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## Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee Hosts the 26th Annual Community Festival of Trees

The Black Hills Roundup Ag Committee Hosted the 26th Annual Community Festival of Trees on November 25, 2025.

Total Event Proceeds equaled \$47,700.00.

The committee expressed thanks to all the people who donated and to all of the buyers.

Once again this community showed up and supported our beneficiaries:

- Beneficiaries:
  - Belle Fourche Meals on Wheels
  - Belle Fourche Ministerial Association
  - Belle Silver Lining
  - Butte County Child Protection Team
  - Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #12
  - Greater Belle Fourche Foundation
  - St Pauls Catholic Church
- Photo - Left to Right**  
**Paul Howard** - Belle Fourche Ministerial Association

## Proceeds from Festival of Trees \$47,700



Recipients and **Ag Committee** members at **First Interstate Bank** December 18 for the award presentations. *Beacon Photo*

**Luke Lensegrav** - First Interstate Bank / BHR Ag Committee  
**Chuck Lawless** - Belle Silver Lining  
**George Larson** - Belle Fourche Meals on Wheels  
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**Mike Tyndall** - Greater Belle Fourche Foundation

## Library: Filling Needs and Planning for the Future

**Nancy Henderson**

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The Belle Fourche Public Library has evolved with the times since first occupying its present location at 905 5th Avenue in 1978.

Under the guidance of Library Director Wanda Nelson – with the library for 38 years, the past 10 as director – the library is committed to current needs while planning for the future and not forgetting the past.

What exactly does that mean? Regular library patrons already know the feeling and those entering the library for the first time sense it immediately – the welcoming atmosphere with the grandfather clock in the lounge area softly (it's the library after all) chiming the hour and quarter hours, the exquisite crystal collection beside it (given by an anonymous donor years ago) and the smiling faces of the library staff that, in addition to Wanda, include Assistant Librarian Betty Casper, Library Technician Samantha Kinghorn and Library Aides Grace Moore and Rachael Corean.

Of course it couldn't call itself a library without books and Wanda gives an impressive count that doesn't just involve the familiar hardbacks and paperbacks. "We have over 50,000 physical items available for check out," she explains. "This includes books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, Playaways and Wonder Books. Including digital access, there are over 100,000 items available for

check out to our patrons."

There's also a section with books on sale as well an array of books free for the taking. Six computers are available for public access. Special Collections Encompass the Past:

The Genealogical Section, located in the South Dakota Room, has answers to many questions about Butte County ancestors as well as resources from around the country. The South Dakota Room itself is dedicated to books on the history of the local Black Hills area as well as Belle Fourche and Butte County history.

The room also offers microfilm newspapers from Butte County including the Belle Fourche newspapers dating from 1896 and the Newell Valley Irrigator from 1910 to 1962. (Note: Beacon contributor Mary Buchholz is a familiar presence using the microfilm reader for her column – Looking Back in Belle.)

With front desk assistance, Belle Fourche High School annuals are available dating back to 1940. Belle Fourche Public Library cardholders have digital access to ebooks and audio books via Libby (South Dakota Titles to Go – SDTTG) with a free downloadable app.

A multitude of other services are available digitally. Libby is provided by the South Dakota State Library with the Belle Fourche Public Library's contribution jointly funded by the Belle Fourche Area Public Library Foundation and the library itself.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization formed for the education, inspiration, pleasure and

enrichment of the citizens of the Belle Fourche and Tri-State Area, raising endowments and protecting funds to perpetuate the goals and visions of the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Wanda would like to alert current cardholders to two important changes. New library cards are now required for children and teens (anyone under 18) due to recent South Dakota State Legislation.

Parents need to come into the library and sign a new library card form so their children can continue checking out library materials. Secondly, on January 12, 2026, there will be a new sign-on for Libby.

The new library card or password will be the 8-digit library card number without bfp at the beginning. Individuals with expired cards or with fines of \$5 or more

must come to the library to take care of this matter.

If you're a Belle Fourche Public Library cardholder and haven't already done so, it's time to discover the power of your library card at www.bellefourche.yoursdlibrary.org.

Special thanks to Wanda Nelson for providing the time and resources for this article. (Actually, librarians are pretty good at this!)



Library Aide, **Grace Moore** assist a library patron checking out a book. *Beacon Photo*

## Highland Senior Solutions Now Open!

**Meg English**

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Highland Senior Solutions is now open! For the past several months out on Sourdough Road in

Belle Fourche, construction workers and their machines have been hard at work leveling the ground and plotting out some new buildings.

Today, two independent living

structures and an adult day care services facility are standing where there was only an empty field just a few months ago.

Planning for a new adult day

services facility to serve Belle Fourche and the surrounding Northern Black Hills Regions has been underway long before the earth movers arrived,

Although the independent living cottages will not be available until January, the adult day center, Highland Hills opened for business on Monday, December 17. Highland Hills is one of only three adult day services programs in South Dakota

The new buildings are part of an expanded 'care campus' that includes Belle Estates Assisted Living facility. The 'care campus' model has been strategically designed to offer a seamless, supportive continuum of services for seniors.

The need for quality care options for families and seniors is indisputable as the population ages and people live longer.

Highland Solutions is one of only three adult day services programs in South Dakota

Facility director, Karli Jewett, explained that such an important service has never been available in this area until now and that there are myriad advantages. "We're able to support not only our seniors." She noted that by providing day-time assistance for seniors, their caregivers will have time for needed respite.

Karli is clearly enthusiastic about the potential offered by Highland Senior Solutions. She added, "Adult day services allow older adults to stay in their homes longer, maintain their independence and their connections to communities." She continued, "What truly makes us unique is our comprehensive, person-centered approach to care.

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Ribbon cutting from left to right: **Forest Sainsbury, Lindsey Sainbury, Karli Jewett, Dr. Deborah Kullerd, Blake Karp, and Jenni Karp.** *Courtesy Photo*

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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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**Good Shepherd Clinic** Next Clinic: Lead December 11  
Registration will be from 6:00-7:00pm.

Good Shepherd Clinic is a medical clinic for adults, ages 19-64, who meet our income guidelines. Medical services will be available at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lead. Enter the church through the Julius Street parking lot (below 825 W. Main Street).

**Good Shepherd Clinic - Lead - December 11**  
Registration from 6:00-7:00pm.

Good Shepherd Clinic-Spearfish is open Monday nights at 1020 State Street.  
For more information contact:  
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Email: director@goodshepherdclinicspearfish.com  
Website: www.goodshepherdclinicspearfish.com

**Jacob Terrence Byrd 22**

Jacob Terrence Byrd was born January 15, 2003 in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was the son of Thomas and Christine (Jacobsen) Byrd. Shortly after his birth, Jacob moved with his family to Belle Fourche, where he grew up and attended school. In 2021, Jake graduated from the Belle Fourche High School.



loved trying his sisters recipes, and coming to visit them in Arizona. Jake was a great son, a great brother, and he was a wonderful grandson, cousin and friend as well. He was loved so much by his family, and he will be missed forever.

Jake loved his family, and together they made many memories and fun. Thanksgiving together last November will always be treasured. And Jake enjoyed working with his dad. Helping him at Black Hills Spraying and Upper-Level Fitness created some memories that will never be forgotten. This past January, Jake became employed at IDIC Inc., near Belle Fourche. It didn't take him long, and Jake became a Lead Man for the company. Jake enjoyed work and he always strived to excel.

Jake had big plans in life. He was going to make a lot of money, retire at a young age, and ride motorcycle. Jake certainly had the intelligence to succeed; in fact he intended to go back to school someday. One of the things he enjoyed doing was teaching himself the Japanese language. He also loved video games, hiking and exploring untraveled paths, jujitsu, and practicing his martial art skills on his sisters and even his dogs. And Jake could talk smack with the best of the best. Jacob was a great friend and brother who always wanted to help people, putting others first in his life. He

Jake died at the age of 22 on Friday, December 5, 2025. He is survived by his father, Tom (Brooke Lunders) of Belle Fourche; mother, Christine of Scottsdale AZ; sisters, Ashley (Ryan Nelson) of Scottsdale AZ, Amanda of Scottsdale AZ; uncles and aunts, John (Kristen) of Maysville OK, Freddie (Heidi) Jacobsen of Phoenix AZ, Justine Torre of Gilbert AZ; cousins, Jaxson and Abby Byrd, Sarah, Andrew, and Luke Torre; and God Parents, Colleen and Steven Shulz and the girls, Sierra, Addison, and Samantha, all of Scottsdale AZ. He is also survived by other "family", John and Tonya Kjellsen of Newell, along with their children, Brock and Sydney.

Jake was preceded in death by his grandparents, Terry and Sue Byrd, and Fred and Paula Jacobsen.

Services will be held 10am Saturday, January 10th, 2026 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute on Jake's obituary page located on the funeral home's website: www.



**Delores Rebecca Hermann 94**

Delores Rebecca Hermann was born August 17, 1931 in Scranton, North Dakota. She was the daughter of Reinhard and Louise (Graff) Hermann. Delores grew up on the family farm near Ralph, South Dakota and attended the Mud Butte country school. Delores grew up enjoying the farm and ranch life, gardening and farming with her mom and dad. She was united in marriage to Bob Warrick. Two sons were born to this union: Donald and Duane. Following their marriage, Bob and Delores moved to Belle Fourche, in December of 1961. In 1972 the family moved to Rapid City where Delores worked at a Dry-Cleaning business. She also worked as an assistant cook at the Canyon Lake Club. In 1975 they moved to Gillette, where they purchased the City Cleaners. Delores owned and operated that with Bob until 1992. Bob died in 1988. In 1992, Delores moved to St. Onge, Rapid City in 2000, and Spearfish in 2004. For the past few years she has lived in Rapid City to be closer to her son Duane.



Delores was a member of the Eagle's Auxiliary. She was a long time member of the Wesleyan Church in Belle Fourche. She loved embroidery, reading books, and playing card games and board games with family and friends.

Delores died age the age of 94 on Friday, December 19, 2025 at the Avantara Mountain View Medical Center.

She is survived by her son, Duane (Holly Steele) Fink of Rapid City; grandchildren, Katie Fink and Michael Dyer.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Donald; infant granddaughter, Sandi Fink; brother Gene Hermann; and sister, Darlene Linneman.

Visitation will be held 10 to 11:30 AM Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place following, at 12:30 PM, at Black Hills National Cemetery. Friends may leave condolences online at: www. LeveringtonFH.com



**Arthur E. Lopez 81**

Arthur E. Lopez, age 81, of Belle Fourche, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2025 surrounded by loved ones.



car sitting in the driveway. In his spare time, he would clean, polish, and drive the junker until it was time to sell it to whom-ever was interested.

Born in Belle Fourche on March 24th, 1944, Arthur was the son of Vincent Lopez from Maxwell, New Mexico and Mary Cordova from Trinidad, Colorado. Vincent and Mary married on December 24th, 1926, and moved to South Dakota in 1929. Together they raised their large family in Vale, Newell, and Nisland until moving to Belle Fourche in 1943.

Arthur was raised and educated in Belle Fourche. He enjoyed playing the guitar with his brothers, dancing with his sisters, fishing in the Belle Fourche River, and driving his old car.

On April 16, 1962, he married Rose Ann Davis in Rapid City. Following their marriage, they made their home in Belle Fourche. Two children were born to this union, Barbara and Vincent. Arthur initially supported his family by working at the Belle Fourche brick factory. Then he accepted a job offer with the Federal Bentonite plant in Colony, Wyoming. In his spare time, he worked as a handyman at Don Pratt Manor.

In 1976, Arthur accepted a job at Kennecott Energy's Cordero Rojo operation south of Gillette, Wyoming. A year later, Arthur bought a mobile home and moved his family to Gillette. He kept his house in Belle Fourche, stating that it would be his future retirement home.

One of Arthur's favorite pastimes was buying and selling old vehicles. There was always an old beat-up

After working for 30 years driving truck in the coal pit, he retired in 2006. Arthur and Rose returned to Belle Fourche, moved back into their old family home, and enjoyed the good life of retirement. Together Arthur and Rose were blessed with 63 years of marriage.

Arthur is survived by his wife Rose, daughter Barbara (Harlan) Heilman of Brenham, Texas and son Vincent Lopez of Rock Springs, Wyoming. His sisters Josphine Millis and Janet Collins and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Vincent and Mary Lopez, stepfather Carlos Gutierrez, brothers and sisters: Robert, Alfred, Isable, Rosie, Regina, Tony, Mary, Nellie, Elizabeth, Clara, Vincent Jr., Jimmy, MaryAnn, and Nicki.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Arthur's life on Monday, December 29, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Belle Fourche Fire Department.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Arthur's obituary page at klinefuneral-chapel.com

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



**Pastor's Perspective**

*"The Symbols of Christmas"*

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

Two back-to-back items that occurred a number of years ago, when I was serving as senior pastor of The Church On The Way, speak to this delightfully controversial topic.

The first was when I was interviewed by the Los Angeles Times about our church's approach to celebrating Christmas joyously as a congregation. The second was when I was informed by one of our congregations (they laughed, telling about it) that one of my granddaughters had told their daughter that there isn't a Santa Claus. The mood, spirit, and intent of both events and commentary heartened me.

First, even though I knew the news article would probably expose me (us) to the misunderstanding or criticism of people who want to misunderstand and criticize, I was heartened knowing that many will "take heart" over the possibility that a Christian can be both holy and happy—faithful to Christ, and free to celebrate without compromising some of the enjoyable traditions of our culture. Enjoying "Santa Claus" is an example.

Even though a small percentage of the Christian community takes issue with Santa, I find it hard to be threatened by him. I also find it impossible to believe either God, the Father or Christ, the Son, is likely to be eclipsed by the silhouette of Santa's sleigh rising in the Christmas sky. The reason is that beyond all crass commercializing and pagan violations of the true spirit of Christmas, when understood historically and interpreted fairly, Santa is a great symbol of a holy spirit the Father wants to rain over the world at Christmas and always.

Despite his image being smeared by those who commandeer and apply his name and face to any less-than-worthy pursuits and perversions of true Christmas-ing, Santa will survive unscathed if honestly assessed on the grounds of his true derivation.

One year, my mother, who has since gone home to be with the Lord, bought me a simple-but-beautifully carved sign that reads, "We believe in Santa Claus." Anna and I hung it for all who visit our home at Christmas to see.

You full well to know that in displaying this haven, I knew you have there was a risk. But while I haven't received anything but expressions of delight from happy souls who understand what is true and what I do mean, it seems inevitable that someone won't understand and won't like it. Thus, perhaps it's wise that I share why and what I believe in and about Santa Claus.

I believe Santa Claus was a real person, and one who testified to and demonstrated the love of God poured out



to us in the Person of His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. A study of Nicholas of Myra (or Bari), who was a "saint" by reason of his faith in Christ, and was titled "Saint Nicholas" by reason of the traditional Church's recognition of his love and good works, reveals a true believer and a genuine servant to mankind. All myth and legend evolving from this man, which is flavored with good and godly ideas of loving, giving, caring, and helping, is well-grounded in facts; facts that I believe in.

I believe in Santa Claus as a righteous mood, attitude, or disposition. I believe in whatever generosity of spirit he symbolizes to us, and I like the idea that the contemporary role of Santa has traditionally incorporated a call to personal accountability for good or bad deeds done or undone. To "believe" in this way is not an endorsement of money-grubbing commercialism, or indecent parties where an employee dressed as Santa leads in the misappropriation of the spirit of Christmastime celebration. Whatever is done with Santa's reputation by the ignorant ought not weaken our remembrance, acceptance and celebration of what he truly represents.

I believe in Santa Claus, because when rightly adopted into a family's Christmas traditions, he enhances children's fun without threatening their faith. There is an acceptable way to include him in the family and not diminish either ultimate truthfulness or imagination's fun times. Where adults who know the Savior truly live like it, no child they influence is likely to confuse the Santa we pretend about with the Living Christ we worship, serve and in Whom we place our eternal faith.

This was confirmed by my granddaughter. She was raised in an atmosphere that neither avoided Santa nor made a religion of him, and by parents whose folks played Santa and didn't seem to demolish any sort of healthy respect for the ultimate, the real or the holy.

Yes, I do believe in Santa Claus, but I haven't been trapped into paganism or even slightly lost focus on Jesus—the Babe-become-King and the Center of the Season. I have a suspicion that if Jesus were asked how He felt about Santa Claus and if Santa was a threat to the intent of His holy Kingdom, He might say either: "Whatever a heart of love inspires further loving and giving, the Father of Christmas is being experienced." Or, surprised by our being concerned at all, He might say with a measure of puzzlement over our debate, "Santa who?"

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## SD Cattlemen's Foundation to award \$15K in scholarships to South Dakota students

SIoux FALLS, S.D. – Applications for the 2026 SD Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship Program are now open. Students enrolled in any post-secondary institution in South Dakota are invited to apply. The scholarship application is open now and closes Sunday,

March 15, 2026 at 11:59PM CT. Students can apply by visiting [SDCFScholarships.com](http://SDCFScholarships.com).

During the 13th Annual Prime Time Gala, set for June 20, 2026, scholarships of \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded to five students.

"Over the last ten years since launching the scholarship program and awarding 48 students a total of \$140,000 dollars, what we are most proud of is watching our winners become leaders in our industry," said Tyler Melroe, South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation Scholarship Chair. "From academics to ranchers, these young people are making an impact!"

In 2016, a scholarship program was established by the SD Cattlemen's

Foundation.

The SD Cattlemen's Foundation was formed to support the long-term viability of the South Dakota beef industry by promoting the nutritional benefits of beef consumption and the value of modern production.

This scholarship aims to identify and reward students who are interested in the improvement of beef production and promotion.

**BACKGROUND:** The South Dakota Cattlemen's Foundation joined forces with Feeding South Dakota in May 2013 to create a signature event, Prime Time Gala & Concert, that raises critical funds for their mission by providing more beef to food insecure

families throughout the state.

Funds also raised from the Prime Time Gala & Concert support the scholarship program that provides \$15,000 in funding to students throughout South Dakota.

Since hosting the first Prime Time Gala + Concert in June 2014, the organization has raised \$3,026,665 for Feeding South Dakota.

The SD Cattlemen's Foundation will host the 13th Annual Prime Time Gala + Concert on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center with a concert headlined by Dierks Bentley with special guests Muscadine Bloodline & Elizabeth Jo to follow at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center.



2025 Scholarship Award Winners Group.jpg

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Owned by Dr. Deborah Kullerd,

Lindsey Sainsbury, and Jenni Karp, FNP-C. Highland Senior Solutions is located at 10907 Sourdough RD Belle Fourche, SD.

Although the independent living quarters will not be available until January, the adult day care center, Highland Solutions opened for business on Monday, December 15.

An official celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony followed on Friday, December 19



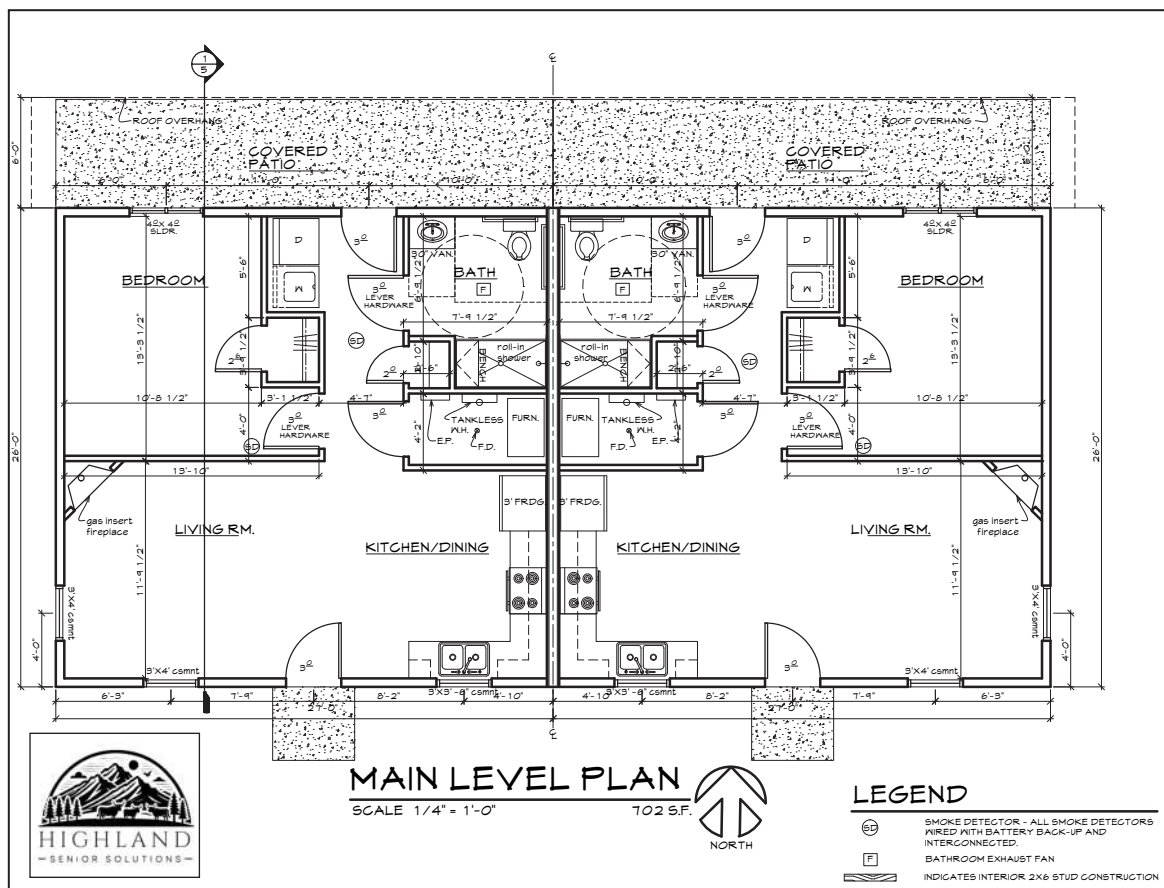
Karli Jewett, Executive Director, followed by the three owners—Lindsey Sainsbury, Dr. Deborah Kullerd, and Jenni Karp, FNP. Courtesy Photos



Guests enjoy the Highlands Senior Solutions Ribbon cutting open house spread. (Bottom) Overhead facility view



(Above) Drone shot of **Highlands Senior Solutions** facility location 10907 Sourdough Road, Belle Fourche. (Below) Floor Plan.



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## Bronc Basketball at Stateline Shootout

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The Bronc Basketball teams headed to Lead for the State Line Shootout December 20th. Due to the inclement weather that blew through the area, Newcastle was unable to make the shootout to compete against the Broncs.

The teams took on Sundance as scheduled. The Bronc boys came out with a 57-40 victory for their first win of the season.

Leading scorers were Sern Weishar with 12 points, followed by Ben Raba and Tatum Martin, both with 10 points, and Gabe Raba with 9. The Broncs led at the conclusion of each quarter to pull away with a 17 point lead at the conclusion of the game. The Broncs play next at home against New Underwood on Tuesday, December 30th with a 6pm start time.

The Lady Broncs fell to Sundance in their game 50-60. Leading scorers for the game

were Denali Larson with 19 points, 3 of them 3 pointers, Emma Nehl with 11 points, and Raegan Hatling with 10 points.

The Lady Broncs travel to Madison for their next game on Friday January 2nd with their first game at 4pm central time and the varsity game to follow at 6:30pm central time. The Madison Classic will follow on Saturday, January 3rd with times to be determined. Their next home game will be Monday, January 5th with a 4pm tipoff.



**Lady Broncs Varsity players before game- Emmah Nehl, Reagan Hatling, Denali Larson, Mya Nowowiejski, Aurora Voyles.**

some of the team out for illness and injury, they still had a good day on the mats with 3 Broncs making the podium.

Caden Swaney placed 3rd at 106lbs with an avenged win over the competition he lost to at the Rapid City tournament, while Cooper Conrey placed 5th at 126lbs.

For the Lady Broncs,

Kyra Vandenberg placed 2nd at 100lbs.

The Madison tournament provides some competition the Broncs only see once per season, allowing for some variety in matches.

The team held their final practice on Monday December 22nd before the mandatory moratorium or "lockout" for the holiday

season.

Coach Cory & Coach Nate had some fun challenges and games for them at this practice including tic tac bow and blind snowman drawing on plates atop their heads as well as some fun workout games.

The Broncs will be back in action on Tuesday December 30th for a tournament in Harding County.

## Wrestlers Gain Wins Before the Holidays

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On Thursday December 18th the Broncs headed to Lead- Deadwood High School for what was originally scheduled as a duel, unfortunately due to the inclement weather the area endured, Custer had to withdraw making the triangular a dual.

The Broncs won over Lead-Deadwood 52-6. There were many open weight class-

es and forfeits on the roster with only 3 matches wrestled for the boys at 106, 113 and 157. Jaxon Lynch, Caden Swaney and Kolby Tibbs all winning their matches.

The Lady Broncs had 2 matches, Lia Mundt at 120lbs came up short in her match while Charlie Huston won hers at 105lbs.

The Broncs travelled to Madison on Saturday December 20th for a tournament with



(Above L) Coach Nate observing a Christmas challenge at Practice 12-22; (AR) wrestlers participating in challenges at last practice before Christmas; (BL) Caden Swaney 3rd place in Madison; (BR) Kyra vandenberg 2nd place in Madison tournament.jpg



The **Bronc Wrestlers** under their blind paper plate snowman drawing challenge at their last practice before the holidays 12-22. Tonsager Photos

# WRESTLING HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2025-26 BELLE FOURCHE



HEAD: CORY NEUMARTH | ASST: NATHAN JUELFs | VOLUNTEER: ANDREW DIGHTON

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/30 - Tuesday	Harding County Invite - Boys' @ Buffalo	Away	9:00 am
1/3 - Saturday	Invite - Girls' @ Spearfish	Away	10:00 am
1/9 - Friday	Invite @ Hettinger, ND	Away	9:00 am
1/10 - Saturday	Invite @ Hettinger, ND	Away	8:00 am
1/15 - Thursday	Quad (Douglas, RC Central) @ Spearfish	Away	4:00 pm
			9:00 am Girls
1/17 - Saturday	Black Hills Conference Invite @ Spearfish	Away	1:00 pm Boys
1/24 - Saturday	Invite @ Chadron, NE	Away	10:00 am
1/29 - Thursday	JV/V Dual @ Sturgis	Away	5:00 pm
			9:00 am Girls
1/30 - Friday	Invite @ Belle Fourche	Home	10:00 am Boys
1/31 - Saturday	Invite - Boys' @ Belle Fourche	Home	9:00 am
2/7 - Saturday	Invite - Boys' @ Hill City	Away	9:00 am
2/7 - Saturday	Invite - Girls' @ Newcastle, WY	Away	9:00 am
2/21 - Saturday	Regions 4A @ Rapid City - Monument (Ice Arena)	Away	9:00 am
2/26-28	State A @ Sioux Falls	Away	TBA

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Caden Swaney working out tic tac bow at practice



Charlie Huston, Coach Cory & AnnaBelle Dighton showing off their ugly sweaters at practice 12-22



Cooper Conrey 5th place in Madison; (R) Riley Dighton playing tic tac bow at practice on 12-22 Tonsager Photos



## Youth Basketball Holiday Camp



WHERE: Belle Fourche High School

WHEN: December 31 from 5-8 PM

WHO: 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys!

WHAT: We will go through ball handling, shooting and some other fundamentals. We will run some drills and play team games! There will be pizza, cookies, and fun!

COST: \$30 for one sibling, \$50 for two siblings, and \$60 for three siblings.

This camp will be put on by the high school girls' basketball team and coaches. All proceeds will go to the girls' basketball program.

### Register night of the camp

Any questions please call

Bill Burr # 605-641-2262

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Reserve your table today!  
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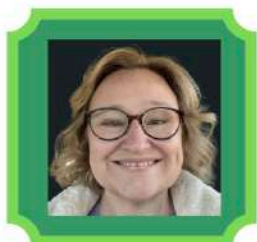


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**WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA GARDENING**

- Feb 17 - Philip
- Feb 19 - Kadoka
- Feb 26 - Lemmon
- Mar 5 - Hill City
- Mar 10 - Belle Fourche
- Mar 12 - Faith
- Mar 17 - Winner

Join a one-hour gardening workshop in one of seven locations. Open to all skill levels!  
Registration is \$10. Participants will receive gardening resources, enjoy snacks and drinks, and have the chance to ask questions and share ideas with others.



Time and Location Details Available in Registration

**Notice of Application for Executive Clemency**  
Michael Jenkins who was sentenced in Butte  
County on the 11 day of July, 2001,  
to 15 years suspended, 60 days county jail; 10 years probation; fines & costs; restitution (indicate what the sentence was including any fines, forfeitures, and time of incarceration in jail or prison)  
for the crime of  
Sexual Contact with a Child Under Sixteen  
has applied to the South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles for:  
 Pardon  
 Reprieve or Remission of Fine or Forfeiture

**The Butte County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from individuals who are interested in serving on the Butte County Planning Board.**

- One (1) Opening Available
- Appointments are for a Four (4) Year Term
- Term of office will be 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2029
- Must be a Butte County resident

The Butte County Planning Board is a five-member advisory Board – including four members appointed by the Butte County Board of Commissioners and one County Commissioner representative.

The Planning Board is tasked with ensuring the county ordinances are implemented consistently and offers oversight to the growth, planning, and development activities in the County. This Board makes recommendations to the Butte County Commission regarding planning functions and procedures.

The Butte County Planning Board meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the commissioner's room on the main level of the courthouse (839 5th Ave, Belle Fourche, SD).

Individuals who want to be considered for an appointment are asked to submit a request for consideration via application to Director of Equalization Office located at 117 5th Ave. Belle Fourche, SD, 57717 or email Cristina Wilson at [cristina@buttesd.org](mailto:cristina@buttesd.org). All applications must be received by 12/12/2025.

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**Good Shepherd Clinic**

Next Clinic: **Lead - January 8 and 22, 2026.**  
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**For more information contact:**

Phone: 605-717-2080  
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Show Up

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School and Community events on Holiday Break. See you next year!

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!

January 19, Monday: BFMS Band Concert, 6:30 PM, BF Rec Center Theater
January 26, Monday: BFHS One Act Performance for the Public, 6:30 PM BFRC Theater.



Join us in January for our MONTH LONG Resolution Run/Walk Community Mileage Challenge!

Log your miles ALL MONTH!

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-Mileage on ALL cardio machines counts as well!
-The Rec Center will post individual & total group mileage weekly.

2-Program Finale: February 1 ~ 1:30 pm @ the Rec Center
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-Enjoy our Group Social Event with healthy snacks and giveaways!
-Event shirts will be awarded this day!



Sign up ANYTIME December 22-January 31.

Cost:
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Christmas Piano Recital

December 18, 2025

St James Lutheran Church

- Jessica Baldwin.....It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Taylor Reinecke.....What Child Is This
Hank Reinecke.....Up on the Housetop
Cora Kukuchka.....Come, Little Children
Birdie Conklin.....Jingle Bells
Joshua Madill.....The First Noel
Mariah Todd.....Go Tell It on the Mountain
Sadie Jackson.....O Christmas Tree
Aubyn Hartman.....Jolly Old St Nicholas
Brux Hartman.....Let It Snow
Tobias Madill.....God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Hope Willert.....I Saw Three Ships
Thomas Madill.....Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Blake Willert.....We Three Kings
Simon McKenney.....Hallelujah Chorus
Ellie Kukuchka.....Carol of the Bells
Anah Jones.....Angels We Have Heard on High
Logan Willert.....Ave Maria

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### Roots Grow Deep and Strong #45b

#### “Krampus, the Sinister Santa ”

Meg English

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Yes, Virginia. There is a Santa. And yes, Virginia the Santa who you

know from story, song, and film is very much alive. He wears an XL bright, red coat. You know the one with a big black belt trimmed with white fur? And don't forget the matching black boots and red cap!

Santa is always jolly, a little on the 'large' side but strong enough to carry a HEAVY sack of toys for all the good boys and girls. You can't miss him in a crowd when he makes regular public appearances during the holidays.

And yes, Santa is magic. Never doubt it! On Christmas Eve he loads up the sleigh with toys for children all over the world. All in one winter night Santa and his tireless, athletic reindeer deliver toys to children everywhere. No child in the entire world is forgotten! From Santa no child receives a beating stick or icky lumps of coal if they misbehaved during the year. It isn't in Santa's nature to punish children. He thinks of all children as good and deserving of gifts at Christmas time.

Santa's work is hard. He must squeeze himself into some tight chimneys to leave presents under Christmas trees. Naturally, he appreciates a snack from time to time. Santa's reindeer work hard too as do his elves and Mrs. Claus! It's not a bad idea to leave some reindeer

snacks outside and maybe a gift for Mrs. Claus or the Elves.

The North Pole where Santa lives and works is a wonderful place Virginia! It's a bustling international enterprise from what I hear, and it would be fun to visit it sometime. I've never been there myself but have seen some nice postcards!

Sorry Virginia, I digress. Please stop me if I'm repeating myself. There is more to the Santa Claus history story that I'd like to share with you. My apologies as it's a little disturbing.

Maybe you know that in Europe many years ago Santa, who is very, very old was known as St. Nicholas? Maybe you knew that St. Nicholas was regarded as the "patron saint" of children? Quite an honor!

St. Nicholas's Saint Day falls on December 6. In those days, children did not put stockings up by the fireplace. Rather, they placed a boot or a shoe outside the door on the night of December 5.

They must have reasoned that Santa could squeeze more presents into a boot. The next morning on December 6 the children would wake up to see what St. Nicholas had left for them. Would the shoe or boot be filled with presents (a reward for good behavior) or a rod (bad behavior)?

As far as I know neither St. Nicholas of later Santa ever left punishments for children.

Now here's where the Good Santa story takes a turn.

Back in the olden days in Europe, Santa had an evil counterpart.

His name was Krampus. It's hard to pin down exactly where

Krampus came from. There doesn't seem to be a lot of information about exactly who he was or why he wanted to hurt children.

What is certain is that Krampus was as bad as bad can be. Krampus did not hand out gifts, like St. Nicholas, but instead stalked the streets beating children with birch branches to 'encourage' them to be nice rather than naughty.

If Krampus thought that a child needed more severe punishment to help them be nice, he was known to stuff children in sacks or sometimes baskets and take them to his lair, to the underworld, or hell whichever was most convenient. Krampus knew the way to the darkest places.

According to legend, Krampus was quite terrifying to look at. He was said to be a half-goat, half-demon horrific beast. He carried bundles of birch sticks with which to beat children and he was noisy and theatrical carrying a chain and bells that he would swing about. Others who have seen Krampus in person describe him as "a devil-like horned creature with horns, dark hair, fangs, and a long tongue".

Well Virginia, I hope this story is not too heavy for you. Christmas is still about good food, music, generosity and celebrations. People who don't like Christmas for whatever reason, would rather hear about Krampus than Santa or St. Nicholas. I think that Krampus is sort of a bah-humbug character like Scrooge in the Christmas Carol although not nearly so innocent.

So should Krampus come to town, beware dear Virginia! Meanwhile, I hope you will keep up your faith in Santa.



Image Austrian postcard. The origin of *Krampus* is not entirely clear. The name means "claw". (Courtesy <https://publicdomainreview.org/collection/greetings-from-krampus/>)

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Image from Austrian postcard circa 1910. Many similar postcards have been exchanged in Europe since the 1800s often accompanied with the phrase "Greetings from the Krampus". (Courtesy <https://publicdomainreview.org/collection/greetings-from-krampus/>)

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Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar  
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Belle Fourche Recreation Center  
Winter class offerings at the Rec Center:  
Water-walking - This class is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 - 8:15 am. This class involves walking in waist-deep to chest-deep water. Water resistance provides a low-impact, full-body workout that strengthens the core while also improving cardiovascular health.  
Silver Splash - This class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 - 12:15 pm. Silver Splash is part of our Silver Sneakers program. It involves a series of low-impact workouts with specially designed Boogie Boards. This class is great for core strengthening and for cardiovascular health.  
Aquafit - Starting December, we will hold Aquafit every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. This class is higher intensity than what we currently offer. The workouts all involve using either dumbbells or foam weights. The class is designed to target multiple different muscle groups while also strengthening your core. The Rec Center will be closing at 4 pm on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve! 605-892-2467 [bellefourcherec.com](http://bellefourcherec.com)

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## Cattle Report - Friday, December 19, 2025

Right at 2500 hd for our last sale of 2025 with a house full of buyers!  
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Next Sale - Friday, Jan. 19 - Feeder Cattle Special - 8 AM  
Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

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Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	20	Blk	4-5	1499	4,625.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	12	Blk	4-5	1468	4,625.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	27	Blk	4-5	1425	4,625.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	19	Blk	3 Years	1357	4,600.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	19	Blk	3 Years	1317	4,600.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	39	Blk	Hfr	1121	4,600.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	20	Blk	4-5	1433	4,550.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	20	Blk	4-5	1414	4,550.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	30	Blk	Solid	1519	4,500.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	12	Blk	Solid	1555	4,475.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	11	Blk	Solid	1604	4,375.00
2 Cattle Company LLC, Three Forks MT	20	Blk	Mix Aged	1368	3,375.00
2 Cattle Company LLC, Three Forks MT	14	Blk	Hfr	1093	3,300.00
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	21	Bld		1348	2,775.00
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT	10	Blk	Broken	1279	2,700.00
Elgin, Ted & John, Biddle MT	13	Blk	Hfr	1088	4,300.00
Elgin, Ted & John, Biddle MT	14	Bld	Hfr	1125	4,025.00
Elgin, Ted & John, Biddle MT	15	Blk	Hfr	1061	4,000.00
Elgin, Ted & John, Biddle MT	10	Blk	Hfr	1089	3,750.00
Elgin, Ted & John, Biddle MT	11	Blk	S-Ss	1436	3,000.00
Elgin, Ted & John, Biddle MT	14	Blk	Broken	1389	2,775.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	10	Blk	Mix Aged	1463	2,975.00
Kleven, Rick & Tim, Piedmont SD	22	Bld	Hfr	1069	3,625.00
Konechne, Chris, Kimball SD	19	Blk	Hfr	1057	3,700.00
Konechne, Chris, Kimball SD	20	Blk	3 Years	1048	3,700.00
Konechne, Chris, Kimball SD	11	Blk	Hfr	1015	3,700.00
Kuhbacher, Jason & Boni Jo, Broadus MT	14	Blk	Broken	1377	2,725.00
Leffingwell Ranch, Broadus MT	12	Blk	4-5	1291	3,900.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	10	Blk	Broken	1395	2,775.00
M & D Cattle Co, Meadow SD	28	Blk	Hfr	1075	3,700.00
M & D Cattle Co, Meadow SD	28	Blk	Hfr	1045	3,700.00
Neiman, Rick, Belle Fourche SD	26	Blk	Hfr	995	3,875.00
Neiman, Rick, Belle Fourche SD	20	Blk	Hfr	949	3,550.00
Palo, Jim, Newell SD	23	Bld	Broken	1469	2,850.00
Roush, Rusty A, Gillette WY	11	Blk	Broken	1462	2,700.00
Ryan Xz Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY	10	Blk	S-Ss	1326	2,875.00
Schaffer, Enoch, Broadus MT	16	Bld	Hfr	1120	3,650.00
Trif Ranch, Lance Creek WY	29	Blk	4-5	1053	4,000.00
Trif Ranch, Lance Creek WY	27	Blk	4-5	1037	4,000.00
Trucano Ranch, Boyes MT	19	Bld	Broken	1428	2,775.00
Trucano Ranch, Boyes MT	6	Bld	Ss	1395	2,775.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	20	Rbl	4-5	1417	3,300.00
Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT	10	Blk	3 Years	938	3,850.00
Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT	16	Blk	3 Years	936	3,850.00
Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT	13	Blk	3 Years	960	3,775.00
Walker, Travis, Ekalaka MT	21	Blk	Hfr	920	3,550.00
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT	17	Blk	Hfr	1005	4,350.00
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT	13	Blk	Hfr	1055	4,325.00
Williams, Zane, Hammond MT	15	Red	3 Years	928	3,900.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulett WY	14	Bld	3 Years	1127	4,300.00
Young, Cody, Kadoka SD	10	Blk	4-5	1221	3,800.00
Young, Cody, Kadoka SD	20	Bld	Broken	1374	2,675.00

### Weigh Up Cows

2 Cattle Company LLC, Three Forks MT	1	Red	Cow	1180	170.00
Adam, Ron, Sturgis SD	4	Blk	Cow	1520	168.00
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	2	Blk	Hfr	935	300.00
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk	Cow	1675	172.50
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	3	Blk	Cow	1590	169.50
Arledge Ranch, Ekalaka MT	7	Blk	Cow	1282	168.50
Barbero Inc, Boyes MT	1	Blk	Cow	1225	172.50
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cowette	1150	210.00
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1565	169.50
Blair Brothers, Sturgis SD	2	Blk	Cow	1700	169.00
Briggs, Chase, Sturgis SD	4	Blk	Cow	1521	166.00
Briggs, Chase, Sturgis SD	6	Blk	Cow	1299	156.00
Burgess, Lexi, Gillette WY	2	Blk	Hfr	1147	243.00
Burleson, Colter James, Newcastle WY	1	Blk	Cow	1570	161.00
Burleson, Colter James, Newcastle WY	4	B/R	Cow	1313	161.00
Caputa Land Co LLC, Caputa SD	1	Blk	Cow	880	170.00
Chambers, Andrew, Olive MT	1	Blk	Cow	1510	169.00
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	2	Blk	Hfr	885	302.50
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	13	Blk	Hfr	927	281.00
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	4	Blk	Cowette	1066	205.00
Eb Ranch, Broadus MT	7	Blk	Cowette	1227	174.50
Elgin, Ted & John, Biddle MT	2	Blk	Hfr	992	291.00
Frank, Brent, Newell SD	2	Red	Cow	1320	170.50
Fuller, Mike And Ethan, Gillette WY	1	Char	Cowette	1530	174.00
Fuller, Mike And Ethan, Gillette WY	3	Blk	Cow	1345	171.50
Fuller, Mike And Ethan, Gillette WY	4	Blk	Cow	1408	171.00
Fuller, Mike And Ethan, Gillette WY	1	Blk	Cow	1745	161.50
Gaskill, Bill, Volborg MT	2	Blk	Hfr	1080	227.00
Gaskill, Bill, Volborg MT	4	Blk	Cow	1287	172.00
Gaskill, Bill, Volborg MT	8	Blk	Cow	1604	170.00
Gaskill, Bill, Volborg MT	1	Blk	Cow	1335	170.00
Goodson, Amy, Sundance WY	1	Blk	Cowette	1200	200.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	4	Blk	Hfr	958	292.50
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	2	Blk	Cowette	1245	189.00
Graham Mt Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1135	163.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1	Blk	Cow	1190	170.00
Howard, Jp, Helena MT	1	Blk	Cow	2100	145.00

J-L Livestock, Melville MT	2	Blk	Hfr	1067	230.00
Jochim, Mark, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1480	166.00
Kleven, Rick, Piedmont SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1095	252.00
Labree, Lee, Broadus MT	4	Bld	Hfr	1127	235.00
Labree, Lee, Broadus MT	3	Bld	Hfr	1093	230.00
Labree, Lee, Broadus MT	31	Bld	Cowette	1302	205.00
Labree, Lee, Broadus MT	2	Blk	Cow	1050	172.50
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Laduke, Jim, Nisland SD	23	Bld	Cow	1540	170.50
Laduke, Jim, Nisland SD	5	Blk	Cow	1329	168.50
Laduke, Jim, Nisland SD	1	Blk	Cow	1410	145.00
Lange, Chance R Or Janesa, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk	Cow	1140	155.00
Lazy T5, LLC, Whitewood SD	1	Blk	Cowette	1225	181.00
Lazy T5, LLC, Whitewood SD	1	Blk	Cow	1375	170.00
Lazy T5, LLC, Whitewood SD	7	Bld	Cow	1560	169.50
Leffingwell Ranch, Broadus MT	3	Blk	Hfr	1070	240.00
Leffingwell Ranch, Broadus MT	2	Blk	Cow	1372	171.50
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Leffingwell Ranch, Broadus MT	3	Blk	Cow	1326	166.00
Leffingwell Ranch, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	900	160.00
Lemke, Justin, Biddle MT	1	Bld	Cow	1275	159.00
Lindblom, David Or Starla, Rapid City SD	1	Blk	Hfr	1000	242.50
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	32	Blk	Cow	1547	173.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	4	Blk	Cow	1376	171.00
Lindsey, William, Newell SD	10	Blk	Cow	1594	170.00
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Mangen, Mary Alice, Broadus MT	1	Blk	Cow	1550	173.00
Neiman, Joni Or Albert, Hulett WY	4	Red	Hfr	968	293.00
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### Sheep Report - Thursday, December 18, 2025

Smaller sale for the last sale of 2025.  
Not enough lambs to make loads and they sold lower  
Strong market on the replacement ewes  
Slaughter ewes sold \$10 lower  
We would like to thank everyone for their business in 2025 and look forward to working with you in 2026!  
Next Sale - Jan. 8th - Regular sheep sale - 1 PM start time  
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<b>Feeder Lambs</b>				
Bucklin Ranches, Redstone MT	14	Lamb	81	\$284.00
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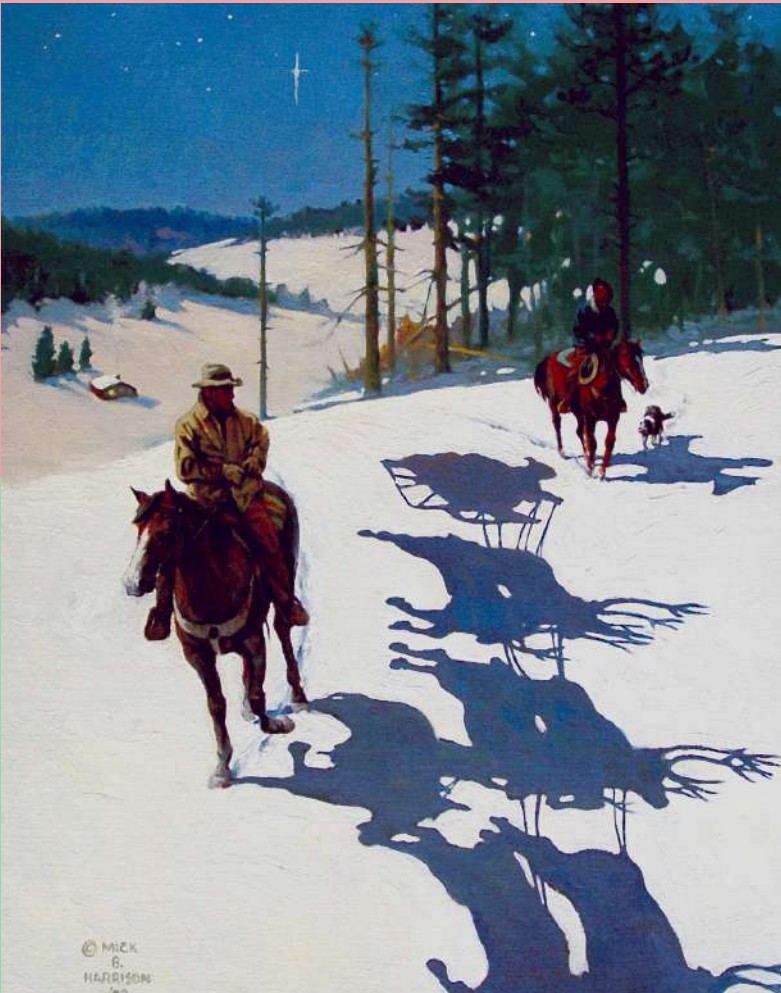



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by Mary Buchholz

**126 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche Bee**  
**January 5, 1899**  
**LOCAL MENTION** Frank Cocks assisted the Wide-awake force in taking an invocie during this week. J. D. Johnston, of Alzada, Montana, makde a business trip to this place the first of the week. W. C. Richard concluded his duties as sperintendent of schools and returned home on Tuesday. Quite an enjoyable dance is reported at the home of George Hill on last Friday night. It was gotten up as a surprise and goodly number was present. Rev. Gardner, of Nashville, came in Saturday to fill an appointment at the M. E. church. He has been assigned to this place for the present, and will occupy the pulpt at the M. E. church regularly in the future. The "Rocking Chair Club" was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Champney on Monday last and was another "red letter day." The next meeting of the Club will be at Mrs. Cock's. January 16th. The husbands of the "Rockers" are invited to supper at seven, and spend the evening socially. It has been suggested by one of the outgoing officials, that it would be a good idea to enlarge the court house by building an additon on the west side, sufficiently large for offices for state's attorney and superintendent of schools with a jury room above. Ad it is now the school superentendent has to occupy any old place and the commissioners provide an outside office for the attorney. Pete Vallery, of Snoma, is in town today. He has in charge a petition to change the mail route to run down the river from this point to Snoma, Butte and Vale. It would be a desirable change and really ought to be made. Mr. Vallery reports that he has about three numbred names upon the petition.

the following reply was received Wednesday morning. "Committee print of Interior Department appropriation bill just received. It contains the following provision: Belle Fourche project, South Dakota, for acquisition of title to land within the limits of the Belle Fourche project by purchase of prior incumbrances, including tax titles or in any other way that may be found feasible by the Secretary of the Interior whenever in his judgement it is necessary or advisable to do so in order to protect the investment of the United States or to secure proper development of project lands, \$65,000. Provided that the secretary of the interior is authorized to appraise the buildings, machinery, equipment and all other property of whatsoever nature of kind appertaining of the Belle Fourche project and to lease or sell the same at public or private sale on such terms and in such manner as he may deem for the best interests of the government, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. The proceeds from such lease or sale shall be paid into the Reclamation fund." If above becomes a law it kills project as government institution. Failure of settlers to pay operation and maintenance charges grounds for proposed abandonment. Of course I will continue to fight to secure the required appropriation. If I fail in the house, the fight will be continued in the senate. Bill under consideration in House now. May want representatives from project here. If so will wife. Letter follows." Signed, Williamson."

The proposal for the government to take over the unoccupied farms of the project, repair the buildings thereon, and seed a part of the tract to alfalfa is in line with the suggestions made by Mr. Kretzler, head of the land settlement bureau of the Reclamation service, while he was on the Belle Fourche project last summer. The board contends that the first payment is too large, that instead of it being one dollar per acre per year the schedule should be fifty cents per acre per year, and these payments to increase as the settler developed his place and was in better position to pay.

**75 years ago**  
**The Belle Fourche Bee**  
**January 4, 1951**  
**\$1,981,518 in Crops Raised on Project** Total value of the 1950 crop on lands in the Belle Fourche Irrigation district was \$1,981,518 which is an average of \$36.36 of each income per acre. This is \$103,000 less than the 1949 crop due primarily to the cold wet

spring and to the hail-storm which crossed the project on July 15, according to Secretary Vern Hafner of the Irrigation district. Grain production dropped \$200,000 under last year due mostly to the hailstorm. The following figures on average production per acre include all planted acres.

**Spirit of Servicemen High Despite Absence** Some of the Belle Fourche boys serving with the National guard at Camp Carson, Colo., seemed down-hearted at being away from home at Christmas, but all-in-all, they were in fairly good spirits. This was the gist of a report brought back by tow Belle Fourche couples who visited the camp during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fink were there to see their respective ones, Cpl Glen Fink and Cpt. Jack Patterson. Both couples left Belle Fourche on December 23, the Finks arrived at Carson on Sunday. While at Carson the Belle Fourche people visited scenic Royal Gorge and also the Will Rogers memorial.

**50 years ago**  
**The Belle Fourche Bee**  
**January 2, 1976**

**Observe Join Birthday TWO LADIES** were honored at a birthday party recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Junek and Janet, Mark and Brad. Anna Junek was honored on her 80th birthday and her granddaughter, Joan Helleeson of Puyallup, Wash., was honored on her 21st birthday. They have mutual birthdays Dec. 23rd. Joan flew out to be with her grandmother on their birthdays and to spend the Christmas holiday with her. The birthday cake was baked by Mrs. Dale Fox. It was baked and decorated in the shape of a memory book with gold pages.

**Estella Jacobsen Picked to Head Half Century Club** Estella Jacobsen was named the new president of the Black Hills Half Century Club at the Belle Fourche Community Hall for the annual turkey and potluck dinner. Serving with Mrs. Jacobsen will be Will Henwood, vice-president; Verna Sloan, secretary; Edith Es-may, treasurer. The Belle Chords, directed by Mrs. Verla Mottet, entertained the group with a number of Christmas songs. Hostesses for the day were Amy Larson, Rosa Sherard and Madeline Batinovich. Marion Murray and Lone Watson were on the program committee. Alma Helmer was in charge of registration.

**100 years ago**  
**The Belle Fourche Bee**  
**January 7, 1926**  
**MUST PAY O. AND M. CHARGES Unless Operation Expense is Taken Care of by Settlers Government May Take Drastic Action**

Tuesday of this week a telephone message from R. I. Bronson of Pierre to the Commercial club conveyed the news that the Associated Press was releasing a news dispatch from Washington, stating that a move had been started in congress to either abandon or sell the Belle Fourche project. A telegram was immediately dispatched by the Commercial club to Congressman Williamson, asking for full particulars, and



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

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vs.

DREW HARRIS

Defendant

### ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

THIS MATTER having come before this Court for a hearing on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., the Plaintiff did not appear and the Defendants appearing pro per.

WHEREAS, having fully considered the pleadings, and following colloquy on the merits of the Motion, for good cause appearing, and with no opposition filed.

THIS COURT FINDS that Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Plaintiff's Complaint is HEREBY GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2025

*Mary Kay Holthus*  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

812 F41 934C 7541  
Mary Kay Holthus  
District Court Judge

Statistically closed, LSJR - CV - Motion to Dismiss (by Defendant) (USMC)

Plaintiff

SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NEVADA

Aces Harris  
Brenda Carr  
Candice Carr

Plaintiff,

Vs.

Drew and Marla Harris

Defendant.

Supreme Court No: 91300  
District Court Case No. A-25-921604-C

Plaintiff's Opening Brief

COMES NOW, Plaintiff Aces Harris hereby submits an Opening Brief for Plaintiff's of the case.

In violation of Article 1 Section 8 of the Nevada Constitution Defendant's set up a secret meeting with the District Court to arrange a dismissal. Under these circumstances the dismissal of Plaintiff's claim should be dismissed as a under handed way for Defendant to win a case

DATED this 23th day of December, 2025

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Plaintiff:  
Aces Harris  
Brenda Carr  
Candice Carr

Defendant:  
Drew and Maria Harris

Docket No. 91300

DOCKETING STATEMENT CIVIL APPEALS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure (NRAP) 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment, and compiling statistical information.

WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately, and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or the appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal. *Id.*

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 28 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions. *Id.*

This court has noted that when obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously are not taken seriously, valuable judicial resources of this court are wasted, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. See *KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman*, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use divider pages to separate any attached documents.

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1. Judicial District: Eighth County: Clark

Judge: Mary Kay Holthus District Ct. Case No.: A-25-921604-C

Department: 18

2. Person filing this docketing statement:

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Client name(s) (if represented by counsel):

If this is a joint statement by multiple appellants, add the names and addresses of the other appellants and, if applicable, the names of their counsel and have them sign the certification below.

Name Brenda and Candice Carr Bar # (if applicable)

Law Firm Name (if applicable)

Address

Telephone #

Email address

Client name(s) (if represented by counsel):

I certify I concur in the filing of this statement.

Signature of other appellant(s) or of counsel for other appellant Date

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3. Nature of disposition below (check all that apply):

Judgment after bench trial

Judgment after jury verdict

Summary judgment

Default judgment

Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief

Grant/Denial of injunction

Dismissal:

Lack of jurisdiction

Failure to state a claim

Failure to prosecute

Other (specify): Lack of Merit

Divorce Decree:

Original

Modification

Grant/Denial of declaratory relief

Review of agency determination

Other disposition (specify):

4. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following?

Child Custody

Venue

Termination of parental rights

N/A

5. Pending and prior proceedings in this court. List the case name and docket number of all appeals or original proceedings presently or previously pending before this court which are related to this appeal:

N/A

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6. Pending and prior proceedings in other courts. List the case name, number and court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition:

N/A

7. Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

Court Hearings were set up without properly serving Plaintiff's of anything they would need to attend.

8. Issues on appeal. State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal:

Failure to serve

9. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

N/A

10. Constitutional issues: Does this appeal challenge the constitutionality of a Nevada Statute or ordinance?

No. Continue to #11.

Yes:

a. Identify the Nevada statute or ordinance being challenged: Article 1 Section 8

b. Is the State, any State agency, or a State officer or employee a party to this appeal in an official capacity?

Yes  No.

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11. Other issues.

a. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?

Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))

An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions

A substantial issue of first impression

An issue of public policy

An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions

A ballot question

b. If so, explain: Gabriela Sandoval v. Wal-Mart Store:

12. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly set forth whether the matter is retained by the Supreme Court or presumptively assigned to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which the matter falls.

I'm assuming this should go to the Court of Appeals.

13. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Was it a:  bench trial  jury trial? N/A

14. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice/judge recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? See NRAP 35. If so, which Justice/Judge? \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

15. Oral argument. Would you object to submission of this appeal for disposition without oral argument?  Yes  No

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TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date the written judgment(s) or order(s) appealed from was/were filed in the district court: 09/09/25

If no written judgment or order has been filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:

N/A

17. Date written notice of entry of the judgment(s) or order(s) was/were served: 09/09/25

Was service by:

Electronic or personal delivery

Mail

18. Were any motions seeking relief under NRCP 50(b), 52(b), 59, or 60 or seeking rehearing or reconsideration filed in the district court either before or after the notice of appeal was filed? (attach a copy of the motion)

No, continue to # 19.

Yes:

a. Specify the type of motion and the date the motion was filed in the district court (check all that apply)

NRCP 50(b) Date filed: \_\_\_\_\_

NRCP 52(b) Date filed: \_\_\_\_\_

NRCP 59 Date filed: \_\_\_\_\_

NRCP 60 Date filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearing/Reconsideration Date filed: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date the motion was served: \_\_\_\_\_

c. How was the motion served:

Electronic or personal delivery

Mail

d. Date the written order resolving the motion was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Date written notice of entry of the order resolving the motion was served: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Was service by:

Electronic or personal delivery

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19. Are there any motions other than those identified in #18 above still pending in the district court?

Yes. Identify the motion and the date it was filed in the district court: \_\_\_\_\_

No.

20. Date the notice of appeal was filed in the district court: 09/30/25

If more than one party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:

21. Specify the statute or rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, e.g., NRAP 4(a) or other: NRAP 4(a)

SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY

22. Specify the statute or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review the judgment or order appealed from:

a.

NRAP 3A(b)(1)  NRAP 3A(b)(2)

NRAP 3A(b)(3)  NRAP 3A(b)(4)

NRAP 3A(b)(5)  NRAP 3A(b)(6)

NRAP 3A(b)(7)  NRAP 3A(b)(8)

NRAP 3A(b)(9)  NRAP 3A(b)(10)

NRAP 3A(b)(11)  NRAP 3A(b)(12)

NRS 38.205  NRS 233B.150

NRS 703.376  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: Defendant set up a secret meeting with the courts without notifying the Plaintiff's in violation of Article 1 Section 8

23. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court:

a. Parties:

Aces Harris  
Brenda Carr  
Candice Carr

b. If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:

N/A

24. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.

Slender, Pain and Suffering, Emotional Distress

25. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL of the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL of the parties to the action or consolidated actions below?  Yes  No

26. If you answered "No" to question 25, complete the following:

a. Specify the claims remaining pending below:

N/A

b. Specify the parties remaining below:

N/A

c. Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?  Yes  No

d. Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for

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the entry of judgment?  Yes  No

27. If you answered "No" to any part of question 26, explain the basis for seeking appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

N/A

28. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any motion(s) identified in questions 18 and the order(s) resolving the motion(s)
- Any motions identified in question 19
- Orders or NRCP 41(a)(1) dismissals that formally resolve each claim, counterclaim, cross-claim and/or third-party claim asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- All orders that finally disposes of any parties in the action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- Any other order challenged on appeal
- Notices of entry for each attached order

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

Signature (and Bar # if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ 12/23/25

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Aces Harris

State and county where signed

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the date<sup>23</sup> day of month, 20<sup>25</sup> year, I served a copy of this completed docketing statement upon all parties to this appeal:

by electronic means to registered users of the court's electronic filing system

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	50	Black-Brd Cow 4yo	1350	4400.00	\$4,400.00
	50	Black-Brd Cow 4yo	1342	4400.00	\$4,400.00
Schultz Lic, Ekalaka MT	30	Black-Brd Cow 3/4yo	1153	4400.00	\$4,400.00
	28	Black-Brd Cow 3/4yo	1100	4275.00	\$4,275.00
	14	Black-Brd Cow 5/6o	1270	4300.00	\$4,300.00
	43	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1383	4000.00	\$4,000.00
Bruce Crago, Belle Fourche SD	36	Black-Brd Hfr	1205	4500.00	\$4,500.00
Ellis Livestock, Pompeys Pillar MT	50	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1091	4400.00	\$4,400.00
	50	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1114	4375.00	\$4,375.00
	37	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	998	4100.00	\$4,100.00
Wes & Lisa Steppler, Culbertson MT	11	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1072	4050.00	\$4,050.00
	19	Black-Brd Cow 5/6 Yo	1337	4000.00	\$4,000.00
	15	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1341	3150.00	\$3,150.00
	14	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1381	3000.00	\$3,000.00
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	14	Black-Brd Hfr	1159	4200.00	\$4,200.00
	15	Black-Brd Hfr	1118	3950.00	\$3,950.00
Cathy Ranch, Hammond MT	34	Black-Brd Hfr	950	4150.00	\$4,150.00
Todd Meccage, Baker MT	35	Black-Brd Hfr	1096	4200.00	\$4,200.00
	17	Black-Brd Hfr	1096	4200.00	\$4,200.00
	12	Black-Brd Hfr	1103	4000.00	\$4,000.00
Dave Price & Kenneth Talcott Inc, Hammond MT	32	Black-Brd Hfr	1032	3950.00	\$3,950.00
	15	Black-Brd Hfr	1042	3950.00	\$3,950.00
	10	Black-Brd Hfr	1058	3850.00	\$3,850.00
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	10	Black-Brd Hfr	1022	3850.00	\$3,850.00
	26	Black-Brd Hfr	993	3750.00	\$3,750.00
Lawson McGill, Powderville MT	41	Black-Brd Hfr	1003	3750.00	\$3,750.00
Steve Thoeny, Rosebud MT	20	Black-Brd Hfr	999	4050.00	\$4,050.00
	21	Black-Brd Hfr	971	3850.00	\$3,850.00
	19	Black-Brd Hfr	1031	3850.00	\$3,850.00
Wes & Lisa Steppler, Culbertson MT	16	Black-Brd Hfr	972	3500.00	\$3,500.00
	11	Black-Brd Hfr	979	3400.00	\$3,400.00
Paul Or Judy Hinkhouse, Nisland SD	28	Black-Brd Hfr	968	3800.00	\$3,800.00
	10	Black-Brd Hfr	968	3700.00	\$3,700.00
	45	Black-Brd Hfr	968	3550.00	\$3,550.00
	10	Bwf-Brd Hfr	966	3550.00	\$3,550.00
Houston Creek Cattle Co, Sundance WY	15	Black-Brd Hfr	1011	3800.00	\$3,800.00
	11	Bwf-Brd Hfr	1032	3900.00	\$3,900.00
Cathy Ranch, Hammond MT	19	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1457	3300.00	\$3,300.00
	16	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1440	3100.00	\$3,100.00
Moke Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	35	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1349	2650.00	\$2,650.00
	6	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1384	3000.00	\$3,000.00
Jon & Becky Carr, Newcastle WY	16	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3yo	1160	4050.00	\$4,050.00
Travis Loehding, Ekalaka MT	25	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1355	3100.00	\$3,100.00
	18	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1261	2850.00	\$2,850.00
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	20	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3/4yo	1117	4000.00	\$4,000.00
	41	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5/6yo	1285	3450.00	\$3,450.00
	20	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5/6yo	1218	3300.00	\$3,300.00
	23	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1288	3150.00	\$3,150.00
	23	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1321	3075.00	\$3,075.00
	23	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1292	3075.00	\$3,075.00

	41	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1286	2900.00	\$2,900.00
Wayne & Christina Pollat, Gillette WY	11	Black-Brd Cow 5/6 Yo	1376	4000.00	\$4,000.00
	6	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1408	3500.00	\$3,500.00
Tom Riggs, Broadus MT	11	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1496	2800.00	\$2,800.00
	5	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1568	2800.00	\$2,800.00
Ballou Angus Ranch, Hulett WY	13	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1427	3500.00	\$3,500.00
	20	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1427	3200.00	\$3,200.00
Border Grain, Opheim MT	17	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1339	3025.00	\$3,025.00
	15	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1304	2650.00	\$2,650.00
Jeff Medearis, Plevna MT	15	Black-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1424	2900.00	\$2,900.00
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT	21	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1345	2550.00	\$2,550.00
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	15	Black-Brd Cow 3/4 Yo	1234	3500.00	\$3,500.00
	11	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1552	2750.00	\$2,750.00
Brownfield Ranch Inc, Hammond MT	10	Herf-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1415	3000.00	\$3,000.00
	7	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1419	2850.00	\$2,850.00
<b>WEIGH-UPS</b>					
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	8	Black-Cow	1228	200.50	\$2,462.39
	7	Black-Cow	1367	173.00	\$2,365.15
	26	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1491	173.00	\$2,579.03
Box L Cattle Co, Hammond MT	34	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1426	173.50	\$2,473.65
	22	Black-Cow	1261	171.00	\$2,156.54
Moke Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	2	Black-Cow	1340	172.00	\$2,304.80
	1	Black-Cow	1130	232.50	\$2,627.25
Leroy Schallenberg, Ekalaka MT	32	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1261	167.00	\$2,105.24
	10	Black-Cow	1061	237.50	\$2,518.68
	7	Black-Cow	881	290.00	\$2,556.14
Paul Or Judy Hinkhouse, Nisland SD	3	Black-Hfrt	912	310.00	\$2,826.16
	13	Black-Hfrt	905	304.00	\$2,750.03
Wokwire Livestock, Aladdin WY	5	Red-Hfrt	976	298.00	\$2,908.48
	7	Red-Hfrt	1030	275.00	\$2,832.50
	2	Red-Cow	1300	182.00	\$2,366.00
Orwick Ranch, Newell SD	1	Herf-Cow	1225	172.00	\$2,107.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1385	168.00	\$2,326.80
Keith Rosencranz, Broadus MT	1	Black-Hfrt	1135	250.00	\$2,837.50
	1	Black-Hfrt	1030	270.00	\$2,781.00
	1	Black-Hfrt	950	272.50	\$2,588.75
Austin T Risty, Reva SD	1	Black-Cow	1510	170.00	\$2,567.00
	1	Black-Cow	1130	210.00	\$2,373.00
Emmons Cattle, Olive MT	1	Black-Cow	1355	191.00	\$2,588.05
Schultz Lic, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1540	170.00	\$2,618.00
	2	Black-Cow	1260	172.00	\$2,167.20
Keyhole Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	10	Herf-Hfrt	918	267.50	\$2,456.65
	5	Herf-Cow	1412	160.00	\$2,259.20
Brian W Or Harriet A Birkley, Osage WY	11	Black-Hfrt	1203	221.00	\$2,658.02
	3	Black-Hfrt	1615	170.00	\$2,745.50
	5	Black-Cow	1365	170.50	\$2,327.32
Ketelsen & Beug, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1470	170.00	\$2,499.00
	10	Black-Cow	1167	232.50	\$2,713.27
Cole/Gina Ketelsen, Sturgis SD	7	Black-Cow	1471	171.50	\$2,523.50
	7	Black-Cow	1261	173.50	\$2,188.57
Antlers Angus Ranch, Moorcroft WY	13	Black-Cow	1330	169.00	\$2,248.35
	7	Black-Cow	1569	171.00	\$2,683.47
	4	Black-Hfrt	1055	255.00	\$2,690.25

**NO SALE - MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**DECEMBER 25, 2025**

**NO SALE - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
**JANUARY 1, 2026**

**\*\*ATTENTION ON-LINE BUYERS\*\***  
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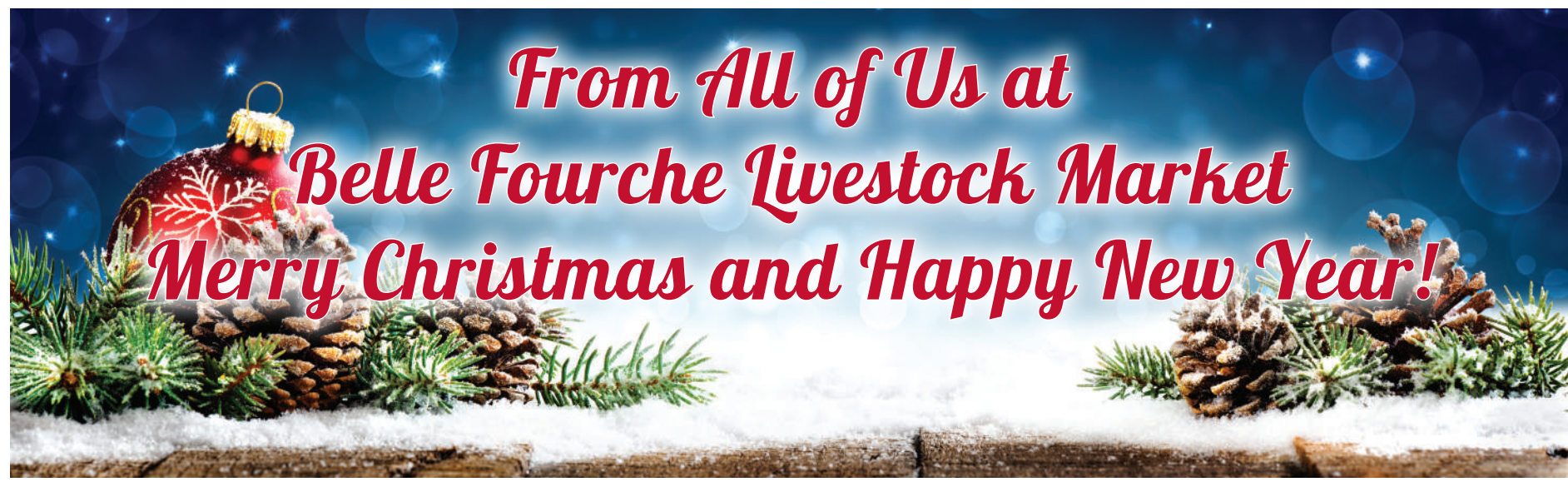
December 25, 2025	NO SALE - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
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WEEKLY ROUND[S] UP  
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Welcome back to another Weekly Round[s] Up. The Senate remained full speed ahead this past week to finish up a few items before the end of the year. To cap off a historic year in the Senate, we confirmed 97 of President Trump's nominees to positions within the executive branch.

This brings our total for nominees confirmed in 2025 to 417, outpacing confirmations during President Biden's term and even President Trump's first term. We also passed the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act on Wednesday, and on Thursday I had the opportunity to go to the White House and watch President Trump sign this legislation into law. I'm now back home in South Dakota to celebrate Christmas with my family. More on the rest of my week in my Weekly Round[s] Up:

**South Dakota groups I visited with:** Brad Wiemann, Interim CEO and Matt Kurtenbach, VP of Manufacturing at Daktronics, both of Brookings.

**Other meetings:** General Ingo Gerhartz, Allied Joint Forces Command Brunsum Commander, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); Kevin Hassett, Director of the National Economic Council; the Board of Directors of the Bank Policy Institute; James Braid, Director, White House Office of Legislative Affairs; Mike Tuffin, CEO, America's Health Insurance Plans; phone call with Rob Nichols, CEO of American Bankers Association; and Dario Gill, Under Secretary for Science, U.S. Department of Energy.

In addition, on Thursday night, I was invited to the White House for the official NDAA signing after it passed the Senate on Wednesday.

**Briefings:** I attended five briefings this past week: one classified briefing from Secretary Rubio and Secretary Hegseth, one Central Intelligence Agency briefing, two Senate Select Committee on Intelligence closed briefings and one Senate Armed Services Committee briefing.

**Hearing:** This past week I attended a hearing with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

**Senate Bible Study and Prayer Breakfast:** On Tuesday, I hosted our weekly Senate Bible Study and on Wednesday I attended our Senate Prayer Breakfast where we sang Christmas carols with former Senator Debbie Stabenow accompanying on piano.

**President Trump officially signed the Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act into law** this past week. The land at this symbolic and sacred site will now be held in possession of both the Oglala Sioux and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes to be preserved for future generations. Read more about it here.

**Votes taken:** 25 – This past week I voted on multiple nominees including a batch of 97 of President Trump's nominees. As I mentioned, we also passed the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act.

This year's NDAA authorizes funding for construction projects at Ellsworth Air Force

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I was pleased to be invited in the Oval Office with President Trump as he signed the **National Defense Authorization Act** into law. *Courtesy Photo*

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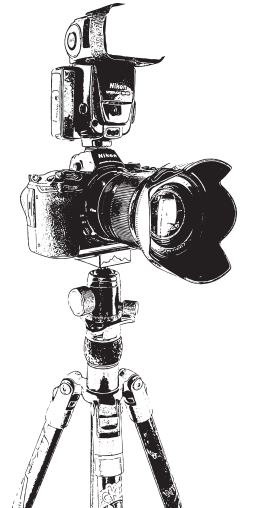
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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"  
**The Christmas Economy: How Small Towns Can Turn Holidays into Prosperity**

It is only appropriate that my 300th column falls on Christmas week, can't think of a better week.



What makes Christmas tourism particularly powerful is its timing and universal appeal. While other festivals might attract niche audiences, Christmas draws families, couples, and travelers of all ages. For many artisans and small businesses, 50% of their annual sales happen in the last six weeks of the year. When a town creates the right environment, it captures not just local spending but attracts visitors from a 50-mile, 100-mile, even 200-mile radius who are actively looking for authentic holiday experiences.

The infrastructure doesn't have to be elaborate. Even brief markets can have a major economic impact, according to research on small-town Christmas events. A courthouse square becomes a market. A barn becomes a concert venue. Historic Main Street storefronts that might sit empty in February suddenly house specialty shops and artisan workshops. The investment is modest; the return is measurable.

Consider what happens when a town commits to this vision. Hotels fill up. Restaurants extend their hours. Local craftspeople who struggled to make ends meet suddenly have customers lining up. Job creation is another positive effect, with employment provided for many individuals during Christmas, often at a higher pay rate, in retail, logistics and hospitality. A seasonal waitress might earn enough to cover three months of bills. A local artist might sell enough inventory to fund next year's materials. But the real genius of Christmas tourism lies in what happens after the decorations come down. A family

that drives an hour to visit your Christmas market discovers your town exists. They return in March for your spring festival. In July, they bring their kids to your farmer's market. The Christmas visitor becomes the summer regular. The seasonal event becomes the gateway to year-round tourism.

Smart communities understand this progression. They use Christmas as a hook, then build a calendar of events that keeps people coming back. They invest in making their town Instagram-worthy, not just in December but in every season. They cultivate relationships with regional media, food bloggers, and travel influencers who amplify their reach. The strategy requires coordination. Local government provides infrastructure support—parking, public restrooms, additional law enforcement during peak weekends. Business owners commit to extended hours and seasonal inventory. Volunteers organize events, from tree lightings to caroling competitions. Connections are the "glue" that hold communities together; festival sponsorship increases the social capital that makes for healthy communities.

There's an authenticity factor that can't be manufactured. The most successful Christmas destinations aren't trying to be Rockefeller Center. They're celebrating what makes them unique—their Swedish heritage, their agricultural history, their local craftspeople, their mountain vistas or prairie landscapes. Christmas markets help keep local traditions alive by showcasing regional customs, foods, and crafts. Authenticity attracts visitors tired of generic mall experiences.

The path forward is clear. Start with one weekend. Create a small Christmas market featuring local vendors. Add live music from community musicians. Light up Main Street. Promote it on social media and through regional tourism boards. Measure attendance and spending. Survey visitors about what they loved and what they'd like to see next year. Then

We are so blessed to live in a Country where Christmas is still celebrated and freedom reigns, thanks for reading these columns over the years. Picture a small-town square transformed. Twinkling lights wrap around lampposts. The smell of roasted chestnuts drifts through crisp December air. Local artisans display hand-crafted goods in wooden chalets while carolers gather near the courthouse steps. This isn't just holiday charm—it's economic strategy in action. Every December, small communities across America face a choice: watch residents drive to bigger cities for their Christmas experiences or create something so compelling that the traffic flows the other direction. The communities that choose the latter are discovering something remarkable. Christmas tourism isn't just about selling ornaments and hot cocoa. It's about unlocking a revenue stream that can sustain local businesses through the entire year.

Manchester, Tennessee hosts the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, which generated over \$51 million for their community and the state. Along the Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor, the average festival day tripper spends \$113, and those day trippers contributed over \$169 million in direct spending. These aren't coastal resort towns or mountain ski destinations. These are regular American communities that decided to become destinations.

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build on that foundation, expanding the event, adding traditions, improving infrastructure.

The communities that will thrive in the coming decades are those that refuse to be invisible. They're the towns that transform themselves into destinations, starting with seven magical weeks when the world is actively looking for Christmas experiences. They understand that you don't compete with big cities by imitating them. You compete by offering something they can't—authenticity, intimacy, and the kind of small-town Christmas that exists now mostly in memory and movies.

The question isn't whether Christmas tourism can transform your local economy. Small American towns are generating millions through seasonal festivals. The real question is whether your community has the vision to claim its share of those billions of dollars Americans spend traveling during the holiday season. The lights are waiting to be strung. The economic opportunity is waiting to be seized. All that's missing is the decision to begin. John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org



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**Capitol News**  
**Dec. 21, 2025**  
 By Karen Odell

Ronda Cordell had spent a couple of weeks of whirlwind activities, getting things done before having shoulder surgery on December 12th. Jake, Jason and Ronda did a little more searching for a cow/calf pair that may have been left in the School Section on the Buck ranch.

Two weeks ago, Ronda went to Buffalo to send out a wire transfer, and enjoyed lunch at the Blossom 'n' Brew. The next day, the Belle Fourche Vet Clinic picked a good day to come and bangs vaccinate heifer calves. Ronda caught the Carter Charter at Highway 323, on Thursday morning, for a ride to Rapid City, where she was dropped off at Zolnoski's.

Later she went to Cristen Westling's to stay over for her morning shoulder surgery. She was kept overnight, and released the next morning, and met up with Curt Zolnoski to go to the Amdahl Angus Bull Sale. She spent the night at Cristen's, who gave her a ride home on Sunday. Cristen spent the week at the ranch, tending to some chores, and doing chores at the Bergstrom place, while Jason Berg and Jake Reynolds have been gone to visit Jason's mother and family in Wisconsin. Curt Zolnoski delivered the bulls from Amdahl's, on Tuesday. Cristen and Ronda returned to the ranch from her physical therapy in Spearfish just as Curt was heading home. Cristen drove Ronda

to her second session of physical therapy, on Thursday. Alvin Cordell stopped by to pick up hot mustard and cashew brittle, on Friday.

Cristen helped Ronda with some Christmas activities and brittle making. She also wanted a lesson on making hot mustard, too. Jake and Jason brought Oren and Arlie home with them. Then, Cristen headed home on Sunday. Dick and Erma Albert went to the Hills, on Tuesday, to visit the AT&T store, and pick up some groceries. Erma visited the chiropractor in Buffalo, on Wednesday, and had physical therapy on Thursday. On Friday, they both went to the Senior Citizen Dinner. The Catholic church was full on Sunday for mass.

After church, Dick and Erma went to Saloon Number Three for lunch. Alvin Cordell had an appointment at the Buffalo clinic on Monday. On Wednesday night, the wind came up and the electricity went off. By morning, they discovered that the top of their chimney had blown off. The electricity had come back on in the night, and the wind finally calmed down. Alvin and Marlee went to Spearfish, on Thursday, for Alvin's chiropractor appointment. Then they went on to Rapid City for some shopping. On Friday, they went to the Camp Crook Community Center for the special North Pole Extravaganza. Alvin helped Ryan sort old cows, on Saturday, and Ryan hauled them to Terry Cordell's. Alvin visited Ronda Cordell, that day,

and on Saturday, he worked on corrals up at the Horton place. The top soil soon meets the rocks below, so he had to get a special rock bit to get the holes dug, but that work is going very slowly.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson went to the North Pole Extravaganza at the Camp Crook Community Hall on Friday. On Saturday, Lynn and Linda Matthews went to Bowman to the beauty parlor. Bruce and Lynn attended church at Little Missouri Church, on Sunday. Doug and Julia Davis, both, had doctor's appointments in Spearfish, on Thursday. On Friday, they went back to Belle Fourche for grandson, Rory Davis's, kindergarten Christmas program. Then they went on to Rapid City to do some shopping. On the interstate, coming back, they slowly moved through an accident that tipped over a livestock truck. The cattle were being rounded up by various firemen, police and other people who stopped to assist. Doug and Julia went to church at the Little Missouri Church on Sunday. Shirley and Junior Melum were happy to have their daughter, Andrea, visit from Bozeman. Andrea is an eye doctor, and a very busy person. She came on Saturday, and stayed until Tuesday, so they had a some great days and a good visit. Ernie Rachel and Tommy Melum joined them, too. Dawn and Bryce Padden helped with bangs vaccinating this week. They had been to Rapid City for the huge wrestling tournament at the Monument,

and then to Hot Springs for more wrestling. Since then, they have slowed their travels a little, because some of the high school sporting events have been canceled, but on Friday, they went to Bowman for the Buffalo girls' high school basketball game. Dawn had gotten some great pictures, so she spent Saturday working with, and publishing her picture. Bryce took a trailer, and went over to BJ and Michelle's, to help them with moving things into their new house. BJ's goal was to be in the house before Christmas, so he may accomplish that goal. Karen Odell kept close to home, this week. She made a trip to Camp Crook to mail letters, and get a few groceries. During the week, she visited with high school friend, Bill Foulkes, in Ohio, sister-in-law, Carol Smith, and children, Mollie Smith, Micki Odell, and Cody Odell, and texted with Jeff and Amanda Odell and Jesse Hinds. Tommy Melum stopped by for a short visit and delivered some fruit from the Carter County FFA. The big wind came on Wednesday night. It howled and whined above the house all night. All electricity from SouthEast Electric was off. It was a very dangerous night for the linesmen, but the lights came on in the middle of the night. The next day, Wyatt reported there was a roof completely across highway 20 in Buffalo. Winds were clocked at one-hundred miles per hour near Buffalo. The estimate at Camp Crook was a mere eighty-one miles per hour. The Tills, in Buffalo, reported so many

limbs on the ground, that it will take a week to get things in some sort of order. Karen believes that the winds had stayed above her house, so that things on the ground were not too bad. On Saturday, Karen got to watch grandson, Carson Odell, on YouTube, in wrestling matches with the Mitchell High School team. Carson is a freshman, and Kenna is a junior, this year at Mitchell. Micki, in Tacoma on the west coast, had another kind of weather, and a land-slide came down the cliff behind a house near theirs, pushing a shed two or three feet toward the bay, and nearly against a neighbor's house. The winds moved east, and Cody, in Mitchell, had the big winds on the following day. Two days later, friends in Ohio reported the big winds there. In Minnesota, Kyia Smith was taking a voice lesson and had been notified she made the club volleyball team that she tried-out for. Both Cody Odell and Mollie Smith had to travel into the bad windy weather for their work. On Sunday, Karen went to the Methodist Church in Camp Crook and played piano for the Christmas hymns. Mary Tarter presented the Advent candle lighting. Alan Loken provided the sermon, and the Cordell children provided help as ushers. Hope to see everyone on Christmas eve. Historical study is never the whole of the past, but only one continuous fine thread of it. And even that fine thread may have been slanted by the wishes of the writer. Merry Christmas, everyone.

**PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES**

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

"Come sit by me. We need to visit." Grandma patted the chair next to her at our kitchen table. "What have you been doing this summer?" Sincere interest shone in her faded blue eyes. Soon the conversation changed courses. "That reminds me of when I was young." And Grandma told stories.



**"Give Them Something to Talk About"**

just "snow," but when there was any kind of picture and sound, everyone was impressed.

Aunt Julia never had her own children, but always treated her nieces and nephews royally, at least that's how we felt. Deloris reminisces fondly of "playing" Julia's player piano. Our feet stretched for the foot pedals, turning the perforated music roll in front of us while the keys magically played by themselves. On Julia's birthday, she made the treats: homemade buns for sandwiches. The adults drank coffee, but this aunt made the kids "nectar." Made from a concentrate she purchased from the Watkins man, it was even better than Kool Aid!

Julia kept Spearmint gum in her purse and generously offered us a stick whenever we sat next to her. One spring when we visited, she pulled on her heavy coat and boots. "You've got to come to the barn and see the new babies. One ewe had triplets!"

When Mom and her sisters got together, the conversation was lively. My siblings and I affectionately remember their giggles, especially Aunt Ida's.

On occasion, they got to laughing so hard tears streamed down their faces. It's funny how I cannot recall what they were talking about, but I can see and hear their merriment like it was yesterday.

In this day and age, it is easy to be distracted by technology. Last week a peer commented, "I stopped to see the grandkids and they sat and stared at their phones the whole time. Didn't say a word."

But there are still plenty of good times going on, lots of memories being made. Going to the fair, checking the back yard for bird nests, fishing, ballgames, pontoon rides, picnics, looking at photo albums, baking cookies and many more.

We may have to work on it, but we can all help make memories. Our loved ones will recall these days in 50 years. "I remember going to Grandma and Grandpa's. It was so cool."

Let's give them something to talk about!

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**Central Meade County News**

By Sandy Rhoden December 21, 2025



It seems like Christmas has snuck up on us so very fast. And it doesn't look a whole lot like Christmas either.

But the calendar has rolled around regardless of what is happening here on earth just to remind us of the birth of a baby who would become the savior of the world for as long as this earth exists.

Sunday was a special day of remembering why we celebrate Christmas as for many it was the last church gathering before Christmas Day.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden had the privilege of attending a wonderful Christmas concert at the Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Sioux Falls on Sunday with friends.

There was a Symphony Orchestra and a choir that were outstanding.

They chose to do a story on

Lazarus and Elizabeth who had a child late in life and that child was only six months older than Christ.

It was done beautifully and defected the power of God.

This week's news will simply be my wishes for a very Merry Christmas this year to all of you who read the CMC news.

May the sick be healed and broken hearts, mended. I hope that all family gatherings will be pleasant ones and new memories can be made.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden's family will be celebrating Christmas at the Pierre residence this year as it has been many years since they have all been able to spend the holiday season under one roof.

I wish for special blessings for each and everyone of you this week and beyond. Merry Christmas!

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## Newell Students Visit Historic Homestake Opera House

**Guest Contributor**

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On December 16th, approximately seventy students and chaperones departed from the Newell School District leaving the halls noticeably quiet.

The fifth-grade band along with the middle school and high school band and choir plus a handful of chaperones eagerly boarded transportation for a highly anticipated guided tour of the Historic Homestake Opera House.

The band and choir at Newell School District are under the direction of Kimberly Bachman who, in her second-year teaching at Newell, is an award-winning professional musician who recently retired from the stage.

Bachman had one goal: to instill the love of music for the next generation. She has played the stage at the Historic Homestake Opera House many times. Knowing the rich history of this historic treasure, her first field trip with her students was an easy choice.

From the moment the students stepped off the bus, they were welcomed and awestruck by the fascinating stories, history, and beauty of

the building as presented by Executive Director Todd Jones and a volunteer tour guide, Mr. Steve.

Some of the favorite locations on the tour were the former swimming pool, where acoustics were lively, and ghost stories were mysterious. Another favorite was the stage where the students sang a Christmas song and were in awe of the old-fashioned stage lighting controls. As the students sat in the balcony and looked over the stage, they drank in the full ambience of the theater which left them speechless. It piqued curiosity to imagine the full bowling alley on the lower level. The tour also included the restored library on the second level along with the original desk.

When the guided tour ended, a group picture was taken and the students departed for Pizza Ranch in Sturgis where they were fed to full and then some. The bus ride home was lively and animated on the heels of a delightful day.

"I am not sure we can top this outing," said Bachman, "the Homestake Opera House is absolutely the Jewel of the Hills and lives up to its name. We are grateful for the guided tour."



## Parade of Lights Brought Light to Newell

**Betty Bruner**

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NEWELL-The second annual Parade of Lights was held Friday, December 19 after being postponed a week due to unpleasant weather. The night was lit by several entries enjoyed by the crowd.

It seemed that the parade was even more impressive than the 2024 parade, with colorful lights on cars, trucks, and trailers.

The parade set the theme for the Christmas season as Christmas draws closer.

Also enjoyed during the dark hours of evening were a few lights decorating the streets poles.

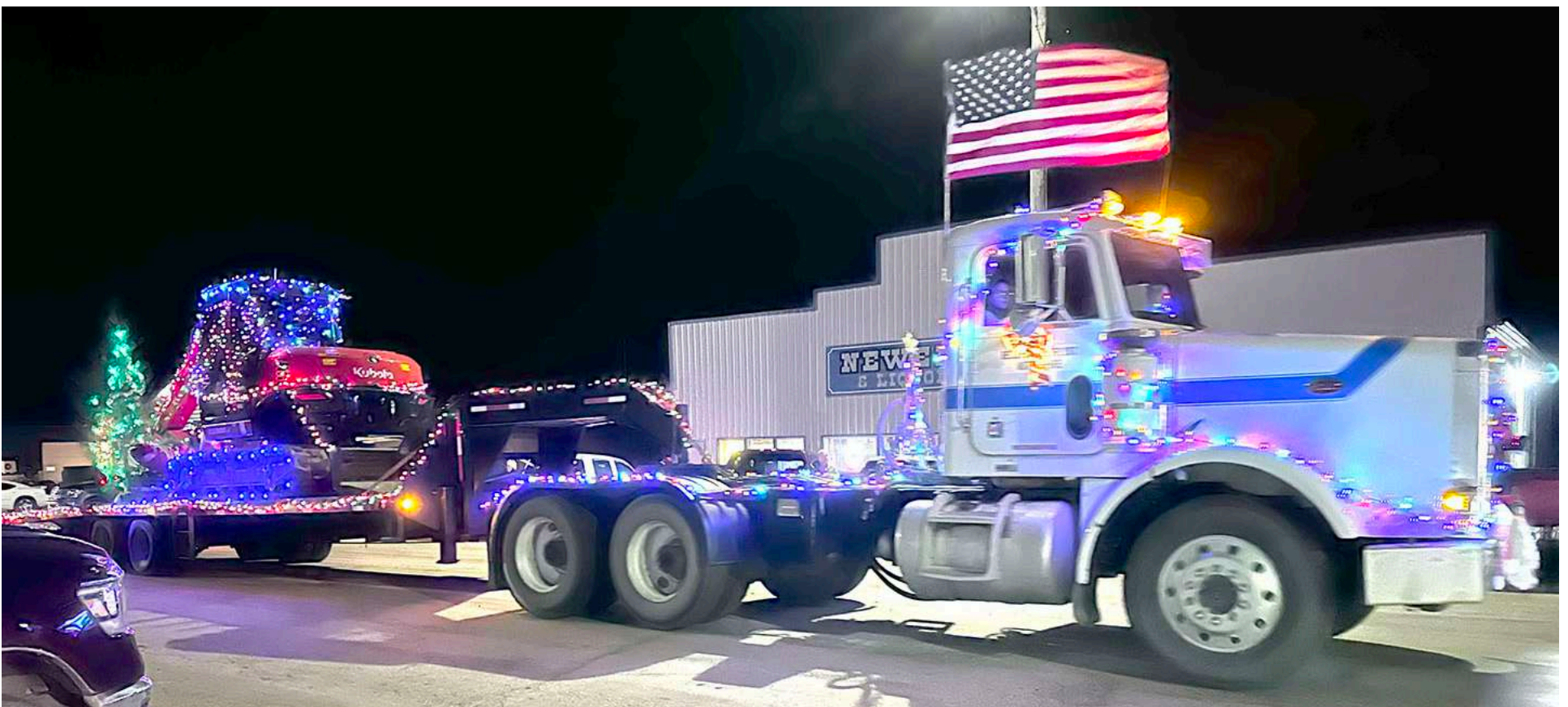
After two years of non-functioning Christmas lights on the street poles, several students in the Industrial Arts Class worked at getting on of the first lights

mounted on a pole on Third Street. Teacher Vincent Brechtel, students Jace, Karly, Brendt, and Jonah labored together to make the dream happen. Newell Commissioner Josh Mackaben and Public Works Superintendent Bill helped to place the lights. The lights are solar powered.

Plans are being made for next year. This annual event brings the holiday season to life (and light)!



(Above L) Firetruck; (AR) Santa Claus; (below) Christmas with Kubota, Truck, & Tree float (Bottom) Christmas Star Bruner photos



## Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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We started the week off by going to the Gideon meeting at Coal Springs Church last Sunday afternoon and attending the Birthday in the Barn celebration at Brad and Jessica Fried's place southwest of Bison. That nativity scene was very good and we got to visit with a lot of friends in attendance.

Monday was an interesting day when Reuben and our great granddaughter Copper share a birthday! Having Copper born on Reub's birthday was a great birthday present for him. We went to Buffalo that evening to watch Copper, Knox and River Lu in the Christmas program at the school and we got to hear some wonderful Christmas carols from all those talented kids.

Tuesday was a beautiful warm day with a temperature of 51 degrees when I left for the High Plains Western Heritage Center and Museum board meeting in Spearfish

that morning and it was 61 degrees when I went through Belle Fourche. We had a good meeting with a discussion about having America's 250th birthday celebration at the HPWHCM next year with 3 stimulating and inspirational presentations of our founding events and documents with a look at the what and why of the Constitution. If you've never stopped to look things over at the museum in Spearfish, you've really been missing a lot of wonderful stuff!

Wednesday was a nice warm day that melted the snow and ice leaving water on the road across Olson Creek between our house and Casey and Missy's house. It rained and snowed in the night that left a lot more moisture on the ground. The wind started to blow hard late that afternoon.

With that horrible 90mph wind in the night our power went out and we woke up Thursday morning to hear the generator running that had been running all night. All the electric clocks needed to be

reset that were stopped before the generator kicked in during the night and that kept me busy for a while. Whatever happened to the power, the Grand Electric guys got it fixed so the power came on about 11:00 that morning. The wind blew stuff around here, but thank God we didn't get that 140mph winds that blew a whole train over out in Wyoming! Evidently, that cold windy weather is bothering my chickens because I only got three eggs that day even though I have 27 hens. They've slowed down laying eggs for the last month but they are just getting worse.

It was nice and calm with no wind when we woke up Friday morning so we went to Hettinger that afternoon in the 51 degree weather. With all that melted snow and ice, I had to put the pickup in 4-wheel-drive to make it to the highway. We stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers and saw a lot of snow and ice had melted in that warm weather on the way home. The Harding County School had school on Friday until the students were dismissed at 12:35 for Christmas Break. Friday, December 19 was my parents wedding anniversary and they got married in Baker, Montana, in 1944 while Dad

was home on leave after being wounded in WWII. I miss them so much since they both have passed away. Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Hot Springs on Friday to be there in time for the wrestling meet that started at 9:00 Saturday morning.

I called Rep. Liz Marty May Saturday morning to see how she was recovering after her 4-wheeler wreck on December 11. Liz is Sen. Sam Marty's sister and all the Marty kids grew up in the Slim Buttes. I grew up with them and our fathers grew up together. Liz got hurt pretty bad in that wreck. She got knocked out and when she came to, she got up, stood the 4-wheeler up and made it back to the house after she called her husband Avery who was 30 miles away headed home. She was taken to the Bennett County Emergency room and to the Rapid City Emergency room on Saturday and she doesn't remember anything about the tests they did on her. She didn't break any bones, but had lots of bruises, a concussion and a bad brain bleed. Thankfully, she's doing a lot better now, but she's still home on the ranch with Avery while her employees are taking care of her grocery store in Kyle as she's recovering.

Reub's cousin, Zane Larson lost his wife Erma Jean, age 93, on November 19th in Cheshire Oregon and her memorial service was held at the Memorial Community Church in Triangle Lake, Oregon on December 20. Years ago they worked near Camp Crook and were friends with Lathams then they came to Ralph to work for Mary and Bob Parks before moving to Oregon.

I was going through some old stuff to try to clean up my office and I found a Christmas letter that my mother, Lila Wilkinson White, wrote years ago about two of her most memorable Christmases when she was growing up. The first one was the Christmas of 1936 during the great drought when there were no crops and her parents had to close the Glendo Ranch Store because all the homesteaders had left the region and no one had any money. After Christmas they had a very deep snow, her whole family got a bad case of the flu. Her father, Harvey Wilkinson was a diabetic and he died from the flu leaving her mother to raise their eight kids by herself. I printed off copies of Mom's letter to send to all our kids in Christmas cards.

Mom's letter was kind of depressing but I hope that everyone reading this had a very Merry Christmas!

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

December 12, 1915

A good assortment of holiday goods at Price's: get him a box of cigars; gift books; cut glass; Hayer's Chocolates; Kodak cameras; Hot or cold" thermos bottle and much much more.

W. J. B. Guffey and D. R. C. Guffey were convicted of horse stealing, at Vale, before Judge McNenney in Meade County Court last week were sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of 5 years each. The case of Joshua Guffey, charged with a similar crime which has taken up the greater part of the time since the arrival of Judge Hughes of Ft. Pierre, resulted in finding him guilty and late last evening, was given a sentence of 5 years.

Nick Nelson, who lives 6 miles north of Hoover, met with a mishap while driving out of town last Friday with a load of supplies upon which he and his wife were riding. On reaching a new piece of road, the wagon ran off the grade tipping the load and spilling both Nelsons over the adjacent territory. Part of the load fell on Mrs. Nelson and it was thought that she was badly hurt, but an examination showed that beyond a few severe bruises no damage was done. They sought repairs and proceeded home the next day.

December 17, 1925

The Senior Class placed an order for rings during the week with Homso Bros, Jamestown, North Dakota. Mr. Todd of Rapid City, representing the company, called on the class and showed samples of rings and pins manufactured. The seniors selected a beautiful design.

Tom Winey, Paul Oksol and Charlie Wilson, Vale,

sold their turkeys Friday, some birds going to New York and others to Belle Fourche. Madge Long sold hers to a local buyer.

Hundreds of acres of plowing have been done on the project during the past month and some sod breaking also has taken place. Winter plowing in the county is not unusual although it has happened at former times.

Ralph White was in town last week from his ranch near Castle Rock. Mr. White and family are enjoying a new radio in their home, installed by Jay Christian. Day-Fan Radio automatic control center brings in any wavelength with one turn of the dial. A real high-grade instrument.

December 19, 1935

Anyone knowing of prairie dogs in Butte County please notify the County Auditor, Carl Wiessner or the County Agent of Rapid City at once, giving description of land as a final clean-up of prairie dogs is now being made by order of the Butte County commission.

On December 23rd, two beautiful Shirley Temple dolls will be given away absolutely free to tickets drawing lucky numbers. These gorgeous dolls cannot help but win the heart of some lucky little girl. In accordance, "Babes In Toyland" will be shown at the Arcade Theater on Sunday, this is a top-rated comedy.

Frank Gammon Jr. is moving, re-arranging and building into his house on the farm he purchased last spring west of Vale. He has planted new groves of young trees and is improving the place in general.

Seven hundred eighty teachers will receive \$25 for the month of December, and 212 Districts will receive \$5. per teacher, according to figures released by J. F. Hines, Superintendent of Public Instruction. This will make a total of \$23,400 sent to distressed schools in December as their

by Linda Velder

regular monthly help from the state.

December 20, 1945

Members of the Girl Scout Committee and others interested persons met Tuesday evening in the City Hall with Miss Izette McDonnell, an executive of the Scout Headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn. Miss McDonnell had much advice and encouragement for the local organization. Mrs. Leo Ward will be the new Girl Scout Leader in Newell and plans an active program for the future.

Bobby Conner, son of Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Conner is confined to his home with a fractured leg. The injury was sustained on the playground at school last Friday.

Milo Anderson was arraigned in Justice Court Monday evening for parking in front of a city fire hydrant Saturday night. He paid \$5. Fine and Cost of \$4. One of your good deeds during the holiday season should be the purchase of a ticket to the Firemen Ball, to be given December 31st, by the Newell Volunteer Fire Department. The Firemen are ready to help you, and you could be the next one to need protection from the fire fiend.

December 22, 1955

Co-captains Paul Knutson and Delbert Barber were presented on behalf of the Newell High School, the Little Ten Conference Football Championship trophy and the traveling trophy of the Conference. The Newell High School Irrigators, with an untied, undefeated record, won the Little Ten Football Championship for the first time since the organizing of the Conference. The trophies will take a permanent place in the NHS trophy case.

The South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Department this week asked motorists to ease up on the gas and give pheasants a chance to get off the road. An estimated 150,000

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pheasants are killed on highways each year and the Department said with a heavy blanket of snow covering, the number of casualties would probably increase considerably. The birds have difficult time finding food in fields when there is heavy snow and tend to congregate along roadsides where the ground is clear. Slowing up and sounding the horn would give the birds a chance to get away. The danger is not all one way, flying pheasants have caused broken windshields and headlights and sizable dents in fenders and grills.

Marion Michelson, student at the University of Vermilion and Warren Golliver of LeMars, Iowa arrived in Newell Friday. Marion will spend the holidays at the home of his parents Mr. & Mrs. Sam Michelson and Warren with his parents Mr. & Mrs. Z. Golliver at Hoover. The Golliver family visited in Newell Saturday.

More than 500 children greeted St. Nicolas in Newell on the Community's Annual Santa Claus day December 10th. Following the free show at the Arcade Theater, sponsored by the Community Club, the children gathered in the City Hall. There Santa visited them individually and in large groups then assisted by members of the Club, passed out free treats. Parents' faces beamed as children greeted Santa "Joe" Claus with mixed emotion when they discovered it was Mr. Joe Donnelly, NHS popular coach, in disguise.

December 16, 1965

Mrs. Conrad A. Nelson of Vale and Mrs. Dennis Chown of Spearfish presented their piano students

in a Christmas party at the Vale Lutheran Church Parlors, Saturday afternoon. Twenty-five students played piano selections, and musical games interspersed the numbers. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Chown and Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Chown, Vale, the former Roxie Bracewell, an accomplished piano and vocalist, is majoring in music at Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish.

A program to make South Dakota highways safer through reconstruction of hazardous locations will be underway in January when contracts are let for 2 "spot improvement" projects. A project scheduled for letting early in 1966 includes reconstruction of dangerous intersection of South Dakota 79 and US 212 south of Newell and elimination of 2 curves.

A report on completion of the project sponsored by the recently organized Newell Jaycees was made at a meeting of the organization held at the Newell City Hall Thursday night. The repair and repainting of the large sign along US 212 in the north part of town. The group also voted to sponsor a Christmas house lighting contest in Newell, with cash prizes to be awarded homes with the best religious and best all-around decorations. Earl Morgan, drive director, reported that about \$160 had been collected in the Boy Scout Finance Drive. Report on the Jaycees-Boy Scout Christmas tree sales were revealed. Preliminary plans were made for Incorporation of the organization and details planned for a Charter night banquet



(L) Vintage Christmas card; (R) Box of William Penn Cigars circa 1915

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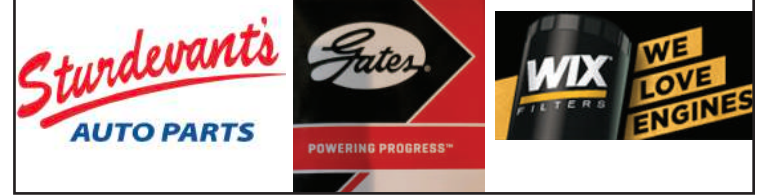
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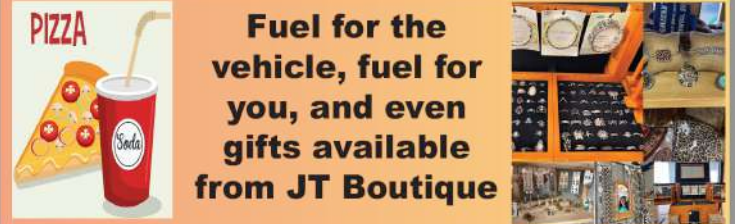
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8) Croissant Sandwiches, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Turkey Pot Pie, Fruit, Milk	9) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Turkey & Stuffing Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	10) Muffins, Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Mac & Cheese, Monterey Veggies, Fruit, Milk  Broccoli Cheese Soup	11) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Chili, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk	12) NO SCHOOL
15) Egg Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Sloppy Joes, Potato Wedges/FF, Fruit, Milk	16) Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage. Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Empanadas, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  Turkey Noodle Soup	17) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  Ground Beef Stroganoff on Noodles, Corn, Fruit, Milk	18) COOK'S CHOICE, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk  COOK'S CHOICE, Fruit, Milk  OUT AT 1:30	19) NO SCHOOL
22) CHRISTMAS VACATION	23) CHRISTMAS VACATION	24) CHRISTMAS VACATION	25) MERRY CHRISTMAS! 	26) NO SCHOOL

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## Improving open records law in SD an uphill battle for advocates

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In 2020, a bill was filed in South Dakota that would have spelled out extensive rules for how police body camera footage can be obtained, maintained, used and shared.

Then-Sen. Reynold Nesiba, a Sioux Falls Democrat and primary sponsor of the bill, said that without a state law, police agencies across the state are on their own to decide how and when to use cameras, what happens to the footage and who should have access to the videos.

Without such a law, South Dakota would remain behind many other states that already regulate police videos, he said.

In South Dakota, we have a patchwork and it depends on the individual police department ... (and) I think it puts our law enforcement in a really difficult position," said Nesiba.

"I think it would be helpful to have guiding statute under what conditions it becomes a public record, who can ask for that record and under what conditions it can be released or held back."

Opposition to the measure came from state, county and local law enforcement officials, who testified that the measure was unnecessary because police agencies across the state use a set of "best practices" to guide use of body cameras.

The six-page bill, Senate Bill 100, never made it to a vote. Instead, the measure's original language was gutted immediately in committee and an amendment to recommend a legislative summer study session on body cameras videos was voted down.

### New records laws unlikely in South Dakota

Since then, no other police video bill has been filed in the Legislature, according to a

review of measures filed.

Given the current makeup of the South Dakota Legislature, support for enacting legislation related to release of police videos appears unlikely, said David Bordewyk, executive director of the South Dakota NewsMedia Association.

"We are on an island because our law is so weak in this area. And a consequence is loss of public trust and having full confidence in the accountability of law enforcement," he said. "That's not to say that distrust is the default because it's not. But by not having good public access to these types of records, it can feed distrust and misinformation in the community."

Bordewyk pointed out that it took him and other First Amendment advocates several years to make it legal for police agencies in South Dakota to release criminal booking photos and police logs that show when

and where officers respond.

"Those are commonplace public records in every other state in the nation forever, and it took moving heaven and earth to make those a public record in South Dakota," he said.

"There's this embedded DNA that because we're a small state, we know each other and trust each other, and we can trust law enforcement is going to do the right thing."

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State Sen. Helene Duhamel, a Rapid City Republican, told News Watch in an email that she supports the current open records law, which gives law enforcement agencies full discretion on if or when to release police videos to the public. "I am not pursuing changes to current public records laws involving law enforcement video," wrote Duhamel, a former television newscaster who now works as the spokeswoman for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office. "Body worn cameras are used every day by our largest agencies in South Dakota. It is one of the most successful policing reforms of the 21st century."

Duhamel said police videos can be seen by the public if they attend court proceedings where the videos are shown. "The video is evidence and not entertainment," she wrote.

South Dakota ranks low in openness. South Dakota ranks at or near the bottom in more than a dozen analyses of public access to records, especially when it comes to law enforcement agencies, said David Cullier, director of the Brechner Freedom of Information Project at the University of Florida.

"They allow police to keep everything secret, and that's against the basics of public records laws that have been around for hundreds of years," he said. "If I lived in South Dakota, I would be up in arms because it turns out South Dakota is one of the most secretive states in the nation."

Cullier said expanding public and press access to law enforcement records tends to make police agencies more transparent but also more accountable for their actions. And it ultimately leads to better performance by officers in the field, he said.

"It's a way of making sure our police officers are doing their jobs that we entrust them to do because the body cams tell the story," Cullier said. "When they deny records requests, they're not saying 'no' to journalists and the media. They're saying 'no' to the million people who live in South Dakota."

Cullier said the American public has demanded more access to police videos after several high-profile incidents in which illegal and misreported shootings by police officers were captured on camera.

Among them: the 2014 killing of Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer; the 2015 South Carolina shooting death of Walter L. Scott, who was unarmed and running away from the officer who shot him; and the 2020 murder of George Floyd by an officer in Minneapolis.

In the McDonald killing, officer Jason Van Dyke initially reported that the 17-year-old had charged at him with a knife, and the shooting was ruled justified. A year later, when the video was released publicly, it showed the boy walking away from officers and not brandishing a knife prior to being shot 16 times. Van Dyke was convicted of second-degree murder.



### BODY CAMERA LAWS IN THE MIDWEST

Here is an abbreviated summary of laws in South Dakota and neighboring states regarding public release of police body camera footage. Colorado has the nation's most open law in which all videos are public within 21 days of a request or complaint.

**Iowa** — Footage not public though law allows that "presence of heightened public interest in use of force" should favor disclosure.

**Minnesota** — Footage becomes public once criminal case becomes inactive. Footage of police firearm use or death of a person is public.

**Montana** — No law regarding body camera use or footage access, but "confidential criminal justice information" is not considered public.

**Nebraska** — Footage redacted for privacy reasons can be released to public.

**North Dakota** — Once criminal case is inactive, footage shot in a public place becomes open to public.

**South Dakota** — No law regarding body camera use or footage access, though general public records law does not make footage public.

**Wyoming** — Footage can be made public, but law enforcement agencies can withhold for prosecution purposes.

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This screenshot from a South Dakota Highway Patrol dashboard camera shows an officer-involved shooting incident on April 1, 2025. Troopers said the suspect, Samir Albaidhani, who is circled in red, fired several shots at law enforcement officers during an arrest attempt. (Photo: DCI/South Dakota Highway Patrol via SDPB)

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