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17th Year!

On Saturday, November 22nd Pioneer Bank Volunteers gathered with the Salvation Army of the Black Hills Rapid City to fill over 2,000 Christmas food boxes for distribution of holiday meals to families in need.

This was the annual event's 17th year of providing essential meals for families across Rapid City and the Black Hills during the Christmas season.

Pioneer Bank and Trust volunteers help make the community support for The Salvation Army's holiday assistance programs a reality.

The efforts took place last Saturday morning and early afternoon at the former Herberger's location (Uptown Rapid Mall) 2200 N. Maple Ave.



Elyse Clarkson was the youngest Pioneer Bank & Trust volunteer. Courtesy Photo

Pioneer Bank & Trust Volunteers Fill Christmas Food Boxes for the Salvation Army



Preparing the Christmas boxes was a two step process. ((Top) The unpacking of the various food boxes. (Bottom) Placing the various items into individual boxes for distribution. Courtesy photos

Dinosaur Gift Shop Offers Fun Christmas Shopping

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BELLE FOURCHE—So many fun ways to shop are offered in the Belle Fourche area. This past weekend Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum's Gift Shop, Expedition Outpost, hosted a Holiday Shopping Extravaganza on November 22. Even though the turnout was smaller than expected due to the scheduled food truck backing out last minute and a few vendors failing to show, spirits remained high among those that did set up.

In the side room several vendors lined the walls. Pretty Baked Home Bakery had fresh baked goods for sale, Designs by Kalei offered creative design stickers, Crazy Train Creations had 3D printed designs, and Crowned Free set up a booth. There was also a delicious hot chocolate bar to enjoy.

It is a great time to buy your annual museum passes for next year as they are on sale! Ginger Eiss, gift shop manager, said, "We have everything on sale! There is no admission to come

Dinosaurs Contd. A3



Walter Stein, owner, sets up the auction table to prepare for Black Friday. Stop by the **Museum** and bid on the silent auction items on Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29. Longbrake photo

Thanksgiving Holiday--No Beacon Dec.3rd

Pink Friday Boosts Local Businesses

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BELLE FOURCHE—A colorful event to encourage shoppers to support small local businesses was held on Friday November 21.

Pink Friday was embraced by businesses and shoppers alike in Belle Fourche.

Pink Friday is the Friday right before Black Friday and is designed to boost small businesses before the large-box store Black Friday promotions.

This year in Belle more businesses than ever before participated in the special day.

One of the first businesses in the area to embrace the day was Brittany Wilkinson owner of Belle Flowers and Co. "There are more businesses participating this year and the customers are catching on," she said. "We were pretty busy all day today!"

It's been really good, we did about double of what we did last year, it's been pretty steady today and we love that!"

And for another small business owner Michelle Evans, Pasque Ladies Fashions and Cowboys TOO!

Pink Friday was good for her businesses too. "Business was really good today. I would say we did better than Black Friday last year," she said. "It was busiest between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m."

Evans and her businesses teamed up with other local businesses to

offer Goodie Bags to Pink Friday shoppers.

They started out with 20 bags and were almost out by 3:30 p.m. The bags were full of coupons, gift cards, brochures, samples and gifts.

Businesses that contributed to the bags included: Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, The Rancher's Daughter, Rollin in the Hills, Red Onion Marketplace, The Breakfast Club, Digits Nail Spa, Hitching Post Tap House, Homestead Store, The Bees Knees Natural Food Store, 2F Custom Grinding, Grossenburg Implement Inc, Mary Kay and Belle Chiropractic and Massage.

Watch for specials around town

for Black Friday and don't forget to shop local the day after on Small Business Saturday. "It is important to shop local because it helps keep our doors open and then we can give back to the community through donations.

Anything that comes through our door is just more that we can put back out for the community," explained Wilkinson.

As for next year? Yes of course look for even more businesses to participate in Pink Friday. "I appreciate my customers very much, you guys turned up this year!"

I can't wait to see what we do next year to make it even bigger and better for our community," said



Promoting Pink Friday, from left: Michelle Evans, Pasque Ladies Fashions & Cowboys TOO!; Brianne Bonnet, assistant director Chamber of Commerce; Michaela Horn, executive director Chamber of Commerce; and Brittany Wilkinson, Belle Flowers and Co+. Courtesy photo

Volunteers Keep Angel Store Running

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BELLE FOURCHE—A place that evokes goodness by taking care of others and providing for those in need could apply

be named an Angel Store. That is, in fact, the name chosen by the Belle Fourche Global Methodist Church for their free thrift store.

The Angel Store provides free

clothes for anybody in need. The store is only successful because of the community's generosity. Everything in the store is there via donations. "People just know to donate. A while back we needed donations and so we put on Facebook that we needed donations and we just got blasted! The community is very good about helping," explained Monica Albrecht, team leader. "Even tonight, we've taken in a lot of donations that we didn't even ask for—they just bring stuff!" There is something for everybody! The inventory includes shoes, coats, hats, winter gear, tops, pants and is in a variety of sizes. "Newborn baby all the way through to XXXL for women and men," explained Albrecht. "We keep a lot of jeans—because the men like their work jeans—we just try to really round it out and carry

Angel Store contd. A3



Volunteers who keep the Angel Store up and running are, from left: Maureen Beals, Deb Wattier, Julia Bevier, McKenna Freed (Math and Science Club Community Service) and Monica Albrecht. Longbrake photo

Prairie Hills Pharmacy Hosts Festive Chamber Mixer

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BELLE FOURCHE—The holiday spirit was on full display at the November Chamber Mixer.

Prairie Hills Pharmacy welcomed both local chamber members and the general public to their store for the Mixer on November 20.

Attendees were greeted with Christmas music and a healthy offering of charcuterie cups and dips that included fruits, vegetables, meats and cheeses.

For drinks, attendees could choose from mango punch or hot cocoa that included a scoop or two of Crazee Cow peppermint ice cream.

The store offered special looks on men's jewelry, new Navajo jewelry, and kid's holiday clothing. A large selection of snow globes, slippers and

tote bags can be found here!

If you missed out on the special night, you get another opportunity to shop and enjoy a fun night at Prairie Hills

Prairie Hills Contd. A3



Cindy Cowan, co-owner of Prairie Hills Pharmacy & Crazy Cow Ice Cream, at the checkout counter. Longbrake photo

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Pastor's Perspective

This Perspective is from the archives of Four-square Pastor, the late Dr. Jack Hayford

"The Greatest Thanksgiving Feast"

The story in Luke 15 of the Prodigal Son—the young man who opted to leave home with his inheritance only to squander it all—is one of Jesus' best known parables in the Bible. When the young man hits rock bottom, he realizes his mistake and goes back, prepared to accept the consequences. But instead of recrimination, his repentant return is met with compassion, love, and grace from his father who orders a feast to welcome him home.



There are so many ways that a person can sell out. Whether it's independence—having it my own way—or indulgence—getting what I want whenever I want it—the marvel of this passage is the father's wholehearted embrace of his prodigal son—the grace that forgives all failures.

The grace that loves beyond explanation (Luke 15:18-20)

Can you imagine what was going on in the son's mind as he headed home? When Jesus says that he planned what he would say to his father, He's talking about our feeling the need to make a litany presentation of ourselves to God to gain His acceptance. But all God is looking for is our return to Him.

Like the father in this story, God does not milk the moment with "prodigals" who come to Him by making them squirm with guilt for as long as possible. That is a human tendency that miscalculates what forgiveness is. I'm called, as one of God's own, to relay the same forgiveness to offenders that He shows toward me. As the father sees his wasteful son approaching, he runs to him and embraces him. Have you ever been lavishly embraced by someone and felt so unworthy of it you didn't know how to respond?

The grace that refuses to be reduced (Luke 15:22-23)

The son starts in speech, but just as he's going to say, "Make me like one of your hired servants," his father cuts him off and calls his servants to bring the best robe, the ring, the new shoes, and the fatted calf. The fatted calf was common to the culture and still is to a feast in that part of the world, much as we will roast a turkey at Thanksgiving. The young man says, "I'm no longer worthy to be called your son," and that is true. But the father refuses to let the son reduce the level of his grace. He says, "Bring out the best robe!" It is the full-length robe worn by the head of the household. This is no slave who just came back; the prodigal son is going to be fully restored to the family.

The ring is given for the sealing or certifying of documents; the son is being re-established in his father's business. The shoes are not put on him because he has none. In Scripture, shoes taken off are a sign of mourning, weeping, lamenting. By putting shoes on his son, the father is declaring, "We're not mourning any longer!"

The grace that insists on celebration (Luke 15:24)

The robe, the ring, the shoes, the feast—grace keeps adding more grace! I encourage you, loved one, don't be apathetic about the season of grace that's upon us—Thanksgiving and Christmas. Don't believe the lie that says "really godly" people shouldn't do anything enjoyable. That thinking is so totally opposite of what characterizes the Lord's way. God calls us to celebrate, not for tradition's sake but for spiritual reasons. We are to be thankful for His great grace and His merciful forgiveness. Indeed, we are called not only to a feast, but also to a life of grace that insists on celebration.

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Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless of how we prefer to deal with the big questions of life, **it always works out for the best when we face things head on,** especially in regard to such a sensitive issue.

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The grace that frustrates human pride (Luke 15:1-2, 29-30)

Human pride is personified in the complaining by the prodigal son's brother who was resentful that their father made a feast for him. It manifests also in the arrogance of the scribes and Pharisees who felt they had an advantaged relationship to Jesus. There are people who never get in on the joy of the Lord. They misunderstand what salvation is. The grace of God is wrapped up in this willingness of Jesus to sit and eat with publicans and sinners. In fact the Gospel of Matthew was written by a despised tax collector who came to discover what Jesus was about and saw the purpose of God released in his life. This Thanksgiving, let me ask you: Have you checked your guest list for anybody who doesn't really seem to "fit in"? The spirit of the season ought to be that we invite people into our life who wouldn't ordinarily be there except that we have reached out to them in the generosity of the love of God.

The grace that forgives all failures (Luke 15:13)

The prodigal son portrays two areas of human failure that encompass all sin: independence and indulgence. Independence (through ignorance, self-assertion, or belligerence) is the pursuit of your life without bothering to consult God as to why He gave you the ability and potential you have. This tendency is present in everyone. But there's nothing that we have of ourselves; we've been entrusted by the Creator with life and abilities, and we're to honor Him for that. Indulgence is seen in how the young man gave himself to the unworthy and wasted all he had.

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From A1 **Dinosaurs**

and shop at the gift shop!”
If you have a dino enthusiast in your family, you are running out of time to shop for unique, fun Christmas presents!
The gift shop and museum will be closing soon. “We kind of go into hibernation mode from December 1 through March 31—so by April 1 we’ll be back open again to our general admission,” explained Walter Stein, owner.
“We will still be open for tour groups, schools, anything by appointment and that kind

of thing.”
The parent company of Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, PaleoAdventures, had a successful summer. “We take people on tours, for the most part, we doubled our tour capacity last year and we still sold out!
We get people from all over the world for the tours,” shared Stein. “We got a lot of skeletons that we’re working on, a lot of new discoveries from this summer that we put together—and so this winter will be very, very busy!”

The next big event to look for will be the day after Thanksgiving—Black Friday!
“Next weekend we have another Black Friday sale—10 to 30% off for the Black Friday deals, and we’ll have a silent auction table set up.
We will also have live auctions on Facebook—follow the Facebook page or my PaleoAdventures page—we’ve been doing an annual 12 Days of Christmas auction on the PaleoAdventures Facebook page—we have done that for 15 years,” explained Stein.



(L) Expedition Outpost’s Holiday Shopping Extravaganza vendor shopping area. (R) Adorable dinos in a can for sale at the Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum Gift Shop. Longbrake Photos

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From A1 **Chamber Mixer**

Pharmacy because they are having Ladies Night Out on Thursday, December 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and drinks while you shop!
The mixer is a great monthly opportunity to network with other business owners

and community members. Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Michaela Horn was on hand to welcome everyone and remind them of all the happenings in Belle this month. “Thank you so much for coming out tonight!
We know there are some other events going on at the

moment, so we’re excited that you’re here with us,” she said.
The Connect and Collect drawing is one of the highlights of the gathering each month. It was started last year and you have to be a chamber member to win.
Chamber members are asked to sign in at each mixer to receive an extra entrance into the

monthly drawing.
If the winner isn’t present at the meet-up, the money rolls over to the next month. The pot is currently \$365.
The November business drawn was Belle Chiropractic.
There was no one from that business at the mixer, so

the pot goes to the December mixer.
The December mixer will be held Wednesday, December 3, at Grossenburg Implement.
The mixer is from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., with Grossenburg’s annual Ladies Night happening the same night from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



(TL) Serving up hot cocoa with a scoop of **Craze Cow** peppermint ice cream. (TR) Chamber members are always encouraged to sign in when they arrive at the mixer; (BL) Networking, visiting and socializing are an important part of the Chamber mixer. Pictured Mayor **Randy Schmidt**, retiree Lynn **Hamerstrom**, and Maurine Clarkson (BR) **Shannon Humann, 605 Media & Entertainment**, draws the winner for **Connect & Collect** with **Michaela Horn**, executive director Chamber.. Longbrake



From A1 **Angel Store**

a little bit of something for everyone!”
The store is available to help anybody in need. It stays pretty busy and helps quite a few neighbors in the community. “Tonight we’ve had 43 people so far. But when they’re getting ready for school is when we get up to 60 people, but that isn’t normal.

We usually get between 35 to 60 people stopping by,” said Albrecht.
Five volunteers keep the Angel Store running smoothly. They often come in on Wednesday mornings to get everything prepared for the store opening.
It is open once a month on the third Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The ladies involved are Deb Wattier, Maureen Beals,

Julia Bevier, Linda Stanton, and Monica Albrecht. Two of the five do not attend the Global Methodist Church. “Julia and Linda don’t go to our church, but they still want to help—they’re very dedicated—everybody’s dedicated to the mission,” said Albrecht.
The ladies take pride in their work. “We’re very fussy! We don’t keep stuff that is torn, stained, anything like that. We like to make

sure that if they take it home, they can wear it and not have to run it through the laundry,” said Albrecht. “I refuse to have the racks crammed full too, because if people can’t find things, they can’t get them out. So I’d like to keep the racks so that there’s a little room to play with.”
Everybody is welcome to use the Angel Store. Everything in the store is free. “Everybody

and anybody!
And they don’t have to be in need, it’s for everybody,” shared Albrecht. “I’d like to stress to people that they can take whatever they want and as much as they want. It’s a very good mission and my girls work really hard!”
Come in when the Angel Store is open and grab a bag, fill it! “If you need more bags, we’ll get you more bags,” said Albrecht.

November 17 City Council

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BELLE FOURCHE—The City Council held its second meeting of the month on Monday, November 17. During the Mayor’s Report, Mayor Randy Schmidt reminded everyone that Small Business Saturday is November 29. Schmidt also presented drone pictures from the new Police Building progress.
There was no community input at this meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber Board nominations are now open for three available seats and encouraged community-minded individuals with professional skills and leadership to get involved in supporting the Chamber’s mission of strengthening the community. November will be a busy month, beginning with a chamber mixer hosted by Prairie Hills Pharmacy and collaborative holiday promo-

tions with CoNBA, including the approved light parade on November 28 with free entry. She also noted that NHFCU’s Polar Express event will release tickets on December 1.
The Library Board reported that October circulation included 971 people using the library and 4,400 pieces of material being checked out. They celebrated Children’s Book Week from November 3–8 and displayed America’s White Table in honor of the more than 80,000 American veterans still missing or captured and those awaiting their return.
Parks & Rec noted that there is

an opening for a new board member on the Park and Rec Board.
City Administrator LaFayette informed the Council that at the next meeting on December 1, there will be three public hearings convened by the Black Hills Council of Local Governments regarding the upcoming projects: the Springs Line, the Well House, and Landfill Cell #3. He noted that these items were briefly discussed at last week’s Public Works meeting and wanted to ensure all Council members were up to date. Aside from

that, staff is wrapping up current projects and preparing for the seasonal transition.
City Engineer Hardy informed the Council that drilling for Well #3 is complete and the project is now progressing to construction of the well house and connection to the water system. He also reported that work on the 11th Avenue project is wrapping up for the winter, and the Xavier sewer project is expected to begin this week.
The next City Council meeting will be held on December 6 p.m.





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As we move deeper into the first semester, it's amazing how quickly the school year is progressing. Before long, the holidays will be upon us, and with them the busy excitement that comes with this time of year. I want to take a moment to update our community on several important initiatives that are shaping the Belle Fourche School District.

This fall, we launched our *Belle Fourche Learning Innovations (BFLI)* program, a major step forward for our District. BFLI replaces the Black Hills online program we previously used and offers a more personalized, rigorous, and locally supported online learning option.

Educators are directly involved in guiding students, strengthening learning plans, and building stronger connections with the school community. In the coming months, we will hold outreach events for families interested in learning more about these new pathways and how they can support their children's education.

Our *fall athletic seasons* have wrapped up, and I want to personally commend our Bronc athletes and coaches for a season filled with growth, grit, and competitiveness.

We are also enjoying tremendous success in our *fine arts programs*, and I want to congratulate our students, directors, and families for continuing to elevate the arts in Belle Fourche. Your hard work shows.

Another major effort this year is our *Early Learner Community Project*, a district-wide and community-wide initiative designed to better understand how we can support our youngest learners.

We want to celebrate what we are doing well, identify areas where we can improve, and push ourselves to provide the strongest foundation possible for early childhood development.

This work will continue throughout the school year, and we encourage parents, community members, and local partners to get involved by joining a committee or participating in the conversations ahead.

As we enter the upcoming *legislative season*, we anticipate more opportunities to support public education and advocate for the needs of our Bronc student body. The world is rapidly changing, and what worked in the past may no longer fit today's challenges. I encourage you to engage with public educators, ask questions, and learn more about how our schools are evolving to meet the needs of students and families.

Finally, I want to highlight the importance of *school attendance and student involvement*. Challenges both academic and personal are part of growing up, and learning how to navigate them early is key to long-term success.

Regular school attendance builds not only academic progress but also the social skills, relationships, and confidence that students carry into adulthood. Whether through athletics, fine arts, clubs, or community service, getting involved helps every student feel connected and supported.

A community grows stronger when it stands behind its public schools. Families who consider relocating often look first at the strength of a community's school system. Together, we can ensure Belle Fourche continues to be a place where families want to live, students want to learn, and our community continues to thrive.



Thank you for your continued support of the Belle Fourche School District. Go Broncs!

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	Start Time
12/2 - Tuesday	Spearfish Tournament	Away	4:00 pm
12/6 - Saturday	Rapid City Tournament	Away	9:00 am
12/9 - Tuesday	Douglas Tournament	Away	4:00 pm
12/11 - Thursday	Black Hills Conference Trny - Custer	Away	4:00 pm

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Nov 29 - Shop Small Saturday

Nov 30 - 2PM America's Sweethearts @ BF Rec

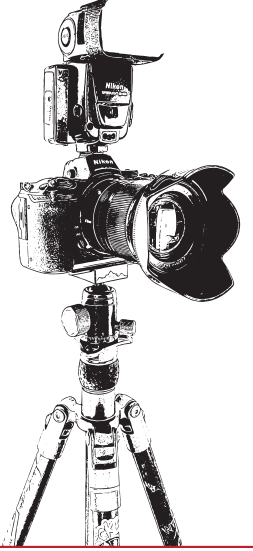
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Show Up

by Belle LaVenu



Sense and Sensibility, the BFHS production in the theater this past weekend, was a big hit with audiences. As your loyal fine arts guide, I can say the ambitious production surely did not disappoint. Directors **Nathan Schreier** and **Allie Juso-Verry** selected this dramatic show to not only give the thespians a chance to work with a classic, but also to help them grow as actors and stage crafters. Audience members commented on the authenticity of costumes and customs of the period, as well as the smooth, clear scene transitions.

The use of British accents by all the characters was also impressive and maintained overall throughout the show, transporting all to another time and place. It was easy to feel immersed in the scenes with believable portrayals of Jane Austen's varied and rich characters who interacted in vivid relationships. The script by ??? moved at a quick pace and included room for humor and energy as we saw the 1820's challenges applicable to our own 2020's struggles.

The ever-present, hovering "Gossips" were a clever addition to the production, helping us see the Dashwood family navigate societal pressures much as we do today. The young thespians truly shared the timeless themes of Austen, and the audience was invested in the happiness of Elinor and Marianne, portrayed by Trinity Hostetter and Kaitlyn Thompson, and all of their noble friends and family. Thank you, BFHS Theater, for taking on the challenge of this meaningful story and for the beautiful performances all three nights.

Breakfast with Santa may not sound like a fine arts event, but Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters love a man in costume and will be celebrating with Santa fans young and old at the BF Rec Center on December 6th in conjunction with the St. Paul's Annual Kids Shopping Spree on December 6 starting at 9 AM! *Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has announced the cast for It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play:* Freddie Filmore / Announcer - **Crystal Woods**; Jake Laurents / George Bailey - **Joe Savery**; Sally Applewhite / Mary - **Hailey Hanzlik**; Lana Sherwood / Violet - **Lucy Cole**; Harry "Jazzbo" Hayward and Others - **Colin Hanzlik**; Stage Manager and Others - **Bethany Savery**; Band of Foleys - **Adalyn Savery, Ember Olson, Cade Pearson, Samuel Savery and Katherine Fowler**; Director - **Isabella Quijano**; Photography - **Hunter Anderson Photography**; Producer - **Derek Olson**

Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so don't forget to add these upcoming fine arts experiences to your calendars and be ready to SHOW UP!

December 1, Monday: BFHS/MS Jazz Concert, 7:00 PM, BF Rec Center Theater

December 6, Saturday, 9 AM: Santa visits the Rec Center! Treats by the BF Fine Arts Boosters.

December 8, Monday: BFMS 6-8 Grade Chorus Concert, 6:30 PM, BF Rec Center Theater

December 12-14, BFACT Radio Play Production of *It's a Wonderful Life*, Friday and Saturday @ 7:00 PM, Sunday @ 3:00 PM; BF Rec Center Theaters.

December 15, Monday: BFHS Band/Chorus Concert, 7:00 PM, BF Rec Center Theater.



BFHS thespians delighted audiences for three nights with *Sense and Sensibility*, the Jane Austen classic. Back Row: **Hunter Brown, Madison Dalton, Director - Nathan Schreier, Riley Okeson, Logan Willert, Nathan Erhart, Dillon Streeter, Trey Shannon, & Avery Mastin**; 2nd Row: **Bella Welles, Madisyn Carson, Derek Scott, Timothy Thompson, Trevor Welles, Assist. Director - Allie Juso-Verry, Neeko Piekkola, & Kalani Myers, Costume/Hair - Colleen Anderson**; Front Row: **Sonja Cropper, Ember Shannon, Iva Hale, Trinity Hostetter, Kaeli Thompson, Abigail Schmid, Tace Hartman, & Tiril Brattas. Hunter Anderson Photos**



(TL) Seniors and their directors in the production of *Sense and Sensibility*: **Hunter Brown, Tim Thompson, Nathan Schreier, Allie Juso-Verry, Trinity Hostetter, and Tiril Brattas**; (TC) **Derek Scott & Trinity Hostetter** take their bows after their strong performances as Edward and Elinor; (TR) Actors **Avery Mastin, Ember Shannon, Iva Hale, Tiril Brattas, Trey Shannon, and Nathan Erhart** take their well-deserved bows from an enthusiastic audience for the last performance of *Sense and Sensibility*. (ML) Society is always watching - and commenting - **Sonja Clapper** as Mrs. Jennings, and the Gossips, **Bella Welles, Neeko Piekkola, Dillon Streeter, and Kalani Meyers**. (MR) All is well as love prevails as *Sense and Sensibility* comes to a close; (BL) The dinner party settings and a variety of scenes transitioned smoothly throughout the show. The directors gave the students primary control over the set design and creation. (BR) Costumes for *Sense and Sensibility* helped bring to life *Jane Austen's Dashwood* family, poor in circumstance, but rich in love for family: portrayed by **Kaeli Thompson, Trinity Hostetter, Abigail Schmid, and Ainsley Jewett. Hunter Anderson Photos**



Roots Grow Deep and Strong #43

"Thanksgiving Misgivings"

Meg English

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There are various theories about the original Thanksgiving that purportedly took place 1621. Some

historians have speculated that turkeys were rare in New England at the time and if not rare, hard to hunt with the weapons available.

Potatoes had not been brought to the new world. Some possible foods could have been corn, beans, pumpkin, and perhaps berries. There may have been deer meat, and maybe fowl.

According to a letter from Edward Winslow written on 11 December 1621, food available would have likely included seafood, such as lobster, fish, eels, mussels and oysters.

The 'First Thanksgiving' seems more myth than fact. Most of the artistic renderings present unlikely details. If there was a first Thanksgiving with local Native people in attendance as guests, it may have lasted for more than one day. Historians are unsure if the settlers invited the Native Americans or about the exact purpose of the gathering, if in fact there actually was one.

Don't get me wrong. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday.

Thanksgiving offers a pleasant seasonal intercession during the familiar autumnal commercial race from Halloween to Christmas.

Thanksgiving is inclusive of all people in American regardless of religion, ethnicity, or political ideology, a pleasing distinction for an American holiday.

Based on meaningful ideals, Thanksgiving is about celebrating American history and most important, it's about gratitude. For these reasons, I am grateful for Thanksgiving.

I am grateful also for pleasant memories of Thanksgiving past. I am grateful and proud to be an American.

As a child our family would travel from east river, farther east to where my maternal grandparents, Lester and Edith Harrison lived in St. Paul, Minnesota. I can remember only one year when in-climate weather prevented us from attending

Good food and family make lasting memories. My grandparents lived in a small, two-story frame house on Pinehurst Avenue within walking distance of the bustling and upscale Highland Park shopping center in St. Paul.

We were always welcomed with unconditional hugs in the foyer of their tidy home. The aroma of cooking and an indistinct scent of moth balls meant food, belonging, and order. Grandma Edith was a fastidious homemaker with a strong sense

of Victorian propriety. She had come west to Minnesota from her home in Waterbury, Connecticut to marry Lester in 1928. She brought with her many New England traditions.

Our family Thanksgiving celebration included four of us cousins, my uncle Craig, Aunt Jackie, my parents, and grandparents.

Even in the kitchen, Grandma Edith wore a tailored wool skirt, a stylish blouse, stockings, modest high heels, and jewelry. Her hair was professionally coiffed, but never artificially colored.

We always took care to dress well for Thanksgiving. My cousin Laurie and I were the same age. We wore new dresses and patent leather to Thanksgiving during our early years.

Grandma Edith had a large 1930s cooking appliance with two ovens. It had room for all the Thanksgiving dishes. The turkey, always ordered fresh each year from the local neighborhood grocery, was stuffed with a 'special' sage and chestnut dressing recipe.

My grandmother Edith would remind us of each ingredient, but never actually never shared the recipe, perhaps because no one thought to ask for it. Each year, the turkey was always beautifully brown, hot and delicious, the food was always hot, fresh and homemade. Grandma Edith's Thanksgivings were always perfect.

My grandfather, Lester sporting a brown or blue bowtie, would carve the bird carefully into thin slices. Each person was served individually on the beautiful floral red and gold rimmed antique China

plate.

There were mashed potatoes, a curved, splendid gravy boat with a silver ladle, vibrant cranberry relish, sweet potatoes with brown sugar, and greens. For dessert: beautiful homemade pumpkin, mince-meat pies with fresh whipped cr me.

Other than a small celebratory glass of sherry there was no alcohol. Laurie and I were offered our first sips of Cold Duck at the Thanksgiving table in our early teens.

After dinner, the adults would load up the kids for an outing to Como Park. By this time, it was late afternoon, and twilight was settling over the city. Como Park is a large expanse of urban park in St. Paul that encompasses a small lake, a zoo, and a domed conservatory for tropical plants and other flora.

The Zoo at Como Park, is free and open year-round. We would always visit the Polar bears, in their 'natural' outdoor habitat where visitors could observe the bears swimming underwater from an indoor observation window. Outside, Black Bears, Kodiak and Grizzly, Timber Wolves, and even Tigers roamed in their separate enclosures.

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Sometimes, we would travel to downtown Minneapolis where the Dayton's department store window displays were revealed on Thanksgiving Day, but I always preferred Como Park.

When we were older, Laurie and I were permitted to walk around the neighborhood. The stores were not open on Thanksgiving afternoon, the city traffic was minimal, and it was fun to have such grownup freedom.

Following these outings, we would all reconvene at the house on Pinehurst Avenue where Lester and Edith had washed the dishes and prepared a meal of sandwiches and salads.

My grandmother preferred to be alone in the kitchen. There was leftover turkey of course, and various meat cold cuts from Cecils, the local delicatessen, fresh ryebread and horseradish and pickles as well as her perfect icebox cookies.

Although Lester passed away at the age of 78, Grandma Edith served Thanksgiving dinner

well into her 80s.

I believe my personal description of Thanksgivings past are as accurate as possible. Each year, I consult with my brother and two cousins to compare their memories with mine. The four of us continue to share similar points of view, although we are all now in our 60s.

Thanksgiving remains a treasured holiday to me. On a personal level, Grandma Edith's Thanksgiving was perfect and can never be duplicated. As a nation, Americans also appear to have a collective idealized image of the perfect Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a very profound American holiday. I take it very seriously. However, my memories of childhood Thanksgiving are perfect. My memories instill in me a longing for the past and ultimately sad acceptance that the past was maybe not as perfect as I remember it to be.

"Thanksgiving Misgivings" means appreciation and acceptance. Grandma Edith's Thanksgiving remains a hard act to follow. So too are the stories of American roots.



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10 AM - Broken Mouth Cows
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Spring Calves

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Baker, Mike J, St Onge SD	25	Blk	424	\$474.00
Clays, Richard, Olive MT	17	Blk	545	\$428.00
Clements, Austin, Glendive MT	14	Bbld	706	\$347.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	19	B/R	471	\$425.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	58	B/R	388	\$457.50
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Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	10	B/R	323	\$460.00
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12 Noon - Dispersions, Bred Hfrs & Young Cows

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Steinbrecher Livestock - 60 Mixed Age Cows - Bred Blk Angus - 3/20 For 60 Days
Curt & Jana Leinger - 50 Red & Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 3/25
Heart H Partnership - 50 Blk Solid To Broken Cows - Bred Blk - 3/20
Lazy Hd - 40 Blk Mixed Age Cows - Bred Angus - 3/15, Sexed Calves
Oshoto Flying M Ranch - 40 Blk 2 & 3 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 3/20
Will West - 40 Blk Short Solid To Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 4/15
Silhouette Angus Ranch - 40 Blk Mixed Age Cows - Bred Blk - 3/1 For 60 Days
Lyle Sprague - 40 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 3/25
Green Leaf Ranch - 40 Blk & Red Mixed Age Cows - Bred Red - 4/1
Dennis Foy - 18 Herf 3 Yr Old Cows - Bred Herf - 4/1 For 45 Days
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Sheep Report - Thursday, November 20, 2025

Just under 3500 hd today - lamb market was on fire and was \$10-\$20 higher
Slaughter ewes sold \$10 higher

No Sale Next Thursday - November 27th - Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving!
Next Sale - December 4th - Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM start time
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Dejaegher Ranch, Melstone MT	37	Lamb	133	\$ 215.00
Dietz, Kevin, Sentinel Butte ND	60	Lamb	77	\$ 321.00
Erickson Family Trust, Froid MT	83	Lamb	96	\$ 250.00
Forbes, Jim & Emery, Kaycee WY	49	Lamb	74	\$ 314.00
Germann, Darwin, Rhame ND	111	Lamb	118	\$ 225.00
Hinnaland, Dave, Circle MT	21	Lamb	82	\$ 311.00
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Owens, Tom, Baker MT	145	Lamb	80	\$ 294.00
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Nuckolls Ranch, Hulett WY	26	K Ewe	133	\$ 109.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	37	K Ewe	153	\$ 116.00
Owens, Tom, Baker MT	47	K Ewe	163	\$ 110.00
Smith, Jim, Owanka SD	30	K Ewe	152	\$ 116.00
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Soppe, David, Kaycee WY	17	K Ewe	156	\$ 112.00

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Erickson Family Trust, Froid MT	3	Kbuck	195	\$ 121.00
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by Mary Buchholz

124 years ago Northwest TIMES December 12, 1901

BELLE FOURCHE BEE.

VOLUME 1 BELLE FOURCHE, SOUTH DAKOTA, DEC. 12 1901. NUMBER 1.

<p>Christmas Greetings.</p> <p>Holiday Goods.</p> <p>We have this year bought for our customers a nice clean line of HOLIDAY GOODS. Nothing is left over goods, and we have tried to get good clean substantial goods, and goods that will please our trade. We are going to sell these goods on a very close margin. Come in and see them and we will be pleased to show them.</p>	<p>Our CHRISTMAS GOODS are now on Sale.</p> <p>TOYS.</p> <p>Dressed Dolls, Iron Toys, Rubber Toys, Game Boards, Toy Trunks, Alphabet Blocks, Snare Drums, Tool Chests, Childs Books.</p> <p>Looking to the interest of the Clothing Department, we have just received a nice assortment of Mens, Boys and Childrens fine suits. A large line of fine underwear will be on display. We want to please you and we will look to your interests. Don't fail to see our elegant lines.</p>	<p>* Your interest.</p> <p>Mail Orders.</p> <p>You may not be able to come in and see these goods. Of course you will have to buy some of them. Send us your MAIL ORDERS. We will take the best of care of them; fill them properly, and if we don't have what you want we will take pains to get goods outside, at the lowest possible prices for you. We prepay express on all orders of \$5 or over.</p>
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100 years ago
The Northwest Post
 December 3, 1925

WANTED TO GIVE UP AL-LADIN RAILROAD A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says the Wyoming and Missouri River Railway company has sought permission from the interstate commerce commission to abandon its 17-mile railroad between Aladdin and Belle Fourche, claiming that further operation of the line is unprofitable. It has been known for some time that the owners of the line have contemplated such a move, but nevertheless it would prove rather inconvenient for a number of Wyoming patrons of the road.

TESCHER GIVEN FIVE YEARS Omer Merrill Found Guilty of Obstructing Duties of an Officer. Jurors Discharged.

On Wednesday of last week the case of the State vs. William Cassavant, Jr., was on trial at the hour of going to press. W. G. Rice of Deadwood appeared for the defendant, while State's Attorney Seward represented the State. The jury selected was as follows: David Richards, G. W. Gibson, Glen Grant, J. El. Ireland, Walter Cunningham, E. M. Adams, R. W. Milberg, R. F. Voyles, J. H. Gladden, Chester Jenks. At the conclusion of the testimony for the State's witnesses, defendant's counsel moved for a directed verdict for defendant, which motion was denied.

The defense then introduced a number of witnesses, and the case was turned over to the jury early in the afternoon. After a short deliberation a verdict of not guilty was returned and the defendant was discharged. The being the time for accepting the plea of Fred L. Mitchell, charged with perjury, the defendant asked permission to file two motions, one to quash the information and one to suspend the time of pleading. The matter was set for Friday morning. William E. Jones, charged with keeping and storing intoxication liquor, ap-

peared with his attorney and asked permission to change his former plea of guilty to one of not guilty, which was allowed.

The next jury case was that of the State vs. Omer Merrill, charged with obstructing Deputy Sheriff Sanders while making an arrest. State's Attorney Seward prosecuted this case, while Dan McCutchen appeared for the defendant. The following jury was selected: A. T. Botkins, Marston Eccles, W. E. Jones, Floyd Cook, E. H. Davis, H. T. Byers, A. C. McClure, Harve Beckman, G. C. Green, G. W. Creamer, Roy Congdon, Ben E. Fink. Court then adjourned until Friday morning, on account of Thanksgiving. The Merrill case was then resumed and occupied all of the time until the noon recess. The case was given to the jury at the afternoon session, and at 12:30 Saturday a verdict of guilty was returned, the jury recommending leniency of the court in passing sentence.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
 December 12, 1950

People The weather at his ranch 10 miles north of Alzada was just like that in Belle Fourche - windy and a little snow - when Peter Thompson left there yesterday. Thompson came to Belle Fourche to pick up his nine-year-old stepson, who is attending school in Belle. The lad stays with his grandmother, Mrs. Tony Rail. Thompson raises sheep and cattle, has been on the ranch near Alzada all his life.

Stephen J. Geis can remember when Belle Fourche wasn't; when residents of the region crossed the valley here and jogged east to Minnesela. Geis lives eight miles northwest of Aladdin, has been there for 50 years. Stephen's father located in the area in 1880, and Stephen's son and family now are living on the ranch. The Geis family raises cattle, farms hay and some grain. Incidentally, Stephen's 18-months old grandson, who swallowed a peanut several weeks ago and had

a bad time for it for a while now is getting better. Geis says he gets to Belle once a week. This time they were in to see a doctor.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
 December 3, 1975

Committee Offers First Phase Report City Sales Tax Findings Belle Fourche's recently appointed city sales tax committee has made its first report to the city council - a lengthy statistical study of how the city sales tax has been working in other communities in the area. That report was submitted Monday night at the regular meeting of the city council, with a letter indicating that a second phase of the study should be completed in a month. In the second phase members of the committee are planning personal visits to towns in the area. They will talk with merchants in those communities concerning their attitude to the implementation of the sales tax in their city. The committee points out that it will make no recommendation concerning a city sales tax unless specifically asked to do so by the city council. The first report shows Custer received \$54,000 in gross revenue for the city sales tax in 1974, Lead \$88,595.10, Deadwood \$109,447.88, Spearfish \$141,859 and Sturgis, \$167,171.90.

To Who's Who Kim Gralie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gralie, Belle Fourche, a second-year student at Cotty College, Nevada, Mo., will be included in the 1974-75 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Section was on the basis of academic achievement and campus leadership. Candidates were elected by vote of the faculty, administration and student body. Cotty is a two-year liberal arts college owned and supported by the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Miss Gralie, a dean's list student, is a physical education major and has served as sports manager during both her first and second years at Cotty.



FIVE GENERATIONS of the Barr family gathered in Belle Fourche Thanksgiving Day. They included: Dave C. Barr, great-great grandfather, long a familiar figure in Belle Fourche; Mrs. Bertha Behymer, Stockton, Cal., great grandmother; Pat Behymer, Harding, grandfather; Mrs. Clair Wical, and her daughter, Gay Lee Wical of Belle Fourche.

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17	Swiss Steak Baked Potato Mixed Veggie	18	Chicken Cordon Bleu Wild Rice Broccoli Dinner Salad	19	Pork Loin Roasted Potato Mixed Veggies	20	Meatloaf Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Roll	21	Beef Sausage Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potato
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Middle School Wrestling Underway

Kandi Tonsager

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The Bronc Middle School wrestlers have competed in many area events so far this season.

On Monday October 27th they attended their first meet at Stagebarn Middle School, then on Friday November 3rd, they hosted their home tournament. Results for the home invite were:

4th Place Finishers: Ainsley

Schmeltzer, Landon Swaney, Asa Woolsey & Jake Tonsager
3rd place finishers: Madalynn Rhoads, Hope Willert, Tate Krul, & Bently Spaulding

2nd place finishers: Charlie Huston, Nash Kirstine, Neeko Pfister, Braxton Patterson & Jacob Nash

1st place finishers: AnnaBelle Dighton, Brynlee Wolf, Austin Ramirez, Kellen Williams, Bayzen Curtis, Brady Hakala, Logan Gleason & Jace

Olson

On November 11th the Broncs attended the annual Veteran's Day Tournament in Newell. Results:

3rd Place finishers: Ainsley Schmeltzer, Nash Kirstine, & Asa Woolsey

2nd Place finishers: Gracie Hodge, Charlie Huston, Landon Swaney, Austin Ramirez, Franklin Martinez, Bayzen Curtis, Neeko Pfister, James Mitchell, De' Angelo Green,

Jake Tonsager & Jacob Nash

1st place finishers: AnnaBelle Dighton, Brynlee Wolf, Tate Krul, Kellen Williams, Brady Hakala, Logan Gleason & Oaklee Atkins

On Tuesday November 18th the Broncs headed down to Hot Springs for a meet. Results were unretreivable.

On Friday, November 21st, the Broncs competed in a large tournament in Sturgis with the following results:

4th Place: Charlie Huston, Austin Ramirez, Neeko Pfister

3rd Place: Madalynn Rhoads, Nash Kirstine,

2nd Place: AnnaMarie Luna, Bayzen Curtis, Asa Woolsey, Brady Hakala

1st Place: Gracie Hodge, AnnaBelle Dighton, Tate Krul, Kellen Williams, Logan Gleason, Brux Hartman

The middle school wrestlers have 4 meets left in December for the season including, Spearfish on the 2nd, Rapid City on the 6th, Douglars on the 9th and Black Hills Conference in Custer on the 11th.



(L) AnnaBelle Dighton, Charlie Huston & Grace Long cheer on fellow Bronc at home invite; (R) Broncs Neeko Pfister vs Kellen Williams at Newell Meet 11-11-25.



(L) Brynlee Wolf;



(R) Charlie Houston looking for a cradel



(L) Hope Willert, 6th grader with her 1st pin of her 1st year wrestling;



(R) Jake Tonsager working a pin.



(L) Madalynn Rhoads;



(R) Tate Krul.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden November 22, 2025

Sunday was yet another gift of a day as it was a beautiful, calm, sunny day close to 60 degrees. This past week was mild, but we are bracing for a bit colder temperatures by Thanksgiving. Hay can be seen moving on the highways at this time and it's been a good time to travel with those big loads.

By Tuesday night, the big 32 ft. Christmas tree will be lit and the hallways of the Capitol will be adorned with colorful, trees and décor. It is a wonderful and beautiful time to visit our Capitol. For those having some time on their hands over the Thanksgiving holiday, a trip to Pierre could be worth one's while.

On the nicer fall days, some can be seen fishing at Capitol Lake. The Governor decided it was time to try letting kids and families enjoy fishing and the great outdoors of Capitol Lake. GF&P were happy to stock it with very nice trout. A variety of fish have been caught and we've enjoyed seeing families spending time together with their main focus on catching a fish. So far, it has been a good decision and provides good clean fun for both youth and adults for several weeks now.

We were saddened to hear about the passing of Andy Wicks, formerly of Red Owl. Most everyone who has lived in rural Meade County for the last 40+ years knew Andy. He loved to visit with folks from the country as he frequented many restaurants and cafes in the Sturgis area. His funeral service was held at Sturgis at the St. Fran-

cis of Assisi Catholic Church on Saturday, Nov.22. The burial was at the Pleasant View Cemetery at Red Owl where many friends and family came to show their respect. The Red Owl Community hosted a luncheon after the burial at the Red Owl Hall. Andy's heart would have been full to see it. Our sincere condolences go out to Andy's family and close friends.

I'd like to take this time to offer up my gratitude and thankfulness for the community, state and country that I live in. Anyone living in Central Meade County does not have to look far to find many things to be thankful for.

We live in a sturdy, compassionate community which was inherited from those who came before us. As our ancestors homesteaded here in Meade County, they were the ones who stayed and toughed it out. They didn't return to the places from which they came that were much less rugged where the living was easier. Those who stayed helped their neighbors in times of need as they worked hard to take full responsibility for their own livelihoods. I'm thankful for the community that considers others, looks for ways to make our families, communities, schools and our state better, and isn't afraid to get their hands dirty doing it. I'm thankful to the Lord for blessing Meade County and for showing us favor in so many ways this year. May you all reflect on how you have been blessed with family, friends and the freedoms we enjoy this holiday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

CANDLES AND MIRRORS

"That's the Way the Cookie Crumbles"

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

I am a cookie snob. No need to stroll through the cookie aisle of the grocery store. Sometimes I consider all the additives that allow those plastic packages to sit for months or more, but mostly I don't like the taste. Even the fresh, bakery-made confections have little appeal. This narrow-minded attitude likely goes back to our mother.

There was nothing like jumping off the school bus on a cold winter's afternoon and being greeted at the door with the heavenly scent of fresh-from-the-oven chocolate chip cookies.

Or peanut butter, oatmeal raisin or molasses cookies. Some of Mom's recipes were passed down from her mother, but she searched magazines and newspaper columns. Occasionally, her head bent next to the radio and pencil in hand, she added ideas to her repertoire. Mom was one smart cookie!

She often made Dad's favorites. I can see her grin as she watched her husband thoroughly enjoy every chewy morsel. He loved raisins and other fruits. Mom or one of the girls often carried prune drop cookies in a bucket to the farmers working in the fields. It was part of their afternoon "lunch."

Mom and her daughters kept the cookie jar stocked most of the time, and all of us were frequently caught with our hand in the cookie jar. Once in a while a package of cookies made it into the cart at the store. Likely, Dad was the culprit. Crisp ginger snaps, frosted oatmeal and Fig Newtons were some of his choices. Mom would allow me to dip the crunchy ones in her coffee, which was a perfect pairing. Dad would munch down a few of the fig bars



and offer me one. Oh, no, those seedy things wrapped in cardboard were not for me!

Cookies convey a compelling history, Fig Newtons in particular. British immigrants introduced the fig roll to America. Possibly

inspired by these concoctions, a Philadelphia baker, Charles Roser, developed his own recipe which he sold to a company in Newton, Massachusetts. Thus, the Newton part. Today the cookies are still popular, but the "fig" part has been dropped from the name. Why? Because there are now other flavors: strawberry, raspberry, blueberry and mixed-berry. My tough cookie brain will not allow this mix up. "Darn tootin' I like mixed-berry Newtons?" That's just distasteful!

The love of cookies helped Americans endure the hardships of the Great Depression. Children were known to gather in a circle on the floor and chant, "Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar?" The youngsters took turns accusing each other of stealing from an imaginary cookie jar. playful call-and-respond ensues. The rhythm and rhyme of the jolly jingle provided respite in hungry times and also a fun game in later years.

Today, Cookie Monster still approves of the treats of every kind. "C is for cookie, that's good enough for me."

"Me too" is my cookie cutter response because lately I have been having a hankering for fig Newtons. Actually, a package mysteriously appeared in my grocery cart last week; I must have been thinking of Dad. What is left of the resealable pack waits in my freezer. Somehow, they no longer taste like seedy things wrapped in cardboard.

"Life is too short for bad cookies," according to Blond Amsterdam. Secret recipe: if you have never heard of Blond Amsterdam, don't let your tummy hurt, we are all still very smart cookies!

Dad's Favorite Prune Drop Cookies

- 1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup butter
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup milk, sweet or sour
1 tsp soda
1 tsp baking powder
1 cup cut prunes
3 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped nutmeats, optional

Cream sugar and butter. Add beaten eggs and vanilla. Add milk in which soda has been dissolved. Add prunes. Add flour that has been sifted with remaining dry ingredients. Mix just until moistened. Add nuts if desired. Drop by spoonfuls on cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned in moderate oven.

DeAnn Kruempel grew up on a farm near De Smet, SD, the sixth child of Harrison and Mabel Wolkow. She attended school at Erwin and De Smet. Married Vicar Robert Kruempel and lived in Benedict, ND, Toeterville, Akron and Missouri Valley IA. The author worked in school and public libraries for more than 30 years. She resides on an acreage near Logan, IA. Her column has run in a growing number of Midwest newspapers for five years. Each year the author has published the stories into a book. She has also published a historical fiction series, "Promises to Keep." Her nine books are available on Amazon. Contact Kruempel at deannkruempelauthor@gmail.com.

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COUNTY OF BUTTE) FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN SIOUX FALLS,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RAYMOND D. HUSEBY d/b/a OUTLAW EXPRESS.
Defendant.

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, GREETINGS:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, a copy of which was filed with the Clerk of Courts of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Butte County, South Dakota, on October 8, 2025.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 22nd day of October, 2025.
DAVENPORT, EVANS, HURWITZ & SMITH, L.L.P.
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Coach Clarkson Awarded Cross Country Coach of the Year

Kandi Tonsager

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Head girls cross country coach, Brit Clarkson, is named as the 2025 South Dakota Cross-Country Coaches Association Head Cross Country Coach of the Year. Coach Brit has been coaching cross country and track for the Broncos since 2020. She has been involved in cross country most of her life as a runner throughout her school years with her dad coaching cross country and track in Sundance, Wyoming in her youth. Brit placed at Wyoming State Cross Country and in Track every year in high school. In track she competed in the 1600, 3200, 4x800 and open 800 events and still holds records in Sundance High School for both the 1600 and 3200 meter races that are 25 years standing.

Brit is also a long-time member of area running clubs, including the Black Hills Runners Club for the past 12 years, and has participated in many races herself. She qualified for the Boston Marathon in 2022 where she competed and finished in 3 hours and 10 minutes. The Boston Marathon was Brit's 3rd marathon race. She also won the women's 50-mile Ultra Race for the Black Hills 100 series in 10 hours 33 minutes. Brit has directed the Bear Lodge 10k race for the past 6 years. It is evident her passion for distance running as not only a dedicated coach, but as a participant as well. She is a role

model for her cross-country and track distance runners as well as many in the area who follow her, and her family's outstanding running career. Brit and her husband, Trey's oldest son, Sawyer, a Bronc 2023 graduate, continues his accomplished running career as a collegiate runner competing at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Sons Lennon (Junior), and Maddox (7th Grader), compete for the Broncos in cross country and track, earning their way to the podium in their respective events many times over as well. Trey is a BH Runner's Club member & accomplished runner as well.

Brit fosters an excellent regimented skill building program to help her team succeed. The girls' team earned their way to the state competition in Huron this season with a 7th place state finish. Coach Brit names this as well as taking 1st in the Bronc home cross country meet and 2nd at the Regions meet as this cross country season's highlights and is looking forward to next season. "Goals are high!" states Coach Brit, "we hope to win Regions and make the podium at State as we were just 1 point away (from the podium which places out to 6th) this year. It was the highest placing ever from a Belle Fourche girls' team."

Next season looks promising. Thank you for your continued dedication to distance running and Congrats Coach Brit!



Bronc Football Season Banquet and Awards

Kandi Tonsager

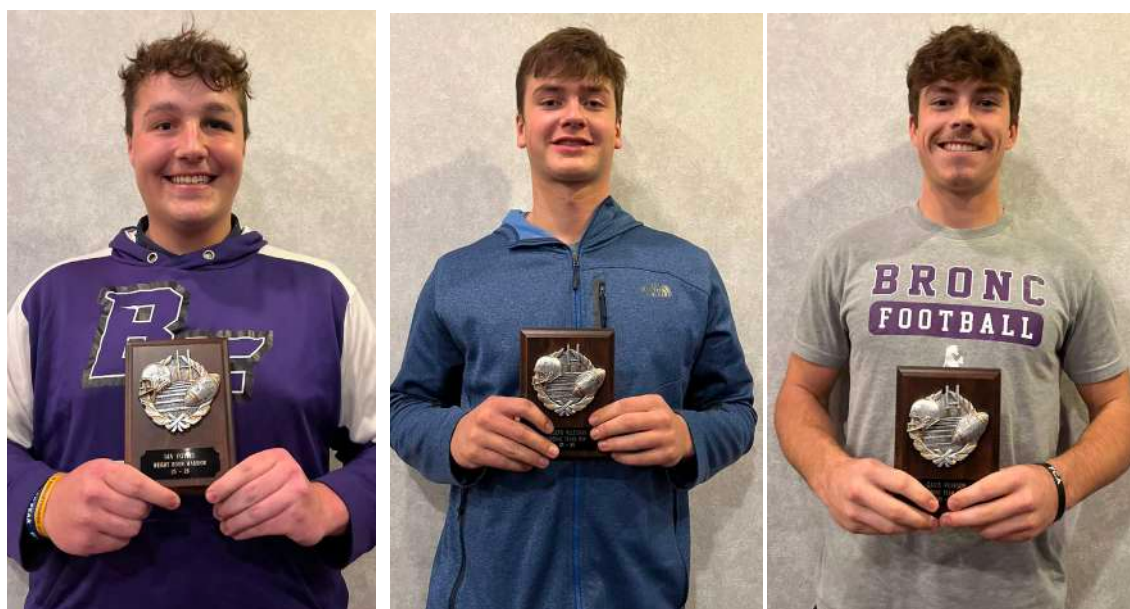
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Wrapping up a 3 & 6 season, the Belle Fourche Bronc football team held their awards banquet on Wednesday, November 19th.

Among the award recipient were Senior, Gavin Pearson with the Bronc Team MVP; Senior, Riley Dighton with Offensive MVP; Junior, Charlie Houck with Defensive MVP; Senior, Joseph McLennon with Special Teams MVP; Senior, Emitt Lipp with Offensive Lineman of the Year; Junior, Koby Bowden with Scout Team player of the year; Junior, Ian Voyles, was awarded Weight Room Warrior, Freshman, Raven Audiss was awarded Newcomer of the Year & Senior, Mason Nehl was awarded the Bronc Award.

Academic All State award winners were Riley Dighton, Slayter Humbracht, Joseph McLennon, Gavin Pearson, Emit Lipp, Trigg Olson, and Raif Parmeter. Black Hills All Conference selections were Riley Dighton, Emit Lipp and Gavin Pearson, with Honorable Mentions to Raif Parmeter and Ian Voyles.

The Broncos say goodbye to 14 seniors on the team providing leadership and skill. Seniors this fall pictured in order included, Teagan Fredrickson, Riley Hunt, Marek Manke, Gavin Pearson, Spencer Bush-Graslie, Raif Parmeter, Caleb Dosch, Emit Lipp, Mason Nehl, Garet Huston, Trigg Olson, Slayter Humbracht, Riley Dighton, and Joseph McLennon. Congrats Bronc players on your accomplishments.



(L) Ian Voyles: Weightroom Warrior Award; (C) Joseph McLennon: Special Teams MVP; (R) Gavin Pearson: Bronc Team MVP.



(L to R) Emit Lipp: Offensive Lineman of the Year; Charlie Houck: Defensive MVP; Koby Bowden: Scout Team Player of the Year; Mason Nehl: Bronc Award; Raven Audiss: Newcomer of the Year Award; Riley Dighton: Offensive MVP



Senior Players



Belle Fourche Native Becomes The Unhinged Rancher

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In his day job, he is just a rancher taking care of the ranch—giving the first round of shots, calving, branding, feeding and any other job that comes up. But Kyle Lyons has accidentally turned his regular job into a daily spectacle that is watched by over a million followers.

Under the moniker The Unhinged Rancher he has turned his social media presence into a money making endeavor. “I’ve been doing the social media TikTok thing for about a year and a half—I don’t feel like I’m famous or popular but everybody else seems to think so.”

With a following of 945,000 on TikTok, 478,000 on Facebook, 389,000 on Instagram and 38,000 on YouTube it would be safe to say he has developed quite a presence on social media.

It wasn’t anything Kyle set out to do. It just happened. “A really good friend of mine is actually doing something similar. He was at my daughter’s birthday last year, last March, and he’s like, ‘you should make a TikTok! It’d be funny!’ And I kind of just wrote it off then decided, oh heck, and that next Monday I tried it—I started making some videos, and one

thing led to another, and now it’s kind of taken off!”

Kyle says he isn’t everybody’s cup of tea! It is advised not to tune in if you are looking for educational tips on how to be a rancher. “I mean, there is probably a slight educational tone on some of it but most of it would probably be more comical,” he said. “A majority of it is me yelling at cows and water tanks, yelling at cows doing things they are not supposed to be doing, yelling at equipment, just generally yelling at everything—pretty much!”

Even though he currently lives with his wife and daughter in West Central Kansas, Kyle is a Belle Fourche native and he still calls it home. “We were out there at the Lawrence county line between Belle Fourche and Saint Onge and my dad worked for Bud and Terry Moe for many years on the dairy farm out there.”

In an attempt to keep his ties to Belle Fourche alive, he comes back to touch base. “I go back to Belle Fourche for class reunions—I was there at the 10 year reunion in 2018 and I’ll be back in a couple of years for the 20 year reunion—I still consider that my class,” Kyle said.

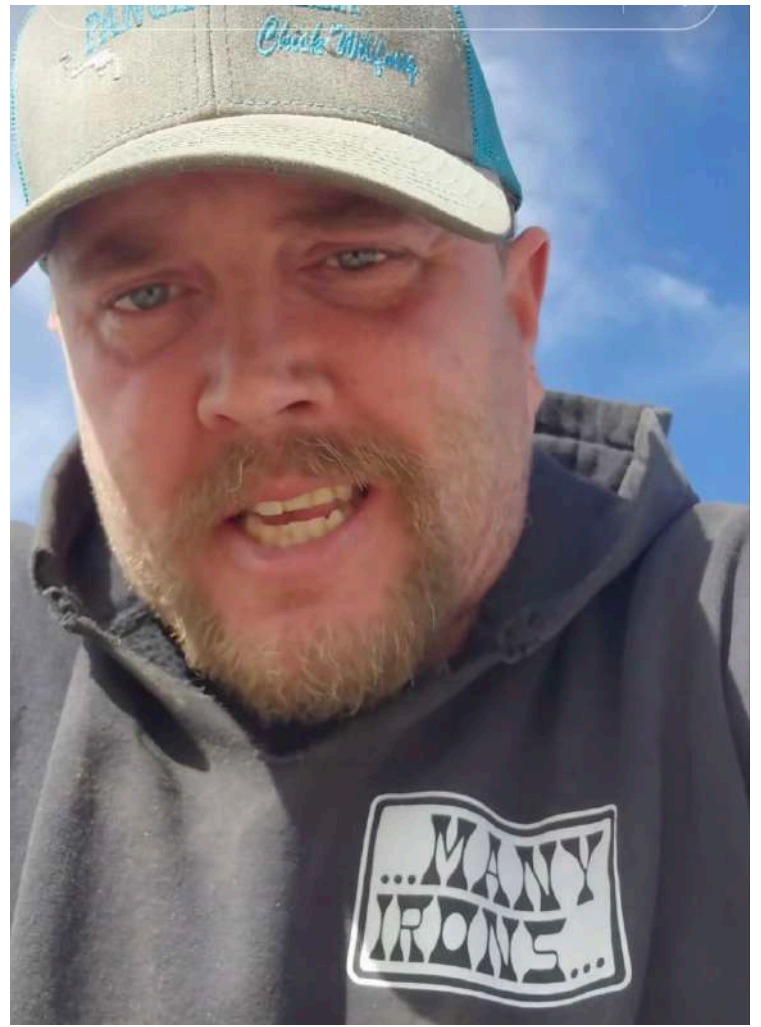
Kyle has fun making the

videos. “I do enjoy doing it. It’s kind of outgrown what I ever, ever could have imagined it would ever do—like to the point where I have social media agents and a company that I work with that do a lot of my posting for me on my pages,” he explained.

His large following has also turned lucrative for him. “I enjoy it but I’m still also doing it because we’re making money off it,” Kyle shared. “So like on the TikTok side, I get 100% of that profit—which can range from \$500 a month to \$5,000 a month—it just kind of depends on what kind of views you get on your videos.

On Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, since my talent agency manages those, we split that 70/30. I mean, it’s generating \$1000s of dollars a month in revenue, which is life changing for somebody like me!”

Kyle has a new website with his merchandise launching this week. He will have hoodies, hats, cups, t-shirts and more available to purchase. You can find that at TheUnhingedRancher.com. That is the same way to find him on all of the different social media sites where he posts about the daily things that go wrong in his life.



The Unhinged Rancher has become popular on TikTok and other social media sites. Courtesy photo

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CALVES	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
TI Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	97	Black-Str	601	423.50	\$2,543.40
	89	Black-Str	518	464.00	\$2,402.89
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	101	Black-Str	557	441.00	\$2,457.81
	68	Black-Str	488	487.00	\$2,377.70
	29	Black-Hfr	453	450.00	\$2,039.74
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	85	Black-Str	658	408.50	\$2,687.68
	85	Black-Str	659	408.50	\$2,693.21
	89	Black-Str	572	427.50	\$2,445.63
Jacci Lee Tracy, Newcastle WY	86	Black-Str	563	445.50	\$2,506.71
	32	Black-Str	463	505.00	\$2,336.41
	55	Black-Hfr	519	409.50	\$2,124.18
	31	Black-Hfr	440	440.00	\$1,933.87
Tyler & Kayla Fritz, Belle Fourche SD	35	Black-Str	715	359.00	\$2,565.31
	19	Blk/Bwf-Str	513	466.00	\$2,391.31
	35	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	623	356.00	\$2,216.86
	19	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	474	421.00	\$1,996.42
Paul Palczewski, Ludlow SD	92	Black-Str	581	424.00	\$2,462.88
	60	Black-Str	508	484.50	\$2,359.27
Ginger Harrington, Ekalaka MT	74	Bk/Rd/Ch-Str	610	410.00	\$2,502.93
	12	Black-Str	429	511.00	\$2,193.04
Gary Bischoff & Wendy Rohrbaugh, Alzada MT	98	Rd/Blk-Str	519	431.00	\$2,238.34
	15	Black-Str	601	401.00	\$2,411.34
	21	Black-Str	601	396.00	\$2,380.71
	34	Black-Str	430	475.00	\$2,043.89
Dudley & Marilyn Mackey, Gillette WY	39	Red-Str	567	417.00	\$2,363.53
Duane Odegard, Arvada WY	44	Bk/Rd/Ch-Hfr	571	374.00	\$2,137.32
	31	Bk/Rd/Ch-Hfr	443	425.00	\$1,882.33
Jay & Jami Jo Schroeder, Broadus MT	10	Black-Hfr	634	353.00	\$2,238.02
Lia Or Wes Butts, Sundance WY	17	Black-Str	470	481.00	\$2,259.28
Ron Starkey, Box Elder SD	14	Black-Str	705	372.50	\$2,626.12
Mds Trust, Dayton WY	10	Black-Str	559	430.00	\$2,403.70
Arthur L Hauber, Hulett WY	35	Blk/Bwf-Str	601	395.00	\$2,375.64
	16	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	536	371.50	\$1,991.00
Josh & Lynn Nixon, Alzada MT	28	Black-Hfr	517	420.00	\$2,172.00
Jacob Hieb, Ekalaka MT	25	Black-Str	630	396.00	\$2,494.80
	10	Black-Str	674	396.00	\$2,667.06
	12	Black-Hfr	633	330.00	\$2,087.25
Chris Penner, Newell SD	6	Black-Str	488	462.50	\$2,258.54
	11	Black-Hfr	497	389.00	\$1,934.39
Fort Peck Tribal Farm & Ranch, Poplar MT	74	Blk/Bwf-Str	481	469.00	\$2,257.22
	33	Blk/Bwf-Str	378	530.00	\$2,001.15
	28	Bk/Rd/Ch-Str	300	522.50	\$1,565.63
	58	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	473	402.00	\$1,902.56
	40	Rd/Blk-Hfr	356	517.50	\$1,840.35
	27	Rd/Blk-Hfr	291	465.00	\$1,351.94

Market Report - Friday, November 21, 2025

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WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	3	Black-Cow	1493	174.50	\$2,605.86
	1	Black-Cow	1470	174.00	\$2,557.80
	1	Black-Cow	1430	174.00	\$2,488.20
	1	Black-Cow	1595	173.00	\$2,759.35
Michael & Melanie Pittman, Belle Fourche	1	Bwf-Cow	1495	172.50	\$2,578.87
Riley Ranch, Spearfish SD	9	Black-Cow	1253	175.00	\$2,192.36
	5	Black-Cow	1368	175.00	\$2,394.00
Mike Morrison, Newcastle WY	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1418	173.00	\$2,453.71
Jacob Reichert, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Cow	1310	178.00	\$2,331.80
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	1	Black-Cow	1270	204.00	\$2,590.80
	9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1404	174.50	\$2,450.75
John Giacometto, Broadus MT	9	Black-Cow	1547	174.00	\$2,691.20
	11	Black-Cow	1328	172.50	\$2,290.32
Jj, Or Cathy Landa, Boyes MT	1	Black-Cow	1205	210.00	\$2,530.50
	1	Bwf-Cow	1205	210.00	\$2,530.50
Labree Red Hill Ranch, Ekalaka MT	4	Black-Cow	1474	174.50	\$2,571.69
	1	Black-Cow	1135	225.00	\$2,553.75
	1	Black-Cow	1470	172.00	\$2,528.40
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1295	177.00	\$2,292.15
	1	Black-Cow	1525	168.00	\$2,562.00
Duane Talcott, Hammond MT	5	Black-Cow	1379	174.50	\$2,406.35
T Million Livestock Llc, Rozet WY	5	Black-Cow	1253	182.00	\$2,280.46
	7	Black-Cow	1334	171.50	\$2,287.07
Travis Loehding, Ekalaka MT	5	Black-Cow	1087	200.00	\$2,174.00
	5	Black-Cow	1325	172.50	\$2,285.62
Joseph Or Jane Burke, Newell SD	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1525	174.00	\$2,653.50
	1	Black-Cow	1580	174.00	\$2,749.20
Cody / Gabrielle Burke, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1305	170.00	\$2,218.50
Neil Kitzmann, Ekalaka MT	13	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	892	292.50	\$2,607.75
	8	Black-Cow	1311	167.00	\$2,188.74
Jason King, Hammond MT	7	Black-Cow	1377	172.00	\$2,368.68
Tooke Ranch, Ekalaka MT	7	Black-Cow	1443	173.50	\$2,503.35

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1	Black-Hfrt	1050	247.50	\$2,598.75	
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	13	Black-Cow	1422	170.50	\$2,425.03
	4	Black-Cow	1685	172.50	\$2,906.62
Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	9	Black-Hfrt	998	262.50	\$2,619.16
	8	Black-Cow	1351	173.00	\$2,337.66
	1	Black-Cow	1015	247.50	\$2,512.12
Cliff Or Cheyenne Conny, Belle Fourche SD	2	Black-Cow	1475	172.00	\$2,537.00
	1	Black-Cow	1615	172.00	\$2,777.80
Quarter Circle U Ranch, Bimey MT	7	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1435	170.50	\$2,446.67
Clete Or Kristy Schmidt, Belle Fourche SD	3	Black-Cow	1518	172.00	\$2,611.53
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1430	167.00	\$2,388.10
	1	Black-Hfrt	970	252.50	\$2,449.25
Jerry Landa, Boyes MT	4	Black-Cow	1364	171.00	\$2,332.01
Busenitz Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	14	Black-Cow	1437	172.50	\$2,479.07
	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1144	220.00	\$2,517.16
Pickrel Land & Cattle Co, Gillette WY	16	Rd/Blk-Cow	1550	174.50	\$2,704.20
	18	Red-Cow	1320	166.00	\$2,191.20
B & L Betz Cattle Company Inc, Clearmont	6	Black-Cow	1511	172.50	\$2,606.18
Rittberger Beef Inc, Fairburt SD	4	Black-Cow	1365	174.00	\$2,375.10
	5	Black-Cow	1413	173.50	\$2,451.55
	3	Black-Cow	1315	185.00	\$2,432.75
	1	Black-Cow	1715	170.50	\$2,924.07
Jay & Jami Jo Schroeder, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1470	173.50	\$2,550.45
Scott & Christine West, Oshoto WY	5	Black-Hfrt	1024	268.00	\$2,744.32
	1	Black-Cow	1410	173.00	\$2,439.30
	1	Black-Cow	1305	171.50	\$2,238.07
	1	Black-Cow	1170	192.50	\$2,252.25
Diamond Hook Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	6	Black-Yrig Hfr	934	282.50	\$2,639.02
	5	Black-Cow	1448	172.00	\$2,490.56
	1	Black-Cow	1300	170.00	\$2,210.00
Four Spear Livestock Llc, Hulett WY	4	Black-Cow	1410	174.00	\$2,453.40

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Direction From C2 you can still encourage your team to find opportunities within the change. If they are taking on new responsibilities as a result of the pivot, perhaps there are stretch goals they can accomplish or new skills to get excited about developing. Or maybe there are benefits that come with having the new focus, rather than juggling a lot of projects at once. However you choose to frame new opportunities, do your best to help your team feel motivated to take advantage of these changes and recognize the good that's in store.

Establish a clear vision Outline how you'll be moving forward with the given changes so that your team has a strong understanding of what comes next. Right now, more than half of employees don't clearly know what is expected of them at work, according to Gallup, and it's impacting their job satisfaction and connection to their company missions. So, helping your team understand what comes after a shift and laying out what's expected of them can alleviate a lot of their worries

and keep them motivated to move forward. If the new direction is still uncertain, you can start by breaking down short-term goals and next steps. Try to set a timeline for the coming weeks to provide more stability and control.

Provide ongoing support and check-ins

In most cases, change doesn't happen overnight. As your team adjusts to the new direction, find ways to offer them continued support. Maybe this means increasing the cadence of your one-on-ones or team check-ins to make sure they're understanding and working through their new tasks. Or perhaps it's about finding ways for your team members to support one another.

For example, empowering your more well-adjusted employees to reach out to their teammates who seem to be having a harder time with the change. This can make those team members feel recognized for their resilience, promote a greater sense of connectedness, and hopefully push the more hesitant employees to make that mental shift.

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 3. Ag Day (September)
 4. Polar Express (December)
- Headlining sponsor recognition on radio ads
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- Mention in all social media, website and app promotions related to the event.
- Opportunity to display your company 4x8 banner (provided

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- Opportunity for a booth space at the event entrance.
- Featured in the event recap on social media and in Chamber publications.

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We look forward to partnering with you for another successful year of community events!

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8 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Garden Salad Garlic Toast	9 Sausage, Peppers & Onions French Fries Roll	10 Chicken & Rice Dinner Salad Biscuit	11 Goulash Roasted Vegetables Dinner Roll	12 Indian Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Fry Bread
15 Pork Roast Creamed Potato Mixed Veggies	16 Marry Me Chicken Pasta Noodles Zucchini and Yellow Squash	17 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn & Dinner Roll	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans	19 Ham & Bean Soup Dinner Salad Corn Bread
22 Hot Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green Beans Roll	23 Beef Chili Dinner Salad Corn Bread	24 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Dinner Salad	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Community Christmas Meal Served 11a-2p at Community Hall	26 Pork Stew Dinner Salad Dinner Roll
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Defendant.	

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, GREETINGS:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, a copy of which was filed with the Clerk of Courts of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Butte County, South Dakota, on October 8, 2025. The address of the Butte County Clerk of Courts is 839 5th Avenue #5 in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. You must serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscribers, Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, L.L.P., at their office at P.O. Box 1030, 206 West 14th Street, in the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. The time in which to answer the Complaint shall commence to run on the day following the fourth and final publication of this Summons. You will hereby take notice that in case of your failure to answer said Complaint, judgment by default may be rendered against you as requested in the Complaint.

Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 22nd day of November, 2025.

DAVENPORT, EVANS, HURWITZ & SMITH, L.L.P.
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA) IN CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF BUTTE) ss. FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
File No. 09PRO24-000019

In the Matter of the Estate of)
ALAN J. BENNETT,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given that on the 24th day of September, 2024, Cheryl A. Bennett was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Alan J. Bennett.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.

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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

"Small Towns Will Win Big with Downtown Revitalization"

General Shinseki once said, "If you dislike change, you're going to like irrelevance even more." It's a sobering reminder that in today's economy, standing still isn't an option—it's a path to obscurity. But there is the good news: communities across America are proving that decline doesn't have to be destiny.



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The Comeback Kids!
Think about places like Dubuque, Iowa, or Galena, Illinois. These aren't just random dots on a map—they're success stories to inspire your community. Each of these towns faced serious challenges: manufacturing jobs disappearing, young people moving away, storefronts going dark, and in some cases, rising crime rates. The kind of problems that make residents wonder if better days are behind them. Yet today, they're thriving. What changed?

The Downtown Difference!
Here is what these successful communities figured out, your downtown isn't just a collection of buildings. It's your community's living room, a calling card which can be difference between decline and prosperity.

Dubuque took a bold approach, investing tens of millions of dollars to revitalize their downtown core. The payoff? Over 1,300 new jobs arrived, attracted by the improved quality of life. When you create a place where people want to be, employers take notice.

Ottawa, Illinois made their downtown welcoming and attractive, which sparked a chain reaction. Private businesses saw the commitment and responded with their own investments—millions of dollars' worth. What was once a collection of empty storefronts is now a vibrant hub, with even more improvements in the pipeline.

Emporia, Kansas took a different route, focusing on entrepreneurs. They created financing options, provided business space, and offered training. A revolving loan fund helped more than 70 new businesses open downtown, transforming the entire community's energy and economic outlook.

Galena, Illinois leaned into what made them special—stunning natural beauty and historic charm. They cultivated unique shops, restaurants, and bed-and-breakfast establishments. Today, Galena draws tourists from across the state and beyond, turning what could have been a ghost town into a destination.

- Events and markets that give people reasons to gather
- Jobs that keep downtowns active during business hours
- Locally-owned businesses that reflect community character

Different towns, different strategies, one consistent element ties all these success stories together. Each community made a conscious decision to invest time and resources into their downtown. These weren't half-hearted efforts and thinking, they were strategic, sustained commitments backed by both public and private dollars. And the returns? We're not talking thousands—we're talking millions in economic impact. Importantly, these investments didn't just save the downtown, they saved the entire community by restoring what had been lost: sense of place, civic pride, and economic vitality.

In an age of Amazon deliveries and chain stores that look identical from coast to coast, authentic downtowns offer something irreplaceable: character, connection, and community identity.

When your downtown thrives, property values rise. Tax revenues increase. Young professionals see a reason to stay or return. Retirees find the walkable, vibrant neighborhoods they're looking for. Tourists discover reasons to visit. The investment in downtown revitalization literally becomes the difference between communities that thrive and those that struggle to survive.

The question isn't whether change is coming to your community—it's already here. The real question is whether you'll shape that change or be shaped by it. The good news? You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Communities across America have already blazed the trail, each in their own way.

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Capitol News
Nov. 23, 2025
By Karen Odell

The week at Capitol, and on Tie Creek, was cool, but by Sunday, it was again up to the sixties. We are warned that by Thursday, things will be cooled down, and maybe we will have some snow on Thanksgiving Day. Dorothy, Dawn, Bryce, Brandon and Ashley Padden spent time in Rapid City, this week, for the girls' high school state volleyball tournament. They stayed with Dorothy's grandson, Bryan and Kelli Olmsted at Summerset. It was great to have a special place to stay, and to be close by for the games. They also got lots of visiting done. The families are busy with fall work, and preparing for winter. Work is still getting done at BJ Padden's new house, but things are coming together quickly, now. Erma Albert went to her physical therapy in Buffalo, on Monday. On Wednesday, she went to the chiropractor in Buffalo, too. It is so nice to have those things available, and not have to travel many miles for them. The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner was at noon on Friday. Dick and Erma joined forty-two others, who enjoyed the wonderful meal. Then everyone enjoyed the many pies that the people had brought. On Sunday, the day was sunny and nice when they

went to church at the Catholic Church in Buffalo. After church they went to Saloon Number Three for lunch. Alvin and Marlee Cordell are now in charge of the ranch heifers. They are also in the process of weaning calves. Mindy Yates came on Wednesday to pre-test cows. Terry Cordell came out from Camp Crook to help Ryan and Tawni's family with the testing. Collin Wilcox and his family have moved in and he is now working for Ryan. Alvin had some archery hunters this week. Two were hunting elk and two were hunting deer. Marlee went to join Wade and Ashley Pearson's family on a trip to Laramie, where they went to the college football game. Gavin is a great fan of the team. You can see pictures of Cade Pearson on the Belle Fourche Beacon on-line at bellefourchebeacon.com and click on 'Read Latest Edition'. He was MC for the Veteran's Day Program. Last Sunday, Lynn and Bruce Gustafson went north to the Bullock Hall for their Community Christmas Bazaar. Lynn joined others, on Tuesday, for Bible study in Camp Crook at the City Building. This Sunday, Bruce and Lynn went to church at Little Missouri Church where there was a large crowd of over forty people for the service. Rachel Melum went to Baker, on Friday. Her niece, Esther Flippo, had invited a group of ladies for a special day out.

On Sunday, Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went to church in Baker. In the evening, they visited at Junior and Shirley Melum's. On Monday, Ronda Cordell went to the Buffalo Clinic for pre-op blood work, and an EKG, prior to her December 12th's shoulder surgery. It was raining fairly hard all the time she was there, but when she headed home, the road on Tie Creek was dry. Then, fog and light showers began to move in when Ronda and Jake Reynolds went looking for a calf. On Wednesday, they moved cows and calves in closer, to be ready for shipping on Thursday morning. Curt and Carsen Zolnoski came from Rapid City to assist for a few days. Diane Wear and Dave Adams came from Ekalaka, to help, and dropped food off at Zolnoski's for shipping-day breakfast. Chad Zolnoski came from Gillette, and Dague Trucks came to haul. They couldn't have asked for a more perfect day. It was sunny with no winds, and they had the good help of Ryan Cordell, John Wilcox, Wade Pearson, Gene and Shannon Secrest, Chad, Curt, Clint and Carsen Zolnoski, Jake Reynolds, Diane and Dave, Neil Kittelman, who brand inspected, and Ronda. The three trucks were done loading and headed to Belle Fourche by ten-thirty. Ronda rode to the sale with Jake. Clint and Carsen rode with Curt, and were joined by Caden Zolnoski

who came from Rapid City, so he could returned to the ranch with them, and help with ultra-sounding on Friday. The six of them enjoyed a late lunch at the Stadium after the calves were sold. On Friday, Doc Scoggins came to ultra-sound. Diane and Dave came again to help with that project, too. On Saturday, Chad stopped by briefly, as he was headed home. Ronda drove to Ekalaka to attend the Christmas Bonanza at the gym. In the afternoon, Jake Reynolds drove to Rapid City to pick up Oren, Arlie and Konnor Basler who had ridden from eastern South Dakota with Cristen Westling. The three kids will spend a few days visiting while they are staying with Jake Reynolds. On Sunday, they came to help get some cows inspected and loaded, to haul to Belle Fourche for Monday's sale. Neil Kittelman came for the inspection. Tod Dague and JO Tooke were the haulers, and Clint came to help with the loading. Jake and the kids stayed for lunch, after the cows were loaded. After the trucks were gone, Ronda began cutting and wrapping a deer. And such is life on the ranch. Karen Odell has been preparing windows for winter. The weather has been nice enough to work outside, and Sunday reached sixty degrees. A few months ago, Karen Odell discovered that her wildlife camera in her pasture had been vandalized. The camera had been left open and hanging in the wind. The disk of

pictures was missing, and could not have possibly been blown out or knocked out by animals, because even if the camera came open it would have had to be broken to lose the disk, and it wasn't broken. The disk was clicked in a slot and it is even very difficult for fingers to remove it. After searching the whole area, she knew the disk had been taken deliberately, and because the camera was tied to a post, it had been left behind. Logic tells us that someone was afraid of being seen on the camera pictures. What were they afraid of? Were they illegally herding wildlife? Were they illegally hunting in the dark? Were they hunters known by the guide monopoly? If so, where was their guide? It is obvious that the people were illegally trespassing, because they had to reach the camera that was on a post in the center of the pasture, and no one had asked permission to enter. Karen is most likely to allow local hunters on her land if they contact her, but is not interested in allowing guides to use her land for free, while they are charging large fees of others. If they were not hunters, what were they afraid of, and what were they up to? Maybe we need to keep an eye out. Was finding that the wildlife camera may have taken their picture, a shock to them? Evidently. Kids may know how to find anything on the internet, but only their grandparents know how to hang up the phone.

**Belle Fourche Beacon
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Bytes Calendar**



The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

The Redwater Irrigation association will be having their annual meeting Dec. 1st at 2:00pm

With Thanksgiving Holiday Vacations the next edition of the BF Beacon will be December 10th.

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Upgrades Bring New Life to NVN

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NEWELL—An important part of the community has been undergoing a makeover! The NVN Senior Center has seen a lot of changes throughout this past year. The center is an important meeting place for the community. It serves as a central location for many different activities in the Newell, Vale and Nisland areas.

The members have been holding fundraisers for quite a while to try to fix all of the problem areas in the old building. The roof, ceiling, floor, paint and kitchen all needed some help. “So you know, with all the benefits from the little Whistle Stop Market, our Pi Day and bingo we’re getting enough money together to work on the building,” explained NVN Center member Patty Karas.

So slowly bit by bit the building has been getting upgrades! “We are working on our building! We got a wonderful donation from a long time resident, she lives in Florida now and noticed that we needed a roof from reading the newspaper,” explained Karas. “And sent us the money to get the roof done, \$14,000!”

It’s done! The roof has been replaced. They are slowly checking everything off the list. Up next the kitchen needed work. “So the kitchen is completely restored! There was a huge crack in the kitchen floor from the cement shifting and cracking, they leveled it and put all new tile down, they did an excellent job fixing it,” said Karas. “It’s wonderful, there is all new paint in the kitchen—ceiling and walls all painted.”

After the kitchen the NVN Senior Center members moved on to the next fix! “The main hall has all fresh paint, that’s been done within the last six months, so we’re just really moving along,” said Karas.

This past week Karas and Zach Barnett rolled up their sleeves and started to tear up the old carpet and clean and paint the back storage room at the Center. The storage area is rented out by the Dakota Life Christian Center. “Terry Dutton, she’s been in here for 10 years. They do the food pantry in here, this is where she stores all of her canned goods and such, they come in here and they put the bags together and then they take them over to the other food pantry for disbursement,” explained Karas.

All four walls have been painted and the floor cleaned. Pastor Dutton donated two gallons of paint and will buy all new shelving to go in the space to store the food.

The next thing on the wishlist? The bathroom floor. “I painted the bathroom walls and made new curtains for the stalls. We’re hoping to do the hallway and the bathroom. We need to put new flooring down because everything shifts over so it’s got a nice big crack in the ladies room floor, it needs to be leveled,” explained Karas.

If you haven’t seen the NVN Senior Center since all of the upgrades, it would be worth your while to attend an event in the building and check it out. The building can be rented for events for \$100 including the kitchen. Karas said, “We just want people to know that the hall is being upgraded and that it’s available to rent and thank you to everyone for their support!” If you have any questions or want to rent out the space call the NVN Center President Marge Adams at 605-641-1058.

The old carpet that had to be removed from the storage room. It wasn’t glued down, but from being walked on for many years the backing had to be scraped off the tile.



Zach Barnett and Patty Karas take a break from painting and cleaning the storage room. Longbrake photos

Kristi Palmer Speaks at WIT Meeting

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NEWELL—Whatever It Takes (WIT) Coalition luncheon meeting was held on Monday, November 17. Sabrina Harmon, director, led the meeting. A variety of professionals were on hand to discuss the progress of WIT and learn from the guest speaker Kristi Palmer.

A full lunch of runzas, salads, fruits and vegetables, chips and desserts along with drinks was served. Harmon started the meeting while everyone continued eating. She informed all in attendance of the presentations she did so far this year and the accomplishments made by WIT. In addition, she informed the group that her office has moved from the school to the Newell Christian Fellowship Community Hall.

The audit is complete and the 990 was filed, a cost report and quality assurance report were submitted to the state. Upcoming community events were announced and include: Newell Economic Development Meeting, Dec. 3; Community Thanksgiving Supper, Nov. 23; Blood Drive, Dec. 1; Festival of Trees, Dec. 6; Parade of Lights, Dec. 12; Santa

Claus Day, Dec. 13; Awana’s Christmas Program, Dec. 17; Newell Evangelical Church Christmas Cantata, Dec. 21.

Time was given for each professional to go around the room and introduce themselves and advise on what program they represented.

Kristi (Cricket) Palmer, LAC, took the floor and began her talk. She has been a supporter of the WIT Coalition since its inception in June 2009. Palmer has worked with area youth.

She discussed her passion for teaching and substance abuse prevention, underage drinking and medical marijuana. “I was probably in elementary school and I knew I wanted to be a school teacher. I mean, I just knew. I’d have my little students, and I have a report card. (...) I just knew I wanted to be a school teacher,” she shared.

Palmer went on to explain how she joined the military to be able to get her college paid for, but she loved it so much she stayed in for 28 years. She has since retired.

The audience participated in several partner activities so Palmer could demonstrate the techniques she uses with kids. She went on to explain how

she teaches kids to deal with and resist peer pressure that is involved with drinking and drug use.

She gave examples of how adults encounter peer pressure and ways it may look different than kids’ peer pressure.

She is still involved in the Red Ribbon Campaign. “Red Ribbon is one of the largest drug prevention campaigns in the nation.

It started back in the mid-80s when a DEA agent was down in Mexico, he got kidnapped, and they tortured him and killed him. And students started wearing red ribbons in honor of that,” explained Palmer.

In sharing her opportunities that came about as a military veteran, Palmer told the story of Karen Kingsbury, her favorite author. She’s a Christian fiction author who is making one of her books into a movie. She said, “Hey, instead of having actors act like military people in this movie, I would like to have actual military members or military veterans be in my movie.”

Palmer called and got a part as an extra in the movie. She told about her experiences on set. Her picture ended up in the trailer for the new movie.



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Grand River Roundup



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Thankfully Marc Hotchkiss got this column sent off for me last week and I'm able to write this one on the new computer that our daughter Teri and Michael McNelis bought for me on Monday when Missy and I went to Lemmon to the Connection.

I brought my old desktop computer along so Jack Anderson could download everything on it and transfer that stuff to my new computer and now everything works perfect! Missy and I hung out at her mother, Shirley Drieske's house for a few hours and had a good visit until everything was transferred to the new computer.

Tuesday was a beautiful warm day with no wind so Reub and I cut up a bunch of firewood and brought it up to fill the entryway and pile it up outside to burn this winter to keep the house warm. I had a

ZOOM meeting that evening with SDPRLCA to hear Sen. Lauren Nelson speak about Data Centers and Moratoriums.

Reub and I went to Hettlinger on Wednesday to get stuff from Runnings, Laufer Vermeer and White Drug and I took some stuff to the Clothes Closet. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and visit with the Prairie Pioneers. Casey and Taz were down working on my Aunt Patsy Wilkinson's house again that day.

There was no school in Buffalo on Thursday because the Harding County girls went to Rapid City to play in the state volleyball tournament. Amanda and the kids went to Buffalo to pick up her sister Josi to go with them to the volleyball tournament on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Missy also went down to Rapid City to watch the tournament and stay with Bryce and Braxton Hesper and their little boys that night. Casey and

Taz were working on Aunt Patsy Wilkinson's house that day.

I went to Lemmon that evening to hear Sen. Sam Marty, Rep. Travis Ismay and Rep. Jana Hunt speak at the Lonesome Dove.

They mostly talked about property rights and school issues with the people that showed up to visit with them and they brought us lots of information they got on November 17 about how much state and federal government spending has increased over the last four years.

The state population has increased from 886,667 in 2020 to 924,669 in 2024 and the public school enrollment has increased from 136,133 in 2020 to 137,313 in 2024.

Casey took the Harding County junior high wrestlers to a wrestling match in Sturgis late Friday afternoon and Missy came home from Rapid City that evening. It was another

nice warm day so I took a walk across the prairie down south of the place and, as usual, I filled my pockets with petrified wood rocks that I added to my rock pile on the way home. It seems like I always find beautiful rocks, but it's been quite a while since I've found any Indian artifacts or any fossils. Usually I find fossils on the top of the buttes around here and down in the Slim Buttes.

Several years ago the Reva country school had a picnic in the Slim Buttes and the kids found several ocean fossils on top of those tall buttes down there that were probably left there after the great flood that Noah and his family survived in the ship God had him build to save them from the flood that drowned everyone else.

We lost another friend: Andy Wicks, 67, passed away Wednesday, November 12, at Aurora, Colorado. After graduation Andy went to work for Dick Richter at Richter Construction until August of 1980 when he broke his back in a ranch work accident and spent the next 45 years as a paraplegic. It was Andy's resilience and faith that he was able to accept this challenge with grace. He continued his life as if nothing had ever changed, he didn't let his physical state define who he was.

After his accident he attended Black Hills State University and Western Dakota Vo-Tech. He was a member of the Rodeo Club for BHSU. Andy's funeral was Saturday at

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis.

Saturday was another beautiful day with the temperatures in the fifties so I washed all the laundry and hung it outside to dry. It dried fast and smelled so good when I brought it back into the house to fold and put away.

With the beautiful weather Reub cut up a lot more firewood for us to burn in the woodstove when it gets cold outside this winter. A celebration for Jens Hanson's 90th birthday was held at the Coal Springs Community Church fellowship hall Saturday afternoon and I'll bet that a lot of people showed up for his party on the beautiful day.

Reub and I joined a lot of people at the community Thanksgiving service in Buffalo Sunday evening.

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving. I'll leave you with this:

An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey.

His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together. "Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

They all asked the farmer how it tasted.

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

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

November 25, 1915

The cornstalks are so tall in some counties that they are interfering with the telephone service. At Dan Morrow's place, stalks pressed against the telephone wires and caused a short circuit. The linemen had considerable trouble in discovering what was wrong. Because the wires are on low poles, two rows of corn had to be cut on each side to keep the wires clear of short circuiting again at Morrow's place. We should be so lucky to have the problem here.

An Irishman went into a local restaurant the other day to get a lunch. Among the things he ordered was meat and when the clerk served the meal, he asked the Irishman if he preferred German or French mustard. "Neither" said the Irishman, "I'm neutral, give me horseradish".

Parents with children under the age of 16 years of age are violating the Town Ordinance NO. 33, by allowing their children to be unaccompanied on the streets after 9:00 PM. Hereafter this Ordinance will be rigidly enforced by Town Marshall Patrick Meskel.

J. L. Payne arrived last Thursday from Lead with a carload of household goods, etc and will make a permanent home on his ranch northeast of town. Mr. Payne is a sign writer of recognized ability, and it is probable he will open a shop here.

November 19, 1925

Swande "Swan" Kosola of Horse Creek had a vision for a few minutes the other evening of an early visitation from Santa Claus. All of a sudden, his stove commenced puffing out smoke, then he heard noises in the chimney and upon investigating the cause, found that a big turkey gobbler had fallen down the flue. A "sootable" present, but appropriate to the season.

Owing to the fact that the valleys of the Black Hills are now covered with a blanket of snow, thus removing all danger

of forest fires, the lookout stations of the forest reserves on the summits of Harney Peak and Bear Mountain have been closed for the winter.

Jesse Geers, a farmer residing on a farm near Vale, narrowly escaped being injured when his team hitched to a wagon on which he was working. The run-away was caused by a cat jumping from the top of a truck cab onto the back of one of his horses. Felix Koskela of near Twilight, who was at the Newell Hospital for a week, under the good care of Nurse Agnes Williams, receiving treatment for his foot which had been stepped on by one of the horses, returned home Saturday.

November 21, 1935

Difficulties arose Monday evening when the freight train backed into a loaded beet car which was derailed at the Ashley beet dump station near Vale, and it was necessary for the crew to receive assistance from the Belle Fourche shop.

One of the buildings of the Transient Camp was moved into Newell this week and placed on a foundation west of the Sam Bober Seed warehouse. Mr. Bober plans to remodel the building and make it suitable for a residence. All buildings at the Transient Camp were recently purchased by L. R. Chiesman, after the Government officials decided to abandon the camp. The building just moved to Newell was purchased by Mr. Bober from Mr. Chiesman.

Thanksgiving specials at the Modern Beauty Shop; Shampoos, Honey facials, Rinses and Finger waves for only \$1.00. Also, special buys this week, the Newell Hardware Company urges you to get that roaster now before Thanksgiving. You've always wanted one and they have all kinds and sizes in stock.

November 22, 1945

Items needed by the Camp and Hospital Council for the Veteran's Hospital at

by Linda Velder

Hot Springs, Ft. Meade and Rapid City at the present time are sheet music, pictures, Christmas wrapping paper, gummed stickers, books (best sellers), bingo prizes, shaving soap, large jars for plants, pianos, loudspeakers, radios, floor lamps, 2-unit hot plates, 2 western saddles, and suitcases for use by men on emergency furloughs. Anyone which can donate some of these items should contact Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Vice Chairman of the Butte County Unit of the Camp and Hospital Council.

This year on Thanksgiving Day, we have much to be thankful for, especially for the fact that the fighting and carnage of war has ended and our youths are returning home. Many have already been mustered out and countless home tables this Thanksgiving Day will be graced by the smiling faces of newly-arrived sons and daughters. We are truly thankful for the blessings we have enjoyed during the past year and for the assurance that the American Way of life still persists.

The "flu" epidemic is still raging in Butte County. In Belle Fourche, over 250 pupils will still be absent from the school on Monday. In the Newell area there are numerous cases, but Dr. Clark reports they are of a sporadic nature. Mr. & Mrs. Albin Anderson and daughters, Mrs. Carl A. Anderson and daughter Esther and Mrs. Clarence Anderson drove to Rapid City on Friday to visit Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Hedin. Mr. Hedin has been very ill with the flu.

November 24, 1955

Roger Van derBoom and Wendell Luke of the Newell Implement Company flew to the Slim Buttes territory Monday to do some service work on farm machinery there. Upon returning to Newell, Roger picked up his father Govert Van derBoom and drove to Belle Fourche to visit employee Jake Zwetzig who is recuperating from major surgery in the hospital.

The Black Hills Band Clinic

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was held November 18th-19th at Black Hills State Teachers College. Along with other schools, ten musicians from the Newell High School band were selected to attend. Those representing Newell were Shirley Boe, Marjorie Burke, Susan Christopherson, Rosemary Hafner, Cherrill Gladstone, Anne Milberg, Karen Noste, Allen Schallenberger, Gerald Soma, Jeanne Viken and Instructor Wm. Glendenning. The clinic was organized in 1949 to acquaint band master's with new music. The musicians were chosen by their band directors and benefited from the chance to sight read the new music.

Clarence Anderson & Sons Farm of Newell is the first grand champion animal from a National Show & Sale ever purchased locally. Anderson purchased the champion ewe at the National Columbia Show & Sale at Ogden, Utah. The ewe which won top honors in the show was entered by Byron Killian, Spanish Forks, Utah and purchased by Anderson for \$195. Clarence Anderson & Sons also had entered 4 ewes in the show and sold only 3 of same, since blizzard conditions had cut attendance.

November 18, 1965

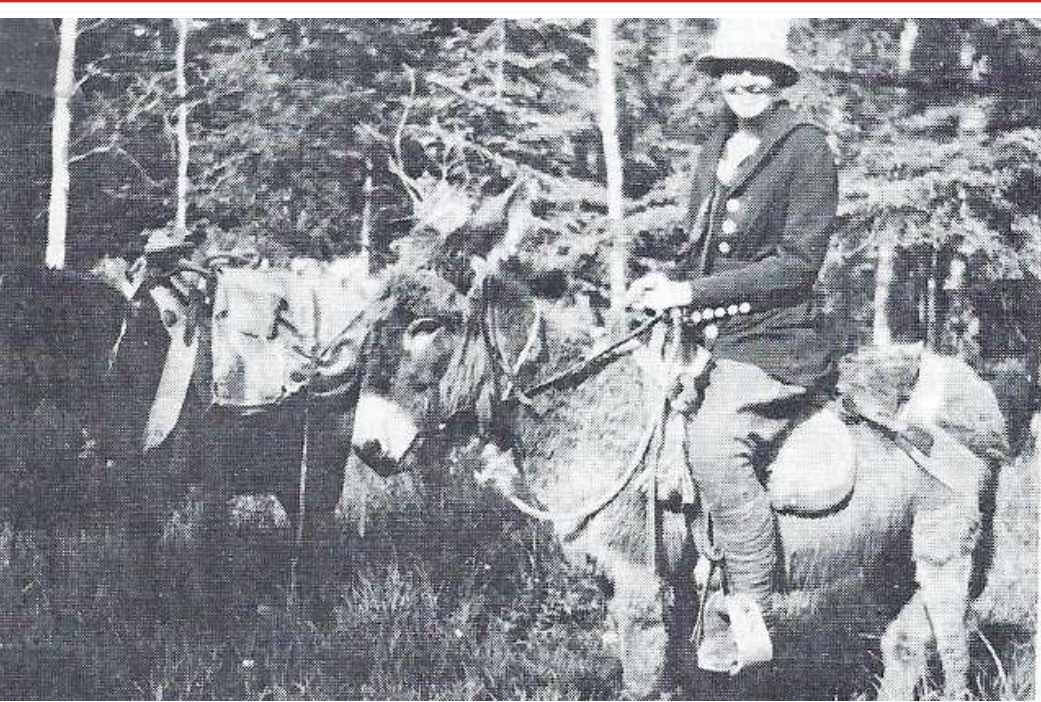
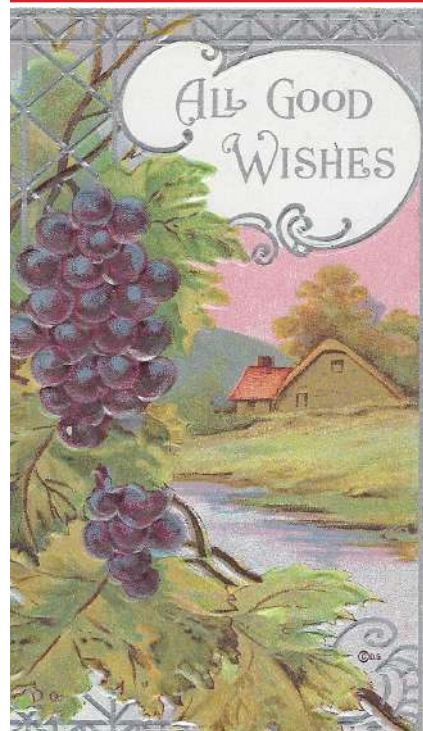
City Foreman Ed Lesse-lyoung requests that Newell citizens check their irrigation systems between 4th and 5th Streets, as the city reservoir has been lowered for the ice-skating season and consequently some water may have run into the irrigation pipes, resulting in possible freezing damages.

Newell businesses have acted quickly to forestall closing of the Arcade Theater in Newell and assure the continuance of weekly movies here for at least another month, it was reported

at the regular meeting of the Newell Community Club Tuesday noon at the Cove Café. Lyn Gladstone reported that he had contacted most businesses to explain that the local theater expected to close this month due to lack of patronage, but that all contacted had agreed to help underwrite continuance of the business until the public might rally in support of such necessary entertainment medium here. The theater is a big asset to the community and the community needs it for its children and youth, yet few adults are supporting it. However, if every adult in the community purchased but a single ticket a month, it would be a booming success.

Edward Culver, 15-year-old Newell High School Sophomore, bagged a fine specimen in the recent prairie deer hunting season with a large white tail which he shot along the Moreau River near their ranch in the northeast part of Butte County last Sunday. The buck hog-dressed at 197 pounds and its antlers had 8 points on one side and 7 on the other.

Joan Smeenk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Smeenk, Newell, 18-year-old sophomore at Black Hills State College, who was crowned Miss Rodeo South Dakota at the Black Hills Round-up in July, left Tuesday for Las Vegas, N. V. to compete in for the National title. Upon arrival in Las Vegas, she will be greeted by reigning Miss Rodeo America who started on her way to the National title at the Black Hills Round-up last year. She will appear on the fabulous gold strip at the swank Sahara Hotel and will compete with 25 other young talented horsewomen for the title of Miss Rodeo America.



(L) Thanksgiving greeting card. (R) Harney Peak Burros

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THURSDAY 28	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
FRIDAY 29	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
MONDAY DEC 1	Scrambled Eggs Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Mini Corn Dogs Corn Fruit Milk
TUESDAY 2	Quiche Cereal Fruit Juice/Milk	Spaghetti & Meatballs Green Beans Fruit Milk
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“Looking Forward to our Past”

December 2, 1915

J. A. Church, an electrical engineer from Rapid City, arrived in town yesterday and expects to meet with the Town Board of Trustees with reference to the installation of an electric light plant in Newell, which would be a great help in the advancement of the town. Mr. Church stated that it would also be possible to run a pumping plant in connection with the light and power equipment. We're all for it.

The largest crowd that has ever been in attendance at any of the Newell dances was gathered at the Theatorium on Thanksgiving night at the masquerade ball. The costumes varied from the fantastic to the grotesque and some showed a great deal of care in the preparation. The gentlemen's prize was won by Joseph Richards, who was a masked Indian and the ladies' prize went to Miss Helma Stolnack, who was dressed to represent "Old Dutch Cleanser". The usual surprises were had at the time of unmasking, and the fun was kept up until nearly morning.

Lutheran services will again be held in the Congregational Church on Christmas Day. German services at 1:00 PM and English services at 2:00 PM. Rev. C. F. J. Wersing is officiating Pastor.

November 26, 1925

Fred and Ernest Gardner were the champion shots at the turkey shoot Saturday, put on by the local American Legion Post, their combined efforts netting them 6 turkeys. The Legion had some 50 turkeys on hand and the few not disposed of during the "shoot" were raffled off.

The pupils of Miss Ballenger's room enjoyed a Thanksgiving party yester-

day afternoon in the school. A dramatization of "The First Thanksgiving" was given by the pupils, after which they all enjoyed a light lunch. The lunch was provided by the losing side in a recent spelling contest.

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November 26, 1935

Mr. & Mrs. Beyer Aune and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wiest, returned to Newell late Tuesday evening from Minneapolis, where they visited relatives over the weekend. Mr. Aune, a former football player on the Minnesota University team, attended and "M" banquet Friday evening and met many of his old college cronies.

Dr. Clark is long on honey and short on money. Bring your money and bring home some honey. Bring your own containers and save money. The sweetest Christmas gift is Dr. Clark's Black Hills Honey. You can also get it at your grocer or leave order with Dr. Clark's office. You can also have it prepared for shipment.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Baumgardner & son have recently moved their household goods to Newell, where Mr. Baumgardner is with a CCC Camp. A group of CCC boys from Orman Camp, under supervision of Ted Meyers, are near Castle Rock, laying a tile drain at the Charles Wilson ranch.

The Reitz, Pauley and Rhinehardt young folks called on the Stark young folks last Sunday. Games were played for a time and then they went to the beet dump to watch the loading operations, after which a luncheon was served.

November 29, 1945

by Linda Velder

The Vale School started a hot lunch program on Monday. Mrs. Bill Sorenson and Mrs. Earl Edwards are doing the cooking. William Greenberg began teaching in the High School also on Monday, filling the place of Mrs. Lewis, who resigned last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Post and children of Twilight were overnight guests at the Marcus Erickson home, having come in to bring supplies and to visit with their son Kenneth, who is employed at the Erickson farm.

The City is starting into the winter with the same amount of water in storage as we had the past 5 years, but with more water-users, we should have enough water. All service stations have agreed to quit washing cars and other users are requested to cooperate in conserving as much water as possible.

The Sadie Hawkins Day will be celebrated at Newell High School this week. During the celebration the girls carry the boys' books, open doors and all the other "gentlemanly" courtesies usually shown them. At the conclusion of the week, the girls ask a boy to the dance on Friday evening.

December 1, 1955

Legionnaires from Nisland served as pallbearers for the funeral of the late Ronald Bennett of Winner at the National Cemetery at Sturgis last Tuesday. They included Harry Payne, James Matthesen, Walter Grant, Everett Shevling and Lester Vanderworka. James Sherman blew Taps at the graveside. Mr. Bennett was formerly lumber manager at Nisland.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Eichler, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Bub Eichler and Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Jacobsen & children spent Saturday evening at



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Wendt home viewing television.

Dr. & Mrs. J. F. Pokorny & Andrew moved the past week from the Hemming Strong house to the former Woodrow Hafner house which they purchased.

Eleven members were present at a meeting of Western Range Management 4-H Club at the REA building November 13th. President Danny Fredlund, presided. New members joining the club were Barbara Lakson, Kathy Fredlund and Jackie Laumer. Loyce Howard gave a health talk. Plans were made for a Christmas party to be held December 11th at 12:30, at which time a potluck dinner for members and their parents will be served. Members are asked to bring 75 cents to \$1.00 gift for exchange.

November 18, 1965

City Foreman Ed Lesse-lyoung requests that Newell citizens check their irrigation systems between 4th and 5th Streets, as the city reservoir has been lowered for the ice-skating season and consequently some water may have run into the irrigation pipes, resulting in possible freezing damages.

Newell businesses have acted quickly to forestall closing of the Arcade Theater in Newell and assure the continuance of weekly movies here for at least another month, it was reported at the regular meeting of the Newell Community Club Tuesday noon at the Cove Café. Lyn Gladstone reported that he had contacted most businesses to explain that the local theater expected to close this month

due to lack of patronage, but that all contacted had agreed to help underwrite continuance of the business until the public might rally in support of such necessary entertainment medium here.

The theater is a big asset to the community and the community needs it for its children and youth, yet few adults are supporting it. However, if every adult in the community purchased but a single ticket a month, it would be a booming success.

Edward Culver, 15-year-old Newell High School Sophomore, bagged a fine specimen in the recent prairie deer hunting season with a large white tail which he shot along the Moreau River near their ranch in the northeast part of Butte County last Sunday. The buck hog-dressed at 197 pounds and its antlers had 8 points on one side and 7 on the other.

Joan Smeenk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm Smeenk, Newell, 18-year-old sophomore at Black Hills State College, who was crowned Miss Rodeo South Dakota at the Black Hills Round-up in July, left Tuesday for Las Vegas, N. V. to compete in for the National title. Upon arrival in Las Vegas, she will be greeted by reigning Miss Rodeo America who started on her way to the National title at the Black Hills Round-up last year. She will appear on the fabulous gold strip at the swank Sahara Hotel and will compete with 25 other young talented horsewomen for the title of Miss Rodeo America.



(T) Lumber Yard building at Nisland where Mr. Ronald Bennett managed. 1914
(B) Harry Payne was a pallbearer at the Bennett funeral, 1955. In 2012, he received a life time Legion award from Commander Bob Fichbohm
(R) (a painting) St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Vale, early '20's

