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Sign Recovery

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BELLE FOURCHE—During the reports given at the recent Butte County Commission on December 3, Sheriff Fred Lamphere reported that 50% of the missing road signs had been recovered. The investigation into the missing signs has been fruitful and led to the knowledge that at least two juveniles have been involved. He continued by adding that it could be a small group of younger people made up of both juveniles and adults. Lamphere asked the commissioners that a reward be set up leading to prosecution as the result. The commissioners voted to set a reward of \$1,000. The money will come out of the contingency fund.

Jennifer Sietsema, Black Hills Council of Local Governments, gave an annual report for 2023 to the commissioners. She outlined several areas the organization had helped with during the previous year. Since 2000, the council has given approximately \$19 M, which

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Carriage Rides & Christmas Caroling Collaboration



Jim Dacar of the Mule Shoe Ranch drives the horse-drawn carriage while passengers of all ages enjoyed the ride; Carolers: Nathan Schreier, Michael Meemken, Ember Shannon and Sonja Cropper. on the corner of 6th & State. Hunter Anderson Photos (Additional Photos on C4)

Holiday Cheer Offered Up at Grant Street Holiday Block Party

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BELLE FOURCHE—Nothing says holiday season like a horse-drawn carriage giving rides to excited participants.

Horses trotting down the snow lined street made for a picturesque evening, however an extremely cold night put a damper on the fun festivities that were planned for the opening evening to the holiday kick-off on November 29. According to Stacey Raisanen with Center of the Nation Business Association, “The numbers were way down, we think it’s because of the cold.”

There were two horse-drawn carriages giving rides throughout the evening. This kept the wait time to a minimum. There were two families that volunteered their animals and equipment

for the night, they were the Dacar Family and the Fosheim Family.

To thank them for all the effort CONBA gave them a thank you gift. “We gave them a \$100 gift card to Runnings, so they know we appreciate it,” said Raisanen.

The parking lot of the Tri-State Museum was the staging area, where the rides began and ended. The price of riding in the carriage was either 2 canned goods or a free will donation. Elsie Hix, Dirt Road Radio and Stacey Raisanen, AmericInn collected the donated items for CONBA. “We got a (car) trunk full of canned goods and less than \$100 in donations, but the cold kept turn out low,” said Raisanen. All of the donations will be given to Belle Fourche Compassion Cupboard.

Carriages and Carolers Event Offers Something for Everyone

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BELLE FOURCHE—The sound of Christmas carols rang through the streets of downtown Belle Fourche as a few of the downtown bars rallied together to provide a fun Christmas experience for the community.

The Carriages and Carolers event was held on December 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner was served at the Circle Lounge from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The driving force behind the event is Angel Nash, owner of the Circle Lounge. She prepared much

of the food for the meal. “I had to get up at 3:00 a.m. to cook turkeys,” she shared.

All the food is donated and offered for a free will donation. All donations go to the Belle Fourche Compassion Cupboard.

And what a Christmas dinner it was! Turkey and all of the trimmings—mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, sweet potatoes, and pies were on the menu.

Nash is behind a lot of the downtown holiday events that are community focused. She gets the other businesses to join with her to provide a fun event for the

town.

This year the Hitching Post Tap House offered a free will donation hot chocolate bar. Circle Lounge had a table set up to decorate Christmas cookies, the Outlaw Bar provided an area to decorate an ornament and the Cowboy Back Bar hosted a few vendors.

Other activities included Christmas Carolers strolling around the area singing festive tunes, horse-drawn carriage rides and a fire to roast marshmallows for making s’mores.

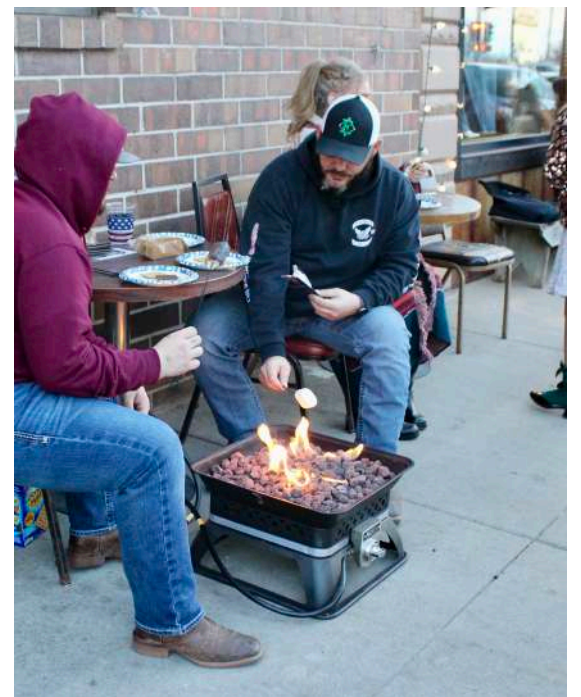
“It’s been a good day. I think C&C Contd.B2



A table full of finger foods greeted visitors that participated in the Jingle and Mingle Holiday Open House at the Life Light Creative and Watson Hennessey Group building. Longbrake photo (additional block party photos A 5)



(L) Circle Lounge set up an area for kids to decorate Christmas cookies. The event was popular and supplies had to be replenished several times at the Carriages and Carolers event; (R) A fire was running hot to provide a place to roast marshmallows at the S’more booth outside of the Circle Lounge. Longbrake Photos



Senator Rounds’ Office visits Belle Silver Lining Senior Center

Adam Kaemingk, State Director and Shannon Arneson, Senior Constituent Services Representative spent part of their day on December 4th at the Belle Silver Lining Senior Center.

The visit included a meeting with the board of directors, tour of the facility and having lunch with roughly 40 regular attendees to the Senior Centers daily lunch.

The center’s board of directors invited the Senator’s office to see

the center and work they are doing to serve the needs of the city’s seniors.

The board will continue to work together with Senator Rounds’ office seeking opportunities to enhance the center’s services.

“I want to thank the Belle Silver Lining Senior Citizen Center’s board of directors for inviting my office for a visit. To the volunteers that work there, thank you for keeping

the center running.

It is because of people like you that South Dakota remains the best state to live in,” Rounds said.

“Our state offices are focused on serving South Dakotans’ needs and it’s important for us to hear directly from you.

Visiting local facilities is a great opportunity for us to connect with communities and hear the issues that are important for us to focus on in D.C.”

Samantha Hunter Receives NewsCenter1 & First Interstate Bank Award

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Samantha Hunter knows that reading is a vital skill. She loves to read herself and as a first-grade teacher at South Park Elementary School, she is com-

mitted to helping her students have the tools they need to be strong life-long readers.

In October, Samantha was a recipient of a \$500 award funded by local entities News Center 1 and First Interstate Bank.

During the school year, the award is given to teachers to help cover costs they might otherwise pay out of pocket.

Ms. Hunter was nominated for the award based on her commitment to provide her students access to books. Every month, for several years, she has provided a scholastic book for each student in her first-grade classes.

The books are new and chosen for the students based on



Samantha Hunter

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Senator Mike Rounds state director Adam Kaemingk addresses the audience at Belle Silver Lining Senior Center Wednesday, December 4th luncheon. Hunter Anderson Photo

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Charles "Charlie"

Charles "Charlie" Leroy Jones Sr., 81, of Belle Fourche died Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at Rolling Hills Healthcare with family by his side.

He was born on February 26, 1943, in Faith to Glenn and Evelyn (Dippert) Jones. As a young boy, he lived on the ranch west of Usta and attended Perkins County Public Schools and graduated from the eighth grade in 1957. He graduated from Faith High School in 1961.

In 1964, Charles married Judith Unterseher and to this union four children were born; Tammie Rae, Deborah, Cheryl, and Charles, Jr. They were later divorced, but remained friends and would gather with their children at events and holidays.

Charles attended church while living in Faith and Emmanuel Baptist in Belle Fourche with his family. While living in the Long-Term Care, he attended the church service each Sunday with Pastor Paul, Judy and Ree in whom all three held a special place in his heart. He professed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in December of 2012 while attending Emmanuel Baptist Church.

He had a joy for life that could be heard through his laughter and seen through his smile. He never met a stranger and would lend a helping hand to those in need. He could remember names and even at Long Term Care, it was important for him to know as many residents and staff as he could and introduce them to his children by name. Family was important and he was called Dad by others that looked up to him, whether blood or not. He mentored and taught many people life skills. He was a "jack of all trades", including mechanic, handyman, aide at Ft. Meade, railroad, missile sites, gas station owner and attendant,



Leroy Jones Sr. 81

Homestake Mine, construction, bartering, farm and ranch. He enjoyed sharing with his family and friends cooking, camping, fishing, hunting, music, dancing, shooting pool, playing cards, motorcycling, snowmobiling and spending quality time.

Charles is survived by his two daughters, Debbie Terhune (Troy P), Sturgis, Cheryl (Andy) Anderson, Belle Fourche; one son, Charles (Chuck) Jones Jr., Faith; grandchildren,

Dawn, Melissa, Derek, Dustin, Kortlyn, Levi, Lindsey, and Vivianne; great-grandchildren, Hailey, Ashlynn, Alexis, Camren, Kaius, and Iris; brother Robert (Florence) Jones, Thornton, CO; brother-in-law James Lyons, Usta and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded death by his parents; grand-parents; infant daughter, Tammie Rae; brother Fred Jones Sr.; two sisters, Pearl Marie Jones and Glenette Lyons; niece, Sue; nephew, Fred Jr.; great niece, Grace and numerous special aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation was held Thursday, December 5, 2024, with a prayer service and sharing at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Funeral Services were held Saturday, December 7th at Indian Creek Lutheran Church, Meadow, SD with the burial following at Chance Cemetery. Lunch followed at the Indian Creek Lutheran Church following the burial.

The funeral were livestreamed and can be viewed on Charles's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Thomas John Davis Sr. 97

Thomas John Davis Sr., 97, of Belle Fourche, SD died Thursday December 5th at Monument Healthcare in Rapid City, Sd.

Tom was born July 16, 1927 in Belle Fourche to Walter and Vera (Hultenschmidt) Davis. He lived on various ranches in the area and in Rochford SD until the death of his father in 1937. The family then lived with his maternal grandparents where he learned the skills of a cowboy and shepherd. His formal education ended shortly thereafter, but his quest for knowledge continued throughout his life. He learned carpentry, welding and electrical skills, auto mechanics and other skills that served him well as a maintenance worker at NL Baroid Bentonite where he worked for over 44 years.

He was united in marriage to Mary E. Richardson on July 3rd, 1949, in Pringle SD. To this union sons Thomas Jr, and William were born joining Randy, who Tom adopted as his own. After the death of Mary in 1989 he married Mildred A Davis, who passed away in 2005.

He was a proud member of the masonic lodge, Scottish Rites, and Eastern Star, devoting many hours to activities, and donating the money he made from the aluminum cans he collected along local highways. His hobbies included collecting and cleaning scrap



metal, camping at Black powder Rendezvous', fishing with his grandchildren, and sharing his life stories. His greatest pleasure was when he could be of help to his family, friends, and neighbors.

He is survived by son William "Bill" Davis; grandchildren, Thomas, Bill and Dan Davis and half-brother, Jeff Glanzer.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Elizabeth Davis; second wife, Mildred Alice Davis; brothers, William and Earl Davis; sisters, Mary Homer, Mae Pierce and Florence Stagemeyer; sons, Randy Davis and Tom Davis Jr.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 13th from 5-7 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche with Reverend Tim Smith officiating. A lunch will follow at the church. He will be transported to Pine Slope Cemetery in Kline's horse drawn hearse for burial beside his wife Mary.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Tom's Obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Travis William Swan 42

Travis William Swan was born September 22, 1982 in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Ron and Linda (Olson) Swan. In 2001, Travis graduated from the Harding County High School, where he was active in 4-H, softball, football, basketball, and track. His football team qualified for the SD State High School Football Tournament two times.

Travis was a very intelligent man. In 2006 he graduated from SDSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag Systems Technology. He did it again in 2008 when he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. During some of his time in college he worked in Gwinner North Dakota at Bob Cat, where he did an internship. Travis also worked in partnership with his father for many years. Working with wood was something Travis enjoyed, and he was highly meticulous with his work. Many memories were made as they were blessed to work side by side in the carpentry trade. Travis also enjoyed making things out of leather, including checkbook covers and billfolds. He was a tremendous cook, and he loved to cook on his grill. Travis also worked for an ethanol plant in Gwinner ND, and in Aberdeen he helped build and construct wind tower blades. For the past four years he has worked for Synchrony Bank.

Most people found Travis to be a quiet person. He was also a man who loved his family very much. Growing up with two sisters, Travis felt blessed and he loved them so much. Eventually he saw them get married and have children, and those kids couldn't have asked for a better uncle in Travis. He was crazy about



them, and they loved him back just as much. He enjoyed hunting, and the ranch life that included working cattle and riding horseback. Travis also enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He loved being at home as well, and he was often found in the kitchen with his mom, cooking supper together. In October he became the best pumpkin carver the world has ever seen.

He would use a blue print to start with, and his finished creation was always fun to look at.

Travis died at the age of 42 on Monday, December 2, 2024. He is survived by his parents, Ron and Linda Swan of Belle Fourche; sisters, Ashley (Marshall) Wells of Black Hawk, Kelli (Travis) Escott of Faith; nieces and nephews, Mason Wells, Kylee Plueger, Jax Wells, Piper Escott, Oaklee Escott and Truett Escott. He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Lois Swan of Spearfish and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ted and Ann Olson; and paternal grandfather, Keith Swan.

The funeral service was held Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation was held Friday December 6. Interment took place at Pine Slope Cemetery. Friends make leave condolences online, and view a video tribute at: www.LeveringtonFH.com



Larry Floyd Crawford 85

Larry Floyd Crawford, age 85 of Sundance, WY formerly of Newell, SD passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 4th at the Crook County Long Term Care Facility with his family by his bedside.

Larry was born July 23, 1939, at Redbird, NE to Lawrence Clayton Crawford & Hazel Lydia Hartland Crawford. They moved to Brainerd, MN and then on to various places in South Dakota. He attended country schools until boarding in Winner, SD where he attended high school before moving to Sundance, WY in March 1957 and graduating from Sundance High School that May.

He worked as a filling station attendant, construction worker, and for various area ranchers before buying a ranch in Newell, SD. He married his high school sweetheart Jeanette Eva Moeller on September 4, 1960. To this union one son and three daughters were born.

Larry and Jenny attended Newell Christian Fellowship. He enjoyed everything about farming and ranching, especially his horses. He bred mini horses and made harnesses for his own teams and for friends. He spent every opportunity he could to take his kids camping and hunting with friends and family.

Larry is survived by his wife Jenny of 64 years, daughters, Lanette (Charlie) Bousa of Sundance, WY, Deneice (Miles) McMillan of Fayetteville, NC and Darcy Crawford of Houston, TX. Grandchildren Caleb (Mandi) Bousa of Powell, WY, Seth (Natallya) Crawford and Cameo (Sam) Donnelly of Houston, TX



and great grandchildren Hudson Donnelly, Elizabeth Crawford and another expected in February of 2025. Also, step great-grandchildren Christian Jacobs, Sammie Jacobs, Ciara Jacobs and a great-great grandson Joshua Jacobs. Brother Lindell (Barbara) Crawford, Sisters Dollie (Marvin) Blauvelt, Ollie Darlene Parks and Donna Robinson, sister-in-law Mary Ann Crawford and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his son Stan William Crawford, grandson Ezra Bousa, parents Lawrence and Hazel Crawford, brother Wilbur Crawford, sisters Wanda Schultz and Joan Manker, sister-in-law Patricia Kipp Crawford, brother-in-laws Richard Farley, Dick Schultz, Gaylen Manker, Roger Keahey and Don Parks.

Services will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 10:00 am at Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel in Sundance, WY with Pastor Donnie Holt officiating. Burial will follow at 12:30 pm in Hope Cemetery at Newell, SD with lunch following at Newell Christian Fellowship.

A memorial has been established to the Crook County Long Term Care Activity Department. Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com



Kathleen Ella Johnston 69

Kathleen Ella (Weideman) Johnston, 69, daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother passed December 1st, 2024, in Gloucester, Virginia after several long illnesses.

Kathleen was born March 16th, 1955, in Belle Fourche, SD, attending school in Belle Fourche and graduating in 1973 from BFHS.

Kathleen would welcome Elizabeth April 6, 1974. After high school Kathleen worked as a nurse's aide for Don Pratt nursing home. She had



a coworker named Myrtle Johnston. Myrtle would introduce Kathleen to her son Ed, who was newly home from the Marine Corps. It was not long before Ed proposed to Kathleen, wanting to establish their family. Kathleen and Ed were married June 22, 1979. Ed would become the father to Elizabeth she never had. Shortly after marrying Kathleen, Ed moved the family to Gillette Wyoming. Their family then welcomed a son, Jacob, in

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Family Fun Day is “History of the Yule Log”

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will hold a Family Fun Day on Sunday, December 15th from 2-4 p.m. entitled “History of the Yule Log.”

The event will consist of a presentation about the history of the Yule Log as a Christmas custom. There will be related

crafts. Refreshments will be served include dessert “yule logs.”

There will be a book drawing for “Calvin the Christmas Tree,” holiday films will play on our TV screens, and everyone will receive a free take-home workbook about the yule

log and Christmas.

Admission is \$2 per person or free with museum membership. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. Information can be reached by calling 605-723-1200.

Tri-State Museum Seeks Donations of Musical Instruments for Exhibit

The new addition to the Tri-State Museum permits the staff to “grow” exhibits in the museum proper and that includes the music exhibit. Formerly in a small corner, it has now expanded and is in the middle of the museum’s floor.

While it has a clarinet, some percussive instruments and a piano and organ, the exhibit would benefit from the addition of some woodwind or brass instruments.

It is therefore seeking gifts

from people who would be willing to give such instruments to the museum.

“Please understand that this is not a temporary exhibit where items are loaned and then returned after the temporary exhibit closes,” explained director Kristi Thielen. “We are looking for gifts of instruments that would become part of this permanent exhibit.

So, we’d hope to receive instruments that are no longer wanted, and wouldn’t expect

to receive those that are still being played by someone or are mementos they wish to retain.”

Those who are interested in giving instruments to the museum are urged to call Collections Archivist Jada Udager, to discuss the gifts. She can be reached by calling 605-723-1200.

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

City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held a meeting on Monday, December 2. During the Mayor’s report, Casey Peterson, LTD, Rhye Leonard, and Devin Pfaff presented the 2023 Audit to the council.

Community input came from Don Rush, who raised concerns about the erosion near the Hat Ranch sign off Highway 85.

The Chamber of Commerce reported that the Light Parade on November 29 was a success and mentioned upcoming events it will be involved in, including the Festival of Trees on December 3 and the Holiday Block Party on December 5.

The Polar Express trolley tours will run from December 12–13, with \$5 tickets available. The

season ends with the Chamber Mixer on December 19 at the Hitching Post.

The Museum & Visitor Center reported that in October and November, the complex welcomed visitors from across the U.S. and abroad. Highlights included a high school tour, a leadership seminar visit, and a First Saturday Brunch with paleontologist Walt Stein.

November’s Family Fun Day featured “The History of Thanksgiving Foods.” Staff relocated and expanded exhibits, adding displays on the Don Pratt Hotel, telephone history, and a pharmacy shop. Preparations are underway for the Ginger Festival on December 7, along with securing furniture for the new addition.

City Administrator LaFayette informed the Council of the progress on Well #3. Councilperson Sowers commended those involved with working on the audit.

Councilperson Fowler noted that she had received feedback from constituents expressing disappointment that the fireworks were not held after the Parade of Lights.

City Engineer Hardy provided an update on the truck routes through town. He explained that trucks traveling east on National Street are required to turn south onto 13th Avenue and then proceed east on Ziebach Street to access the highway.

The next City Council meeting will be held on December 16, 2024.

Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 26 “Let’s Make America Smart Again!”



Meg English

Let’s make America smart again. Two rhetorical-type questions have been lingering in my head for the past several days.

Here’s the first: What is the primary purpose of a high school education? (This is not a quiz, just a thoughtful question.)

In one of my favorite resources and a landmark study, A Place Called School, Author John Goodlad described how the primary purpose of a high school education can best be understood by dividing the whole into parts. In other words, there are four identifiable, but discrete goals that compose the whole purpose of a sound high school education.

Listed alphabetically, these goals are academic, personal, social, and vocational. Academic and vocational goals are somewhat self-explanatory.

Certainly, a high school education should provide “the basics” in reading, writing, science, and math as well as the opportunity to prepare for further study. (college or vocational school)

Vocational goals are those skills needed to prepare individuals for the world of work.

Personal goals mean that schools should teach good study habits and other functional life skills along with academics.

Social goals are the result of learning how to get along well with others by appreciating other cultures and ways of life.

Naturally, over time, schools have tended to value some goals over others during certain historical times or economic conditions, although ideally each of the four goals is equally important.

Thus, the purpose of a sound high school education should be based on the viable implementation of academic, personal, social, and vocational goals.

My second question is: Should a high school education primarily be designed to meet the needs of individuals or larger society?

The difference is critical. Joel Spring in American Education suggests that depending on political trends the primary purpose of schooling may be public or private. On the surface public and private schools may co-exist, but often one

overrides the other.

For example, if private goals are seen as more important, the goal of completion of formal high school education means that the graduate will have a more satisfying personal life, make decisions, that will benefit him or her, and receive help overcoming disabilities or barriers for the benefit of him or herself.)

So, to what extent are academic, social, personal, and vocational goals personal or private? (Oh dear! Yet another rhetorical question!)

If schools are concerned with public purposes, they are most concerned with what is best for everyone.

The ideology of public-school education in America has its roots in the benefits of serving the larger needs of the community. Public schools strive to help graduates become more informed voters, more responsible parents, and better employees, all for the purpose of making the larger society a better place for everyone.

Based on these rhetorical questions and observations, one might wonder (just a little bit) about where education might be headed in America? If the mood in America includes “making America smart again” does this mean that abolishing the Department of Education is a good idea?

Senator Mike Rounds, a strong proponent for abolishing the Department of Education had this to say, “Right now when we have the Department of Education, we have an entire agency where the leadership is thinking 100 percent about education, because that’s their whole mandate,” he said. “Whereas if they slice and dice this up and it goes to different agencies . . . now education is just going to be a very small part of the portfolio that that organization does, and I don’t think their leadership is going to have the same attentiveness to steer new initiatives.”

Now there are lots and lots of questions.

Why does Senator Rounds believe that the department of education needs to be abolished? Can he explain to what extent and how that the educational needs of students will be best served by abolishing the department of education? What does he mean by “new initiatives”? Are new initiatives in education harmful?

Mainly, I am interested in what everyone else might be thinking and what questions they have about abolishing the Department of Education. I just hope that everyone is thinking about this matter and articulating questions. Again, just what is the purpose of education? Why should the Department of Education be abolished? What will take its place? How will the educational institution in America be improved and who is most likely to benefit or be left behind? To make America smart again maybe we need to ask some questions.

Upcoming events,
for more information call:
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- Dec 12 - 6PM North Pole Opens, Polar Express**
 - Dec 13 - B&S Bookkeeping Customer Appreciation**
3PM Venue 519, 6PM North Pole Opens, Polar Express, Christmas Pageant @ BFACC, 7PM CONB Fireworks
 - Dec 14 - 11:30 Christmas Book Party @ Library, Christmas Pageant**
 - Dec 15 - Sleigh Rides @ Country Club, Christmas Pageant, 2PM Family Fun Day @ Museum**
- Be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us on social media for all the information or visit our website

Obituaries contd.

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in July of 1981. Kathleen and Ed would live in Gillette for 37 years. After Ed’s retirement from coal mining in 2016, they would move to Gloucester, VA to live with their son and daughter-in-law Heather, where they would remain until Kathleen’s passing.

Kathy, as she was so affectionately known, was a devoted wife and mother. Her greatest joy and concern were for her family. With each passing year she would watch her family grow to include 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, as well as numerous extended family and friends. Kathy was filled with pride over both of her children’s accomplishments and the life she built with Ed.

She would enjoy crafting, sewing, crocheting, basically anything to manifest beautiful art creations. Her sister lovingly recalls Kathy making her wedding, bridesmaids, and flower girl dresses, as well as her own. Kathy was involved with Campbell County Charity Christmas Festivities for many years. Every year she would donate a decorated tree, wreath, and a quilt she sewed. A couple years she won first prize for her tree and wreath, every year a different theme.

She would follow her son Jacob to wrestling meets and football games and could be heard ringing the cowbell throughout. She would always have a big crockpot full of food to make sure all the wrestlers were fed.

Kathy loved the 4th of July and loved to spend

time in Belle Fourche SD during the 4th with her sister and beloved friend Kay. She expressed how that time continued to make her feel close to her parents after they had passed.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her beloved parents Adolph and Mildred Weideman and her in-laws Myrtle and Albert LeRoy Johnston. She is survived by her devoted husband Ed, sister Linda (Joe) Kapinus Gillette, WY, brother Doug (Mary) Karlson Fontana, CA, children Elizabeth Johnston (Marty Windell) Newcastle, WY, Jacob (Heather) Johnston of Gloucester, VA and their children Hailee and Eddie, grandson Brett Brumley Spearfish, SD, granddaughter Bailey Brumley (Diago Paul) and their daughter Aurora Gillette, WY, great-grandson Leeroy Smith Gillette, WY.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 12th, 2024, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Black Hills Funeral Home, Sturgis, SD. A Rosery will be held at 10:30 AM, Friday, December 13, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, with Funeral Mass at 11:00. Interment will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery. Celebration of Life at the VFW in Sturgis, SD 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family would like to ask that donations be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Gillette Abuse Refugee Foundation (GARF) in Gillette, WY.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



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Volunteerism benefits kids in Belle Fourche.

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

Teen Blast

Wonderful news! Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and donors, we are now able to put on the New Year’s Eve Teen Blast at Christian Life Center FREE OF CHARGE to Belle Fourche High School and home-schooled high schoolers!

But please help us by calling the church at 605-892-4767 to RSVP so we can be sure to have enough food, soft-drinks and prizes.

Please encourage youth to RSVP by December 11th. The first 50 to RSVP will receive a 30-oz. Teen Blast tumbler at the event.

Doors will open for check-in at 5:30 New Year’s Eve, Supper will begin serving at 6:00, and the event ends at 1:00 am New Year’s Day. It’s going to be an evening of fun, food, fellowship and getting closer to God.

If your church youth group would like to come, or if you’re a parent or adult willing to help, you may call the above number with any questions.

Special thanks to First Baptist Church, Connection Church, Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church, Summit Open Bible Church, St. James Lutheran Church, United Church of Christ Congregational Church for helping us with this event.

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Bronc Wrestlers Start Off Season Strong

Kandi Tonsager
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Thursday December 5th,
the Broncs had their first
matches of the 2024-2025 high
school season in a triangular
hosted by the Douglas Patriots.
The Broncs won against Doug-

las/Rapid City Christian/New
Underwood with a team score
of 42 to 33 and fell to Phillip/
Kadoka Area/Wall with final
team scores of 23 to 54. The
Lady Broncs did not compete
in this event.

Friday December 6th, the

Broncs headed to Custer for their
first tournament of the season
competing in the Bill Young
Invitational. The boys placed 3rd
as a team with four champions
topping the podium; Cooper
Conrey at 113 pounds, Riley
Dighton at 150 pounds, Spencer

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Bush at 175 pounds, and Luke
Tonsager at 285 pounds.
At 106 pounds Caden Swaney
went 1-2, at 113 pounds Conner
Crowser went 2-2 and placed
5th, at 126 pounds Dylan Park
went 2-2, at 132 pounds Garet
Huston went 4-1 and placed 3rd,
at 138 pounds Koby Bowden
went 1-2, at 144 A Riggins Lutter

went 2-1 and placed 2nd, at 150
pounds Clifford Toberson went
1-2, at 157 pounds Alex Norlin
went 4-2 and placed 5th, and at
165 pounds Zach Tonsager went
2-2 and placed 5th.

Saturday December 7th, the
Lady Broncs headed to Custer
for the girls division of the Bill
Young Invitational. The Lady
Broncs placed 7th as a team with
three placers. At 107 pounds
Lia Mundt went 3-2 and placed
4th, at 120 pounds Birk Kraft
went 0-2, at 132 pounds Aleyah
Carbajal went 2-2, at 138 pounds
Sofia Gonzalez went 0-2, at 145
pounds Alexa Swaney went 4-1
and placed 3rd, at 152 pounds
Joselyn Shockey went 4-1 and
placed 3rd, at 152 pounds Abigail
Vissia went 1-2, and at 165
pounds Alex Alarcon (Sanchez)
went 0-2.

Both Bronc teams will head
to the Rapid City Invitational on
Friday Dec. 13th and Saturday
December 14th at The Monument
for their next competitions.



Team photo at Custer Tournament Friday December 6th.. Bronc team placed 3rd with four individual champions.



2024-25 Belle Fourche Schedule Wrestling

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/5 - Thursday	Triangular (Douglas, Philip) @ Box Elder ^	Away	4:30 pm
12/6 - Friday	Bill Young Invite - Boys' @ Custer	Away	9:00 am
12/7 - Saturday	Bill Young Invite - Girls' @ Custer ^	Away	9:00 am
12/13 - Friday	Rapid City Invite ^	Away	11:00 am
12/14 - Saturday	Rapid City Invite	Away	8:00 am
12/19 - Thursday	Triangular (Custer, Lead-Deadwood)	Home	5:00 pm
12/21 - Saturday	Invite @ Madison ^	Away	9:00 am CT
12/30 - Monday	Invite @ Harding County ^	Away	9:30 am
1/4 - Saturday	Spearfish Invite - Girls' Only ^	Away	TBD
1/10 - Friday	Invite @ Hettinger, ND	Away	9:00 am
1/11 - Saturday	Invite @ Hettinger, ND	Away	8:00 am
1/16 - Thursday	Quad (Douglas, Spfsh) @ RC Central ^	Away	4:00 pm
1/18 - Saturday	Black Hills Conference Invite @ Hill City	Away	9:00 am
1/25 - Saturday	Chadron, NE Invite	Away	10:00 am
1/30 - Thursday	Sturgis JV/V Dual (Sr Night) ^	Home	5:00 pm
1/31 - Friday	Belle Fourche Invite	Home	10:00 am
2/1 - Saturday	Belle Fourche Invite	Home	9:00 am
2/8 - Saturday	Hill City Invite (Boys' Only) ^	Away	9:00 am
2/8 - Saturday	Newcastle Invite (Girls' Only) ^	Away	9:00 am
2/22 - Saturday	Regions - Rapid City - Monument (Ice Arena)	Away	10:00 am
2/27-3/1	State A - Rapid City	Away	TBA

Bold @ Belle Fourche | Red - Playoff / State | ^ Denotes Update on 12/2/24

Boys Wrestling Roster

Name	Year
Koby Bowden	SO
Spencer Bush	JR
Cooper Conry	FR
Conner Crowser	SO
Riley Dighton	JR
Oscar Garcia	SR
Nathan Hudson	SO
Teedin Humble	SO
Garet Huston	JR
Soren Kopp	SR
Parker Lee	FR
Riggins Lutter	JR
Alex Norlin	JR
Dylan Park	SO
Owyn Schreder	SR
Caden Swaney	FR
Kolby Tibbs	FR
Lucas Tonsager	SO
Zachary Tonsager	SR
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Blue Christmas

Dec. 18 – Wed. 6:30 pm



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Lots of foot traffic through the *Chamber of Commerce* during the *Jingle & Mingle Holiday Open House Block Party*.



Jingle & Mingle Holiday Open House Block Party brought shoppers and snackers to try out some of the delicious baked goods at *Anke's Bakery*.

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Belle Fourche is full of holiday fine arts! This weekend The Nutcracker dancers from LLB+ Dance Studio filled the Rec Center stage. Shoppers enjoyed downtown carolers in the 60 degree weather. The Fine Arts Boosters helped host Breakfast with Santa at the Rec Center. And Belle Fourche's "Center of the Nation Brass" performed amongst the Capitol Christmas trees in Pierre.

This weekend be sure to catch at least one performance of the Belle Fourche Community Theater's show, **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical!** Friday & Saturday, December 13 & 14, at 7 PM & Sunday December 15th at 3 PM. This Christmas show, a must-see full of local talent, is about the real reason for the season. BFACT shared this synopsis of the show: "The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world—so when they crash Sunday school and demand parts in the Christmas pageant, the whole town panics. There's not supposed to be biting or cigar-smoking in Bethlehem, and while these kids have never even heard the Christmas story, they definitely have rewrites! Soon, everyone is calling for reluctant director Grace Bradley to cancel the whole thing. It's up to the Bradleys and the Reverend to help their community see the Christmas story and the Herdman kids through new eyes in this buoyant musical adaptation of the funny and touching holiday classic."

And don't forget to add all the upcoming fine arts events to your calendars!

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

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

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

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

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the *juicy backstage dish and green room gossip!*

From A1 County Commission

Betty Bruner
news@bellefourchebeacon.com comes out to \$129 for every \$1 spent by the county.

BHCLG has worked in nine counties and 21 cities throughout South Dakota, getting funding from outside the organization and their own organization.

In 2023 some of the areas BHCLG has helped include The Belle Fourche Roundup playground, mitigation plans for the county, the waste and water project in Newell, and several other areas.

The Butte County Dispatch is close to being fully staffed, according to Julia Day. She also reported that the sirens in the county were being worked on and all sirens in the county should be ready to go soon.

The State's Attorney, LeEllen McCartney, gave a short report outlining court cases and tax deeds processes. There are 452 open cases, 228 court dates, and four jury trials scheduled for the county. Seventeen people are being held in the Meade County Jail, with several probably being released following bond hearings. McCartney noted that this meeting was her second to last report as State's Attorney. Then she is off to other work.

During Public Comments, Calvin Fickbohm approached the commissioners to inform them of a process the USDA is implementing for cattle identification. The USDA wants producers to use computerized tags for each head of cattle. The tagging would cause each head to be tracked through time on the field to the sale of the animal and beyond. The cost is prohibitive according to Fickbohm and unnecessary.

The present system of branding cattle and eartags has been sufficient for many decades. The new process only adds more time and money to the producers.

Dale Simanton cautioned the commissioners to "go slow" in the process of finding new surroundings. "Your job is to look after the citizens," he said. "Maybe if they [county workers] don't like their office, they should move."

Simanton also noted that there seems to be mismanagement of the road system in Butte County.

During Committee Reports Commissioner Frank Walton reported that the Ambulance Committee was working on purchasing newer ambulance. The committee believes that the purchase of a larger box to go on the present chassis will be to the best benefit. The cost could be around \$200,000.

Commissioner Chad Erk reported on the Building Committee. The committee had discussed funding, environmental impacts, and having a feasibility study. Some of the bats in the old jail may be protected and so using the old jail may be more difficult. There also could be some grant money available. "At the moment, everything is paused," he said.

"We need to think it through," said Commissioner Terry Batterman. The HVAC system is up and consistent, according to Auditor Annie Capp. Sheriff Lamphere is working on the thermostats. Everything should be completed this year.

Chairman James Ager said that he was curious to know if some money from the sale of county property could be placed in CDs. He thinks that it would be beneficial for the county.

The next regular meeting of the Butte County Commission will be Tuesday, December 17, 9:30 am in the county courthouse.

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 - Joe Dirt Septic & Drain

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- Prairie Hills Transit
- Their float is shining bright with holiday lights! Prairie Hills Transit provides essential transportation services to the communities of Spearfish and Belle Fourche, ensuring residents get where they need to go safely.

- Belle Fourche FFA Chapter
- Check out the blue and gold decorations celebrating the FFA's colors. This group is dedicated to fostering agricultural education and leadership in the next generation.

- Minerals Technology
- Their impressive 33' flatbed trailer is a highlight tonight! Minerals Technology specializes in providing high-quality mineral-based solutions to industries worldwide.

- Plains Towing & Recovery
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- Heartland Home Health LLC
- Their festive float features a cozy Christmas Eve firepit backdrop, storytelling, and their company car. Heartland Home Health LLC is committed to compassionate care, helping patients stay comfortable at home.

- Sterling Mazdaspeed 3
- Fully wrapped in Christmas lights, this glowing vehicle is sure to catch your eye!

- Roger and the Belle Fourche Train
- Roger is driving the beloved train for the City of Belle Fourche. You'll often see him at local events giving rides to kids. Tonight, he's promoting the Belle Fourche River Festival, happening June 7, 2025.

- Grossenburg Implement
- A trusted name in agricultural equipment, Grossenburg serves the community with top-tier John Deere products and expert service.

- Black Hills Roundup Queens and Junior Miss
- Representing the spirit of the Black Hills Roundup, these ladies are spreading holiday cheer and western pride.

- Joyful Blooms Flower Farm
- Known for their gorgeous flowers and family-friendly activities at local vendor events, Joyful Blooms brings beauty and joy to every season.

- Keller Williams Realty in Belle Fourche
- Trusted local real estate agents helping families find their dream homes in the Northern Hills area.

- Belle Fourche Lady Broncs Basketball Team
- Lighting up the night with Bronc spirit! Follow their activity page to stay updated on upcoming games and cheer on your Lady Broncs!

- Paleo Adventures Cruiser
- Keep an eye out for dinosaurs on the roof of this float! Walter and Heather are preparing to open their museum next year, bringing their love for dinosaurs to life in a new attraction in Belle Fourche.

- Whispering Pine Investments
- Pulling a firewood processor, this local business offers a range of investment opportunities tailored to meet your financial goals.

- False Bottom Creek Containers & Storage
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- Silvial Air Control
- Check out the airplane on their trailer! Silvial Air Control offers top-notch aviation services with safety and efficiency in mind.

- Austin's Ford Raptor
- Covered in lights and featuring a giant snowman, this float is a winter wonderland on wheels!

- Cowboys Too!
- Santa himself is here in his sleigh! Catch Santa again at The Polar Express event on December 13th and December 21st at Cowboys Too!

We hope you enjoyed the holiday magic of the Belle Fourche Parade of Lights, proudly broadcasted by Dirt Road Radio.

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Writer's Group

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

Black Hills Roundup received Medium Rodeo & Remuda award at 63rd PRCA convention



Our congratulation to them and those that contribute all the work that accomplishes such a great Belle Fourche Roundup.

The national finals rodeo (NFR) has always had a host of local and area cowboys & Cowgirls participating because this short grass country seems to keep creating some of the best.

The list is too long to start mentioning and for the fear that I'd forget someone just our best to all of them.

A Texas contestant that has a Belle Fourche connection is team roping header Brenten Hall.

He and his healer partner Kaden Profili were 2nd in the Team Roping average after the first three rounds.

That probably doesn't show the connection, but Brenten is married to former BF Bronc star athlete Shayla Howell.

Shayla an accomplished roper in her own right is the daughter of area rancher Guy and Shanna Howell.

The first round of team roping shows just how fast things can move in rodeo. Brenten and Kaden after their run had set a NFR record of 1st run to ever break 4 seconds in the opening round.

The defending PRCA Team Roping World Champion of Header Tyler Wade and heeler Wesley Thorp made their run in 3.7 to capture that record. The 3.9 was second in the round.

The PRCA Convention is held prior to the NFR performances at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas.

I was a feedlot cowboy years ago. Saddled a horse every morning for over 14 years, but never entered a rodeo.

When selling and promoting the Star Hitch products travels took me to several of the larger Texas, Louisiana, and Arizona rodeos as well as the NFR.

Last trip to Las Vegas was 2008 for the 50th NFR. The South Point was open, but it didn't start hosting the Convention until the following year.

I did stay there though and watched a couple performances on the big screen from there.

Through Star Hitch I became acquainted with World Champion Bareback rider Marvin Garret and was involved with helping put his Rapid City Roughstock Series on television.

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Brenten Hall roping at NFR. Hailey Rae Photo

Marvin wasn't riding in the 2008 NFR and one evening he invited me to join himself and a friend to watch the finals together at the South Point.

At that time in the just opened facility there were probably less than 20 people in the whole casino.

The friend he introduced me to was another world champion bareback rider named Bruce Ford.

I sat in the middle of 9 world champion bareback titles as the two ran a running commentary of the bareback rides.

It was like being in a bareback riding clinic. They commented back and forth about ever ride and rider and point earned. What



First graders **Elijah Janssen** and **Julian Coyle** demonstrate and approve of the “flexible seating” chairs that makes the classroom comfortable. *Meg English photos*



“*Miss Kokesh is Missing*” was the title of a book published by Samantha Hunter’s first grade students several years ago. The kids pictured on the book’s cover are high school juniors today.

From A1 **Award** their reading level and interests. The students may take the books home and keep them so that each student may build a personal library.

However, there is more to teaching reading that providing books. Ms. Hunter holds a Master’s degree in Reading Instruction from Black Hills State University.

Her training and experience have taught her that teachers who build relationships with their students will help them experience more significant instructional gains. Ms. Hunter is clearly very good at recognizing the individual needs and strengths of her kids.

She also knows that children who are physically and psychologically comfortable in the classroom will find comfort and enjoyment in learning.

“Flexible seating” is an innovation that provides children with ergonomic chairs that are conducive to comfort, movement and best-practice posture for learning.

Samantha Hunter has any other ideas about how to spark interest in reading and learning. She is one of a growing number of classroom teachers whose commitment to students has resulted in personally financing their classroom needs.

The News Center 1 and First Interstate Bank initiative to pro-

vide compensation for teachers is given twice a month during the school year.

To nominate a teacher, you can visit the link below. https://www.newscenter1.tv/site/forms/online_services/fl1_giveaway_application/

Ideas on projects you can submit for: software, books, math education materials, music programs, science experiment kits, physical education supplies, maps, costumes and props, or a community-based program. Details on how the project will help students, how many students will benefit, and specific costs for the project are helpful to the selection committee.

Sen. Rounds Staff in Belle



Silver Lining Center Board member **Todd Keller** opened the Wednesday luncheon explaining the purpose of the board meeting with **Senator Rounds** staff.




Rita Bollwitt, President of the **Silver Linings** board of directors fielded questions those in attendance had for **Senator Rounds** office.



Belle Fourche resident **Deb Harris** poses her question to **Senator Rounds** state director **Adam Kaemingk** at Wednesday **Silver Linings Senior Center** luncheon.

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Cattle Report - Friday, December 6, 2024

Market was dollars higher. Lots of buyers in the seats!!

Next sales - Friday, Dec. 13 - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes - 9 AM Weighups, 12 Noon Yrags and Calves. Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

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Sheep Report - Thursday, December 5, 2024

Big run of sheep today. Lamb market looked mostly steady. Fleishy & medium slaughter ewes sold \$10 lower. Thin ewes sold \$20 higher.

Next sale - Dec. 12 - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep and goats. Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale. Thank you for your business!

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December 19th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

2025 SHEEP SALES

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January 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
January 30th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 6th - No Sale - Check Out Sheep Day At The Black Hills Stock Show
February 13th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 20th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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- Friday, December 20th - Last Sale Of 2024 - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
2025 CATTLE SALES
January 3rd - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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February 7th - No Sale - Visit The Black Hills Stock Show
February 14th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 21st - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
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Friday, December 13, 2024

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Carriages & Carolers

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the weather is perfect! Everything has been so good," said Nash.
One of the big draws was the horse-drawn carriage rides. Two beautiful horses pulled a wagon through the downtown area. The Mule Shoe Ranch provided the horses and carriage free of charge.
Jim Dacar, owner, shared, "You know, my wife's father always said to share your wealth. That doesn't have to be money." The holiday season is a good

time to be able to give back to the community. "We've done this the last three years, since they started this thing down here," said Dacar.
The Outlaw Bar had a good turnout for those coming in to decorate an ornament. There was a variety to choose from; glass, ceramic or wooden ornaments in different shapes and then guests could paint or glitter bomb the craft. Rhonda Schild, owner, said "Circle Lounge provided the ornaments, but I added to them because it's so fun!"

Alisha Lewis with Would Bee Us had a booth set up in the Cowboy Back Bar. She said the turnout had been good this year with a lot of people coming in to look and buy. She and her dad turned a fun hobby into a part time business. Lewis said, "My dad wanted to make cutting boards and they're beautiful and we just really enjoy it!"
Nash wanted to make sure to thank everyone who helped put on the event and everyone who came out to participate and donate to the Belle Fourche Compassion Cupboard.



(Above) Jim Dacar of the Mule Shoe Ranch drives the horse-drawn carriage: (Below Left) Willow Manger puts the finishing touches on her Christmas ornament that she made at the Outlaw Bar ornament table; (Below Right) Nathan Schreier hits all the notes as he sings Jingle Bells on a horse-drawn carriage ride through downtown Belle. Longbrake Photos



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CANDLES AND MIRRORS #9
By DeAnn Kruempel

“Ankle Deep in History”

Margaret blushed crimson as she realized that her dress had lifted above her ankles for a moment. What would her mother think of such impropriety? Though the scene is from a historical fiction novel, it accurately portrayed the social norm of the late 1800s. Women were to keep their ankles covered.



Eventually, women wore pants. Trouser socks kept ankles covered and came in basic neutral colors to coordinate with the pants. Brown socks with brown pants. Black socks with black or gray pants. To overstep the fashion bounds of color drew unwanted attention to the ankles.

Step forward 50 plus years. Many events had gone down in history while hemlines went up. After two wars and the Great Depression, years of doing without material comforts, Americans were ready for cheerful fashion and fun. What could impact fun levels more than what people wore on their feet?

Then trends totally turned around and suddenly socks sought to be seen! Argyle prints, wild Waldo stripes, groovy flowers and cutesy cats covered ankles across the country.

Thick-cuffed white socks flashed brightly on top of black and white saddle shoes on teens who swooned while Sinatra crooned. Bobby socks! Named after the “bobbed” hairstyle that was the trend at the time, these short, cuffed socks began as a symbol of teenage rebellion. Newsweek magazine initially defined “bobby soxers” as female juvenile delinquents. The prevailing stereotype, however, depicted them as phone-gabbing, music-loving teens in swirling skirts. Bobby socks first gained popularity in the 1940s and reached their peak in the 1950s.

Then cropped up something even more scandalous—mismatched socks! It didn’t matter if one sock was Christmas plaid and the other summery-yellow. Anything goes! Parents rejoiced. They no longer had to spend hours hunting for socks the dryer ate. They no longer needed to match colors or styles. The new norm was “open drawer, pick two.”

My sisters wore bobby socks and saddle shoes. Add poodle skirts to the fashion statement of the era. By the time my sock-wearing, style-caring days came along, the flared felt skirts, black and white shoes and poofy-ankle socks were outdated. (I miss all the fun!)

At my age I find it difficult to step into the far-fetched fad. Mostly, I prefer that my socks match. Since it was time to wrap up my winter wardrobe and prepare for the cold months ahead, I recently visited the hosiery section of my favorite department store. I wanted soft, warm, fuzzy, knee-high socks. Comfort socks. Chicken soup for the soles kind of socks.

Instead, cable-knit knee-socks which inevitably sagged to my ankles two minutes into recess, quietly whispered my fashion statement and I considered Mr. Sinatra an old guy with greasy, short hair!

There were rows upon rows of socks in every color and length. Cotton, wool, spandex blend. Obviously, consumers take ankle fashion seriously. Suddenly, I spotted a whole row of “no-show” socks! Seriously? Is it sinful for one’s socks to show? Does anyone but me care about cold ankles?

In the next 50 years, will foot fashion hit the floor or tread lightly? Will ankles again be covered in modesty? What will they think of next?

Could be it would knock our socks off!

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125 years ago
Belle TIMES,
December 8, 1898
Leven Dollars a Wolf We understand that the stockmen of Inyan Kara creek have combined in an effort to lessen the ravages of the wolves upon their herds by giving a private bounty of seven dollars on every wolf killed in that vicinity. This amount together with the state bounty, brings the value of a wolf pelt up to eleven dollars.
Injunction Was Dissolved At the last session of the legislature an act was passed authorizing a vote on the proposition of enlarging the boundaries of Stanley county to include the unorganized counties adjoining Stanley county. The Butte county boundary act was a duplicate of the Stanley county law. An effort was made over there to defeat the object of the law by injunction.

100 years
Belle Fourche Bee
December 13, 1924

FURNISHES HONEY FOR LUNCH W.J.McIntire, the Fruitdale bee man, was a guest at the regular Friday noon lunch of the Commercial club Friday of last week, and furnished an abundance of comb and strained honey of the meal. Just to make it more enjoyable, Mrs. Dalkenberger of the Gem Café, provided numerous large pans of hot biscuits, which made the honey all the more enjoyable. After the lunch, Mr. McIntire made a talk on bees and honey, telling of the number of trips one bee would make in gathering one pound of honey, this would require seven hundred thousand trips, or a distance equal to one and one-third times around the world. Butte county this year will produce sixty tons of honey, and of this amount bees owned by McIntire & Sons of Fruitdale will produce twenty-seven tons.

PROPOSED TRAIN SCHEDULE The Northwestern Railway has announced a proposed change in train service for the line from Deadwood to Belle Fourche and Newell, the change to come Monday of next week, providing the schedule is adopted. The first of this week it was announced that the change was a certainty, but later advice is to the effect that it may be necessary to reconsider the proposed schedule. The passenger train from Deadwood and the east would be a stub train leaving Deadwood at 10:30 in the morning, connecting with the Minneapolis and Pierre train at Whitewood.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
December 9, 1949

PERMANENT CARE CE-ME “TB Broke Up My Home” States Vale Essay Winner This is the essay written by Edward Even, 17 Vale high school senior. Tuberculosis – What Is It and What To Do About It? TB broke up my home. My mother died when I was six. TB attacked my father three years later. At the sanatorium he was provided with laboratory tests, x-rays medicines, nutritious food and pneumothorax, a treatment to relax and rest the lung, thereby facilitating healing. To protect us from contact with the disease, my brother and I were not allowed in his room; he was brought down on a stretcher to visit with us. Three years later, he was dismissed with the TB germ almost defeated. My story is true. Learn about TB, recognize the disease caused by the germ tubercle bacillus, which generally affects the lungs and can be picked up anywhere. Remember there are not early



by Mary Buchholz

symptoms. Have annual chest x-rays.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee,
December 13, 1974
Senior Citizens Name New Officers Here

New officers and directors were elected Sunday at a reorganization meeting of the local senior citizens’ organization. Mrs. Ralph Carlsen was named chairman; Mrs. Alma Helmer, vice chairman; Mrs. Stella Jacobsen, secretary; Mrs. Earl Friggens, treasurer; Mrs. Edward Eixenberger, social director; Mrs. Florence Cornella, membership chairman and Mrs. Minnie J. Riegel, member-at-large. The reorganization took place at a potluck dinner Sunday at the Episcopal Guild Hall. Albert I Lakson, member of the South Dakota Council on Aging, opened the meeting. Rev. Kenneth Dunn of the Baptism Church spoke briefly, saying that the church would lend its support to a senior citizens’ organization. Lakson told the group that there are about 800 senior citizens in Belle Fourche and vicinity who would be eligible for membership.

Bruggeman Again Chief Charles Bruggeman was reelected chief of the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department at the organization’s annual meeting Wednesday night. Named to serve with Bruggeman were: Dale Gillette, assistant chief; Harry Haivala, president; Marion Hespe, vice-president; Ralph Hicks, secretary-treasurer. Following the business meeting, the firemen held their annual Christmas party at the Vets Club. Mayor Henry Hespe and members of the city council joined the firemen later in the evening. The meal was catered by Henry Hantz, with Jay Hantz..

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BRED CATTLE	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Adam Warner, Rozet WY	88	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1159	3375.00	\$3,375.00
Rule Livestock, Buffalo WY	25	Bwf-Brd Hfr	1011	3000.00	\$3,000.00
	15	Bwf-Brd Hfr	1005	2950.00	\$2,950.00
	39	Black-Brd Hfr	1013	2675.00	\$2,675.00
	5	Bwf-Brd Hfr	1020	2750.00	\$2,750.00
	10	Bwf-Brd Hfr	1005	2700.00	\$2,700.00
	19	Black-Brd Hfr	954	2600.00	\$2,600.00
	20	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1306	2725.00	\$2,725.00
	53	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1421	2535.00	\$2,535.00
	21	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1345	2050.00	\$2,050.00
	32	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1320	2000.00	\$2,000.00
	29	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1106	2600.00	\$2,600.00
	12	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1398	2350.00	\$2,350.00
Dudley Shy, Billings MT	3	Black-Brd Hfr	1037	3000.00	\$3,000.00
	7	Black-Brd Hfr	1019	2975.00	\$2,975.00
	20	Black-Brd Hfr	1017	2875.00	\$2,875.00
	50	Black-Brd Hfr	1042	2735.00	\$2,735.00
	59	Black-Brd Hfr	1009	2725.00	\$2,725.00
Thomas Simons, Howes SD	26	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5/6	1287	2350.00	\$2,350.00
	42	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1370	2300.00	\$2,300.00
	47	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1330	1885.00	\$1,885.00
Rosalee & Ty Linger, Miles City MT	10	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1191	2800.00	\$2,800.00
	12	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1197	2875.00	\$2,875.00
	20	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1185	2850.00	\$2,850.00
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	42	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1343	2100.00	\$2,100.00
	20	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1317	2400.00	\$2,400.00
	30	Black-Brd Hfr	913	2735.00	\$2,735.00
Shawn Donahay, Newell SD	20	Black-Brd Hfr	1034	2675.00	\$2,675.00
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	7	Black-Brd Hfr	1114	2700.00	\$2,700.00
	7	Black-Brd Hfr	1146	2675.00	\$2,675.00
	2	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1180	2550.00	\$2,550.00
Riley Lesh, Ekalaka MT	14	Black-Brd Hfr	1096	2710.00	\$2,710.00
Flying A Ranch, Buffalo WY	17	Black-Brd Hfr	1104	2660.00	\$2,660.00
	4	Black-Brd Hfr	991	2625.00	\$2,625.00
Henry & Viola Lambright, Hulett WY	19	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	956	2600.00	\$2,600.00
Statham Real Estate Lic, Battle Ground WA	17	Bk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	964	2575.00	\$2,575.00
Jesse Blankenship, Miles City MT	70	Black-Brd Hfr	785	2400.00	\$2,400.00
Baxter Or Skyler Anders, Broadus MT	9	Red-Brd Cow 4/5	1097	2550.00	\$2,550.00
Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	12	Bk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	1027	2585.00	\$2,585.00
Diamond Hook Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	12	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1049	2550.00	\$2,550.00
	6	Black-Brd Cow Sm/B	1385	1950.00	\$1,950.00
	12	Black-Brd Cow L	1123	2100.00	\$2,100.00
Rod Schaffer, Broadus MT	9	Red-Brd Cow 4/5	1097	2550.00	\$2,550.00
Rapid City SD	9	Red/Rwf-Brd Cow 3	1123	2525.00	\$2,525.00
Wolff Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	30	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1402	2575.00	\$2,575.00
	50	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1361	1935.00	\$1,935.00
	28	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1342	1875.00	\$1,875.00
	12	Black-Brd Cow	1177	2100.00	\$2,100.00
	10	Black-Brd Cow	1307	1460.00	\$1,460.00
P Sean Or Tucker Carroll, Ranchoester WY	40	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1320	1800.00	\$1,800.00
Riley Lesh, Ekalaka MT	21	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1344	1810.00	\$1,810.00
	12	Red/Rwf-Brd Cow Sm	1345	1775.00	\$1,775.00
Statham Real Estate Lic, Battle Ground WA	24	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3/4	992	2550.00	\$2,550.00

Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	4	Rwf/Bwf-Brd Cow 4/5	1311	1850.00	\$1,850.00
	11	Rwf/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1282	1675.00	\$1,675.00
	11	Herf-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1247	1400.00	\$1,400.00
Justa Witt, Buffalo SD	4	Black-Brd Cow 3-6s	1293	2550.00	\$2,550.00
Ray Henry II, Edgemont SD	3	Rd/Bk-Brd Cow Sm	1470	1650.00	\$1,650.00
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	29	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1118	2700.00	\$2,700.00
	25	Black-Brd Cow 5/6	1124	2475.00	\$2,475.00
	86	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1286	2185.00	\$2,185.00
	131	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1227	1750.00	\$1,750.00
	13	Red-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1113	1550.00	\$1,550.00
Tim Tooke, Ekalaka MT	4	Black-Brd Cow 3/6s	1063	2440.00	\$2,440.00
	4	Black-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1371	1875.00	\$1,875.00
	1	Black-Brd Hfr	955	2600.00	\$2,600.00
WEIGH-UPS					
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	10	Black-Cow	1034	150.00	\$1,550.25
Vernon Rice, Broadus MT	1	Black-Hfr	840	218.00	\$1,831.20
	4	Black-Yrfg Hfr	839	245.50	\$2,059.13
Warren & Greta Crawford, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	948	177.50	\$1,681.81
	3	Black-Cow	1057	142.50	\$1,505.75
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	3	Black-Cow	1025	145.00	\$1,486.25
Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	4	Rwf-Yrfg Hfr	961	231.00	\$2,220.48
	11	Bk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	970	230.50	\$2,235.85
Trask Ranch Partnership, Wasta SD	1	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1015	100.00	\$1,015.00
Jesse Blankenship, Miles City MT	3	Black-Yrfg Hfr	795	238.00	\$1,892.10
Statham Real Estate Lic, Battle Ground WA	1	Black-Hfr	1140	155.00	\$1,767.00
Henry & Viola Lambright, Hulett WY	3	Black-Hfr	947	189.00	\$1,789.20
Rod Schaffer, Broadus MT	3	Red-Cow	1022	165.00	\$1,685.75
	21	Red-Cow	1072	151.00	\$1,618.21
Ross J & Pamela Garman, Sundance WY	6	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	1030	190.00	\$1,957.00
Dave E Edwards, Gillette WY	10	Black-Hfr	957	222.00	\$2,124.54
Neil Kittelman, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1200	115.00	\$1,380.00
Ross J & Pamela Garman, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	1375	117.00	\$1,608.75
	1	Black-Cow	1285	119.50	\$1,535.57
	1	Black-Cow	1315	117.50	\$1,545.12
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	43	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1149	113.50	\$1,304.59
	46	Rd/Bk-Cow	1183	113.50	\$1,342.13
	46	Rd/Bk-Cow	1147	117.00	\$1,342.06
Martin Masters, Dayton WY	4	Red-Cow	1435	120.00	\$1,722.00
	1	Red-Cow	1165	104.00	\$1,211.60
Lyle Or Angela Wetz, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1690	113.00	\$1,909.70
	1	Black-Cow	1530	121.50	\$1,858.95
Statham Real Estate Lic, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1295	125.00	\$1,618.75
Ray Henry II, Edgemont SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1555	119.50	\$1,858.22
Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	10	Rwf-Cow	1155	114.00	\$1,316.70
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1205	116.00	\$1,397.80
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	17	Black-Cow	1376	121.50	\$1,672.05
	14	Black-Cow	1240	112.50	\$1,395.40
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	14	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1315	118.50	\$1,558.27
	15	Black-Cow	1159	112.00	\$1,298.08
	1	Black-Cow	935	105.00	\$981.75
	1	Black-Cow	1110	110.00	\$1,221.00
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	1	Black-Cow	1315	118.00	\$1,551.70
	8	Black-Cow	1132	111.00	\$1,256.38
Thomas Simons, Howes SD	1	Black-Cow	1440	120.00	\$1,728.00
	1	Black-Cow	1575	120.00	\$1,890.00
	1	Black-Hfr	830	170.00	\$1,411.00

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SADDLE TREE RANCH-WY	50 BLK STRS, 500#	PC, NI, WEANED 45 DAYS
150 BLK/BWF MXD CLVS	PC, BT SHOTS, NI, WEANED 60 DAYS	EVERETT HEINERT-WY
450-550#, PC, NI, POURED	PILSTER RANCH-MT	4 BLK STRS
PAUL PALEZEWSKI-SD	40 BLK MXD CLVS	ZACH PETERSON-SD
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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

December 19, 2024 CHRISTMAS CLASSIC STOCK COW & BRED HFR
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Man in the Arena by Theodore Roosevelt

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Black Hills Roundup Wins Polaris Remuda Award & Medium Rodeo of the Year

The stock contractor honored with the best pen of bucking horses brought to PRCA rodeos this year was Pickett Pro Rodeo, and the rodeo committee recognized for assembling the best pen of bucking horses was the Black Hills Roundup in Belle Fourche, S.D.

The annual Remuda Awards go to the stock contracting firm and rodeo committee that provide the best, most consistent pen of bucking horses, creating the best opportunities for contestants to score well.

It marks the first time Pickett

Pro Rodeo and the Black Hills Roundup received Remuda Awards.

"A year ago, this was something that we as a committee set a goal for," Black Hills Roundup executive committee chair Dallas Conner said. "And to receive this award is absolutely amazing."

The Black Hills Roundup held the 105th edition of the event in the Rushmore State this past July.

The rodeo, also named Medium Outdoor Rodeo of the Year, assembled a pen from

its primary stock contractor, Championship Pro Rodeo, with sub-contractors Fettig Pro Rodeo, Cowtown Rodeo, Harper & Morgan Rodeo Company and Burch Rodeo.

"I've always said we have some of the best people and volunteers working with our rodeo," Conner said. "We're like family. We don't always get along. But at the end of the day, we're all doing it for the right reason. Hats off to our committee because they are a great group of people."

The Black Hills Round-

up will host its 106th edition from July 1-5, 2025, in Belle Fourche.

Pickett Pro Rodeo, based in Fairfield, Texas, added another honor to its long list of accomplishments with its first Remuda Award.

The 66th annual Wrangler National Finals Rodeo kicks off its 10-night run at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

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New Year's Eve Teen Blast
Christian Life Center is teaming with other churches in our community to bring back the New Year's Eve Teen Blast event. The event is open to all Belle Fourche High School students (including home-schooled students and High School students from nearby communities attending Belle Fourche churches) and will be from 5:30 pm New Year's Eve until 1 am New Year's Day at Christian Life Center, 2020 Vista Street in Belle Fourche. This will be an adult-supervised, fun-filled, alcohol- and drug-free event with food, games, prizes, and youth ministry. Admission is \$20 and registration materials are located at Summit Open Bible Church, 1st Baptist Church, 1st Congregational Church, Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Connection Church and Christian Life Center during regular office hours. If your church is not listed and would also like to participate, please contact Pastor Dan Carlson at Christian Life Center.
Contact Information: Dan Carlson, Sr. Pastor
Christian Life Center
Belle Fourche, SD
605-892-4767

BF Rec Fall Volleyball League Champions 2024



Coed A: **No Show.** (B): Troy Jensen, Jon Henderson, Turner Johnson, Craig Nelson; (M): Kayla Nelson, Courtney Nelson, Cheyenne Nelson; (F): Harlow Jensen.



Coed B: **Set to Kill:** Adam Girtz, Rachele Girtz, Jayda Vander Vorste, Brittany Stevens, Lauryn Ostenson, Sarah Chapman, & Derek Olson.



Women's A: **I'd Hit That:** Brianne Fox, Rachel Adams, Roxanne Hartl, Chrissy Montgomery, Calli Davis, & Jamie Burke.



Women's B: **Arm & Hammer:** Darcy Stiefvater, Karly Huffman, Natalie Monnens, Brooke Wier, Maycie Brunelle, Jordan Hanson, & Taylor Engesser.

Area Church Schedules

BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
1/2 Mile east on Hwy 34
210-1374
Kenny Riley, pastor
Sunday: 1 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St
892-4767
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

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613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche
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Associate Pastor Chad Logan
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807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
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5:00pm Soup & Sandwich
5:30pm - Salt and Light

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
892-3402
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717 Jackson St. Sunday:
9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship

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901 Laurel St. Whitewood
(605)-920-1959
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723-1092
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642-1122
Luke Bluhm, Pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service

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308 4th Street, Newell SD, 57760
605-456-2544
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH
On Hwy 212 in Nisland
(605) 257-2356
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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5 miles South of Belle Fourche
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642-7167
Calvin Chapman - Int. Minister
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 Kellern Lane, Spearfish
Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH
1701 Hwy 212, Newell
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH
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Sunday: Worship: 10:00am
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Pastor Darla Dunn
402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788
Service Sunday: 10 a.m.
605-210-0512

CANDLES AND MIRRORS #10 “Not By a Long Stretch”

Today's trendy teens are missing all the fun.

Imagine this: women lined up outside stores, waiting to snag just one. But supplies were short. Coveting crowds grew angry. Riots ensued. Though the scene may seem a stretch of the imagination, it really happened. There was a time when American women went to great lengths to get--a pair of nylon stockings. Nylon, the first synthetic fiber made totally from chemicals, was created in 1930 by DuPont, who claimed its new fiber was fine as a spider's web and strong as steel.

Nylon stockings were introduced at the New York World's Fair in 1939. Women loved them! I can envision our mother and her sisters in a nightgown huddle, plotting a way to save up enough to buy a pair. At more than a dollar, that would have been no easy task. (At the time a loaf of bread cost ten cents.)

Their fashion fling was short-lived because in 1942 nylon went to war. Instead of knitting nylons, factories produced tents, parachutes and ropes for our soldiers. After the war, the factories began to make nylon stockings again. Women rejoiced!

I recall Mom and my sisters wearing the shimmering leg coverings. By the time I graduated from knee socks, panty hose had been invented. I missed all the fun! Yes, fashion changes have taken great leaps and I cannot help but lament all the mind-bending experiences today's adolescents are missing. Never in history have women been so innovative and sacrificial as during the Age of Nylons.

From the get-go they overcame overwhelming obstacles. The first hose were thigh-high flat-cut pieces of fabric sewn together down the back of the leg. That sewing-together made a seam, a dark stripe that ran down the back and joined a triangle under the foot where the end was stitched shut. "Is my seam straight?" women questioned as they tried to twist and bend. New



yoga poses were created. Stockings had no elastic. Something had to hold them up. Alas, the comfort and convenience of the illustrious garter belt! A thin strip of fabric encircled the waist. From each side

hung two lengths of elastic. A metal clasp fastened over a round button and hung from the elastic strands. Women attached nylons into the clasp garters. Garter-gapping was disgraceful. Crossing of legs was invented, thus eliminating guarding of one garter. Some situations required drastic measures. Garter belt missing? Bare legs were not an option. Rubber bands to the rescue! Circulation was cut off. Limb loss loomed, but fashion reigned. Holding nylons up was only part of the drama. Nylon fibers were knit together in such a way that a tiny hole or a snag caused a "run," an obvious stripe of holey horror that quickly snaked its way up or down the leg. Helpful friends snidely sniped, "You've got a run in your nylons."

Not to be deterred, girls fashioned run-resisting recipes. Hair-spray, glue and nail polish to the rescue! A dab applied at the snag site sometimes saved the day. The circle of skin that peeled away that night was a small sacrifice. Later, panty hose captivated young women with new adventures: A waistband that reached to the armpits.

A low-hanging crotch that took foot dragging to a whole new level. Saggy, baggy ankles. But times have changed. Today bare legs are the fashion. Women no longer shimmy into those beloved gossamer stockings. Too bad. They are missing all the fun!

Give Happy Memories

All of the stories from Krumpel's previous columns have been published into books to keep you smiling and bring back happy memories. Those four books, along with her historical fiction series, "Promises to Keep," make excellent gifts and are available on Amazon. Contact the author at deannkrumpelauthor@gmail.com.

CANDLES AND MIRRORS #11

“Horses Can’t Play Basketball!”

“Come on, DeAnn. It’ll be fun!” My brother strode happily to the barn, the basketball bouncing on the frozen ground before him as he adeptly switched from right hand to left. I followed reluctantly; the feeling of dread chilled me more than the December temperatures. I couldn’t hit the broad side of a barn. That was saying something considering the hoop was attached to the broad side of the barn.

Delmer stopped at the imaginary free-throw line. He bounced the ball three times, aimed at the hoop and shot. Swish! The net fluttered for a second, but the rim remained as still as stone. He grabbed the ball and went in for a lay-up. Another good one. His braces sparkled as he turned to me. Show-off!

I groaned and high-tailed to the house. It was one thing to shoot hoops with my brother, but on his Wilt Chamberlain days, it teetered on self-torture. “Aww, come on, DeAnn. Let’s play a game of HORSE.”

As if that would entice me. Then he added, “I will start with two letters.” I stopped and considered.

“Four and I will play. And I get to shoot first.” I may not have been much of a basketball player, but I wasn’t stupid. We compromised at three.

I stood just to the right of the hoop, about as close as I could get. I tried to aim just above the hoop, hoping it would ricochet in. I am such a dreamer.

Delmer took control. He put in a shot a few feet back and to the left. I shuffled to the same spot and attempted a similar shot. I missed. That gave me an H. And it gave my brother the ball. He dribbled three times on the packed dirt and put in a right-handed layup. I gave him the dirtiest look I could muster, bounced three times as I strode to the spot under the hoop. I

aimed and tossed. Miracles happen! It went in.

That meant I got the next shot. I dribbled from the straw bale stack to the corner of the barn and then to the free-throw line. “Sometime today, maybe?” My patient brother rolled his eyes and a foul idea hurtled into my brain.

Grinning wickedly, I took two steps forward, I narrowed my eyes and stared at that hoop. I sucked in a big breath, and with both hands grasping the ball, I bent over, lowering it to the ground between my shoes and lobbed it up. Unbelievably, I made another one.

Rules of the game require the second player to attempt the same shot from the same spot. Poor Delmer cleared his throat. Ah, the humiliation, the agony! But he dipped the ball down and tossed it up—right into the hoop.

The game went down-hill from there. My brother didn’t miss. I begged for mercy. After all, I was a lot farther from the hoop than he was. The game soon ended. In spite of my three-letter advantage, I missed five shots he had made and ultimately spelled HORSE.

Our older brother Donald taught Delmer the game, but I am not sure how it originated. NBA players were known to play it. Why was it named HORSE? Because horses can’t play basketball!

After that trouncing I did some practicing when my brother was not around. I tried shooting from far away and five feet in front of the hoop. I tried the backward over-the-head shot. The Globetrotters would have been proud!

A month later, my brother trudged by the barn in the snow. I waited, basketball under my arm. “Hey Delmer, want to play a game of HORSE? Come on. It will be fun.”



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How to Destroy Your Community in 5 Simple Steps

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



reporting on community affairs.

The second step in assuring failure is to have a lack of zoning and permitting. The zoning and permitting processes are vital for organized development. Without proper zoning discussions, communities’ risk haphazard construction and incompatible land use, leading to congestion, reduced property values, and decreased quality of life. The absence of a permitting process can result in unregulated development, potentially compromising safety standards and environmental sustainability. Proper permits ensure that structures adhere to safety codes, protecting residents and the community’s overall well-being.

The third step in promoting failure as a community is the lack of respect for property rights. Ineffective regulations and lack of enforcement against slumlords and trash generating lots will lead to the deterioration of housing quality, negatively impacting residents’ health and safety. Failure to address neglect and substandard living conditions can create a cycle of poverty and despair within the community, discouraging investment and fostering a sense of hopelessness among residents.

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

Local businesses are often the backbone of a community, providing employment opportunities, contributing to the tax base, and fostering a unique community identity. Neglecting to educate residents on the

importance of supporting local businesses can lead to a weakened economic foundation.

The fifth step is one many may not think about often, that is the lack of civic engagement. Communities with low voter turnout are a community full of people that have given up, or just plain don’t care. I have often said that you can measure the strength and resolve of a community by the voter turnout. Low voter turnout means the residents are not engaged, the residents feel they can’t make a difference, the residents are just fed-up, and/or the residents have no faith in the leadership.

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

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

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2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

Dance

Special to the Beacon

This past November, seven cheerleaders from Belle Fourche, South Dakota, embarked on the trip of a lifetime to New York City, where they performed in the iconic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with Spirit of America.

After months of dedicated summer practice, the cheerleaders submitted their audition

video together, and when their coaches shared the thrilling news of their selection, excitement erupted. The families worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds within a single month, with incredible support from local businesses and the Belle Fourche community through bake sales, water sales, and car washes.

Traveling with their families, the cheerleaders had an un-

forgettable time in New York City. They visited the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and Times Square. They also experienced the magic of a Rockettes holiday performance and attended the Broadway show Hell's Kitchen.

The week was a whirlwind of rehearsals, with the cheerleaders enduring 8-hour practice days alongside 600 other athletes from across the country, guided

by top choreographers. Thanksgiving morning brought cold and rainy weather, but the Belle Fourche cheerleaders braved the elements to deliver an incredible live TV performance.

After the early morning parade, the exhausted group climbed into bed shortly after the festivities, proud of their accomplishment. Despite the challenging schedule and the weather, everyone had a won-

derful time, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The Belle Fourche community continues to celebrate their success and is incredibly proud of their dedication, talent, and representation of their hometown on such a grand stage! Amiyah, Selene, Hunter, Julie, Aubrey, Chelsea and Lucy would like to say thank you to everyone for their support and encouraging words during their journey.

Belle Fourche is heading to the Big Apple, ready or not!





Rec Center Holds Breakfast with Santa Event

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BELLE FOURCHE—An exciting way to start the day for any child is to wake up and enjoy Breakfast with Santa. That was the morning over 200 children in the Belle area got to experience on December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Rec Center.

Santa, Mrs. Claus and an Elf woke up early to entertain area youth by posing for a picture with each child and listening to what each kid had on his or her wishlist for Christmas this year.

"It's been a good day," said Tessa Anderson-Voyles, Program Coordinator. "It's just from nine to 11 today and this is the third year we've done it."

Fine Arts Boosters provided pastries, muffins, rolls and other tasty breakfast items, as well as coffee and juice for a free will

donation. All of the proceeds then went to the FAB to be used for things like scholarships for a high school senior.

Each year the Rec Center partners with a group that may need help raising money. "We just reach out to a nonprofit group that can use it as a little fundraiser," explained Anderson-Voyles. "The first year we had, I believe it was the Baseball Association that did the breakfast, and last year and this year, Fine Arts Boosters has done it."

In addition to breakfast and Santa visits and pictures, the Rec center set up a room with crafts for any child that wanted to stay longer and participate.

They had coloring pages, stickers and Christmas Tree crafts. "We have Santa here and then people can hang out and have snacks and then go do crafts when they're done. So

it's just an easy, free event for the community," said Anderson-Voyles.

The holiday season brings a lot of events to the Rec Center and the staff is proud to share the building with the community.

"The high school Snow Ball is here tonight. It's a high school dance, it's semi formal and it's until 12:30 a.m. tonight on that side of the gym. We've never hosted that here before, so that's a new thing," said Anderson-Voyles. "It is cool because that's what we are all about and that's a nice part, this is our event here, and then the school has their event tonight, and then we have a business doing their event tonight (Nutcracker) and then just our normal people that come in to use a facility for swimming or working out and stuff. That is what community is, right?"



The Belle Fourche Rec Center hosted Breakfast with Santa. Kids got to visit with Santa and get their pictures taken. Longbrake photos



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A room was set up in the Rec Center just for crafts. One of the crafts was making a Christmas Tree.



The Rec Center provided activities for the kids to do after they had Breakfast with Santa. Coloring Christmas scenes was a favorite activity.



Fine Arts Boosters (FAB) served breakfast to those coming to the Breakfast with Santa event.

Visit Belle Fourche Makes Christmas Brighter for Families in Need

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BELLE FOURCHE—Yet another example of how this small community really comes together to take care of others, especially during the holiday season, is on full display with the Heart of the Holidays Great Trim Trim-Off program.

Visit Belle Fourche partners with local businesses to create Christmas memories for families in need. Visit Belle Fourche donates the trees and lights to businesses and in turn, businesses donate time and

decorations and then display the Christmas tree in their place of business for several weeks.

"Visit Belle Fourche purchases trees every year, and businesses volunteer to decorate them. Brian Aspen with the school district identifies families in the community who could use the trees," explained Deb Elliott with Visit Belle Fourche.

This year, 10 businesses have undertaken this opportunity to help a family. The trees will be on display for the next week or so before they are

delivered to their new holiday home.

There is still time to see the trees and visit the businesses that are involved. Be on the lookout for the Heart of the Holidays Trees at the following businesses: AmericInn, Hot Shots (on display at AmericInn), Pasque Ladies Fashions, The Hitching Post Tap House, Emporium 605, Belle Flowers, Posy Palace, Monument Health, Belle Fourche Office, Highmark Credit Union, and Prairie Hills Pharmacy.



George Wilson, (right), part owner of Cowboys Too! and Pasque Ladies Fashions spent Thanksgiving with his wife Cheryl (4th from Left) and family serving Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ronald McDonalds House in Rochester, Minnesota. George was instrumental in founding the facility and has been serving there since it was founded 25 years ago. Courtesy Photo



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TRANSCRIPT: Gov. Noem delivers annual budget address to lawmakers

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Gov. Kristi Noem delivered her annual budget address to South Dakota lawmakers Tuesday afternoon at the state Capitol, in which she proposes 1.25 percent funding increases for educators, state employees and care providers.

She also calls for a quarter-billion in more prison funding, \$10 million to help schools beef up security and \$4 million for an education saving account program.

Read the governor's budget address below:

Good afternoon, Lieutenant Governor Rhoden, Mr. Speaker, members of the House and Senate, and my fellow South Dakotans.

I am once again blessed to be here to discuss South Dakota's budget. The past six years have been one of the greatest honors of my life. I love our state and everything about it. I love our natural beauty. But what I love most is our people.

Our state motto is "Under God, the People Rule." In 2018, the people elected me as their 33rd Governor, and we accomplished an incredible amount in those first four years. Then, in 2022, they once again gave me the opportunity to lead and reelected me. They sent a clear message: they appreciated the direction our state was going. I made decisions to uphold the Constitution while focusing on the people and the families of our state. That is our charge as elected leaders. And it is how we must approach this budget.

As is always the case following an election, we have some new legislators here this year. So I'm going to repeat my philosophy when it comes to taxpayer dollars. During my time as Governor, I have always kept my budget proposals focused on our people, not government programs. After all, this is the people's money. They entrust it to us and expect us to spend it wisely and responsibly. Every dollar that we invest, every policy that we support – every vote that you take in these legislative chambers – should be focused on our people, on making them safer, stronger, and freer. And we should always look to the future – on what will be best for our kids and our grandkids.

We focus on the core purposes of state government as outlined in our South Dakota Constitution. That focus is further underscored in a year like this one – as a result of the Biden-Harris policies, the national economy remains anemic. However, the great American comeback will soon take off. Until then, we have to make some tough decisions to deliver the 136th consecutive balanced budget for South Dakota.

As former Governor Bill Janklow once said, "We watch our cash, we watch our projections, and if it ever becomes necessary to make the budget cuts, we'll make them unhesitatingly. Whether or not that involves any political flak or criticism, frankly, I couldn't care less. My first primary responsibility as the chief executive of this state is to make sure that our books always stay in balance and that we never spend any more money than we have available to spend. Frankly, the people of our state do their business that way, and they wouldn't expect any less of us." Wise words from a strong leader.

Make no mistake – South Dakota's economy remains the strongest of any state in America. We have the lowest unemployment rate in the country, the fastest growing incomes of any state, and folks continue to move here by the thousands to share in our Freedom. Even so, our revenue picture has tightened this year. We have \$44 million in ongoing revenue available – that's less than in recent years when I've addressed this body.

For one-time revenue, we have \$175 million available, primarily as a result of another large infusion of unclaimed property receipts. Last year, you heard me talk about historic unclaimed property receipts of \$134 million. Due to our excellent business climate, we attracted yet another large holder of unclaimed property. This year, unclaimed property funds exceeded that. They are \$229 million, of which \$60 million is ongoing revenue that we can safely and responsibly plan for moving forward. We are considering everything above that amount to be one-time revenue.

The people of South Dakota have repeatedly voted for fiscally conservative policy, and they expect their elected representatives to enact the same. Our budgets should always focus on our core priorities. That is what I have done in my first six years as governor, and that is what South Dakota will continue to do.

Today, I'm going to talk to you about our priorities – and how this year's budget achieves those priorities. Our budget sets our state economy up with the Freedom to succeed; it educates our kids so that our next generation has the best opportunity for success; it promotes

access to quality healthcare across the state; it preserves and protects the safety of our people; and it achieves all this while maintaining fiscal responsibility to taxpayer dollars.

Economy

We've accomplished a lot over the past six years. One of the things that makes me proudest is how strong we have made South Dakota's economy. When I first ran for governor, I saw an economy that needed to grow. Our young people were leaving the state. Our businesses weren't thriving. And major projects weren't moving here. But I knew we had an opportunity to turn South Dakota around.

I declared South Dakota "Open for Business." And that proclamation was put to the ultimate test during COVID when the rest of the nation shut down. Not South Dakota. We trusted our people to exercise their Freedom and personal responsibility to make the best decisions for themselves and their loved-ones. Our economy took off! So we made wise investments as a state to tell our story and capitalize on our economic strength.

We were able to make ten years' worth of broadband infrastructure investments in just one year because of our strong tax revenues. We invested in tourism and workforce marketing campaigns so that people would be drawn to South Dakota's Freedom and open spaces. We knew that childcare and housing availability were concerns that kept our workforce from growing as quickly as it could – so we made targeted investments in those areas to keep the momentum going. We prioritized grants to companies across the state to increase competition. And we made smart investments in communities to set them up for success – like building the DEX and the SHED at our State Fair to bring it into the 21st Century.

I am blown away by what we've been able to accomplish as South Dakotans. You heard me talk proudly about our economic strength – but did you know that since I've taken office, we have had the lowest average unemployment rate of any state over that six-year timeframe? That's incredible – and it's because we gave our people the opportunity to go to work.

My budget proposal will continue to invest in our state's workforce. One way we do that is by investing in our state employees and our healthcare providers. Over the last few years, we've provided targeted increases for both. Last year, we passed legislation to guarantee that teachers get opportunities to earn more when we make increases to education funding. Together, those make up the "Big Three." This year, I am proposing that we do what we can to offset inflation once again. I am recommending a 1.25% increase for the "Big Three" – our schools, our state employees, and our healthcare providers. Since I took office, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 24.9%. With this budget, we will have provided inflationary increases of 27.9%. This should keep us ahead of the increase in inflation. We are not going back to the days when our kids, providers, and employees are left behind. Thank you for getting it done.

One of the best ways that we can keep South Dakota's economy strong is to keep taxes low for our people. Last year during this speech, I asked you to make a permanent tax cut for the people of South Dakota – and I am reiterating that request today. Our people deserve better than a temporary sales tax holiday.

Education

In order to meet our workforce needs, our kids and our grandkids need to be equipped for the jobs of the future. But education holds a more fundamental place in our society than just filling open jobs.

I have prioritized education over the last six years. Let's start with the cornerstone of education: reading. We have invested in the Science of Reading because it works. Returning to this phonics-based method ensures our educators know how to teach our kids to read efficiently and with confidence. We will bolster these efforts with a five-year \$54 million federal grant to support Science of Reading programs at the district level. My Department of Education is Moving Literacy Forward.

We also emphasized Jobs for America's Graduates to make sure that high-risk South Dakota kids can make it to graduation ready for college or a career. We invested in higher education to meet our workforce needs: like providing equipment for key professions at our state's technical colleges; expanding training opportunities for nurses at colleges and universities across the state; and supporting the growth of the cybersecurity program at Dakota State University

to guarantee that the jobs of the future will be right here in South Dakota. We provided full tuition for our South Dakota National Guard soldiers to thank them for their service to our state and nation. And we guaranteed that teachers will get increases to match state funding for education.

We will continue to prioritize education with this year's budget. My budget focuses on making sure that our students have the best opportunity for success. Good education starts in the home. And parents should have the tools to choose what educational path is best for their kids.

I am proposing that we establish Education Savings Accounts for South Dakota students in this upcoming legislative session. I am setting aside \$4 million in ongoing dollars to stand up the program to start providing support for South Dakota students. This investment will pay for a portion of private school tuition or curriculum for alternative education – beginning with about \$3,000 per-student. Because this is a starting point and a limited initial investment, we must first provide for the South Dakota students who need it most. But our goal is to expand, and my hope is that these ESAs will ultimately be available to every student in South Dakota. Now, let me be clear, we will not be cutting any dollars from our public schools, as many might try to argue. Public schools are very important to our state's educational future. And as I've mentioned, education has seen historic funding increases. It's important to remember that South Dakota supports all students. We want those students to receive the education that's best for them and to have the Freedom to do so. I look forward to working with both legislative chambers to get this done.

In 2019, I started the School Safety Center within the Department of Public Safety. This Center operates a tip line and provides training to help keep our students safe. They have completed over 150 school safety assessments, and they have made recommendations for security upgrades and improvements. However, schools sometimes struggle to afford these improvements. This year, I am proposing that we invest \$10 million in one-time funds over five years to create school safety grants. These grants will support identified security upgrades and protect the next generation of South Dakotans.

Health

In my time as Governor, I am proud of the work that we have done to support the public health of South Dakotans. Every citizen in our state should have the Freedom to live where they want and the opportunity to have good health outcomes – even if they choose a rural lifestyle.

In my time as Governor, South Dakota has become the standard for how to revolutionize rural emergency medical services. Innovative efforts like Telemedicine in Motion are setting an example for the nation. And we've put modern LifePaks in the back of ambulances across the state to save lives. We expanded the Bright Start program to support moms and babies before birth and after. We've started construction on a brand new state-of-the-art Public Health Lab. And we have added resources to this lab to enhance our services.

We have invested to help build and support regional mental health facilities across South Dakota. In the past, when a South Dakotan was experiencing a mental health crisis, they would end up in jail or in the emergency room. Now they can get appropriate help closer to home. This effort is a big reason why South Dakota continues to lead the nation with the largest drop in overdoses of any state. And my budget this year provides \$1.2 million in additional ongoing funding for these regional facilities.

I am also recommending a \$1.5 million investment into Agency with Choice at the Department of Human Services. This will continue to allow families utilizing our Family Support 360 services to choose who is providing services in their homes. And they can do so without an arbitrary cap on the hours of service that can be provided. This investment will provide greater care for South Dakotans utilizing our developmental disability services.

Public Health is influenced by so many things – including the water that we drink. My Administration has made historic investments into water infrastructure across South Dakota to make 20- to 30-years' worth of water investments in a very short timeframe. I am proud that we have improved the quality of South Dakota's drinking water for decades to come – and provided infrastructure to help our state grow our economic opportunities.

We are also managing the increased demand on our state's

Medicaid system with fiscal responsibility. We have \$86 million in mandatory ongoing spending increases in this year's budget – and those are primarily tied to Medicaid. This includes the remaining \$33.7 million to fully fund the cost of Medicaid Expansion. I want to thank the legislature for taking steps to ramp up to that total amount in the last couple of years. That smart planning will help us afford this total in the years to come. Because our state's economy has done so well, we have to take on a higher share of Medicaid costs. This will cost us another \$27.8 million.

With all of these investments, we will continue to strengthen public health in South Dakota for years to come.

Safety

One of the core responsibilities of the government is to guarantee the safety and security of our people – to protect their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I am proud of all that we have done in the last six years to improve the safety of our people.

We've strengthened our physical infrastructure to keep our people safer. We've repaired highways and bridges, including some innovative new ways to achieve safety on the roadways. We have consistently invested in our State Radio infrastructure to support public safety communications in every corner of South Dakota. We've fixed dams across the state. When we saw a 1,000-year flood this past summer, we didn't have major dam breaks in South Dakota like we saw in a neighboring state. In order to continue this important work, I am recommending an additional \$13 million to finish the Richmond Dam project.

We have invested in readiness centers for our South Dakota National Guard in communities around the state. Our National Guard is consistently awarded for being the best in the nation. They do every mission with excellence – whether responding to natural disasters, deploying overseas, or helping secure our border. By supporting and building training facilities, these readiness centers will help keep us safe into the future.

I have increased resources to combat the horror of human trafficking. And when President Trump secures the Southern Border, we'll cut off the primary pipeline for human trafficking into our country.

Threats to public safety can take many forms – including attacks to our cybersecurity. Our state government systems endure countless cybersecurity attacks every year. My Administration has focused on modernizing our IT systems to protect the personal information of our people. And we've identified cybersecurity as South Dakota's "next big industry" to protect our people for many years to come.

Finally, we have made historic investments into building new prisons that have been a need for our state for decades. Thank you for fully funding the new women's prison in Rapid City – construction is well underway on that project. And as for the new men's prison, we now have an estimated total cost of \$825 million. Our current State Penitentiary is older than the state of South Dakota. The current building is falling down. It is long past time to replace it for the safety of our people. The new facility will be built to meet our medium- and maximum-security needs far beyond our lifetimes. You have already set aside \$567 million in the Incarceration Construction Fund towards this project. We are estimating \$76 million in interest on those dollars in the coming years as the prison is being built. My budget meets the remaining need of \$182 million in one-time dollars to fully fund this new prison. Paying cash for this facility will save more than \$600 million in interest, fees, and annual debt service payments. Thank you for saving ahead for this project.

Fiscal Responsibility

South Dakota has always been an example of fiscal responsibility. After all, this budget will reflect the 136th consecutive balanced budget for our state. We recognize that these dollars belong to the people of South Dakota. They work hard to earn money for their families. It is our responsibility to manage those dollars wisely.

Since I've been Governor, we have taken fiscal responsibility to new heights. We have truly made South Dakota an example for the rest of the nation to follow. We're one of the only states with a fully-funded pension, and we have a AAA credit rating. We paid off tens of millions of dollars in debt. We have broken records for the largest surpluses in state history. The legislature worked with me to pass the largest tax cut in South Dakota history. And we've advanced long-term fiscal responsibility by implementing new IT systems – like BISON and 605 Drive – that will guarantee that taxpayer dollars are protected.

This year's budget will continue

to maintain responsible management of taxpayer dollars. I am recommending that we maintain our longstanding practice of having a minimum of 10% budget reserve balance for a rainy day. Additionally, due to the unprecedented influx of unclaimed property receipts, I am recommending that we set aside \$43 million of our one-time revenues to pay future claims. This money belongs to the people, and we must be ready to pay this back. This will set our reserve balance at about 12% of our state budget.

I told you earlier that we had only \$44 million in available ongoing revenue, but \$86 million in mandatory new ongoing expenditures. And we've discussed other new spending items today. To balance the budget, we're proposing \$71.9 million in budget reductions and discretionary changes. You may have other things that you'd like to fund – but as President George Washington said, "We must consult our means rather than our wishes." That is what South Dakota families do every day.

We'll achieve a balanced budget by making needed changes to both revenues and expenditures. As technology evolves, it is important for state government to look at past decisions to ensure they are still relevant for today. Over a decade ago, we encouraged businesses to electronically file sales taxes by providing a credit incentive. This collections process is now normal business practice, and this incentive is no longer necessary.

We will continue to strengthen our fiscal foundation by paying off debt with one-time money. This will free up ongoing money for this year. We'll reduce the money we set aside for Maintenance & Repair. We'll right-size funding for programs in the Department of Social Services and Department of Human Services to match utilization – these programs had been reverting money at the end of the fiscal year over the last several years. We'll reduce the state match in funds for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – our economy is strong, and South Dakotans are working. And I have asked the Board of Regents to propose \$2 million in budget reductions of their own.

I propose reducing funding for South Dakota Public Broadcasting to bring us in line with the national average. Currently, South Dakota has the 3rd highest per-capita funding of public broadcasting of any state in the nation. We've been paying more than double the national average.

Finally, I am proposing further steps to strengthen our fiscal fortitude. We will expand resources to assist the Board of Internal Controls. We need to strengthen our Department of Legislative Audit and clarify the work they do. My budget includes adding two new employees to this department. These steps will build on the actions that we've already taken. Also, we will continue to strengthen our financial systems to make sure that we are transparent with taxpayer dollars. The new BISON accounting system will have safeguards in place to control processes and protect taxpayer dollars – things that simply were not possible with our decades-old system. And 605 Drive will strengthen financial security and transparency within the Department of Revenue. And last week, I signed an Executive Order to stand up state employee trainings around public trust, duty to act, internal controls, conflict of interest, and a service mindset for the citizens of South Dakota.

Conclusion

Our state is an example of fiscal responsibility; of limited government; of what can be accomplished when we trust in our people and respect their Freedom. We don't just talk about these things. We make the tough decisions to back up those words with action. And the results prove our approach is correct.

I want to thank my team at the Bureau of Finance and Management for putting together this budget. Would you all give them a round of applause?

Commissioner Jim Terwilliger and his team have been so fantastic to work with. They will be around to answer whatever questions you may have throughout this upcoming legislative session.

South Dakota has been home all my life – and always will be. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I want to thank all of you for joining me on this incredible journey and for serving the people of South Dakota alongside me.

Thank you all. God bless you. And Merry Christmas!



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Ladies Are the Focus At Grossenburg Holiday Event

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—For the fourth year in a row, Grossenburg Implement honors women during the holiday season with an event created just for them. Ladies Night was held at the new store December 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trent Raisanen, Parts Manager explained, “A lot of the stuff is geared towards the guys in this industry but the ladies are just as important as guys! Charlie Grossenburg decided that he wanted to do something for the ladies in the community, so we started doing this.”

The staff donned ugly Christmas sweaters and the store was decked out in holiday decor. Several tables full of food greeted the ladies. Chili with all the fixings, fresh bread, veggie trays, meat and cheese

charcuterie, BBQ sandwiches and a variety of desserts offered something for everyone. Drinks were also provided.

A lot of planning and a bit of help from staff and their families goes into making a successful holiday gathering. “As far as the food and preparation it is probably a two week project, trying to decide what we’re going to serve, what we’re going to do and how much we’re going to spend,” said Raisanen. “Jody’s husband, she’s one of the parts people here, he made the chili and they prepared all that last night and she brought it today.”

The event was a great way to jump start Christmas shopping as everyone in attendance received 20 percent off all John Deere Licensed Merchandise.

Every lady was given a gift to enjoy: a Grossenburg’s Wine

A Little, Laugh A Lot wine tumbler.

Patrick Olson, Store Lead shared, “This is most people we have had come to Ladies Night, last year we had a pretty good turnout, too. We have probably 200 tonight.”

Many factors may have contributed to the increased turnout, the weather was mild, the holiday spirit is in full swing and perhaps the opportunity to look at the new facility. “I think the new store is a big draw too, I think they’re just coming to see what the store looks like,” said Raisanen.

Grossenburg Implement holds a Ladies Night at all nine of their locations, community is important to them. Raisanen explained, “This is the way Grossenburg rolls. They want to be a part of their communities and at Belle Fourche, they expect us—me and Patrick and the other managers—to promote stuff like this. They are a very family oriented business and are very community minded.”

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Gals stop to sign up for a chance to win a door prize.



A feast was provided to the ladies that came to the **Grossenburg Implement Ladies Night**.



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B's Buzz



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What a glorious way to start theLet me begin by making an apology. It seems that by calling my spouse a Scrooge at Christmastime, I've upset a few folks. He really isn't that much of a grouch, but he is like a Scrooge before the morning of Christmas. Then on that day, he enjoys the laughter of family. Just like Scrooge of the story, he is grumpy and then sees how life really is and enjoys the holiday. He really is a good man!

Speaking of Christmastime, how many of you have your tree up and presents bought? Don't show any hands, that will make more pressure on those who haven't gotten that far yet. You know, there are less than two weeks left! Oh, my gosh! I don't have anything ready!

Like Scarlet O'Hara in Gone with the Wind, "Where will I go? What will I do?" Well, of course, I'll check online. Or hit the stores in the surrounding area. Or write nice notes to everyone, telling them that Christmas came too soon, I didn't know what day it was. I'm sure I can come up with some excuse. Time just goes too fast and I can't keep up!

Every year I plan for the holiday season. I make a list in my head, decide what I'll get everyone, and just know I'll do it early. So far, in my many decades of adulthood, that hasn't happened. Maybe once. I bought presents early, like in the fall. Wrapped them and then hid them. Then forgot what I had bought and where I put them. They were found sometime in February, I think.

That was a lesson to me-never shop too early. At least when you do it at the last minute, you don't forget where you stash them.

Besides, presents aren't the reason for the season. Knowing that a child was born, who would grow up only to be put to death, and loved us through it all is the most important part of this glorious time. We celebrate for different reasons, but it's about family and friends. It's about caring and sharing.

During this time of year especially, our hearts and thoughts remember people we've lost touch with during the year. As long as we have memories, they are never far away. The problem is that we get so busy with the hustle and bustle of the season, we don't stop and remember.

Can you conjure up the voice of a loved one that is no longer seated at the table? How did they laugh or cry? What was their favorite expression? Were they always talking or quiet in

Run Run Rudolph



Jace Schulte was featured soloist for "Run Run Rudolph".

Photo by Betty Bruner

Newell School Concert Delights Audience

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NEWELL-Who knew that there was so much talent at the Newell School? Songs and bells. Hats and drums. Even a rapper! The evening was a hit for sure! The students were filled with the joy of the season and ready to perform to the utmost under the direction of Kimberly Bachman. Accompanied by Lucy Cole, pianist with Maynard Yule and Bob Lewis on their guitars, every song was sung with the utmost enthusiasm.

The evening began with the All School Band from Fifth Grade to High School entertaining the crowd with a Holiday Medley. It was remarkable how far the band members have come since the beginning of the school year.

The Honor Band students, Michael VanDorn, Jenna Yule, Bianca Bierman, and Jessi Bachman, gave a command performance of music they had used at the Honor Band concert

earlier.

Attention was focused on the stage with all the elementary students gathered on stage to be joined by Mr. V (Mr. VanderVorst) Newell School's resident rapper. He gave an old poem a new sound as he put on a rousing rendition of "Night Before Christmas."

Jace Schulte, with sparkling glasses, sang the solo for Run Run Rudolph, the theme song of the evening.

Next was the High School Choir sang "White Christmas" with soloist Annika Bonebrake. It made the audience dream of white Christmases of the past.

The Kindergarten students

made sure their family members knew they wanted their two front teeth for Christmas and there were Five Little Elves running through the halls.

Of course, the First Grade wasn't getting anything for Christmas with the song "I'm Getting Nothing for Christmas" but a "Red Red Coat."

The Second Grade sang the familiar songs "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells."

Third Grade rocked the stage with "Jingle Bell Rock" and met with "Jolly Old St. Nicholas."

Fourth Grade had soloist Millie Muckridge wanting more

"Christmas Cookies" and "Up on the Housetop."

It was a surprise when the Fifth Grade came out in colorful "ponchos" and sombreros to sing "Feliz Navidad" and then rocked to "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree."

Not to be outdone, the High School Choir sang a special song to Mr. Santa telling him they've "Been Good."

The Drama Class had built and set up an enchanting stage that added to the festivities of the evening. It was a dynamic beginning of the Christmas season! It's going to be hard to wait for the Spring Concert!



Who knew Mr. V could rap? "The Night Before Christmas" never sounded like that! Photo by Betty Bruner

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Grand River Roundup



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This week started out pretty ch. The temperature warmed up toward the end of the first week of December with a high of 59 degrees on Saturday. Last Sunday was December 1st and it was 30 degrees when we went to church that day and it cooled down to -1 degree that evening. David Howe and Ben and Rebecca Howe came to church that morning and we had a good visit. They now live on the Howe place south of Reeder and David was headed back up to Alaska to celebrate Christmas.

Taz went up to Reeder to work on Dalton Mellmer's house on Monday. Amanda went to Buffalo for the junior high girls' basketball game against Baker that afternoon. Clint Doll picked up Copper and Knox and his son Beau from the school bus in Reva and I had the pleasure of meeting Clint to pick up Copper and Knox at Clint's mailbox. Grandma Starla Jenson came down to take care of all the kids

until Taz got home that evening because Grandma Missy was up in North Dakota for Lanie's kids Christmas program.

Doug and Janet Doll have a new grandchild! Leeden Keith Schuelke was born to Taygen and Katie (Doll) Schuelke on November 25 weighing 6lbs 15oz and 19.25 inches long. Leeden joins an older sister Lety. Congratulations and we can't wait to meet the little man!

There are several deaths to report: Roger "Chaz" Johnson, 70, of Fargo and formerly from Ludlow, passed away in Fargo on November 11 after a short battle with cancer. As Roger requested, his cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

Army veteran Travis Smeenk, 43, of Belle Fourche, passed away on November 19 in Sturgis. A memorial service was held Friday, December 6, at the Newell Evangelical Church with burial at the Black Hills National Cemetery on December 6.

Dorothy (Rook) Wells, 92,

of Lemmon, passed away on Sunday, December 1, at Five Counties Nursing Home. Dorothy's funeral service was held Friday, December 6, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon with inurnment on Monday, December 9, at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis.

Travis Swan died at the age of 42 on Monday, December 2. Travis went to high school in Buffalo and his funeral service was held on Saturday, December 7, at Leverington Funeral Home in Belle Fourche with interment at the Pine Slope Cemetery.

These families have our sympathy.

Casey and Missy went into Buffalo for the JH wrestling on Tuesday. Taz went up to Reeder to work and Kami Jenson brought Keen and little Kage down for Amanda to take care of them while she went to work in Buffalo. Grandpa Reub took River Lu and Keen for a ride in his side-by-side and I don't know if the kids had more fun or if Reub did.

Casey, Taz and Missy

bangs vaccinated the heifers Wednesday morning and Amanda and the little people went over there to feed them some goodies. We went to Hettinger that day and stopped in Reeder for coffee with the Prairie Pioneers on the way home. We had planned to go to Scranton to see Sage and Alaina's kids Christmas program at the school on Monday but we forgot about it, but while we were having coffee we found out that Leroy and Donna Olson had also forgotten to go watch their grandkids at the Scranton program too, so we weren't the only ones that have trouble remembering things.

Casey left Thursday for wrestling matches in Custer on Friday and in Rapid City on Saturday. Taz went back up to Dalton Mellmer's that day and Missy, Amanda and the kids went to the Christmas tree lighting in Buffalo that afternoon. We started watching the National Finals Rodeo that evening and watched every evening for several days.

Missy's birthday was Friday and she celebrated by taking care of the kids while Amanda went to help Taz work on Dalton Mellmer's house.

Taz went back to Reeder on Saturday, Pearl Harbor Day, and Amanda and the kids went to Buffalo for the Buffalo Clinic Basket Bash fundraiser that evening.

My father Bryce White and my sister Judy Amor both had birthdays on December 11 and

I still miss them. Reub and I watch "Gunsmoke" on TV a lot of nights and when I was going through some old information about my father I came across a very interesting article that Mom had copied out of a 2003 American Legion Magazine about James Arness, who plays the part of Matt Dillon on Gunsmoke. The article said that James Arness was wounded on February 1, 1944 while he was on night patrol in Anzio, Italy when he was shot in his leg. He dived over some vines in the dark and a German grenade exploded near his side, lifting him off the ground and killing his friend, Jim Rosen, who was point man in the squad next to him. My father, Bryce White, served in Anzio from January 22, 1944 to June 6, 1944 and Dad used to joke about "vacationing on the sunny beaches of Anzio" when I'd ask him questions about the war. Dad also served in Anzio with another war hero and movie star Audie Murphy. When my sister Judy lived in Washington, DC, we walked all over the Arlington National Cemetery looking for the grave of Audie Murphy and it took us a long time to find it because, unlike other heroes and celebrities buried there, Audie Murphy's grave wasn't in any special place with signs honoring him put around his grave even though Audie Murphy was the most decorated veteran in WWII. These heroes deserve our recognition for what they did for us.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

December 10, 1914

John Peters, who has been gate keeper at the Orman Dam and also timekeeper for the operation and maintenance crew at that place has closed the office there for the season and is doing office work presently in the Office in Newell. W. F. Shaw has been granted a month's vacation from his duties at the USRS office and departed Friday morning for Minneapolis. He will spend some time in the Twin Cities and then proceed to his old home at Fergus Falls, where he will spend the holidays with his parents.

N. M. Bratton, who has

gymnasium next Monday evening, December 8th. Members of the two quants are practicing regularly this week in preparation for the big event which is to decide the City Championship. Two fast preliminaries will be put on, between the Boy Scout teams. First game at 7:30 with Admission Adults 35 cents and High schoolers 25 cents.

At the meeting Tuesday of this week of the Irrigation District, Superintendent F. C. Youngblutt informed the Board that it will probably be impossible to bring the drainage question to a vote at the meeting in January. One difficulty encoun-

by Linda Velder

in the Townsend Old-Age Pension Law. An organization was formed with J. C. Milne as Chairman, F. C. Brunger as Secretary-Treasurer, for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the controversial movement.

The Fairpoint School was closed a couple of days last week because of the illness of the teacher. Miss Hazel Dow, Stoneville is confined to her home with measles. Fred Dow was procuring medical supplies and transacting other business in Newell last week.

November 30, 1944

Rudolph Schultz, living 8 miles southeast of Newell, was found guilty by a jury in Circuit Court of the charge of reckless driving. The verdict was rendered by the Jury after about 2 hours of deliberation Tuesday morning. The charge was laid against Schultz in connection with an incident which occurred on Highway 212 near Orman Dam on November 13, 1943, where he was alleged to have forced W. G. McVicker, a Belle Fourche trucker to swerve off the road. The Jury recommended leniency in the pronouncing of sentence.

Because nobody could be found to assume the duties of Postmaster, the Twilight Post Office has been discontinued. F. A. Busse, for many years in charge of the office, had been trying for months to find a successor, without avail. The Twilight Star Route will continue, with road-side box deliveries only, it is expected the route may be extended 6 or 7 miles in order to serve more residents of the territory. Mr. & Mrs. Busse are now making their home on the place they recently purchased southeast of town, known as the former Joe Felt farm.

While parents work in fields or town, baby "Butch" goes hunting with grandpa. He rides in a cradle strapped on the back, allowing grandpa's hands to be free to carry the weapon. This is also a great method to take baby fishing.

December 9, 1954

Sunday afternoon callers at the Garrett Kimball home were Mr. & Mrs. Ray Dillavou of Lead and Bud Kimball, brother of Garrett's. Edgar Kimball, another brother of Garrett's, of Belvidere was a visitor and overnight guest last Thursday.

One of the new books at the Newell Library is "The Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane. This masterpiece, written in 1894, is the unforgotten story of a soldier in the stress of

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Newell Cribbage players have been invited to compete with Belle Fourche and Sturgis players in a 3-team contest at Sturgis Thursday night, it was announced by A. J. Smith. The IOOF Lodge is sponsor of the club and will be recruiting

Thanksgiving vacation at the ranch at Hoover with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Zoder Gollither, returning to school at Black Hills State College, Spearfish late last Sunday.

Kathy Soper, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Soper of Belle Fourche was named 1965 South Dakota Jr. Miss at Sturgis Saturday night at the conclusion of the Annual State Jr. Miss Pageant, sponsored by area



The Newell Library got a new book; "Red Badge Of Courage", 1954. The book was written 1895 and made into a movie 1954. It was shown at The Arcade Theater in Newell 1955. Newell Museum

been indisposed for about a week and remained at home for a few days was pronounced yesterday to be ailing from smallpox. He was exposed to the disease about 3 weeks ago by a traveling salesman. The children have stopped going to school and Mr. Bratton is remaining at home. We understand that the State Board of Health removed the quarantine from smallpox last July.

An apparent trivial injury, the running of a sliver of wood into one hand, caused the death of Joseph Pesek, 68, one of the prominent pioneer farmers. Blood poisoning developed from the injury caused by the sliver and spread rapidly causing his death within a few days. He came here with his wife and 7 children 39 years ago.

December 4, 1924

A pupil of the Newell 6th grade, after looking frantically for a drawing all morning he had made in the Physiology Class, exclaimed, "Oh Mrs. Hanson I've lost my digestive system."

The local town teams: Fats and Leans will battle for supremacy at the High School

tered is the shortcomings of the State Irrigation Law which should be amended before attempting an election of this kind.

December 13, 1934

There are lots of differences in the quality of canned fruits and vegetables and because healthfully quality food is of utmost importance to your good health, the Corner Store features the Del Monte Brand on their shelves. You too, will be well satisfied with their goodness. The date on each pound of Chase & Sanborn's Coffee is your assurance of absolute stimulation. You will enjoy drinking it. Shop the Corner Store for tasty meats and fancy groceries.

The daily freight service out of Newell has been restored by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, following protests from patrons between Newell, Belle Fourche and Rapid City. The old service was restored on Monday of this week.

A packed house greeted Rev. Antrim last Wednesday evening at the Vale Community building, where he very aptly read and interpreted the Clauses



John Peters was Gate Keeper at Orman Dam, March 1911, He retired from that position 1914. Note figure bottom left in photo. Newell Museum

players by the Lodges of the 3 towns and contest staged at Sturgis by the Sturgis Oddfellows Lodge beginning at 8:00 PM. All Newell cribbage players interested in entering play, whether a member of the Lodge or not, are advised to meet at the local Oddfellow Hall for transportation at 7:30 PM.

December 3, 1964

The Belle Fourche sugar factory will discontinue operations at the end of the present processing season, Utah-Idaho Sugar Company announced today. President Douglas W. Love said at a news conference the decision to close the 38-year-old plant was made reluctantly and only after a thorough study showed further operation was not feasible. It was disclosed that the sugar company had lost more than \$1,000,000 on its South Dakota operations in 1963 and 1964. Mr. Love expressed regret that the closing of the factory was necessary. Jerry Gollither spent

Chamber s of Commerce. She will now compete for the National title in Mobil Alabama in March. Named First and Second Runners-up respectively, were Marlene Nogle Redfield and Janet Ramsey of Rapid City. Among trophy winners was Patricia Ann Gladstone, Newell, who was named Most Talented entrant.

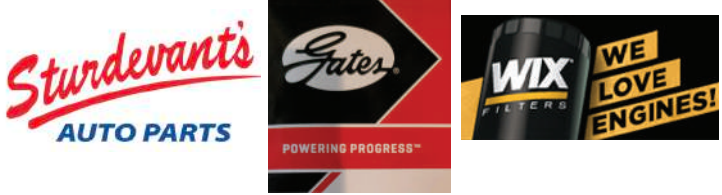
Newell Community Club took note of the economic impact of predicted closing of the Sugar Factory at their evening dinner meeting in the Fellowship Room of the Congregational Church. The tremendous adverse impact loss of the sugar beet industry would have on the economy of the towns and farms in the area and the Belle Fourche Irrigation District. President-elect L. C. "Bud" Williamson declared it was imperative that some new industry such as a canning or cheese factory or other, be secured in the Valley to replace the sugar factory.

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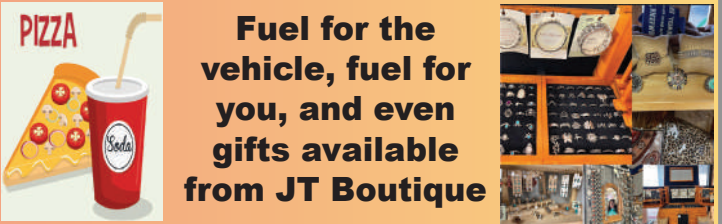
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Parade of Lights Santa Day

This year the Newell Community Club will be adding to their holiday tradition. On Friday, December 13th at 6:00 pm, join us for the First Annual Parade of Lights. Debbie Krcelic, our new Community Club member, has launched a community wide search for participants. She is looking for businesses, clubs, services, and individuals to participate. Staging starts at 5:15 pm at the dirt turnout on Girard. Best Float Awards will be given for Business, Club, Individual, Church, and Youth. If interested in entering a float, animal, or car, call

Debbie at (719) 252-3716. Each year the Newell Community Club hosts Santa Day. It will be held at the Newell City Hall immediately after the parade (around 6:30 pm). There will be games and cookie decorating. Spaghetti and hot chocolate will be served. Santa will make a stop to visit with kids and take their wish lists. Eight bicycles donated by the Community Club will be drawn for. Please join us for all the festivities! And MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Newell Community Club.

Peace Poster Winners



ABOVE: 7th grade (which was sponsored by the Newell Lion's Club): 1st: Jessi Bachman, 2nd: Lucille Ahart, and 3rd Ayricka Schulte. Pictured with Lion's Club President Sabrina Harmon and Lion's Club Secretary Neil Volmer

BELOW: 6th grade (sponsored by the Newell Lion's Club): 1st: Lillian Raisanen, 2nd: Annika Bonebrake, and 3rd: Novella Liggett. Pictured with Lion's Club President Sabrina Harmon and Lion's Club Secretary Neil Volmer 5th grade (Sponsored by the Newell Leo Club and pictured with Hailey McCann):

UPPER RIGHT: 1st: Anna Miari King, 2nd: Bailey Strain, 3rd: Cooper High (Not pictured but Newell Lion's Club



President, Sabrina Harmon, is holding his poster). Pictured with Lion's Club President Sabrina Harmon, Lion's Club Secretary Neil Volmer and Leo Club Advisor Lion Donna Wetz

Courtesy Photos



Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Beginning December 2

Tot-N-Twenty Extension Club Giving Tree set up in the Multi Purpose Room at Newell School. If you would also like to donate hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc please bring them to the school.

Friday, December 13

Newell Parade of Lights, 6 pm
Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Cookies following at the Newell Christian Fellowship Church, Call Debbie Krcelic, 719-252-3716

Santa Day hosted following the parade!

Christmas Community Feed, Dec. 21, 5-8 pm

Sponsored by Truck Defender, High Plains Restaurant.

Mondays

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

Wednesday

Story Time with Patty
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 11 a.m. All ages welcome

Whistle Stop Market

First Saturday of every month through April, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newell Senior Center

Feeding South Dakota

Second Thursday every month, 1:30

Newell Library Hours

Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2) Pancakes &n Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Patty, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	3) Egg Bites, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Tangerine Chicken, WG Rice, Oriental Veggies, Fruit, Milk	4) French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk Walking Tacos, Refried Beans, Fruit, Milk	5) Omelets, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Strips, Corn, Fruit, Milk	6) NO SCHOOL
9) Blueberry Muffins, Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Fruit, Milk	10) Bagels, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Italian Rice Bake, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	11) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Meatball Subs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	12) Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Meal in a Peel, Ham, Cheese, Sour Cream, Nacho Chicken, Carrot Salad, Milk	13) NO SCHOOL
16) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nachoes, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	17) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	18) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk French Dip with Au Jus, Tater Tots, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	19) COOK'S CHOICE, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Veggies, Fruit, Milk SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!	20) NO SCHOOL
23) NO SCHOOL	24) NO SCHOOL	25) CHRISTMAS! 	26) NO SCHOOL	27) NO SCHOOL

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Newell School Concert



Above:
Back row: Justin Yates, Kiley Yates, AnnaMarie King, Kiley Martin, Gabe Habben, Sawyer Cibic
Front : Derick Kreitel, Ayricka Schulte, Rosemarie Suster, Caitlyn Rans, Bodie Vanderboom

Middle: Honor Band musicians showed their talent during the program. From the left: Michael VanDorn, Bianca Bierman, Jessi Bachman, and Jenna Yule

Below: Aubrey Allen, Iantha Ahart, Brynlee Barerra, Bailey Strain, Anna McMahon, Lillien Barden, Heath Wetzler, Cooper High, Ava Clime, AnnaMarie King

Photos by Betty Bruner



Top: First Grade-Ava Strain, Caleb Larson, Gemma Harms, Jaxson Wo-han-Skidmore, Caleb Bonebrake, Brandon Hansen, Lila Wilen, Aliana Diede, Maren Muckridge, Kaisynn Riter, Rawley Wulf, Rose Vandusen, Zeb Bierman Center:Sammi Hansen received Second Place with her delicious White Chili.

Middle: Fourth Grade-Eoghan Cassidy, Kyler Johnston, Riggin Wulf, Millie Muckridge, Paisley Braun, Jasper Gardner

Below: 1st row: LilyAnn Drisher, Anora Larson, Gabriella Cassidy, Annika Bonebrake, Kiley Yates, Jace Schulte
2nd row: Justin Yates, Elijah Barden, Jenna Yule, Bailey Takes the Gun, Bryn Hockenbary

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The Newell School Christmas Concert had a wonderful start with all of the Elementary students joining in with the first song.

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