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## Explanations Given by States Attorney and Sheriff

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BELLE FOURCHE-During Public Comments at the latest Butte County Commission meeting November 21, several questions were asked and answers were given.

Katie Hoffman started out the Public Comment session asking pointed questions concerning 3J Towing and the revocation of the towing company from Butte County towing rotation. She mentioned that it seemed that the timing of removal from rotation and that it looked like the County did not consider the laws that the towing company was required to follow. She commented that it was a potential abuse of power. She further pointed out that the company was not allowed on the agenda at the last meeting and could only comment on the matter during Public Comments. She remarked that she felt the sheriff was trying to create a monopoly.

Vice Chairman James Ager allowed comments from States Attorney McCartney and Sheriff Lamphere to address Hoffman's concerns. Following a summation by McCartney during which she listed events that led to warrant being issued, she explained that there were inconsistencies in what had been posted on social media and the facts of this case. She explained the additional steps taken by the car owner, her representation, the States Attorney office, 3J Towing, and Circuit Court.

The owner of 3J Towing responded that he could not find a case number for any criminal suit the business was part of. However, McCartney gave him the case number and he said he would find

## 24th Annual Festival of Trees rings in the holiday season



The Festival of Trees was a holiday marvel of the Belle Fourche community Tuesday, November 28 evening where the community poured into the Belle Fourche Community Hall to kick off the holiday season with the fundraising celebration. In total, 14 trees, 14 wreaths, and approximately 50 smaller holiday displays were auctioned to benefit local nonprofit entities that serve the community. Totals raised for the event were not immediately available. Lacey Peterson Photo

it as soon as possible.

McCartney stated that "at no time did anyone from my office attempt to force 3J Towing to return the car for free" as had been said in social media.

Sheriff Lamphere stated that a court order is a legal process.

"We have to trust the system as we are officers of the Court as

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## Belle Fourche Annual Parade of Lights

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The days this time of year are noticeable short and many of us northern plains residents crave a little extra light.

A good place to find a "light" break from the darkness (no pun intended) is the annual Belle Fourche Festival of Lights. Traditionally this event takes place the day after Thanksgiving Day.

The population of visitors in Belle Fourche typically swells over the Thanksgiving holiday with those who come home to celebrate the holiday. Also, many people who live in the neighboring communities and

counties tend to find reasons to gather in town during the Thanksgiving weekend. It's time to stock up on supplies, engage in some friendly banter with people you haven't seen for a while, or even with people you've never met.

All along Highway 85 businesses are lit up. A variety of goods and services can be found on this stretch of roadway through town. There are also many businesses on State Street that serve as viable pedestrian destinations. And, of course, there are lights.

During the Thanksgiving hol-

Parade of Lights Contd. A4



SML Conoco at the corner of 7th & State provided ample space to watch the Parade of Lights and restroom access.

Meg English Photo

## Belle City Liquor Privatization Begins

Two Belle Fourche businesses began off-sale sales of Liquor on December 1st.

Action the past couple months by the Belle Fourche City Council resulted in the privatization of Liquor Sales in the City of Belle Fourche.

The Municipal owned and operated City off-sale liquor store was established back when licensing was first initiated in the days of Prohibition.

Yesway, a Texas corporation purchased the inventory of the City's Liquor business

and is now operating from that location and Lynn's Dakotamart on National Street were the two who began sales on December 1st.

Yesway also plans to begin limited sales at its quick stop location on the corner of 5th and Summit Streets and CBH Coop plans to begin sales this week at their truck stop location at the intersection of Highways 85 & 212 in the present week.

The Beacon is working on an additional story on this change in public policy.



Lynn's Dakotamart, store manager, Jim Grapentine



Yesway liquor store manager, Carmen Gomez Barnes



CONBA's Light Up the Night, Black Friday Fireworks. BFPolice Dept. Courtesy Photo

## Safest Maintenance Unit Statewide



3-Peat! SDDOT Unit 471 - made up of crews in Belle Fourche, Newell, and Buffalo - has won the award for Safest Maintenance Unit Statewide. This is the third year in a row that they have won the award. They also won Safest Unit Rapid City Region, and combined with Unit 472 - Bison, Lemmon, Faith - to win Safest Area Maintenance Statewide.

Unit 471 is under the supervision of HMS Rick Walton, and Unit 472 is under the supervision of HMS Joel Larson.

Pictured from left. Jerry Janvrin, Buffalo LW Justin Till, Rusty Cramer, James Blaha, Greg Dvorak, Belle LW Rik Bartels, Jason Oedekoven, Newell LW Randy Jaukkuri, Eric Adams, Highway Maintenance Supervisor Rick Walton accepting the award from Director of Operations Craig Smith, Karl Hulin, Tom Barrera, Bill Heidrich, & Kyle Lewis.

## 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving day parade with Spirit of America



Amiyah Gomez had been working all summer to raise money to get to New York City. The Belle Fourche Community along with Spirit of Cheer and Dance has rallied behind Amiyah to perform in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving day parade with Spirit of America. Amiyah was 1 of 5 cheerleaders from South Dakota in the parade. 4 cheerleaders from Lakota tech also went. Amiyah and the other ladies got to know each other while competing during cheer season this fall. Amiyah says her favorite thing to do in NYC was visit Time Square and see a Broadway show. Ms. Gomez would like to go back some day. Courtesy Photo





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## Tim Hagemann 73

Tim Hagemann, age 73 of Belle Fourche, died peacefully in his sleep at his home on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Tim's life was celebrated Friday, November 24, 2023 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. There was no visitation. Inurnment took place at Pine Slope Cemetery. Arrangements were with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Tim's service can be viewed from his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)

Timothy Lyle Hagemann was born October 19th, 1950 in Ashton MN, to Leo and Lucille (Hawes) Hagemann. He was the 4th of eight children. His family moved to Nemo SD when he was a growing child. He attended the Nemo Grade School and Deadwood High School. In elementary school, he met Lorraine Quenzer. After many years of tormenting and teasing her, she finally agreed to become his girlfriend, and on May 29th, 1970, she became his wife and love of his life. To this union, they had 2 daughters, Cheryl and Katina. Through good times and bad, sickness and health, Tim was a testament to his wedding vows and love for Lorraine. They have been married for 53 years and spent many of those years camping and traveling, and enjoying each other and their family.

Tim spent some time working road construction and traveling with his young family until they finally settled in Sturgis SD. Tim, Lorraine, and the girls lived in Sturgis for some 20 years while Tim worked for Hills Material first on the paving crew and later becoming mechanic foreman. He also worked as a drug and alcohol counselor, for Wharf Resources, and Fischer Sand and Gravel, later retiring early due to a work-related injury. At the time of his passing, he was a driver for Prairie Hills Transit, probably his most rewarding job. He also was a board member for New Dawn in Vale for many years.

With the birth of their first grandson in 1996, Tim and Lorraine moved to Belle Fourche SD. It was



there that Tim's love for fishing blossomed and he could be found many days fishing and camping at Orman Dam. Tim also made many lifelong friends while living in Belle Fourche and became the neighborhood "go to" guy for everything from fixing lawn mowers and cars, to plowing the entire street with his little yellow tractor, and was a listening ear for those who needed a friend.

Tim was an amazing man with very quick wit, great insight, and wisdom; a jokester at heart. He loved his family more than anything and they knew it. There was nothing that Papa couldn't fix or wouldn't do for them. He was their rock, mentor, hero and go to for everything. He will be deeply missed.

Tim was a man of God with deep faith and trust in the Lord. His family takes comfort in knowing he is with him now.

Tim is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Lorraine. His daughters Cheryl (Larry) Rohlf of Belle Fourche and Katina Hagemann Horst of Belle Fourche. Grandchildren David (Debbie) Rohlf Rapid City, Johnathan (Sarah) Rohlf San Diego CA, Chase Horst, and Sarah Horst Belle Fourche. Great grandchildren Elizabeth Rohlf and Genevieve Frasure.

Siblings Sherry (Kenny) Schmidt Colorado, Dan (Pam) Hagemann WY, Jackie Reeves Nebraska, Jeff Hagemann Nebraska, KC (Laura) Hagemann Georgia, and Charles (Sandra) Hagemann South Dakota. He is also survived by brother in laws Gordon Schnabel North Dakota, John Quenzer, South Dakota, Jim (Mary) Quenzer Wyoming, Tim (Melody) Quenzer Wyoming, sister in laws Diane Hannah South Dakota, and Wilma (Gary) Hays South Dakota, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother David Hagemann, nephew Chad Hagemann, brother-in-law Tom Lester, sister-in-law Adeline Schabel, mother-in-law Velma Quenzer, father-in-law John Quenzer, and sister-in-law Diane Quenzer.



## Carol Struble 83

Carol J. Struble, 83, of Belle Fourche died November 15, 2023 at the Hospice House in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Carol was born March 29, 1940 in Hot Springs, SD to Benjamin and Virginia McFarland. She attended Hot Springs schools and later received her GED. She married Dell Struble on June 2, 1957 and to this marriage 7 children were born.

She cooked at many establishments in the Belle Fourche area and her last job was cooking for Lunch Time Solutions at the high school. Carol spent time getting to know God while attending several churches over the years. Carol enjoyed canning and baking and sharing her goodies with family and friends. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and knitting and when not doing that she enjoyed reading. Carol loved her rabbits and she also loved plants, always having a room full of them.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Dell Struble; a daughter Edna Sinkey and a sister May Darling.

She will be missed by her children, Cornell (Tom) Kester of Belle Fourche, BC (Sharon) Struble of Buffalo, SD, Donita (Ron) Peters of Vivian, SD,



Sheldon Struble, Amy Struble and Zeda Struble all of Belle Fourche; 12 grandkids, Misty, Donna, Kyle, Kendra, Drew, Brittany, Jade, Colette, Courtney, Anthony, Adam, Cody and their families which include 33 great grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Rose (Robert) Jackson of Mt. Vernon, SD and Ida (Ted) Darling of Rapid City; her brothers, Lyle McFarland of Rapid City and Harry McFarland of Tennessee.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 25 at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche with grandson, Ben VanderMay officiating. Interment followed at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Casketbearers will be Anthony Ramirez, Drew Sinkey, Cody Ramirez, Jeff Millage, Stephen Fjelstad, Charlie Prokop and Lane Kester.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice House in Rapid City, 224 Elk Street Rapid City, SD 57701.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at <http://klinefuneral-chapel.com>



## Dale Richardson 78

Dale Richardson, age 78 of St. Onge, died Saturday, November 25, 2023 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

A visitation will be held 5 to 7 pm (MST) Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, followed by a reception at the Moose Lodge. Another visitation will take place 5 to 7pm Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Murdo. The funeral service will be held 1pm (CST) Friday at the United Methodist Church. Burial will take place at the White River Cemetery. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche ([www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)), as well as Rush Funeral Home in Philip ([www.rushfuneralhome.com](http://www.rushfuneralhome.com))

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to be donated to the St. Onge Fire Department building fund.

Dale Theodore Richardson was born July 10, 1945 in Murdo, South Dakota. He was the son of Theodore and Kathryn (Hoffman) Richardson. He grew up on the Richardson Ranch, located near Murdo, which has been in his family for over 115 years.

Dale graduated from Murdo High School in 1963 and following, attended college at SDSU in Brookings, and BHSU in Spearfish.

Dale was united in marriage to Beverly Bechtold on August 5, 1967 at White River, South Dakota and to this union four children were born: Stacy, Shawn, Kristi, and James.

At the start of their marriage, as they started their family, Dale and Beverly lived in Murdo and he worked as a ranch hand as well as working on the construction of I-90 from Presho to Wasta. He had a short career as an underground gold miner in Lead, SD but he decided that wasn't a career that he enjoyed so he moved on.

In 1970 Dale moved his family to Cody, NE where he was a ranch hand and tried his luck at Bareback riding for a time. He had a horse go down with him while riding a bucking horse and ended up changing careers again after his back injury healed up.

He moved his family to Arpan, SD in 1974 and went to work for American Colloid Company for 7 years driving a scraper and bulldozer mining bentonite and then 2 years as the safety instructor.

His next career change took him back into ranching in 1983 where he worked on the Delzer Ranch in St. Onge. He eventually settled in St. Onge. However, as his kids grew up and moved on, his drive to do something new took him out of ranching and back into construction.



He hired on with Oftedal Construction Company and he and his wife Bev took to the road traveling from job to job with the company throughout the Midwest. This lasted for a few years before Dale landed a job with Western Energy Coal Mining company in Colstrip, Montana. He worked there for 14 years up until his retirement in 2019.

In the last year and half of Dales life, he went back to his roots working on the family ranch rebuilding fences and making improvements to the property.

Throughout his life, when Dale needed to relax, he would take to carving which was his favorite pastime. The material did not matter and neither did the size or shape. It could be sandstone, antler, tree bark, or jade. He had an exceptional talent for looking at something and seeing something appear within it.

He loved the outdoors and he passed this love onto his kids at a young age taking them hunting and fishing, hiking in the hills, building projects and doing home and yard improvements, arrow-head hunting and maybe not so loved by the kids, firewood cutting. He was a hard worker his whole life, a cowboy, a fun-loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved all of his family whether they were closely related or 3rd and 4th cousins and he traveled the western U.S. searching them out to get to know them. He will be greatly missed by them all.

Dale is survived by his wife of 56 years, Beverly. He is also survived by his children, Stacy (Sherri) of Post Falls ID, Kristi (Neal) McCoy of Belle Fourche, James (Laurie) of Belle Fourche; 11 grandchildren, Cassandra (Chris), Nicole, Bryan (Stephanie), Kurt, Tawni (Douglas), Wyatt, Katie, Bailey, Sydnee, Kalee, Chloe, Joseph (Aubrey), Nathan, Lindsey; 15 great grandchildren, Joshua, Kaydence, Payton, Rylan, Rylee, Kaleah, Adelyn, Laynee, Elaina, Marcus, Zailee, Sophia, Presley, Douglas, Gauge; 2 sisters, Rena (David) Ortbahn (Dustin, Casey, Crystal) of Pierre, SD; Diana (Joel) Irvine of Folsom CA; and lots of nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends. Dale also had two Dachshund's – Ruger and Sami. He loved those dogs.

Dale was preceded in death by his son, Shawn; parents, Theodore and Kathryn; twin brother, Gale; father and mother-in-law, Frank and Della Bechtold.



### Psalm 103:1-4

☐Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits — who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion."



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## Cyndi LaFayette 63

Cyndi (Sturdevant) LaFayette, 63, of Belle Fourche, passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital surrounded by her family.

She was born January 16, 1960, in Seattle, Washington to Gilbert "Lee" and Ynes Sturdevant. In 1966, her family moved from Washington to Miles City, Montana where Cyndi "grew" up before graduating from Custer County High School in 1978.

On September 10, 1978, Cyndi married her best friend Randy LaFayette and together they moved to Lake Worth, Florida. In 1979, the couple had their first son, Jason, before moving to Billings, Montana in 1980. In 1982, they added to their growing family another son, Ryan, and in 1985, their daughter, Megan was born. Other than working at McDonald's and calling live keno at Doc and Eddy's Casino for a short while, Cyndi devoted her life to her family at home.

In 1992, Cyndi and her family moved to Belle Fourche, South Dakota where all three of her kids graduated high school. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church and taught Sunday School for nearly 20 years.

She enjoyed playing card games, like canasta (where she always showed no mercy), camping, watching true crime television, and spending time with family and loved ones. Cyndi took great pride in her five beautiful grandchildren and will forever be proud of them in EVERYTHING they do.



Cyndi is survived by her husband, Randy, Belle Fourche, SD; son, Jason (Veronica) LaFayette, Belle Fourche, SD; mother, Ynes Sturdevant, Miles City, MT; brother, Tim (Joanne) Sturdevant, Terry, MT; sister, Julie (Lynn) Harbaugh, Miles City, MT; and five grandchildren Tate LaFayette, Rose LaFayette, Bryn LaFayette, Rayechael Ford, Jocelynn Ford, numerous neices, nephews, cousins, inlaws, and many friends that she considered family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gilbert "Lee" Sturdevant, son, Ryan LaFayette, daughter, Megan LaFayette, maternal grandparents, paternal grandparents, several uncles and aunts, and many cousins.

Visitation were held Friday, December 1, 2023. A prayer service to followed at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

A Celebration of Cyndi's Life was held Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church, with Pastor Sheri Fadley officiating. Burial followed at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

Honorary pallbearers are Jason LaFayette, Tate LaFayette, Rayechael Ford, Jocelynn Ford, Rose LaFayette, and Bryn LaFayette.

An online guest book and video tribute is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)



## Mae Beth Gill 62

Mae Beth Gill, daughter, sister, companion, friend, teacher, and artist left us November 18, 2023 after a valiant battle with cancer.

Mae Beth Klock, was born September 14, 1961 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Later she moved to Sarasota, FL to be closer to her parents. It was there she met and fell in love with Perry Salzmann.

They moved to Spearfish in 1999. Being the first in her family to go to college, she received college degrees in K-12 Education, Special Education and Art, graduating in 2006.

For six years, she worked for the Ann Froelich Summer Youth Theatre, taking great joy in creating something wonderful from odds and ends. Mae never saw a piece of wood or egg carton that she didn't see as a potential art piece.

Mae taught Special Ed in Newcastle, Gillette and Belle Fourche. Always an artist and art advocate, she used her free time in Belle to have an Art Club and art class for her grade level.

She was multi-talented, experimenting with different mediums such as painting, jewelry, fabrics appliques, and wood assemblages.

"Creative people don't have a mess; they have ideas



lying around everywhere!" And that was Mae! Mae, Anita, and Laurie created The Art Nest Gallery in Spearfish 4 1/2 years ago, featuring 50+ artists. There are a number of Mae's artworks in the gallery.

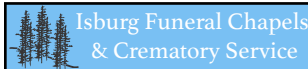
Her sisters say if you need to know who, what, where, just ask Mae; she had a memory like an elephant. Everyone who knew her would agree. She seemed to always need the bathroom when it was time to do the dishes, last one in the car and up from the dinner

table.

She is survived by her companion, Perry Salzmann; parents Dan and Joyce Klock, sisters, Patricia (Don) Hicks, Ruth Ann McCargar and Loretta Houtch, a niece, Lucy Mobley, and nephews, Aaron Klock and Christopher Houtch.

Preceding her in death was her little brother, Daniel Klock II.

The family had a private ceremony to honor Mae. Online condolences may be written at [www.fidler-is-burgfuneralchapels.com](http://www.fidler-is-burgfuneralchapels.com)



## Pastor's Perspective



### "He is my refuge and my fortress"

Psalms 91:1 says, "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

We read in this one verse, four of God's wonderful names: Here He is called, "The Most High," the "Almighty," the "Lord," and "my God." The first name the "Most High," is the name that signifies God's majesty, sovereignty, and pre-eminence. This reminds us that we live, breathe, move and have our being in God. He gave us life, and we exist because of Him.

The next name, "The Almighty," reminds us that nothing is impossible for God. He is able to always take care of us no matter what happens in the world. There is no trouble or problem that is too great for the Lord to overcome. We can trust in Him at all times and for all things. And most importantly, we trust that He will give us forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Heaven because of Jesus'

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Don McKillop, Trinity Lutheran*

death on the cross as the payment for all of our sins. We have God's promise in John 3:16 that whoever believes in Him will not perish but has eternal life.

The next name, "The Lord," means that God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and knows us perfectly. He knows the exact number of hairs on our head. He knows the number of our days that we will have on this earth.

God wants what is best for us. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

The fourth name, my "God," first appears at the very beginning of the Bible in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." It also means "supreme one" or "mighty one."

These names reminds us that even though we live in a fallen world because of sin, He is still with those who believe in Jesus and trust in His death on the cross as the payment for all of their sins. Paul speaking to believers in Jesus said that nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:35-39)

### From A1 County

as well. If a company is not going to comply with a Court order, we are not going to work with them until this is resolved," he said.

A court order was served to 3J Towing and refused by an employee to accept the order. Since the owner of the towing company then provided a written refusal to follow the court order. Lamphere said that resulted in the Sheriff's Office removing the towing company from rotation until the situation is resolved.

Rose VanSickle asked for more information on what and why commissioners approve agenda items.

There was a question about the last commission meeting minutes by Bob VanSickle. He asked for clarification of the wording following an executive session. He reminded the commissioners that no action can be taken in executive session, but only in open session. Auditor Annie Capp explained that the intention of the wording in the minutes was to reflect that no action was taken after the executive session had ended.

Dale Simanton reprimanded the commissioners on money spent

for the proposal of the new county offices. Although the project will not proceed, Simanton said that it was a waste of money to even pursue the idea.

The commissioners went on to approve the latest bid for the Courthouse roof. The previous bid had to be revised when the contractor realized that the new roof would need a membrane that would seal the entire roof to prevent any leaks. The previous idea would not stand up to high winds. The new bid came in at \$47,776.30. Work will progress as soon as possible.

An approach on Owl Creek Road was approved by the commissioners. Raymond Teats applied for the approach that is located approximately three-tenths of a mile from the Arpan Road intersection. It will be used as a driveway to his home.

Glen and Sondra Boggess asked the commissioners to approve an Agreement for Voluntary Right of Way donation. Their plan is to move the fence, put in a temporary fence and then to replace the fence.

Sheriff Lamphere took some time to give a summary of his recent trips to the southern border and Washington, DC. He

explained that there was minimal cost to the county, since the travel expenses were paid by a federation group. His group met with legislators to encourage them to secure the border. He attested to the ideas that a secure border benefits Butte County.

"It will make a difference in our county," he said. "There will be fallout at some point."

Deputy Bailee Hahne has graduated from the police academy and is ready to begin service as part of the Sheriff's Department.

The open deputy position has also been filled, according to Lamphere.

Jasen Saivong was approved for another four years as Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Karol Herman cited that he was doing a very good job and the commissioners look forward to having working with him as VSO.

Capp reported that the Audio/Visual project is going forward. The company is waiting for parts and hope the project will be done by the end of the year.

A potential web developer has come forward, according to Commissioner Ager.

The next regular meeting will be Dec. 7 at 9:30 am in the Butte County Courthouse.

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Basketball is the most popular youth sport in the US. A study by the National Athletic Trainers Association found that 22% of male basketball players have an injury that causes them to miss playing time each year. 42% of the time, that injury is to the ankle or foot, making this the most injured area.

Some other common injuries to basketball players include:

1. Muscle strains such as a groin pull, quadriceps, hamstring, or calf strain
2. Knee ligament injuries such as ACL, LCL, MCL tears or sprains
3. Ankle sprains, including high ankle sprain
4. Ankle fractures
5. Overuse injuries such as patellar tendonitis, IT band pain, shin splints
6. Falls, leading to fractures, dislocation, or sprains of the wrist, elbow, or shoulder
7. Jammed fingers
8. Concussion as a result from a collision between head and the ground, usually from falling.

Knowledge of the most common types of injuries gives us a place to start thinking about prevention. While not all injuries can be prevented, there are some things parents and players can do to reduce the risk of being injured.

1. Have an annual physical completed by a physical therapist  
This should include baseline testing of strength, ROM and a baseline concussion test
2. Make sure you have an adequate base of strength and aerobic fitness

The annual physical mentioned above should identify areas needing addressed here. Your PT can

help design a training a program to address your specific needs

3. Improve your balance and proprioception - this can help reduce the risk of the foot and ankle injuries so common in basketball

This can be accomplished with off-season strength and conditioning as well as participation in injury prevention programs to work on jumping and landing skills

4. Avoid overuse injuries and burnout

Taking time off throughout the season and the year will let the body recover

5. Hydrate adequately before and during practice and games

6. Wear properly fitted shoes.

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**Parade of Lights.** from A1  
iday people in Belle Fourche seem happy.

Judy Kling, a shopper at Runnings commented, “We come here for farm and ranch items and they also have a helpful staff and a nice line of women’s clothing. The dark Canyon coffee is another reason we shop here.”

On State Street, people milled along the well-lit street coming and going from the variety of stores throughout the day on Friday. Sue Sanders and Shawna Browning owners of Saturday on State Street were very pleased with the traffic through the store.

As the daylight faded quickly in the late afternoon, more activity began to appear. Draft horses drawing wagons lit up with festive red lights made pleasant clip-clop sounds as they provided passengers with an old-fashioned horse drawn tour through downtown.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor’s Center was another bright beacon spot. Here, visitors were welcomed to a holiday open house with free cookies, popcorn and cider.

Given the chilly weather conditions the Chili Feed (again, no pun intended) at the Belle Fourche Community Hall was a good place to take a break from the outside temperatures.

Community events like the Belle Fourche Festival of Lights do not happen by without much planning and effort.

Belle Fourche Silver Lining organizes the Chili Feed. This year, the Cowboy band entertained the diners while Santa and Mrs. Claus were available for photos.

The Center of the Nation Business Association (CoNBA) organized the horse drawn wagon rides and also donated food to the Compassion Cupboard. CoNBA is also responsible for the fireworks display and for lighting up the large Spruce tree behind the Old City Hall building.

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the parade. This year twenty floats, all local businesses participated. Santa and Mrs. Claus were also present in the parade.

Truly, the Festival of Lights is an example of a community that cares.

Parade of Lights/Shopping Photos Contd. from A1



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**Women's B Volleyball Champions:** Back: Kim Terrell, Anna Miller, Jazlyn Olson, & Catrina Rodgers. Front: Kendra Swaney, & Britt Clarkson. *Courtesy Photo*





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# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



**Tis the season for holiday events in our community!** The Belle Fourche High School Band and Chorus groups, under the direction of Micah Pennel, are planning an evening of winter and Christmas music on Thursday, December 7th at 7 PM. The Belle Fourche Middle School 6th, 7th, 8th grade choirs, under the direction of Karlee Gusso, will be performing on Monday, December 18th at 6:30 PM. Both shows will be in the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater and free to the public. Theater productions are quiet since the BFHS production performed Merry Murders at Montmarie to large audiences in mid November, but soon the cast of the high school competitive One Act Play will be announced. **The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater will also be announcing their 2024 season at their annual meeting on January 13th at 7 PM.**

Show UP will be your go-to source for all things fine arts for all ages!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for these upcoming events:  
**December 7, Thursday:** the BFHS Band and Choir Concert at 7 PM in the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater.  
**December 17, Sunday:** Christmas Crafts, Family Fun Day, at the Tri State Museum & Visitors Center from 2:00 to 4:00.  
**December 18, Monday:** the BFMS Choir (6, 7, 8 Grades) Concert at 6:30 PM  
**January 13, 2024, Saturday:** the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater ANNUAL MEETING at 7 PM at Venue 519 - All are welcome to join BFACT & also to hear about the upcoming theater season in 2024!  
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!

## High School's Final Fall Production!



BFHS senior thespians and their directors are all smiles after their final fall production. Many have been in theater together since 6th grade! L to R: Assistant Director, **Nathan Schreier, Teddy Long, Nyomi Woltkamp, Rose Sprigler, Ethan Staley, Brodie McNeese, Director ToiLyn Flick, Sophia Thompson, Carston Sechser, Ariana Richter, Clyde, and Tavey Biehl.**



The full cast and crew of Murders at Montmarie, the BFHS fall production. Back, L to R: **Denali Bieger, John Hale, Logan Willert, Zachary Gerbracht, Brodie McNeese, Rose Sprigler, Ethan Staley, Carston Sechser, Wyatt Lesmeister;** Mid Row: **Hunter Brown, Teddy Long, Joselyn Shockey, Tavey Biehl, Madison Carson, Timothy Thompson, Derek Scott, Trevor Wells, Charlie Reeves, Ariana Richter;** Front Row, L to R: **Tace Hartman, Nyomi Woltkamp, Sophia Thompson, Sonja Cropper, Ember Shannon, Lily Tippman, Atlee Olson, Elsie Adams, and Iva Hale.**



FFA members served at BH Roundup Festival of Trees as volunteers. *Beacon Photo*



Festival of Trees wreaths and other Holiday items that were auctioned off. Scott Reder mans the microphone.







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## Anything Left in the Barrel?



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Yvonne Taylor, the retired executive director of the South Dakota Municipal League will be on

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hand to lend her background and experience to the topic.

The meetin will be held after businesses close at the Pioneer Bank Trust Department meeting room at the Don Pratt building.

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3500 Hd today

Feeder cattle market was softer due to the negative board of trade

Weigh up market was steady

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This is not a complete list of animals sold, just view of how the market was today.

#### Feeder Cattle

Bull Ranch, Ashland MT.....	103.....	Bldd Str.....	577.....	\$260.50
Bull Ranch, Ashland MT.....	17.....	Blk. Str.....	467.....	\$291.00
Dinstel, Bruce & Lori, Alzada MT.....	17.....	Blk. Str.....	509.....	\$305.00
Gaskill, Roger, Ashland MT.....	27.....	Blk. Hfr.....	483.....	\$251.50
Hamm, Don Robert, Rozet WY.....	8.....	Blk. Str.....	526.....	\$291.00
Horstmann, Jesse, Spearfish SD.....	8.....	Blk. Str.....	578.....	\$256.00
Hs Bar Operating LLC, Littleton CO.....	18.....	Blk. Str.....	630.....	\$256.00
Hs Bar Operating LLC, Littleton CO.....	22.....	Blk. Hfr.....	743.....	\$214.00
Ista Trust, Alan, Hulet WY.....	12.....	Blk. Hfr.....	885.....	\$201.50
Lamb, Reese Or Wendy, Sundance WY.....	16.....	Blk. Str.....	563.....	\$269.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD.....	93.....	Bldd Str.....	606.....	\$263.00
Philippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....	98.....	Blk. Str.....	639.....	\$259.75
Philippi, Lester & Renetta, Hammond MT.....	10.....	Blk. Str.....	477.....	\$312.00
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY.....	17.....	Blk. Str.....	588.....	\$269.50
Shepperson, Bob J & Julie G, Upton WY.....	60.....	Blk. Str.....	528.....	\$279.00
Soth4, MT.....	15.....	B/R Str.....	433.....	\$310.50
Weldon, Jessica, Raub ND.....	23.....	Blk. Hfr.....	873.....	\$205.00

#### Bred Heifers & Cows - Sold By The Head

Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD.....	44.....	Blk. Hfr.....	1066.....	\$2,350.00
Weldon, Travis, Raub ND.....	14.....	Blk. Broken.....	1397.....	\$1,375.00

#### Weigh Up Cows

2d Nice Valley Ranch, Forsyth MT.....	2.....	Bldd Cwette.....	1042.....	\$110.00
Barnhart, Jesse, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1475.....	\$87.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	11.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1063.....	\$123.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	16.....	Blk. Cow.....	1515.....	\$92.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	12.....	Blk. Cow.....	1381.....	\$91.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1265.....	\$91.00
Blake, Clark, Belle Fourche SD.....	2.....	Blk. Hfr.....	907.....	\$131.00
Bortreger, Adam, Forsyth MT.....	2.....	Blk. Cwette.....	935.....	\$103.00
Bortreger, David, Forsyth MT.....	6.....	Blk. Hfr.....	863.....	\$138.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD.....	5.....	Blk. Cow.....	1520.....	\$90.50
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1825.....	\$90.00
Brimmer, Hilda, Biddle MT.....	1.....	Bld. Cow.....	1315.....	\$91.00
Brimmer, Hilda, Biddle MT.....	1.....	Heif Cow.....	1575.....	\$87.50
Burley, Quinn, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Bld. Cow.....	1360.....	\$92.50
Burley, Quinn, Broadus MT.....	4.....	Blk. Cow.....	1387.....	\$91.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1105.....	\$122.50
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT.....	9.....	Bldd Cwette.....	1242.....	\$111.00
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT.....	1.....	Red Cwette.....	1200.....	\$103.00
Clemenson, Dane, Weston WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	915.....	\$110.00
Collins, Kelly Or Melissa, Newell SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1232.....	\$87.50
Cook, Cole Or Lindsey, Forsyth MT.....	20.....	Bldd Cow.....	1274.....	\$92.50
Cook, Cole Or Lindsey, Forsyth MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1155.....	\$91.00
Cook, Cole Or Lindsey, Forsyth MT.....	3.....	Blk. Cow.....	1458.....	\$90.00
Cook, Cole Or Lindsey, Forsyth MT.....	10.....	Blk. Cow.....	1162.....	\$87.00
D Amico, Frank Or Joelle, Sonnette MT.....	2.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1142.....	\$112.00
D Amico, Frank Or Joelle, Sonnette MT.....	2.....	B/Ch Cow.....	1255.....	\$90.00
Dennis, Robert, Red Owl SD.....	3.....	Blk. Cwette.....	965.....	\$125.00
Eich, Donald L, Piedmont SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1380.....	\$90.50
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Blk. Hfr.....	945.....	\$189.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg MT.....	14.....	Blk. Hfr.....	896.....	\$173.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg MT.....	4.....	Red Hfr.....	846.....	\$162.50
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg MT.....	13.....	Blk. Hfr.....	836.....	\$137.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg MT.....	5.....	Blk. Hfr.....	914.....	\$131.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg MT.....	11.....	Blk. Hfr.....	913.....	\$131.00
Feige, Laura Or Dudley, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Xbrd Cow.....	1415.....	\$88.00
Flint, Gavin, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1435.....	\$91.00
Flying Diamond Inc, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	945.....	\$100.00
Flying Diamond Inc, Volborg MT.....	1.....	Rbld Cow.....	1075.....	\$90.00
Fruit, Tracy, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1410.....	\$91.50
Geer, D & B, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1090.....	\$120.00
Geer, D & B, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1110.....	\$105.00
Geer, D & B, Gillette WY.....	5.....	B/R Cow.....	1419.....	\$92.50
Geer, D & B, Gillette WY.....	4.....	B/R Cow.....	1250.....	\$90.50
Geis Brothers LLC, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Red Cwette.....	680.....	\$102.50
Geis, James R, Aladdin WY.....	4.....	Heif Cow.....	1003.....	\$93.00
Giacometto, John, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1725.....	\$87.00
Giacometto, John, Broadus MT.....	6.....	Blk. Cow.....	1285.....	\$85.50
Gillies, Boyce W & Cynthia, Whitewood SD.....	2.....	B/R Cow.....	1387.....	\$87.00
Green Leaf Land & Livestock, Forsyth MT.....	7.....	B/R Cwette.....	1052.....	\$115.00
Green Leaf Land & Livestock, Forsyth MT.....	1.....	Red Cwette.....	1060.....	\$100.00
Green Leaf Land & Livestock, Forsyth MT.....	16.....	B/R Cow.....	1423.....	\$91.50
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk. Hfr.....	910.....	\$130.00
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	6.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1075.....	\$100.00
Groves Ranch LLC, Gillette WY.....	14.....	Blk. Cow.....	1271.....	\$94.50
Hammon Creek Cattle, Ekakala MT.....	23.....	Blk. Hfr.....	951.....	\$136.00
Hammon Creek Cattle, Ekakala MT.....	1.....	Bld. Cow.....	1455.....	\$87.50
Hammon Creek Cattle, Ekakala MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1275.....	\$87.00
Hammon Creek Cattle, Ekakala MT.....	8.....	Bld. Cow.....	1387.....	\$85.50
Hewett, Luke, Hermosa SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1507.....	\$88.00
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	2.....	Bld. Cwette.....	950.....	\$128.00
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Bld. Cow.....	1000.....	\$91.00
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Heif Cow.....	1090.....	\$91.00
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	3.....	Rbld Cow.....	978.....	\$91.00
Ista Trust, Alan, Hulet WY.....	6.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1115.....	\$110.50
Ista Trust, Alan, Hulet WY.....	15.....	Blk. Cow.....	1325.....	\$94.00
Ista Trust, Alan, Hulet WY.....	4.....	Blk. Cow.....	1293.....	\$92.50
Ista Trust, Alan, Hulet WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1445.....	\$91.00
Jansma Cattle Co, Todd, Rock Rapids IA.....	22.....	Blk. Hfr.....	890.....	\$148.00
Jansma Cattle Co, Todd, Rock Rapids IA.....	50.....	Bldd Hfr.....	958.....	\$143.50
Jansma Cattle Co, Todd, Rock Rapids IA.....	6.....	Bldd Hfr.....	925.....	\$142.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche SD.....	3.....	Blk. Cow.....	1411.....	\$93.50
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1530.....	\$93.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1245.....	\$90.50
Kerstiens, Jack, Piedmont SD.....	2.....	Bld. Cow.....	1457.....	\$88.50
Kinghorn, Ray, St Onge SD.....	3.....	Heif Cow.....	1313.....	\$94.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1322.....	\$89.50
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1617.....	\$86.50
Mackaben, Ronny, Broadus MT.....	6.....	B/R Cow.....	1370.....	\$91.50
Modonald, James O & Rhoda, Hulet WY.....	4.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1142.....	\$99.50
Modonald, James O & Rhoda, Hulet WY.....	13.....	Bldd Cow.....	1456.....	\$92.50
Modonald, James O & Rhoda, Hulet WY.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	850.....	\$85.00
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Cow.....	2035.....	\$90.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1150.....	\$93.00
Nyquist, Wilson, Edgemont SD.....	5.....	Blk. Cow.....	1454.....	\$88.50
Palo, Jim, Newell SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1120.....	\$96.00
Palo, Jim, Newell SD.....	11.....	Bldd Cow.....	1458.....	\$92.50
Palo, Jim, Newell SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1435.....	\$89.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Rbri Cow.....	1662.....	\$88.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY.....	8.....	Red Cow.....	1441.....	\$85.50
Policky Ranch, Upton WY.....	5.....	Bldd Cow.....	1405.....	\$87.50
Policky Ranch, Upton WY.....	15.....	Bldd Cow.....	1188.....	\$87.50
Ruby, Brandon, Belle Fourche SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1457.....	\$87.50
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1330.....	\$93.00
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1450.....	\$92.50
Sand Rock Angus, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1265.....	\$91.00
Schaffer, Enoch, Broadus MT.....	14.....	Bldd Cow.....	1278.....	\$92.50
Secrest, Shannon, Buffalo SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	880.....	\$110.00
Secrest, Shannon, Buffalo SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1035.....	\$101.00
Shannon, Randy, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Hfr.....	755.....	\$132.50
Shannon, Randy, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	790.....	\$125.00
Shannon, Randy, Broadus MT.....	7.....	B/R Cwette.....	926.....	\$115.00
Shannon, Randy, Broadus MT.....	4.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1087.....	\$112.00
Shannon, Randy, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Red Cow.....	1105.....	\$91.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT.....	3.....	Blk. Cow.....	1133.....	\$95.50
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	905.....	\$91.00
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT.....	3.....	Blk. Cow.....	1266.....	\$85.00

Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	4.....	B/R Hfr.....	1093.....	\$130.00
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	4.....	Bld. Cwette.....	1168.....	\$125.00
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	2.....	Bldd Cwette.....	1080.....	\$118.00
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	2.....	Heif Cwette.....	912.....	\$100.50
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	8.....	Bldd Cow.....	1376.....	\$91.50
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1445.....	\$87.00
Smith, Evan Or Jordan, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	925.....	\$112.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD.....	3.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1141.....	\$119.50
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1435.....	\$97.00
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD.....	3.....	Blk. Cow.....	1413.....	\$92.50
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD.....	4.....	Blk. Cow.....	1306.....	\$90.50
Smith, Marvin, Sturgis SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cow.....	1637.....	\$85.50
Soelzer, Ronald L, Piedmont SD.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1370.....	\$94.50
Spaulding, Luke Or Joni, Upton WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1695.....	\$91.00
Spaulding, Luke Or Joni, Upton WY.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1520.....	\$91.00
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1110.....	\$115.00
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT.....	3.....	Blk. Cow.....	1485.....	\$90.50
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1415.....	\$88.00
Vivian, Chad, Ashland MT.....	35.....	Blk. Hfr.....	889.....	\$144.00
Vivian, Chad, Ashland MT.....	8.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1070.....	\$120.50
Vivian, Chad, Ashland MT.....	3.....	Blk. Cow.....	1485.....	\$86.50
Wagner, David, Hulet WY.....	2.....	Red Cow.....	1265.....	\$86.50
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk. Cow.....	1165.....	\$86.00
Weldon, Jessica, Raub Nd J.....	1.....	Blk. Cwette.....	1095.....	\$106.00
Wheeler, Shane, Ashland MT.....	1.....	Red Cow.....	790.....	\$94.00
Winkler, Paul Or Cheyenne, Newell SD.....	18.....	Bldd Cwette.....	892.....	\$129.00
Winkler, Paul Or Cheyenne, Newell SD.....	3.....	Bld. Cwette.....	1016.....	\$114.00
Winkler, Paul Or Cheyenne, Newell SD.....	2.....	Blk. Cwette.....	767.....	\$110.00
Winkler, Paul Or Cheyenne, Newell SD.....	12.....	Blk. Cow.....	1354.....	\$88.50
Wood Argyle LLC, Hot Springs SD.....	2.....	Red Cow.....	1107.....	\$85.00

#### Weigh Up Bulls

Barbour, Tomi, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	2180.....	\$115.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	14.....	Blk. Bull.....	1230.....	\$132.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1020.....	\$149.00
Crowser, Scott Or Carla, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Char Bull.....	1590.....	\$125.00
Donaldson, Floyd, Rozet WY.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1730.....	\$118.00
Dunn Farms Up, Vale SD.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	2340.....	\$112.00
Feist, Randy, Ludlow SD.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	2145.....	\$115.00
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1805.....	\$104.00
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1745.....	\$117.00
Holmes, Phillip, Newcastle WY.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1610.....	\$115.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1475.....	\$108.00
Kammerer, Riley & Jimmie, Piedmont SD.....	4.....	Blk. Bull.....	2040.....	\$114.00
Lucy, Stoyan, Hot Springs SD.....	4.....	Blk. Bull.....	1097.....	\$162.50
Mitchell, Sabrina W, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1765.....	\$128.00
O & S Cattle Co, Apple Valley Mn J.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	2295.....	\$110.00
Pickrel Land & Cattle, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Red Bull.....	2230.....	\$113.00
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	2015.....	\$117.00
Russiff Lazy Pk Ranch, Olive MT.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1975.....	\$130.00
Shannon, Randy, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Red Bull.....	1490.....	\$122.00
Sigman, Joshua, Vale SD.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1955.....	\$107.50
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	2.....	Blk. Bull.....	1822.....	\$114.50
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk. Bull.....	1680.....	\$111.00
Smith, Roddy J & Kathleen J, Gillette WY.....	2.....	Blk. Bull.....	1682.....	\$111.00
Smith, Roddy J & Kathleen J, Gillette WY.....	4.....	Blk. Bull.....	1610.....	\$112.00
Smith, Roddy J & Kathleen J, Gillette WY.....	3.....	Blk. Bull.....	1570.....	\$110.00
Stuver, Billy, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Red Bull.....	2035.....	\$117.00

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**Sometimes All You Can Do is Pray** (column repeated from over a year ago)

Been a sad week around here. A friend from down in Nebraska had a young son injured in a car wreck. He was thrown clear and had injuries, the worse being to his brain. They life flighted him to Omaha and had been having good luck getting him revived and fixed for about a month. He had been up and walking about and was complaining of having to stay in a hospital but yet stayed cheerful as best he could. He had something still not quite right in his brain, so they put him into a medically induced coma, to go back in and fix it. But when they got the scan back, he had suffered an irreversible stroke. Nothing they can do for this good young cowboy. The family has decided that they are going to donate to help others who have had misfortune. Latest news was they had found a heart and lung recipient that matched.

What a terrible thing for a family to lose a young child. My heart goes out to them and I and many others have been praying for this child and family. If you feel you should, they can use them all. God knows who we are praying for.

Then we had an older cowboy pass away. Knew him most of my life. When I was young he was known as someone who would start bronc, didn't matter how tough the horse was. After a wife and child came along, his wife made him swear off. But he passed on his knowledge of colts to two sons.

His funeral was truly a celebration of life. Many great remembrances of him. It helped that one of the pastors had known him for years and was a friend.

I remember hearing of him working for a local ranch that raised horses. He was breaking colts. He would tie one bronc to another ones tail, ride the one in front and head out. When he came back later in the day, he would be riding the back horse, who he had switched to the front and saddled somewhere out in the big wide open. It wasn't Ray Hunt style, but I bet he got them sacked out good!

One day we had gathered cattle out of the breaks, up on top to brand. We penned them in a set of portable corrals. As most cattle people know, cattle tend to sort back the best, out of the same gate they came in. That is normal operating procedure. Evidently no one had explained that to this bunch!

We tried sorting cows back off from their calves out of the gate they came in, but it wasn't working at all. So we went to the opposite end and tried sorting that way. It didn't work any better.

So in exasperation we opened the pen up on the side and started trying to get them out that way. About then, this cowboy I am talking about showed up to help. Just drove in without a horse. Walked up and went to helping. Pretty soon he was in the gate, afoot, and things started to improve. I had taken off my jacket and passed it to him and he used it like a matador would his cape, so to speak. When a calf was coming for the opening, he could stop it with a slight movement of the jacket, while cows went on by. He slipped and slid from side to side, much like a good dancer. It was wonderful to watch.

In hindsight, now, I realize he really understood cattle and how they worked. He knew when a calf was going to stop and let his mother leave him and when he had to stop it. Beautiful!


Few who do not work around cattle and many who do, have no idea how someone who can read stock like that can make life easier for the cattle and the crew. I often think of that day whenever I am involved with sorting cattle.

So, as I go about this week, I will think fondly of Ronnie and that little cowboy who is giving so much to help other. May God bless him and his family.



**The Good Stuff** ————— by Jim Thompson

Rod Nichols has been gone for a few years now, but his poetry remains with me forever and as



**A Christmas Journey**

*The fall drive, now over, the crew sat around just joshin' and jawin' 'bout where they were bound. "I'm thinkin'," said G.B., "'bout headin' back home. It's been quite a spell since I left on my own."*

*"It's a long way to Texas," said the trail boss, Big Jim.*  
*"You might change your mind when the weather turns grim."*  
*"Could be," replied G.B., "this time of the year, but, I'd like to get home, boss, 'fore Christmas is here."*

*And so, with a 'Goodbye' he left the next morn, a-headin' for Texas and the town he was born, Bethlehem, Texas, he thought with a smile, the place of his birth and his years as a child.*

*He thought of his fam'ly, the mem'ries of home, his life as a cowboy, the places he'd gone. He pondered the reasons for leavin' back then,*

*the warnin' of Big Jim, the raw, bitter wind.*

*Days, now, seemed longer and colder and slow. The trail became harder and covered by snow. He'd crossed into Texas from out the Northwest. Now, caught in a snow storm, he needed some rest.*

*In a stand of scrub cedar a wagon was down: the axle had busted, a wheel on the ground. No team could be sighted, just canvas in wind. G.B. raised one corner and took a peek in.*

*The scene he beheld, there, most wondrous on Earth: a woman in labor, about to give birth. His heart nearly failed him; he knew at a glance, he'd have to act quickly to give them a chance.*

*The hour that followed seemed more like a year. The cry of that baby like music to hear. The woman was restin', a fire goin' strong.*

*A stranger with horses came stragglin' along.*


*It didn't take long for the stranger to say, "I owe you a debt I can never repay." That nino's our first-born; that woman's my wife. Senor you have brought us the gift of new life.*

*I'd take it an honor, my fam'ly and me, to bestow your name on our son, if you please. Ol' G.B. just smiled, "Little Jesus will do. You couldn't want better when you've thought it through."*

*The wagon repaired, now, G.B. rode away, toward Bethlehem, Texas, that far ahead lay For, just like the Magi, his journey, the same: Gaspar Balthazar Melchior was his name.*

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missin' my friend Rod, but his enjoying his words still, I'm Jim Thompson





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## Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



Schools should be settled back in to the routine after a long Thanksgiving break for some schools. While the weather wasn't perfect, we were able to enjoy dry roads and safe travel in Central Meade County over the holiday weekend. On Thanksgiving afternoon/evening there were some slippery spots in the I90 Corridor but good in the country. The worst of the weather was likely the wind, but without snow to make it a blizzard no one was really complaining. As always there were those from our area who rose early on Black Friday morning to shop for good deals, however those numbers have receded a bit due to online shopping. Some of us go to check out the deals for the day, but just in a more leisurely manner without rising super early to do it. Several from the area attended the funeral service for Tom Hunt last week. He was Stacy (Barry) Hunt's father-in-law. The service was held at the Catholic Church in Sturgis. Josh Lee, nephew of Floyd and Donna (Lee) Cammack, presided over the service. He is a priest and serves in the Black Hills area. During his childhood he attended VBS here in Union Center. For those attending the pottery classes in Red Owl, the Prouty Pottery as been cancelled for December 3. There is a contest called 'Christmas Cow'. It is a tradition where a longhorn steer is given away to one person who meets the criteria in the best way. To enter, one can send an email to gkhowie@yahoo.com with the subject line "Christmas Cow" and include your address and phone number. The website is www.ghowi.com and those who wish to participate may answer two questions. Gordon Howie of Rapid City conducts what he explains is a way to bless someone with this beautiful Trophy Steer prospect.



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By KAREN ODELL



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Capitol and on Tie  
Creek.

Ronda Cordell had just been doing a bunch of little odd jobs with cattle, this week. On Tuesday, a load of Muggli cake was delivered, while she was in Ekalaka going over water rights with Wayne Yost. Neil Kittelmann inspected cows for her, on Wednesday afternoon. Then, on Thursday morning, Dell Dague came to haul a few cull cows to the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange. He was back out there before one o'clock, to load bred cows for St. Onge's Saturday sale. Clint Zolnoski trailered what wouldn't fit on the semi. On Saturday, Clint and Abby Zolnoski took Darby to Belle Fourche to play her last basketball game of the season. Denise was entertaining a flu bug, so she stayed home. Ronda finished making hot mustard and cashew brittle, to take to Cristen Westling, on Sunday. Ronda and Cristen met at the Pizza Ranch in Spearfish, before going to Shirley Blake's 90th birthday party at the Moose Lodge in Belle Fourche. The party was a well-attended event with lots of visiting going on.

Erma Albert went to play cards at the Senior Center in Buffalo, on Tuesday. She and Dick went to town on Thursday, to pick up a few things. Friday was the special Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center, and the place was packed, and more lunches sent to people at home. Dick and Erma went to the Catholic Church, on Sunday, and then they had lunch at Saloon Number Three. Father Brian had a guest for lunch. The guest was from Canada and was taking his own

tour of the area. The Erks joined the group for lunch, too.

Alvin Cordell's hunters have all gone home. He has spent some time up at the Horton place, working on the new shed project. They have calves in the corral for weaning, and one had an accident and somehow broke a leg. Hopefully it can heal. On Friday, Marlee went to Belle Fourche for Kynlee's basketball games at the Rec Center. She stayed over, and Rhys had two games at Spearfish on Saturday. Then Alvin went down on Sunday to join Marlee, and they went to the Moose Lodge for Shirley Blake's 90th birthday party. It was a good time with lots of people.

Lynn Gustafson and Linda Matthews made a trip to Bowman, on Monday. They went to the beauty parlor and did some shopping. Then, on Thursday, Lynn discovered that Jane Teigen needed to go to Bowman, so Lynn went back again with Jane. On Sunday, Bruce and Lynn attended church at Little Missouri.

Doug Davis and Morgan Buck have been working on corrals, this week. Julia got all her garden boxes emptied and has things ready for winter. Doug and Julia shipped cows, this week. On Friday, Clint Zolnoski, Shannon Secrest, Mattie, Morgan and Darren Buck, Jason Latham and Miles Cooper came to help with shipping. Pete Tenold was the trucker. Geoff Stoltenberg, a friend, had been hunting, and he helped, too. With the shipping done, Morgan went in to Camp Crook for an early Thanksgiving with his family. Morgan and Mackenzie will help Mattie move some of her things to Bowman, where she will get an apartment. Since Mackenzie works in Bowman, too, they will have a place to stay rather than travel in bad weather.

Shirley and Junior Melum had a quiet week, but were enjoying the good weather.

Dorothy Padden went shopping in Bowman on Wednesday. The

Paddens shipped heifer calves on Thursday, and Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went down for the sale at Belle Fourche. Dorothy ran some errands in Ekalaka, on Friday. Bryce Dawn and Dorothy went to Belle Fourche again, on Sunday, to join in the party for Shirley Blake's 90th birthday.

Karen Odell has spent a few weeks trying to figure out where a water leak was coming from. Jack Ovitz came, on Monday, to help, but after much work ridding the basement of water, they still were not sure what was causing the problem that was bringing the water into her basement. It still seemed to be seeping in. She referred to Cody Odell, in Mitchell, who had difficulty with the mystery, without being able to see the problem. It was impossible to analyze at such a distance, but he had a suggestion or two. Mike Malenovski, also had a suggestion or two. When Ernie Melum came, on Wednesday, he too, was baffled, until he finally dug up a water shut-off

valve, just outside the house, that would not shut off. Ernie reattached the shut-off and turned it off. Then Ernie and Tommy removed the water from the basement again, while Karen helped Rachel tear out some old bad flooring under the kitchen sink. A few other minor slow drain leaks were discovered, too, but they had to leave the project for another day. Rachel even went home to bring lunch back to Karen's, and it was the most delicious meal Karen could remember (and that's a long string of meals). When morning came, Karen dared to peek downstairs, and saw that the basement was still dry.

Karen and Hywel yelled with joy and danced in celebration (well, Hywel did most of the dancing, and a dog of that size dances where he wants, and Karen at least tried to dance). Now, at last, after weeks of searching, the problem was narrowed to the water line going to the corral. When Karen thought back in time, she figured

that line had to be over fifty years old. Ernie and Tommy came back the next day with equipment, and the group decided it was easiest to put in a new line to the corral, rather than dig up the old one. The weather was holding, and everyone was hoping for good weather until the line was in. Karen made a trip to Buffalo on Friday for pipe, connectors, and cat and dog food. Ernie, Tommy and Rachel were going to Ekalaka on Saturday, to help another friend who was in need of help. That's what I call good neighbors. On Sunday, Karen thanked God, and went to church in Marietta, Georgia, on YouTube at home, while her Fuzzy cat watched with her (well, at least the cat was there, curled up in her lap to sleep). It's such a relief to know that the mystery has been solved, and if that mystery can finally be solved, it may actually be possible to move on to solving national problems.

Happy Thanksgiving, and thank God for friends.

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# Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce hosted a Non-Profit SWAP Mixer

Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce hosted a Non-Profit SWAP Mixer

Thursday Nov 16th at Venue 519.

Participants included: Hell Creek Paleo Society/Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, Belle Fourche Area Community Theater, Beautify the Black Hills, NeighborWorks, BelleFourche Lions Club, D.C Booth National Fish Hatchery, Belle Silver Lining, Family First/BHSSC, Artemis House, United Way, and the Center of the Nation Foundation. These participants had information of services provided to the community and information on how to volunteer. This was also the kick-off for the Give BIG

Campaign. The Give BIG Campaign is where monies collected now through January 31, 2024 are then donated back to local nonprofits.


Jars will be placed around the town, a collection box at the Chamber office, and a GoFundMe page (Give Big Butte County, organized by Miranda Gallagher ) is also set up. Participating in mixer qualifies the eleven nonprofits to receive the divided portion of monies raised. We thank all these nonprofits for their hard work and service to the community and would like to invite all community members to be thankful and giving by sparing some change this holiday season and giving back to these organizations.





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**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**  
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 Dan Carlson, Pastor  
 Paul Howard, Pastor  
 Sunday Schedule:  
 Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.  
 Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.  
**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
 1105 Todd St.  
 John Allred, Bishop  
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting  
 Sunday School:  
 1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
 Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays  
**Emmanuel Baptist**  
 902 Lawrence St. • 723-6899  
 Andy Anderson, Pastor  
 Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School  
 10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
 Men's Bible Study  
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**CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)**  
 613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150  
 Pastor Stephen Carson  
 Worship Pastor Ashton Rone  
 Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am  
**FIRST BAPTIST**  
 807 8th Ave. 892-4178  
 Pastor Tim Smith  
 Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am  
 Morning Worship - 10:30am  
 Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten -12th grade  
 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich  
 5:30pm - Salt and Light  
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC**  
 892-3402 • www.bfsoucc.org - 717 Jackson St. Sunday: 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 901 Laurel St. Whitewood (605)-920-1959  
 Reverend Jill Jennewein  
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## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Role of Local Community Property Rights

In working with communities over the years, I often come across local communities that pride themselves in having no property restrictions, zoning, or permitting laws. Experience tells me this is nothing to take pride in. In fact, it is death sentence. Those communities are usually the mired in poverty, lack of progress, and losing their youth at a faster rate.

Communities often find themselves at the intersection of progress and preservation. Our homes are more than just structures; they represent our investments, our dreams, and our commitment to a flourishing neighborhood. To ensure the longevity of our investments and maintain the beauty of our community, local property rights play a crucial role. It is important to understand property rights are designed not only to protect our investments, but also to prevent the encroachment of blight that could potentially lower property values.

Property rights are a cornerstone of our legal system, they serve as a shield for homeowners and investors alike. They establish a framework that empowers individuals to control, use, and transfer their properties as they see fit within the bounds of the law. This autonomy is not merely about personal preferences; it's about safeguarding



by John Newby

the significant financial investments we make in our homes. By having the right to determine the use and condition of our properties, we can take steps to ensure that our investments appreciate rather than depreciate over time.

One of the primary concerns that property rights address is the potential threat of blight. Blight can take various forms, ranging from abandoned properties and neglected structures to unauthorized land use that disrupts the harmony of the community. When left unchecked, blight has the potential to spread like wildfire, diminishing the appeal of our neighborhood and causing a decline in property values. Local property rights are designed to counteract this threat, offering a solid defense against blight and its detrimental effects.

Through zoning regulations and property maintenance codes, local property rights provide a set of guidelines that govern the use and upkeep of properties within our community. When used correctly, these regulations are not meant to stifle individual creativity or impose arbitrary rules; rather, they exist to create a shared standard that ensures the well-being of the entire community. By setting expectations for property maintenance and land use, these rights act as a protective barrier,

preventing blight from taking root and lowering the overall property values in our neighborhood.

Consider the impact of a well-maintained property versus an abandoned one. The former contributes to the aesthetic appeal of the community, fostering a positive atmosphere that attracts potential buyers and investors. On the contrary, blighted properties can act as a blight magnet, inviting further neglect and deterring potential homeowners. By upholding property rights, we collectively commit to maintaining the value of our investments and preserving the visual integrity of our neighborhood.

Furthermore, property rights empower local authorities to intervene when necessary, acting against those who neglect their properties and contribute to blight. Code enforcement and property maintenance regulations enable our community to address issues proactively, preventing the escalation of problems that could otherwise lead to decreased property values. This demonstrates the collective responsibility we share for the well-being of our community and ensures that no individual's actions compromise the investments of others.

It's essential to recognize that the enforcement of property rights is not an arbitrary exercise of authority but a collective effort to foster a vibrant and thriving community. The decisions made regarding land use and property maintenance are rooted in a shared vision for the future—one where our community continues to flourish, property values appreciate, and

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our investments remain secure. This collaborative approach is a testament to our commitment to each other and the enduring value of our homes.

Local community property rights are not restrictive measures meant to curtail individual freedoms, they are proactive ways to protect our investments and prevent the encroachment of blight. By upholding these rights, we ensure that our community remains a desirable place to live, work, and invest. With collective commitment

to property rights, we build a foundation for sustained growth, preserving the beauty and value of our community for generations to come.

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TI Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	92	Black-Str Pc Ni	615	264.50...1,627.25 \$
	94	Black-Str Pc Ni	484	314.50...1,522.14 \$
Muleshoe Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	110	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	573	275.50...1,578.36 \$
	125	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	495	309.50...1,530.66 \$
Gaer Ranch, Newell SD	68	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bl	627	255.00...1,598.81 \$
	31	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	502	304.50...1,527.41 \$
Kp Stevens, Ashland MT	92	Black-Str Bt Ni	638	256.00...1,632.00 \$
	34	Black-Str Bt Ni	548	282.00...1,543.95 \$
Nance Cattle Co, Birney MT	47	Black-Str Pc Ni	641	253.00...1,622.69 \$
	12	Black-Str Pc Ni	543	284.00...1,543.06 \$
	33	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	614	233.00...1,429.77 \$
	8	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	547	245.00...1,339.84 \$
Steve Mills, Boyes MT	23	Black-Str Pc Ni	628	252.50...1,585.80 \$
	12	Black-Str Pc Ni	556	283.00...1,573.00 \$
	44	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	603	239.00...1,441.87 \$
Randy & Sheila Burggraft, Aladdin WY	26	Black-Str Pc Ni	673	246.50...1,658.18 \$
	26	Black-Str Pc Ni	584	273.00...1,594.42 \$
	39	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	607	250.00...1,518.58 \$
Maupin Ranch Llc, Hulett WY	41	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	532	290.00...1,543.71 \$
	30	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	626	258.00...1,614.65 \$
	26	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	578	239.00...1,380.68 \$
	34	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	499	252.00...1,256.29 \$
	12	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	363	275.00...999.16 \$
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	16	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	552	280.00...1,546.12 \$
	4	Rd/Blk-Str Pc Bt	439	300.00...1,316.25 \$
	14	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	526	250.50...1,318.70 \$
	5	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	412	258.00...1,062.96 \$
Daniel N Stearns, Edgemont SD	37	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	534	285.50...1,525.88 \$
	10	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	620	249.00...1,542.55 \$
	28	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	521	250.00...1,301.33 \$
Peter & Sarah Burgess, Sheridan WY	26	Black-Str Pc Ni	540	283.50...1,530.35 \$
	7	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	544	249.00...1,353.49 \$
John Henry Beardsley, Miles City MT	45	Blk/Bwf-Yrig Hfr	773	218.50...1,689.97 \$
	16	Blk/Bwf-Yrig Hfr	675	229.00...1,545.75 \$
Ronny Or Rhonda Casteel, Vale SD	33	Black-Str Pc Bt, Ni	627	260.75...1,635.21 \$
	17	Black-Str Pc Bt, Ni	506	305.00...1,542.94 \$
	29	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	610	239.00...1,458.31 \$
	14	Black-Hfr Pc Bt, Ni	459	260.00...1,194.14 \$
Brendan Casteel, Vale SD	26	Black-Str Pc Bt, Ni	638	254.50...1,624.39 \$
	4	Black-Str Pc Bt, Ni	539	281.00...1,513.88 \$
	19	Black-Hfr Pc Bt, Ni	597	238.00...1,421.73 \$
	5	Black-Hfr Pc Bt, Ni	527	240.00...1,264.80 \$
Robert Wright, Four Corners WY	21	Black-Str Pc	649	248.50...1,612.29 \$
	9	Black-Str Pc	549	280.00...1,538.44 \$
	15	Black-Hfr Pc	609	239.50...1,459.35 \$
	14	Black-Hfr Pc	520	246.50...1,280.91 \$
Martin Masters, Dayton WY	7	Black-Str Pc	585	268.00...1,567.80 \$
	10	Rd/Blk-Str Pc	460	297.50...1,368.50 \$
Pickrel Land & Cattle Co, Gillette WY	10	Red/Rwf-Str Bt	544	271.50...1,476.96 \$
Dean Mahaffy, Whitewood SD	7	Black-Str Pc Ni	715	235.00...1,680.25 \$
	7	Black-Str Pc Ni	694	240.50...1,669.75 \$
	10	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	701	211.00...1,479.11 \$
Daniel & Kathryn Rhoden, Newell SD	10	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	578	263.00...1,518.82 \$
	15	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	590	228.00...1,344.44 \$
Consignment From MT	24	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	634	223.00...1,414.19 \$
Arthur L Hauber, Hulett WY	30	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt Ni	630	252.00...1,586.34 \$
	17	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt Ni	552	282.00...1,556.80 \$
Bill Lambert, Hammond MT	16	Black-Hfr Pc	441	255.00...1,123.59 \$
<b>COWS</b>	<b>HD</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>BID</b>	<b>\$HD</b>
Janel K Evans, Weston WY	32	Black-Hfrt	1015	142.50...1,446.15 \$
	15	Black-Cow	1448	94.00...1,360.80 \$
	11	Black-Cow	1274	81.00...1,031.64 \$
	20	Black-Cow	1323	86.50...1,143.96 \$
Doyle Or Lorie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Cow	1325	96.00...1,272.00 \$
	1	Bwf-Cow	1100	102.00...1,122.00 \$
Kelsie Dejong, Black Hawk SD	1	Black-Hfrt	845	189.00...1,597.05 \$
	1	Rwf-Cow	1490	84.50...1,259.05 \$
Amie Mader, Biddle MT	5	Rd/Blk-Cow	1379	93.50...1,289.36 \$
	1	Red-Cow	1675	93.50...1,566.12 \$
	1	Red-Cowette	1010	110.00...1,111.00 \$
	4	Rd/Blk-Hfrt	1034	125.00...1,292.18 \$

1	Red-Hfrt	800	200.00...1,600.00 \$
2	Black-Hfrt	1110	111.00...1,232.10 \$
1	Red-Cow	1455	92.00...1,338.60 \$
1	Red-Cowette	1020	92.00...938.40 \$
3	Black-Cow	1603	89.50...1,434.98 \$
1	Black-Cow	1345	92.00...1,237.40 \$
1	Black-Hfrt	945	167.00...1,578.15 \$
1	Black-Cow	1315	82.00...1,078.30 \$
1	Bwf-Cow	1225	86.00...1,063.50 \$
1	Bwf-Cow	1495	93.00...1,390.35 \$
1	Herf-Hfrt	885	110.00...973.50 \$
1	Bwf-Cow	1440	72.00...1,036.80 \$
6	Black-Cowette	1124	95.00...1,067.95 \$
1	Black-Cow	1580	85.00...1,343.00 \$
1	Black-Cow	1447	92.50...1,338.60 \$
10	Black-Hfrt	952	135.00...1,285.20 \$
1	Black-Hfrt	910	102.50...932.75 \$
1	Black-Hfrt	1125	105.00...1,181.25 \$
1	Black-Cow	1345	85.00...1,143.25 \$
1	Bwf-Cow	1280	93.00...1,190.40 \$
1	Black-Cowette	1140	95.00...1,083.00 \$
1	Black-Cow	1580	93.00...1,469.40 \$
1	Black-Cow	1370	88.00...1,205.60 \$
1	Black-Cow	1460	94.00...1,372.40 \$
1	Black-Cow	1335	95.00...1,268.25 \$
1	Bwf-Hfrt	1030	91.00...1,166.25 \$
1	Bwf-Cowette	970	90.00...873.00 \$
2	Black-Hfrt	1045	110.00...1,149.50 \$
11	Black-Cow	1528	93.50...1,428.42 \$
2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1510	88.50...1,336.35 \$
1	Black-Cow	1145	86.00...984.70 \$
1	Black-Cow	1300	86.00...1,118.00 \$
1	Black-Cow	1795	92.00...1,851.40 \$
1	Black-Cowette	1210	92.00...1,113.20 \$
1	Black-Cow	1140	100.00...1,140.00 \$
4	Black-Cow	1484	89.00...1,320.53 \$
1	Black-Cowette	1280	85.00...1,088.00 \$
2	Black-Cow	1360	90.00...1,224.00 \$
8	Black-Cow	1454	90.50...1,316.20 \$
9	Black-Cowette	1163	100.00...1,163.33 \$
22	Black-Cow	1330	98.00...1,302.95 \$
5	Blk/Bwf-Cowette	1205	95.00...1,144.75 \$
1	Red-Cow	1365	92.00...1,255.80 \$
1	Bwf-Hfrt	875	137.50...1,203.12 \$
1	Black-Cow	1275	91.00...1,160.25 \$
1	Bwf-Cow	1160	87.00...1,009.20 \$
2	Red-Cow	1565	88.00...1,377.20 \$
1	Black-Cow	1465	93.50...1,369.77 \$
9	Black-Hfrt	1016	140.00...1,421.77 \$
7	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1411	93.00...1,311.96 \$
33	Black-Cow	1127	78.00...878.80 \$
7	Black-Cow	1212	86.50...1,048.50 \$
15	Herf-Cow	1328	86.00...1,141.79 \$
11	Herf-Cowette	1160	91.00...1,055.18 \$
3	Black-Cow	1437	87.50...1,257.08 \$
1	Black-Cow	1415	84.00...1,188.60 \$
3	Black-Cow	1537	90.00...1,383.00 \$
10	Black-Cowette	1209	126.00...1,522.71 \$
2	Bwf-Hfrt	1010	135.00...1,363.50 \$
1	Char-Cow	1275	90.50...1,153.87 \$
1	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1930	92.50...1,785.25 \$
9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1436	92.50...1,328.40 \$
4	Black-Cow	1251	85.00...1,063.56 \$
1	Black-Cow	1650	93.50...1,542.75 \$
1	Black-Cowette	1020	107.00...1,091.40 \$
12	Red/Rwf-Cow	1382	94.00...1,298.76 \$
7	Red-Cowette	1295	95.00...1,230.25 \$
7	Red/Rwf-Hfrt	1099	131.00...1,439.12 \$
2	Black-Cow	1353	93.00...1,257.82 \$
11	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1364	92.50...1,261.36 \$
9	Rd/Blk-Cow	1319	84.50...1,114.93 \$
18	Rd/Blk-Cow	1256	75.00...941.66 \$
19	Rd/Blk-Cow	1269	75.00...951.51 \$
23	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1211	70.50...853.96 \$

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**Paul Palczewski-SD**  
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500-550#  
BT, PC, NI  
**Bruce Hoagland-MT**  
130 blk mxd clvs  
600-650#  
PC, weaned 45 days  
**Albert Paul-MT**  
100 blk mostly str  
525-550#  
PC, poured,  
weaned 40 days  
**TL Burch & Dilts-WY**  
100 blk mxd clvs  
500-600#  
BT, PC, NI, poured

**Pilster Ranch-MT**  
70 blk mxd clvs  
550#  
PC, NI, poured  
**Clint Krambeck-SD**  
70 blk str  
600-650#  
PC, NI, str knife cut  
**Timberline Angus-MT**  
50 blk str  
625#  
PC, weaned 45 days  
**Billy Gergen-MT**  
30 blk str  
500-600#  
BT, PC, NI, poured  
**Steve McAmis-SD**  
20 blk/bwf mxd clvs  
500-550#  
PC, NI

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**Center of the Nation Cattle-SD**  
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calve 3/1, poured  
**Border Grain-MT**  
50 blk BM cows  
bred blk, calve  
4/8 for 52 days  
**Mayflower Cattle & Teichert-WY**  
45 blk/red bred hfrs  
bred blk, calve  
6/15 for 30 days  
**Victor Jones-WY**  
40 blk SM/BM cows  
bred blk, calve  
3/1 for 60 days

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## Recommendations-School Not Ready for Consolidation

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NEWELL- “We are not talking consolidation. We are not ready to shut her down,” emphasized Newell School Interim Superintendent Don Kirkegaard at a recent Special School Board meeting. However, the school will be looking at some changes in the next couple of years. Student numbers are down from last year, from 269 to 224 and looking at 219 for 2024-2025. With each loss of students, there is a loss of revenue for utilization of the school’s budget.

Retired superintendent and former Secretary of Education Tom Oster was available at the special meeting to discuss ways to cut costs and adjust for a more secure future for the Newell School District.

He began by listing facts about the district:

1. There are 100 fewer students than 10 years ago.
2. There is almost the same certified staff as 10 years ago.
3. A loss of 100 students has reduced the General Fund (GF) revenue by \$750,000.
4. A loss of 100 students has reduced Capital Outlay (CO) revenue by \$229,000.
5. Current CO revenue = \$842,000 (This will drop to \$820,000 next year)
6. Current CO debt payment is \$394,000
7. Current CO transfer to the GF is \$200,000
8. Net CO revenue for normal expenses is \$248,000
9. Current fall enrollment of 219 students
10. Students open enrollment into the district is 5
11. Students open enrolled out of district is 34 (2-yr. old data)
12. If student numbers continue to drop, consideration should be given to the possibility of eliminating an administrator. However, this could adversely affect teacher effectiveness.

As he continued to explain recommendations that are based on standard procedures in districts the size of Newell, he began by saying there is a potential for over-staffing. However, he said to take what he had to say with a “grain of salt.”

Oster targeted several areas for reduction. Top areas included the open custodial position, eliminating some certified positions by 2024-2025 or through attrition, eliminating a secretarial position (which is not practical, according to Kirkegaard, because of the number of buildings in the system), and eliminating some assistant positions. He pointed out that Food Service, according to law, must

be self-sustaining and meal prices should be set to make it self-funding.

There was lengthy discussion surrounding the idea of asking the taxpayers for optout. According to the South Dakota Department of Revenue an optout can be used if a school district cannot operate on the revenues generated by taxes. According to the website:

### “Opting Out of the Tax Limitation

Opting out is to impose an excess levy above any current limitations. If the school district cannot operate on the revenues generated by the maximum allowed for the general or capital outlay funds, then the school district may choose to “opt-out” of the limitations.

### General Fund

The general fund is funded through local effort (levies imposed on property taxes) and monies from state aid as determined by the funding formula. If a school opts out of the general fund, the excess levy shall maintain the same proportion represented in the mathematical relationship at the maximum levies. Each land class (ag, owner occupied, other/commercial) will have its own levy. “

If the school district decides to pursue an optout, a community meeting will be held to explain the process. Kirkegaard explained that it is vital to keep the community involved with the processes the school will be going through and that he cautions the school board to go slow.

“We don’t want to let anyone think we will have a second-rate education,” he said.

Oster had a few other recommendations added to those he had already shared. These included writing letters to every parent of open enrolled students asking why they left, how the district could help, and if they would consider returning. Also, letters could be sent to home schooled parents. And especially, the school board should create a district 5-year plan.

Kirkegaard will have recommendations by December’s board meeting Dec. 11 at 6 pm in the Multi-purpose Room.



Tom Oster presented several options. Bruner Photo

## Christmas In Our Hearts



Newell Fifth Graders showed their Christmas spirit when Santa Claus came to town  
Photo by Betty Bruner

## Newell School Winter Concert

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NEWELL—On Thursday evening, November 30, the Newell School District held its annual winter concert at the Austin Auditorium. The theme for the night was “Christmas is in Our Hearts: A time to celebrate the beauty of diversity and embrace the unity that binds us all as human beings.” This year’s event featured a special presentation by the teachers of Newell’s J1 Visa cultural exchange program.

The evening began with musical performances by Newell Elementary students, ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. Young talents took the stage and sang classic Christmas songs such as “Jingle Bells” and “Feliz Navidad.” The third-grade class even gave an impressive rendition of “Silent Night” on the ukulele; fourth graders followed suit with their performance of “O Holy Night” on the recorder. Students sang

and danced on stage while an audience full of friends and family cheered them on. Benjie Panlican and Ghirlie Jean Menciano, who served as emcees for the evening, told Christmas-themed stories and jokes in between every performance and kept the air full of laughter throughout the night.

Following the students’ performances, the audience was treated to a special presentation by Newell school’s J1 teachers. The J1 visa program allows teachers from various countries to come to the United States for cultural exchange and professional development. This year’s J1 teachers are from the Philippines, and they took to the stage to showcase their culture and heritage through song and dance. Among several talented musical performances were the Filipino patriotic songs, “Ako ay Pilipino,” which translates to “I am a Filipino,” and “Piliin mo ang Pilipinas,” which means “Choose the Philippines.” In

addition, traditional Filipino Christmas songs were shared, including the night’s theme “Christmas in our Heart,” and “Give Love on Christmas Day.” The Newell Chorus and Newell Band joined in several musical performances as special participants. Filipino folk dances, which emphasized choreography, were also performed.

The night was a hit, with nearly full grandstands and a family seating section that saw almost every chair occupied. The crowd cheered after every performance, and the air was full of holiday spirit. But most importantly, this year’s winter concert was more than just a celebration of youth talent and the holiday season. It served as a learning experience for all in attendance, beautifully showcasing the talents and traditions of different cultures and urging us all to consider the value of diversity in our community and in our lives.



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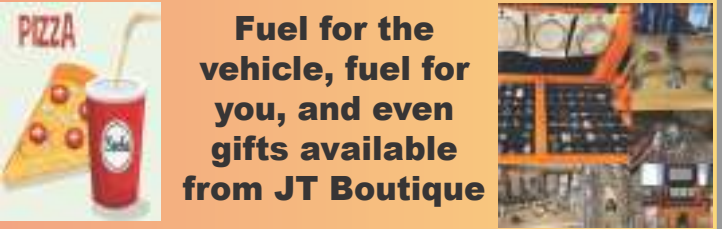
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Christmas in Our Hearts  
Newell Elementary Christmas Concert



Newell First Grade played “Jingle Bells with gusto at the Newell Elementary Christmas concert. Betty Bruner photo



Newell Kindergartners played “Feliz Navidad to start off this year’s Elementary Christmas concert. Betty Bruner photo



The Third Grade played “Silent Night in Ukelele. Betty Bruner Photo

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Newell Festival of Trees:  
Raising Funds for Local EMS

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NEWELL—The Newell Festival of Trees held its annual event on Saturday, December 2 at the Newell City Hall. This highly anticipated day serves as the largest and most important fundraiser of the year for the local emergency services, including the Newell Ambulance Service and the Nisland-Arpan, Vale, and Newell Fire Departments.

The festival saw an impressive turnout of attendees from the local community and out-of-town visitors alike. The main highlight of the festival was the live auction, where a variety of Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and hunting trips were sold. In addition, a silent auction offered a variety of great Christmas gifts and other items to the attendees. The live auction featured a total of 65 items, with countless more available in the silent auction. Bryton Oedekoven, who served as the event’s auctioneer, ensured a lively and engaging atmosphere throughout the evening. Other fundraising activities included a 50/50 raffle

and several prize drawings. Attendees were given the opportunity to vote for their favorite trees in three different categories: Seniors’ Choice, People’s Choice, and Most Unique. For Seniors’ Choice, the winner was a snowman tree, donated by Tot n’ Twenty, which sold for \$225. Snowmen continued to come out on top as a tree made from tires and painted to look like a snowman took home the Most Unique category. This tree was donated by the Newell Ambulance Service and brought \$120. Finally, the People’s Choice for the best tree in the show was a beautiful red and white tree donated by Western Diesel & Mechanical, LLC, and it raised an impressive \$500.

According to Laura Wierzbicki, the Festival of Trees raised approximately \$22,000 last year. While the total amount raised this year is still being calculated, fundraising efforts are likely to be just as successful, if not more than previous years. The funds raised during the festival are vital in ensuring the continued operation and improvement of the emergency services in the area, and typically go toward maintaining facilities and buying crucial new equipment that only gets more expensive as it evolves.

Newell mayor, Ken Wetz, recalled a time before emergency service units were available in the area. Years ago, Wetz witnessed a car crash in Nisland. With no help in sight, he held a victim’s head, bleeding and with a broken jaw, in his hands. “I waited an hour and a half for an ambulance,” he said. “And that’s why we need emergency services in this part of the county.”

All in all, Newell’s 2023 Festival of Trees was yet another success. The success of the event can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of organizers Kurt and Sherry Hocking, the generosity of those who donated and bought items, everyone who volunteered to help, and everyone who showed up to support rural emergency services. The Festival of Trees remains a testament to the power of community, showcasing what can be accomplished when people come together for a cause.



Singing to a Christmas beat as the Second Graders played to “Little Drummer Boy” Betty Bruner photo

Merry Christmas!

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Grand River Roundup



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This week started out warm with temperatures in the 60s a couple days but it sure cooled off by Thanksgiving Day. Reub piled up a bunch of wide logs that needed to be split to fit in the woodstove Monday afternoon while I went down and met Janet Doll at their mailbox to pick up Copper because Janet brought her grandson Beau Doll and Copper home from Reva. Years ago, Janet and I used to meet while we took turns hauling our kids and grandkids to the country school at Reva. We still miss the country schools and it really bothered our grandson Trig as the youngest in his family, he was the only one of Casey and Missy’s kids that didn’t get to go to school at Reva because it was closed the year he started school.

We lost some former neighbors. Danette (Mort) Thomason, 74, passed away November 8 at the West River Regional Medical Center. Mass of Christian

Burial was Saturday, November 18 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hettinger with burial at the Hettinger Cemetery. She was raised in the Ralph area with her sister Geri while attending several grade schools taught by their mother, Bessie (Prendiville) Mort, who also taught Reub’s brother, Doug Olson, in eighth grade.

Karla Kaye Smolnikar, 57 of Hettinger, passed away peacefully at the Able Home, in Dickinson, on Wednesday, November 22. Karla was the daughter of Shirley and Wayne Smolnikar. Karla’s funeral services are pending with Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Hettinger.

George Gebracht, age 101, of Bison, passed away on Friday evening, November 24, at the Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. His funeral arrangements are pending with the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Lemmon.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Tuesday afternoon for his eye appointment with Dr. Kludt. Before we went to his appoint-

ment, we stopped and picked up Casey’s coat that Marvel Korang had put a zipper in for him and dropped another coat of his off so she could replace the zipper in that one. We’re sure glad that Kenny Kvanvig told us that she had replaced a zipper in his coat or we wouldn’t have known that she did that so I didn’t have to.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were up in North Dakota celebrating Thanksgiving with their family so Casey had the Thanksgiving service and pie social at the church Wednesday evening where a lot of folks shared Bible verses and stories and Laura Johnson did a beautiful job playing the hymns for us. Taz and Amanda and the kids went up to visit with Ron and Starla Jenson that evening.

Thursday was Thanksgiving and Casey, Missy, Taz and Amanda and the little people went up to join Missy’s family at her Aunt Sylvia Engle’s house in Hettinger for Thanksgiving dinner. Frank and Kaitlin Aquilera and their kids and our son Thad came over from

the Simpson Ranch to have Thanksgiving dinner at our house. Little Addie and Bentley Aquilera sure had fun playing in the toy box after dinner. Thad brought us a pickup load of firewood that Reub helped him unload later that afternoon and then Thad got up on the roof and cleaned the chimney on our woodstove out for us so the fire is burning much better now.

Casey and Missy took Taz and Reub down to Wilken’s bull sale on Friday just in time to eat a delicious lunch there. They got to visit with a lot of good friends and it sounded like the bulls sold pretty good. Ann and Katie Wilken took a trip to Israel this summer and had a wonderful time over there. Reub had told Katie that we had planned to go to Israel with our daughter Teri Dee and Michael McNelis to get baptized in the Jordan River, but Reub decided that his old legs couldn’t handle all the walking and standing around so we got baptized at Shadehill this summer instead. At the bull sale that sweet Katie gave Reub a large book about Israel that was written by their tour guide, Tara-Leigh Cobble, with beautiful photographs by Richard Van De Water and both Reub and I are reading this fascinating book. Thank you so much Katie!

As I’m getting old, I leave you with this:

Yesterday I was at my local TSC store buying a large bag

of my dog’s food for my loyal livestock guard dog and was in the checkout, when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog?

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I’m old and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn’t have a dog, I was starting the Dog Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn’t, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I’d lost 10 pounds before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with dog nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the curb to sniff an Irish Setter’s rear end and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I’m now banned from Tractor Supply.

Better watch what you ask old people. They have all the time in the world to think of things to say.

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

by Linda Velder

November 20, 1913

Henry J. Fedde of Mason has leased the barn known as the Quinn Livery Barn and took possession Saturday. Mr. Fedde will give his entire time to the barn and without doubt will make a success of it. When you drive to Newell put your team up at the Fedde Livery Barn. Nothing but the best of hay will be fed and you can be assured your stock will receive the best care.

A number of patients have been vaccinated with Typhoid Prophylactic at the Newell Hospital the past week. The use of Typhoid Prophylactic is now compulsory in the US Army, from the Secretary of War down. It leaves no scar or bad after effect and does prevent typhoid.

Mr. M. E. Adams from the Sulphur community is the proud possessor of 12 turkeys received from the Bostwich Farm. Mrs. Adams intends to start a turkey farm providing she gets her turkey through the winter without chilblains or providing feed for the coyotes.

November 22, 1923

The Black Hills prize Hereford cow “Lady Financier” owned by Harry Webb seems bent on making a name for herself. A few days ago she became the mother of twin calves. Naturally Mr. Webb is pretty proud of that cow and the new possessions.

The Neighborhood Club was entertained Wednesday by Mrs. Severin Youngberg. It was deemed that the dear little cottage would hold such a large crowd. After the business meeting there was sewing and a social hour and it took a full hour to do justice to the delicious lunch served by the hostess. Much interest was shown in the unusual and beautiful rugs made by Mrs. Youngberg. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Eli Long on the Getty place, December 5th.

All persons owning lands for which patents have been issued which are still in the files of the land office are required to call or send for same without delay. There are patents in the files for 35 years and more, signed by President Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland, long enough for them to be worn out. These patents should be recorded in the county records, as the owners of the land can show no title from the government otherwise. This is a matter of vital importance and unless these patents can be delivered, they will be returned to Washington or otherwise deposited of. There are hundreds of patents on hand, all of which, except a few of late dates, should have been delivered to the proper parties long ago. Get your

patents recorded before it is too late, send in your duplicate final certificate or suffer its loss. Another party may be eligible to take ownership of your patent.

November 23, 1933

Raymond Fitzgerald, Superintendent of the State Soldiers’ Home in Hot Springs, issued a statement to correct an erroneous statement, that it is difficult for former service men to gain admittance to the institution. Any man with an honorable discharge who saw service in any of the wars and who is in need of any aid or hospitalization during the coming winter can get all the necessary information blanks by writing there. The National Battle Mountain Sanitarium has about 300 vacancies.

The unsold Newell Townsite lots were recently re-appraised and will be listed hereafter at a fraction of the former price. Good residence lots can be had for \$10 and business lot from \$15 to \$50. It is necessary that the lots be offered to the highest bidder at a public auction before private sales can be made to individuals.



Jim Ford accomplished the feat of bicycling from Nisland to Spearfish, Fall 1897

Makers of “rubber checks” are up against another hazard under the new law passed by the South Dakota Legislature and became effective November 1st. The new law eliminates the possibility of making good and paying costs of the bad check to evade punishment. The former law permitting check writers to make good and pay costs was thrown out by the Supreme Court putting an end to the use of the Stats Attorney’s Office for collection purposes wonder threat of prosecution. Offenders are to receive a \$100 fine, 30 days in jail or both. Under the old law offenders received a \$25 fine, 10 days in jail to 6 months in jail.

November 25, 1943

For reasons not given out. Air Mail Service to the west from the Northern Hills has been eliminated for the present at least. The plane trips will continue to Cheyenne, Spearfish Airport will be passed up on the western trip. Service to the east however will be continued. Airmail from this territory for the west will now have to go to Rapid City to catch the west-bound plane.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Janke, Misses Elvera Drew and Ione Kosola were Sunday evening visitors at the Gordon Bowman home on Upper Horse Creek.

The Junior Red Cross enrollment for November is drawing to a close. Many schools have sent their fees to the country Chairman, Mrs. Ira Steeper, but every girl and boy of school age from Primary through High School has not been reached. Newell Grade School is taking an active part by filling 7 boxes, 5 of which will go to children’s hospitals in the U S and the others to an International program. In addition the following schools have enrolled to date: Fairview, McKee, Karinen,

Winkler, Webb, Riverside, Sunnyslope, Langdon, Loup, Stoughton, Chase, Orman, Empire, Plainview, Stetter,



Utah & Idaho Sugar Beet Refinery out side of Belle Fourche. Many school pupils, businesses, clubs, etc toured this building and watched the unique operation. (But what an smell!)

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Storekeepers, distributors and others in the food trade may cut point values of canned, frozen and dried rationed foods that might spoil if held in stock too long, O.P.A. announced recently. However, point values may be cut only if prices are cut at least 26% also.

November 19, 1953

Emil Gonzales was fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to 15 days in the county jail at Belle Fourche on charges of assault and battery. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff George Hafner last Thursday morning after the offense during the Armistice Dance at the Newell City Hall. Further evidence that the Armistice was over were black eyes worn the following day by some of our local boys.

Riot of laughs are promised at the Junior Class play Friday night as the Newell High School annual play “Hill Billy Weddin’”, a fast moving comedy. Paw is play by Ward Weakly; Maw by JoAnn Fardig; their daughter Celia by Gerri Stevens; prospective husband Obee by Gerald Kirk; Obee’s brother Claude Killinen who is promised to Bonnie Mae another daughter played by Yvonne Webb who’s eyes are set on the new handsome stranger in town Roland Maxwell played by Darrell Eickelman. Admission is 60 Cents with production beginning at 8:00 PM at the High School Auditorium. Entertainment at its best with a bang!

The new Butte Electric headquarters building now under construction at Newell started by a few weeks ago by the Alex W. Findlay Construction Company, Rapid City, favorable

weather has permitted rapid progress of last week, footings were completed, the sub-floor vermiculite insulation laid and the cement floor poured. The annual membership meeting of BEC in Newell City Hall is this Saturday. Keynote speaker is SDREA President Albert C. Hauff of Leola. Registration will begin at 10:00 AM and a hot lunch will be served members at noon in the American Legion Hall, also a Magic Show and door prizes drawn, according to Manager Doug Eickelman. Members of the BEC attending the meeting, will probably see the walls of the new all-brick structure rising. Three Directors to be elected are: Belle Fourche District William Jeremiason; Fruitdale District Vern Palo and Rodney Larson; and the Newell District Edward Breidenbach and Albert Fredlund. Free coffee and donuts served at the close of the meeting, courtesy of the Newell Community Club.

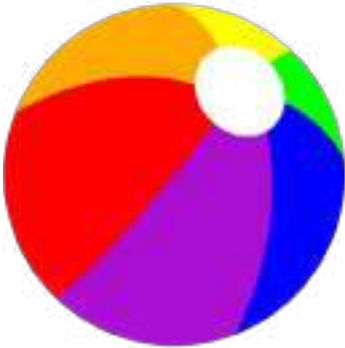
November 21, 1963

Darrell Blomberg, Manager of the Newell Municipal Airport, took Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Preszler by charter plane to funeral services Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Fannie Bartell at the Rosebud Lutheran Church near Shadehill Lake.

More than 100 persons, members and their parents and their guests attended the 15th Annual Parent-Son Banquet of the Newell Chapter of the FFA at the Newell School banquet room Friday evening. Officers of the Chapter officiated at opening and closing ceremonies; Dwight Knuteson extended the welcome from the Chapter and advisor Walter Johnson introduced members, guests and visitors. The honoring of R. D. Long and O. Christopherson, who were presented Honorary Memberships. Both local corn dealers, have furnished corn to members having corn as a project, Wes Whalfeldt presented the honorariums. Also Craig Van derBoom, local farm equipment firm of Virgil Van derBoom & Sons presented the “Best Freshman” trophy to Larry Stomprud.

Edward Nash, 36, former resident of Newell, lost his life in an accident in the Homestake Mine at lead Tuesday afternoon, when he was struck and





Answer to Sudoku

2	9	1	4	6	8	7	5	3
7	8	6	3	9	5	4	1	2
5	4	3	1	7	2	6	9	8
8	5	2	7	1	6	3	4	9
1	3	7	9	8	4	5	2	6
4	6	9	2	5	3	8	7	1
3	7	5	6	2	1	9	8	4
6	2	8	5	4	9	1	3	7
9	1	4	8	3	7	2	6	5

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: The answer to the puzzle about what is missing, the well and the name of the place is - Confluence.

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Then and Now Cont'd

pinned by a bar as he was loosing a jam in an ore chute. Nash was believed to have been killed instantly, while working on the 4100-foot level, pulling chutes, when the mishap occurred. As he attempted to free a jammed chute, the bar pivoted, catching him on the neck and pinning him against the wall of the chute. It is believed the blow caused instant death. He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Arpan of Newell and 2 daughters and 1 son. Services are pending.

November 27, 1913

J. M. Graslie of Faith road his bicycle from Faith to Newell, a distance of 90 miles. He concluded he had had enough of it so; Monday afternoon took the train for Lead, where he expects to obtain work in the mines.

The great activity in building the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project, coupled with the high prices for lumber, emphasizes the need for other building materials. There is an exceptional opening here for a brick making plant and the promoters may count on the hearty supports and assistance of the commercial interests in the Valley. In this neighborhood is an exhaustible supply of shale and a coal mine only a few miles distant.

A fair sized dog, lost or stolen, his head and sides are brown and a black back. Is a cross between a bird dog and German Shepard. Gus Whitelock will pay \$5 reward for the return of this valuable animal. Whitelock lives 3 miles north and half mile east. of town.

November 29, 1923

The last football game of the season will take place at Nisland on Thanksgiving Day and then everybody will turn towards basketball. The girls have already had some very good work-outs. The boys will start practice next Monday evening. The first game on the schedule is with Sturgis at Sturgis on December 15th. At a meeting of the coaches of the Black Hills Saturday, a complete schedule will be arranged.

Smoke emanating from a lean-to in the rear of the Loyal Hotel building brought out the Fire Company and apparatus about 8:30 Tuesday evening. It proved to be more smoke than fire and was quickly squelched by the firemen. The room had been used as a bedroom and the fire appeared to have started in the bedding. Its origin is a mystery, to Mr. & Mrs. Byrd, occupants of the Hotel, who claim the bedroom has not been used for 2 months.

State Highway Commissioner Leedorn was very much interested in the experiments made by city councils in oiling the streets and intimated that his department would like to try out this process on some of the gumbo roads in this part of the county. It is believed by many that oiling the roads with that same mixture of oil and asphalt, would prove this solution of "all year roads" for this town and county.

November 30, 1933

A talkie picture show has been showing in Vale the past week, being sponsored by the Vale Firemen. Miss Mabel Quinn, teacher at the Fairview School, took several of her pupils to the show in Vale last Thursday evening.

Butte County Circuit Court reconvened on Monday of this week at Belle Fourche with the case of the State vs Lawrence Titus as the first trial. Titus is charged with grand larceny, involving the disappearance of some horses belonging to the Orwick Brothers of Sulphur.

The auction sale Monday of this week at the Seitz farm drew a large crowd. The Seitz family will leave soon for Boulder, Colorado to make their future home. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended a farewell party for Mrs. Ann Seitz and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Seitz Tuesday evening which was sponsored by the Vale Extension Club. Cards and games were played and refreshments were served late into the night.

December 2, 1943

The Newell Community Club will hold a meeting Friday evening at the A & H Café Dinner served at 6:30 PM sharp. Everybody interested in the welfare of Newell and the surrounding trade area territory is invited to sit in on this important meeting.

The Pilgrim Fellowship entertained other High School pupils at a party Tuesday evening. The members and guests were divided into 4 groups under the leadership of Betty Lee Price; Esther Martin; Bonna Bee Price and Burton Fogelberg for a scavenger hunt. Many home were ransacked for numerous articles and the group led by Esther Martin came in with the winning collection. Refreshments were served to bring a close an evening much enjoyed by all.

Five men parachuted to safety in the darkness of a South Dakota prairie 2:30 AM Sunday, a few moments before their B-17 Flying Fortress from the Rapid City Air Base crashed into earth northwest of Buffalo Gap. Secretary Lt. Ernest G. Logan, Jr. of Lexington, Kentucky, and the co-pilot suffered minor cuts and bruises, but the other 4 men were reported uninjured. Cause of the crash and other details were not announced, but a board of officers has been named to investigate.

November 26, 1953

Investigate: Newell has an Ordinance for protection of individuals as well as organizations against racketeers and solicitors. Any legitimate solicitor will welcome an investigation by the City Police. Report all unlicensed solicitors, try shopping your home town first and you will help build your home town.

Here's something you need to know; spray dried buttermilk, a dairy by-product, can make a number of good foods even better. It has been used successfully in the manufacture of ice cream, cheese, sherbets, frozen desserts and other dairy food products.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov. 27) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Chicken Alfredo Lasagna, Broccoli, FF, Fruit, Milk	28) Egg Bites, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Corn, FF, Fruit, Milk	29) Waffles, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Turkey Pot Pie. Green Beans, Fruit, FF, Milk	30) Pancake Wraps, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Corn Dogs, Broccoli, Fruit, FF, Milk	Dec. 1) NO SCHOOL
4) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Beef Taco Pie, Corn, Fruit, FF, Milk	5) Maple Baked French Toast Squares, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Patties, Broccoli, Fruit, FF, Milk	6) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chili, Sweet Rolls, Corn, FF, Fruit, Milk	7) Frittata, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Mexicorn, Fruit, FF, Milk	8) NO SCHOOL
11)French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Crunchy Hawaiian Chicken Wrap, Honey Glazed Carrots, Fruit, FF, Milk	12) Croissant Sandwiches, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Ham or Turkey Hoagie, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk	13) Waffles, Cereal, FF, Milk Chicken Strips, Green Beans, FF, Peaches, Milk	14) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, French Fries, FF, Pears, Milk	15) NO SCHOOL
18) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Cook's Choice, FF, Peaches, Milk	19) Eggs & Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Cook's Choice, Fruit, FF, Milk	20) Quiche, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Cook's Choice, Fruit, FF, Milk	21) Smoothies, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Cook's Choice, Fruit, FF, Milk	22) NO SCHOOL  MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Menu is subject to change!  
Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar

Festival of Trees



Auctioneer Bryton Oedekoven kicking off the night's auction with a tree donated by the seventh grade class. Heitz photo



The winner of the Most Unique Tree vote, this snowman tree, made from tires, was donated by the Newell Ambulance Service.



The auction ran smoothly with the help of these women, who spent the evening holding up items for bidders to see. LeaAnn Strohschein, right, kept track of the sales. Heitz photo



The J1 teachers performed a special dance for the crowd to the song "Piliin mo ang Philipinas" which means "Choose the Phillippines" Betty Bruner Photo

and II Classes were taken to Belle Fourche last Thursday by instructor Walter Johnson for a tour of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory. Boyd Hulce and Edward Breidenbach furnished additional transportation.

An area of Newell's Business District was brightened the past week with the installation by the city crew of a new street light on 2nd Street just a half block off Main. At the same time, parallel parking only is permitted in that block in order to allow for free-moving traffic during periods of congestion. Parking is adjacent and parallel to the curb.

November 28, 1963

Two former Newell young people, Velda Lange and Jay Hogan, were among 4 employees and 2 customers frightened by 2 men who robbed the Robbinsdale Branch of the First national Bank of the

Black Hills in Rapid City, of about \$4,000 Friday night. Miss Lange, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lange of Newell, a teller at the bank, reported she was near an alarm but was afraid to activate it for fear it would frighten the men into shooting. Mr. Hogan, son of Mrs. Ives Hogan, formerly of Newell, now Rapid City, was one of the employees ordered to put money into the bags. The armed bandits wore dark glasses and red hunting caps, entered the bank at 7:30 PM, carrying bags then ordering bank employees to fill the bags with money. The men escaped in a taxi as a get-away car and then disappeared in their own car.

The entire nation joined in a day of mourning Monday for President John F. Kennedy, whose heinous assassination occurred Friday noon in Dallas, Texas, shocked and brought grief to the entire world.

President Lyndon B. Johnson, of Texas, who was sworn in as the 36th President of the US by Friday noon, proclaimed a day of mourning and the Governors of every state, county and city offices remain closed until after the funeral service.

Students of the Twilight School, taught by Mrs. Irene Dahlberg, decided to forego the usual Christmas treats and exchange of gifts and contributed the \$20 to the pupils of the Special Education classes in Butte County, taught by Mrs. Phyllis Waring at the Horse Creek School. The children and teacher of the Special Education class have accepted the gift with deep thanks and have chosen to buy a record player for their room. Students at the Twilight School are: Vivian Jones, Vickie Jones, Colleen Jones, James Gruwell, Greg Smeenk, Joan Orwick, Dale Orwick and Bobby Orwick.





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- ✓ Albany Farm Noodles
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- ✓ AJ Farms Fresh Eggs
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- ✓ Wild Dutchmen Sunflower Seeds
- ✓ Purity Seeds & Flaxseed
- ✓ Wooden Knife Indian Fry Bread
- ✓ Dakota Pure Buffalo
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(from American Eats, by Nelson Algren, published by University of Iowa Press, 1992)





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**Cheese** **2/\$4**  
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Cubes**  
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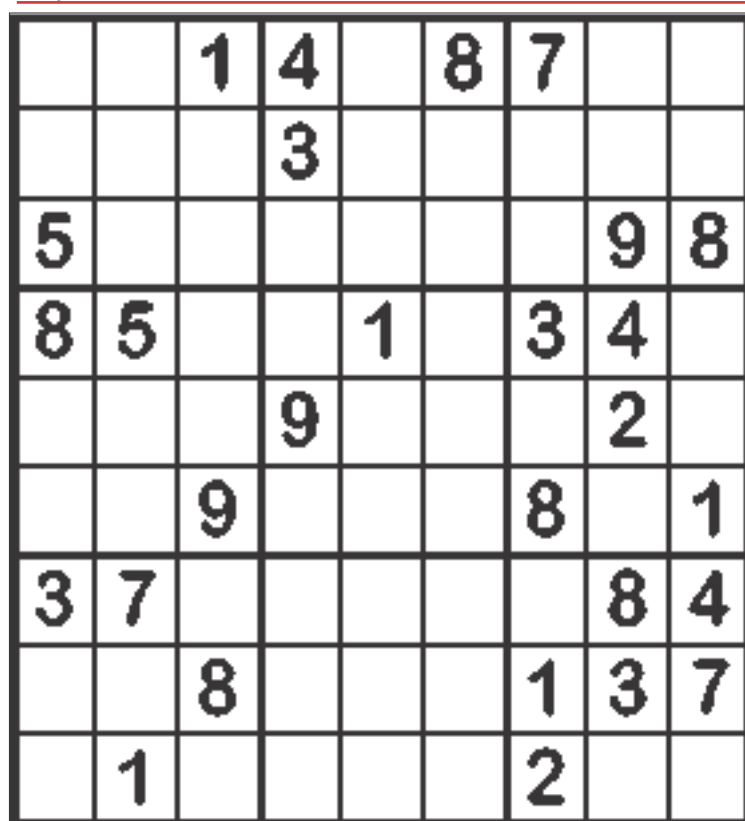
Crow Peak Brewing Company started in the spring of 2007 as a modest 5-barrel brewery with on-premise sales in the form of pints and off-premise sales in the form of 64-ounce growlers. The brewery was extremely successful, and in order to provide a quality local beer to other parts of the State and beyond, a brewery expansion was in order. The beautiful new brewery building opened for business in December of 2009.

However, our beers were still being brewed on our 5-barrel system while we were waiting for our new 30-barrel brew house – three 60-barrel fermentation vessels and 60-barrel bright beer tank to arrive and be installed. Installation of the new equipment, plumbing, wiring and boiler system was completed in June of 2010. In addition to the larger brewing system, a Cask automated canning line was brought online in the fall of 2010, allowing us to distribute our product in both draft and packaged form.

By the end of 2015, Crow Peak Brewing Company was producing 2,000 barrels of beer annually and was distributing its products in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Minnesota. We were finding it hard to keep up with demand, especially in the summer months so we underwent a second expansion in 2018. With two additional fermentation vessels and one additional bright beer tank, we are now able to produce approximately 5,000 barrels annually.







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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1 Also known as (abbr.)

4 "Blue Eagle"

7 Exclamation

10 Rom. public lands

11 Possessive pronoun

12 Rake

14 Decoy (2 words)

16 Anglican (abbr.)

17 Mouse-spotted

18 Health

20 Mrs. (Fr.)

21 Birds (plur.)

22 Born (plur.)

24 Short

28 Antiepileptic

31 Forest or

32 Hebrew (abbr.)

34 St. Petersburg river

35 Style of art

37 Papal church

**DOWN**

1 Chills and fever

2 Retch

3 Vessel

4 Feed

5 Country (Lat.)

6 Babel (plur.)

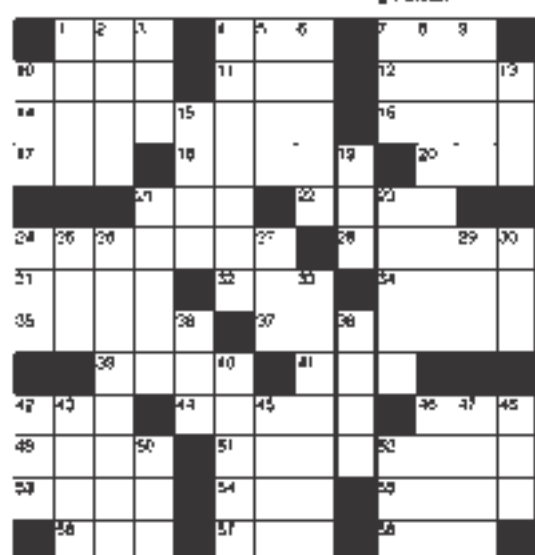
7 Medieval money

8 Dream

9 Giant

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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 AMLA VINO OIL  
 PREVAILON RAB  
 IOEM BORN  
 LACK REMIT  
 SLR SIAL HEAR  
 HOI ARBOR AGE  
 USPS CODE LOS  
 LHASA BITS  
 REND ETAH  
 NMI CASTMETAL  
 AAA OCTA NATO  
 BAN NEAP OPEN



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**ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM**

"YE Z WZO HZMUA OD HKDGFKE  
 ZJDGH BKZH YA SYAHZOH, KU BYNN  
 EYOS ADLLDB OUZL ZH KZOS."

— PDQEQPYGA

PREVIOUS SOLUTION "Peace won by the compromise of principles is a short-lived achievement." — Author Unknown

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2023

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 	27 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	28	29	30	1 Deluxe Fish or Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Wedges Coleslaw Fruity Jello	2 Kielbasa with Peppers and Onions Baked Potato Apple Sauce
3 Turkey Pot Pie Brussel Sprouts Garlic Knots Cranberries Salad	4 Beef Stew Garden Salad Biscuit Pears Pumpkin Pie Bar	5 Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes Veggie Medley Peaches	6 Baked Chicken Wild Rice Roasted Carrots Pickled Beets Pineapple	7 Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Rice Krispy Wreath	8 Deluxe Chicken Sandwich Cheesy Potatoes Mixed Veggies Pears	9 Chili Cheese Dog Tater Tots Cole Slaw Mixed Fruit Bread Pudding
10 Chicken Alfredo Linguini Veggie Medley Fruity Jello	11 Swiss Steak Steamed Rice Baked Zucchini Peaches Gingerbread Cookie	12 Pork Loin Cranberry Chutney Wild Rice Rosemary Brussels Mandarin Oranges	13 BBQ Chicken Steak Fries Green Beans Pineapple Peanut Butter Blossom Cookie	14 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy Mixed Veggies Apple Sauce	15 Breaded Fish Mac & Cheese Peas Grapefruit Christmas Blondie	16 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Broccoli Salad Pears
17 Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Veggie Medley Dinner Roll Pineapple & Carrot Lime Jello Salad	18 Paprika Chicken Steamed Rice Roasted Zucchini Peaches Ginger Bread People Cookies	19 Meatloaf Baked Potato Mixed Veggies Peaches Chocolate Peppermint Cookie	20 Pork Cutlet Dumplings Country Gravy Peas & Carrots Mandarin Oranges	21 Indian Taco Mexican Corn Pears Melt-A-Way Cookie	22 Chicken Fried Rice Asian Veggies Egg Roll Peaches Pretzel Goodie	23 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Gravy Broccoli Cranberries
24 Salmon Patties Sweet Potatoes Maple Brussels Pears	25 Pork Chops Baked Potato Creamed Spinach Tropical Fruit Cranberry Pudding Cake	26 Chicken Cordon Bleu Wild Rice Broccoli Pineapple	27 Liver & Onions or Hamburger Cheesy Potatoes Peas & Carrots Spiced Apple Crisp	28 Chicken Enchilada Pie Refried Beans Spanish Rice Mandarin Oranges	29 Swedish Meatballs Egg Noodles Green Beans Fruity Jello	30 Split Pea Soup Cheesy Biscuit Garden Salad Spice Cake
31 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll Pears						



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