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Members of the Belle Fourche community, as well as surrounding communities will soon have even more of the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center to enjoy! The museum held an official groundbreaking for its new addition on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec 6.

In attendance were Museum Director Kristi Thielen, Museum Board President Char O'Dea, Mayor Randy Schmidt, Foundation Board President Wayne Gilbert, Foundation Board Treasurer Mary Wendt, City Engineer Brent Hardy, Assistant City Engineer Steve Nafus, City Councilmembers Larry Schmaltz, Bob Somervold, and Clark Sowers, Police Chief Ryan Cherveney, Human Resources Director Gina Carpenter, Finance Officer Jason LaFayette and Rec Center Interim Director Renee Collins. Also present were Ainsworth-Benning Construction Division Leader Tate Johnson, Project Superintendent Cory Hegge, and Project Manager Branden Ginter.

With an estimated completion date of late September 2024, the approximated 4000 square foot addition will feature a large area for exhibits and events, a small classroom, kitchen, small restrooms, and a mechanical room. "They anticipate they will 'break-through' to the museum proper in April," says Thielen. "Once the addition is in place and the temporary exhibit can reside there - instead of down the center of the museum, as it does now - we will be moving some of the exhibits in the mu-

Business Improvement District Expert



A standing room only group of 40+ interested Belle Fourche business people attended the meeting with former SD Municipal League Executive Director Yvonne Taylor. *Courtesy Photo*

A group of Belle Fourche business people with a strong interest in seeing Belle Fourche business grow and prosper were host on December 6th to retired South Dakota Municipal League Executive Director Yvonne Taylor.

Taylor retired the end of 2022 from the position she had held for 26 years.

She came to provide her expertise and answer individual business's questions about formation and structure of a Business Improvement District (BID).

Her years of experience with the Municipal League has made her one of the state's foremost, if not thee foremost, expert on the subject.

The legislation that allows for the creation of a (BID) was passed in 1986 and most of the Districts that various cities across South Dakota created happened during here tenure as the Association's Executive.

The Belle Fourche Downtown Business Association organized the meeting and about 45 interested business owners and employees attended.

Discussion centered around different SD communities existing BID structures and purposes: how they can be formed and how government and private business come together to make a BID work.

Upshot of the meeting was the establishment of an exploration committee to proceed.

The discussion mentioned a host of possible projects. Yvonne said the best way to start was to come up and define the project, then build the budget on what it will cost; then

Groundbreaking held for Tri-State Museum Addition



Breaking ground for Tri-State Museum's new addition - from left to right: **Council member Larry Schmaltz, City Engineer Brent Hardy, Museum Director Kristi Thielen, Council member Bob Somervold, Finance Officer Jason LaFayette, Museum Board President Char O'Dea, Foundation Board Treasurer Mary Wendt, Foundation Board President Wayne Gilbert, Mayor Randy Schmidt, Ainsworth-Benning Construction Division Leader Tate Johnson, Ainsworth-Benning Project Superintendent Corey Hegge, Assistant City Engineer Steve Nafus and Ainsworth-Benning Project Manager, Branden Ginter.** *Photo Courtesy Tri-State Museum*

seum itself to take advantage of that open space. What we move where can't be determined yet, but what this means is that the addition will not only give us new space, but it will allow much of the museum itself to have a new look."

The mild conditions the area has enjoyed this year have played a significant role in the progress of the project up to this point. "So far, the weather has been fair, and work can be done each day," The Ainsworth-Benning crew have been wonderful," says Thilen, "and we were so tickled when the Project Superintendent, Corey Hegge, put holiday lights up around his trailer on site!

Planning Board Looking for New Member

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BELLE FOURCHE-The Butte County Commissioners discussed the need for a new person for the Butte County Planning Board's opening. Although, the commissioners had at first thought it would be possible to appoint someone without advertising, upon the advice of Deputy States Attorney Edward Tarbay they decided that the commissioners follow the same process as other Commission appointments. The vacancy will be published in local newspapers and applications reviewed during the December 29, 2023 Special Meeting. Interviews will be held in January with the appointment of a new Planning

Board member will be made prior to the February Planning Board meeting.

The Butte County Planning Board is a five-member advisory Board. It includes four members appointed by the Butte County Commissioners and one County Commissioner representative. The Planning Board ensures the county ordinances are implemented consistently and offers oversight to the growth, planning, and development activities in the county. The Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month.

The potential purchase of a Low Boy Trailer from Butler Machine was discussed by the commissioners. Beau Riopel, Butler

Machine representative, was on hand to give the particulars on the availability of a Low Boy. He pointed out that without a Low Boy Trailer, the county is "dead in the water."

Highway Supervisor Dwayne Heidrich listed several reasons why there was a need for a new Low Boy. A Low Boy is needed to haul the excavator and blower and the age of the present Low Boy is past prime.

If a new trailer is purchased outright, several thousands of dollars would be saved in interest, etc. and if the purchase is done in 2023, money is available in the Highway Budget.

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Elements of 3J Towing's Removal from County Rotation

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BELLE FOURCHE-Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere has removed 3J Towing from the rotation of vehicle towing companies in the county. It's been a process that has followed a series of events that has ended in the removal.

According to 3J Oil Media and Towing owner, John Tracy, what has been said during Butte County Commission meetings has not been true and should be clarified. The company is involved in a civil suit against the owner of a vehicle that had been towed. The owner of that vehicle is implicated in a criminal case (09CR123-287).

Sheriff Fred Lamphere explained 3J Towing was removed from rotation because Tracy refused to comply with a court order, which could be viewed as contempt of court order. His office had advised the owner of the vehicle to seek a civil remedy for not being able to obtain their possessions

State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney expounded that Tracy had refused to allow the owner of the towed vehicle to have personal belongings and the defense attorney of the vehicle's owner obtained an order signed by Judge Day, Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit, ordering Tracy to release the personal information

and items. Tracy refused to comply with that judicial order.

There is currently a Motion for Order to Show Cause pending in the criminal case where the defense counsel has moved the Court for an order to show cause why Tracy should not be held in contempt for refusing to obey

Judge Day's order. Tracy's attorney has replied to that Motion.

3J Towing has been in business in the Belle Fourche and Spearfish areas and beyond to the tri-state area over 10 years and handles a myriad of local and long-distance towing and transporting services.



The 2023 Christmas Polar Express conducted by Slade Hansen was sold out both nights. *mE Courtesy Photo*

24th Annual Festival of Trees Raised Over \$52K For Donation



The 24th Annual Festival of Trees, held Nov. 28 at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, raised more than \$52,000 in donations to benefit area nonprofit efforts. In total, 14 trees, 14 wreaths, and approximately 50 smaller holiday displays were auctioned at the annual fundraiser. On Dec. 8, the donated funds were gifted to half a dozen local nonprofit entities to serve community members in need. Those nonprofits included **Belle Silver Lining; St. Paul's Annual Shopping Spree, hosted by Belle Fourche St. Paul Catholic Church; Beef to School program; Belle Fourche Ministerial Association Compassion Cupboard, Butte County Child Protection Team, and Belle Fourche Police Department.** Pictured are representatives of the fundraising event's coordinators and the nonprofit organizations accepting the donations. *Beacon photo by Lacey Peterson*



Yvonne Taylor



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Gary Lee Bonefield 84

Gary Lee Bonefield, 84, of Belle Fourche, SD died December 3, 2023 in Plano Texas surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Gary was born February 16, 1939 at Songberger Maternity Home in Belle Fourche, SD to William and Gladys (Wolden) Bonefield. Gary grew up on the family ranch located on the Little Missouri River in Montana. Later, the family purchased a home in Belle Fourche, SD and lived part time, during the school year in town, and the rest of the time spent on the ranch. Gary attended Belle Fourche High School. He loved his time there and the friends he made, returning each 4th of July to reunite with classmates.

Gary had many jobs in his lifetime. Once he moved to Denver, most of his career was spent as a plumber and business owner, first alongside his brother in-law, Billy Jack Davis and then solo until he retired in 2011. Aside from working on his father's ranch, Gary drove a truck for a while. He also sheered sheep for many years and loved to share the tales of those days.

On July 22, 1966, Gary married Alice Watkins in Denver, Colorado. He met Alice during the National Stock Show, and according to Alice, told his best friend, Bobby Gilbert, he was going back to Denver because he couldn't live without her. They had a large family from the start as Alice had three children from a previous marriage and were excited to add three more children in the next few years of marriage. In the early 1970's Gary accepted Christ as his personal savior. His wish was for the people he loved to know and accept Christ as he did.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife Alice; an infant brother; his parents, his sister, Marilyn; a son, Charles Schwartz.

Gary is survived by his siblings, Roger (Judy)



Bonefield, Billye (Jerry) Roselip and Terry (Tim) Seifter; his children Peter Bonefield of Belle Fourche, Paula Johnston-Hutka of Parker, Texas, and Rochelle Sladky of Garland, Texas; Cindy Castor of Vernal, Utah and Dennis Schwartz of Prescott Valley, Arizona; 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and 2 great great-grandchildren along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

Schedule of Celebration Events:
December 10, 2023, the family received guests at the home of Paula Johnston, 1802 Parrant Court, Parker, TX.
December 20, 2023, viewing at Kline Funeral Chapel, 838 State Street, Belle Fourche, SD 57717, 11:00 a.m. – 3 :00 p.m.
December 21, 2023 – weather permitting, Gary will be laid to rest next to Alice in the family Cemetery at Little Missouri Lutheran Church, Capitol, Montana at 11:00 a.m.
January 6, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Celebration of Life, Northglenn Elks, 10969 Irma Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233. At 2:30 p.m. the Elks will perform their service for deceased member.
July 2, 2024 – It was important to Gary to have a celebration of his life on the land his ancestors homesteaded along the Little Missouri River on July 2, 1882. This date was significantly sentimental to him. Gary loved growing up there, loved the land and his family heritage. More details will be forthcoming. Please reach out to Rochelle Sladky 214-334-0029 for details after June 1, 2024.
An online guest book and video tribute is available at Kline Funeral Chapel : Belle Fourche, South Dakota (SD)

Pastor's Perspective



“This Christmas... It's Personal!”

Every Christmas season as I reread the Biblical accounts of the birth of Jesus Christ, my heart is always moved by the personal encounters of the various people that were visited by angels. In the Gospel of Luke we read of the angel Gabriel visiting Mary and preparing her for her part in the birth of Christ. While she cannot fully comprehend the how and the why of her choosing by God, the angel reassures her that she need not be afraid and that she has found favor with God. Mary responded to this encounter by accepting her role as God's servant and allowing God's Spirit to overshadow her and give birth to God's Son, Jesus. Mary's husband to be, Joseph, also had a personal visit from an angel and he was reassured that Mary's conception was a work of the Holy Spirit and that she would bear the Son of God, Jesus, and that He would save His people from their sins. The list of personal visits from angels at the time of the birth of Jesus Christ includes the priest, Zechariah, father of John the Baptist (**Luke 1:11-23**). A personal visit to an old priest, Simeon, reassured him that he would live long enough to see the Lord's Christ (**Luke 2:25-32**). Perhaps my favorite personal encounter is the angelic visit to a group of shepherds who were common working men who had nothing to offer to God except themselves. The announcement and song that they received in their personal encounter holds a most encouraging and valuable message for anyone and everyone. Let's travel to Bethlehem

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Paul Howard, Christian Life Center

in the company of these roughhewn field workers, “wondering” shepherds to see **“this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” (Luke 2:15)**. The message they received was clear and it was personal... **“For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord”**. The response of these shepherds was also personal in nature. They spread the word (**Luke 2:17**) and went back to work “glorifying and praising God (**Luke 2:20**). Through each of these personal encounters (angelic visits) we can find some very compelling truth. God is genuinely interested in each and every person and He is not willing that any should perish because of their sin. The birth of God's Son, Jesus, was proof positive that He, God, was serious about the salvation of Mankind. We can also trace the history and culmination of the promises that God has made and find their fulfillment in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ [His Birth]. The Incarnation, the revelation and realization of God in the flesh, stands as our assurance of God's interest in us personally and His desire to make His home in the heart of every human being (**John 14:23**). His name, “Immanuel” (**God with us!**), reminds us of the personal interest that God has in occupying our hearts, participating in our lives, sharing our joys and sorrows, and saving us from our sins! The Salvation that was promised to the first family and to every person since Adam has come to us in the Advent and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Christmas Season is our opportunity to celebrate the Salvation that we have in Jesus Christ when we simply invite Him into our hearts. The Advent is a reminder that God through Jesus Christ is personally interested

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Colossians 3:16

☐ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.☐

Belle Fourche FFA Represents at State Leadership Development Events

Wyatt Lesmeister
FFA Reporter

Rapid City, SD — December 3-4 the Belle Fourche FFA attended the South Dakota State Leadership Development Events in Rapid City. For two days the FFA members work hard in competing in Agriculture Communications, Agricultural Sales, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Parliamentary Procedure. The overall goal of these events is to allow members to develop quality leadership skills that they can use in future careers while each event has its own additional goal.

In Agriculture Communications members must work as a team of communication consultants to develop a written media plan, present the plan to a panel of judges, and, as individuals, apply what they have learned during practicums, which are a quiz and editing exercise. The purpose of this event is to excite and inspire students to develop basic skills relevant to the agricultural communications industry. The event equips members with strong communication skills and ability to work collaboratively to effectively communicate.

Team members Alexis Anderson, Alexis Hogan, Kora Knapp, and Atlee Olson placed 4th in the state and earned a bronze pin.

Reflecting on the event Olson said, "This event taught me how to communicate ideas and build stronger public relations. I now know how to build a strong advocacy plan which I can use to help me in my entrepreneurial journey. I want to be able to connect with people and I have learned many skills that will help me do that. An example would be having the ability to connect with my audience members which will allow me the ability to advocate for my mission."

Members competing in Agricultural Sales Teams are provided an example product, product information and customer profiles at the start of the event from which they collaboratively develop a sales plan. Judges then evaluate the collaboration process and the team's final sales plan. Individuals also complete a written exam that tests sales concept knowledge. The purpose of this event is to evaluate skills that are essential for an individual to be successful in the agricultural sales field. The process of selling agricultural products is essential for production and marketing of agricultural products.

Team members Nathan Bowers, Cody Foos, Soren Kopp and Carter McKenna placed 10th in the state.

Reflecting on the event Bowers said, "Ag Sales was fun and I will be doing it again next year for sure! I did well for my first year and am pretty happy with how things turned out."

In Conduct of Chapter Meetings (CCM) members are introduced to parliamentary procedure as they learn how to conduct efficient meetings and build their communication skills. In this event members must present their knowledge of parliamentary procedure as well as the FFA's official opening and closing ceremonies, then also answer oral questions and written questions about officer duties, meeting room preparation, parliamentary procedure permissible motions and the order of business. Members assume various officer

positions and duties (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel and advisor) during the event presentation.

Team members Koby Bowden, Mya Bush, Brooke Garman, Alexis Jewett, Preston Lake, Jobie Manke, Casen Schmidt, and Olivia Sutter placed 5th in the state and earned a bronze pin.

Reflecting on the event Manke said, "Competing in CCM was very fun. I loved working with my team and getting to laugh and have fun with them. I think I will use the experience I gained being the president to help me be a better leader which I will be able to use for the rest of my life."

In Extemporaneous Speaking members draw from 18 agricultural topics then select three of interest. From those three, a student selects the topic of their speech and has 30 minutes to prepare. Participants then present a four to six-minute speech on their topic to a panel of judges. After their speech, students answer five minutes worth of questions on the topic they just presented. The purpose of this event is to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance. This gives FFA members an opportunity to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time.

Participant Lexi Pickett placed 23rd in the state.

Reflecting on the event Pickett said, "Competing in extemporaneous speaking is very challenging and exciting because it's something new each time. I learned how to speak effectively in public, write speeches in a timely manner and apply my knowledge of agriculture to my life. I plan to use my speaking skills I've gained throughout high school and in future jobs."

Finally, in Parliamentary Procedure members must conduct an orderly and efficient meeting using parliamentary procedure. Members are judged on their knowledge of parliamentary law and their ability to present logical, and realistic and convincing debate and motions. The purpose of this event is to present members with an opportunity to learn how to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of leadership, research, and problem solving skills.

Team members Taya Kirstine, Wyatt Lesmeister, Justus Marshall, Jazlyn Olson, Raif Parmeter, and Kate Williamson placed 2nd in the state with Lesmeister, Parmeter, and Olson earning the titles of South Dakota All State Parliamentary Procedure Team Members 1, 3, and 5 respectively.

Reflecting on the event Olson said, "Competing in Parliamentary Procedure was really a team effort. Unlike a sports team, our team are all very different people with different backgrounds and it truly was a learning experience when it came to working together. I've learned that when it comes to something like parliament you really get out of it as much as you put into it."

Thank you to everyone who supported our members as they competed this season by either judging at events, sponsoring chapter activities, and providing additional guidance outside the classroom. Your support allows us to continue to compete in these events and gain the skills from them.



90th Birthday Marge Massie

The family of Marge Massie is having a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on December 26th.

Some of you may remember her as your second grade teacher, Mrs. Massie. Cards can be sent to her at:
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Middle School Students of the Month



Pictured: **Ruth Moore** (5th grade), **Sawyer Stone** (5th grade), **Hayden Kidd** (6th grade), **Jacob Nash** (6th grade), **Delilah Daniels** (7th grade), **Jordan Hoskins** (7th grade), **Peyton Manke** (8th grade), and **Jack Johnson** (8th grade). *Courtesy Photo*

Belle Chess Club Hosts Tournament

The Belle Fourche Chess Club put in a rated US Chess (USCF) blitz tournament on December 14th. Club advisor and South Dakota Chess Association president, Jordan Esmay ran the tournament. 33 students and adults from Belle Fourche, Sturgis, Spearfish, and Rapid City participated. In the K-5 division the winners were: 1st Liam Stahl (Spearfish), 2nd Daelin Haivala (Rapid City), 3rd Levi Stahl (Spearfish). In the 6-12 division: 1st John McGrath (Rapid City), 2nd Elizabeth Chmura (Rapid City), 3rd Turner Williams (Belle Fourche). In the Open section: 1st Brogan McGrath (Rapid City), 2nd Luke Markworth (Spearfish), 3rd Eli Heiman. Students were all able to get a free USCF membership through the USCF Title 1 Outreach program that Mr. Esmay applied to this Fall. *Courtesy Photo*



Lane Krautschen Signs with Montana Grizzlies



Bronc track and Cross Country standout runner, **Lane Krautschen** recently signed with the **Montana Grizzlies** to further his education and distance running at the Missoula school. Lane surrounded by family, coaches, teammates, and friends at the recent signing. *Beacon Photo*

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Anika Main brings the ball down the court. *Jamie Hockenbary Courtesy Photo*

Basketball 2023-24 Season Begins

Fehrin Brindley
Special to the Beacon

Belle Fourche started their 2023-24 season for both the boys and girls teams on December 8th at Spearfish. Each team came away with the loss to tough Spartan teams, but show promise for a competitive season. The Broncos competed a week later in the State Line Classic tournament, which was hosted in Belle Fourche this year. The tournament has Sundance and Newcastle play Lead/Deadwood and Belle Fourche boys and girls, JV and Varsity, teams. Belle Fourche teams played Sundance on the night of Friday, December 15th and Newcastle the following afternoon.

Lady Broncos vs Spartans

After a 10 point deficit in the first quarter, the Bronc girls stayed within reach of the Spartans for most of the game and even took the lead at one point. It was 37-44 in the fourth quarter when Mataya Ward jumped a Spartan pass and took it back to the Bronc hoop for a layup. The team in purple got another defensive stop and Lily Nore sunk a 3 pointer to bring the team within four points with a few minutes left. Spearfish stalled out the final minutes forcing Belle to foul for possession and stopping the clock. Spartan’s extra free throws separated the final score to 48-57.

Ward led the Broncos with 19 points of which 9 were from free throws. She also added 7 rebounds and 4 steals. Nore chipped in 12 points and Sloan Young added 10. As a team, the Broncos were 15/22 on free throws, had 8 assists, and 30

rebounds.

The Spartans matched the Broncos in rebounds, were 9 for 12 on free throws but had 8 players with points on the board. Leaders for the maroon team were Mya Kochuten and Jozie Dana with 15 and 18 points, respectively.

Girls vs Sundance

The first two possessions saw Ward break the ice with a post move followed by a Nore steal. Larson had a good drive and euro step for the second Bronc bucket. Sundance gathered momentum to tie the game at 6-6 with three minutes left in the first quarter. Young jumped a Bulldog pass at 5:30 left in the second quarter then dribbled it across the court to find Nore for a baseline jumper taking the lead at 15-13. Sundance couldn’t answer and Kailey Nowowiejski found the hoop for two to make it 17-13. Young got another steal and went coast to coast for an and-1 layup. Score at half time was 23-17, Belle Fourche in the lead. The Lady Broncos found their rhythm during the third quarter and took a commanding lead of 42-27 by the end of the period. The Bulldogs showed up for quarter four making back-to-back buckets before Nore squared up for her pretty three pointer to get the Broncos rolling again. Sundance went on a 11-4 run to bring the score back within reach with 2:12 left in the game. Making some defensive stops and running the score down, the broncs used a well -designed side-lines out of bounds play at 1:12 that left Ward wide open for 2 easy points. Sundance gathered another 2 from the free throw line and Larson took a

steal to the basket to make the score 50-40 with 41.7 seconds left. Several Sundance time outs and free throws later, the Broncos stayed on top for the final buzzer, 50-44.

Boys vs Sundance

The boys started out strong and played some great basketball. Nolan Wahlfeldt had back-to-back offensive rebounds, putting the second one in for 2 points on the first possession of the game. Rexton Audiss put in one of two free throws and Wahlfeldt sunk a 3. Sundance called a timeout with 5:03 left, having yet scored to counter the Bronc’s 6 points. Sern Weishaar dropped a three then drove for a layup, scoring the last points of the first quarter and separating the Bronc lead to 12-3. Jet Jensen came alive in the second quarter dropping four three-pointers and two free throws, but so did the Bulldog’s offense tightening the score 26-21 at half.

Sundance scored the first points of the second half with an and-1 layup. Belle Fourche answered with a Wahlfeldt steal for an open layup and Rance Bowden deflected a pass to make it two defensive stops in a row. Score still favored the Broncos at the end of the third, 40-36. The Bulldogs brought out all the weapons, scoring 22 points in the fourth to the Broncos’ 9, giving Sundance the win 58-49.

Coach Pottorff liked the boys’ efforts in the first quarter. “The boys’ had a sharp first quarter. [The Bronc boys] rebounded really well to start the game. Rebounding saw a slight dip in the second half and we let too

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Sloan Young fights for the jump ball. *Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary*



Sarah Juelfs keeps the momentum rolling (L); **Reese Larsen** pushes in for the board (R). *Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary*



Mataya Ward gets 2 on the board. *Jamie Hockenbary Courtesy Photo*



Kailey Nowowiejski goes to the hoop. *Jamie Hockenbary Courtesy Photo*



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BB Contd. from A4 many open shots happen in big situations.” Jensen led the offense with 26 points followed by Wahlfeldt with 11. For Sundance, Keaton Mills, Jake Schommer, and Parker Skeens all found double digits with 16, 13, and 11 points apiece.

Broncs vs Newcastle Girls
The Lady Broncs controlled the tempo of the game from the start, staying in the lead for the entire game and dominating the floor both defensively and offensively. With a running clock the last 2 minutes, the score finished 71-41.
Belle Fourche vs Newcastle Boys
The Bronc boys had another strong start to take off on a 10-0 run in first minute and half of the game. They continued to move the ball around, getting

Wahlfeldt, Jensen, Bowden, Harvey Walding, and Gavin Pearson all on the board in the first quarter.
The Newcastle Dogies couldn’t match the pace, ending quarter one 25-12. Jordan Sandoval and Audiss added themselves to the book in quarter two, and strong defense held the Dogies to a lone 5 points for the nine minutes of play. The score at half time still strongly favored Belle Fourche, 49-17. Newcastle was able to keep up with the Broncs in scoring during the third quarter, but the team on purple held the lead 61-27. The visiting team really came alive to score 16 points in quarter 4, but it was too little too late. Isaac Voyles scored the lone fourth quarter bucket for the Belle Fourche boys, and the home team came away victorious 63-43.

Coach Potorff thought the boys played with “much better rhythm and flow today. Everyone played hard defensively and ran the floor well.” Newcastle offense was commanded by Wyatt Cole for 17 points. Jensen, Wahlfeldt, and Bowden had 24, 16, and 10 points, respectively.
Both teams are now 2-1.
The girls will play Thursday, December 21st, at home against Watertown and then both teams will travel up to Hot Springs for a double-header on the 22nd.
The following Friday is another home double header versus Red Cloud starting with C teams mid-morning.
The new year starts out with three double headers at St Thomas More on the 2nd, at Douglas on the 6th, and home against Lead/Deadwood on the 9th.



Senior, **Jonah Musilek**, works to keep Newcastle from getting in to score. (L); Senior, **Kyren Nulle**, keeps moving defensively. (R) *Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary*




Nolan Wahlfeldt catches some air. (L); **Carter McKenna** attempts a bucket under the basket (R). *Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary*




Senior, **Jordan Sandoval**, shoots for two (L); **Rance Bowden** fights his way to the basket (R). *Photos Courtesy Jamie Hockenbary*





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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



It is time to start marking your new 2024 calendar for upcoming theater events! The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater hopes to see new and continuing members at their BFACT Annual Meeting at Venue 519 on January 13th at 7 PM. Board Members and Executive Director, Derek Olson, welcome all to come hear the Board of Directors recap the 2023 Season and announce what will be coming up in 2024. The BFACT Board of Directors elections will also be held during this meeting, and memberships can be purchased at the Annual Meeting. The Belle Fourche High School will host the Regional One Act Play Competition on January 24th at the BF Rec Center Theater. This full day event brings together high school theater programs from schools in western South Dakota to perform their plays before the judges who decide which plays will compete at the State One Act Play Competition in early February.

The Belle Fourche Arts Council has announced its 2nd Annual “Rural Life Expressions.” Photography Contest. The contest has three categories: Landscape, People, and Animals for Under 18 and Adult. Amateur photographers can mail or drop off submissions (Mounted 8×10 photo - no frames) at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, 415 5th Avenue, Belle Fourche between January 1st and Feb 3rd. The entries for the contest will be on display the week before the reception at the museum. There will also be a “People’s Choice” award chosen by those who visit and view the entries. Final judging and awards ceremony will be held the evening of Feb 10th. Show UP will be your go-to source for all things fine arts for all ages!!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

January 1 through February 3, 2024: “Rural Life Expressions” Photography Contest hosted by the Belle Fourche Arts Council at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center.

January 13, 2024, Saturday: the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater ANNUAL MEETING at 7 PM at Venue 519 - All are welcome to join BFACT & also to hear about the upcoming theater season in 2024!

January 22, 2024: The BFHS One Act Play public evening performance at the BF Rec Center Theater.

January 24, 2024: The Regional One Act Play Competition at the BF Rec Center Theater.

February 10, 2024: Photography Contest awards reception hosted by the Belle Fourche Arts Council at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center

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

Bronc Soccer team held their annual awards Banquet

The Belle Fourche High School Boys’ soccer team held their annual awards banquet Nov 11, 2023 with all team members receiving recognition for their accomplishments this season. Ethan Staley was awarded “All Conference”, “Most Valuable Player Defense” and “Honorable Mention All State”. Isaac Voyles & Josh Brill each received “Honorable Mention All Conference” recognition with the “Most Improved” award given to Billy Bryan. Noah Fowler and Griffin Biehl each were recognized with “MVP Offense” awards and Darian Pesicka received the “Bronc Award”. Drake Sutter was recognized for “Most Valuable Player”, “All Conference”, “MVP Midfielder” and “1st Team All State”. Bronc letters & bars were awarded to all team members. The team thanked Coach Michael Ryan and Coach Lucas Trimble for their dedication & leadership by presenting them each with their personal favorite team jersey.



Coaches Ryan and Trimble with (L) Darian Pesicka; Drake Sutter (C); and Ethan Staley (R). Courtesy Photos



Coaches with Isaac Voyles (L); Josh Brill (C); and Drake Sutter (R). Courtesy Photos



Griffin Biehl, Billy Bryan & Darian Pesicka (L); Griffin Biehl, Billy Bryan, Darian Pesicka, and Drake Sutter (C); Coaches Ryan and Trimble.





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The Business Improvement District exploratory committee has prepared a survey to gather input from the community and area. (See A-1 BID article.)

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The exploratory committee includes: George Wilson (Owner, Cowboys Too), Michelle Evans (Manager, Cowboys Too), Sheila Hodge (Owner, Pete’s Clothing and

Hodge Bootery), Brittany Wilkerson (Owner, The Wild Bluebell), Ashley Pearson (VP/Branch Manager, Pioneer Bank and Trust) and Deb Elliott (Life Light Creative).

The purpose of the committee is gather information from our community, including business owners, commercial property owners, residents and visitors alike to determine the viability of the BID and what projects might be considered. To that end, there is an online survey available. All are invited to fill it out at <https://DowntownBelleFourche.com>.

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The survey gives all of you a chance to weigh in on the subject.

Suggest what you think should be the plan and its priorities, or what you envision for the future of business in Belle Fourche.



Alex Norlin with a pin in Wright. TonsagerPhotos

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Bronc Wrestlers Start the Season off Well

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Friday December 8th and Saturday December 9th, the Bronc wrestlers took to the mat for their first competitions of the season. The two day Rapid City Invite hosts a large annual tournament every December with fierce competition, many seen only once per season from multiple bordering states, as well as from across South Dakota.

On the boys’ side, the Broncos had three placers on the podium; at JV 120 pounds, Dylon Park (2-3) placed sixth, at Varsity 144 pounds, Riley Dighton (3-3) placed eighth, and at JV 150 pounds, Elijah Branning (6-1) placed third.

Other competitors were: Teedin Humble (0-2) at Varsity 106 pounds, Logan Tyndall (0-2) at Varsity 120 pounds, Garett Huston (1-2) at Varsity 120 pounds, Koby Bowden (2-2) at JV 126 pounds, Taorin Humble (0-2) at Varsity 126 pounds, Alex Norlin (1-2) at Varsity 132 pounds, Clifford Torberson (0-2) at JV 138 pounds, Jory Olson (0-2) at JV 157, Peyton Alexander (2-2) at Varsity 157 pounds, Owyn Schreder (0-2) at Varsity 165 pounds, Spencer Bush (1-2) at JV 175 pounds, Zach Tonsager (0-2) at Varsity 175 pounds, Caleb Dosch (0-2) at JV 190 and Luke Tonsager (2-2) at Varsity 215 pounds.

On the girls’ side, the Lady Broncos had two placers on the podium; at the 100 pound weight class, Kyra Vandenberg (3-2) placed fourth, and for her wrestling debut, Chloe Merjil (4-3) placed eighth at 152 pounds.

Other competitors for the Lady Broncos were: Alexa Swaney (2-2) at 132 pounds, Joselyn Shockey (1-2) at 145 pounds, and Olivia Nehl (2-2) at 152 pounds.

Weight classes were changed in South Dakota for this season from previous seasons, hydration testing was also a mandatory implementation beginning last season in order to help promote safe weight management and cutting practices.

The Bronc wrestlers competed next at the Custer Triangular on Thursday December 14th against Lead-Deadwood and Custer. The Broncos fell to Custer 58 to 22 and won over Lead Deadwood 51 to 24.

Next the Broncos had an exhibition duel at the Pat Weede Memorial tournament in Gillette, WY on Friday December 15th. They then traveled to Wright, WY on Saturday December 16th where they placed second to Wright in the Wright Team Duels, over Sundance, Tongue River, Morecroft and Natrona County.

Four Lady Broncos competed in the Pat Weede Memorial Tournament with all girls placing and two champions. Kyra Vandenberg and Alexa Swaney were bracket champions, Chloe Merjil and Joselyn Shockey placed third in the tournament with an excellent showing for the Lady Broncos.

The Bronc Wrestlers will compete next in a home triangular at the Belle Fourche High School on Friday December 22nd at 5pm verse Douglas and Hot Springs. This will be Senior recognition night. Thursday December 28th the Lady Broncos will compete in the Spearfish Girls’ Invite and on Friday December 29th, the boys will complete at the Harding County tournament in Buffalo, SD. January 5th and 6th both teams will compete in Hettinger, ND.



Broncs Wrestling team looks on. Tonsager Photos



Zach Tonsager working a pin in Wright, WY



Kyra Vandenberg high fiving team after pin. Tonsager Photos

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Olivia Nehl in control of her opponent. Tonsager Photos



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Rowles, Ed, Pavilion WY	1	Bk. Cwette.	855	\$105.00
Sams Livestock, Weston WY	2	Bk. Cow	1642	\$90.50

Schlecht, Kirby, Whitewood SD	1	Bk. Cow	1275	\$84.00
Schmid, Joe, Ekalaka MT	44	Bk. Hfr.	824	\$154.50
Schmid, Joe, Ekalaka MT	5	Bk. Cwette.	994	\$116.00
Schmid, Joe, Ekalaka MT	1	Char Cwette.	925	\$116.00
Schmid, Joe, Ekalaka MT	2	Bk. Cwette.	1157	\$112.50
Schroeder, Jay Or Jamie Jo, Broadus MT	2	Bk. Hfr.	1077	\$130.00
Schroeder, Jay Or Jamie Jo, Broadus MT	2	Bldd Cow	1437	\$90.00
Scoles, Robert, Broadus MT	1	Bld. Cow	1035	\$91.00
Scoles, Robert, Broadus MT	1	RedCow	1035	\$83.00
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Sprague, Lyle, Nisland SD	4	Bk. Cow	1631	\$90.00
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Stephens, Mike & Meagan, Alzada MT	1	Bk. Cwette.	1050	\$110.00
Stephens, Mike & Meagan, Alzada MT	2	Bk. Cwette.	1375	\$92.00
Stinson, David, Volborg MT	11	Bldd Cow	1278	\$83.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	4	Bk. Hfr.	790	\$130.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	7	Bk. Hfr.	975	\$129.50
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	5	Bldd Cow	1460	\$84.50
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	9	Bk. Cow	1300	\$84.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Bk. Cow	1225	\$84.00
Valdez, Daniel, Forsyth MT	1	Char Cow	905	\$90.00
Valdez, Daniel, Forsyth MT	5	Bk. Cow	1263	\$83.50
Weynich, Keith, Sturgis SD	2	Bk. Cow	1522	\$89.50
Whalen, Mathew, Aladdin WY	3	HerfCow	1113	\$84.00
Whitman, Trav, Wright WY	19	Bk. Cwette.	884	\$101.00
Williams, Brady, Broadus MT	3	Bldd Cow	1255	\$83.50

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Andrews, Tom, Biddle MT	1	Bld. Bull	1790	\$100.00
Askins, Kirk, Broadus MT	1	Char Bull	1925	\$100.00
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT	1	Bk. Bull	1855	\$104.00
Burghdurf, Cheryl, Camp Crook SD	1	Bk. Bull	2290	\$118.00
Cottonwood Creek Cattle, Rozet WY	1	Bk. Bull	1910	\$104.00
Cottonwood Creek Cattle, Rozet WY	1	Bk. Bull	1875	\$112.00
Dirks, Michael & Karen E, Hulett WY	1	Bk. Bull	2115	\$118.00
Eiesland, Mariah, Ekalaka MT	1	Bk. Bull	1500	\$110.00
Gaskill, Dan, Volborg MT	1	Bk. Bull	2210	\$110.00
Gilbert Cattle Co, Ludlow SD	4	Bk. Bull	2187	\$107.50
Gilbert Cattle Co, Ludlow SD	1	Bk. Bull	1575	\$118.00
Glass/Jacob/Kimberly Dalby, Gillette WY	1	Bk. Bull	1725	\$125.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Bull	1330	\$104.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Bk. Bull	1860	\$120.00
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Johnson, Troy, St Onge SD	1	Bk. Bull	1645	\$103.00
Latham, Darwin Or Kay, Camp Crook SD	1	Bull	1885	\$100.00
Latham, Darwin Or Kay, Camp Crook SD	2	Bk. Bull	1830	\$100.00
Sams Livestock, Weston WY	1	Bk. Bull	1610	\$107.50
Valdez, Daniel, Forsyth MT	1	HerfBull	1570	\$105.00
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Sheep Report - Thursday, December 14, 2023

Smaller run for the last sale of 2023
Not enough lambs to make a load & they sold on a lower market
Slaughter ewes were \$10 lower

The crew & management would like to thank everyone for another good year & wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Hope to see you in 2024!

Next sale - January 4th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep & goats - 1 PM
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
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Feeder Lambs

Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX	12	Lamb	57	\$256.00
Cjr Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	62	Lamb	85	\$206.00
Cjr Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	53	Lamb	68	\$240.00
Cline, Barb, Spearfish SD	25	Lamb	80	\$212.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	18	Lamb	74	\$228.00
Horner, Jeff, Belle Fourche SD	5	Lamb	64	\$253.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD	13	Lamb	68	\$253.00
King, Justin, Hammond MT	6	Lamb	63	\$253.00
Lautt, Corey & Karissa, Harvie ND	41	Lamb	73	\$240.00
Long, Glen, Enning SD	30	Lamb	95	\$194.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	50	Lamb	58	\$254.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	93	Lamb	76	\$245.00
Peterson Sheep, Lemmon SD	31	Lamb	69	\$240.00
Sprague, Ruth Ann, Mud Butte SD	21	Lamb	127	\$169.00
Tift, Tanya, Newell SD	20	Lamb	95	\$194.00
White, Howard, Upton WY	46	Lamb	70	\$238.00
White, Howard, Upton WY	44	Lamb	86	\$211.00
Yost, Chester, Newell SD	51	Lamb	86	\$201.00

Slaughter Ewes

Cjr Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	58	K Ewe	146	\$55.00
Carr, Robert M, Prairie City SD	28	K Ewe	138	\$45.00
Cjr Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	27	K Ewe	135	\$45.00
Research Extension Center, Hettinger ND	8	K Ewe	190	\$63.00
Research Extension Center, Hettinger ND	44	K Ewe	161	\$62.00
Lib Ranch LLC, Kaycee WY	54	K Ewe	123	\$45.00
Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD	9	K Ewe	157	\$58.50
Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD	9	K Ewe	144	\$51.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD	9	K Ewe	168	\$58.50
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD	16	K Ewe	145	\$51.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	17	K Ewe	175	\$58.50
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	29	K Ewe	149	\$51.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	20	K Ewe	133	\$45.00
White, Howard, Upton WY	12	K Ewe	161	\$51.00
Yoder, Reuben, Hulett WY	12	K Ewe	169	\$58.50
Yoder, Reuben, Hulett WY	16	K Ewe	155	\$51.00

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January 11th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
January 25th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 1st – Bred Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 8th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 15th – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 22nd – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 29th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 7th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 14th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 21st – Bred Ewe Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
March 28th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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The Good Stuff ————— by Jim Thompson



Christmas will soon be upon us.
I pray that you will be around family and friends for the occasion.
Here's a Christmas poem from cowboy poet friend

*It'd been a long cold Christmas eve and Santa needed rest.
He was headin North, a-goin home, from somewhere way out West.
over the big Montana Plains, where the ranches are scattered and few,
When he saw a yard light twinkling from a cow ranch that he knew.
He'd stopped at this place in the past to let his reindeer blow,
There's a shed to hide em under, to get em out of the snow.
The old couple had gone to their grand-kids, told him they'd be gone,
But they said "That don't matter, you just make yourself at home.
There's grain and hay to feed your deer, the doors don't have no locks,
There's a pot of coffee on the stove, and firewood in the box."
So Santa landed there and fed his deer, and he went on inside,
To warm his feet, and relax a bit, before he finished up his ride.
He found some Christmas cookies and a pot of coffee, like they said,
he looked around, things he saw, warmed his heart and filled his head,
With thoughts about these ranch folks, that old cowman and his wife, How they were blessed with what they had, and how they lived their life.
He saw some Christmas cards, that came from all their friends.
Showing manger scenes, Angels, "Peace on Earth, Good will to Men."
And he saw a Bible opened to Luke Chapter 2, and*

*the story of a Savior
Sent to save the World and make it new.*

*The tale of the first Christmas, and how it all began,
And the greatest gift of all, that came from GOD to man.
Then it was time for Santa to leave and get home before break of day
The sky way over in the East was already turning gray.
He got his reindeer headed out, then leaned back in the sleigh.
Like good old saddle horses, those reindeer knew the way.
Santa let his thoughts drift back to all who live out on the land,
And said "Those folks have got it right, and they sure do understand.
They all go help each other, no matter what the task,
And how they're going to get paid back, they never even ask.
They'll help a stranded traveler, and send him on his way
They'll feed a hungry stranger, and never ask for pay.
If everyone around the World, lived by their cowboy code,
It would make my job lots easier, and lighten up my load.
I could concentrate on orphaned kids and folks with real need
And not be just delivering stuff, to satisfy people's greed.
Now I know tomorrow, Christmas will be safe again,
Not cause of toys and Santa, but from what's in the hearts of man." (c) 2004*

along with the Bob and Kay Peterman, I wish you a Happy Christmas! Jim Thompson

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden



12-10 News
While the white stuff isn't around yet, there have been some days that have dipped into more of the normal temperature range for December. However, ranchers continue to be thankful and grateful for an open winter thus far. All aspects of working around the cattle and pastures are much easier when roads and fields are dry. However, it does seem like some moisture would be helpful. There has been a lot of sickness and RSV to be vigilant about. The dryer air always seems to accelerate those bugs. But the bug didn't keep

everyone home as Cammack Ranch Supply held it's annual Christmas party on Saturday night in Deadwood for CRS employees.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the South Dakota Strong Christmas event in Rapid City on Saturday as well. The theme was tropical and had fun with it, voting for a guy and a gal for best dressed to the theme. Reggie Rhoden was the winner in the guy's category while Lauri Davis won the gal's best dressed contest. Other fun games were played and the evening festivities ended at 8:30 pm.

The Meade County Republican Women will hold their Christmas party this week at Teresa Thompson's home.

Lt. Governor Rhoden , as well as our legislators traveled to Pierre for the annual Governor's Budget Address. The Governor was able to lay out the proposal in 35 minutes. Every year is different and we expect that both the legislative body and the administration

will agree on a good budget by the end of session. They always work hard to do what is best for South Dakotans.

The Rural Meade School in Union Center will host their Christmas program this Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 pm at the Central Meade County Community Center. Atall School will be having theirs this Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00 pm in the school basement. Hereford's was December 11 at the Hereford Hall. Elm Spring's program is December 19th at the Elm Springs Hall. Opal's program will be on December 18 at 6:00 at the Opal Hall. All are welcome. These are great opportunities to keep up with families and friends in all of these communities.

There will be no school for Christmas break starting with December 21 – January 2 for Meade 46-1 School District. May you enjoy the spirit of Christmas as you make preparations for the special days ahead.

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Capitol News

By KAREN ODELL



*Capitol News
Dec. 11, 2023*
We got a little snow at Capitol and on Tie Creek. The rain that came before it settled the dust, and we

really needed that.

Ronda Cordell has been making mustard, peanut and cashew brittle and doing chores. At Thanksgiving, she got to see Oren and Arlie Basler. She met Jake Reynolds and Jason Berg at the Wagon Wheel for lunch, before they left for Sioux City to meet with Luke Basler. It's always great to see grandkids. Last Sunday, Ronda went to visit Cristen and Jayda Westling in Rapid City. She got delayed trying to leave her computer for repair, and had to fight the traffic in Rapid City after dark. When people saw her dirt-covered, twenty-year-old Lincoln, she thought those people thought they'd better watch out for her. Diane Wear had come to the ranch to do chores and take care of the dogs. Ronda got in some shopping before her dental appointment on Monday morning. Cristen met her at the north Pizza Ranch to have lunch, and Ronda got home from Rapid City at just about dusk.

Ronda took the windiest day to go to Ekalaka. The road was icy and snow packed, through the pines on Highway 323. She had lunch at the Wagon Wheel, and stopped at the museum to buy a book for a Christmas present. She had gotten a copy of 'Cowboys of Carter County' before, and felt it was an excellent book of phenomenal photos of people, scenes and animals. After having lunch at the Over The Edge, on Sunday, Ronda wrapped presents, and squeezed some Cashew brittle and a popcorn cake in a box to ride to Missouri.

Clint Zolnoski took the old Cam-Am to Baker to catch its occasional ride to Riverside in Miles City. Today, Gene Secrest helped him begin installation of a new winterized watering system in the corral. Ronda's house water had failed on Saturday night, and probably needed a new pump for the house and barn area.

When Clint went back to switch the water back on, he discovered the pressure tank had failed, so Ronda is relying upon the old spring water. Maybe tomorrow will be better.

Erma and Dick Albert had a short bout with the flu or something, last week, but are feeling much better now. They went to the Hills on Tuesday, where Dick got a haircut, and they did some shopping. They got to have lunch with some friends at the Stadium. Erma had a chiropractor's appointment on Wednesday and that made her feel much better. It was on Friday, that they felt bad and decided to stay home. By Sunday, they were well again, and went to church at the Catholic Church. They stayed for the pot luck lunch, and for the Bible Study afterward. Father Brian had just recovered from the flu also.

Last Saturday, Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to Spearfish for the funeral of Roberta Engasser. Last Sunday, they headed out to find and cut a Christmas tree. On Monday, Alvin helped Ryan and Tawni with preg-testing. Mindy Yates came to help. That afternoon, they went to watch Kymber play basketball at Buffalo. Alvin and Ryan got a crew together to do some work on the new shed at the Horton place, on Thursday, but Friday was too windy and snowy to get much done. On Friday evening, grandson Gavin Pearson, had his opening basketball games on the Belle Fourche team against Spearfish, and Alvin and Marlee got to see that.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson went to church at the Little Missouri Church, and then went to the Diligent Doers Extension Club Christmas party, on Sunday, at Dorothy Padden's. The Little Missouri children's Christmas program will be next Sunday. They will also have a Christmas Eve service at four o'clock.

Doug and Julia Davis went to Rapid City for the South Dakota Grasslands Meeting, on Tuesday, and enjoyed hearing a great speaker. On Thursday, Doug traveled up to Dickinson to get all he needed to set up his solar water pump. Julia went to work in Buffalo each day. On Saturday, they went to St. Onge to buy some replacement cows, and the saw lots of people to visit with. On Sunday, Julia went to visit at

Denise Zolnoski's. Linda Hannah was there also, and they had fun making fudge.

Junior and Shirley Melum had a little snow, but most enjoyed the rain that came first. Shirley is still making large piecework wool Christmas stockings. Ernie Rachel and Tommy Melum went to Baker for church on Sunday. There will be a Christmas program at the Baptist church in Baker next Sunday morning.

On Monday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to Buffalo for the junior high basketball games. Dorothy had about a tenth of an inch of rain before it started snowing, on Friday, and she was glad for the moisture. On Saturday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went back to Buffalo for the high school basketball games. This time they saw four games of both boys and girls teams against Lead-Deadwood. On Sunday, Dorothy, Dawn and Ashley Padden hosted the Diligent Doers Extension Club Christmas party. They served a complete Christmas dinner, with ham and turkey, for the members and their entire families. They had their Secret-Sister gift

exchange, and then drew names for next year's secret-sisters. It was a great meal and good afternoon for everyone.

Ernie and Tommy Melum visited Karen Odell a couple of times this week. On Friday, Karen had planned to go to Baker for a conference. It was snowing and blowing very hard, so she decided to take the gravel north of Camp Crook. The temperature was just below freezing and the highway was going to be questionable and icy. The wind was blowing her around. Finally, just as she was reaching North Dakota, and back on the pavement again, she heard Scott Bachmier on the Baker radio, saying travel was not advised.

She decided it was not a great idea to try those icy roads, so she turned around. As she came back, the wind was not so much against her, but still she was relieved to be back home. She got her conference finished on the phone, and that saved her the trip. She had also hoped to go to Rapid City for the huge wrestling tournament at the Monument Civic Center. Kellan Odell, Karen's grandson from Mitchell was going to wrestle there,

but she decided that was not a good idea, either. Karen still got to see Kellan wrestle on her computer on YouTube. She was clapping and jumping up and down when she saw her grandson win one match, and her dog, Hywel, got into the excitement, too. On Sunday, Karen went to the Methodist Church in Camp Crook. She had looked on Facebook, but there was nothing about having church. Since it was the second Sunday, she went to see if anyone was there. It was good that she went, because the kids had planned a Christmas program, and it was lots of fun. Sam Cordell and Tonja Hansen led the service, and they enlisted a few other adults to play parts along with the children. Tyler and Lynnette Wolfe played the parts of Joseph and Mary, and Baby Jesus was played by the newest Arledge baby, who played the part perfectly. The Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve service on the 24th at four o'clock. Hope everyone can come.

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From A1 **County Commission**

Commissioners voted to purchase the Low Boy Trailer from Butler Machine for \$108,892.95.

During Public Comments, Jared Capp and Mike Habeck were present to speak about their desires to be involved in an additional liquor license that may be available.

Auditor Annie Capp gave a history of the interest in Butte County Liquor licenses. She had received information from the Department of Revenue and South Dakota Codified law. The commission determines the number of licenses based on population and fees on an annual basis or by ordinance. Further research needs to be done by the States Attorney’s Office and discussion will be done at the next regular commission meeting.

Sue Broadhurst spoke during

Public Comment to point out that she was disappointed in the commissioners for not reading more carefully the agreement between Butte County Commission and the BH Council of Local Government. An error had been pointed out by a member of the audience that Lawrence County had been listed instead of Butte County.

She also addressed the lateness and absences of some of the commissioners at the November 21 meeting. Lastly, she mentioned the high cost of copies at the county level.

An invitation was given by Katie Hoffman to the commissioners to attend a presentation by Ed Moses. Moses focuses on substance abuse and addiction.

Hoffman addressed comments made during the previous commission meeting on November 21. Her concerns centered on the deviation from normal processes when Vice Chair

James Ager allowed States Attorney LeEllen McCartney and Sheriff Fred Lamphere to make comments in response to comments made by 3J Towing. She wondered if these comments were illegal or at least unprofessional.

Dale Simanton pointed out that SA McCartney’s explanation of certain word descriptions left one work out-corruption. He then listed several areas where he believes corruption has taken place.

In other discussion:

- *The material for the courthouse roof will be delivered soon.
- *BH Energy is planning to remove or trim trees at the fairgrounds in Nisland.
- *The next meeting will be December 19 at 1:00 p.m.
- *There will be a special meeting December 29, 2023 at 9 a.m.

know how to manage”. In his presentations he encourages others to do as his High School Science teacher taught him, ‘Don’t focus just on the answer, but rather HOW you get to the conclusion. If you believe it, and WHY’. He says to think for yourself and seek credible information that is rigorously tested.

Ed went on to say that marijuana targets the brain and the brain is built for survival. Your brain has limits and when you get high on marijuana, you go beyond the limits of the brain, resulting in damage to the brain receptors.

THC changes the brain and it is stored in the fat cells in the brain for weeks. THC also suppresses the immune system. Alcohol and marijuana are the major reasons for school dropouts. Marijuana is more addictive than alcohol.

Ed has seen parents shot gunning marijuana to week-old infants. He went on to say that the parents that are high on marijuana don’t care because their brain is suppressed in the frontal lobe, resulting in low empathy. Ed pointed out that doctors recommend, but do not prescribe marijuana because of the liability issues.

He stressed that marijuana cures nothing! The FDA says

that marijuana is not a safe nor effective drug. He emphases that if you have PTSD, marijuana will absolutely not help you. The last thing we need are people with PTSD getting schizophrenia, which marijuana causes.

Only about 12% of the population has some sort of substance abuse, so why do the other 88% tolerate the 12%’s damaging behavior? Law enforcement is seeing dramatic increases in suicides and violence. Ed says, “No community has a bigger problem than they are willing to tolerate. Be a good role model.”

With tears in her eyes, Anne Yates spoke about her son that was killed in a head on collision with a man that tested positive for marijuana and meth.

Travis Ismay ended the night citing sections of the SDCL 34-20G. He said that everyone should read the law to better understand what is really going on.

He said that many people he talked to had voted for medical marijuana, but do not like what the law says and how it is being implemented. If you have any questions or want more information, email Travis Ismay at tdismay@icloud.com.

Retired Narcotics Officer Speaks

Sue Broadhurst
Special to the Beacon

On December 7th , Ed Moses, a retired narcotics officer spoke to a group that had gathered at Grap’s Burgers. Ed was with the St. Louis City Police Department for four years, two years in the United States Army Military Police, and 35 years with the Missouri State High-

way Patrol. He is now retired and trains for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center for High-Intensive Drug Traffic Areas. He has worked as a beat police officer, road trooper, undercover officer, an administrator of D.A.R.E., a Drug Recognition Expert and Chaplain programs. He speaks free of charge and his

material is uncopyrighted. He had been married for 56 years and has six children and 17 grandchildren.

To quote Ed, he says, “Undercover I saw youth in trouble, not thinking for themselves, just believing whatever friends & dealers said. Adults avoided what they didn’t understand or didn’t



Ed Moses



Travis Ismay



Anne Yates



The audience at Graps meeting room listen intently to Ed Moses. *Broadhurst Photos*



The Naja Shriners presented Runnings of Belle Fourche a Certificate of Appreciation for their support they gave to the Naja Clown Patrol of Belle Fourche in 2023. Pictured from left are: **Harvey Paulson, Bryon Fisher, Brandon Freed, Runnings store manager, and Ray Leeman.** *Courtesy Photo*

Reunion of Navy Veterans



Ken Boyer and Jerry Conner

Jerry Conner served on the USS Princeton from Jan 1952-Dec 1956. Ken Boyer was transferred from the destroyer base in San Diego to the USS Princeton in 1953. Ken worked in the navigation office on the ship. He met Jerry when he delivered papers to the communication office, where Jerry worked. The two found it ironic that two rural South Dakota boys from home towns so close together (Buffalo and Belle Fourche) were stationed on the same ship.

The two remained friends after being discharged, but lost contact over the years because of moving and family. Boyer recently reached out to Callie Hulm, Home Health Clinical Manager for Heartland Home Health and Hospice, in an attempt to locate his Belle Fourche friend, Jerry Conner. Unbeknownst to Boyer, Conner was also a patient of Heartland Home Health and Hospice. After obtaining permission from both men, a “reunion” was organized in the fall of 2023.

likely, in less time. The CTE has a programmable laser cutter and the welding unit of today is nothing like the welding unit of ‘yesterday.’

It is a refreshing confirmation to know that a small project can remain a small project in a community that cares. Without local support, a small project like this one can turn into a major problem to accomplish. VFW Post

3312 extends a sincere thank you to everyone involved in this small project.

The VFW presents a very special salute to the Belle Fourche High School Career and Technical Education center, Mr. Hartwell, and all the students who put these covers together in short order. When a plan comes together in your welding classroom, it really stays together.

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

Members of the Belle Fourche High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) center teamed up with the Center of the Nation VFW Post 3312, Belle Fourche, and provided a fix for a long-time problem.

Decades ago, the VFW Post 3312 installed 160 flag pole holders around the outside perimeter of the Pineslope Cemetery for the Memorial Day program flags. The flags once

draped the caskets of departed Veterans of Belle Fourche and, when the weather is appropriate, are flown around the cemetery perimeter. The pole holders are buried in the ground and at one time had covers to prevent debris from falling into the holes resulting in an improper fit for the poles. Over time many of the covers are either barely working or completely missing.

Mr. Jim Hartwell, the CTE Welding instructor (and Veter-

an), understood and accepted the proposal. Northern Hills Scrap Metal & Recycling, Belle Fourche, provided some working materials and members of the welding class provided the tools, effort and knowhow.

Without taking away from the efforts of those who produced the original covers, it’s safe to say that the task of producing this generation of 160 pole hole covers resulted in a very long-lasting product and, most



Toarin Humble performed much of the welding (L); VFW Post 3312 Commander **Nathan Juelfs** receives the last load of flag pole hole covers from **Mr. Jim Hartwell**, Metal Work insructor at the Belle Fourche High School Career and Technical Education center(C); **Mason Nehl** operating the laser cutter (R) *Courtesy Photos.*



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Looking Back in Belle

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125 years ago
– Belle TIMES Dec. 20, 1898
CANADIAN-AMERICAN TREATY Joint High Commission’s Labors Nearly Ended Washington, Dec. 20 – The meeting of the Canadian joint high commission today will be the last before January 3, when the commissioners will reassemble in Washington to conclude whatever treaty they are able to agree upon for presentation to their respective governments. It may be definitely stated that a treaty covering practically all the points under consideration except that of reciprocity will be signed. It is almost equally sure that some matters of reciprocal trade relations will be adjusted and that these will be fewer in number than the Canadian commissioners had hoped in opening negotiations. Any more definite statement than this, it is said upon authority would be speculation upon very insufficient basis. Lumber and agricultural products are two stumbling blocks to full reciprocity. The Canadian commission urges that last year Canada gave the United States a \$40,000,000 free list, and in view of this fact some essential concessions must be made Canadian farmers if being represented that agrarian sentiment is fully as important to the dominion government as it is to the United States.

TALK OF THE TOWN
Mrs.S. E. Behmer of Hay creek is spending the holidays with her parents. Arthur Lefors is something of an artist himself. He is responsible for the decorations in Ermish Café. The Gaiety association has planned to five the people of this place and vicinity at least four good comedies during next four months, and will open with “Badly Mixed” or “Between the Acts.” The TIMES extends greeting to its readers and wishes one and all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Among the TIMES’ new year resolutions is one that we will give our patrons a better newspaper in 1890. During the past fortnight this office has experienced an unusual rush of job printing. Along with the holiday advertising, it has taxed our facilities to the limit, and in our attempt to make a few dollars, we have unwillingly allowed the paper to suffer.

Minnesela Echoes
Those echoes are distant but clearly drawing nearer. Nearly all of us have aching limbs from packing ice. Your correspondent splashed himself from heard to foot lately getting a load of the crystal liquid.

Wm. S. Hamilton from the Cave Hills paid us a flying visit this week. He reports everything inviting in and around Ludlow’s Cave. Cattle are doing nicely on the range, and so far the Cave Hills stockmen haven’t had as much snow as we Redwater people have had.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
December 20, 1923
BUYING WOOL IN THE WEST Attractive Offers Are Being Made for Clips Stored in Territory Sections Thursday’s Boston Transcript said: For the wool trade, the year 1923 practically is a closed book. In the various houses, more talk is heard about prospects than about mistakes of the past. The trade is going forward as though the future were assured. It is felt that all grades of wool are sure to advance in value. An encouraging feature is a steady demand today for all desirable wools. This brings business to all dealers who are in a position to take advantage of the opportunity. The transactions of the past month have depleted stocks of certain grades in a number of leading houses. Naturally they are not able to meet the current demand in full. Others are in a better position and are selling wool steadily.

MAY ESTABLISH POST ROAD
The Association of Commercial Club Secretaries of the Black Hills has received a letter from Congressman Williamson in which he state an movement is being started by himself, Senators Sterling and Norbeck to have the road leading from Belle Fourche west to Wyoming and Montana designated as a post road. Should this road be so designated, it would be built as a federal road and maintained by federal. Congressman Williamson asks that all these interested in this road got into communication with their congressmen and representatives, not only those from South Dakota, but from Wyoming and Montana, as well, and show a real interest in the road. If this is done there is a good prospect that the road will be so designed. The Commercial Club of Belle Fourche favors the road following practically the same route as present, from Belle Fourche to Colony, thence to Alzada and on toward the Powder river country.
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE The one event in Belle Fourche at Christmas time that will be of interest to a greater number than any other will be the Community Christmas Tree at the Legion hall on



by Mary Buchholz

Christmas eve. This event is being managed jointly by the city of Belle Fourche, American Legion and Commercial club. There will be a present and a sack of candy for every small child, not only those who live in town, but for those real community affair, and all parents are invited to come and bring the kiddies.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee December 23, 1948
LESLIE & STURIS DISPOSE BUSINESS TO STEEN & SON
Monday morning of this week Sherry Leslie and Nick Sturis disposed of their livestock feed business to R. J. Steen and son, R. S. Steen, the latter having been located the past year at Jamestown, North Dakota. The place of business in the former Broadhurst warehouse, across the railroad track on the east end of Tenth Avenue (the Strip). The new owners and managers are far from being strangers to the tri-state area, being former residents of the Alzada locality and for the past few years the elder Mr. Steen and wife have lived in Belle Fourche. The son, Bob, Jr., is also a former resident of Belle Fourche, and an alumnus of Belle Fourche high school, and for the past year or so has been living at Jamestown, N. D., where he has been a shop foreman and welder. The former owners have not announced their future plans.

50 years ago
– Bell Fourche Bee December 21, 1973
Turf Club Prepares for New Season Black Hills Turf Club Black Hills Turf Club directors have reorganized for another racing season, appointed a new member to the board, made plans to attend the racing commission meeting and moved toward establishing an official track here. Harold Bovee was named a director of the board and suitor of the corporation. He succeed Mahlon Alden as a director. Alden had asked to be relieved of his position because of the press of other duties. The board expressed its appreciation to Alden for his work as a director, pointing out that he was a “key factor in the corporation obtaining help during the time of the races. The service he rendered in this connection was of immense help and most generously appreciated.” Alden indicated that he would continue to do what he could for the racing program in Belle Fourche.

140 Gather for Hospital Event
One hundred and forty people attended the annual Christmas party of the John Burns Memorial Hospital staff Saturday night at the Vets Club. On hand were employees, directors, medical staff, hospital auxiliary, hospital guild members, husbands, wives and guests.

After the banquet, pins were given to the following hospital employees: Mrs. Lola Kruses, hospital administrator 15 years; Mary Keil office manager, 5 years; Sally Schultz, credit manager, 5 years; Dorothy Roberts, medical recorder, 5 years; Ruth Kiewel, housekeeper, 5 years; Pauline Gormann, head housekeeper, 10 years; Alberta Staley, housekeeper, 5 years; Helen Berndt, second cook, 5 years and Bea Nelson was given a \$50 bond for her 22 years of duty.

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A well-curated digital presence can attract visitors, investors, and new businesses. The city of Bisbee, Arizona, effectively utilized social media to promote its downtown area, showcasing the unique charm of local businesses and events.

Building a strong local downtown in a small community with limited resources requires a combination of community engagement, adaptive reuse of existing structures, public-private partnerships, green spaces, public art, community events, and a robust digital presence. By learning from successful examples and emphasizing the creativity and resilience of the community, small towns can transform neglected spaces into vibrant, economically sustainable downtown areas. With determination, collaboration, and a commitment to the unique identity of the community, the vision of a thriving downtown can become a reality, even with limited funds.

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

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Fostering Community Vibrancy on a Shoestring Budget

The question I get asked the most when assisting small communities in revitalizing their downtowns, "we have little money and resources, how do we revitalize without money and ample resources?"

I have seen communities succeed through innovation, imagination, and sheer determination to allow that to be used as a viable excuse. Yes, lack of funds requires a creative approach, but often the most creative solutions spring forth due to lack of funds, not because of them. Crisis is the mother of invention and communities must treat this as a crisis.

Building a vibrant downtown area with limited resources may seem like a daunting task, but history has shown that innovative strategies, community engagement, and a dash of creativity can transform neglected spaces into thriving hubs. Let's chat about the art of building a strong local downtown in a small community, emphasizing the power of community-driven initiatives and cost-effective approaches.

Community engagement is the first step in revitalizing a downtown or local community. Creating a sense of ownership among residents is crucial for the success of any revitalization project. Holding town hall meetings, organizing focus groups, and establishing community-led committees can harness the collective



by John Newby

wisdom and creativity of the residents. For instance, the town of Marietta, Ohio, successfully revitalized its downtown by involving the community in decision-making processes, leading to the restoration of historic buildings and the creation of vibrant public spaces.

Discussing and formulating a plan that allows the reuse of Existing Structures can be a goldmine. One of the most cost-effective strategies for a small community with limited funds is the adaptive reuse of existing structures. Instead of investing in new construction, repurpose vacant buildings for mixed-use purposes.

Transforming old warehouses into art galleries, abandoned storefronts into community spaces, or disused factories into co-working hubs can breathe new life into the downtown area. The city of Asheville, NC, revitalized its River Arts District by converting old industrial buildings into studios and galleries, attracting artists and entrepreneurs on a shoestring budget.

Forming public-private partnerships between the public sector and private businesses is an essential aspect of building a string local downtown. Private investors can play a pivotal role in funding infrastructure improvements, facade renovations, and public space enhancements. This collaboration ensures that the burden of

revitalization is not solely on the shoulders of the local government. An inspiring example is the town of Wooster, Ohio, where a public-private partnership transformed a dilapidated mill into a thriving market, creating a magnet for local businesses and residents.

Turning green spaces and public art installations can significantly enhance the appeal of a downtown area. Beautifying vacant lots with community gardens or pocket parks not only adds aesthetic value but also fosters a sense of community pride. Public art, such as murals, sculptures, and interactive installations, can transform drab streetscapes into vibrant cultural experiences. The town of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, successfully utilized public art installations to attract visitors, turning the downtown area into a walking gallery.

Everyone likes great events, hosting regular community events and festivals is a powerful strategy to draw attention to the downtown area. These events not only provide entertainment for residents but also attract visitors and potential investors. Consider organizing farmers' markets, street fairs, music festivals, or cultural celebrations. These gatherings not only stimulate economic activity but also create a strong sense of community identity. The success of the annual Water Fire festival in Providence, RI, shows how a recurring event can transform the perception of a downtown area.

In the digital age, creating a strong online presence is crucial for the success of any revitalization effort. Establish a website, leverage social media platforms, and encourage local businesses to showcase their offerings online.

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Gali Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	49.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc Ni.....	547.....	295.00...1,612.56 \$
.....	85.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc Ni.....	554.....	295.00...1,635.68 \$
.....	36.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc Ni.....	435.....	326.00...1,417.19 \$
Sams Livestock, Weston WY.....	89.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	593.....	279.00...1,655.19 \$
.....	8.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	483.....	310.00...1,495.75 \$
Monte Or Tanja Miller, Sundance WY.....	83.....	Black-Hfr Pc Bv, Ni.....	612.....	261.00...1,598.38 \$
.....	12.....	Black-Hfr Pc Pc Bv.....	514.....	265.00...1,361.43 \$
Ryan Larson, Spearfish SD.....	48.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc Ni.....	565.....	291.50...1,645.76 \$
.....	12.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	445.....	317.50...1,412.87 \$
.....	23.....	Black-Hfr Pc Ni.....	589.....	244.00...1,437.47 \$
.....	34.....	Black-Hfr Pc Ni.....	483.....	285.50...1,379.63 \$
Ron Rooney, Miles City MT.....	94.....	Black-Str Bt.....	501.....	309.50...1,551.94 \$
.....	28.....	Black-Str Bt.....	427.....	345.00...1,471.79 \$
.....	13.....	Black-Str Bt.....	307.....	335.00...1,029.48 \$
.....	40.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	468.....	284.00...1,329.47 \$
.....	36.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	395.....	308.00...1,216.60 \$
.....	10.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	256.....	297.50...1,761.60 \$
Consignment From SD.....	88.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	519.....	299.00...1,551.91 \$
.....	14.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	390.....	348.00...1,357.20 \$
.....	67.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	510.....	269.50...1,374.65 \$
.....	28.....	Black-Hfr Pc Ni.....	395.....	272.00...1,074.40 \$
Consignment From MT.....	93.....	Black-Hfr Pc Ni.....	570.....	246.25...1,404.68 \$
.....	33.....	Black-Hfr Pc Ni.....	482.....	276.00...1,328.98 \$
Kelly Ostendorf, Boyes MT.....	16.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	566.....	247.00...1,397.09 \$
Consignment From MT.....	13.....	Black-Str Pc.....	522.....	289.00...1,508.35 \$
Lyle Carroll, Powell WY.....	21.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	496.....	309.00...1,533.96 \$
.....	14.....	Black-Str Pc Ni.....	408.....	348.00...1,418.10 \$
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD.....	9.....	Herf-Hfr Pc.....	564.....	235.00...1,325.13 \$
Center Of The Nation, Newell SD.....	12.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	592.....	240.50...1,423.96 \$
John K Kissack, Whitehead SD.....	3.....	Rv/BwF-Str Pc.....	682.....	239.00...1,629.18 \$
Tony Rathbun, Sundance WY.....	38.....	Black-Str Pc.....	628.....	255.50...1,605.61 \$
.....	3.....	Blk/BwF-Str Pc.....	545.....	281.00...1,531.45 \$
Luke Earley, Broadus MT.....	39.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	645.....	239.00...1,541.55 \$
.....	5.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc.....	583.....	245.00...1,428.35 \$
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY.....	17.....	Black-Hfr Pc Ni.....	577.....	249.00...1,437.60 \$
.....	9.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Ni.....	496.....	276.00...1,367.73 \$
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT.....	13.....	Black-Str Bulls.....	496.....	286.00...1,419.00 \$
Abe Mumion, Jordan MT.....	5.....	Black-Str Pc.....	512.....	300.00...1,536.00 \$
Alan Lloyd, Otter MT.....	3.....	Black-Str Pc Bulls.....	590.....	232.50...1,371.75 \$
.....	6.....	Black-Hfr Pc.....	419.....	281.00...1,177.85 \$
Mt Consignment.....	5.....	Blk/BwF-Str.....	624.....	256.00...1,597.44 \$
.....	5.....	Black-Str.....	505.....	299.00...1,509.95 \$
.....	11.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr.....	503.....	287.00...1,444.13 \$
Ron P Or Michelle Bears, Alva WY.....	22.....	Black-Str Bt.....	625.....	257.00...1,606.83 \$
.....	7.....	Black-Str Bt.....	562.....	280.00...1,574.00 \$
.....	24.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	605.....	250.00...1,513.54 \$
.....	8.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	476.....	283.00...1,347.78 \$
.....	8.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	366.....	277.50...1,014.60 \$
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD.....	5.....	Herf-Str.....	570.....	255.00...1,453.50 \$
Coal Creek Cattle Llc, Recluse WY.....	5.....	Blk/BwF-Str.....	555.....	278.00...1,542.90 \$
Martin Masters, Dayton WY.....	4.....	Rd/Blk-Str.....	535.....	271.00...1,449.85 \$
.....	5.....	Black-Str.....	564.....	242.00...1,364.88 \$
Pat Burke, Newell SD.....	2.....	BwF-Yrig Hfr.....	1133.....	147.00...1,664.77 \$
Consignment From MT.....	3.....	Black-Str Bt Bulls.....	540.....	265.00...1,431.00 \$
.....	4.....	Blk/BwF-Str Bt Bulls.....	419.....	305.00...1,277.18 \$
.....	2.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	600.....	225.00...1,350.00 \$
.....	4.....	Black-Hfr Bt.....	444.....	280.00...1,242.50 \$
Noal Miller, Mosby MT.....	10.....	Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	316.....	345.00...1,088.47 \$
Dean Hackens, New Underwood SD.....	22.....	Red-Str Pc Ni.....	545.....	273.00...1,488.47 \$
.....	3.....	Red-Str Pc Ni.....	423.....	285.00...1,206.50 \$
Cortney Kluver, Colstrip MT.....	34.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Ni.....	496.....	265.00...1,313.69 \$
.....	15.....	Black-Hfr Pc Ni.....	443.....	270.00...1,196.10 \$
Barb Davis, Belle Fourche SD.....	4.....	Rd/Blk-Str Pc.....	643.....	243.00...1,561.27 \$
Chase Kari, Buffalo SD.....	53.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Df.....	454.....	285.50...1,296.60 \$
.....	14.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr Pc Df.....	373.....	284.00...1,058.91 \$
COWS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD
Jae & Suzanne Notti, Otter MT.....	27.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1426.....	89.00...1,269.56 \$
.....	28.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1284.....	82.50...1,059.53 \$
.....	20.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr.....	1184.....	92.00...1,089.51 \$
.....	7.....	Black-Cow.....	1194.....	80.00...954.85 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1080.....	85.00...918.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	985.....	52.50...517.12 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1170.....	63.00...737.10 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	1040.....	107.50...1,118.00 \$
Cody / Gabrielle Burke, Newell SD.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1125.....	92.00...1,035.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1500.....	89.00...1,335.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1615.....	87.00...1,405.05 \$
.....	2.....	BwF-Cow.....	1113.....	88.00...979.00 \$
.....	1.....	BwF-Cow.....	1325.....	80.00...1,060.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1465.....	85.00...1,245.25 \$
Rod Anders, Elm Springs SD.....	9.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1316.....	84.00...1,105.53 \$
.....	6.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1438.....	89.50...1,286.56 \$
.....	6.....	Black-Cow.....	1177.....	80.00...941.33 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	900.....	110.00...990.00 \$
Joseph/Melindie Burke, Newell SD.....	16.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1576.....	84.50...1,331.66 \$
.....	1.....	BwF-Cowette.....	1245.....	93.00...1,157.85 \$
.....	3.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1507.....	85.00...1,280.66 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1035.....	92.00...962.20 \$
John K Kissack, Whitehead SD.....	1.....	Grey-Cow.....	2075.....	90.00...1,867.50 \$
Thomas & Liane Sewell, Upton WY.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1405.....	85.00...1,194.25 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1355.....	85.50...1,158.52 \$
.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1253.....	87.00...1,089.67 \$
Cj Hodson, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Red-Cow.....	1285.....	85.00...1,092.25 \$
.....	1.....	Red-Cow.....	1315.....	85.00...1,117.75 \$
Tony Rathbun, Sundance WY.....	5.....	Blk/BwF-Cowette.....	1136.....	85.50...971.28 \$
.....	4.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1360.....	88.00...1,196.80 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1210.....	95.00...1,149.50 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	835.....	110.00...918.50 \$
Bruce Ward, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	995.....	92.00...915.40 \$
Janet K Evans, Weston WY.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1165.....	92.00...1,071.80 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1680.....	92.50...1,554.00 \$
Dick Jesse, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1555.....	90.00...1,399.50 \$
Brian Budmayr, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	BwF-Cow.....	1830.....	90.00...1,647.00 \$
Dick Jesse, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1070.....	100.00...1,070.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	1140.....	139.00...1,584.60 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1340.....	82.50...1,105.50 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1310.....	85.00...1,113.50 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1365.....	84.50...1,153.42 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1420.....	90.00...1,278.00 \$
Kuhbacher Ranch , Moorcroft WY.....	5.....	Black-Cow.....	1267.....	82.00...1,038.94 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1300.....	85.50...1,111.50 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1250.....	85.00...1,062.50 \$
Mayflower Cattle Co, Sheridan WY.....	99.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr.....	857.....	157.50...1,350.12 \$
.....	9.....	Red/RwF-Hfr.....	841.....	132.50...1,113.73 \$
.....	10.....	Blk/BwF-Hfr.....	762.....	148.00...1,127.76 \$
Brian Creek Cattle Co, Dayton WY.....	10.....	Black-Hfr.....	1042.....	153.00...1,593.49 \$
.....	3.....	Black-Cowette.....	1100.....	102.00...1,122.00 \$
.....	3.....	Black-Cow.....	1313.....	91.00...1,195.13 \$
.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1370.....	83.50...1,143.95 \$
Greg Bull, Ashland MT.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1220.....	85.00...1,037.00 \$
.....	1.....	BwF-Cow.....	1070.....	92.00...984.40 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1225.....	88.00...1,078.00 \$
Ti Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY.....	6.....	Black-Cow.....	1381.....	87.50...1,208.22 \$
.....	4.....	Black-Cow.....	1118.....	83.00...927.52 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1320.....	84.50...1,115.40 \$
Patten Cattle Co, Biddle MT.....	7.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1104.....	82.00...904.92 \$
.....	5.....	Black-Cow.....	1144.....	84.00...960.96 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1055.....	91.00...960.05 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1480.....	91.50...1,354.20 \$
.....	1.....	BwF-Cowette.....	990.....	117.50...1,163.25 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1255.....	90.50...1,135.77 \$
Englin Family Trust, Rapid City SD.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1775.....	91.50...1,624.12 \$
Thomas V Simons, Edgemont SD.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1625.....	90.50...1,470.62 \$
Clayton Patten, Broadus MT.....	13.....	Black-Cow.....	1131.....	84.00...950.16 \$
.....	6.....	Black-Cow.....	1271.....	84.50...1,073.85 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1200.....	85.00...1,020.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1120.....	85.00...952.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1390.....	87.50...1,216.25 \$
Joe Or Jessica Painter, Buffalo SD.....	11.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1293.....	83.00...1,072.96 \$
.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1463.....	85.00...1,243.12 \$
Daniel Bird, Olive MT.....	19.....	Black-Cowette.....	964.....	111.00...1,069.98 \$

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Levin Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD.....	5.....	Black-Cow.....	1252.....	85.00...1,064.20 \$
.....	14.....	Black-Cow.....	1232.....	82.00...1,010.06 \$
Mobley Land, Olive MT.....	13.....	Black-Cow.....	1307.....	84.50...1,104.67 \$
.....	24.....	Black-Cow.....	1183.....	84.00...993.65 \$
.....	19.....	Black-Cow.....	1184.....	82.50...976.53 \$
Neil Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT.....	5.....	Blk/BwF-Cow.....	1323.....	83.00...1,098.09 \$
Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1140.....	92.00...1,048.80 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1050.....	100.00...1,050.00 \$
Evan Rumph, Biddle MT.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1205.....	84.00...1,012.20 \$
.....	1.....	Red-Cow.....	1475.....	89.00...1,312.75 \$
Quentin Rumph, Biddle MT.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1445.....	81.00...1,170.45 \$
Noal Miller, Mosby MT.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1275.....	83.50...1,064.62 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	920.....	110.00...1,012.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1005.....	92.00...924.60 \$
B & M Cattle, Jordan MT.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	760.....	120.00...912.00 \$
Jason Bollinger, Jordan MT.....	3.....	Black-Cow.....	1133.....	81.00...918.00 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1375.....	85.00...1,168.75 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	880.....	100.00...880.00 \$
Cortney Kluver, Colstrip MT.....	12.....	Black-Cowette.....	961.....	120.00...1,153.50 \$
.....	5.....	Black-Cow.....	1129.....	80.50...908.84 \$
.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	900.....	132.50...1,192.50 \$
Consignment From MT.....	3.....	Black-Cow.....	1270.....	90.50...1,149.35 \$
.....	3.....	Black-Cowette.....	1140.....	91.50...1,043.10 \$



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School Calendar Discussed

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NEWELL-The school calendar for 2024-2025 was brought to the attention of Newell School Board members at the most recent meeting held December 11, 2023. Tentatively, school will begin August 19, 2024 and end with graduation May 24, 2025. Because Christmas falls on a Wednesday in 2024, the Christmas holiday vacation will possibly be two weeks, from December 23 to January 2. There will be more discussion before the final calendar is approved.

Superintendent Kirkegaard made a proposal to encourage those who are considering to not return to the 2024-2025 school year to notify the school board by February 2024. Teachers who are in at least their fourth teaching contract year for the Newell District and not planning on returning for 24/25 SY will be paid a stipend of \$1,000 if notification of resignation is received prior to February 2, 2024.

Superintendent Kirkegaard emphasized that the proposal was not encouraging anyone to resign. He explained that by accepting early notification, rehiring would be a more efficient process.

Support staff who are at least in their fourth year and are not planning on returning will also be paid a stipend of \$500 if notification is received prior to February 2, 2024.

Kirkegaard also mentioned

the possibility of a four percent increase in State Aid to schools.

The Board discussed at length an outstanding bill from Woebler Excavating from work done earlier this year. More than \$76,000 has been paid toward the work done on the west corner of the high school building, but an additional amount of \$20,775 was billed for work that needed done to complete the project. Another estimate of \$6,100 was presented, but not billed as such.

The Board members approved the additional \$20,775 since it was invoiced. However, pending more information, the \$6,100 estimate will wait until a later date for whether it is approved.

Fourth grade teacher, Philamer Avila, resigned Monday effective immediately. Michelle Stockard will take over as fourth grade teacher.

Newell School is still in need of a Middle School Boys Basketball coach and a Middle School Track coach.

At the present time, fall football for the high school is being discussed. Newell has had difficulty recruiting enough students for a team. Steve Schoenfish told the Board that he will continue to pursue the right course for the football season.

Interview dates for superintendent were tentatively set for December 22 or 28, awaiting notification of the superintendent candidates. A special Board meeting will be called on one of the dates.

Fire Damages Newell Home

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NEWELL-On the morning of December 5, the Newell Fire Department and Ambulance were called to a house fire on Sixth Street in answer to a 911 call.

Devon Jones was asleep upstairs when he awoke to smoke filling his home. He managed to exit the home via the bedroom window and call his mother, Tanya Tifft. After deciphering what he was trying to tell her, she called 911 immediately.

Newell VFD arrived on scene to find a fire in the basement, started by an extension cord. Fire Chief Verl Tifft said that a Mutual Aid call went out to the Vale and Nisland Fire Departments. The three departments, consisting of 14-16 firefighters, engaged the fire in the basement and stayed for a little

longer than an hour and half.

The upstairs of the home was filled with smoke, but Devon was safe. He was aided by the Newell Ambulance crew and transported to the hospital with smoke inhalation.

The home is not livable at this time, as it not only has fire damage in the basement, but extensive smoke damage upstairs.

Tanya Tifft would like to express her thanks to the Newell, Vale, and Nisland Fire Departments and the Newell Ambulance for their quick action.

"I want to thank all the others, too, who came to help," she said.

She added that it will take time to fix the house and will need plumbers, electricians, and construction workers to make it inhabitable.

Santa Comes to Newell



Wrenly Boylan gets his picture taken with Santa Claus.

Heitz photo

Santa Day is a Christmas Blast

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NEWELL—Santa Day was a hit this year at the Newell City Hall. The event, which has been a staple in the community during the holiday season for decades, was hosted by the Newell Community Club on Saturday, December 16. Spearheaded by Morgan Wulf of the Community Club, Santa Day aimed to bring the community together in the spirit of giving and celebration for our youth.

The evening kicked off at 5:30, welcoming families to an enchanting holiday atmosphere and the promise of an entertainment-filled evening. A spaghetti dinner was provided, along with a hot cocoa station. The event catered to the little ones with a variety of engaging activities and games, ensuring that every child could find a source of holiday-themed fun. From the classic cake walk to the coloring station, cookie decorating, Christmas card signing, and several mini games, the kids reveled in the holiday spirit. Goodie bags full of treats were donated by members of the community and given to those that participated in the activities.

Santa Claus himself stopped by the event, charming the children with his festive Christmas cheer. Kids had the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, share their Christmas wishes, and of course

get their pictures taken with him. Santa was portrayed by Matt Gardner.

The highlight of the night was the bicycle giveaway. A total of eight bikes were given away to the lucky winners of the bike drawing. The bikes were provided to the Community Club by the Newell Hardware Store. Drawings were held for boys and girls, by the age groups of 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The bike winners this year are as follows:

GIRLS
0-3: Althea Harmon
4-6: Naomi
7-9: Erica Castille

10-12: Bianca Bierman

BOYS
0-3: Latham McTaggart
4-6: McCoy Bean
7-9: Jasper Gardner
10-12: Trivion Grass

The Newell Community Club's commitment to organizing events like Santa Day, the generosity of local businesses and community members, and the willingness of the town to show up and bring their loved ones are all proof of the strength of Newell's community spirit. Santa Day was successful yet again in spreading joy this holiday season.



Latham McTaggart, winner of the 0-3 boys' bike drawing, excitedly tries out his new bicycle.

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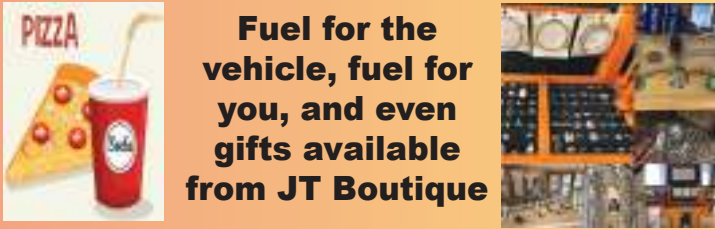
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WIT Spotlight



This month our Coalition Spotlight is on Terri Dut-ton-Blanchett. She represents the Ministerial Association sector of our board. This is what Terri had to say: The first 12 years of my life I grew up here in the NVN area. My family lived in Vale and my grandparents, Ray and Dorothy Dutton, owned and ran Dutton Lumber Com-pany for 45 years. I attended first grade at the Vale school. When I was 7 my dad took over the Newell airport and had a flying service and taught most of the ranchers in the area how to fly. At that time we moved to Newell and I attended second and third grade at the Newell school. Mrs. Schipke was my teacher for both years. My family attended church at the Newell Assembly of God and were very active in the min-istry there. This is the church that I am now pastoring, AKA Dakota Life Christian Center.

I have been in ministry for over 45 years. I graduated from Rhema Bible Institute in Broken Arrow, OK. The

Call of God on my life has taken me to many places and I have had the opportunity to work and minister in multi-ple facets of ministry. I have worked as a crusade director, media coordinator, office manager, bookkeeper, Bible college administrator, Bible college teacher, Associate pastor, traveling teacher in church governments, wor-ship leader, coordinator and leader of missions teams to name a few. I have lived in Ft. Lauderdale, FL., Tulsa, Ok., Bangor, ME., Florence, AL., and Bristol, RI.

Now I have returned to my roots here in Vale and Newell, SD. I pastor Dakota Life Christian Center, over-see the NVN Food pantry, and involved in many com-munity projects.

There are three core values that I try to govern my life by: #1. Try to be the answer and not the problem. #2 Celebrate the strengths in others and overlook their weaknesses. #3. Just be kind.

We are blessed to have Terri on our board and in our community. She helps with two different food distributions each month through the NVN Food Pantry along with offering snacks to the school for students to enjoy throughout the day and fills backpacks weekly with Food to send home with families who sign up for them Terri is the first to say yes when it comes to helping the community out with programs and projects. Check out these Facebook pages to learn more about projects that Terri is part of: Dakota Life Christian Center of South Dakota and NVN Food Pantry.

Sudoku

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NVN Food Bank Distribution-Feeding South Dakota-Every 1st Tuesday of each month in front of the NVN Senior Center and on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Dakota Life Christian Center, 12:30 P.M.

Every Monday, Bingo, NVN Center, 6-8 p.m.

Delta Dental Mobile at the Newell School January 8 –11, 2024. We will have a luncheon as our January WIT Coalition meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024.The Delta Dental crew will do a presentation.

Legislative Cracker Barrel * Newell City Hall Saturday, February 3, 2024 * 9:30

12TH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP DAY
Thursday, December 21, 2023 * Newell Middle & High School

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Alcohol & Drug Control Officer—South Dakota National Guard
in Middle School Gym

"Resilient Today" with Corey Kennedy
in Mr. Wince's Room—MS Wing

"Science of Addiction" with Bill Elger
in Mrs. Shaykett's Room—MS Wing

"Current Trends in Butte County"
with Butte County Sheriff Deputies & Dispatch
SD Highway Patrol Trooper Ryan Serr & Trooper Mason Ostenson
In Mr. Fiedler's Shop Room—Ag Bldg.

"Be Well—Wellness Coaching with Kara Uhrig"
in Mr. Austin's Room—Ag Bldg.

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The Newell Ambu-lance Service is offering HEARTSAVER First Aid/ CPR/AED to students in grades 6th-12th and to the public. The cost of the classes is covered through a grant the ambulance service received from the Depart-ment of Health. There will be a number of dates and times offered to the pub-lic. Please contact Sherry Hocking either by phone or email if you have ques-tions or are interested in taking a class so she can set dates and times. The grant will cover training for 250 peo-ple. Phone: 605-210-0703 Email: s_wulf@hotmail.com This is a great oppor-tunity for the community to receive life saving training at no cost to them. We are in a rural area so this knowledge is valu-able to have.

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Merry Christmas!

Calendars are in! Stop in to get yours and get a head start on 2024

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson
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We had another nice warm week that’s pretty unusual for the middle of December. No moisture this week either, although we did have some fog early Saturday morning.

Milo Downing, age 81 from Ludlow, passed away on Monday, December 11. Milo didn’t want a funeral. His wishes were to be cremated and buried in Nathanel Lutheran Cemetery north of his place, which will happen sometime next spring. He is survived by his wife Barbara; children Myla (Dustin) Beeson, Staci Downing (Shane Brewer), Mark; grandchildren Delilah, Jaxon, Hendrix, and Henslee; brother Jim; sisters Norma Willems, and Marilyn Klein; multiple nieces and nephews.

Milo’s family has our sympathy.

Taz brought the tool trailer home on Monday to start work on building the entryway on the new addition to the church so we can walk through it, take

off our overshoes and hang our coats up in there. Monday, December 11, was the birthday of my late father, Bryce White and my late sister, Judy Amor, and their memories always bring a tear to my eyes. Dad died of a stroke on December 12, 1986, the day after his 70th birthday and Judy died of cancer on May 22, 2019. I really miss them and I always will.

Reub had his second cataract surgery in Hettinger on Tuesday and Myrna Wagner had her first one that day. We went back up there on Wednesday for Reub’s checkup on his eye after the surgery and had a good visit with Myrna and Dean Wagner who were also at the clinic. I was complaining to Myrna about my hens that have almost quit laying eggs and she is getting dozens of eggs a day. Out of the six white hens and eight colored hens, I’m lucky if I get one or two brown eggs a day and it’s been a long time since I even got one white egg. One day last week I didn’t get any eggs and it doesn’t help them to start laying when I tell the

hens how much I like chicken noodle soup.

Wednesday morning we stopped to pick up another one of Casey’s coats that Marvel Korang had put a new zipper in it and dropped off Reub’s coat to have her put a new zipper for him. She just does amazing work! We also stopped up at the nursing home to visit with Phillip Ellingson and picked up a spring for our garage door at the lumber yard that Taz had ordered for us to replace the one that busted. It sure is nice to have that talented grandson and his family living right next door.

Thursday morning I washed three loads of laundry and hung them outside, but it was a little too chilly because I wasn’t able to bring the last of the clothes in off the line until Saturday since they couldn’t get dry before it froze again every evening.

I left for Spearfish Friday morning for the High Plains Western Heritage board meeting. Reub was feeding cows when I left, so he didn’t go with me and I got a little shopping done before heading home. Reub and Copper both had birthdays that day and I needed to get presents for both of them. Reub celebrated his 82nd birthday and little Miss Copper is now 7 years old. That sure happened fast! Casey took

the Harding County wrestlers to the wrestling tournament in Hot Springs that day for the tournament that started at 9:00 Saturday morning.

Taz has been working on the new entryway for the addition on church all week and Casey has been able to go down and help him, but not on Friday and Saturday because of the wrestling tournament in Hot Springs. Lanie and Matt Klug and their kids came down from South Heart on Saturday and Matt went down to help Taz with the carpenter job at the church that day. Saturday was also the last day to watch the NFR.

The Slim Buttes Lutheran Sunday school had their Christmas program Sunday morning with a potluck dinner following the program. The kids and teachers did a great job and a large crowd gathered to help celebrate Jesus’s birth. Next Sunday, December 24, is Christmas Eve and church will be at 11:00 that morning and the Candle Light service will be at 4:00 that afternoon.

I’ll leave you with this:

Twass the month before Christmas,
When all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying,
Nor taking a stand.
See the PC Police had taken away,
The reason for Christmas no one could say.
The children were told by their schools not to sing,

About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.

It might hurt people’s feelings, the teachers would say December 25th is just a ‘Holiday’.

Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!

As Targets were hanging their trees upside down
At Lowe’s the word Christmas was nowhere to be found.
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny’s and Sears
You won’t hear the word Christmas; it won’t touch your ears.

At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith
Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace.

The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded.
The reason for the season, stopped before it started.
So as you celebrate ‘Winter Break’ under your ‘Dream Tree’
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.

Choose your words carefully,
Choose what you say
Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS,
Not Happy Holiday!
Christ is The Reason for the Christmas Season!

Then and Now in Newell

“Looking Forward to our Past”

A special Get Well wmessage to Linda Velder who has been under the weather lately. We at the Beacon and readers of this column wish her a quick recovery.

December4, 1913

Nice Christmas gifts can be chosen at Peetz’s. Including diamond and gold brooches, solitaire or cluster diamond rings , gold cuff links, studs, tie pins, etc.for both ladies and gents. Consider Christmas gifts of good taste at fair prices only at Peetz.

George Abbott is the new proprietor of the Pioneer Barber shop. Having purchased the fixtures and business of the Barber Shop from Mr. Lewis, Mr. Abbott will continue the business in the same location (under the bank) and will appreciate any customers, old or new guaranteed first class work. He will be the agent for Deadwood Laundry, baskets to be shipped every Tuesday and returns on Friday.

There was a large crowd at the masquerade ball on Wednesday evening at the Theotorium and a good time was had by all who attended. Ernest Barker, Earl Carl, Frances Zacek and Della Richards, all young people from Arpan, drove over to Newell to attend the ball. From there they drove to Nisland and took the train to Belle Fourche for additional merriment.

December 6, 1923

Professor R. Deranleau, the blind piano tuner, is in Newell this week and is finding plenty of work to keep him busy. Now is the time to have your piano tuned for 1924.

Work on the new black bass breeding pond at Lake Andes is progressing nicely and it is to be hoped that the weather will be such as to enable its completion before winter sets in. let’s get behind this state project, we can benefit enormously in western South Dakota, Black Hills and namely Butte County.

The new bridge at the Milberg Crossing over Horse Creek is finished and is an improvement over the old and is somewhat higher, making it easier to “make” the sharp rise on the north side. The grading of the approaches having been completed this week. This crossing had been closed for the past 3 weeks. F. A. Gammons did the work on the new bridge.

December 7, 1933

The Newell Implement Company has a few good used coal stoves for sale in all price ranges. Anyone interested, come in and see them. They also are the dealers for the im-

by Linda Velder

proved Atwater-Kent radios.

Mrs. A. K. Berg, who has been operating the Berg Rooming House, a lucrative business, here for many years, is planning to go to Trojan, her former home, to open a boarding house. With renewed mining activities at Trojan, Mrs. Berg says there is at present a crew of 60 or more men at work in the mine owned by the Bald Mining Company.

Plans are underway for the annual tree celebration in Newell when Santa Claus will distribute nuts and candy to all the children of the Newell trade territory. It is expected that a community tree will again be erected during the week of December 18, with Santa Claus making his appearance on Saturday December 23rd. The community choir will meet for rehearsal next Wednesday evening at the M E Church with Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Brodsky conducting. The theme is “Things That Abide”.

December 9, 1943

Me. & Mrs. Emil Milberg were guests at a traditional lutefisk supper at the Albin Anderson home. Other guests were Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Viken and children, Mrs. Carl Anderson and Mrs. Clarence



This is a picture of Joe Nelson The local Shack Mover. I wonder if he was the guilty party for borrowing homestead shacks! He was from that same territory. -Newell Museum

Anderson and daughter Karen. The Anderson ladies and Karen declined supper and visited at the William Schmele home.

Seizure of approximately 20 ton of miscellaneous old scrap last Tuesday from the farm of Roy Dries, was announced by WPA officials today and the scrap consisted mostly of old automobile parts. C. H. Hendrickson, County Salvage Chairman, stated they were pleased that the government had taken action on this case because the neighbors of Mr. & Mrs. Dries had previously stated they would not haul in their scrap until some action

was taken to move scrap off the Dries farm.

Pvt. Wm. H. Reitz, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Reitz, of Vale, is one of a group of 15 soldiers from the west who are combining Indian Scout tactics with the dash of the old-time cavalry man in preparation to take part in the invasion program of their Armored Reconnaissance Unit in England. Only 1 other South Dakotan, Pvt Bert Peterson of Yankton, is a member of the elite Indian Scout group. The cavalry horse has given way to more modern steeds of war (jeeps, half-tracks, scout cars and light tanks) but the Indian Scout tactics remain the same. Infiltration of enemy lines, scouting and patrolling and use of individual weapons, including the knife, are phases of the commando tactics in which these boys are perfecting themselves.

December 3, 1953

Ten students earned positions on the second 6-week period Honor Roll at Vale high School, Superintendent Harvin Oorlog announced the week. They were: Seniors Carol Benzel and Donald Lungren; Juniors Rose Burk and Deanna Scoggins; Sophomore James



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December 5, 1963

With the coaching of Eggers, the Newell Irrigators defeated the Deadwood Bears 66-54 at Deadwood Tuesday evening for their first win in two starts thus far this season, at the same time, Vale Beet-diggers played their first Little Conference game of the season, defeating New Underwood at that place 109-47 for their second successive win of the season under the coaching of Monroe. They had rolled over Faith Friday 86-42. Leading the Irrigators scoring was Dale Sprague, who had to leave the game on an injury after reaching up to 18 points, Ray Karen fouled out with 15 and Marty Scott fouled out early with 14 points. Dennis Levin played an outstanding floor game. Lynn Shuck led the Vale scoring with 27 points, stealing the ball in mid court frequently and getting away to score on fast breaks. Other scorers were Bob Pauley 26, Ray Stark 21, Paul Wright 19 and Jim Keil 10. Reserves Duane Stark and Kenneth Wetz added 4 and 2 respectively.

Nisland Town was without city water Sunday, Monday and Tuesday so the school children had an extended holiday. There was no school Monday and Tuesday. A new pump has been installed and some water can be pumped. Bud Sorenson is directing the work at the well.

Mr. & Mrs. Heidi Hirai and children of Quincy, Washington arrived at the John Bentz, Jr home Sunday. While here they plan to visit and re-new acquaintances in the community. This is Mrs. Hirai’s and their children’s first visit here. Heidi is well remembered as the Hirai’s farmed in the community for several years, they graduated school in Newell, and during the Japanese internment the children remained home alone. After the war, the family re-united moving to Washington and California.



Above is a 2 cent Post Card sent from Eagle Butte to Marcus, SD in 1910;
Below is a 2 cent Post Card sent from Conception, MO to Marcus, SD 1914



Vale Boys Basketball. -Newell Museum



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Answer to Sudoku

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DECEMBER

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

Menu is subject to change!
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Santa Was in Town



Heitz Photos
Above: Several mini games were set up throughout the City Hall. This one involved balancing a candy cane without using your hands.

Below: Another Christmas-themed game. The object was to get as many mini bows into the bowl as possible before the timer ran out—all while blindfolded!



Labor Day Rodeo royalty hosting the legendary cake walk. From left to right: Avery Geffre, Hadlee Hunsaker, Remi Crago.
Heitz photo

Newell Irrigator Basketball Season Underway



Sophomore Braylee Freytag, #20, in the zone during Friday's home game against Kadoka. Freytag scored a total of 17 points for the Irrigators this game.

Ryder Heitz
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NEWELL—The Newell Irrigators’ basketball season kicked off with a double header at home against the Harding County Ranchers on Friday, December 8.
The game was a loss for both the girls’ and boys’ teams. But they came back strong the very next day with a massive win against the Bison Cardinals in another double header. The

final score for the Lady Irrigators was 60-40, and the boys finished with a score of 68-50.
The Lady Irrigators played their latest game on Friday, December 15 against the Kadoka Kougars. The game was hard-fought and remarkably close; at halftime, the score was 22-17 in favor of the Kougars, but the teams were neck and neck throughout the second half. Unfortunately, the Irrigators turned up just short and ended with a

loss. The final score was 52-48.
Currently, the girls have a record of 3-2, while the boys’ record is 1-3.
The next basketball game will be on December 29, when both teams will play at home in a double header versus Lemmon’s Cowboys. Games will start with JV at 1:00 pm at the Austin Auditorium. Be sure to come out and show support for our basketball teams!
Go Gators!



Senior Rachel Erk, #13, steals the ball from the Kougars.

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