	Hfr.	836	\$242.50
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett WY. 12	Bk.	Hfr.	667	\$266.50
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD. 40	B/R.	Str.	529	\$346.00
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD. 21	Bld.	Hfr.	550	\$289.00
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD. 11	Bld.	Hfr.	444	\$319.00
Rice Ranch Inc, Ten Sleep WY. 25	Red.	Str.	475	\$331.00
Rice Ranch Inc, Ten Sleep WY. 56	Red.	Hfr.	461	\$323.00
Riesland Ranch, Broadus MT. 21	Bld.	Hfr.	516	\$304.00
Riesland Ranch, Broadus MT. 19	Bld.	Hfr.	419	\$347.50
Roush, Darell R, Recluse WY. 53	Bld.	Str.	581	\$318.00
Roush, Darell R, Recluse WY. 18	Bld.	Str.	489	\$349.50
Roush, Darell R, Recluse WY. 29	Bk.	Hfr.	489	\$315.00
Sabo, Wyatt, Reva SD. 11	B/R.	Str.	608	\$300.00
Schulz, Dana Or Krysti, Piedmont SD. 13	Bk.	Str.	563	\$313.00
Schulz, Dana Or Krysti, Piedmont SD. 15	Bk.	Hfr.	526	\$292.00
Sedgwick, Seth, Ekalaka MT. 10	Bk.	Str.	471	\$348.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY. 104	B/R.	Str.	530	\$333.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY. 34	B/R.	Str.	442	\$360.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY. 14	Bk.	Hfr.	394	\$357.00
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT. 18	Bk.	Str.	674	\$285.50
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT. 42	Bk.	Str.	590	\$310.00
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT. 17	Bk.	Hfr.	537	\$289.00
Spear E Ranch, Olive MT. 10	Bk.	Hfr.	455	\$300.00
Stacy, Vergil Or Karen, Aladdin WY. 15	Bk.	Str.	633	\$291.50
Stacy, Vergil Or Karen, Aladdin WY. 22	Bk.	Hfr.	600	\$282.00
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby MT. 19	Bld.	Str.	756	\$263.00
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby MT. 48	Bld.	Str.	529	\$344.50
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby MT. 20	Bk.	Str.	898	\$246.00
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby MT. 68	B/R.	Str.	631	\$297.75
Wilson, Calvin & Roxie, Busby MT. 16	B/R.	Str.	400	\$407.50

## Saturday, November 30, 2024

Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special  
8:00 AM -- Weigh Ups 12 Noon - Bred Cows & Pairs

### Bred Heifers

Shy Cattle Co -- 140 Blk Hfrs -- A-I Bred Lbw Stevenson Bulls Sorted In 3 Groups Starting 2/15  
J 2 Bar Land Cattle -- 118 Blk Bred Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Vermillion And Mcdonnell Bulls -- 3/15 For 30 Days  
- 32 Blk Bred Hfrs -- 4/15 For 30 Days

Brownfield Ranch -- 80 Blk & F-1 Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blk -- 3/20  
Rick Neiman -- 55 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blk Angus -- 6/1 -- 2 21 Day Cycles

Don Hamm -- 50 Blk Hfrs -- Bred Lbw Blk -- 3/15 -- 30 Days  
Snyder Ranch -- 45 Blk Hfrs -- 1000# -- Bred Lbw Blk -- 3/28 For 15 Days

Keaton Schaffer -- 44 Blk Hfrs -- A-I Bred Blk In 3 Groups Starting 3/1  
Lazy HD -- 14 Blk Hfrs -- Ai 2/24, Bull 3/05 -- 50 Day

Darrell Steffes -- 6 Blk Hfrs -- 1100# -- Bred Blk -- 4/20 For 30 Days

### Dispersions

Scott Phillips -- 260 3-9 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Grandview Bulls -- 4/1  
Jim Tetrault -- 230 Blk 3 Yr To Broken Cows -- Bred Blk Sim Angus -- 3/15

- 50 Blk Hfrs -- 1000# -- Bred Iron Mt Angus -- 3/1 -- Home Raised

Donna Gantz -- 30 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Bar 69 Angus Bulls -- 3/10 For 55 Days - Home Raised

### Bred Cows

Steve Stoddard -- 275 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk Sim -- 3/20  
Dean Rassmussen -- 150 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows Bred Blk -- 4/01

Dave Davenport -- 60 Blk 4 & 5 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Blk Or Herf -- 3/25 For 45 Days  
- 40 Blk 8 & 9 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Blk Or Herf -- 3/25 For 45 Days

Rich & Sherry Kokesch -- 70 Blk Solid To Broken Cows -- Bred Blk Angus -- 4/5  
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Crago Land & Livestock -- 50 Blk & Bldy 4 Yr To St Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/10  
Adam Warner -- 50 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Jorgenson Blk Bulls -- 3/5 For 55 Days

Cody Steinbrecher -- 35 2 To 5 Yr Old Blk Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/15 For 45 Days  
Charles & Rosalie Tennis -- 35 Mostly Blk & Bldy Mostly St Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/1 For 50 Days

Reeder Cattle Co -- 35 Blk 3 Yr To Short Term -- Bred Blk Or Char -- 3/15  
Tom Riggs -- 30 Blk Short Term Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/16

Jeff Plucker -- 28 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/10 For 50 Days  
Darrell Steffes -- 10 Blk Mixed Age Cows -- Bred Blk -- 4/1

Duane Richards -- 10 Red Angus Short Term Cows -- Bred Red Angus -- 4/1  
Lazy HD -- 6 Mixed Age Cows -- Bred Blk -- 3/1

## Plus more by sale time!

## 2024 CATTLE SALES

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 21, 2024

A lot of demand on the lambs this week & they sold higher  
Slaughter ewes sold \$10 to \$20 higher  
Replacement Ewes sold steady

No sale next week - Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!  
Next sale - Dec. 5 - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep and goats Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale  
Thank you for your business!

**Replacement Ewes - sold by the head**

Nelson, Larry Or Sandra Holcomb, Buffalo SD. 92	Yrig	148	\$235.00
Weiss, Roger, Faith SD. 10	Yrig	157	\$280.00
Weiss, Roger, Faith SD. 26	Yrig	156	\$250.00
Bowers Ranch, Broadus MT. 14	2-3Yr	176	\$190.00
Bowers Ranch, Broadus MT. 11	4-5Yr	177	\$180.00
Kuhbacher, Travis Or Skyler, Alzada MT. 76	5Yr	151	\$180.00

**Feeder Lambs**

Murnion, Jack, Jordan MT. 388	Lamb	74	\$220.00
Murnion, Jack, Jordan MT. 62	Lamb	57	\$253.00
White, Duane, Circle MT. 92	Lamb	56	\$264.00
White, Duane, Circle MT. 443	Lamb	76	\$213.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD. 37	Lamb	58	\$258.00
Gottfredson Elm Creek Ranch, Newell SD. 178	Lamb	77	\$218.00
Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee TX. 15	Lamb	60	\$250.00
Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee TX. 65	Lamb	61	\$256.00
Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee TX. 532	Lamb	77	\$213.00
Arledge Livestock Co Llc, Robert Lee TX. 306	Lamb	93	\$185.00
Wendt, Jay D Or Lisa, Newell SD. 186	Lamb	77	\$211.00
Wendt, Jay D Or Lisa, Newell SD. 72	Lamb	95	\$192.00
Baumeister, John, Watauga SD. 104	Lamb	73	\$207.00
Baumeister, John, Watauga SD. 41	Lamb	90	\$195.00
Bowers, Tom & Carla, Broadus MT. 119	Lamb	93	\$180.00
Fering, Doug, Powerslake ND. 30	Lamb	133	\$150.00
King, Justin, Hammond MT. 17	Lamb	57	\$250.00
King, Justin, Hammond MT. 100	Lamb	71	\$225.00
Lemmel, Rick, Mud Butte SD. 64	Lamb	66	\$240.00

**Slaughter Ewes**

Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche SD. 56	K Ewe	161	\$106.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche SD. 39	K Ewe	185	\$88.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche SD. 38	K Ewe	155	\$87.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett WY. 93	K Ewe	144	\$106.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett WY. 77	K Ewe	129	\$87.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY. 62	K Ewe	141	\$106.00
TJ Livestock & Equipment, Douglas WY. 63	K Ewe	123	\$87.00

**Slaughter Bucks**

Kuhbacher, Travis Or Skyler, Alzada MT. 6	Kbuck	247	\$104.00
Lemmel, Rick, Mud Butte SD. 3	Kbuck	211	\$104.00

## NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

NO SALE - Thursday, November 28, 2024  
Wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Feeder Lamb Special 1:00 PM

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

## 2024 SHEEP SALES

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

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

## Bullock Christmas Extravaganza offers unique shopping experience

### Bullock Community Special to the Beacon

Eighteen vendors provided a wonderful shopping experience at the Bullock Community Christmas Extravaganza, for the afternoon, Sunday, November 17.

The men were immediately attracted to the Highway 79 Arms booth. Josh Klempel provided access to all kinds of guns, ammunition and knives for the men to view and buy.

The men and boys were attracted to that like bees to honey!

Linda Mae (Johnson) Birnel brought her beautiful Christmas wreaths and Christmas arrangements to brighten anyone's home or business.

Susan Nelson had such cute dresses and sweet western shirts for the kids.

People could pick out fabrics for order buying, as well. She also had Christmas ornaments which she could make with the shopper's pictures.

Regene Till brought all kinds of very tasty jelly and salsa. She also had some cute stocking stuffer gifts and Christmas deco for around the house.

Amanda and Zak Njos were selling Zak's amazing bowls made from wood and one made from a bowling ball! Amanda also had some cute Christmas decorations she had made. She

picked up some customers for her Cowchip Creations for reupholstering. Her barn is decked out with all kinds of lovely gifts for Christmas and well worth the trip.

Brenda Anderson (Busby Ewe Farm and Fibers) had soft beautiful scarves, shawls, bags made from the wool fibers that she spins. She also had amazing pelts, some curly wool and some with plush thick long fleeces. She also had freeze dried fruits.

Robin Humbracht was back with candles and scented wax for warmers such as the Scentsy warmers.

Brittany had so many interesting Osborne books for kids of all ages. People would go and read a book to their kids right there at her booth!

Jaylie Beckman had a huge array of pens with decorations. She sent refills with each pen. Kay Ovitz's felted wool mittens disappeared like snow in the hot sun. She also had felted wool hats and an array of scarves.

Heather Brixey returned with her fun Color Street Nails. Nicole, Owen and Ian Njos had a very interesting booth that featured cards made using Nicole's photography. Ian also was selling some of his braided things like reins, dog

leashes. By the time I got there, most of it was gone. They also had dehydrated foods and spices. Elizabeth Henderson had Tastefully Simple spices for cash and carry and also an array of her very own fancywork and beautifully sewn items.

Jacie Teller brought a sampling of her bakery fare. She is busily working on her bakery on the main street of Buffalo. We can hardly wait until she is in business there, but that means we might not get her to come back to the Bullock Extravaganza! She will be so busy in Buffalo!

The Richter contingency expressed their thanks to everyone who bought and donated to their cause of gathering up money for friend of the family, Ryan Beyer, who has inoperable brain cancer. Traci Routier was selling bulletins of coupons with the proceeds going to support the music program in Buffalo. People were snapping them up for stocking stuffers.

Jus a Lil Bit (owner Marty Sullivan from South Heart, ND) brought three tables full of hand sewn items.

Our newest vendor, Lydia Muller, offered sour dough baked goods and gift baskets. Markus Muller was this year's featured artist for the Artist in the Corner part of the afternoon. He sent items he had made from wood. A coat rack using horse shoes, and a cupboard made of



Randy Routier joins in the laughter at the dining table as shoppers filter in to see all the goods at **Bullock Community Center Christmas Extravaganza** Courtesy Photo

wood and corrugated metal were two of the most popular items. They were for sale, also. It was a very busy afternoon.

The hall served chili, chicken noodle soup (with home-made noodles) and potato soup all afternoon. It was a party!

A big thank you going out to all who made the Bullock Christmas Extravaganza such

a success. The vendors offered great quality and wonderful variety of products much to the delight of the crowd of buyers. Those stopping in for lunch were treated to homemade soups and chili and all the fixin's. Thanks again for a wonderful day!

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### Saturday Nightlife

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Nightlife on the ranch is different than nightlife on the town.

## Badlands National Park Named #1 U.S. Destination to Visit in 2025 on Fodor's Travel Annual "Go List"

PIERRE, S.D. – Fodor's Travel has named Badlands National Park as the #1 destination to visit in the United States on their coveted "Go List."

The annual editorial list recommends the top 25 locations worldwide to visit in 2025.

South Dakota was one of only five U.S. destinations featured, with Badlands National Park securing the top spot for its "unparalleled beauty" and acclaim as one of the most "awe-inspiring" national parks in the country.

This year's "Go List" focused on alternatives to overcrowded cities and sites. "For 2025, we want travel to return to an instrument of joy. A break from the stress of the everyday. A change of scenery that inspires us to unwind, recharge, and gain a fresh perspective," stated Fodor's editorial team. While many of the featured destinations on this year's list are off the beaten path, "they're primed for new adventures."

Fodor's Travel calls out iconic-Badlands National Park elements such as the 30-mile Badlands Loop Scenic Byway, wildlife viewing, rich fossil beds, and otherworldly rock formations. For an insider tip, the editorial team recommends stargazing activities including the night sky viewing between Memorial Day and Labor Day or a visit during the Badlands Astronomy Festival in July. Rapid City is specifically noted as an excellent base from which to explore the Badlands National Park, particularly considering its "recent culinary explosion," with local businesses Tandoor Bocado, Ma Cualli, Grounded Coffee Co., and The Sour contributing to the city's alluring food and beverage scene.

Fodor's Travel is an international consumer and travel publication reaching more than 1.8 million unique monthly visitors with its website.

For more inspiration and travel planning resources, visit [Travel-SouthDakota.com](http://Travel-SouthDakota.com).

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**CANDLES AND MIRRORS #7**

By DeAnn Kruempel

“A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever!”

I knelt on the carpet next to her easy chair. She held the round frame in her hands and guided me as I pushed the needle through the white fabric. “You can do it. You just need to keep trying.” Mom had demonstrated the basic embroidery stitches on the flour sack dish towel. She had ironed on a simple design, a rose with leaves. Her metal hoop circled the image and held it tight. My learning stitches were crooked and uneven, but the red flower began to stand out, a pretty decoration on the bottom of the towel.



and World War II? The rationing, the sadness, the worry? That somehow creating something beautiful made a lasting, tangible symbol of love and joy?

For decades, Mom continued to embroider, crochet and give. Then one day, more than 40 years after she had patiently taught me those first embroidery stitches, my daughter and I stood next to her hospital bed. Her speech was impaired and her right hand no longer worked.

“I wonder if I can still do my fancy work.” She tried to turn her head to the white bundle of fabric on the bedside table. I reached for the flour sack dish towel, bound in the familiar round hoop. A little hen, surrounded by baby chicks waited to be filled with color. I held the hoop so she could reach the threaded needle. I prayed. With one shaking hand she took a stitch.

“You can do it, Mom. You just have to keep trying.”

She did. She recovered from the stroke and her loving hands went on to create more beautiful things. I wonder if she knew how much joy they would bring her family. I wonder if she knew we will treasure them forever.

**More Beautiful Memories**  
All of the stories from Kruempel’s previous columns have been published. Those four books, along with her historical fiction series, “Promises to Keep,” are available on Amazon. All make excellent gifts. Contact the author at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com.

She called it her “fancy work.” Embroidery and crochet. There was always a project waiting for our mother when she sat in her chair at the end of the day.

The dime store carried plenty of plain cotton towels and iron-on patterns. Mom embroidered days-of-the-week dish towels with puppies, birds or fruit. It didn’t take long for a set of seven to be ready for an upcoming shower gift.

Lee Wards and Herrschners catalogs were like Wish Books for Mom. She would page through and mark her favorites. Ultimately, the finished projects became gifts for family and friends.

Embroidered pillow cases made a special wedding gift, especially if a lovely crocheted edging fanned out next to the floral bouquet or sleeping kittens that sparkled on the starched, ironed cases. Fabric scraps sewn into squares made handy potholders, but they needed something pretty stitched on.

Mother’s sisters also loved their crafts. Every year Aunt Julia tucked a pretty hanky in my birthday card. One was a sheer white linen on which she had embroidered tiny white flowers. A half-inch edge of crocheted turquoise lace surrounded the delicate square.

Aprons were everyday necessities. Of course, women sewed their own, but they also made them to give away. Mom would scan through issues of Work Basket magazine for cross-stitch patterns to add a charming trim to the hems and pockets of gingham aprons.

Most of these homemade items were basic garments or household necessities. Almost all were doomed for stains, sweat, grime, cooking burns and fading from many washings. But for some reason, it was important to those women to make things pretty. Why? Was it because they had lived through the Great Depression

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125 years ago  
THE TIMES

November 30, 1899

**TWO GIRLS’ SAD PLIGHT Are Lured Into Houses of Ill Fame – One Unable to Return Home Lead, S. D., Nov.**

28 – A sad story has come to light through the police. A few months ago two girls about 16 years of age, who were of good parents in Chicago, were induced to come to Deadwood by a woman with the promise that they could increase their income considerably over anything they could get at the home. Their parents were poor and the lurid inducement held out by the woman overcame any misgivings of the girls or their parents and about three months ago the women arrived at Deadwood in charge of the two young women. The girls were taken to one of the resorts of that city and were gradually initiated into the vice of the place. One girl received money from her brother and escaped back to Chicago, where she told her parents of her companion about her fate. The parents were distracted with grief, but were unable to send money for her fare to get their daughter home. The woman who enticed the girl to Deadwood threatened them that they would be taken to the reform school of the state unless they remained under the shelter of her home. The second girl finally ran away and came to this city, where she entered another house. She was discovered by the police, to whom she told, in tears, her pitiful story and begged to be sent home to her parents. Chief of Police Green took the girl to his own home and a paper is being circulated among the people of the city for contributing to her to Chicago.

100 years

The Northwest Post  
December 4, 1924

**NEWS ITEMS OF THE WEEK** A new industry which has been started in Belle Fourche within the past two months, is apparently on the road to success and promises to be one which will aid not a little in the prosperity of the town, and that is the new brick yard which F. E. Shields has located west of the C. & N. W. railroad bridge. Mr. Shields is an old hand at the business, having for many years superintended a large brick yard near Chicago. He thinks the clay and shale found hereabouts are excellent material for making good hard brick and since he first began operations has made and burned 30,000 of the excellent building material. They will be ready to market within a week or ten days, one car load going to Newell, several thousands to St. Onge, and the balance here and to other points. In fact it is thought doubtful if the present output will supply the demand. No more can be manufactured this winter, because of the cold weather, but new machinery will be added and preparations made for spring work. Mr.

Shields is to be commended for his foresight in starting this new enterprise and every encouragement should be given him by any one in the city or nearby who is in need of brick for building purposes.

**SUGAR FACTORY LOOMS IN SIGHT Encouraging Word From the Holly Corporation Stirs Up Renewed Activity in This Section**

The chances for a sugar factory in the Belle Fourche valley are gradually growing brighter, and with a concerted effort on the part of those interested – and that means every citizen in Butte county – there is a very good prospect that the Holly corporation will construct factory in this valley in time to handle next year’s beet crop. T. S. Overpeck, representing the sugar factory committee of the Belle Fourche Commercial club, returned last Thursday from Colorado Springs Colo., where he had been in conference with President Carlton and other officials of the Holly corporation, and the information brought back was the most encouraging of any yet received. Mr. Carlton said his organization was ready to build a factory in the Belle Fourche valley in 1925, if he was guaranteed 8,000 acres of beets. Of course, in order to get the required acreage, a number of obstacles must be overcome.

75 years ago

Belle Fourche Daily Post  
December 1, 1949

**Round-Up Field to Be Sodded For Grid Matches** The Belle Fourche independent Belle Fourche high school gridaters are going to have a sodded field on which to play football. That was indicated yesterday after the Tri-State Fair and Sales Association, parent organization of the Black Hills Round-Up, had agreed to make changes in the arena and to permit sodding of the field. Association members met with school board officials Monday night and agreed to the arrangement. Work already has started on the project. Fertilizer was spread on the ground Tuesday, and preparations made to flowing the field this week. Officials hope to seed some grass this fall. The change will entail moving the track fence on the south side and moving the small bleachers on the opposite side of the field to provide the proper clearance. At present, the playing field overlaps onto the race track. The field will be moved slightly to avoid this situation. Round-Up Secretary J. F. Koller says that during the rodeo season the arena will be covered with a light layer of sand to provide footing for the horses. After the Round-Up, the sand will be scraped off, the grass watered and a sod field will be available for the football season. This system has been successfully used at several points in Colorado, Koller says. **Break-Ins Reported at Camp Crook, Belle Tuesday Night** Loss of almost \$300 in two burglaries, two other break-ins



by Mary Buchholz

and several minor thefts have been reported in the area during the past few days. Latest development were two break-ins in Belle Fourche Tuesday night and the theft of an estimated \$150 from a safe in the Corner Bar at Camp Crook sometime early Wednesday morning. This followed a break-in at the Richards’ Conoco Service Station here Friday night and the resultant theft of \$150 in cash. Police Chief Floyd Short reported that no property is missing, but that attempt was made Tuesday night to break into the Ranger Bowling Alley and the Tri-State Café. Short said someone had broken the glass near the door lock in both cases and attempted to open the door by reaching thru the broken glass and unbolting the lock. However, the intruders were unable to work the lock at the Tri-State Café, and although the bowling alley door was unlatched, Jack Brooker, the operator, could find nothing but a plastic cigarette lighter missing, although there was some cash on hand. At Camp Crook, someone broke the front door lock on the Corner Bar, operated by Harvey Gaines, sometime after midnight Tuesday. Mrs. Gaines said the thief then pried open the safe and was reported to have stolen an estimated \$150. Added to this have been several minor thefts, such as the disappearance of some tools from an overturned truck near Colony, theft of some clothes on a line at the home of Bertha Baird here, and the disappearance of an oil heater belonging to Lester Hoeye, Belle Fourche.

50 years ago

Belle Fourche Daily Post  
December 3, 1974  
**Belle-Spearfish Join in Bid for High School Rodeo** The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that Chambers from Spearfish and Belle Fourche have made a joint bid for the 1978 National High School Rodeo. If the bid is successful, the rodeo would be held at the Black Hills Roundup arena. A delegation consisting of Ed Denham, Gary and Joyce Greenwalt, Dan and Susan Hodge of Belle Fourche along with Ray Filder and Bernie Boehm, Spearfish went to Pierre Nov. 24 to meet with the South Dakota High School Rodeo Association board of directors to make a presentation on behalf of both communities. “We would like to have the moral support of all Belle Fourche individuals and organizations in this venture,” said Belle Fourche Chamber officials. “Please stop in at the Chamber office or send a letter or resolutions to use expressing your support. We are not asking for financial support, just moral support, and – if we should be selected as a host city – man-power.”



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CALVES	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
TI Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	111	Black-Str	545	334.00	\$1,819.69
Bill Lambert, Hammond MT	100	Blk/Bwf-Str	572	329.50	\$1,883.75
Kp Stevens, Ashland MT	89	Black-Str	559	332.00	\$1,856.21
	16	Black-Str	460	375.00	\$1,725.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Ll, Belle Fourche S	71	Blk/Bwf-Str	606	308.00	\$1,865.13
	25	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	527	291.00	\$1,532.98
Jacob Hieb, Ekalaka MT	40	Black-Str	615	308.50	\$1,898.04
	4	Black-Str	433	387.50	\$1,675.93
	23	Black-Hfr	584	280.00	\$1,634.95
	8	Black-Hfr	428	340.00	\$1,453.50
Ryan Larson, Spearfish SD	44	Blk/Bwf-Str	547	330.50	\$1,806.48
	32	Blk/Bwf-Str	396	420.00	\$1,662.93
	13	Rd/Blk-Str	274	440.00	\$1,204.92
	37	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	519	299.00	\$1,553.18
	42	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	387	374.00	\$1,447.46
	17	Black-Hfr	284	382.50	\$1,084.50
Dudley & Marilyn Mackey, Gillette WY	37	Red-Str	554	328.00	\$1,815.52
	10	Red-Str	471	352.00	\$1,657.92
Tom Tweed, Ashland MT	17	Red-Str	582	310.00	\$1,804.38
	10	Red-Str	478	350.00	\$1,671.25
Daniel & Kathryn Rhoden, Newell SD	15	Black-Str	610	308.50	\$1,881.85
	4	Black-Str	484	365.00	\$1,765.68
	12	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	601	279.00	\$1,677.48
Arthur L Hauber, Hulett WY	31	Blk/Bwf-Str	591	311.00	\$1,836.90
	7	Blk/Bwf-Str	419	389.00	\$1,628.24
	22	Blk/Bwf-Str	519	295.00	\$1,530.64
Ryan Melin, Ashland MT	20	Blk/Bwf-Str	548	329.00	\$1,803.74
	4	Black-Str	440	373.00	\$1,641.20
	16	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	517	287.00	\$1,482.53
TJ Strub, Ekalaka MT	22	Black-Str	563	326.50	\$1,577.80
Andrew Cathey, Hammond MT	36	Black-Hfr	460	343.00	\$1,577.80
	2	Black-Hfr	370	350.00	\$1,295.00
	3	Black-Str	433	397.50	\$1,722.50
Dean Hackens, New Underwood SD	23	Red-Str	478	360.00	\$1,720.17
	14	Red-Hfr	415	330.00	\$1,369.50
Zach Johnson, Dawson Mn	16	Blk/Bwf-Str	586	317.00	\$1,857.42
	12	Black-Str	499	335.00	\$1,672.20
	30	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	538	285.50	\$1,535.03
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	44	Black-Str	437	397.50	\$1,737.25
	15	Black-Str	385	424.00	\$1,630.98
	79	Black-Hfr	464	333.50	\$1,548.03
	41	Black-Hfr	396	370.00	\$1,466.46
Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka MT	62	Black-Str	545	331.00	\$1,804.48
	22	Black-Str	435	391.00	\$1,699.96
	5	Black-Str	265	440.00	\$1,166.00
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	28	Black-Str	498	331.00	\$1,647.90
	11	Rd/Blk-Str	386	400.00	\$1,543.63
	25	Black-Hfr	476	319.00	\$1,517.80
	20	Black-Hfr	378	370.00	\$1,396.75
Dalton Stearns, Edgemont SD	32	Blk/Bwf-Str	604	306.50	\$1,850.01
	12	Blk/Bwf-Str	460	362.00	\$1,663.69
Clair & Vickie Sutton, Edgemont SD	6	Red-Str	621	300.00	\$1,862.50
	10	Rd/Blk-Hfr	584	272.00	\$1,588.48
Tom D Moore, Hulett WY	23	Herf-Hfr	543	270.00	\$1,466.21
	10	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	577	277.00	\$1,598.29
Tim Hague, Hermosa SD	4	Blk/Bwf-Str	539	320.00	\$1,724.00
	8	Blk/Bwf-Str	444	372.50	\$1,655.29
	7	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	453	314.00	\$1,421.97
Michael & Deanna Gauthier, Rozet WY	15	Blk/Bwf-Str	615	304.50	\$1,871.66
	5	Black-Hfr	547	283.00	\$1,548.01
Colvin Ranch, Rapid City SD	3	Black-Str	658	297.00	\$1,955.25
Sheridan & Belinda Burgess, WYamo WY	9	Black-Str	609	274.00	\$1,669.87
	7	Black-Str	495	297.00	\$1,470.15
<b>WEIGH UPS</b>					
Todd Larson, Belle Fourche SD	11	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	836	217.50	\$1,819.09
Thomas Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche SD	46	Black-Hfr	859		220.50
Jason Bollinger, Jordan MT	4	Black-Yrfg Hfr	800	252.00	\$2,016.00
Hanft Ranch, WYola MT	1	Char-Hfr	805	217.50	\$1,750.87
Kevin Or Donna Kennedy, Upton WY	1	Black-Hfr	825	242.50	\$2,000.62
	1	Black-Hfr	1275	170.00	\$2,167.50
	1	Black-Hfr	1080	175.00	\$1,890.00

Snook Land & Livestock, Sundance WY	1	Black-Hfr	825	212.50	\$1,753.12
Brett Dailey, Jordan MT	8	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	798	225.00	\$1,794.37
	4	Black-Hfr	835	248.00	\$2,070.80
Jason Bollinger, Jordan MT	2	Black-Hfr	868	207.50	\$1,800.06
Sheldon Bollinger, Brusett MT	1	Black-Yrfg Hfr	860	207.00	\$1,780.20
	1	Black-Yrfg Hfr	895	200.00	\$1,790.00
Todd Larson, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1115	142.00	\$1,583.30
C R Christensen, Newcastle WY	5	Black-Cow	973	140.00	\$1,362.20
Snook Land & Livestock, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1270	147.50	\$1,873.25
Kevin Or Donna Kennedy, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	950	150.00	\$1,425.00
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	3	Black-Cow	1207	123.00	\$1,484.20
John Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD	3	Herf-Cow	1065	143.00	\$1,522.95
Kent Kreuz, Whitewood SD	1	Herf-Cow	960	152.50	\$1,464.00
	1	Rwf-Cow	1030	141.00	\$1,452.30
Joe Fortner, Biddle MT	6	Black-Cow	1088	155.00	\$1,686.91
Jason Bollinger, Jordan MT	6	Black-Cow	1312	117.00	\$1,534.65
	2	Black-Cow	1158	115.00	\$1,331.12
	3	Black-Cow	1133	111.00	\$1,258.00
Lazy Bar 7 Cattle Co Llc, Gillette WY	6	Black-Cow	1473	124.00	\$1,825.90
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1310	125.00	\$1,637.50
Edward Painter, Moorcroft WY	1	Red-Cow	1125	107.00	\$1,203.75
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	8	Black-Cow	1544	130.00	\$2,006.87
B & M Cattle, Jordan MT	5	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1250	117.00	\$1,462.50
	1	Black-Cow	1395	126.00	\$1,757.70
Daniel & Kathryn Rhoden, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1630	115.00	\$1,874.50
Spotted Mule Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	3	Rd/Blk-Cow	1425	121.50	\$1,731.37
	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1245	116.00	\$1,444.20
Cic Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	2	Black-Hfr	925	203.00	\$1,877.75
Jason King, Hammond MT	5	Black-Hfr	928	200.00	\$1,856.00
	6	Black-Cow	1180	115.00	\$1,357.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1535	117.00	\$1,795.95
	1	Black-Cow	1245	122.00	\$1,518.90
Todd Larson, Belle Fourche SD	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1262	125.00	\$1,577.08
	2	Black-Cow	1473	123.00	\$1,811.17
	4	Black-Cow	1120	138.00	\$1,546.60
Austin T Risty, Reva SD	3	Black-Cow	1493	127.50	\$1,904.00
	3	Black-Hfr	1097	168.00	\$1,842.40
	2	Black-Cow	1208	120.00	\$1,449.00
C R Christensen, Newcastle WY	12	Black-Cow	997	110.00	\$1,096.79
	1	Black-Cow	1055	139.00	\$1,466.45
	1	Black-Cow	1255	114.00	\$1,430.70
Austin T Risty, Reva SD	3	Black-Cow	1157	141.00	\$1,630.90
	3	Black-Cow	1377	124.50	\$1,713.95
	1	Black-Cow	1805	121.00	\$2,184.05
Snook Land & Livestock, Sundance WY	14	Rd/Blk-Cow	1379	124.00	\$1,710.31
	21	Rd/Blk-Cow	1178	113.50	\$1,356.59
	12	Rd/Blk-Cow	1093	106.00	\$1,158.05
	10	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	1018	165.00	\$1,679.70
	4	Red-Cow	1128	131.00	\$1,477.02
	1	Red-Cow	1310	116.00	\$1,519.60
B & L Betz Cattle Company Inc, Clearmont	1	Black-Cow	1330	119.00	\$1,582.70
	3	Black-Cow	1240	112.00	\$1,388.80
	6	Black-Cow	1213	111.00	\$1,346.80
Steve Bossman, Moorcroft WY	4	Black-Cow	1555	124.50	\$1,935.97
	2	Black-Cow	1388	119.00	\$1,651.12
Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	8	Black-Cow	1251	110.00	\$1,376.37
	14	Black-Cow	861	217.50	\$1,873.60
Thomasetta Wilson Kuhl, Buffalo Gap SD	4	Black-Cow	1260	116.00	\$1,461.60
	1	Black-Cow	1090	107.00	\$1,166.30
Greg Or Debbie Boyd, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1375	124.00	\$1,705.00
Spotted Mule Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1625	123.50	\$2,006.87
	1	Black-Hfr	1155	125.00	\$1,443.75
Kevin Or Donna Kennedy, Upton WY	5	Black-Cow	1202	110.00	\$1,322.20
	4	Rd/Blk-Cow	1410	125.50	\$1,769.55
Dalton Stearns, Edgemont SD	1	Black-Cow	1500	121.00	\$1,815.00
	1	Herf-Cow	1465	115.00	\$1,684.75
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	3	Black-Cow	1433	127.00	\$1,820.33
Dane & Kristi Dobesh, Belle Fourche SD	1	Herf-Cow	1185	115.00	\$1,362.75
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- Gingerbread Village, Dec. 7th
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from C1Lamb wants it, will be giving out lamb as the free protein during the December distributions. You can pick food up on either December 9 at the Meals on Wheels building in Belle Fourche or on December 10 at the south door of the Nisland Town Hall. Kitzan explained, "It's a free class that's going to be on December 3rd, and on the following Monday, the 9th, the food distribution will have lamb being distributed—that's the coordination. If they want to learn how to cook the lamb that they could be receiving on Monday, this is a great time to come." Instructors for the class are Tammy Basel, South Dakota Sheep Growers and West River

Promotion Committee member, and Joyce Matthews, retired home ec teacher. "Joyce is from up in the Bison area and she just retired as a career home ec teacher, she is bringing a world of experience into this too. She's going to be talking a lot about nutrition," said Kitzan. Everything you need for the cooking class will be provided, all you have to do is show up and be ready to learn. "There are a lot of people who still are a little hesitant on cooking lamb. They're just not familiar with it—like they are with beef, pork or chicken. This is such a great opportunity to learn from people who have been cooking lamb since they were at their mother's skirts," explained Kitzan.



Gwen Kitzan, Joyce Matthews and Tammy Basel will be hosting a free lamb cooking class on December 3 at 4:30 p.m. at the BFRC and December 11 at 4:30 p.m. at Faith Legion Hall. If interested message Tammy Basel. Spots are limited, a RSVP is appreciated but not required. *Courtesy photo*

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## Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden November 23, 2024



While we enjoyed unseasonably warm weather for this time of year, Mother Nature has been kind to us as she eases in with much colder temperatures by this winter. Fire places and wood stoves have been put to good use this past week. It gave folks a chance to get cows moved in very bearable weather.

The John and Melanie Cammack had a cool day to work their buffalo recently. It is an interesting process and they are always on high alert when working with the buffalo. It was a family affair with family members including John's mom, Yvonne Barry, all there to help. Pastor Bill Meirose joined Larry and Sandy Rhoden and Gary and Lorie Hausmann for lunch after church services at Nellie's in Enning. Jack Seller and Darrell Wilcox were there for lunch as well.

Soldiers of the Cross is in full mode on Wednesdays for children ages 5 and up. Melanie Cammack is the mid week youth director. If anyone would like their child to attend, one may contact Melanie as all children are welcome.

When Larry Rhoden has time off he works on projects including branding irons in the shop. His recent project

was building a new deck. His structure under the deck was made with lumber he cut from poles and made into lumber. He made the deck railing from scratch with iron and stainless steel cable that are strong, sturdy and amazing looking. They look so good, Sandy had him make a new railing for the inside of their home staircase. This all takes time, so before the legislative session begins, it has been a good time for projects.

This is a short week for students and teachers in the area due to Thanksgiving vacation. I am personally thankful beyond measure for the country I live in and the community I'm privileged to reside in as well. We are a rich nation and are blessed just to live here.

I am thankful for the bounty and provisions the Lord has given to our family and so many surrounding us in this great community of Central Meade County.

May you be richly blessed this holiday season and beyond. Studies show that those who are thankful and take account of all they have been blessed with are among the world's happiest people.

So every new day we are alive, we can all seek a bit more joy by thanking the Lord for things we are thankful for.

## Apprenticeships in Action: Celebrating Opportunity

By: Sec. Marcia Hultman November 22, 2024

This year, 2024, marks 10 years of raising awareness and celebrating "National Apprenticeship Week." Apprenticeships are an effective approach for South Dakotans to gain on-the-job training plus classroom instruction to earn a nationally recognized credential while continuing to earn a living for their family. In the last two years, we have taken apprenticeships to a whole new level in our state.

A year and a half ago, Governor Kristi Noem invested just under \$8 million to increase the number of apprenticeship opportunities available in South Dakota. Since this investment, South Dakota has significantly increased the number of programs available, growing from 102 programs to 145. Nearly 300 South Dakota businesses have inquired about starting a registered apprenticeship program. And 50 new programs are in development. I'm so proud of my team who has put in the hard work to make this happen.

I want to give an example of one profession that has especially benefited from apprenticeships and is near and dear to my heart: teaching. Just like my grandmother and mother before me, I was trained to be a teacher. However, the options to get there look quite different today.

In many recent years, teachers have been hard-to-fill positions with some of the highest number of job openings in South Dakota. To address this need, the Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) worked with the Department of Education and our post-secondary education partners to launch a Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway.

The Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway keeps costs low for current paraeducators as they continue to gain work-based learning experience combined with technical instruction to become licensed teachers. The program allows individuals to earn and learn while staying

implementing strategic solutions, communities protect their economic sovereignty while building resilient local economies for future generations. The choice between Main

in their home community. All coursework is offered virtually at convenient times, so participants can continue to work while enrolled. School districts provide a local mentor to support the apprentices throughout the process. Northern State University and Dakota State University offer the necessary coursework over a two-year period to earn a bachelor's degree in education, as well as a teaching certificate.

This pathway has already achieved great results. 88 participants joined the program in the first year. More than 90% of these teacher apprentices are sticking with the program, and 100% say they are very likely or somewhat likely to stay in their education career. That will make a real difference in our teacher workforce well into the future. And thanks to support from the legislature, this effort is expanding as a second cohort of teacher apprentices began this fall.

Our first graduate of the Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway, Kandy Flowers, is now teaching in Wessington Springs. When she graduated, Kandy thanked everyone involved in the program and shared how she is now able to continue working with the students she has been assisting – but with the addition of her teaching certification. Kandy shared her hopes for the continued success of the Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway because "it works."

This is but one example of the ways apprenticeships are launching careers and changing lives in South Dakota. It's simple; apprenticeships work. And DLR is here to continue advancing apprenticeship opportunities in South Dakota for years to come. We thank Governor Noem for her support of these efforts. I can't wait to see how opportunities continue to grow and evolve for the people of South Dakota.

Marcia Hultman is Cabinet Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

Street and Wall Street isn't just about where we shop – it's about who we want to be as communities and what legacy we wish to leave for future generations.

## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" The Battle for Main Street Is Real!

The transformation of America's rural communities landscape is occurring at an unprecedented pace, driven by a critical battle between local businesses and large corporate retailers. This struggle, often overlooked in national discourse, has far-reaching implications for the future of small-town America.

According to the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, between 2000 and 2015, over 40% of America's small businesses closed their doors permanently. This trend accelerated during the digital revolution, with e-commerce growing from 4.2% of total retail sales in 2010 to over 21% by 2023. These statistics represent more than mere numbers – they represent a fundamental shift in how local economies function.

The entry of big-box retailers follows a predictable pattern. Initially, these corporations often receive substantial tax incentives from local governments – averaging \$1.2 million per store, according to Good Jobs First.

This investment, while attractive in the short term, often yields diminishing returns. Studies show that for every \$100 spent at a big-box retailer, only \$14 remains in the local economy, compared to \$48 when the same amount is spent at a local business.

The impact extends beyond retail economics. Research from the Economic Policy Institute demonstrates that when a Supercenter enters a community, it eliminates an average of 1.4 local jobs for every job it creates. Furthermore, these new jobs typically offer lower wages – about 15% less than the retail sector average – and fewer benefits, contributing to increased reliance on public assistance programs.

The proliferation of dollar



stores presents another challenge. In rural areas, dollar store density has increased by 87% since 2001, with some communities seeing one store for every 3,000 residents. While these stores promise convenience and affordability, they often contribute to food deserts by deterring full-service grocery stores from entering the market, as documented by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance.

The fiscal impact on local governments is equally concerning. A study by Civic Economics found that online retail sales generate virtually no sales tax revenue for local governments, while big-box retailers generate approximately 50% less tax revenue per square foot compared to independent local business districts. This reduction in revenue directly affects essential services – from road maintenance to emergency response times.

Media independence also suffers. Since 2004, approximately 2,100 local newspapers have closed, creating "news deserts" in many rural communities. This decline correlates strongly with the erosion of local advertising revenue, which has shifted to national chains and digital platforms.

However, communities can fight back through strategic action: Many communities have implemented "local first" purchasing policies, requiring government agencies to prioritize local vendors. Such policies typically generate a 10-30% premium in local economic activity. Communities that invest in downtown revitalization see an average 15% increase in property values within three years, according to the National Main Street Center. Historic preservation districts typically generate 13% more value per square foot than surrounding areas. Instead of offering in-

centives to outside corporations, communities can invest in local entrepreneurship. Programs like Michigan's Economic Gardening initiative have shown that every \$1 invested in local business development generates \$2.77 in economic activity.

Successful "buy local" campaigns typically increase local business revenue by 7-8% annually, compared to communities without such programs. Communities that successfully develop and market their unique characteristics see 20-30% higher tourism revenue and increased business retention rates.

The solution lies in understanding that economic development isn't just about lower prices – it's about creating sustainable local economies. When communities maintain their economic independence, they retain control over their future.

Data shows that communities with higher percentages of locally owned businesses have 15% higher per capita income growth, 50% higher civic engagement, and 40% higher charitable giving.

The future of rural communities hinges on recognizing this struggle and taking decisive action. As Jane Jacobs noted in "The Death and Life of Great American Cities," the most successful communities are those that maintain their economic diversity and local character. By understanding the data behind these economic trends and

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## DC Booth Historic Fish Railcar

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Visitors will be able to learn about the Fish Railcar and the newly designed chandeliers. Roger will be explaining and sharing information on the design and process undertaken to historically replicate the original Fish Railcar #3.

Roger worked on the original

restoration of the Fish Railcar in the 1990's. For the past several decades, visitors have enjoyed touring the Fish Railcar, with one important detail missing – the chandeliers.

During the past year, Roger has put in over 1,000 volunteer hours recreating four historically accurate chandeliers that were installed during the summer of 2024.

Each chandelier has 274 component parts, many of which Roger has fabricated himself, building them scratch. Roger comments, "The fish

hatchery here is a treasure for the community. I think we need to do everything we can to preserve it. I have been pleased with the opportunity to do my part to make the history of Fish Railcars available to everyone.

The Fish Railcar #3 is one of the historic venues at the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery open to the public during the months of May – September. Other venues include the Historic Booth House, the Yellowstone Boat, and the National Fish Hatchery Museum.



# MEET OUR AMAZING STAFF AT THE HATCHERY!

**CAROLYN FERRELL**  
Executive Director, The Booth Society

1. Where is your hometown? Spearfish, SD
2. What part of your job do you like? Learning new things and being able to work in such a beautiful place.
3. What is your favorite dessert? Bananas Foster
4. What do you think is special about the hatchery? It's such a unique place and a landmark in Spearfish and fish hatchery history.
5. What is something you are thankful for? My husband, daughters and living in a great community.



**NANCY COLE**  
Gift Shop Manager, The Booth Society

1. Where is your hometown? Spearfish, SD
2. What part of your job do you like? Scoping out and buying unique items that represent the Hatchery and the area, merchandising the gift shop for our summer visitors.
3. What is your favorite dessert? Pumpkin pie with real whipped cream
4. What do you think is special about the hatchery? The iconic place that the Hatchery holds in the history of Spearfish, along with the historically significant buildings, and the beautiful and peaceful grounds.
5. What is something you are thankful for? That I get to live in Western South Dakota.



**KAREN HOLZER**  
Communications & Outreach Coordinator, The Booth Society

1. Where is your hometown? Timber Lake, SD
2. What part of your job do you like? Sharing the story of the Hatchery!
3. What is your favorite dessert? Apple Crisp
4. What do you think is special about the hatchery? The visitors - 190,000 a year!
5. What is something you are thankful for? Time spent with grandkids



**MITCH ADAMS**  
USFWS MIFP Coordinator

1. Where is your hometown? Scottsbluff, NE
2. What part of your job do you like? Training new maintenance staff with maintenance and infrastructure fellows program.
3. What is your favorite dessert? Oatmeal raisin cookie
4. What do you think is special about the hatchery? A unique Hatchery experience for visitors who are new to the fish and wildlife service.
5. What is something you are thankful for? My intelligent and brave daughters



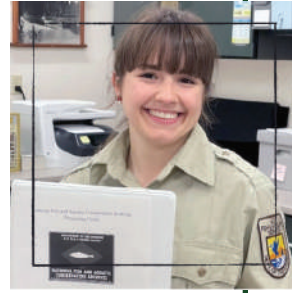
**CARLOS MARTINEZ**  
USFWS Director

1. Where is your hometown? Leadville, CO (Elevation 10,154')
2. What part of your job do you like? The best parts of my job include serving the American public and moving the needle on fisheries conservation.
3. What is your favorite dessert? Most chocolate varieties of ice cream. Oh, and mint chocolate chip too.
4. What do you think is special about the hatchery? The strong public support and community appreciation of D.C. Booth. The hatchery annually receives over 190,000 visitors and 14,000 volunteer hours!
5. What is something you are thankful for? The great family and friends that I have.



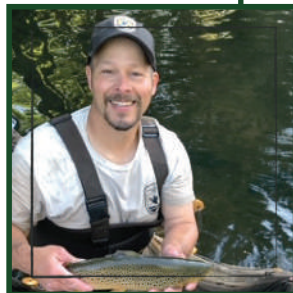
**TAYLA BAHR**  
USFWS Archives Tech

1. Where is your hometown? Rapid City, SD
2. What part of your job do you like? I adore working in history every day!
3. What is your favorite dessert? Almond Croissant
4. What do you think is special about the hatchery? What I think is special about the hatchery is our connection with the community.
5. What is something you are thankful for? Sugar



**MATT WIPF**  
USFWS Lead Biologist

1. Where is your hometown? Spearfish, SD
2. What part of your job do you like? Talking with all the people.
3. What is your favorite dessert? Anything pumpkin
4. What do you think is special about the hatchery? The fish and history so the Fishtory!
5. What is something you are thankful for? Family



**APRIL GREGORY**  
USFWS Curator

1. Where is your hometown? Lodge Grass and Hardin, MT
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5. What is something you are thankful for? My health, family and friends.



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USFWS Bio Tech

1. Where is your hometown? Indianapolis, ID
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### GOP chairman won't seek reelection, others angling for job

Changes coming at the top of South Dakota Republican Party

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Another round of leadership turnover is coming within the South Dakota Republican Party.

State GOP Chairman John Wiik will not seek a second term leading South Dakota's long-dominant party and plans to hand off the position following the end of his two-year term, according to multiple Republican insiders.

Ready to take Wiik's place, who declined to comment when reached by The Dakota Scout this week, are at least three party players active within South Dakota politics and the state GOP.

According to correspondence circulating among GOP county and precinct officers from around the state, former House Majority Leader Lee Qualm, Vote No on H Chairman Ezra Hays, and anti-carbon pipeline leader Jim Eschenbaum are all vying for support ahead of Republican officer elections in January.

Qualm is a former lawmaker from Platte who served as House Majority Leader from 2017 to 2020. He narrowly lost a bid to reclaim a legislative spot in the June primary, coming up short against Rep. Marty Overweg and Rep.-elect Jim Halverson in District 21.

Hays, from Rapid City, led efforts to defeat a proposed bal-

lot measure earlier this month that sought to do away with partisan primary elections in South Dakota. His campaign committee had the backing of the South Dakota Republican Party.

Eschenbaum, a Hand County commissioner, organized opposition to a proposed carbon sequestration pipeline and is credited with helping to rally public dissent for Referred Law 21, also on the ballot in the Nov. 5 election.

All three men are scheduled to participate in a GOP candidate forum this week, where they'll have the chance to make their pitch to be the next chairman of the South Dakota Republican Party — a position tasked with candidate recruitment, managing organizational budget operations, and fundraising.

It's unclear if GOP Vice Chairwoman and state Rep. Mary Fitzgerald will seek re-election or a promotion to the chairmanship. She did not respond to requests for comment from The Scout.

The status of the state GOP executive director, a position currently held by Reggie Rhoden, is also uncertain. Rhoden, the lone full-time staff member within the state party, has been with the party since shortly after Wiik took over last year. Hiring decisions are made by the party chairman with the advice and consent of the party's Executive Committee.

According to the Federal Election Commission, the party had about \$60,000 cash on hand as of mid-October.




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The Bureau of Reclamation has awarded a contract for \$1,430,277.54 to RJS Construction Inc. of Spokane Valley, Washington to stabilize 2,700 feet of eroding shoreline along the south side of Gadens Point at Belle Fourche Reservoir.

The project will reduce ongoing shoreline erosion along Gadens Point and ensure safe public vehicle travel to recreational facilities along Gadens Point area. Material hauling for construction has begun and there is a contract completion date of September 15, 2025.

Gadens Point Camp Loop 2 will be restricted to traffic. Suzie Peak Road will remain open to vehicular travel, but the public is urged to use caution as truck and heavy equipment traffic will increase. Signage will be in place along Suzie Peak Road to inform the public of heavy equipment traffic and construction ahead.

The Belle Fourche Project, located in western South Dakota northeast of the Black Hills, includes a diversion dam, storage dam, and canals to irrigate 57,068 acres in Newell, Vale, and Nisland along the Belle Fourche River valley. Though primarily for irrigation, it also provides flood control, wildlife conservation, and recreation. The Dam on Owl Creek, eight miles east of Belle Fourche, created the Belle Fourche Reservoir, the Belle Fourche National Wildlife Refuge, and the Rocky Point Recreation Area.

For more information, please contact Steven Fritch at (605) 519-5419. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

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# South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance to support Entrepreneurs

*"I believe that it is an act of sovereignty for a tribe to take control of their cultural history by telling their own story. And what better way to do that than tourism with people from your local community to even internationally?"*

Jackie Hendry  
sdnewswatch.org

AGENCY VILLAGE, S.D. – The South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance became a nonprofit this year and is entering the next phase of its work, five years after it was started by the state's nine Native American tribes and dozens of other organizations to promote entrepreneurship in economically disadvantaged communities and preserve and promote Indigenous culture.

Tourism is the state's second-largest industry and a primary economic engine in plenty of towns across the state. The idea is to connect more of those millions of tourists and their billions of dollars with South Dakota's rich American Indian culture.

"When you look at tourism and the idea of having a place for visitors to come that's just off the interstate, I think that is tourism gold," said Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribal archivist Tamara St. John.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office in Agency Village features a growing collection of hundreds of historic artifacts and Native art. The collection is currently housed in the tribal administration building on the Lake Traverse Reservation in the northeast corner of the state.

"The tribe has been very accommodating, but we have outgrown (this space)," St. John said. The tribe is in the early stages of developing a visitor center to house the collection. St. John's belief in the opportunity tourism can offer reservation communities spurred her to spend the past five years as a state representative.

"Seeing that tourism is such a huge economic driver for the state of South Dakota, and it really could benefit our area," she said. "I believe that it is an act of sovereignty for a tribe to take control of their cultural history by telling their own story. And what better way to do that than tourism with people from your local community to even internationally?"

Around the same time St. John joined the Legislature, other stakeholders were meeting to discuss the potential of Native American tourist attractions.

"We've had fits and starts for decades with tribal tourism," Secretary of Tourism Jim Hagen said in an interview with South Dakota Public Broadcasting earlier this year. "About five years ago we really made a concerted effort to reach out to our tribes, tribal partners and friends and say, 'Let's really get this going.'"

### GWU provided guidance

The Tourism department sought outside help from the International Institute of Tourism Studies at George Washington University, which "has been specializing in helping Indigenous people create tourism on their reservations," Hagen said.

The institute served as a facilitator of early meetings of an ad hoc group of local and tribal entities with an interest in developing tourism in their communities. That group eventually became the South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance (SDNTA), which earned 501(c)(3) nonprofit status earlier this year. The alliance includes more than 50 network participants such as representation from tribes like St. John, the South Dakota Department of Tourism and businesses that operate in tribal communities.

"Together, we represent and try to get representation from all nine tribes in our area," said Frank Kills in Water, SDNTA board chair. "It helps us as an alliance to have partners on every reservation to help bring tourism to each reservation in a good way."

The early work with George Washington University also resulted in a five-year Native

American Tourism Development and Management Plan specific to South Dakota. The 145-page plan includes existing attractions across the state's nine reservations, along with opportunities for further development.

"Through these collaborations, we've come to find out that our experiences in Indian Country are very unique," said Kills in Water. "And GW helped us to kind of enrich those and point them out, not only to the tourism industry but to ourselves as well. So we came to the understanding in these meetings that our culture was the way that we were going to be able to show the rest of the world that we're still here."

Encouraging entrepreneurship Preserving and sharing tribal culture aren't the only potential benefits of developing Native American tourism. There's no direct line between the state's nearly \$5 billion dollar tourism industry and the economically disadvantaged reservation areas.

Both St. John and Kills in Water see tourism as an economic and entrepreneurial opportunity for tribal communities, where jobs can be scarce. "The tourism that we want to start isn't going to make our tribes rich," said Kills in Water. "The ultimate goal is that ikce wicasa (common man) going out and using that skill and using something that he's learned through the work of our alliance and our partners in the industry to go and bring that dollar home to his family."

One of the small businesses represented in the SDNTA is Tatanka Rez Tourz, touted as the only Native American-owned tour company in South Dakota. It's run by Guss Yellow Hair and Tianna Yellow Hair, a father-daughter duo on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The two also hosted a training for other prospective Native American tour guides in May through the SDNTA. Guss Yellow Hair first suggested the idea for a tour guide business to his daughter in 2011, after his experience giving tours as a cultural consultant for the Pine Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

"A lot of people were asking questions, and in my mind I was thinking, 'Well, who better to tell our story than me, a Lakota-Cheyenne person who grew up on the reservation?'" Guss remembered. Tianna Yellow Hair initially presented the idea during a business plan competition at the Lakota Nation Invitational – and won. She and her father launched the business about nine years ago. They currently offer three tour packages that range in time commitment and the topics covered.

"We try to accommodate you and take that into consideration, while still following who we are and why we started this," said Tianna Yellow Hair. "Which is to educate our visitors on things that have already been in the public but also to knock down a lot of those stereotypical views that people have of us."

Room for growth The same difficulties that make developing a new industry in reservation communities appealing also make it a challenge – from remote locations to infrastructure needs.

Tianna Yellow Hair, who also serves as secretary of the South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance, sees common themes around the state.

"A lot of times, people who come through South Dakota want to see an Indian reservation," she said. "And what we found in each of these reservations is we are open to the tourists, but we don't have the facilities to really host them. Which is not only restrooms, ATMs. Also our roads are an issue, hotel stays, places to eat, restaurants. We really lack a lot of tourist accommodations." Investing in accommodations for visitors can be a hard sell, especially when so many residents have their own needs. Kills in Water said buy-in from the tribes has not been universal.

"Our own people feel like when a bus comes through, they're looking at us like we're animals in cages," he said. "They come and they see all



Karen Odell  
Nov. 18, 2024

Capitol and Tie Creek saw frost on the pumpkins, on Sunday morning. Things had finally gotten pretty chilly during the night.

On Monday afternoon, Ronda Cordell drove to Rapid City to stay over-night at Cristen and Jayda Westling's. On Tuesday morning, Ronda had an appointment with a Rapid City dermatologist. She met Curt Zolnoski for a late breakfast after the appointment. Then, she was back to Spearfish by one-thirty for a chiropractor appointment. Diane Wear came to the ranch after work on Monday, to stay over to doggie sit and tend to chores. On Friday afternoon, Diane Wear came by again, briefly, as she was on her way in to Camp Crook to cook at the Corner Cafe. Ronda made a quick trip to Buffalo, and enjoyed 'tips' at the cafe as she came back through Camp Crook, on her way home. Diane stayed over-night, to be able to cook on Saturday evening. She helped Ronda get the squash into a winterized place before she headed back home to Ekalka on Sunday. Ronda drove out to the Bullock Hall on Sunday, where the Christmas Bazaar was taking place, and enjoyed lunch and looking at the crafts.

Dick and Erma Albert went shopping in the Hills on Tuesday. Things have been pretty calm since then. They both went to the Senior Citizen dinner on Friday, and enjoyed ham and potatoes. There was cake, also, for a couple of birthdays. Erma stayed to play cards and was on a winning streak. She won three games. On Sunday, Dick and Erma went to church at the Catholic Church, and stayed afterward for a pot luck dinner

our trash and our boarded-up houses and the struggles of reservation life ... and some of our people, they see tourism in a negative light. They see that, 'Oh, we're selling ourselves out. We're selling our culture.'"

Other proponents of tribal tourism, like St. John, have a different perspective.

"I would say that by developing a tourism program, you're able to control those things. You're really able to define by your policies or your code where people can go. What would you like them to see?"

What would you like them to know? It's really a way of taking control."

The South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance held its quarterly meeting at Crazy Horse Memorial earlier this month. Kills in Water hopes it becomes the go-to organization to help develop tourism opportunities for Native people in South Dakota.

"The entrepreneurial aspect of this is giving individuals a chance to go out and become tour guides. It's giving them a chance to showcase their skills



## Capitol News

and Bible study.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell had a hunter from Iowa, this week, who left on Tuesday. Wade Pearson hauled some boards out for Alvin, on Thursday. Then Jess Lehman came to inspect a couple of cows that Wade took back with him. On Saturday, two hunters, a man and wife from Colorado, came. They were friends who had visited for many years. Alvin went out with them, on Sunday, and Marlee went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook. Barrett Cordell's birthday will be on Monday, so everyone at church sang 'Happy Birthday' for him, and got to have cake after church.

Pete Anderson went to church in Camp Crook, too, and enjoyed the cake afterward. Then Bruce and Lynn Gustafson came to visit him later in the day.

Lynn Gustafson picked up Janet Odell, and they went to the Diligent Doer's Extension Club meeting at the Camp Crook City Hall, on Wednesday. On Thursday, Bruce and Lynn had to go all the way to Miles City, so that Lynn could get a driver's license with ID. That certainly sounds like a hardship to me; and also a great expense. That's 340 miles round-trip.

Monday was Veteran's Day, and Julia Davis had a holiday from her work in town, so she could do a lot of work at home. The rest of the week was pretty normal until Friday. That's when one of their big white sheep dogs came in with a face and mouth full of porcupine quills. There were so many, that they had to take him to the vet in Belle Fourche. Doug helped the vet while the dog was sedated, and they finally got all the quills out. The dog was groggy, but much happier on the way home.

Junior and Shirley Melum got

## Estimated tourism-linked jobs, labor income in South Dakota tribal nations in 2019

Tribal Nation	Direct Jobs	Total Jobs	Direct Labor Income	Total Labor Income
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	66	114	\$1,410,000	\$3,120,000
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe	51.2	64.8	\$1,176,000	\$1,768,000
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe	0.7	1.1	\$11,620	\$26,600
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	64.7	90.1	\$1,475,000	\$2,185,000
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	150.2	216.3	\$3,123,200	\$4,964,000
Oglala Sioux Tribe	101	136	\$2,170,000	\$3,390,000
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	168.4	221.6	\$2,621,500	\$4,445,500
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	20	34	\$400,000	\$900,000
Yankton Sioux Tribe	54.6	78	\$986,000	\$1,814,000

Source: GW calculations based on Tourism Economics data

\*A Flourish table

a nice package of wedding pictures from their granddaughter, Lauren Woods. Lauren and her husband returned from a trip to Hawaii, and live outside Kansas City on a farm. She now has chickens to care for, while her husband has a large lawn care business in town.

Dawn Padden had been to Bowman for the junior high basketball games, on Friday. Junior High wrestling has also started and the high school wrestlers will begin next week. Dawn and Bryce went on a skunk hunt, this week. They got some, but fear there are more living nearby.

Karen Odell and Hywel had a pretty quiet week. Karen caught some more cats to visit the Metzger Holcolm Vet Clinic. Hywel is not a great help, and two got away when she was nearly ready to leave, but she finally got a few to take down on Wednesday. She went back again, on Friday, to pick them up. Jack Ovitz stopped by, one day, to check out an electrical breaker for Karen. He went on up the river, to visit at Junior and Shirley Melum's. Karen made a trip to Wolfy's in Camp Crook. She talked to both her brothers, Ron and Jim Evans in Ohio, and it was good to hear their voices. She watched the Columbus Grove High School football team on YouTube, and got to see grandchildren of her home-town friends, playing in the game. She got a great letter from her college friend, Jeanne Dineen. She and Jeanne can recall many interesting and exciting events from their college days, and trips with the university choir and cheerleaders.

Next week will be the Harding County Ministerial Community Service at six o'clock on Sunday, at the log church in Buffalo.

The echoes of a kind word can rebound from person to person until they are truly endless.

and what they do," he said. "And it's giving them a voice."

How to watch 'South Dakota Focus' The next episode of "South Dakota Focus" airs on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 8:30 p.m. Central time / 7:30 p.m. Mountain time. It can be viewed on SD-PB-TV1, Facebook, YouTube and SD.net.

The episode includes: A visit to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate on the Lake Traverse Reservation

A conversation with the board chair of the South Dakota Native Tourism Alliance How the Tatanka Rez Tourz business works to educate visitors on contemporary life on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

This story is part of a series that Jackie Hendry, host and producer of South Dakota Public Broadcasting's "South Dakota Focus," will write to preview the upcoming show on South Dakota News Watch, an independent, nonprofit news organization. Read more in-depth stories at sdnewswatch.org and sign up for an email every few days to get stories as soon as they're published. Contact us at info@sdnewswatch.org.





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## Noem's Cabinet role could be 'untenable:' Former Homeland Security chief

*"I suspect there will be many days when she wishes she were back in South Dakota," said Jeh Johnson, who served as Homeland Security secretary un-*

**Stu Whitney**  
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South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem's rise to secretary of the Department of Homeland Security would put her in charge of a sprawling federal network of 22 agencies and 260,000 employees tasked with keeping the United States safe from outside threats.

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But most everyone agrees her potential role in President-elect Donald Trump's Cabinet comes at a pivotal time in the country's approach to illegal immigration and national security.

Jeh Johnson, who served as Homeland Security secretary under President Barack Obama from 2013-17, told News Watch that he wishes the South Dakota Republican success "in promoting the department's missions and its people."

But Johnson, former general counsel of the Department of Defense, added a note of caution as Noem prepares to join an administration that has vowed to carry out mass deportations of illegal immigrants in the country, facing likely legislative and legal hurdles along the way.

"I fear she will be placed in the untenable position of having to publicly defend the Trump Administration's most controversial and harshest immigration enforcement policies," Johnson told News Watch. "I suspect there will be many days when she wishes she were back in South Dakota."

Serving as governor is 'training ground'

The Department of Homeland Security, formed in response to the 9/11 attacks of 2001, began operations in 2003 and is the third-largest Cabinet department behind the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs.

Though it is largely associated with immigration oversight through Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security also oversees cybersecurity and disaster response, as well as the Secret Service and Coast Guard.

John Sandweg, who served as acting director of ICE from 2013-14, said Noem's experience as governor could help prepare her for coordinating the various agencies and supervising the budget, though DHS has a significantly larger budget and workforce than the state of South Dakota.

Sandweg noted that two other governors, Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania (2003-05) and Janet Napolitano of Arizona (2009-13) have served as Homeland Security secretary, managing a budget that reached \$108 billion for fiscal year 2025, of which \$62 billion is net discretionary funding.

"Managing an executive

function and one that can be highly political (as governor) is a unique background that can serve as training ground to being secretary, dealing with a state Legislature instead of Congress," said Sandweg, a national security lawyer who also served as acting DHS general counsel.

### Texas governor praises Noem choice

Noem, who didn't respond to interview requests for this story, has said that she asked Trump for the Homeland Security position and looks forward to "discussing our nation's security challenges and my commitment to addressing them head-on" during Senate confirmation hearings.

In a recent poll conducted by Echelon Insights, 27% of respondents either strongly or somewhat supported Noem as the DHS nominee, compared to 26% who strongly or somewhat oppose the choice.

That net approval of plus-1 was third-lowest of eight high-profile Trump Cabinet picks, ahead of only Matt Gaetz for attorney general (negative-11) and Pete Hegseth for secretary of Defense (negative-2).

Noem has deployed South Dakota National Guard troops to the Southern border five times during her administration. In 2021, she drew criticism for accepting a \$1 million donation from a Republican donor to help cover the cost of a two-month deployment of 48 troops to the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas.

Noem has also made several trips to the border to support the enforcement efforts of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who praised her on the social media site X the day she was nominated as a "border hawk who has worked with me to secure the Texas border."

Sandweg, a lawyer in Washington specializing in DHS compliance and immigration, said that Noem's new role will likely be an eye-opener compared to her past brushes with border security as an Upper Midwest governor without federal oversight.

"I think she'll find that she has a lot to learn about border security," Sandweg told News Watch. "(Homeland Security) is a different type of responsibility in which she's constrained in ways she wasn't in the past by federal law, budgetary concerns and international diplomacy."

### Clashes with White House possible

Trump has tapped former ICE director Tom Homan to serve as his "border czar" at the White House, which could free up Noem to focus on other DHS agencies such as the Secret Service and FEMA.

The administration's immigration strategy will also be shaped by Stephen Miller, who was hired as deputy chief of staff for policy after working on the Muslim travel ban and other hardline initiatives during Trump's previous White House stint.

But Noem will still oversee the DHS budget, which will have to be ramped up significantly to carry out some of the deportation and enforcement policies being pushed by Trump and his team.

Trump has indicated that he plans to declare a national emergency to carry out his campaign promise of mass deportations of migrants living in the U.S. illegally, of which there are an estimated 11.7 million, according to the Center for Migration Studies based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

Finding resources for those plans could put Noem on the firing line of appropriation-based battles with Congress, where

Republicans will hold a 53-47 majority in the U.S. Senate but a slimmer advantage in the U.S. House.

"Border and immigration issues tend to dominate the job, and she has the added wrinkle of having more seasoned policy and operational people at the White House," said Sandweg, referring to Homan and Miller. "It will be interesting to see

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Former Secretary of **Homeland Security Jeh Johnson** speaks at the National Press Foundation 2024 Elections Fellowship on July 29, 2024, in Detroit. He led the department from 2013-17 under former President Barack Obama. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)

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Former Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson



**Gov. Kristi Noem** posted this photo on her Facebook page on Oct. 3, 2024, showing her helping **South Dakota National Guard** soldiers at the Southern border. In her post, Noem said that the Guard soldiers constructed more than five miles of border wall. (Photo: Gov. Kristi Noem on Facebook)



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## B's Buzz



**Betty Bruner**

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As we draw closer to the holidays, I suppose many of us have been reflecting on food, family, and the future. I've spent the last week pondering the past. This time of year seems to lend itself to reflection-what didn't get done and what still needs to be done. Did I miss anything important? Or was I too busy to spend time with those who are important to me?

I have come to the place where it's more important to spend time with those "who" are important to me, than to "do" anything important.

Don't get me wrong, there are important things to do, but the key is that the "doing" doesn't overtake the "whoing."

When our kids were all little (a looong time ago), the holidays were a time of lots of doing. Christmas concerts, shopping, tree trimming, decorating, and above all baking! Cooking, cleaning, and all that stuff. It was a grand time and never to be forgotten. But now, the kids are grown and grandchildren have come to fill the space. But they don't come to our house so much anymore although we do get to see them on the holidays.

So, what is the point of planning and preparing and decorating and then putting everything away? It's just hubby and me (and you know I'm married to Mr. Scrooge. Who, by the way, denies that he is a Scrooge.) But I digress. I plan and prepare and decorate because I enjoy it! And it makes the whole house look welcoming and fun!

Today or tomorrow or maybe the next day, I'll sit down and plan what I'll bake and how much decorating I'll do. That's the fun part! It's like planning for a vacation and then staying home to enjoy the pamphlets for the vacation without all the hassle of traveling. Huh? Well we haven't taken very many vacations in our 50+ years of marriage, but we have taken time to enjoy each other's presence. We know that time is precious and grab onto it whenever we can.

You see, this time of year is also sad and causes me to pause again to realize how treasured family is. Three years ago, on November 21, our oldest son, Matthew, and his son, Noah, were killed in a plane crash. Matthew was the pilot and it was discovered that he had a heart attack on take-off. He was only 44.

We never got to say goodbye, never got to tell him one more time that he was loved, and that we were proud

## Food and Fellowship



The Newell City Hall was full of the wonderful smells of turkey and ham and the voices of friends and family. Photo by Betty Bruner

## Community Joins for Food and Fellowship

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NEWELL-Newell City Hall was the place to be Sunday evening for a feast of turkey, ham, and side dishes furnished by community members. Over 100 area folks gathered to begin the Thanksgiving season together as a community to

of what God had done in his life. We missed that opportunity because we were too busy to stop "doing" and instead missed the point of family.

But, I am aware of the present and what it means to all those who are close to us. Family, friends, co-workers. People who are far and near us. And I have made myself a promise-I will tell people I come in contact with that they are special. Some have wonderful smiles, some have a giggle or a laugh that cannot be forgotten. There are some that rarely smile or laugh, but they have wisdom beyond their years. Tall ones, short ones, skinny and not so skinny ones.

There is always something special about those we come in contact with. So, I've spent some time considering people I see and meet. In this time of rushing around trying to do, take a little time to LOOK at individuals and SEE them and their lives.

Thanksgiving will never be the same, but that doesn't mean it will never be enjoyed. There are still family members and friends to share our time together. And I plan to learn how to play Cribbage this year! I'm going to take the time to have my grandchildren show me how to play. It'll be a riot!

enjoy a bit of holiday food and a whole lot of conversation with friends and neighbors.

The meal was put together by an ambitious group of ladies from the area churches with the side dishes and desserts brought in by other community members. The turkey and ham was donated by a grant from Thrivent. Food was laid out on two rows and no one could go away hungry from the meal. Turkey was served by Fred Wilson and Jerry Seaman.

The evening began with prayer by Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden. He highlighted the

privilege to be here in rural South Dakota and encouraged everyone to appreciate the things around them.

"Be thankful for the thing the good Lord has given us," he said.

He continued by praying that, "We pause to thank You for Your blessings. Blessings that don't come from the government but created by You."

Following the delicious meal, the Watchmen Youth Group gathered in the front to introduce themselves and tell a little about their group. The

teens started the group when there was no church youth group in the area and strive to study the Bible.

Orin Bender, area teen from the youth group, was the speaker for the evening. He began by asking the crowd why we give thanks for anything. He pointed out that it is show appreciation. The most important thing to remember is to show God our appreciation for Him and His care. Orin read from James 4, saying in part that we are not guaranteed tomorrow or today, but God is always there when we need Him.

According to Psalm 107, Bender said that we need to thank God for His wonderful love and His faithful love. It is important to remember what God has done and thank Him for everything.

Remember, Bender said, all that God has given us so we can give it away.

"Act on what He has given us," he concluded.

Lorie (Rhoden) Hausmann was asked to lead the crowd in a couple of familiar songs. As MC Sabrina Harmon noted, she was asked about five minutes earlier.

Lorie warmed up the crowd by saying that we are blessed to live in the United States and in South Dakota. The crowd sang "God Bless America" and "How Great Thou Art."

The evening was concluded with Pastor Terri Blanchett thanking all the ladies who helped to put the event together. She ended with prayer for the community, saying how much she appreciated everyone there.



Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden gave the opening blessing at the community Thanksgiving dinner. Photo by Betty Bruner

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## Grand River Roundup



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It got colder this week with temperatures in the 30s and 40s and the wind blew hard on Tuesday and Wednesday. Reub and I went to Buffalo Tuesday afternoon for the Harding County Republican precinct election at John and Sue Klempel's house and it was hard driving against that 70mph wind. Taz and Casey stayed home on Tuesday and Wednesday to get things on the ranch

ready for winter. There was a little skiff of snow on Tuesday on our way to Buffalo but it had disappeared by the time we were headed home.

There has been some critter digging into the chicken coop where my pullets were so Wednesday evening Reub and I went up to move the pullets down to the coop with my old hens and Taz brought Copper and Knox to help us catch all the pullets and take them to the other coop in the dark. The kids were lots of help and it didn't take us long to put the pullets

into the coop with the old hens where they will be safe.

We lost another old friend: Celia Jean (Bickerdyke) Welch, 84, died peacefully at the Spearfish Canyon Healthcare on Thursday, November 7. A Celebration of Celia's Life was held on Monday, November 25, 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 the Limpert Family Cemetery on the Slim Buttes Buffalo Ranch

in Harding County.

It was 10 degrees when we got up Thursday morning and it stayed chilly all day. Missy took care of River Lu and the twins at her house while Taz took Amanda up to help him work on Dalton Mellmer's house north of Reeder that day. Reub and I cut up a lot of firewood that afternoon, enough to fill up the back of his side-by-side, and then he hauled it up to our house where I gathered up a bunch of it to fire up the wood stove in the house that night, which really felt good. Copper had basketball practice in Buffalo that evening so Grandpa Casey brought Copper and Knox home that evening after Copper was done with basketball practice and Casey was done with wrestling practice.

I had a High Plains Western Heritage board meeting in Spearfish on Friday and got to take another interesting tour through the building. I took a picture of a buggy that is on the stage in the theater that was given to the Heritage by the Penor family that I knew well growing up in Bison. This is what the sign in front of the buggy says: "Circa 1902-1910, Model 1544, Side Spring Business Buggy, Collis & Minnie Penor Owners, Used to deliver eggs to Bison, SD in 1940s, Driven by E.R. Penor McIntosh, SD, Great grandson"

I knew all the Penors and their relatives while my family lived in Bison and I knew E.R. Penor, known as Woody Penor,

really well. He graduated from high school in Bison in 1960 and he passed away in September 15, 2022 at Copper Sky Assisted Living in Casa Grande, AZ while Woody and his wife were living in McIntosh during the summer. Woody is buried in the Rabbit Butte Cemetery, south of Bison on the Bixby Road. It was Woody's desire to be buried in the Besler Family plot where he spent numerous days during his childhood as a young adult helping out at Uncle Wayne Besler's ranch, which was the homestead of his grandparents Christ and Julia Besler, and where his mother Elsie (Besler) Penor was born and raised.

Copper and her team had a basketball game in Belle Fourche on Saturday and they had a lot of fun.

With Thanksgiving this week, I'll leave you with this:

An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey. His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone.

After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together. "Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

They all asked the farmer how it tasted.

"I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

November 16, 1914

There was an interesting horse race at Arpan Saturday. A 10-year-old Hamiltonian was put up against a 5-year-old home product bronco. The latter won with the help of a long buggy whip which crowded "Old Ted" to the fence. He is not fond of those things, and neither are we.

Axel Erickson wants an elderly woman as a companion for his wife. No children to look after and no housework to speak of. Someone who wants a good home. Inquire at the Irrigator Office or address Mr. Erickson, Newell, So Dak.

School boys fixed the stove pipe in their room, it having been more like an ice box and a smoke house. Mr. Staiger and Paul have been killing coyotes in the Horse Creek vicinity near school yard last week.

A League of Women Voters has been organized in the Empire Community. The following directors have been appointed for the new South Hilan League of Women Voters are President Mrs. Reppen, Vice President Mrs. Fairbanks and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Guy Livingston.

With all the turkey shoots and raffles in the country, there

by Linda Velder

November 16, 1944

Residents of Mud Butte and Sulphur communities turned out enmasse Sunday night and Monday morning in search of little Sally Mae Sundstrom, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Sundstrom of Mud Butte. The child rode a gentle horse and accompanied by 2 dogs, left the ranch Sunday afternoon to bring the sheep into the corral from a short distance away. Apparently, the thick fog confused her and when she had not returned after a reasonable length of time, the parents notified neighbors, and the word spread through the countryside. Many joined a search party and descended into the darkness, but still no child was found. Monday morning the child appeared at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Orwick, some 15 miles north at Zeona, who fed her, cleaned her up and put her to bed then notified the searching parties.

The most unwelcome combination of wind and snow once more teamed up this week to make life miserable for the habitants of this part of South Dakota. Starting Sunday with rain, the storm Monday night developed into a raging blizzard. Tuesday morning, we were confronted with snow drifts 6 to 7 feet high and all roads effectively block-aided. In Newell all business was practically suspended, Tuesday as the storm raged throughout the day no mail moved in or out of Newell, trains were cancelled, no school, not a wheel turned for 2 days, and doubtful if anyone of them is able to get any distance today. Highway 79 from Sturgis is still blocked, the worst tie-up being over Sly Hill on this side of Sturgis. Highways 212 east and 79 north are blocked with drifts that are long and tall.

The Federal Communications Commission has granted the Black Hills Broadcast Company permission to change its call letters for radio station KOBH to "KOTA". Elaborate ceremonies are planned when the changeover is made. Use of the new call letters will be started Wednesday, November 22nd.

November 25, 1954

Sam Michelson, operator of Sam's Service in Newell, has announced that he will hold the formal opening of his new "212-79 Service Center", Saturday, November 27th. A gala day is planned for the opening of the modern Carter Service Station recently completed along Highways 212 & 79, with a host of prizes to be given away and

should be a turkey on the table for every thanksgiving dinner this year.

November 29, 1934

The CCC Camp is now completed, and they are having a smoker on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate the event. Thanksgiving Day will be a big day, the boys are going to have a real feed, meaning turkey with all the trimmings. Several of the boys went A.W.O.L. in order to get home for Thanksgiving Day, there being absolutely no leave granted until Christmas time.

Hemp, that tall willow weed stalk that has been growing by the roadside and waterways in many places unhonored and unsung, may furnish the basis of a new industry in the Black Hills. Experiments with it as an eradicator of creeping jenny, is only one part of the hemp horizon. It is believed the starting of a pulp mill here would be a good thing. Among the uses of hemp are twine making, cellophane, gun powder, rug manufacturer and newsprint. The matter will be considered by the Chamber of Commerce.

Roy Woods recently purchased the restaurant formerly conducted by Herman Jaskela and took possession on November 15th. Mr. Wood is serving a special turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone is welcome at no charge.



Turkeys November, 1934, ready to harvest for the dinner table Newell Museum

L. M. Suni has 10 dozen white leghorns, rose and single comb, 1 and 2-year-old at his place a half mile south of the Newell Depot. He also has 12 Poland China pigs ready to sell.

It is expected that Deputy State Game Warden Eldholm will ask the State's Attorney for the issuance of a complaint, charging a resident of Spearfish Canyon with employing a dog in deer hunting. The Deputy found a wounded buck in the creek, which was being attacked by a dog. The man charged with the offence claims he had wounded the deer and then used the dog to run down the deer. There seems to be some doubt regarding the validity of the law in respect to the use of dogs in deer hunting and probable the game warden will press the charge for the purpose of having the law tested in court.

November 20, 1924

The Sewing Club held a most enjoyable meeting at Mrs. Richman's on Friday afternoon with Mesdames: Follum; Keffler; Richman; Mathews; Blacklock; Aune; Suter; Zecek and Miss Hester Calhoun present. Tongues flew faster than needles. The hostess served a delicious luncheon. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Follum on December 5th.

Mr. Rowan has been putting the Horse Creek School's supply of coal in. Two High

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free coffee and doughnuts to be served all day with Manager Ted Stenson giving tours. The large modern building opened for business recently; the Service Center will offer the latest automobile servicing, repairs and equipment.

Mr. & Mrs. Arne Lund were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Johnson of Camp Creek at the authentic Lutefisk supper served by the Trinity Lutheran

resulted from the practice. Newell City officials noted the past week as they issued instructions to Police Chief Art Foxley to be alert for any persons driving vehicles thereon. Until the final seal coat is placed on the airstrip, vehicle travel there will result in extensive damage and possible loss of the large investment already made there. It is also noted that if minors are involved, their parents will be



Nisland High School Football team 1954  
Back Row: H. Greenwald, R. Cooper, D. Shipley, E. Ollila, R. Herman, W. Ruff, Coach Christensen  
Front Row: J. Shevling, C. Bisgaard, G. Keil, K. Burbach, D. Payne, J. Ellenberger, F. Albertson, F. Mutchler  
All State Team: Dwaine Shipley, Ronald Herman, Ronald Smith, Faye Mutchler, Frank Albertson, Jim Shevling, Gerald Keil. Not pictured Larry Norlin  
Newell Museum

Church Guild in Rapid City this past Friday.

Nine Mustangs lettered in football the past season, Superintendent and Coach Bryce Christensen reported this week. They were Dwaine Shipley, Ronald Herman and Ronald Smith Seniors; Frank Albertson, Larry Norlin, Jerry Ellenberger, Faye Mutchler and James Shevling Juniors and Gerald Keil lone Sophomore. The Mustangs came in 4th in the Little Ten Conference with a 2 to 1 for the season.

November 19, 1964

Neil Smeenk and Douglas Kimball had a hayride for the Grammer students of the Horse Creek School Thursday evening. The event was well attended and after the hayride wandered through the community, the group enjoyed hot dogs and hot cocoa at the Bill Smeenk home.

The Newell airstrip is no place for drag racing and considerable damage has already

held liable for the damage.

Music instructor Horal Mollet, Betty Ulrich, Janet Miller, Mike Edwards and Joel Laumer left Thursday for Watertown where the students participated in All-State Chorus activities over the weekend. Enroute home because of a bus breakdown, they spent overnight Sunday in Faulkton. Principal Walt Johnson drove to Faulkton after them Monday.

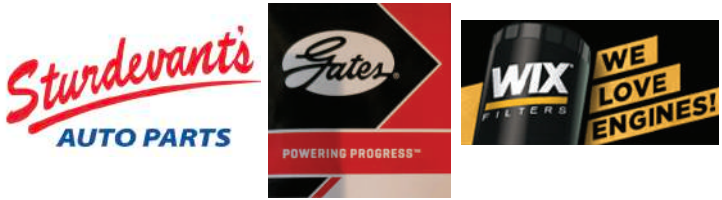
Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a trailer house belonging to Rodney Winkler and its contents early Saturday at the Byron Schipke farm northwest of Newell. The blaze in the trailer, which was used by employees of Winkler's engaged in land leveling at the Schipke farm was discovered about 7:00 AM and the Newell Volunteer Fire Department was called. However, firemen and neighbors were only able to keep the fire from spreading. The personal contents of the trailer were estimated at \$800.

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## Here's What's Happening in Newell!

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**Monday, Dec. 2, 8:30 to 2:15**  
Blood Drive, Austin Auditorium  
**Thursday, Dec. 5**  
Newell Elementary Program

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

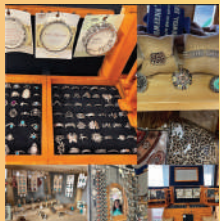
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Orin Bender gave a stirring talk on being thankful for everything we have.

Photos by Betty Bruner

**Guest Correspondent**  
Jessica Raisanen,  
Newell School

Black Hills Reads and the Black Hills Literacy Committee are pleased to partner once again with the SD Humanities Council and the SD Statewide Family Engagement Center to bring 3rd-grade students across the Black Hills the Young Readers One Book for 2024: a bind-up of the first two books in the award-winning Juana and Lucas series – Juana & Lucas and Juana & Lucas: Big Problems – written and illustrated by Juana Medina.

The students are encouraged to read the book and then write about it.

Mr. Jesse Engle, a third-grade teacher at Newell School District, is proud to announce two of his students as the top winners of all third graders in

the Black Hills. Olin Wilen won second place, and Sofia Lewis won third place. Each wrote three paragraphs on what home means to them. The winning result was free hockey tickets for their entire class to a Rapid City Rush game. Their individual prizes are yet to be announced.

Sofia wrote:

Home is where I can cuddle with my cat Goldy. I named him Goldy because he has fur that is goldish yellow. He is so soft, funny, and fun to play with.

Home is where I can be with my family and play with them. I can spend time with my family and have fun together. I can have good times with my family.

Home is where I can play with my siblings and have so much fun. We can dance together and spend time together. I can read to them and help them with math. My family is what

my home means to me. My cat is also what my home means to me.

Olin wrote:

Home is where I can see my mom and dad. Home is where I can help my mom when she gets surgery on her arm. Home is where I can help build a house.

Home is where I can read, play, and build things. Home is where I go when I'm hurt or mad. Home is where I can play with my dogs and feed my animals.

Home is where I can play with my Legos and go to my friend's house. Home is my only safe place. My mom is the only person that can make me happy.

My home is the place for me.

Congratulations to both Olin and Sofia!

## Insights From the Superintendent

### Dr. Pandi Pittman



meal provided by the kitchen staff. Grandparents and students can have a picture taken to mark the special event.

The Newell PTO volunteers their time and efforts to this grand tradition at the Newell School District, which dates to when I was an elementary student a long, long, long time ago. Volunteers are involved with the photo booth, crafts, and organization of the special Thanksgiving dinner. Betty Bruner and the kitchen staff work diligently to provide the special meal with all the trimmings.

Grandparents' Day is not only a chance to celebrate family but also a way to bridge the gap between generations and

create meaningful relationships between students and their older family members. Newell School District celebrates Grandparents Day during Thanksgiving week, because we are thankful for all grandparents and their involvement with the education of our children.



## Newell School Board

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NEWELL—Newell's School Board welcomed its newest member at the November 11 School Board meeting.

The business manager, technology and student success coordinator, K-8 Principal, activity director, and superintendent gave reports. The board approved several policies concerning staff complaints and grievances, purchasing procedures, bidding requirements, and board policy development and adoption.

In new business, rules for girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and wrestling were approved. The board then appointed Kristin Bonefield as its 2025 ASBSD Legislative Delegate

and discussed its ASBSD legislative standings. Bonefield will travel to Pierre on November 22 to participate in the ASBSD Delegate Assembly.


The board then approved hiring Heil Mechanical to complete repairs at the school. Pandi Pittman, Superintendent, mentioned that heating repairs in the building are nearly finished. Loss control recommendations were discussed.

Executive session reportedly lasted until around 1:30 a.m. on November 12 as the board discussed a multitude of complaints.

A special board meeting was held on November 18 for School Board Training with Tyler Cloverdale of KSB Law.

Grandparents' Day at the Newell School District is a special day where students invite their grandparents or "adopted" grandparents to visit the school and participate in various activities. It's a way to celebrate the important role grandparents play in children's lives and to create intergenerational connections.

At the Newell School District, grandparents can have the opportunity to visit the classroom, enjoy classroom activities, engage in crafts, and enjoy a special Thanksgiving

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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## Newell School Announces Coaches

Newell School District proudly announces Luke Bonefield as the head coach of the high school girls' basketball team and Cierra McTaggart as the assistant coach.

Coach Bonefield is a graduating student of the Newell School District taking his team to the state level during high school. Coach Luke brings experience and expertise to the coaching staff. Currently, he is finishing his degree at Black Hills State University. He resides on his family ranch with his wife and two children Savanna and Autumn. His goals this year are for the girls to continue improving throughout the year. He wants Newell athletes to embrace what it means to be a team during the ups and downs on and off the

court. Luke Bonefield said he has always wanted the opportunity to coach basketball at this level.

Coach Cierra McTaggart is a hometown girl. She used to play basketball in Newell during her high school years. In fact, her high school team went to state for three of the four years and was state runner-up in her senior year. She graduated from Newell in 2011. Married to her husband Levi, she lives on the family ranch and has two lovely children, Latham and Chaizlee. Coach Cierra has a deep love for basketball, it continues to allow her to stay involved. She loves having the opportunity to help players improve their skills, grow as individuals, and realize their potential on and off the court.



**Luke Bonefield,**  
Head Coach  
High School Girls Basketball



**Cierra McTaggart,**  
Assistant Coach  
High School Girls Basketball



The Watchmen Youth Group gathered at the Thanksgiving Dinner. They have formed their own group to study the Bible. Photo by Betty Bruner



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## Why Thanksgiving is so Late

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Why is Thanksgiving so late this year? Technically, November 28 is as late as it can be and the reason is because of Congress and the calendar.

In order to understand this, we have to go back a few years to the state.

According to the National Archives, on September 28, 1789, Congress passed a resolution asking the president to recommend a day of thanksgiving for the nation. So, a few days later President George Washington issued a proclamation naming Thursday, November 26, 1789 as a "Day of Public Thanksgiving," which marked the first Thanksgiving to be celebrated under the new Constitution.

For many years, subsequent presidents issued Thanksgiving proclamations. But the dates varied until President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Proclamation that Thanksgiving was to be regularly commemorated each year on the last Thursday of November.

That date worked well until 1939 when the last Thursday fell on the last day of the month. President Franklin D. Roosevelt became concerned that the shortened Christmas shopping season could hurt the nation's economic recovery. So, he moved the date to the second to last Thursday in November. Thirty-two states followed along but 16 states chose not to and kept Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of the month. This created a holiday muddle. This dual holiday system

continued for the next two years with the president and part of the nation celebrating on the second to last Thursday and the rest of the nation celebrating the following week.

Congress decided to step in then in 1941. The House passed a resolution declaring the last Thursday in November as the legal holiday. The Senate amended that to make it the fourth Thursday, considering Novembers with five Thursdays. The House agreed, President Roosevelt agreed, and Thanksgiving was established as we know it.

So why is Thanksgiving so late this year? Because the first of November was a Friday, which meant that the fourth Thursday would fall on the last possible week. After that, there are only 27 days left before Christmas!



The Ladies Auxillary of the Nisland/Arpan Fire and Rescue were at Belle Fourche Runnings store with a host of goodies. They sold out quickly.

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### Newell Festival of Trees December 7, 2024 Newell City Hall

Admission: \$5 or 3 cans of non-perishable food items per person for the Newell Food Bank

- 9:00am - Doors open and Silent Auction open for viewing and bidding all day
- 10:00am-11:00am - Senior Citizen Christmas Tea with music provided by Vonda Mahaffy
- 11:30am - Community lunch
- 11:30am-1:30pm - Elementary, Middle and High School will perform Christmas Concert directed by Kim Bachman
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm - The Potter Family Christmas Show
- 2:30pm - Wine and Cheese Tasting
- 4:00pm - Live Auction - Trees, Wreaths, Hunts, Unique Items
  - Buffalo Hunt - Scott Petersen's Ranch, guided by Fred Lamphere
  - Fishing Excursion provided by Dan Nefsgger, choice of: Archery Carp, Archery Paddle Fish, open water Lake Poinsett
  - Fishing Excursion - Wild Walleye Outfitters - Kevin Vaughn
  - Whitetail Deer Hunt and Turkey Hunt provided and guided by Mike Disaril
  - Antelope Hunt guided by Smeenk Ranch
  - Extreme Taxidermy - Fred Lamphere
  - Coyote Hunt guided by J.C. Seaman
  - Linstad Trout Farm - 2 bags of 2" Trout
  - Pheasant Hunt provided by Kara Creek Ranch in partnership with Monte Snook

We plan to add more live auction items before December 7, 2024 - stay tuned. For more information or to donate call Judy Heisler at 605-210-2586 or mail donation to 12720 Schmele Road, Newell SD 57760.

A special thank you to all volunteers, local businesses, churches and donors for the continued support of our local emergency services. All proceeds will be donated to the Newell Ambulance Service, Newell Fire Department, Nisland/Arpan Fire Department, and the Vale Fire Department.

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### Whistle Stop Market

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December 7, 2024

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Hand Crafted Items, Vintage Finds,  
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For Booth Information

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