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Butte County Sheriff at 2024 State of the Union Speech

Sheriff Fred Lamphere Special to the Beacon

I received an invitation to attend the State of The Union Address as a guest of South Dakota Representative Dusty Johnson. It was cited in the invitation that with the work that I have done on informing South Dakotans about Southwest Border issues along with the current Border Crisis,l would get an opportunity to see if the Border would be addressed.

I will first say that it was an absolute Honor to receive an invite. I accepted the opportunity to represent the Citizens of Butte County and South Dakota.
The day of the event started at

Representative Johnson's office at around 10 AM

We went to a press conference and spoke with multiple media outlets. Most questions focused on what we were expecting to see President Biden deliver in his

There was a little break mid day. I was able to meet and have lunch with a friend of mine near the Capitol Building

Meeting back at Johnson's office

We started doing some more press interviews from Dusty's office. Miss America stopped in to see Dusty. She had been a visitor with Dusty a few years back and appreciated his work and hospitality to her when she was younger. We had a good visit with his awesome staff before going to the first reception at the Library of Congress. That was a very nice event and well attended. I was introduced to many other guests and their hosts.

We then went to the Reception at the Capitol that was hosted by the Speaker of the House Mike Johnson. Again I met many other guests including some fellow Sheriffs. It wasn't long before we had to be seated.

The guests were all seated in the balcony, I was in a very good seat with a full view of the entire

It was a very humbling and patriotic experience. The protocol that lead up to the President arriv-Sheriff contd A3



Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere pictured at the US Capitol prior to President's "State of the Union" speech with Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and South Dakota Congressman **Dusty Johnson**. Courtesy Photo

Mayoral Candidates Randy S & Randy S Square off

Meg English

news@bellefourchebeacon.com Voters in Belle Fourche will choose a mayor on April 9th when incumbent Belle Fourche mayor Randy Schmidt faces Ward 3 councilman Randy Sowers

Both men are both highly qualified candidates. Both have demonstrated professionalism in government, and both Randy Schmidt and Randy Sowers are committed to serving the Belle Fourche community.

Randy and Randy are not strangers. In fact, Randy



Randy Sowers

Schmidt happens to be Randy Sowers' godfather. Randy Schmidt, a family friend who worked for the Sowers family for 18 years is also the younger Randy's namesake. Despite the godfather connection and having the same first name and last initial, Randy Schmidt and Randy Sowers have discrete ideologies and goals for city

Born and raised in Belle Fourche Randy Schmidt finds the mayoral position rewarding despite long hours and extra

governance.



Randy Schmidt

Women Owned Small Business of the Year

Julie Wingen, Pain & Movement Solutions

SIOUX FALLS – This week, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman, the voice in President Biden's Cabinet for America's more than 33 million small businesses, announced the National Small Business Week (NSBW) 2024 Award Winners, comprised of business owners, lending partners, and advocates who embody the grit and determination that power our nation's economy and ensure disaster-impacted communities can recover. This year's Women owned Business of the Year was Julie Wingen's Pain and Movement Solutions.

National Small Business Week award winners exemplify excellence, innovation, and commitment, and the SBA is proud to showcase their incredible achievements and

es and our economy," said Administrator Guzman. "National impact on their communities

Small Business Week is the nation's opportunity business advocates, local partners, advisors, lenders, and investors who support America'sto lift up the amazing entrepreneurs, small entrepreneurial spirit. According to SBA Regional Administrator Aikta Marcoulier, the Rocky Mountain Region including Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming includes some of the most rural business sectors in the entire U.S. "National Small Business Week showcases the collective impact being made across our region including strong economy states like South Dakota.

Pain Movement Solutions provides its outpatient physical therapy practice with clinics in Belle Fourche, Sturgis and Rapid City.

Gov. Noem Hosts Northern Hills Town Hall



Belle Fourche, SD Wed. March 20, 2024 Next Issue Two Weeks 4-10-2024 \$1.20





State Senator Randy Deibert, Spearfish (top left); and Rep. Gary Cammack, Union Center were among area legislators that were on hand with an over capacity crowd at Cory Brost's Common Grounds, site of Governor Kristi Noem's Northern Hills Town meeting in Spearfish. With Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden, the Governor spoke and answered questions from the crowd (picture on right was taken of early arrivals, 1/2 hour before event started and 50+ more people packed into the room by 9 am start of event. Beacon & Facebook Photos

Maddy Howard Featured in Rising Star of the West

Belle Fourche High School Senior Maddy Howard is featured as part of KEVN Black Hills FOX's Rising Star of the West scholarship contest. She appeared on the Six, Tuesday March 12th and on the Black Hills FOX News at 9:00.

Howard qualified for the contest by submitting a short video of herself to KEVN Black Hills FOX.

She is one of the semi-finalists who will be seen through March 22nd.

Her one minute commentary was aired and then placed on www.blackhillsfox.com for viewers to watch and rate.

One competitor from each week will then advance to the final round in May.

The winner from that group will receive a \$4,000 college scholarship, with a total of \$7,500 in scholarship money awarded from KEVN Black Hills FOX and Monument Health.

The 2007 Rising Star of the West winner was Shad Christman from Lemmon High

School. Kaitlyn Hemmingson from Spearfish High School was the 2008 winner. Annelise Ewing of Spearfish High School won the 2009 competition. Caila Brennan of St. Thomas More was the 2010 winner. Janesa Bakeberg of Spearfish High School won in 2011. Jordon Barthel of Lead-Deadwood High School was the 2012 winner. Rae McKee of Nemo won in 2013, with Gavin Brucklacher of Philip High School winning in 2014, Noah Storm of Stevens took home the title in 2015,

Aubrey Cope of St. Thomas More was the Rising Star of the West winner in 2016 with homeschool senior Emma Smith in 2017, Douglas High School senior Ireland Larsen in 2018 and Stevens senior Jessica Benson was the winner in 2019. Douglas High School senior Melissa Rothe won the 2020 competition and Katherine Kvale from Bison High School won the contest in 2021, Sierra Hilgenkamp of Wall High School winning in 2022 and Amanda Rothe from Douglas was the 2023 winner.



Maddy Howard

Changes in the Wind for Belle City Council

Meg English

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The Belle Fourche City Council will soon have a new team in place. Winners of the race for Wards 1 and 2 will be decided on April 9th. A vacancy in Ward 3 has been filled by Trisha Fowler and the uncontested race for Ward 4 belongs to Don Elliott

Contenders for the Ward 1 seat are Rhonda Schild and Karen Davis. Both are highly qualified and equally passionate about having a role in making Belle Fourche a better place to live.

Rhonda is the owner of the Outlaw Bar. She has a degree in accounting and a double major in psychology and sociology. She has served on numerous boards with the fire dept, **Emergency Management and** EMS. She retired as captain of the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department. She has lived

in Belle Fourche for 22 years. Her husband Marty works for Bunney's Body and Collision plays with the Dakota Country band. They have one daughter Hali and a grandson Corey. Rhonda likes to stay busy. She enjoys riding motorcycles and being outside.

Karen Davis has lived her entire life in Belle Fourche. Belle Fourche is home and she wants to make Belle Fourche a better

place to live. She cares deeply about the people in Ward 1 and doesn't want them to feel forgotten. Karen believes that many of the people in Ward Ineed a representative who can speak up for them. Karen describes herself as a caregiver with a lot of empathy. She has three grown sons and has the time to devote to the residents of Ward 1.

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Rhonda Schild



Karen Davis



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Helen Stearns 82

Helen Doris Stearns passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 2, 2024 with her son, Roger, and his wife, LaDola, by her side.

Obituaries

Helen was born in Rapid City, SD, on April 24, 1937, the daughter of Minnie and Oscar Riegel. At the age of 4 she moved with her parents to Belle Fourche, SD where she resided on Lawrence Street for a total of 82 years. She graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1955. She married Leonard Rhoads February 18, 1955. To this union were born infant twin daughters Paula and Pam who died at birth. A son Roger Riegel Rhoads was born on November 14, 1957. The couple later divorced.

November 14, 1957. The couple later divorced. On May 19, 1964, Helen married Orin Daryl Stearns and became the stepmother to Sue Forward, Alan Stearns, Marvella Maxwell and Sherrill Stearns.

She worked in various positions for the city of Belle Fourche for a total of 47 years and retired from the position of Assistant Financial Officer. Helen was a devoted city employee with a vast knowledge of city affairs. Her opinion was respected by many before and after her retirement. If anyone needed information about the city government history of Belle Fourche, you could reach out to Helen.

Over the years Helen developed a love for cats. Tickle, Tackle, Mitten and Smook ruled the house. Some say that they ate better than Daryl. Friends and family always knew that all cat gifts would be appreciated and displayed.

Helen was a lifelong supporter of the City of Belle Fourche, the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department, and the Black Hills Roundup. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, adviser to Theta Rho, St. James Lutheran Church and enjoyed community

activities. Helen was a cookbook fanatic and baked delicious cookies, rosettes, and rhubarb desserts.

Blessed to be part of Helen's life are her son Roger and wife LaDola Rhoads of Brighton, CO; Stepchildren, Sue Forward, Dinosaur, CO, Alan and wife Tammy Stearns and Sherrill Stearns, all of Belle Fourche, SD; Marvella's husband, John Maxwell, Newell SD and numerous grand-children and great grandchildren. Special family friend, Penny Oedekoven, was with

her often and that is a treasured friendship that Helen shared.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Orin Daryl Stearns, Leonard Rhoads, father of Roger, infant twin daughters, Paula and Pam Rhoads, Stepdaughter Marvella Maxwell and step granddaughter Loreli Barnett, Stepson in law, Harry Forward, Stepdaughter in law Sandy Stearns.

Services were held Saturday, March 9th at the St. James Lutheran in Belle Fourche at 11:00 am with a celebration of life at the Branding Iron immediately after the service. A private family inurnment at Black Hills National Cemetery at a later date.

There was no visitation. The funeral can be viewed at the top of Helen's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

In lieu of flowers the family suggests Memorials to either the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department or Monument Hospice.

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

KLINE FUNERAL CHAPEL

Mary Ellen Bunney 73

Mary Ellen Bunney was born on October 19, 1950, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Helen Marguerite Beck and Ernest Edwin Bunney.

Mary grew up on the Bunney family ranch near Aladdin, Wyoming until the fall of 1963. While on the ranch, Mary was in the 4-H club, and helped raise and show-out sheep at the county fair. The family then moved to Belle Fourche, where Mary went to High School, graduating from Belle Fourche High School, graduating from Belle Fourche High School during her senior-year, Mary was selected as the Honored Queen within the Job's Daughters organization, which is a Masonic affiliated youth organization for girls and young women aged 10 to 20. She had a lot of friends and a witty personality, her classmates called her "Bugs" because of her last name, Bunney. After High School, Mary attended the South Dakota

After High School, Mary attended the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City before attending the St. John's McNamara School of Nursing in Rapid City. The St. John's program became Rapid City Regional's following the merger of the Catholic Hospital with Bennett Clarkson Hospital in 1973. The St. John's nursing program started in 1929 and closed in 1991. After graduating from Nursing School, Mary would work as a nurse for almost 40-years.

Mary married Owen Louis McDermott in Waterloo, Iowa, on August 9, 1975, when she was 24 years old, where her two children, Kelli and Ed, were born. Shortly after Ed was born the family moved to Hot Springs, South Dakota where Mary worked as a nurse at the Black Hills VA Hospital, helping many of those coming home from Vietnam. Historically, wounded warriors from Civil War battles at Antietam and Gettysburg came to the Black Hills VA Hospital, at the time called the Battle Mountain Sanitarium.

In order to escape the South Dakota winters, the fami-

In order to escape the South Dakota winters, the family moved to the Las Vegas, Nevada area where Owen's sister (Janet Brocklehurst) and aunt (Rose McDaniel) were living. Mary originally worked as a nurse at the St. Rose De Lima Hospital (now St. Rose Dominican) in Henderson, Nevada, and then started working at the University Medical Center (UMC) in Las Vegas, the majority of her time at these two locations was working in the Hospital Emergency Room (ER). Many of those that worked with her called her a great nurse. Mary retired from Nursing in 2007.

Mary was very crafty and artistic, she started sewing at a young age, and when the family moved to Belle Fourche, she was making beautiful skirts and blouses. Mary was also an accomplished pianist, who could play music just by hearing it, she played in the Belle Fourche High School band and choir, was the Church Organist for the First Henderson United Meth-

odist Church for close to a decade, and later in life learned how to play the guitar. She made by hand so many amazing ceramics, paintings of wood crafts, jewelry, plastic flower & plant arrangements, and took classes to learn how to decorate cakes. She was also involved in advanced second-degree Reiki in the Usui Shiki Ryoho tradition, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Mary was also an amazing cook, making the best fried chicken and spaghetti, and every year for Dad's birthday, a German chocolate cake, all from scratch.

Mary's husband Owen Louis passed away on April 24, 2021, at their home in Henderson, Nevada, at the age of 73-years. They had been married for over 45-years. On March 2, 2024 at the age of 73-years, Mary passed away at the Nathan Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas, Nevada after a very long battle with chronic pain

Funeral services were held Friday, March 15 at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Interment followed at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. The funeral was live streamed and can be viewed on Mary's obituary page at klinefuneral-chapel com

Living by Faith (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

16 For this reason we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day. 17 And this small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. 18 For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com

KLINE FUNERAL CHAPEL

Vera Rita Carlson 88

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, and Friend—Vera Rita Carlson at 88 years old. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 7, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and cherished memories.

Vera was born September 6, 1935 in Arpan, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Amada and Emilio Gonzales. Vera grew up in Arpan and later went to school in Belle Fourche. She met her husband Wayne Carlson as a teenager and got married in 1956. Together they were blessed with 45 years of marriage before Wayne passed at the age of 64 in 2001. They had two children Mary Rose Carlson and Bobby Joseph Carlson. Vera loved caring for others—she worked as a nursing assistant for Dr. Melvin Marousek at his clinic and loved the memories working there. Later in life, she worked at Rolling Hills Healthcare for many years up until she was 83 years old.

Vera will be remembered for her sweet and loving personality, her stories, and for being very strong. Vera lived through a lot in her life and will be missed by her friends and family. Vera was a devoted matriarch. She is survived by her son Bobby Carlson; Grandchildren, Cameron (Lauren) Carlson, and Trinity Carlson; Great-Grandchildren, Carter and Cade Carlson; and Sisters, Mary (Tony) Vasquez, Jessie (Harry) Heidrich, Lupe (Stanley) Speers and Larry (Renita) Gonzales; as well as many nieces and

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Mary Rose Carlson; her husband, Wayne Carlson; and siblings, Evelyn Shumaker, Emil (Pat) Gonzales, Frances (Lyman) Lehto, and Billy Gonzales.

A Rosary was held Thursday, March 14 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Mass of Christian Burial will followed at 10:00 am at the church. Inurnment was at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. The funeral was livestreamed and can be viewed on

Vera's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com
An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

KLINE FUNERAL CHAPEL

Ferne Elaine Wallace 92

Ferne Elaine Wallace, loving wife, mother and grandmother, age 92 of Belle Fourche, died Thursday, March 7, 2024 at Heartland Assisted Living.

She was born June 18,1931 in Brookings, South Dakota to Arthur and Etola Justice. Ferne lived on her family farm and excelled in school. While in school, Ferne participated in the high school orchestra playing the violin. She was also a member of the local 4-H club, serving as president her senior year. Ferne was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed playing her entire life. She then attended South Dakota State University, graduating with a Home Economics degree.

On June 19,1955, Ferne married the love of her life Lloyd Wallace. The couple settled in Belle Fourche where she worked as Home Ec teacher. Ferne en-

joyed cooking, sewing and gardening.
Survivors include her husband Lloyd, Belle
Fourche; daughter Susan (Wallace) Kennon
and husband James, Sulphur Springs, Texas;
son Lee Wallace and wife Denise, Belle
Fourche; sister Janice Justice, Virginia; six
grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
A service and celebration of life will be held
June 28th at 10:30 AM at Black Hills Nation-

al Cemetery near Sturgis, SD.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Scottish Rite Hospital or St. Jude's Hospital.

An online guest book is available at http://kline-funeralchapel.com

KLINE FUNERAL CHAPE

Elwood Edward Geiger 98

Elwood Edward Geiger was born August 10, 1925 to Edward and Mary Geiger, and grew up on a farm north of Jacksonville, Florida. At the age of 18 he was drafted into Civilian Public Service and sent to Gatlinburg, Tennessee where he spent eleven months building trails and driving supply and dump trucks. He was transferred to Lisbon, New Jersey to work at New Jersey State Colony, a training facility for young boys, where, given his farm experience, he was called upon to work in the dairy. In 1946, Elwood was discharged to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) where he worked in the cattle and horse shipping program, making three trips to Poland, one to Bremen, Germany with horses to Czechoslovakia, and one to Volos, Greece. Working with the American Friends Service Committee, Elwood joined a transport team to deliver building supplies to war-torn Poland.

In 1949, working again with the AFSC, he spent nine months in Gaza running the transport to get food, tents, and medical supplies to the then 270,000 refugees living there. His sister also worked in Gaza as a nurse at a clinic serving the refugees, but sadly she died of meningitis in 1950, and that same year Elwood returned home to Jacksonville to work on the family farm.

Elwood met his future wife, Marilyn, a book-keeper at Macedonia Community in north Georgia, and they married in 1952. Elwood and Marilyn moved to Jacksonville, built their home there, and actively managed the family farm to support his parents and provide them with a steady retirement income. Unable to support them and his wife and daughter on timber sales alone, Elwood became a consulting forester, helping lo-

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Obituaries contd

Elwood Geiger Contd. from A2

cal landowners to manage their forest lands, and he fought to maintain fair property tax regulations, serving in this capacity up to his retirement.

Elwood's favorite hobbies included sailing, traveling, and reading. He maintained an enviable memory well into advanced years. In 2003 he moved with his wife and daughter to South Dakota, where he joined and volunteered with the Spearfish Kiwanis Club until his health began to decline. He passed away on March 15, 2024 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche. Survi-

vors include his daughter, Amy and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife.

Memorials are preferred to the Spearfish Kiwanis Club or Stillwater Hospice of South Dakota.

No services will be held. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www. LeveringtonFH.



Richard John Symonds 85

Richard John Symonds, age 85 of Belle Fourche, died February 21,

Upon his wishes there was no

funeral. Arrangements are with LeverHills in Belle Fourche., Condolences may be left online at: www. LeveringtonFH.com



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From A1 State of the Union

I will say that I do respect the Office of the President of the United States and I am proud to be an American. I have no regrets on attending this event.

A few things that I would have liked to have heard about. I would have liked to heard more about securing the Border. The comments about gun control, banning assault rifles and the lives that were taken by gun violence. Which numbers nationwide around 6,000. That number is tragic, but it fails to compare to the over 100,000 fentanyl deaths due to the Unsecured border. I also feel that trying a gun ban while we have knowledge that we have literally millions that have entered our country illegally. I am the Sheriff, but myself and my Deputies can't be everywhere all the time and the last thing I would ever do is try to take away something that would allow a citizen to protect their families and property. He talked about creating jobs and pushing a "Green Initiative

different level.

I would have liked to hear about

Lastly, I feel that when he people that have been killed and unsecured border.

I will say our Representative Dusty Johnson is well respected by his colleagues and that his staff is as good as it gets. Dusty is high energy and politely aggressive South Dakota influence. I feel that he will continue to preserve our South Dakota values.

Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere

From A1 Randy S

responsibilities. Randy Schmidt was elected mayor in 2021. Previously he served one term as a city council representative in Ward 4.

". The fallout of mandating those

kind of policies and creating new

jobs is that it eliminates jobs at a

For the past 28 years Randy has been with Hills Products in Belle Fourche and through dedication and hard work was promoted to the Manager's position. In addition to supervising several employees, he also oversees plant management. Plant management has meant being familiar with state mandates, budget projections, and fiscal responsibilities, all of which has turned out to be good training for his work in city government.

Although Randy considered becoming a teacher early in his career, he was drawn to jobs that paid an income on which he could raise a family. His early work experience took him on the road to the bentonite fields of Wyoming and ultimately back home to Belle Fourche.

Randy Schmidt is also a proud retired member of the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department. Volunteering to serve the community is a way of life for him. Each of these jobs has taught him the value of hard work, teamwork and unique skills that have been useful in his role as mayor of Belle Fourche

Randy who has built up quite a lot of vacation time from his job at Hills Products continues to volunteer his vacation days in increments as needed to perform many of the duties and expectations required of the mayor's office.

Randy Schmidt values the city council members, and city employees. "A mayor can't run the city without a great team." He noted as he described that the mayor and council should work together. "Sometimes it takes time to get things done." He elaborated on the importance of having patience and of treating city employees, city council members, and citizens with respect.

Regarding future projects, Randy alluded to the need for affordable housing in Belle Fourche, "To oversee our growing community and help it grow in the right directions we need to be concerned with streets, landfill, sewage, and water as

well as housing."

Randy Schmidt cares about grandchildren.

Challenger Randy Sowers is also committed to city leadership in Belle Fourche. He has other ideas about what it means to be an effective mayor. Randy noted the mayoral role is the "hub" of city government. As such, the mayor must receive communication from citizens and be able to communicate with department heads and other entities to make the system

It is the responsibility of the mayor to communicate clearly and make sure others understand what he or she means. If the mayor fails to communicate or receive messages, the hub will be broken and the system will be rendered ineffective.

Randy Sowers is very serious about city government, and he notes that he is serious in general. He attributes his seriousness to a traumatic childhood event that he has worked hard to process. Although devastating and life changing, the tragic death of his brother has helped him to better empathize with others who have had also dealt with trauma.

Randy Sowers takes helping people seriously too. Randy can easily be persuaded to tell a story. His stories are personal narratives related to his recovery and life experiences. Randy, whose storytelling is offered as heartfelt encouragement to others clearly has a gift for motivational speaking.

Meanwhile, Randy is passionate about serving as mayor of his hometown. And he has expressed and demonstrated how he will go about the job.

community's values and priorities. Transparency is crucial to him and, and as a city council

the shrinking number of Agriculture Producers across America. As our smaller local agricultural producers get out of business it allows larger Corporations (many foreign owned) to buy up the ag land and eventually stopping production to increase dependency on foreign imports to our country. I feel there needs to be more incentives to keep smaller ag production going in

addressed the size of candy and snacks being put into bags was a slap in the face of all the victimized by the results of an

Respectfully,

people. The photographs of children with Belle Fourche landscapes in the background displayed on his office wall is a warm admission of what Randy Schmidt values. "We have a great town and great people My passion and my heart are with our city." Randy Schmidt said. And he is clearly pleased for the opportunity to give back to the community that has offered so much to him and his wife Rhonda, daughter, son and two

Randy Sowers supports the

NOMINATION FOR 2023-2024 BELLE FOURCHE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

(For entry to South Dukota/National Teacher of the Year Program).

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(NOTE: Administrators cannot be nominated for this award.)

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Signature:						

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representative his mission was to work openly with both city employees and the public.

'When I make a promise, I stick to it, but I'm also open about any changes in my thinking on important issues" Randy said.

Randy is enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue serving the community and working towards a bright future for Belle Fourche. He is proud of his record in property tax relief, wage adjustments for city workers, water improvements, pursuing the hiring of a city administrator, moving the liquor store to private ownership, and

improving city finances.

Randy never misses training opportunities that better prepare him for his work in city government. He has attended the South Dakota Municipal League Training twice to learn how to be a more efficient and effective municipal leader. He also participates in the Leadership Belle Fourche program to learn leadership practices from industry professionals.

Future projects Randy would like to see are improved communication, citizen driven growth, beautification, infrastructure improvements, continued property tax reductions,

clear policies and community involvement. Randy believes that Belle Fourche needs to drastically improve its vision and communication. "We are a great city, but we do not communicate the things we do or the things we do well."

Randy has been an active member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Belle Fourche since childhood. Currently he serves as a lector. Randy describes his faith as being essential to his identity. He and his wife Erica are the proud parents of four boys.

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Muriel Jeffery 96

formerly Fruitdale, went home to heaven on Leap Day, February 29, 2024 A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche. There was no visitation. Inurnment will take place in

Muriel Jeffery, age 96 of Spearfish and

Pine Slope Cemetery, in Belle Fourche. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Muriel's funeral service can be viewed from her obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Muriel Elaine Thomas was born November 9, 1927 in Fruitdale, South Dakota. She was the daughter of George and Bessie (Faverty) Thomas. Muriel grew up in Fruitdale. On January 14, 1945 she was united in marriage to James Leslie Jeffery at the First Baptist Church in Belle Fourche. Together they were blessed with 63 years of marriage. Following their marriage, they farmed and ranched in the Fruitdale area for many years. Muriel loved the farm life, and she worked hard taking care of the home, as well as the farm, hand in hand with James. In 2007, James died at the age of 82. About ten years later, Muriel moved to the Edgewood Vista Senior Center in

Spearfish. For health reasons, Muriel spent the last month of her life living at the Crook County Long Term Healthcare Center in Sundance. Muriel will be remembered for her sweet and loving personality. She was very generous and she took care of many loved ones. She was a mother before she was a mother, because of her love and compassion for others. She was

a strong woman and she had a sharp memory. She could remember faces and stories very well. Muriel lived through a lot throughout her life, and wherever she was, she made friends. She will be missed by her family and friends very much.

Muriel is survived by her son, George of Belle Fourche; daughter, Carlie (Devin) Brashears of Belle Fourche; grandson, Rodney (Militza) Hecker of Gloucester VA; granddaughter, Shawna Ginsbach of Tacoma WA; 4 great grandchildren, Karina, Dylan, Courtney, Chris; 5 great great grandchildren, Havana, Emma, Genevieve, Kiera, Riley; and son-in-law, Andy (Betty) Demos of Belle Fourche.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, James Arthur; daughter, Wanda Demos; and siblings, Gene, Viola, Georgia, Donny, Wanda, and Weldon. She was also preceded in death by her nephew, Larry Dungy.

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Marlene Albertson 77

Marlene Albertson, 77 passed away March 9th, 2024 at the Hospice House in Rapid City, surrounded by her family.

Marlene was born to Bob and Mavis Symonds in Sturgis on October 22nd of 1946. She earned her G.E.D. in Sturgis in Marlene retired from Fort Meade in

Sturgis as a ward clerk. She loved to spend her free time cooking, baking, crafting, and watching QVC. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Marlene blessed the lives of her sons: Kody Spaulding, Kacee Spaulding, and Robert Laymon; her grandchildren: Spencer Spaulding, Blaine Wall, Aubreau Mitchell, Reno Olvera, and Cody Olvera; Great grandchildren: Bentley, Emma,

Vivien, Nova, James, Jayce, Jerzie-Kay, Sam, Odie, Ever, Ravlyn, Cove, Leonidas, Athena, Remy, and Adilyne; her sister, Marilyn Sass; ner niece and nephews: Rhonda Bohn, Ryan Symonds, and Todd Dow; sister-in-law Robin Symonds; and brother-in-law Dick Sass. She was preceded in death by grandparents:

Stella and Harvey Fitzgerald and Louis and Pearl Symonds; her parents Bob and Mavis Symonds; and brother Robert H. Symonds.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may made to help the

family with funeral expenses. The family would like to invite you to celebrate

Marlene's life on March, 24th at 2:00p.m. at the VFW in Sturgis.

Edna May Seieroe, 91

Edna May Seieroe, 91, of Spearfish, South Dakota went home to Jesus on Sunday March 10, 2024. Born September 15, 1932 in Nisland, South Dakota Edna was the third of six children of Dave and Katie Weimer, German Russian immigrants, who moved around the Nisland and Vale as sharecroppers.

She went to Nisland School enjoyed basketball, journalism, and glee club. She graduated high school at Nisland in May

Edna and George Seieroe met at a 4th of July dance and were married 2 years later on June 3 1951. George and Edna were married in a double ceremony with Edna's brother, Alfred and Lorraine Weimer at the Nisland Church.

Edna and George started out their married life living in a 2 room shack in Vale. They bought the same farm on Hwy 212 that Edna had spent many of her years growing up. This farm is where she learned to love cooking, baking, canning, sewing, and gardening. George and Edna raised their 4 children to the farming life. Edna worked at the Nisland School lunch program where making cinnamon rolls were her specialty.

She was a charter member of the Tot 'N Twenty Club, Lions Club, and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Each year, she won many blue ribbons for her entries in the Butte County Fair. George and Edna enjoyed dancing, bowling, and going to the Sunday matinee movie after church. A few years after George's death in 1995, she left the farm and her supportive and beloved Nisland area community and bought a townhouse

Spearfish. She was an active member of the Spearfish Senior Center, playing cards, dancing, serving breakfast during the Sturgis Rally, and Bingo.

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Edna moved to Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Spearfish. She was a spirited resident. Edna loved to sing, dance play cards, and Wii Bowling. Even at 91, was quick with her humor and wit.

She loved her family and enjoyed having them visit. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren filled her heart with joy and laughter

as did her loving children. Edna will be forever missed by her children, Sharon

Neva, Rapid City, Rexann (Ric) Paul, Spearfish, Ken (Tracy) Seieroe, Nisland and Ed (Mary) Seieroe of Black Hawk, and by 13 grandchildren, and 8 & 1/2 great grandchildren, her brother, Jerry (Debby Weimer, Modesto, CA. Sisters-in-law Etta Mae Kleiman, Custer and Lorraine Weimer, Rapid City and many nieces and nephews.

Edna was welcomed into Heaven by her loving husband, George, her parents, Alan Neva, son-in-law, siblings, Alfred, LeRoy, Irma and Shirley, many inlaws, several nieces and nephews and many friends. Edna's life will be celebrated 10:30am Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at the Nisland Independent Community Church. Visitation took place Tuesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will be held at Black Hills

National Cemetery. Edna's funeral service can be viewed live, or following it, from her obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com





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Thank you so very much,

Timothy Flaskamp, President, Board of Directors by, Loran Harris, Secretary to the Board



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The Actors

Simone - Adelyn Croff Edgar - Tanner Wright Matilda - Cora Kokinos Hilda - Lucia Rodriguez Mildred - Rose Lafayette

The Aunts & Maidens

Sebille - Lucia Rodriguez Sonnet - Adelyn Croff Shallot/Parise - Alexandra Huber

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Program & Poster Art: Kendal Schreier

Costumes & Hair: Colleen Anderson & Arleta Couch

Set Assistance: Bethan McGuiggan & Wanetta Munce







BFCommunity Theater kicked off a Night of One Acts with "Break A Leg" Cast take a bow at conclusion of the play. Rachel Nunce, Katharina Steeves, Tyler



Cast of "Tasty Tulips" takes a bow. Jen Zoller, Wesly Barnhouse, and Kasey



Cast of "My Date With a Hitwoman" takes a bow. Angela Hastings, Michael Gilger. Hunter Anderson Photo



A scene from "Tasty Tulips". Tyler Schone, plays Spike the talking Racoon, Meemken, Heather Pittman, Alexander Steeves, Kelsey Gronlund, & Gideon has the fight on for Glory, Katherine Steeves, as Lucy, Kelsey Gonlund, tries to keep him in check. Hunter Anderson Photo

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

Mark your calendar next month for an afternoon of family art and entertainment for the Belle Fourche Fine Arts Booster's Community Variety Show & Arts Festival on April 14th at 1:30 PM. And YOU are invited to join the show! It is not too soon to begin getting your ACT TOGETHER for this annual event. Acts of all kinds are invited - singers, musicians, bands, speciality acts, dancers - bring your talent to the community or bring your entire family to enjoy the activities for all ages. The show includes not only amazing local talent, but also festival activities including bingo, cupcake walk, painting, fish pond, origami lessons, face painting, and balloon animals! Tickets are \$10 and include food, arts activities and the variety show - an afternoon of FABulous family fun to raise money for a good cause: fine arts scholarships and activities in our schools. Contact Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters by email to join the show: bfhsfab@gmail.com.



The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater's Break a Leg: A Night of One Acts was a great start for the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater season. The shows at the Community Hall were well-attended and well-received. The audience reviews included "wonderfully hilarious", "great time!", "outstanding actors", and "laughed so hard!" Now everyone needs to watch the calendar for upcoming auditions in May for Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, on stage in June.

The directors, cast, and crew of the BFMS production, CASTLE, would like to thank their awesome audiences who brought the laughter and support to the show. Directors Reva Potter & Rachel Munce are especially thankful for the many volunteers who helped make the show a fun and successful production, including Colleen Anderson, who helped with amazing coordination of medieval costumes and hairstyles, Arleta Couch who kept her sewing machine buzzing along, Bethan McGuiggan and Wanetta Munce for set painting assistance, and Terry Hoscheid for set design and construction supervisor. The middle school actors and tech have some great mentors. The cast & crew photo smiles say it all! Photo A5

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

April 14: Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters presents: The Community Variety Show & Arts Festival at the Belle Fourche Community Hall.

April 19, 20, & 21: BFHS Spring Musical: Freaky Friday, BF Rec Center Theater, Friday & Saturday @ 7 PM, Sunday @ 2 PM.

June 28, 29, & 30: Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express.

August 16 & 17: BFACT presents - The Live Radio Play: Sherlock Holmes & the West End Horror.

October 10: the 3rd Annual Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts.

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

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!

Pastor's Perspective

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

"God Will Supply All Your Needs"

The people of Israel had just been set free from Egyptian slavery. God had brought them out of Egypt with many miracles after the many plagues which convinced Pharoah to let them go.

He opened the Red Sea allowing them to cross over to the other side while destroying the Egyptian army that wanted to bring them back into slavery. He was providing for them food and water, and all they needed. He was guiding them to the Promised Land where they could have a good life. They should have been thankful to God for all He was doing for them, but according to Numbers 21, they were complaining bitterly about many

We see how God responded to their complaining. He sent as the Bible calls them "fiery serpents," which bit the people and they died. We might say that God was giving them something to really complain about. Then God told Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard, and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." And that is what happened. Whoever looked at the bronze serpent even though he was bitten, lived.

So we really learn 2 things from these passages. One is that we should always be thankful for all that God does for us, and all that He gives us. He has promised

to provide for all that we need for this life. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will supply all of your needs, according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." We should thank Him for the countless blessings He gives us. And also, we see what a beautiful picture this is of the Gospel as whoever looks to Jesus, and trusts in His death on the cross as the full payment for all of their sins will be saved and given eternal life. The Bible says that Jesus became sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Just as the Israelites were saved by looking at the bronze serpent in the wilderness so also we are saved by looking at Jesus by faith.

John 3:14-18 says, 14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15. that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18. Whoever believes in him is not condemned," II Corinthians 9:15 says, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

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Hand counting vs. voting machines: **Debate rages in South Dakota**

Nearly 90% of county officials her peers. "I have complete trust state don't find hand counts effective or efficient. Activists counter that they don't trust the

Most of the county officials who administer elections in South Dakota don't consider hand counting to be an effective or efficient method of tabulating

That's the result of a South Dakota News Watch survey that saw input from 49 of the state's 66 county auditors. Auditors are elected officials who supervise county, state and federal elections as well as maintain financial records and other duties. Nearly 90% of those who responded (43 of 49) answered "no" to the question of whether hand counting is an "effective and efficient method of tabulating ballots." One auditor responded "yes" and four were uncommitted. There was one "no comment." "(Counting votes by hand) increases the chances of human error and is extremely time-consuming," said Douglas County Auditor Phyllis Barker, echoing the concerns of many of

in the tabulation machines we

currently use." Many of the auditors noted that South Dakota passed a law in 2023 requiring post-election audits using hand counts of randomly selected precincts to make sure results match up with machine tabulations. There are also test decks used to evaluate the accuracy of electronic vote counters before each election. Machine vote tabulators must have an error rate no worse than 1 in 500,000 to be certified by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. A Nevada election official in Nye County, with more than 10,000 voters, recruited hundreds of volunteers to hand-count ballots in November 2022 after expressing skepticism about machines. He estimated a human error rate of 25% after the first day. "Hand counting has its place," said Spink County Auditor Theresa Hodges. "For small municipal and school elections, with generally one to two contests on their ballots, it is doable and the most responsible decision fiscally for those entities. For

larger elections with multiple contests, nand counting leaves too much room for human error and is not the most efficient way to tabulate results.

The most steadfast support of hand counts came from the state's most populous county: Minnehaha County Auditor Leah Anderson. She has clashed with county commissioners by expressing distrust of election technology and advocating hand counting, a position held by South Dakota Canvassing Group, a grassroots organization

pushing for election reform. "If done properly with a good system in place and training ahead of time, (hand counting) can definitely be effective and efficient, especially in smaller counties," Anderson told News Watch. "In Minnehaha County, we would need a larger volume of volunteers with equal party representation to make it happen effectively and efficiently." Anderson said she is not formally involved with South Dakota Canvassing, the citizen group behind a campaign to lobby counties to adopt hand counting for 2024 or bypass county

commissions by forcing a public vote through petitions. She has engaged in hand counting demonstrations and research with computer analyst Rick Weible, a "friend and ally" of South Dakota Canvassing who has been instrumental in urging South Dakota legislators for stronger election security. "(South Dakota Canvassing) does not have membership and I am not formally involved other than consideration of research they provide," said Anderson, who ousted incumbent Republican Ben Kyte in the 2022 primary. "I am friends with some of the founders and I appreciate all of the work they do in researching topics.

Fall River, Gregory will hand count for 2024 elections The hand count debate comes as South Dakota is viewed as a proving ground by election reformists who claim that recent elections across the county were marred by hacking or fraud, allegations repeatedly rejected by courts of law as well as Democratic and Republican election leaders.

One of the most prominent voices is My Pillow founder and Donald Trump supporter Mike Lindell, whose 2021 "cyber symposium" in Sioux Falls inspired South Dakota Canvassing founders Jessica Pollema and Cindy Meyer to scrutinize what they see as voting system vulnerabilities.

The group first drew attention in 2022 by filing lawsuits

and freedom-of-information requests seeking to acquire cast vote records from the 2020 presidential election, in which Democratic candidate Joe Biden defeated Trump, a Republican. Lindell had Pollema as a guest on his web show in late February and praised the use of citizen petitions and public pressure at county commission meetings to try to restore the use of hand counting for the 2024 election

'Purveyors of false claims' spread doubts, official says The South Dakota Canvassing website lists more than a dozen counties in which requests for petitions or signature collection have occurred. Pollema, who ran unsuccessfully for Lincoln County auditor in 2022, didn't respond to a request from News Watch to clarify how many counties are seeing active signature collection.

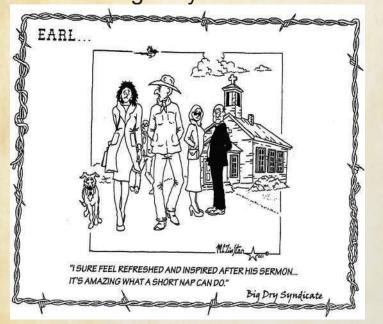
"This is the chance we have to blaze the trail for our whole country to get rid of these machines," Lindell said during the Feb. 22 web show. "This is the plan I had (a while ago), and South Dakota is just out in front of everybody. They have the perfect prototype." South Dakota Secretary of State Monae Johnson, who made statements during her 2022 campaign that connected her to election denialism, has been critical of some of the South Dakota Canvassing's activities as well as Weible's efforts to impact state election law..

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The next issue of the Beacon will be in your mail on April 10. With the Easter weekend happening the last

of March we are unable to coordinate printing and work schedule to have an issue April 3rd.

For any of you that made it to the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater's Break A Leg, A Night of One Acts certainly had to come away pleasantly and thoroughly entertained.

All three plays were WELL Done! Bravo!

Those coupled with the Middle School production of Castle certainly showcased our theatrical talent; and a fine group of youthful Thesbians growing into many roles to come. Well done, students, and staff!

The Beacon has a want ad on page A6.

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BF Baseball Season Preview

The Belle Fourche Broncs
Baseball Team, now in their
third season as a member of
the South Dakota High School
Baseball Association (SDHS-BA), are set to open their
season down in Hot Springs,
weather pending, on Friday
March 29th in a varsity doubleheader against Bennett
County and Hot Springs. The
Broncs will field a varsity team
this season as well as a junior
varsity team that will consist
primarily of 8th, 9th, and 10th
graders.

We got a chance to sit down with Belle Fourche Broncs Head Coach Randy Doran to ask him five questions heading into the 2024 SDHSBA Season. *Question (Q)*: The Broncs are still fairly new to the South Dakota High School Baseball scene, could you fill in readers on how Belle Fourche did the past couple seasons in the SDHSBA?

Coach Doran (CD): For sure, its hard to believe we are already in year three playing in the SDHSBA. The SDHSBA is split into two Classes, A and B, and we are in Class B. The decision to join the league was in large part to the 2022 seniors who were overwhelmingly in favor of undertaking this endeavor. Thanks to that group of six seniors we were able to kind of take the region by surprise in our first season, finishing with an 11-9 record, 9-6 in Class B games, as well as a third-place finish in the ten team Region IV before losing in the regional

championship game just a couple runs shy of making the state tournament. We had five players chosen to the All-Region team that year, and two others receiving Academic All-State honors. Last year, the region knew the level of talent we had on our team, and I think every game we played we saw our opponent's best pitchers and best lineups. We finished the 2023 campaign with an 11-5 record, 9-2 in Class B games, and tied for second place in Region IV. The 2023 squad featured five seniors that were major contributors to our first two years in the in the league. We had six players on the All-Region team and two Academic All-State players on the 2023 squad. Unfortunately, we ran out of steam at the end of the year and couldn't move forward in the region tournament.

Q: Having 6 seniors in 2022, and 5 more seniors in 2023, what do you have for returners this year?

CD: Having 11 players graduate the past two years is definitely a lot for any program, however, the cupboard is not bare, this team will have seven returning letterwinners that I will rely heavily on for their experience. The strength of our team this year will be with our two seniors, Nolan Wahlfeldt and Aiden Voyles. These two have been everyday starters since they were sophomores, and each had a stellar 2023 season. Nolan will be a player that will gather a lot of attention and focus from















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opposing teams and has worked on establishing himself as one of the top pitching arms in our region featuring a mid-80's mph fastball, and a nasty curveball. Over the past couple years, I feel any game that Nolan is on the mound we have a chance to win no matter the caliber of our opponent. Aiden has shown that he is more than capable on the mound and will be looking to rely on him more as a starter than in the past. Last year he was a tough out at the plate,

with a good understanding of the strike zone, and ability to make contact and foul off pitches. Both of our seniors are being called on more for their leadership and mentoring of our younger players that will be seeing their first varsity time this year. We will be looking to see more from Junior Harvey Walding this year as his role shifts from utility infielder to hopefully our number one option at catcher, he worked his way into the lineup his fresh-

man year and has seen time all over the infield last year. Sophomore Gavin Pearson started every game last year in the outfield and looking to see him build off that experience this season. Another Sophomore, Carsyn Hahne, was used primarily as a late game pinch runner, but has shown he is capable of playing anywhere on the diamond and he should factor in somewhere in the lineup this year. Freshman Caeyn Howard

Basebal Preview Contd. C-4



Randy
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for Mayor

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I am proud to call Belle Fourche my home. I firmly believe Belle Fourche is a great place to live and work. As such, I want to see our City government serve its citizens and employees well by continuing to improve and address the work ahead of us. I am committed to doing everything I can to foster a greater sense of unity, of purpose and of service in all we offer and do. Together, we all can make Belle Fourche the best community possible.

CALL OR EMAIL ME: 605-210-1307 OR RANDYSOWERS83@YAHOO.COM

Here are some of the things I spearheaded in my last three years as a Ward 3 Councilman:

- Property Tax Relief: I led the charge to reduce our property taxes by \$100,000.
- Employee Wage Adjustment: It took two years, but we were finally able to complete the employee competitive wage adjustment that was severely lagging behind our Black Hills area.
- Water Improvements: I made sure we added Well #3, an additional well, to take pressure off our existing aging infrastructure.
- City Administrator: I drove the idea of adding the City
 Administrator position to our government. This improved the overall
 functionality of our entire city.
- Liquor Store: I supported the privatization of our liquor store. This
 reduced expenses for the city while still generating a liquor tax as
 well as giving local businesses a chance to grow.
- City Finances: I am happy to announce that at the end of this year
 we will finally have a clean audit! This affects our ability to get
 better rates on our bonds used for improvement.

Take my poll @ RANDYSOWERS.COM



These are the things that I would like to see happen to move our city forward:

- Leadership: Which includes decision making, communication, and vision. The culture of the workplace of the city is a direct reflection of the mayor's leadership.
- Communication: This should be a required element for a healthy city. It begins with the mayor and flows through employees, organizations, and citizens alike.
- Citizen-Driven Growth: Developing opportunities that assist in the healthy growth
 of our community. Please visit my website poll and share your ideas on this topic.
- Beautification: Making our city more attractive through the help of local talent, that
 extends beyond downtown and the 4th of July. Let's create appealing, state-of-the-art,
 interesting destination points for our young families and visitors.
- Infrastructure: Creating and communicating a clear plan for street repair and maintenance with the help of the street department and allocated funds.
- Involvement: Fostering vibrant community input through citizen involvement in local organizations whose goal is the betterment of Belle Fourche.
- 7. Clear Policies: Establishing and implementing policies that help the council members communicate their needs through the mayor, city administrator, and committee chairs, not through department heads or employees. We need to make it easier for our employees to do the work they are hired to do.
- Continued Property Tax Reduction: I would like to continue to lower our property taxes each year.

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Cattle Report - Friday, March 15, 2024

Just over 500 hd today

Mostly weigh up cows & bulls - sold \$1 to \$5 higher

Next Sale - March 22nd- Feeder Cattle Special - 9:30 AM Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

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Weigh Up Cows	
Bar 69 Angus Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche SD2	
Bar 69 Angus Ranch Inc, Belle Fourche SD1	
Besler Ranch[Reva SD4	
Besler Ranch[Reva SD9	
Bracket Butte Ranch, Baker MT1	
Bracket Butte Ranch, Baker MT1	
Brimmer, Hilda, Biddle MT2	
C & N Livestock, Alva WY1	
C & N Livestock, Alva WY1	
Cahoon, Jeanette Or Dan, Sonnette MT2	
Crago, Chuck Or Mary, Belle Fourche SD1	
Crowser, Brett Or Melanie, Belle Fourche SD1	
Curren, Leroy, Aladdin WY1	Red Cwette1500\$127.00
Curren, Leroy, Aladdin WY2	
Dobrenz, Larry J Or Jackie N, Gillette WY1	
Duprel, Darc, Vale SD2	Blk Cwette 1335 \$122.00
Duprel, Darc, Vale SD1	
Jp Howard Cattle & Land, Helena MT1	
Karrels, Henry, Sturgis SD2	
Lawrence, Justin, Alzada MT1	
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD 1	
Millers Crow Creek Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD 1	
Sigman, Joshua, Vale SD1	
Sigman, Joshua, Vale SD2	
Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	2Blk Cow1467
Weigh Up Bulls	
Bulkley Gail, Gillette WY1	
Bulkley Gail, Gillette WY1	
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche SD1	•
Richendifer, Darlene, Moorcroft WY1	Bik Bull

Friday, March 22, 2024 Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special 9:30 AM - Weigh Up Cows 12:00 Noon - Feeder Cattle

......1......Blk .. Bull .

..Blk .. Bull

..Blk .. Bull

1940.

1917

1225

\$144.00

\$138.00

\$150.00

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Feeder Cattle

Tarver Heart X Ranch, Gillette WY

Williams, Dennis L Or Grace E, Moorcroft WY. 1...... Bld .. Bull

Williams, Dennis L Or Grace E, Moorcroft Wy] 3...... B/R. Bull.

Tipton, Charles Jr, Box Elder SD ..

Tipton, Charles Jr, Box Elder SD ..

Lightning Ridge Ranch -- 250 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 575-700# - BT, PC, Poured Pzinski Ranch -- 225 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 650-750# - BT, PC Smith Ranch Inc -- 120 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-600# - BT, PC, NI, Poured

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Arledge Ranch -- 95 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-575# - BT, PC, NI, Poured Jo McDonald -- 90 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 550-650# - BT, PC, Hfrs Bv Flying Diamond Ranch -- 80 Blk Mostly Hfrs -- 550-650# - BT, PC Dan Hefner -- 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 600-650# - BT, PC, Poured, No Hfrs Kept, Bv Jack Duprel & Sons -- 30 Blk & Herf Strs & Hfrs -- 550-650# - BT, PC

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March 29th - Wislon Cattle Sim-Angus Bull Sale April 5th - CK Bar Ranch Sim -Angus Bull Sale

April 12th - Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale

April 19th - Baker Lemar Angus Bull Sale

April 26th - Jordan Ranch Sim-Angus Bull Sale

May 17th - Turn-Out Bull Sale

2024 CATTLE SALES

March 29th - Bred Cow Special & Wilson Sim-Angus Bull Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle April 5th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special & Ck Bar Bull Sale-Selling All Classes Of Cattle

April 12th - Bred Cow Special & Mills Cattle Co Angus Bull Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle April 19th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special & Baker Lemar Angus Bull Sale -Selling All Classes Of Cattle

April 26th - Bred Cow Special & Jordan Ranch Sim-Angus Bull Sale-Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 3rd - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 10th - Bred Cow & Pair Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle May 17th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special & Turn-Out Bull Sale -Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 24th - Bred Cow & Pair Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle May 31st - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

2024 SHEEP SALES

March 28th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats April 4th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats April 11th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats April 18th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats April 25th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats May 2nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats May 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats May 16th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats May 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats June 7th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats June 13th - No Sale

June 27th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats July 4th – No Sale – Happy 4th Of July!

July 11th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats July 18th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats July 25th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats August 8th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats August 8th – No Sale – Sturgis Bike Rally Time

August 15th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats August 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats August 29th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats September 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats September 12th – Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats September 19th - Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special

- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats - 10 Am Start September 26th - Feeder Lamb & Replacment Ewe Special

- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

October 3rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats October 10th - Feeder Lamb & Replacment Ewe Special

- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

October 17th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats October 24th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats October 31st - Feeder Lamb & Replacment Ewe Special

- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

November 7th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats November 14th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats November 21st - Feeder Lamb & Replacment Ewe Special

- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

November 28th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving! December 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats December 12th - Feeder Lamb & Replacment Ewe Special

- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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

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Sheep Report - Thursday, March 14, 2024

New crop lambs sold higher, old crop lambs sold steady Fleshy & medium slaughter ewes sold \$\$ higher Thin ewes sold steady Bred ewes sold steady

Next sale - March 21st - Bred Ewe Special - Selling all classes of sheep & goats - 1 PM Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale Thank You For Your Business

Bred Ewes - sold by the head Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX... . 207yr Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX. .152 \$172.50 807yr. Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX. .381..7yr .152 \$170.00 Feeder Lambs Stranberg, Reid Or Stacy, Newell SD ..47New Crop Lamb \$271.00 . 13 New Crop Lamb ... Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX. \$251.00 \$242.00 Olson, Tammy, Culbertson MT.. 16Lamb. Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD. 10Lamb \$227.00 .12...Lamb. .108 \$197.50 Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD. Slaughter Ewes Olson, Tammy, Culbertson MT. .182 \$116.00 Kuhbacher, Travis, Alzada MT .23 K Ewe 164 \$116.00 Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX .. 24K Ewe 162.. \$116.00 Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX. .37 K Ewe 144 \$100.00 Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD .6.....K Ewe \$92.50 Kuhbacher, Travis, Alzada MT. .6.....K Ewe \$60.00 Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee Tx] . 17K Ewe \$60.00 Ahart, Keegan & Jean, Nisland SD. Slaughter Bucks . 14Kbuck .

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, March 21, 2024 Bred Ewe Special 1:00 PM

Bred Ewes

Troy Hewson – 50 Ewe Lambs – 140 # - Lamb 4/18 – Suff Bucks

54 Yrlg Ewes - Lamb 4/18 - Suff Bucks

80 2 & 3 Yr Old Ewes - Lamb 4/18 - Suff Bucks 77 5 & 6 Yr Old Ewes - Lamb 4/18 - Suff Bucks

ND Consignor – 110 2 Yr Old Ewes – Lamb 5/20 – Wf Bucks

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Plus More By Sale Time!

Please Have Animals In By Noon So They Can All Be Weighed Before The Sale!

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

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SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. For more information, call Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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2024 City Council Races contd.

Ward 2 candidates are Pam Somervold and Thomas Donovan. Pam is a retired account executive with KOTA TV in Rapid City. Prior to that she was a legal secretary for law firms in Belle Fourche and Rapid City. A graduate of the BFHS class of 1974, Pam went on to earn an associate of science degree from Black Hills State University. Pam describes herself as a "'get-r-done' girl" She is eager to volunteer and give time to other people, organizations, and those in need. Born and raised in Belle. She



Pam Somervold

has two adult children, twelve grandchildren and a new great grandson. Last year she adopted a young black lab named Buddy. Pam would like to see unity in Belle Fourche city government.

Thomas Donovan is an administrative official at Black Hills State University. He was born and raised near Carlisle, Iowa, a town of 4,200 people He moved to the Black Hills in 2018 to attend BHSU. He moved to Belle Fourche shortly after graduation. While at Black Hills State University he was a



Thomas Donovan



Tricia Fowler member of the men's basketball

team. In addition to being a fulltime student-athlete, Thomas made time to have a job at a local law firm working 25 hours per week. He maintained a 4.0 GPA. He was also active in a local church. Thomas explained the significance of his religious views as an elected official. "If elected to public office, I would follow the Bible's teaching that while all sins are evil, some sins "cry out to heaven" for vengeance, such as oppression of the poor (Ex. 2:23) and defrauding workers of their just wages (Jas 5:4). As an elected official, I would keep these pas-



sages in the front - not the back - of my mind when voting on how to spend your hard-earned money.

In Ward 3 Tricia Fowler has already begun to settle into her seat as representative filling Rebecca Larson's place. Tricia is a graduate of Bowman High School. She is a second generation cosmetologist. Her husband grew up in Harding County and ten years ago the family decided to move back to Belle Fourche to be closer to their roots. Tricia believes in honesty and that being kind and truthful goes a long way. "I don't have all the answers, but together

as a community, we will find them together." Tricia loves the outdoors.

Don Elliott is uncontested for the Ward 4 city council seat. Don has a vision for sustaining and improving the quality of life in Belle Fourche. He brings some noteworthy achievements to the table and has demonstrated the ability to get things done.

Don who was born and raised in Miles City, Montana feels quite at home in a small town. He likes the people here and likes to explain how his background will help him serve the taxpayers of Belle Fourche. He is firmly committed to the idea that lawmakers need to be fiscally responsible and that they need to answer to the taxpayers.

Don and his wife Debra, who have been married for 28 years, wanted a place to call home.

Don identified some potential tough issues facing Belle Fourche. Among these are running out of room for the current dump, the need for a wastewater treatment plant and upgrading current infrastructure.

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BELLE FOURCHE-During the

March 5 Butte County Com-

informed the commissioners

mission meeting, Highway Su-

perintendent Dwayne Heidrich

that several signs along county

roads have been damaged and

highway personnel have spent

He also mentioned that the

several hours repairing them.

sign budget was almost used

up. The signs have been shot

at and run over or even been

unbolted from the ground posts.

Vice Chair Karrol Herman sug-

gested that the Sheriff's Office

"It costs taxpayers to replace

them. Please stop!" said Her-

The penalty for damaging

signs is usually a Class II Mis-

Public observation was also

urged, with a member of the

audience asking which roads

have the most incidents. Most

west of Belle Fourche on 3V,

Rehorst, and Sourdough. The

public was advised to report

any sightings or information

about sign damage to the Butte

County Sheriff's Department.

During Public Comment Sue

initial first draft of the cannabis

ordinance and that it was done

prior to the rules implemented

She suggested that the Com-

missioners may have "jumped

Broadhurst mentioned the

by the State.

of the damaged signs are found

do additional patrols.

demeanor.

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Gentlemen Prefer Blondes Roared across the Stage March 1,2,3 at the Bullock Community Center.

The evening began with Linda Mohagen's puppets and standup comedy.

Mylee Voeller, Mason Voeller, Isabella McCann, Acacia Hausman, Molly Njos, Hailey Richter, Mira Reinhard, and Hailey Richter ran the puppets and were the stand up comedians. Lorelei Lee, (Odessa Clarkson) the slightly dizzy but sweet blonde and Dorothy Gilbert (Alexis McCann) her very practical traveling friend, vibrantly lit up the stage with their troubles when they persuaded Lorlei's rich father to let them go to Europe without him. The play was set in the 1920's, after women's right to vote was established. Another character, Aunt Dolly (Sarah Sabo), was busily waking up the women of

(and released) in America for such a thing. Of course with such beautiful girls, there were men interests as well. Poor Bert (Windon Hewson) was left in the dust, or perhaps more correctly, the ocean spray of the Majestic cruise liner. After Sam (Toby Njos) and Henry (Josh Mc-Cann) appeared on the scene, the girls had eyes only for them. Sam, a self proclaimed

France after she had been jailed

literary man, and Henry Spofford III, the exceedingly rich and good looking son of Mrs. Spofford (Angela McCann) and Henry Spofford II, who had a penchant for suing people, both pursued Lorelei.

Miss Chapman (Kadence Christman) was a very thorough body guard in that she did not

After Lorelei and Dorothy York, they had to reject any food or tea from the two Stewards (Walker and Weston Dingfelder) on the ship. The blanket for the Spoffards that Edwards (Walker Dingfelder) had to replace immediately or heads would roll.

When the girls got to Paris, the plot got even more interesting. The whole play was filled with interesting characters: John Latham as the porter; Chuck Whitney and Nathan Williams as the father-son detectives; Becky Holsti as the French maid, Kirsti Hansen and Emma Richter as one mother/daughter duo (Mrs. Van Osborne and Sylvia) and Jen Dingfelder and Hailey Richter as the other duo (Mrs. Van Austin and Margaret); and the friends at the beginning, Mira Reinhard, Owen Eslinger, Lloyd Hausman and the Richter girls. Kurt Hansen and Charlene Olsen saw to it that the backstage flowed along smoothly. They had major set changes and many hand props to keep organized as well as marshaling

the actors. Laura Tenold captured the sound needed for the various scenes and Jo Piekkola made the stage and players look fab-

allow Mrs. Spoffard any sweets or a hat that was not made of black horse hair. She had unresearched suspicions that Lorelei

was a gold digger. realized they had forgotten their money back at the hotel in New captain (Darwin Latham) found a terrible mistake, a hole in the

> necessary. It was a fun show with authentic costumes and elegant hairdos from the Roaring 20's. Amanda Njos, Sarah Sabo, Brittany Gunderson and Jen Dingfelder created the hairdos. Amanda Njos, Kim Bail, Kaycee Moody, Ann Dingfelder, and some of the actors themis McCann, Angela McCann) worked on the make-up. Mary Cramer, wardrobe mistress steamed and ironed the costumes to keep those onstage looking good. Susan Nelson headed up the concessions this year.

Loader175 hp '78 Aztec)36'Deck **5.9 Cummins** 80' Hobbs)42' Deck **Grapple fork Fresh DOT** Sign Damage Problems Discussed the gun" by several months. Broadhurst also noted that the minutes did not reflect motions made and the reasons for the motions, suggesting that it led

Case 621 Wheel Hay Train-81' Length

to confusion. Dale Simanton voiced his commendation to the Highway Department and the quick work that was done on a local road.

The quality of the sound on the county's website was addressed by Travis Ismay. He requested the commissioners place a microphone on the table. Commissioner Chad Erk asked if it would be possible to add one microphone to be used at the table for better audio

The second reading was done by Vice Chair Herman of the Butte County Ordinance 2024-01: An Ordinance for State and Federal Background Investigations for Applicants for County Employment. The effective date for the ordinance will be 20 days after publication.

State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney informed the commissioners that the person slated to be hired as Deputy States Attorney has decided to not take the job as he is moving to another part of the state. Presently, McCartney is working on several current cases as well as discussions with Meade County States Attorney to share services as needed.

There were quotes for the electric upgrade to the **Butte-Lawrence Fairgrounds** and security door upgrades at the Courthouse.

Ken: 605-641-6466

The quote for \$36,858.10 from Swaney Electric was approved for the fairgrounds' electrical needs. Architectural Specialties gave a quote for security door upgrades and cameral replacement per the Sheriff's Department in the amounts of \$6,821.75 and \$2,938.58.

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76"screws, Digi Star

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Commissioner Herman mentioned a call she had received regarding the decision made by commissioners at the last meeting concerning the salvage yard on Highway 212.

There is concern that items will be unloaded on 5-Mile Road and may discarded on that county road.

The fencing requirement only covers the portion along Highway 212. She had received a request that a fence be built along the county road also.

The commissioners had included the provision that the fence continue along that portion of the road, but it was at the discretion of the owner.

The status of the sale of county property was explained by Auditor Annie Capp.

She is currently getting appraisals and Owner and Encumbrance reports for all parcels.

Commissioner Erk announced that the dates for the Butte-Lawrence County Fair dates have been set for 2024-July 29-August 3.

The next Butte County Commission meeting will be held March 19 at 6 p.m.



Daddy Lee (Reese Clarkson) explaining the perils of the girls traveling alone. Photo by Dawn

ulous with her careful lighting scheme. Both girls contributed to set design, prop creation and a couple surprises. Because the noise is horrific in the light booth, they armed themselves with gel pellet guns and were going to shoot anyone who crinkled their water bottles. But, fortunately, that was not

selves, (Odessa Clarkson, Alex-

Windon Hewson and Casey Holmes put the basic set together with the help of Erik Holtung and Louie Wolfisburg. Connie



Dorothy (Alexis McCann) and Lorelei (Odessa Clarkson) thinking of the perils of young men chasing them through the capitals of Europe. Photo by Dawn Padden

Werre painted the set with some help from Gracie and Kylie Richter. Windon Hewson added

the baseboards and crown molding to make the set look like hotels in NYC and Paris.



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Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs in most cases are from the Tri-State Museum.

125 years ago Belle TIMES March 16, 1899

NEW BLACK HILLS ROAD. The Illinois -Central Said to be Coming This Way Vermillion, S. D. March 14 – The Illinois-Central Railroad company has a corps of engineers at work in this country and it has been clearly established that the company intends to extend its system to the Black Hills. While no surveying for the line has been done in Iowa, the impression obtains that the Black Hills extension will be built from LaMars, which is about due west of vermillion and is the point from which the Illinois-Central starts upon its long course through Iowa. Minnesela Echoes The question now is: Who is going to run our post office when in the course of a few weeks Mr. W. A. Mitchell resigns his charge. Quite a few good looking people have positively declined to run it?. We shall find ourselves in a lonely and isolated condition if one of these blustering mornings we wake up to find that our mail has gone past the crane and is standing waiting for us at Belle Fourche.

100 years ago Belle Fourche Bee March 20, 1924 SPOKE FOR COOLIDGE.

Mrs. W. W. Remington of Minneapolis spoke at the court house Friday afternoon of last week in the interest of Calvin Coolidge for president, and delivered what was pronounced as the best political speech given in Belle Fourche during the present campaign. Mrs. Reminton was entirely familiar with the subject on which she talked, handled the tariff adjusted compensation, farm interests, child-labor, Tea Pot Dome, Mellon tax plan, and numerous other topics that are uppermost in the minds of the

people at this time, and spoke as one who has given each topic much intensive study. She closed her talk with an appeal for everyone to vote.

TWO THOUSAND ACRES. Fieldman Steck of the Great Western Sugar Co. informs us that he now has two thousand acres signed up to grow beets, and expects to increase this amount by about four or five hundred acres in the next week or ten days. Another dollar per ton bonus on the 1923 crop will be paid April 1st, bringing the total for last season's crop to \$6.60 per ton in this district. A car load of beet seed arrived and was unloaded Tuesday of this week. To better care for the raising of beets on the Great Western Co. farm east of

town, Contractor I. N. Nelson is

erecting a new four-room house

horses on the tract adjoining the

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Monday of this week was the first day of the official period for circulating nominating petitions for the coming city election. The period will close on April first. Otha Frost has

by Mary Buchholz

announced that he is a candidate for mayor. A. F. Snyder, present incumbent, has stated that he is not a candidate for reelection. Walter Cunningham and Vern Wilson, present members of the council from wards three and two, respectively, and who terms expire this year, are candidates for reelection. Ed Busfield, in ward one, states that he will not be a candidate for reelection. U to yesterday afternoon there were no announced candidate from ward one. Hold-over members are: J. A. Volyles, ward one; Roy Neslon, ward two; Dr. R. M. Buck, ward three.

> 50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee March 15, 1974

Jacobs' Stores In Area Sold Black Hills area apparel stores formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Berthald Jacobs of Deadwood have been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Mudlin, Rapid City and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Caneva, Lockport, Ill. Mudlin has been manager of the Lariat Clothiers at Rapid City for 22 years. Caneva has been in the clothing business in Lockport for serval years. The Jacobs stores were established by Sidney E. Jacobs in Deadwood in 1902. The group includes The Hub Clothiers of Belle Fourche, Deadwood and Sturgis, the New York Store of Deadwood, the Hitchin' Post of Belle Fourche and the Lariat Clothiers in Rapid City. The new owners announced there will be no changes in the present management or personnel of the stores. Present managers are: Pete Krush at the Hitchin' Post in Belle Fourche; Nina Veitl, at the New York Store, Bill Stewart at The Hub in Sturgis. Mudlin and his family will continue to live in Rapid City. Mr. and Mrs. Caneva and their three children have purchased the Jacobs home in Deadwood. The Jacobs will remain in a consulting capacity for some

Hopes for Orman Project Still Alive It looks as if it may be a long, slow process, but there seems to be no reason to give up hope" That was the comment of Art Jones, Belle Fourche, Monday following his return from Washington, DC, where, accompanied by Rep. James Abdnor, he met with various Washington officials regarding the status of the Belle Fourche reservoir and the need for repairs on the dam. Assistant Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Sullivan told Jones and Rep. Abdnor that the bureau hopes to have its "safety of dams" policy approved by the department of interior in a matter of weeks. The Bureau's engineers feel that it would be more expensive to repair the existing spillway than to build a new spillway at a different location. Sulivan said the Belle Fourche Dam still has a "very high priority" in Bureau plans. Rep. Abdnor and Jones also met with Assistant

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Secretary Kyle of the Bureau of Reclamation. Kyle told the men that he will see if a report on Rep. Abdnor's bill allocating \$3,500,000 for repair of the dam can be moved out of the Department of Interior, considered by the Bureau of Reclamation and sent to Capital Hill so the house committee can proceed with consideration of the measure.

The South Dakota representative and Jones also met with Chief Counsel Casey of the house interior committee sub-committee on water and power. Casey suggested an attempt be made to have Chairman Johnson of the subcommittee call a hearing on Abdnor's bill to force a verbal report by the Department of Interior. Jones said Rep. Abdnor is not pessimistic about the chances for some action to improve the dam. Jones reported all of the Washington officials with whom they talked March 1 were well aware of the situation regarding

the Belle Fourche Dam and had obviously studied the matter prior to that time. The possibility that the project might be included in an omnibus reclamation bill was not ruled out. The March 1 meeting with Washington officials follows several months of efforts by Rep. Abdnor, Belle Fourche Irrigation District directors, resident of the area and other members of the congressional delegation to secure some action for repair of the dam so that it can be filled to capacity (thus adding about 25,000 acre feet of water to storage) and to eliminate the danger of serious damage to the structure, which is beginning to show the effects of more that 60 years of service. Jones, vice president and manger of the Belle Fourche Office of the First National Bank of the Black Hills, was called to Washington to present a report on the impact of the Belle Fourche reservoir on the economy of the Tri-State area. He presented a detailed report on the area's economy.

Explains Vital Role of Orman



Washington, D.C. — Rep. James Abdnor, R-S.D., and Art Jones of Belle Fourche (center) conferred recently with Assistant Secretary of the Interior John Kyl (right) on the future of the Belle Fourche dam. Condition of the spillway has been the subject of concern for both area residents and the Bureau of Reclamation. An Abdnor bill to replace the spillway of the structure is now pending before the house interior and insular affairs committee. During the meeting which also included Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation Edwin F. Sullivan and James Casey, chief counsel to the House Interior committee subcommittee on water, the South Dakotans were assured that the Belle Fourche dam is still "high priority." Delay in a solution is due, they were told, to a number of factors including the department's indecision concerning the status of the structure under the proposed "safety of dams" program; and a backlog of other programs also requiring funding. "If do believe that the Bureau of Reclamation is sincere in its desire to accomplish the repairs as rapidly as possible," Abdnor said, "but they are faced with the reality of too little money for too many projects. The repair of the dam must be completed to prevent a possible tragedy." Abdnor has called for early hearings and actions on his bill.

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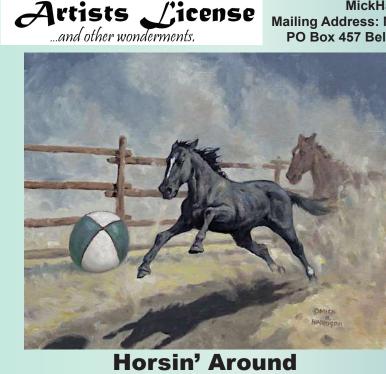
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	28	Black-Brd - Bm	1335	. \$2,110.00	\$2,110.00
	32	Black-Brd - 5/6	1446	. \$2,425.00	\$2,425.00
	33	Black-Brd - 3/4	1335	. \$2,475.00	\$2,475.00
	30	Black-Brd - 5/6	1342	. \$2,275.00	\$2,275.00
	15	Black-Brd - Sm	1379	. \$2,150.00	\$2,150.00
	12	Black-Brd - Bm	1323	. \$2,085.00	\$2,085.00
	7	Black-Brd -Bm	1312	. \$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Ben Garman, Belle Fourche SD	8	Rd/Blk-Brd - Sm	1480	. \$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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	4	Black-Brd - 5/6	1368	. \$2,350.00	\$2,350.00
	4	Black-Brd - Sm	1339	. \$2,225.00	\$2,225.00
	10	Black-Brd -Bm	1280	. \$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
	12	Black-Brd -Bm	1240	. \$1,850.00	\$1,850.00
WEIGH-UPS					
Steven Schuldies, Nisland SD	1	Black-Cow	1480	132.00	\$1,953.60
	1	Black-Cow	1340	133.00	\$1,782.20
	1	Black-Cow	1130	141.00	\$1,593.30
Busenitz Land & Cattle, Hulett WY.	14	Black-Cow	1420	133.50	\$1,895.22
	5	Black-Cow	1381	133.50	\$1,843.63
	5	Black-Cow	1322	130.00	\$1,718.60
Harry Tavegia, Osage WY	1	Rwf-Cow	1420	126.00	\$1,789.20
	1	Black-Hfrt	930	162.00	\$1,506.60
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Cross Four Ranch, Miles City MT1	Black-Cow	1605	132.00	\$2,118.60
1	Black-Cow	1420	131.00	\$1,860.20
Dennis Dunning, Otter MT1	Black-Cow	1265	130.00	\$1,644.50
Todd Meccage, Baker MT1	Black-Cow	1525	131.00	\$1,997.75
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Belle Fourche SD1	Red-Cow	1235	129.00	\$1,593.15
Todd Meccage, Baker MT1	Black-Cow	1345	130.00	\$1,748.50
Producers Livestock, Sundance WY1	Black-Cow	1160	131.00	\$1,519.60
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Busenitz Land & Cattle, Hulett WY1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	1790	150.00	\$2,685.00
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	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL — WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT , FEEDERS @ 12 MT
	Bred Cow Pair Weigh up Speciel & Reich Ranch Charolais Bull Sale Weigh ups @ 9 AM MT Breds @ 12 MT
	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL — WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT , FEEDERS @ 12 MT, HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE
	PAIRS, BREDS, & WEIGH UP SALE — WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT , PAIRS & BREDS @ 12 MT
	Feeder Cattle & Weigh up Special — Weigh Ups @ 9 am Mt , Feeders @ 12 Mt
	PAIRS, BREDS, & WEIGH UP SPECIAL — WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT , PAIRS & BREDS @ 12 MT
May 16, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL — WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT , FEEDERS @ 12 MT, HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE
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Central Meade County News



March 17, 2024 While Sunday appeared to be a lovely spring day, it carried with it a fairly strong breeze with temperatures in the

30s. The air was quite sharp and brisk so it cut through unexpectedly when you stepped out in it. The great thing is that our roads are dry and clear, however moisture is a much needed commodity at this time.

On Sunday, family and friends celebrated Floyd Cammack's 93rd birthday after church services. His birthday is actually on March 20 which is the first day of spring. This lover of flowers and is responsible for the splash of colorful flowers both at his home and at the church in Union Center. We wish Floyd the happiest of birthdays this year!

and is doing well in her recov-

We were saddened to learn of their son, John in April of 1947,

By Sandy Rhoden

when John was just 5 weeks old. John's brother, Tom was born in 1948. When it was time for Tom to go to school Patsy moved the boys to attend school in Sturgis. John graduated from Sturgis High School in 1965 and attended Black Hills State College for 2 years. John was married to Colleen Donohue and they moved to the Walter Place west of Faith, SD. Their daughter, Mary Catherine (Cathy) was born May 9, 1969. He loved horses whether saddle horses or working with teams along with his passion for picking up at rodeos. He played in a band from time to time and was still playing his guitar and singing until he passed. Survivors in the area are his brother, Tom (Vivian) Miller, of Red Owl, SD. In Lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Red Owl Hall. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and close friends.

There has been a virus caught by several in the area that involves fever, cough and more and it hangs on for quite a long time. Since it's viral there isn't an antibiotic or really anything that can get rid of it, except time. So, wash your hands, drink fluids, and protect your immune systems with rest and more.

Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 am at the church in Union Center. There will be a breakfast to follow. All are welcome.

On April 21 Rick & Mick will be taking the Sunday morning service at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. They are twin brothers who share some laughs and the gospel with their audiences. All are welcome.

unit to go to Goodwill. She also is sorting tin and boards at the new barn. On Sunday evening, those jobs were finally finished.

On Wednesday, Ronda went to Ekala-ka to get an oil change. Nellie Howell treated her to lunch at the Wagon Wheel; then gave her a ride to her car; when it was finished. Diane Wear rode to Spearfish with Ronda on Friday. They enjoyed lunch at the Pizza Ranch. It's always nice when Diane is able to go, and she spells Ronda while driving home. On Saturday morning, Ronda ate breakfast with Gerald and Becky Burghduff. Curt Zolnoski and Erik Berglund came from Rapid City to work on barn door installation: several days this week. They staved with Clint and Denise Zolnoski. Gene Secrest continues to help Clint with feeding and corrals, and Kim Secrest

came for the weekend. Karen Odell finally got her signs put up this week. The weather on Saturday was perfect for working outside with the signs. This week, Karen visited with her brother, Ron Evans, and learned that her sisterin-law, Patsy, was doing much better after hip surgery. Recovery is not easy, but is worth the effort because she is getting more agile. Karen especially enjoyed watching the SD State Girls' Basketball Tournament on YouTube. It was like having the best seat in the house, and is one of the best services the state can provide, especially for those who find the distances are a little discouraging. It is also great that the games can be watched at any time; making them available for those who are working during those times. Every game was very exciting. Karen could text comments to her kids, who were also watching in Mitchell, Minnesota, Iowa, and Washington. Karen saw one local grandma on camera, too, who threw the ball back onto the court with a camera in her other hand. Chancey Odell had a meeting in Rapid City, which made it just right for him to stay to watch some of the games on Thursday, too. It was great to be able to watch all three levels of the tournament on YouTube, and even get to see the special awards, and 'Spirit of Su' awards. On Sunday, Karen enjoyed the warm sun, and visited with her high school classmate, Bill Foulkes in Ohio. It is always so much fun to visit with old friends and hear about 'old folks at home'. His weather was not so nice, and they were expec-

ting snow there. Men travel faster now, just so that they can sit through more hours of unproductive, boring meetings with unimaginative slide shows. daughter, Kanyn, had advanced to the state competition in girls' wrestling, and both Brandon and Ashley were coaches. Bryce and Dawn were needed at home to do the chores, but they, too, got away on Saturday, to go to Baker for the AAU wrestling competition. Bryce was coach of the young group from Ekalaka that competed, and they were glad to have their coach there with them. On Monday, Bill Anders stopped by at Karen Odell's to do some telephone work. Then, Karen spent time this week, gathering tax information and records from last year. She made a trip to Wolffy's, on Wednesday, and took letters to the post office. Karen's cousin, Ralph Anderson called from Florida to visit on Friday, and learned that our snow had melted. The strong cold wind on Friday was directly from the west, dropping the wind-chill way below the real temperature. Karen Odell visited with her brothers, Ron and Jim Evans in Ohio. She also visited with high school classmate, Bill Foulkes, and college friend, Jeanne Dineen. Mollie Smith and Micki Odell called, too. Karen visited at Chancey Odell and Megan's a few days this week. Chancey and Megan went to White Sulfur Springs for his

grandfather, Wally Owens's, funeral

on Friday. Wally had been born near

Ekalaka and had lived in this area

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(605)-210-2150 Pastor Stephen Carson Worship Pastor Ashton Rone Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST 807 8th Ave. 892-4178 Pastor Tim Smith Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am Morning Worship - 10:30am Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth -Kindergarten -12th grade 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 5:30pm - Salt and Light

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endeavors are driving positive

change at the grassroots level.

For instance, the town of

commitment to sustainability

and community engagement.

Through partnerships between

residents, Freiburg has imple-

mented a range of eco-friendly

initiatives, including energy-effi-

cient buildings, extensive public

urban green spaces. These efforts

have enhanced quality of life and

fostered a sense of environmental

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addressing social issues and pro-

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dialogue, empathy, and mutual

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The town of Lewes, Delaware,

als feel valued and empowered.

has embraced a culture of inclu-

sivity through initiatives such

as the Lewes African American

Heritage Commission. Through

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honor the town's rich American

heritage and promote equity and

These initiatives demonstrate

the power of community collabo-

ration in fostering social cohesion

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The adage "Many hands make

light work" captures the transfor-

collaboration in revitalizing small

towns. Through collective action,

shared vision, and a spirit of re-

silience, residents can overcome

economic challenges, enhance

mative potential of community

supporting marginalized groups,

small communities can create

environments where everyone

understanding

can thrive.

events, residents work together to

community-led projects, edu-

transportation networks, and

responsibility among citizens.

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local government, businesses, and

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In the bustling landscape of today's society, small communities often find themselves struggling to retain their vibrancy and vitality. Economic downturns, population or demographic shifts, and neglect can leave once-thriving towns feeling forgotten and

dormant. However, amidst these challenges, there lies a beacon of hope: the power of community collaboration. By banding together and leveraging their collective strengths, small communities can breathe new life into their surroundings, fostering resilience,

creativity, and a sense of belong-

One of the most powerful examples of community revitalization through collaboration can be found in the town of Aio. Arizona. Once a thriving copper mining hub, Ajo faced economic decline and population loss following the closure of its mines in the mid-1980s. However, rather than resigning themselves to a fate of decay, Ajo's residents banded together to reimagine their town's future.

Through grassroots initiatives and community partnerships, Ajo transformed abandoned buildings into vibrant art spaces, attracting tourists and artists alike. The Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture emerged from the desert landscape, fostering local food production and economic resilience. Moreover, the town's historic Curley School was repurposed into a community hub, offering education, arts programs, "Building Main Street, not Wall Street



by John Newby Determined to reverse

and social services. This collaborative effort not only revitalized Ajo's economy but also rekindled a sense of pride and unity among its residents. Similarly, Greensboro,

VT faced a decline in its dairy industry and a dwindling population.

this trend, the community rallied around a shared vision of sustainable agriculture and local entrepreneurship. Through cooperative ventures such as the Greensboro Barn Arts Collective, residents converted an old dairy barn into a cultural center, hosting concerts, workshops, and exhibitions. Local farms collaborated to establish farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture programs, nurturing connections between producers

and consumers. These two examples point out the transformative potential of community collaboration in revitalizing small towns. By pooling resources, sharing expertise, and fostering a spirit of innovation, residents can overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges and create vibrant, resilient communities.

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the environmental, and foster inclusion. By harnessing the power of collaboration, small communities can create a brighter, more vibrant future for generations to 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.

for much of his life, and had many

On Saturday, Karen got to watch neighbor, Kanyn Padden, wrestle in the South Dakota State High School wrestling tournament. Cody and Kellan Odell were at the state tournament, and texted to remind Karen that she might get to see it on-line on YouTube. John Latham and Brock Besler were there as referees, and Cody had talked to other Harding County people. Karen had to search through some videos of various mats, but found a couple of Kanyn's matches, and both were very exciting. Karen learned that Kanyn

had won the first match, but lost the

second and had to 'wrestle-back' to stay in the competition. Her matches were very close and exciting, and she won sixth in the state as first Harding County girl wrestler to place at state, and also as third generation in the Padden family to place at state for Harding County wrestling. This week, we were saddened to hear of the death of Charlotte Ottmo and also of Wally Owens. We will miss them both very much, and hope you will keep the George Oleson and Chancey Odell families in your

Being blatantly truthful is usually just an excuse to belittle or embarrass

friends here.

someone you find intimidating.

calving between sports seasons, as much as possible. This time everyone went to Summerset to stay with Brian Olmsted during the South Dakota State Girls' Basketball Tournament, that began on Thursday, in Rapid City. Dawn, of course, had her camera, and got some wonderful shots of the girls during the games. Once she looked up into the crowd, and discovered that her mother, Helen Stevens, and sister, Michelle Tooke, had come down for the tournament, too. Their family excursions are often spontaneous, so Dawn wasn't surprised, and was glad to share a place to stay with them, too. Brian was the designated

driver in Rapid City, and he was especially good at finding parking spaces close by the door, so Dorothy didn't have to walk so far. The games were all exciting, and the action never stopped, and the girls should be very proud to have earned sixth place in the state tournament.

is fitting for Floyd as he is a

Many have been sending up prayers to little Carson Ingalls, who has been hospitalized due to a burst appendix and further complications. He was doing better last weekend so we are hoping he is home by now or planning to go home soon. His parents are James and Tashonna

Lorie (Rhoden) Hausmann recently had shoulder surgery

the passing of John Miller, 77, of Red Owl. John passed away at his home March 12, 2024. He was born on February 10, 1947 in Coleman, Texas. John was the first son of J.P. (Bub) Miller, Jr. and Patsy Jamison Miller who left Texas for South Dakota with

Capitol News



By KAREN ODELL March 11, 2024 The Capitol and Tie Creek weather has been warming up all week;

until by Saturday and Sunday, it was a wonderful warm day to be outdoors in the beautiful calm sunshine.

Dick and Erma Albert got some extra shopping done in the Hills, on Tuesday. Erma got a massage in Buffalo, on Wednesday. Friday was the taco bar at the Senior Center. Bobbie had egg sandwiches for those who were recognizing Lent on Friday. Many people had gone to Rapid City for the state girls' basketball tournament, so there were not so many at the Senior Center this week. On Sunday, Dick and Erma went to the Catholic church for mass, and then stayed for the pot luck dinner. In the afternoon the

church presented the viewing of the movie 'The Passion'. Marlee Cordell went to Belle Fourche. on Tuesday. Ashley Pearson went with her to Spearfish to watch Black Hills State play basketball. The season is coming to an end, but it seems there are chances for her grandchildren, to play throughout the year. Alvin's calving is in full swing, now. Ryan and Tawni and doing night checking. Bobby and Terry Cordell have come out to spent a few days helping Alvin cut trees. Doug and Julia Davis had a very exciting week, last week. They got to fly to Alabama to visit their son and also to help their grandson celebrate his fourth birthday. Since Rory only remembers celebrating twice, he has decided he is really only two years old. Maybe that's what Karen Odell can do, too; forget some of those birthdays. Travis and Doug got to view the testing of some engines that Travis had designed and helped build for the Saturn Five project. They were extremely loud, but everything went well. Doug and Julia spent a week in the south-land, and came back on Wednesday. They spent another day in the Hills, before coming on home. Their flight was a late one, and staying over gave them time to do some shopping before coming home. Morgan Buck had been watching the cows, and there were two new calves when they got home, so they have officially started calving. Morgan spent the weekend in Camp Crook, where he helped his dad, Darren, finish a few projects, while they both

Ernie and Rachel Melum visited Karen Odell for a while on Saturday night, Rachel and Tommy went to church in Baker on Sunday, and then stayed for the Youth Group meeting in the afternoon. They brought home some groceries for Shirley and Junior, and visited there in the evening Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden had a busy week. They have scheduled

Ronda Cordell is continuing to sort and wash clothes from the storage



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From A7 Baseball Preview

really was a huge boost and surprise last year, coming in with confidence that you don't see out of an 8th grader playing him in the middle infield, and as a late inning reliever. Another player that has the talent to play anywhere on the field we will see where he ends up spending most of his time defensively. Another Freshman returner is Trig Thomsen, who was used primarily for his advanced presence at the plate last year can play infield, outfield, or on the mound. Lastly, we will have Junior Darian Pesicka back this year. He missed last season with an injury after being a letterwinner his freshman year. I'm excited to get him back in the outfield and have a lefty arm on the mound for us.

Q: What will be the 2024 team's strengths and what weaknesses are you still trying to shore up before the season begins?

CD: Our strength will definitely be the ability of our upperclassman and a successful year will require them to bring these younger players along to play at the level that is expected of a varsity player. I think on the mound we will be pretty solid, with Nolan and Aiden leading the charge, there are a lot of younger guys that I feel confident putting out there and throwing strikes. Excited to have Darian back on the mound, and excited to see an older and stronger Caeyn, Trig, and Carsyn out there too. Young 8th grader Tate Thomsen has the make up to be a solid pitcher along with hard throwing Sophomore Urijah Hamilton, he can sling it pretty good, just need to work on his strike percentage to get some action at the varsity level. The major thing we need to shore up is establishing what our lineup is going to look like, and that might be a work in progress as the season begins. Last year the lineup card was pretty well set and there wasn't

much change throughout the season, this year though with the number of players that can play multiple positions and the young guys that we are going to try to see what they can do at the varsity level I don't know if we will have the same lineup twice all season. I also see that as a potential strength though, these guys know that there are open spots around the diamond, and I honestly think that anyone on our roster has a chance to be a varsity starter and that competition will definitely help us avoid any midseason complacency.

Q: How competitive does the SDHSBA Region IV look this year?

CD: This could be the toughest our region has been top to bottom in a long time. I really don't see any gimme games this year like there may have been in past seasons. Obviously, you have the eastern teams that will be tough, Winner/Colome and Platte/Geddes are probably the preseason favorites along with Chamberlain and Gregory who all have returning All-State players. In the Black Hills area, you have Rapid City Christian who made the state tournament last year and the confidence and experience that goes with that. St. Thomas More has historically been one of the top programs in the state and they have some really good seniors back this year. I think Lead/Deadwood is going to be good this year, they were young last year, and have a couple of very talented upper-



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Q: Last question, what are a couple things you are excited to see from this team heading into the season opener?

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CD: Just seeing how this first lineup is going to look, I honestly think I don't know for sure what that lineup card will look like until I'm down in Hot Springs writing the lineup in the dugout. There are a lot of young guys who are hungry for this opportunity. I look at Sophomore Raif Parmeter, who was probably one of the most improved players last summer that is going to do all he can to work his way into the lineup to someone like Sophomore Tegan Fredricksen by far the most improved during the offseason he was like a totally different player during our winter hitting sessions. Freshman Graham Vanderboom is another player that has played just about

everywhere in the field on our younger teams that is going to challenge for some varsity at bats.

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I think the main takeaway from the interview is yes we will be a young team, but these young players will be coming up having a lot of prior success on our JR Legion Team, our VFW Teeners team, and even further back to their little league days. For me its exciting as this year is the transition from the young guys that we built the program around when I took over back in 2020 that have now graduated, to our next wave of young talent that starts in a program that is so much further ahead than we were four years

Belle Fourche High School Baseball 2024 Schedule

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Da	te	Opponent	JV Gametime	Varsity Gametime
Sunday	March 24	Sturgis	4:00pm	6:00pm
Friday	March 29	**Bennett Co.** (in Hot Springs)		3:00pm
Friday	March 29	**Hot Springs**		5:00pm
Wednesday	April 3	Rapid City Central	5:00pm	7:00pm
Thursday	April 4	Rapid City Central	7:00pm	
Wednesday	April 10	**Lead/Deadwood**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Thursday	April 11	Rapid City Stevens Silver	5:00pm	
Thursday	April 11	Rapid City Stevens Silver	7:00pm	
Friday	April 12	**Winner/Colome**		5p (CDT)
Thursday	April 18	**St. Thomas More**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Wednesday	April 24	Douglas	5:00pm	7:00pm
Thursday	April 25	Rapid City Stevens Blue	5:00pm	
Thursday	April 25	Rapid City Stevens Blue	7:00pm	
Saturday	April 27	**Gregory County**		TBD
Sunday	April 28	**Chamberlain/Kimball/Lyman**	11:00am	1:00pm
Thursday	May 2	**Lead/Deadwood**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Thursday	May 3	Rapid City Stevens	5:00pm	7:00pm
Monday	May 6	**Rapid City Christian**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Saturday	May 11	**Platte/Geddes** (in Rapid City)		3:00pm
Saturday	May 11	**Rapid City Christian**		5:00pm
Tuesday	May 14	**St. Thomas More**	5:00pm	7:00pm
Sun/Mon	May 19/20	Regionals #1 & #2 seed hosts		TBD
Tuesday	May 21	Regionals Weather Date		TBD
Friday	May 31	State Tournament @ Sioux Falls		TBD
Saturday	June 1	State Tournament @ Sioux Falls		TBD
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City **Business**

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NEWELL-Business at the March meeting of Newell Commissioners was quickly handled. Two building permits were approved. One for 321 Elmira for fence and the renewal for the Tiny House permit at 601 E 6th St.

New residents have moved into the house on Elmira and desire to build a four-foot metal fence around the area.

The owners of the Tiny House on 6th St. are still in the process of moving things around and working on the new building. They were given another six months to complete the work

There has been a problem with the POS at the City Bar and Liquor Store. The interest rate for the system is higher than the majority of other companies and the City is looking at a cheaper rate program. There has been a problem with access to the present program which makes it difficult to get information. The commissioners approved authorization for Business Manager Sheila Smith to change the card company.

Smith was also given permission by the commissioners to access various bank account information

Linda Velder, Museum Curator, wrote a letter informing the commission that there is a problem with people not picking up after their pets. She sent a photo showing the mess left near the Wetz School steps. Apparently, the dog uses the area often. She asked if a notice can be placed on the water bills for patrons to pick up after their pets

The Newell Bar continues to do well. Total sales in February were \$41,734.98 compared to \$34,852.66 in 2023. Total expenses for February were \$16,875.06 compared to \$16,481.38 in 2023. The net profit for February 2024 was \$8,448.31, in 2023 it was \$3,745.65.

Public Works Superintendent Larry Parker submitted his resignation effective April 30, 2024. He has worked for the department for 13 years. In his resignation letter, Parker states "I am proud of the contributions we have made together to enhance the community's infrastructure." He is thankful for the opportunities and experiences provided during his time at Public Works.

The city will advertise for a Public Works Maintenance Worker as a full-time position. The applicant is responsible for performing maintenance in the public works departments including streets and alleys, snow removal, irrigation system, water, wastewater, sanitation, parks and cemetery. Applica-

Potato Topper Supper Fundraiser



The hard-working women who prepared and served the potato topper supper. From left to right: Pam Fickbohm, Tracy Sieroe, Courtney Rans, Rhonda Vallery, Amber Wich, Nancy Reib, and Sandy Heidrich. Heitz photo

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NISLAND-The Nisland-Arpan Fire & Rescue Auxiliary held a potato topper meal at the Nisland Fire Hall on Saturday, March 16. This year marked the 14th annual year for the fundraiser. Held near St. Patrick's Day every year, the fire hall was transformed into a cozy space with

green St. Patrick's Day-themed

Community members and out-of-towners alike showed their support with free-will donations for the potato supper. A variety of novel potato toppings were offered, including cheddar cheese sauce, corn chowder, beef, chili, and sausage gravy. "It's such a fun thing to try different things that you would

never put on a potato," said Amber Wich, one of the women who helped prepare and serve the supper. She said that people were surprised by how many toppings were available. Upon asking one man which topping was his favorite, he paused for a moment before declaring, "All of them!"

The event's turnout was so large that it ran out of some food. People came all the way from Spearfish and Whitewood to show their support and eat a delicious meal. Along with the potato supper was a silent auction, which offered items such as kitchen gadgets, paper airplane packets, easter baskets, home décor, and jewelry.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the Nisland-Arpan Fire & Rescue Auxiliary. nities.

Five Candidates Vie for Newell School Board

Betty Bruner

news@bellefourchebeacon.com NEWELL-There are five people seeking to fill three spots on the Newell School District School Board. A candidate forum is scheduled for April 2 beginning with a social time from 5:30 to 6 p.m. with the forum beginning at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the

tions can be picked up at 101 E. 3rd St., between the hours of 10 and 3 Monday through Friday and at the website at newell@ sdplains.com.

City Clean-up Week was set for May 4-9 this year. Use of the city's rubble site will be free. Anyone who wishes to have the city crew pick up goods, must call the city office to get on the list. Items must be set at the curb for pick-up. White goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.) will be charged a \$5 per item fee. Any item with Freon must be certi-

fied free of Freon. The next Newell Town meeting will be Monday, April 8 at 5 p.m.

Newell City Hall.

Randy Oliver is presently on the School Board when he was selected to fill a vacancy. According to the By-laws, he must run to continue as a board member.

Oliver farms and ranches with his son Chad. His place is located six miles south of Newell and he has lived there all his life. Oliver and his wife, Connie, raised three children who have graduated from Newell. He now has five grandchildren in the Newell School. He has coached and refereed basketball at several levels during the past 32 years. Oliver has always been available to help where needed, including the 4-H program and FFA program.

'As you can see, I am deeply invested in the Newell Community." he said.

Kristin Bonefield and her husband, Luke, have recently moved back to Luke's hometown in Nisland. Presently, she is working for the Forest Service in acquisitions. In 2015, she separated from the

Air Force after serving for 10.5 years. During her service she has lived in Germany, Arizona, and finally back to Ellsworth Air Force Base. She has a Master of Business Administration.

When I see a need, I try to fill that need. That is why I am excited to use my experience and knowledge to do my part for this amazing community!" she said.

Tyrel Bonnet is presently filling the position of School Board Chairman. He is a local businessman and rancher with three "future Irrigators." Tyrel is a Newell alumnus and has served as head Irrigator Football Coach, High School Science teacher, and five years as school board member. During the last 10 years he has had the privilege to serve on the Policy Committee as a Board Member and the Human Resource Committee as a teacher.

"Serving on these committees has enabled me to view matters from all angles and better allows me to serve the staff, students, and community that make up our district," he said.

Karl Hoyal is relatively new to the Newell School District. However, he has three daughters attending Newell School. Hoyal works at A-1 Forklift and is an Air Force Veteran. He is the Head Newell Youth Wrestling coach.

"I believe it helps to have kids in the school and that I can step up to help make a positive difference in the District," he

Amber Erk resides on a ranch north of Newell with her husband, Chad, and their six-year-old son, Matthew. She says that with Matthew as a first grader in Newell School and that is the reason she is running for school board.

'We should teach our children to think for themselves while respecting rules. Success comes from prioritizing what truly impacts and empowers our children. They must be prepared to contribute productively to society," she said.

These five candidates will be attending the Candidate Forum, April 2 at Newell City Hall. The school election will be April 9,

Best Choice.

Betty Olson's *Grand River Roundup* can be found on page C6

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Grand River Roundup



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news@bellefourchebeacon.com We had another warm week around here with a high temperature of 61 degrees on Tuesday, but no rain. The prairies are getting pretty dry and the fire danger is high. There was a

fire south of Dillion Lermeny's along Highway 20 and a combine caught fire near Bison this week, so be really careful when you're outside.

I'm complaining – last week I had six white hens that can fly over the fence the guys built around the chicken coop and now there are only two white hens left. The colored hens don't fly over the fence, so all eight of them are still alive. After only five white hens came to the coop last weekend, I searched all over and finally found something had eaten the missing hen up in the barn. On Thursday, we caught both of our dogs each eating a white hen and something else evi-

dently killed another one, so the dogs were tied up and the hens are locked up until I can get something to put over the top of the pen outside so they can't fly out.

John Miller, 77, Red Owl, passed away at his home on Tuesday, March 12. His memorial service was March 19 at Red Owl with burial at the Red Owl Cemetery. His family has our sympathy.

Amy Johnson hosted Ladies Aid at the church Tuesday afternoon and after it was over I went to Reva to get Paisley and Huxton Parmely and Copper off the school bus to take them home. I visited with Dean Meyer at the Reva store while waiting for the bus. I told him a lot of ranchers around here would sure like to have him start writing the entertaining column that he used to write in several newspapers around the area and hopefully he'll start writing it again.

in Reeder on the way home, but we had to leave a little early to get home in time to make it to church for the Lenten supper and service that evening.

Reub and I met Chuck and Michelle Spangler at Reva Thursday afternoon to take Gideon Bibles to give to the 5th grade kids at Buffalo. We waited until school was dismissed for the day so we could take Copper back to the ranch with us and we got to watch Clint Doll bring two of his son Beau's goats to town for the first grade to play with for show and tell. That was a lot of fun!

I went to Spearfish on Friday for the Heritage Center board meeting and we met with Tomas Hardy and Brent Evans from Knecht Home Center about sharing a piece of land the Heritage Center owns with them for easy access to the new storage building for their lumber yard they are planning to build next to the Heritage Center. We approved it and visited with them about finding someone to build the kitchen addition we're planning to add onto the Heritage Center.

Reub and I went to Bison Saturday evening and joined a huge crowd for the Raymond Akers Medical Benefit at the Bentley Building. Roger Nash wasn't feeling good so he sent a card and a check with us for his relative Raymond because he didn't want to share his illness. Dennis Nash was taken to the

hospital in Rapid City that day with a broken leg that he had to have surgery on Sunday morning.

Sunday was St. Patrick's Day so I made sure I wore green in honor of the day. My great grandfather, Charles Wilkinson, was a full-blood Irishman who started the Glendo Ranch store and post office in Glendo, which is now on our east place. Charles, born in 1850, owned a grain elevator in Albert Lea, Minnesota, and was the Freeborn County Sheriff. He served in the Minnesota state senate until 1911 when he and his wife, Ella (Fuller) Wilkinson, came to South Dakota to homestead and help their daughter Glencora Barck and her husband run the post office and store at Glendo until Glencora died of 'tuberculosis of the bowels' and they continued to run Glendo until he died in 1926. Their son and my grandfather, Harvey Wilkinson, came to South Dakota in 1908 to homestead next to his sister Glencora and Harvey and Lydia (Schmidt) Wilkinson took over the Glendo store and post office when his father died.

I'll leave you with this Irish Blessing that Ron Traver sent me years ago:

"May you have the Hindsight to know where you've been, the Foresight to know where you are going, and the Insight to know when you've gone too far."

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Then and Now in Newell

Reub and I went to Hetting-

er Wednesday morning because

he had an ultra sound appoint-

ment that morning and an ap-

pointment with the eye surgeon

that afternoon. While Reub was

Main Street when I saw a crowd

and Francie Berg was speaking.

I stopped to see what was going

Buffalo Grande ribbon cutting. I

listened to several of the speak-

ers before I went back to the

clinic to get Reub so we could

eat lunch with the group after

the ceremony. Les Thomas from

the Chippewa tribe in North Da-

kota sang and played the guitar

for us after we ate. Les used to

work for Elvis Presley, whose

Indian, and he showed us a

gave us a picture of Elvis to

mother also was part American

picture of him and Elvis sitting

down with Elvis' father. He also

take home! We stopped to have

coffee with the Prairie Pioneers

on and joined the crowd at the

at the clinic, I was driving up

outside of Centennial Square

"Looking Forward to our Past"

March 19, 1914

A very enjoyable surprise farewell party was given for Rev. & Mrs. W. R. Sisson at their home, 4 miles west of town Thursday evening by their neighbors under the management of the Missionary Society of the Blaine Congregational Church. The couple are about to depart for their future home in Wyoming, about 12 west of Belle Fourche. A program of songs and recitations were rendered, and then a delicious lunch with ice cream was served after which a fine rocking chair was presented to the couple as a token of esteem and remembrance from their neighbors.

Cola Clark who lives near Ball lost his house and all his household goods by fire several weeks ago. The neighbors liberally contributed in provisions, cooking utensils, furniture, etc and a shack was moved onto the place for their temporary use. M. J. Henderson was in Tuesday and received about \$45 in money from the charitable citizens of Newell.

There was a large attendance at the Court House in Belle Fourche on Tuesday when the State School lands were leased. In most instances there was not much bidding and those who live near the land got it for the normal charge. In some instances, however, the bidding was sharp. One section, rented for 33cents. There was one section went at 81cents per acre and was knocked down to Hank Karrels, who had the previous lease and owns the fence. Other prominent men attended the sale were Will Burke of Deermont and R. Anderson of 4-Mile and leased 2 sections.

March 13, 1924

The little Boyer girl, who was badly cut in the face on the barbed wire fence while coasting down the hill, is back in school again after an absence of 2 weeks.

Mrs. C. J. Tucker was hostess last Thursday afternoon to the Neighborhood Home Club at her home near Willow Creek, southeast of Newell. The ladies of that neighborhood have organized this club for the promotion of good fellowship and to awaken a keener interest for community welfare. The members greatly enjoyed this meeting. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess during the afternoon.

C. E. Boinott took out another load of freight, Sunday for F. A. Busse at the Twilight Store, also a new kitchen range for Mrs. Henry Wahlfeldt.

All drivers and owners of automobiles in Butte County are hereby notified that 1924

license plates must be on all cars in this county by Thursday, March 20. Anyone found driving a car in the county without a 1924 license plate after that date will be arrested. All Deputy Sheriffs in the county will be notified to strictly enforce this. Under this direct authority of Arthur Lefors, Butte County

March 15, 1934

A group of 15 industrious young workers of the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation met at the home of Rev. Stensland last Thursday after school. They gained 4 new members, as follows: Martha Larson; Merva Niva: Mrs. Mix and Mrs. Stensland. The following officers were chosen: President Vera Timm; Vice President Margaret Carlson Secretary Cecelia Brekenfeldt and Treasurer Clara Oksol. After the bisness meeting and program a lunch was served by hostess Mrs. Stensland.

A pistol shooting range has been installed in the east wing basement of the White House. Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, who is well versed in pistol shooting, will test her aim in target practice in competition with Secret Service members.

A 1000- chick oil burning brooder for \$12.75 and a 500-chick oil burning brooder for \$11.75 can be purchased at Brattons' Mercantile. Just in a fresh shipment of Purina Chick Starter can be purchased at O. Christopherson Newell Elevator. Get rid of roosters unless you plan to hatch your own chicks. The feed situation is tight and roosters eat feed which should go to egg-layers or chicks.

March 16, 1944

Snow-packed ranges and blocked roads leave stockmen helpless. Livestock situation is acute as blizzardy conditions continue. An Army rotary arrived in Newell last night from Nebraska and left this morning on State Highway 79 for Castle Rock, Hoover and Govert. It will continue into Perkins County and on north to the State Line. Another rescue Army plow is expected here soon

Charles Lawell and Joe Torres, both of Newell, pleaded guilty before Justice J. G. Hartwell yesterday to a charge of disorderly conduct by fighting. They were fined \$25 and \$15 in costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail. The term and fine were suspended. The men were charged with fighting and throwing a bottle through the window of the Price Drug Store. One combatant threw the bottle and missed his opponent

by Linda Velder

and hit the window. They are ordered to pay costs of the window. The complaint was signed by John W. Price owner.

A Model "T" Ford built in 1900 and described by its owner as in tip-top shape, was licensed at Lawrence County seat by Ernest Matthiesen of Spearfish. The car was one of the first 100,000 made by Ford and engine NO 91515 and weighs 1,500 pounds. It is one of the combination car and pickup trucks made by Ford that year and has been in use for 36 continuous years. The car was licensed in North Dakota last year and driven to Spearfish by Mr. Matthiesen.



John & Leta Price standing in front of Price Drug Store. Don't know which window he reported was broken. Newell Museum

March 18, 1954

Newell next week will become the smallest city in the US offering the public the new dimensional photographic marvel, Cinema-Scope, and it will also be the smallest city in the US with stereophonic sound, which blends vision, sound and color without the use of glasses. "The Robe", produced by Frank Ross and directed by Henry Koster, starring Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, Victor Mature and Michael Rennie and a cast of thousands. It will be showing all week and 2 shows on Sunday. Regular scheduled cinemascope films booked, include "How to Marry a Millionaire"; "Beneath the 12-Mile Reef"; "The Command"; "King Of the Khyber River"; "Hell and High Water" and many more outstanding films.

Members of the Congregational Fellowship are having Diminishing Teas as a means of raising money for the Placerville Kitchen Project. Among the hostesses who have had teas are: Mrs. David Richards; Mrs. Earl Jones; Mrs. Ernest Smeenk; Mrs. Horace Parsons and Mrs. Oscar Milberg.

A final appeal was sounded at Newell this week for contributions to the 1954 American Red Cross drive now nearing a close. Wherever disaster strikes or wherever there is a need for

aid or training to alleviate death or suffering, the Red Cross is at work. In the Newell territory, only \$365 has been received to Tuesday of this week, an amount far below the quota of \$800. Our area is usually "over the top" early in the annual

Nisland areas

March 12, 1964

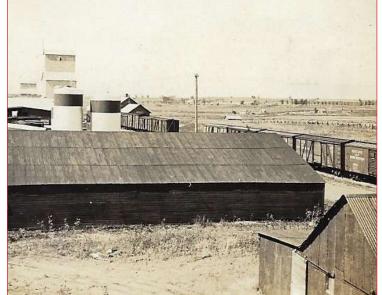
Members of the IOTA Chapter of Kappa Delta Gamma who attended the supper and meeting for retired teachers at the Corral Room of the First National Bank in Belle Fourche Friday were: Mesdames Elsie Wood; Evelyn Spencer; Mabel Spencer and Ruby Johnson. Guests who accompanied them were: Mrs. Frances Palmer and Mrs. Doris Shipley both of

Mrs. George Erk and boys of Castle Rock and Robbie Ruff of Vale were Saturday afternoon

guests of Mrs. Dave Ruff, rural Vale. Other guests were Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ruff and Mr. & Mrs. Dempsey Fenner and Suzanne of Newell. Mrs. Erk and boys and Robbie were overnight guest of Mrs. Ruff.

Doug Lange, Newell High School sophomore and son of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lange became the second member of that family to become a Golden Glover and win a State Amateur Boxing Championship, when he disposed of 3 of his opponents on knockouts at the State Tournament at Miller Friday and Saturday. Two other Newell boys, Greg Sundstrom and Keith Schuelke and Roger Overacre of Faith, who boxes on the Newell squad, were also contestants. Miller won the team title in the State meet scoring 14 points; Redfield 7; Rapid City 6; Newell 4; Mobridge and Sioux Falls 3 each and Kadoka and Huron 2 each. Don Moore and Lorman Lange are our local coaches. Spectators Mr. & Mrs. Sam Sundstrom, Mud Butte, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Fiscus and sons; Mr. & Mrs. Pat Wyant, Kenneth Sundstrom and Ted Lange traveled to Miller for the event.

Toastmasters Edward Breidenbach, Duane Friez and Lyn Gladstone were named as finalist by their club to compete in the Annual Speech Contest to be held in Belle Fourche on April 14. Toastmistress's chosen to represent the ladies wing of the club are: Mrs. Matt Klinker; Mrs. Duane Friez and Mrs. Myrtle Wilson.



O. Christopherson Elevator in back ground, near RR Depot. He handled mostly grains and other animal supplements. Newell Museum

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AAU Regional Wrestling Region 1 Results

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NEWELL—The AAU Regional Wrestling Region 1 match was held on Saturday, March 9 in Spearfish. Several Newell students placed in the top 3 and will thus compete at the state AAU wrestling tour-

The Newell State AAU Wrestling team is as follows: Jared Ginsbach, William Erk, Riley Feistner, Kallie Eaton, and Lexi Fox. Congratulations to these

hard-working youth and good luck to them as they represent Newell at the state tournament!

Full placing results from the Regional Wrestling match are listed below.

Riley Feistner - 1st Place Lexi Fox - 1st Place Jared Ginsbach - 2nd Place William Erk - 2nd Place Kallie Eaton - 3rd Place Ryan VanDusen - 4th Place Huntlee Heath - 6th Place

Check My Thinking-Life Choices



Western South Dakota Juvenile Service Center Commander Joe Guttierez presented to 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students in Newell on Monday March 4, 2024. Commander Guttierez presentation to the students was focused on "Life Choices - Checking my Thinking" Commander Guttierez oversees the juvenile detention center for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office in Rapid City and his message to the students were "You are responsible for your choices and for every action there is a reaction". Meaning if you make good responsible choices, you get positive outcomes, and if you make poor choices, you get negative outcomes. Negative choices according to Commander Guttierez result from not thinking of the potential consequence before making choices.

Commander Guttierez also visited with the students about perceptions, perceptions of how others see them whether

positive or negative. Commander Guttierez asked the classes if their parents have ever told them that they were not allowed to hang out with certain students because they are bad influences on them? And if they have never heard that before: "Maybe they are the bad influence" again it's not always fair but there are times we are judged by those perceptions and if they didn't like their perception, they can change it by making better choices. Commander Guttierez gave them homework, he asked them to write down all the choices they make each day, they will be surprised at the number of decisions they make each day, it's important to make good choices to have good outcomes. We all make mistakes, we just have to learn from them. Commander Guttierez gave examples of juveniles he has worked with that have made poor choices that have resulted in spending time in detention, Jail and even

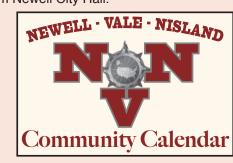
March 28, Holy Thursday & Community Potluck

Holy Thursday & Community Potluck, 6:30 pm, Newell City Hall. Dave Wagner will share good 'ole Gospel Music and an inspirational message.

March 23, Vale Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm Vale Community Country Church

March 30, Newell Community Club Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am Newell Football Field

April 2, Candidate Forum, 5:30-6 pm Social Time, Forum begins at 6 pm Newell City Hall.



April 9, City/School Election 7 am to 7 pm, Newell Clty Hall

Story Time with Miss Patty 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 11-11:30 am Newell Library

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

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School District May Be Looking for Opt-Out

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NEWELL-During the Newell School Board Meeting, Interim Superintendent Don Kirkegaard brought out the possibility of an Opt-Out proposal for the school district. He took time to explain what it could mean to taxpayers and the school.

According to Department of Revenue information, "opting out is to impose an excess levy above any current limitations." If a school district cannot operate on the revenues generated by the maximum allowed for the general or capital outlay funds, set by county tax levies, then the school district may choose to opt-out of the limita-

The General Fund is funded through local levies on property taxes and monies from state aid as determined by the funding formula. If a school district decides to opt-out of the general fund, the excess levy will maintain the same proportion for each land class, i.e. Ag, Owner

Occupied, and Other/Commercial. Each land class will have its own levy.

Kirkegaard offered an example of the tax impact for an Opt-Out for a school district needing \$300,000. *An example of the* impact for Opt-Out can be seen following this story.

Opting out requires a twothirds vote of the school board. The decision must be published within ten days of the decision. The Board's decision may be referred to a vote if a petition is signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the school district and filed within 20 days of the first publication. The Opt-Out will be for a fiveyear program.

The Board will make the decision at the April Board meeting to be held April 8 at 6

A contract was approved with Meade School District for Payroll and Accounts Payable through June 2024. The cost of the contract is \$12,000 per month.

The school will co-sponsor

the summer swim program with the Newell Community Club. They will also co-sponsor the All School Reunion set for August 8, 2025.

The contract for the MS Wrestling Coach, HS Wrestling Coach, and the MS Head Football Coach was not renewed for 2024-2025. Dylan Keszler was hired as 2024 Golf Coach. Thomas Barrera was hired as MS Assistant Track coach to work with shot and discus throwers.

Also, the Board approved the fall football schedule as a JV Team. The team will be considered JV due to the small number of players this fall. The schedule will be set for two years. The team will not be eligible for play-offs.

Resignations from Ag Teacher Tracy Austin, Music Teacher Adhara Malunes, and K-12 Principal Steve Schoenfish were accepted.

The Special Education teacher contract was offered to Macy Shupick. Her hire will fill the SPED staff.

	Property Taxable	Levy for	Tax Impact per	Total for
	Value	Proposed	\$100,000 of	\$300,000
		Opt-Out	Opt-Out	Opt-Out
Ag Value	\$200,000	0.435	\$86.92	\$260.76
Owner Occupied	\$200,000	0.973	\$194.52	\$583.56
Other Value	\$200,000	2.013	\$402.55	\$1207.65
Owner Occupied	\$200,000	0.973	\$194.52	\$583

Two Seeking Newell Mayor Position

Betty Bruner

news@bellefourchebeacon.com NEWELL-Two candidates have thrown their hats into the Mayoral Race, incumbent Mayor Ken Wetz and Tara Tennis. The two will attend the Candidate Forum at Newell City Hall April 2. There will be a social from 5:30 to 6 p.m. with the Mayoral candidates and Newell School Board candidates with formal Q & A following.

Mayor Ken Wetz and his wife, Donna, have lived in Newell since 1978. They have raised six children in the area and are now grandparents to 14 and great grandparents to three. Wetz notes that half of their grandchildren have graduated from Newell School system.

Wetz has been in the Newell-Vale area for most of his life, having graduated from Vale High School and then BH State. He taught at Newell High School for nine years before making a change in his career to work for Butte Electric Cooperative. He began as Member Services Manager and then spent 23 years as General Manager. During his career, he was president of the Rushmore Electric Cooperative Managers Association, president of the SD Managers Association, president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Management Issues Committee representing North and South Dakota and Minnesota. He has also severed on two other national commit-

lengthy prison sentences. Com-

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mander Guttierez encouraged

Think of the Consequences

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Activate plans to make a re-

tees representing the Electric Cooperatives of South Dakota.

Then in 1996 he was elected to the South Dakota State House of Representatives where he served two terms on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the Transportation Committee. For the past 23 years, Wetz has been a lobbyist for the Rural Electric Cooperatives representing all the Cooperatives in South Dakota.

Wetz has been active in many organizations, including the Lions Club. He has served as President of the Newell Lions Club three times, District Governor for the western two-thirds of South Dakota, and as the Council Chair of the Council of Governors for North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan. He has spent six years training incoming District Lions Governors.

He is also active in the Butte County Historical Society serving as President several times and has helped plan and execute over 353 of the group's 51 annual tours. In the past, Wetz has been active in the Newell Community Club, 4-H as a leader, been part of the Vale Township board, Newell City Commission, and has been elected three times as mayor.

"I have devoted most of my life trying to make our community a better place to live, work, and play," he said.

Tara Tennis is a familiar face at the Belle Fourche Irrigation Office. She was born in Sturgis

thoughts. Commander Gut-

tierez directed the students to

"watch your thoughts, because

thoughts become words, words

habits, and habits become your

become actions, actions become

and raised in Newell until 1989. She attended college in Lafayette, LA for business management and accounting.

As a resident of Newell, she is committed to the town. Her dedication is evident in the fact that she owns her own home and is in the process of finalizing the purchase of an additional house.

"This is a clear testament to my unwavering commitment to the growth and prosperity of community," she said.

Tennis' professional journey has been diverse. From her early days at 212/79 Servicenter to working with Elton Prouty (where she says she honed her carpentry skills) to her current role at the Belle Fourche Irrigation District. She has served landowners, written grants, assisted with budgets, elections, audits, and project reports.

She is always ready to lend a hand and volunteer her time. In 2023, the state of South Dakota honored her with an Acts of Excellence Award and has been inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame, where she named the community of Newell as the recipient of this prestigious recognition.

"I am proud to be a resident of Newell. I would be honored to help the community thrive not only for my child, but also for all residents," she said.

The Newell City Election will be held April 9, 7 am to 7 pm in the Newell City Hall.

thinking—make positive choiccharacter and your character es. Keep thinking responsible determines your destiny in life.

> At the end of the presentation, Commander Guttierez had student's list things of Value to them, what their Beliefs are and Rules they live by

> > Choices C8



PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Answer to Sudoku

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





Newell Youth Basketball Program Hosts Fundraiser

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NEWELL—On Thursday, March 7, the Newell Youth Basketball Program held a basketball game fundraiser at the Austin Auditorium. Community members supported the youth basketball teams with free-will donations at the door. Student teams were divided by grade, with first through fourth graders playing basketball games against their classmates. The fifth and sixth graders played against their parents, with a few

joining in on the parents' side. The evening began with

girls' varsity basketball players

the first and second grade basketball game. The net was lowered to 8 feet high, with four eight-minute quarters. No score was kept for this age group. Third and fourth graders played next, boys vs. girls, with a 9-foot-high net. The halftime score was 12-4 with the boys winning. The boys continued to lead with a score of 20-10 at the end of the third quarter, and ended up winning the game with a final score of 28-10.

The final showdown was next: the fifth and sixth graders versus the parents. The net was returned to 10 feet high, and the competition was friendly but



March Newell School Menu All menus are subject to change

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MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 4) Pancakes, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk	5) Maple Baked French Toast Squares, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk	6) Egg Skillet Omelet, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk	7) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	8) NO SCHOOL
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk	Corn Dogs, Potato Salad, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk Cookie	Chicken or Beef Nachos, Corn or Black Beans, Pasta Salad, Fruit, FF, Milk	Tangerine Chicken with Rice, Broccoli, Fruit, FF, Milk	
11) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Shredded Pork Sandwich, Fruit, FF, Milk	12) Turkey Wrap, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup or Potato Soup, FF, Fruit, Milk	13) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Pigs in a Blanket, Baked Beans, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, FF, Milk	14)Bagels w/ Cream Cheese, PB, or Jelly, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwich, Carrot Coins, Fruit, FF, Milk PI DAY	15) NO SCHOOL
18)Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Fruit, FF, Milk	19) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, FF, Fruit, Milk	20) Croissant Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Ham or Turkey Subs, 3 Bean Salad, FF, Fruit, Milk	21) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, FF, Fruit, Milk	22) NO SCHOOL
25) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Peppers & Onions, FF, Fruit, Milk	26) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, FF, Milk	27) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Lasagna, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, FF, Fruit, Milk	28) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk Chicken & Noodles, Corn, FF, Applesauce, Milk	29) NO SCHOOL

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

fierce. The score at halftime was 16-13, with the kids in the lead. After halftime, the kids were unstoppable. By the third quarter, the students were ahead, 32-21, and the final score was 36-28 with the fifth- and sixth-graders winning it all.

The grandstands were completely full and the crowd went wild cheering for the youth. The night was full of laughter, sportsmanship, and community. Funds raised from the event will go toward essentials, such as jerseys, for the youth basketball program.

From C7 Choices

example: VALUE: Something you value may be your Faith, Family, Job, School, and Working Hard. BELIEFS: Golden Rule, Family Time, Being Respectful and Responsible, Leadership, and Honesty. RULES/LAWS: Not to break the law, being honest, having morals and ethics and following them, not stealing, or breaking other laws, and doing drugs. He explained that if you do not have any values or beliefs you live by then you more than likely will not follow Rules and/ or the Law which will end up getting you into some troubles in life.

We need to teach values and beliefs so people will follow rules and laws. Our behavior is observable, we are responsible for our choices. He ended by telling the students to choose carefully, it will decide their Future.

Comments from a few stu-

"I liked him. He scared me but in a good way. I think he opened our eyes to more things. Nevada D.

"He talked about choices. Your choice affects everyone. You, your friends, and your family! Mesa M.

"He really opened my eyes, and I will never do any of that stuff to get myself into Juvenile Services. Hayden J.

"I loved it when Joe says, "why are you getting mad about

Photos by Betty Bruner news@bellefourchebeacon.com Last week at Newell Elementary School students took turns reading to each other in honor of Dr. Suess Week. Many of the students were dressed in their jammies to celebrate the

beloved author.

me making your choices. If you would have made

your choices the right way, you wouldn't be here (in Juvenile Services)" So make good choices or go to jail

and be told what you can do. Jaice R.

'Mr. Guttierez talked a lot about life choices and explained why others might make bad choices". Will E. 'Joe told us to notice the

difference in right and wrong choices. Stop and think". Lane

"I liked 'we need to remember to watch our thoughts because thoughts become words, words become actions, actions become habits, hab-

its become your character, and you character determines your destiny.'". Lucille A. "Remember for every Action

there is a Reaction—Positive or Negative". Jesse B. "Pay attention to your

thoughts & the choices you make. Positive thoughts lead to positive outcomes". Ayricka S

"There are only 3 Federal Juvenile Service Centers in America, with this one is in Rapid City, SD and they have youth as

young as 10 years old there. He told the students he did not want to see them in his building". Substitute Luke B.

THANK YOU, Mr. Guttierez, for coming to Newell and for caring about our students.



The first and second grade students who participated in the basketball games.

Heitz photo



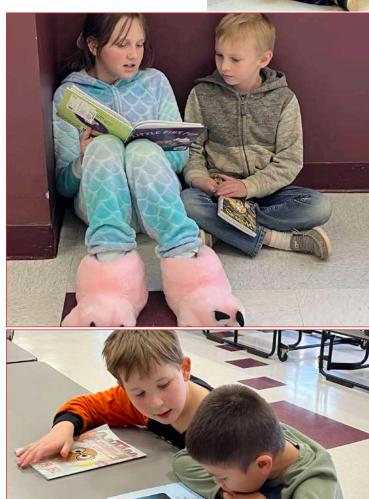
Youth players from the first and second grade play a game of basketball.

Heitz photo



Third and fourth grade boys played versus the girls.





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Ground Beef **Patties**



Ground v Beef



Ground Round **Patties**



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

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

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





Check Out Our Website at www.luedersfoodcenters.com.





Belle Fourche Beacon

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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(suf.) 20 Always 22 Haw. porch 28 Civil Rights Commission (abbr.) 29 "Casablanca" character 30 As written in music 32 Pike 35 Son of (Scot.) 36 Look after 38 Evil intent, in 39 Cross oneself 40 SW US cotton 42 "Dream Girl" playwright 43 Fish sauce 44 Mongol tent 45 Blood disease (suf.) 47 Ger. spa 49 Indo-Chin. language

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ENIGM

CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "P" = "R"

A54

"KJDQXVRX QB TQDDXP, TED QDB WPEQD QB BYXXD."

HXJV-HJRZEXB PMEBBXJE

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Praise makes good men better and bad men worse." — Thomas Fuller

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Daddy Daughter

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Puzzle Answers on C4

MON Look What's Cooking at Menus are subject to change without notice. Silver Pulled pork,

TUE

Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll, Tropical Fruit

WED

Ham & Potato Casserole, Veggie Medley, Garden Salad, Peaches

FRI

Chefs Choice

Macaroni salad, Veggie Medley, Peaches, Dinner Rolls

Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Mixed Veggies, Pears

Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple

Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potato, Roasted Carrots,

Mandarin

Oranges

casserole, Green beans, Applesauce, Molasses cookies 8

Roast Turkey,

Dressing w/ gravy,

Mashed Potato,

Tatortot

Tuna salad or chicken salad on lettuce, Tomato soup, Pineapple

Cheeseburger

Steak, Fries, Peas

& Carrots, Pears,

Snickerdoodles

SAT

Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed potatoes & Gravy, Roasted Carrots, Peaches

11 Sausage & Peppers, White Rice, Mixed Veggie, Mixed Fruit

Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Green Beans, Pears

Chicken ala King, Noodles, Veggie Medley, Mixed Fruit, Chocolate Chip

13

Pork Cutlets, Wild Rice, Peas & Carrots, Cranberry Sauce

Spaghetti, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Salad, Siced apples

Broccoli,

15

Cranberries

BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Brussel sprouts, Pineapple

Swiss Steak, Rice, Roasted Carrots, Pineapple, Dinner Rolls

Chicken Pot Pie, Cucumber Salad, Green Beans, Peaches

Mandarin Oranges 26

Taco Salad.

Tortilla Chips,

Refried Beans,

19

Roasted Red Potato, Creamed Spinach, Spiced Apples 27

Pork Loin,

Parsley Noodles, Veggie Medley, Garden Salad, Tropical Fruit

Paprika Chicken,

Scalloped Potato, Green Beans, Peaches

Smothered Pork

Salmon Patty,

Pork, Rice, Asian Noodles, Egg Roll, Pineapple, Fortune Cookie

Sweet & Sour

24

Pork Loin, Roasted Reds, Veggie Medley, Fruity Jello

Chicken Deluxe, Macaroni Salad, Brussel Sprouts, Peaches

Chili, Garden Salad, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding

Glazed Ham, Swiss Steak, White Sweet Potato, Rice, Green Broccoli, Dinner Beans, Pears Roll, Cranberry

Chops, Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple

Roasted Turkey, Sweet Potato, Scalloped corn, Cranberries, Dinner Rolls

Lasagna, Veggie medley, Garlic Bread, Mixed Fruit



25



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