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## 30th Year of Commemorative Run

Participants in the 2026 Fort Robinson Spiritual Run spent the night Saturday, January 10 at AmericInn with dinner provided by local sponsors.

Dinner sponsors were Americinn, Lynn's Dakotamart, Lueder's Food Center, and th Butte County Historical Society.

The runners departed Belle Sunday morning. Official organization is Yellow Bird Lifeways Center of the Northern Cheyenne Nation.

Chief Phillip Whiteman, Jr. is the founder of the run which is now in its 30th year.

The annual 400 mile run begins at Fort Robinson, Nebraska and ends at Busby, Montana, Fort Robinson.

## 2026 Fort Robinson Spiritual Run



Participating runners. Courtesy Photo

## Council Votes for Special Election Following Resignations and Expulsion

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—The City Council convened for another special session on Monday, January 12, marking the second such meeting in less than a week. The first was held the previous Thursday, January 8.

The meeting attracted significant public interest, with the gallery filling quickly as attendees anxiously awaited Mayor Randy Schmidt's official call to order.

The session came on the heels of the third Council vacancy in less than a week, as Councilperson Donald Elliott (Ward 3) resigned. This follows the resignation of Alderman Lee Capp (Ward 2) and the expulsion of Councilwoman Rhonda Schild (Ward 1) for violations of the Code of

Ethics.

City Attorney Kellen Willert briefed the council on new state laws that came into effect with the new year regarding the filling of vacant seats. "There's no requirement for the body to do a special election, but they now have the flexibility to do the election or fill the vacancy by appointment," he explained.

Before opening the floor for public comment, Mayor Schmidt solicited input from the crowd. "The intent of this meeting is to see what the council would like to do, if they would like to have a special election or to appoint—but I would like at this time, if I could see a show of hands, who would like a special election and...who would like to have just the council appoint?"

A majority of those in atten-

**City Council contd. A8**



The BF City Council at the Special Meeting on Jan. 12. There are three vacant chairs at the meeting. From left: Council Member **Bob Somervold**, Council Member **Dean Brunner**, Council Member **Kristal Steeves**, City Administrator **Jason LaFayette**, Mayor **Randy Schmidt**, Finance Officer **Wayne Tonsager**, Council Member **Clark Sowers**, and Council Member **Tricia Fowler**. Longbrake photo

## Hitching Post Hosts Brushes and Brews

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—Those wanting to spend an afternoon creating art while sipping spirits found a perfect pairing when the Hitching Post Tap House and Alexandra Hansen teamed up for a Paint 'n Sip event on Saturday, January 10.

Contemporary Western artist Alexandra (Peedee) Hansen of Aladdin, WY, guided the room full of eager painters, leading them step-by-step—from the first stroke to the final one.

With humor and kindness, she turned even the most novice painters into confident pros with her positive instruction. The Tap House was full for the event. "I think it's just a more

relaxing atmosphere here, people can just drink and have fun and paint!

"It definitely helps that it's Peedee because everyone knows her and loves her," explained Mariah Wainman, co-owner Hitching Post Tap House.

Taking part in the pairing is an easy choice for the Hitching Post. "I really just have to show up! Peedee makes it happen, she does all the work—all the hard stuff! She sells the tickets, and picks the painting—I am just the host for her," said Wainman.

The event lasts a few hours and throughout the afternoon, what began as a blank canvas turned into a full colored painting. At this event, the

**Peedee Contd. A3**



## Buck N' Broncs Hosts Ribbon Cutting

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**BELLE FOURCHE**—The New Year kicked off with a sudsy new splash as Buck N' Broncs Car Wash celebrated its opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the afternoon of January 7.

Locals got a firsthand look at the new system with free automatic car washes from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

In just seven months from groundbreaking to opening day, the event was a welcomed milestone.

"We have been open for about five to six weeks," explained Chris Bergman, owner. "We started in

April and finished at the end of November."

The opening of the Buck N' Broncs Car Wash marks the fourth carwash to be opened by Bergman and his wife Tylea. "We started in May of 2020—we just saw a need for it in Sturgis, and kind of started

there. And then in September of 2020 the one in Rapid became available, and then we built the one in Spearfish and opened that in February of 2023, and then opened Belle Fourche on November 20, 2025," shared Bergman.

Two of the carwashes the Bergmans built are notably named after the high school mascots. They did

that on purpose.

Sturgis is called Scooptown in honor of the Sturgis Brown High School Scoopers, and Belle Fourche Buck N' Broncs is named in honor of the Belle Fourche High School Broncs.

Both are designed and painted with the school colors as well.

**Car Wash Contd. A3**



**Buck N' Broncs Car Wash** held a ribbon cutting on January 7 for the opening of the new business. Courtesy photo

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**Margaret Ann "Maggie" Grimmelmann 77**

Margaret Ann "Maggie" Grimmelmann, 77, of Gillette, formerly of Belle Fourche passed away Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Wyoming Retirement Center in Basin, Wyoming of complications from dementia. Maggie was born February 12, 1948, in Duplin County, North Carolina to Howell Union Dunn and Charlotte Eleanor Dunn (Knowles). She had an interesting life as a wife, mother, retail clerk, professional lady wrestler, over the road truck driver and cashier. Her most recent job was as a cashier at Lynn's Dakota Mart in Belle Fourche. Maggie is survived by her husband Karl Grimmelmann of Gillette, son Robert Steele of Belle Fourche, daughter Eleanor of Ida, Michigan, brother Horace Dunn of Durham, North Carolina along with 4 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Harold Dunn, daughter Deborah Phillips, and a grandson. There will be no services. Cremation is being handled by Haskell Funeral Home in Lovell, Wyoming.



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

**"Praise Is Your Pathway"**



Many times the best way to be certain of the direction you're going is to look back and see where you've been. Periodically, over the years, the Lord presses specific points upon us—points of truth He seeks us to acknowledge in the ongoing pattern of life. It is to these we turn, as to milestone markers.

Has praise been a hallmark of your life? Has praise been your constant practice? Has your understanding of praise and its role in your life been growing with the passing months and years?

A few basic reminders from Scripture can bring your life back on track...

From Acts 16:19-34: Darkness surrounds this hour as it did Paul and Silas in the Philippian prison. Their praise brought God's hand by an earthquake and out of the night a hopeless jailer was saved. Now, let your praises rise! As you praise continually, spiritual shock waves go out into the world around you. It will bring your release and the release of many into the Kingdom of God.

From Psalm 26: Praise is your pathway through the mired circumstances of the present world. Your step will be uncertain and slide unless you recognize that your praises form stepping-stones by which the Father paves your way into the future purpose He has for you.

From Job 38:4-7: As the morning stars sang His praise at creation, accompanying His great display of power with their worship, let your voices join with the heavenly song.

Praise the Lord. Sing unto the Lord. Sing with your spirit and sing with your understanding, for as you sing praises unto Him, He continues His great creative working...and in your midst you shall see the marvelous works of God, the Lord of the new creation.

"Let's just praise the Lord." Some might suggest this as a rather closed view of things. I disagree. It's the open door to everything, and the pathway God directs us to walk.

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**"Profit, Property, and Possessiveness"**

Then one from the crowd said to Him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But He said to him, 'Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?' And He said to them, 'Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.' Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, «What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?» So he said, «I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'» But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.' Then He said to His disciples, 'Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on...'

**Luke 12:13-22**

One of the major objectives of the Word of God is to lead us into fulfillment; indeed, even profit. Acts 20:20 says, «...I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly...» And Isaiah 48:17, «I am the LORD your God, Who teaches you to profit, Who leads you by the way you should go.» These and many other Bible references indicate that it is God's will for His people to prosper in every way, including financially. However, Church history seems to clash with contemporary affluence.

How do we reconcile this seeming conflict? Does the fact that Jesus directed limitation of possessions for the sake of mobility in evangelism argue against «having?» (Matthew 10:9, 10). Does the traditional practice of clergy taking an oath of poverty make a valid statement essential to «truest holiness»? Is it proper for a sincere Christian to have savings accounts, insurance policies, and retirement plans and not be a victim of the covetousness this text decries? If our «practical reasoning» conflicts with the Word of God, one is wrong; or could it be that the Word of God is «impractical?» Let's see if we can come to terms with some of the issues around this sensitive and often controversial subject.

**THE PROBLEM WITH PERSONAL WEALTH**

There are at least three major problems regarding wealth, abundance, and affluence in the life of today's Christian. First of all, they are seldom recognized as such. A fundamental thanklessness surrounds much of our society. And as thanklessness perverts the creature when the Creator is not praised, so ingratitude perverts our possessions and monies when God-given abundance is not recognized and responsibly handled (Romans 1:21-32).

Secondly, personal wealth will never afford complete security. When we consider our personal resources to be our primary hedge against the uncertainties of tomorrow, we will never be satisfied that they are totally adequate (Matthew 25:14-30). The very real problem of «preparing for later years» is introduced in this text, but some of the more complex ramifications we face today are not addressed. The subject for Christians in today's society is complicated and compounded by additional aspects including the need for reassessing family relationships and caring for the aged.

Personal wealth also tends to lead to a loss of perspective. It is easy for someone who has been successful to slip into the self-congratulatory mode of thinking which says, «I have been very diligent and have amassed this fortune out of my own wisdom, determination, and energy.» In Mark 4:18, 19, Jesus shows how the entry of Kingdom truth has little chance of durable penetration («becomes unfruitful») where «the cares of this world, (and) the deceitfulness of riches» preoccupy the mind.

If my over-riding concern is how I'm going to protect my investments or my cash liquidity, I'm not likely to spend my energy on a maturing relationship with Jesus. He once said, «No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon» (Matt. 6:24).

**THE MESSAGE OF JESUS ABOUT CONCERN OVER POSSESSIONS**

The occasion of this teaching in Luke 12, verses 13-15 is where Jesus refuses to become an executor of an estate; He uses the squabble of brothers over inheritance rights to teach on the problems of «covetousness,» i.e. possessiveness. From this and the surrounding text, we can gain some insights into different problem areas regarding personal wealth;

1. There is a very human tendency for all of us to forget the source of our blessings (vs. 16). Jesus introduces the «fool» who illustrates His point. He fails to remember that everything with which he is dealing came from «the ground.» The Creator birthed his abundance; he is but a steward or caretaker of what God has granted him.
2. There is an inclination toward preoccupation with self (v. 17). The man's entire system is closed inwardly within himself. They constitute the thrust of his total consideration. In his system of things, possessions are for possessing. There is no thankfulness in his heart, nor is there any talk of sharing from his bounty.
3. We see the absence of a plan for abundance (v. 18). The waste and the shortsightedness of this mentality is apparent. The man plans to tear down barns to build bigger ones; and it never seems to occur to him that this is not necessarily the last crop he will ever harvest.
4. There is a failure to apply lifetime values (v. 19, 20). The contrast between the words «many years» and «this night» is startling. We must live in the light of James 4:13-15, «Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life?»
5. It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, «If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.»
5. A neglect of long-range plans is apparent (v. 20, 21). This seems to be a case of a man who not only forgot his ultimate accountability to God concerning everything he has as well as for who he is; but he even seems to have neglected to provide for his loved ones with a will.

**The Guidelines We Observe From This Study**

The Bible does not teach that abundance of resource is a hindrance to a God-intended order of life. (Note: «and is not rich toward God.») The problem is in the absence of balance, not in the absence of self-inflicted poverty.) BUT, the Bible does teach that abundance with possessiveness does become a source of hindrance to some, stopping spiritual growth: Luke 18:18-27; James 5:1-5; Joshua 6:17-7:26.

The Bible does not teach against provision for family and future. (contrast v. 21 with Proverbs 13:22). BUT, the Bible does teach against the unwise accumulation of resources subjecting them to loss and/or worthlessness (Luke 12:22-32).

The Bible does not teach that wealth is undesirable or unspiritual (Proverbs 10:22; III John 2). BUT the Bible does teach that our resources are to be managed under God's headship and in His name and behalf. We are stewards of HIS bounty, not ours; charged to distribute and/or multiply unto larger purposes that with which He has entrusted us (Ephesians 4:22 and text).

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

☐Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.☐

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

☐Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

☐For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Revelation 21:5**

☐And he who was seated on the throne said, ☐Behold, I am making all things new.☐Also he said, ☐Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.☐

**From A1 Peedee**

pants created a guitar painting that they each sign and take home.

If you are interested in painting with Hansen, she will be hosting a Sip 'n Paint at the Branding Iron Steakhouse on Tuesday, January 27 beginning at 6 p.m.

For a more private class, Hansen is offering Painting with Peedee on Patreon (online platform). You can sign up to paint with her from your own home, on your own schedule.

If you are looking for

something fun to do during the cold winter months, The Hitching Post is preparing for their next installment of Trivia League starting Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The format is three rounds of questions with a final round where you can wager any or all of the points you just earned that evening. Teams consist of one to four people and registration is required. The fee is \$10 per person on each team. League runs for eight weeks with both weekly and grand prize awards.

Watch for the Tap House's annual Mug Club Party coming up in the near future. If you haven't joined the Mug Club, hurry in and ask all about it! "They're \$100 to buy the mug, and then you get the mug, and you get all the discounts that go along with it.

Then you have to renew annually for \$50—but one of the perks is an Annual Mug Club Party," explained Wainman. "We haven't done it yet, but it's just gonna be a big party just to celebrate our Mug Club members—only members will be invited!"



(Above L) Participants at the *Paint 'n Sip* work on their art; (Below L) **Alexandra Hansen** teaching painters how to create art up close; (R) An artist working hard to create a guitar painting to take home at the end of the event; *Longbrake Photos*



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**From A1 Car Wash**

Scooptown is red and black, while Buck N' Broncs is purple and white.

"We're big supporters of the athletic departments," explained Bergman. "We do invest in a lot of that—kids and youth sports. We really like supporting that stuff!"

The carwash is open 24/7 but is only staffed during daytime hours. You can find touchless automatic stalls, a pet wash, self-service bays, and vacuums.

Bergman and his wife keep busy

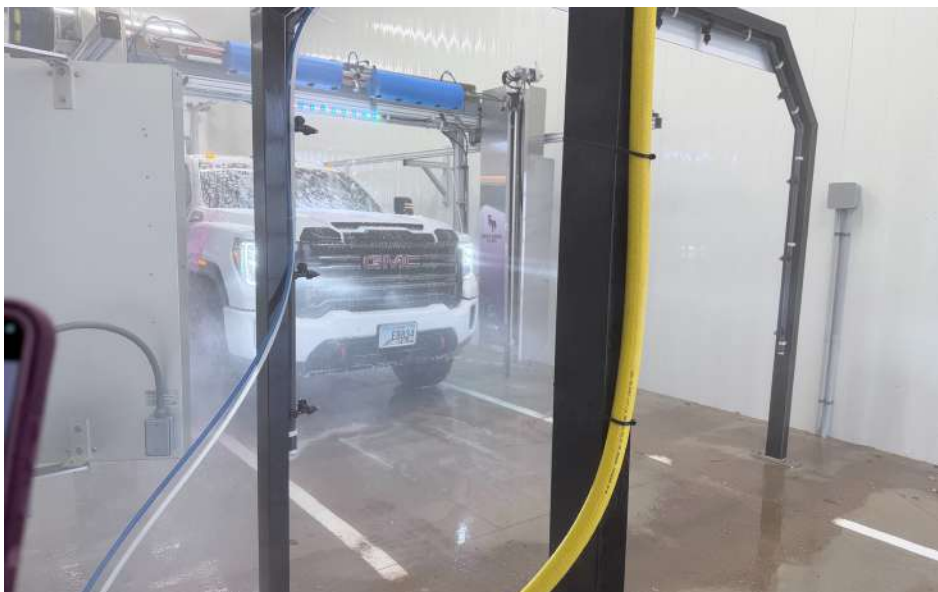
opening carwashes and running their other businesses while raising their four children. They have four kids under the age of six! Bailey is six, Harley is four and a half, Chet is three, and Kip is one and a half.

The family really enjoys getting to know the Belle Fourche community. "It's been great—it's been super great! Everybody's been very supportive.

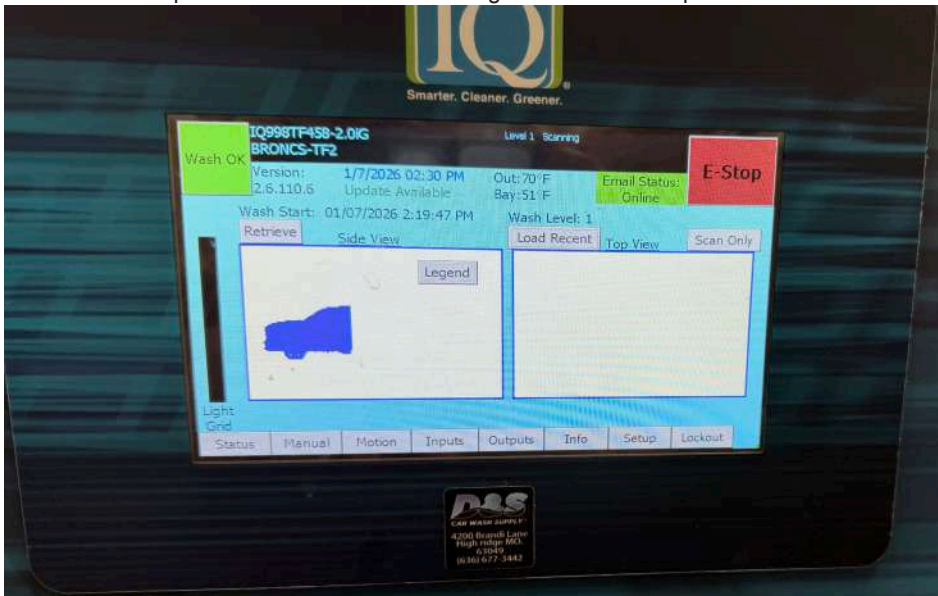
We just love what we do and love seeing clean cars and smiling faces," Bergman said.



**Buck N' Broncs Car Wash** is open for business. You can wash your car 24/7 at the new place. *Longbrake photo*



(Clockwise Above) A pick-up taking advantage of the free car wash offered from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the ribbon cutting celebration; Chamber Executive Director **Michaela Horn** receives a behind-the-scenes tour from business owner **Chris Bergman**; Community supporters enjoying refreshments and goodies during the ribbon cutting celebration; The touchless car wash is computerized and the vehicle being washed shows up on the touch screen to show what part of it is being washed. *Longbrake photos*



# Wrestlers Travel to North Dakota for Pool Tournament

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The Broncs wrestlers travelled to Hettinger, North Dakota on Friday January 9th and Saturday the 10th for a two day pool-style tournament. In a pool tournament wrestlers face off within their weight classes on day one, then are bracketed according to results for day two.

This provides a chance at

more matches within a tournament.

The Lady Broncs had 4 competing wrestlers at this tournament. Jasmine Reason took 4th place, Charlie Huston and Annabelle Dighton each took 3rd place and Kyra Vandenberg took 1st place in their respective weight classes. The ladies took 4th place in team scores.

Kyra Vandenberg has made

the South Dakota State Leader Board for 3 point near-falls at #2 and for takedowns at #3 as of this weekend.

The boys' team had a great showing as well with 3 JV wrestlers, Jace Hiles taking 4th, Jaxson Linch taking 3rd, and Dyllan Park taking 1st in their respective weight classes. In Varsity, Caden Swaney took 2nd, Jace Olson took 8th, Teedin Humble took 8th,

Cooper Conry took 5th, Preston Lake competed at 132lbs, Garett Huston took 5th, Kolb Tibbs took 8th, Riley Dighton took 1st, Koby Bowden took 4th, Dillon Streeter took 6th, and Luke Tonsager took 2nd.

The boys team placed 5th as a team, missing the team trophy by a mere 3 points.

Riley Dighton was awarded the "Outstanding Boys Wrestler" for the 152-285lb weight classes,

as well as broke the Bronc High School Record Board for career pins this weekend!

The Broncs compete next on Thursday, January 15th in Spearfish in a quadrangular against Rapid City Central, Douglas and Spearfish, followed by the Black Hills Conference tournament being held in Spearfish this year on Saturday, January 17th where they hope to defend their title as conference champs.



(TL) A pile of broncs behind coach cory awaiting skin checks to conclude day 2; (TR) **Charlie Huston** getting advice from brother Garett day 2 match 2; (BL) Cooper Conry day 2 m 1; (BR) **Teedin Humble** among a pile of Broncs awaiting skin checks to conclude. *Courtesy Photos*



Cooper Conry



Teedin Humble



Jaxson Linch



Kyra Vandenberg



Luke Tonsager



Riley Dighton outstanding wrestler for Hettinger tournament.



Garett Huston.

**TOP 6 SD GIRLS STAT LEADERS 3PT NEAR FALLS 1/8/26**

#1 Kaia Hunter Bennett Co	8
#2 Sydney Caven Pierre TF Riggs	6
#2 Kyra Vandenberg Belle Fourche	6
#4 Sadie Schomp Bennett Co	5

**TOP 6 SD GIRLS STAT LEADERS TAKEDOWNS % 1/8/26**

#1 Summer Guthmiller Sioux Valley	31	0	1.00
#2 Sophia Knittel Ipswich	25	1	.962
#3 Liza Krueger Groton Area	24	1	.960
#3 Kyra Vandenberg Belle Fourche	24	1	.960

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# Bronc Basketball Takes on Long-Time Rival St Thomas More & Douglas

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On January 6th, the Broncs travelled to St Thomas More to play long-time rivals, the St Thomas More Cavaliers.

The Broncs came up short with the boys' score 28-62 and the Lady Broncs final game score at 31-63.

On Saturday January 10th,

the Broncs travelled to play the Douglas Patriots.

The boys final score was 53-64 and the ladies ended an intense 4th quarter with Douglas scoring a 3 pointer in the last 10 seconds of the game to end a tied score and pull ahead for a final score of 35-38. The Broncs are 1-5 and the Lady Broncs are 2-5 on the season.

The Broncs play next at home on Tuesday, January 13th against Lead-Deadwood with C team at 3:30, JV at 5 and Varsity with a 6:30pm tipoff at the High School gym, followed by a home game Thursday, January 15th against Newcastle for a Stateline Shootout make-up game at home with a 6:30pm tipoff for Varsity.

On Saturday, January 17th, the Broncs will play again at home against Bowman County with C team tipoff at 10am, JV at 11:30am and Varsity at 1pm, all in the Belle Fourche High School gym.

The Lady Broncs play next on Thursday, January 15th at home against Newcastle for their Stateline Shootout make-

up game with a 5pm tipoff, followed by a home game on Saturday, January 17th against Bowman County with C team tipping off at 10am at the Belle Fourche Middle School gym, JV tipoff at 11:30am at the middle school gym, and Varsity with a 2:30pm tipoff at the Belle Fourche High School gym.

## Lady Bronc Basketball Action



## Belle Fourche Chamber Welcomes New Board Members

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BELLE FOURCHE—The beginning of the year brought with it a few fresh faces to join the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

The process of electing new board members begins every year in November. Their bylaws dictate that they establish an election committee. “Membership can nominate anyone—but you have to be a member in order to get nominated. Nominations are open for about a week,” explained Executive Director Michaela Horn.

This year eight Chamber members were nominated for three openings. There was an additional opening created when board member Matt Kreutz left the area.

The Chamber of Commerce has an active list of members. “We have about 233 members, it is fluctuating, but we did add 50 members last year,” said Horn. “And we did have a larger amount of votes this year than we did last year, so that was great!”

The Chamber director and assistant director hand-delivered ballots to anyone who requested one.

Each business was allowed to

fill out and turn in one ballot. Ballots were due December 12, 2025.

The board appointed a member to fill the one vacated position. Jennessa Dempsey, Black Hills Energy, was appointed to finish out Kreutz’s term.

Newly elected board members—those who received the most votes among the voting membership—were Cassie Pannone, Northern Hills Credit Union; Todd Watson, Watson Hennessey Group; and Hunter Anderson, Hunter Anderson Photography.

Both Pannone and Watson will be returning members of the board, while Anderson and Dempsey will be first-time members.

There are a total of 11 board members, including a city representative and an economic development representative. Next up for the Chamber? Tickets are on sale for the 2026 Belle Fourche Chamber Annual Banquet.

It will be held February 13, beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner will be catered by High Plains Restaurant and Outlaw Bar will provide bar duties. Contact the Chamber for more information. A birthday party to celebrate the Chamber’s 115th birthday will follow the banquet.




Newly elected **Chamber of Commerce Board Members** attend their first board meeting of the 2026 year. *Courtesy photo*



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**January**


15<sup>th</sup> - EDC Annual Banquet 5PM @ Branding Iron,  
Burger Night 5:30PM @ Moose Lodge

16<sup>th</sup> - Angel Store 5PM @ BF Global Methodist

17<sup>th</sup> - Chinook Days in Spearfish, Pheasants  
Forever Banquet @ The Lodge in Deadwood

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# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Great things are happening in fine arts in January for the BFHS One Act, the BFMS band, and the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater.

The BFACT Improv Workshop hosted by seasoned actor **Geno Pesicka** enjoyed a strong turnout of actors for two nights Jan. 6th & 7th. The workshop not only helped participants work on acting skills through improv techniques, but it also revealed BFACT plans to create an improv team for local performances. We will be watching to see where this improv team will be performing in the near future!

**BFACT ANNUAL MEETING - JAN 24 at 2 PM**, at the Branding Iron. Find out what's going on with all things community theater. All are welcome to attend. Also, if you're interested, they are looking for new BFACT board members. Please contact Derek with any questions: [director@belle-fourcheact.com](mailto:director@belle-fourcheact.com)

**The BFMS Band under the direction of Jacque Bratcher** is preparing for their winter concert on January 19th at 6:30 PM in the BF Rec Center Theater. As with all school concerts, the evening of musical entertainment is free to the public.

**The BFHS One Act is already practicing for their competitive performance in January with the show, The Day the Internet Died.** The show is directed by Michale Kane - & we look forward to sneaking into rehearsal this month to learn more about the show & the high school performers.

**BFACT DIRECTOR'S WORKSHOP - JAN 28 at 6:30 PM - another FREE EVENT!** Derek Olson, BFACT Executive Director, will be hosting this Directors Workshop for anyone interested in the many facets of directing.

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 24, Saturday: BFACT ANNUAL MEETING, All welcome, 2 PM at the Branding Iron
- January 26, Monday: BFHS One Act Public Performance, 6:30 PM BFRC Theater.
- January 28, Wednesday: BFACT FREE Directors Workshop hosted by Derek Olson, BFACT Executive Director.
- January 26, Monday: BFHS One Act Public Performance, 6:30 PM BFRC Theater.



Joe Savery & Tyler Schone create an impromptu mirror in the BFACT Improve Workshop. (Photo by Hunter Anderson Photography)



Geno Pesicka jumps into a scene with Kaitlyn during the BFACT Improv Workshop. Geno led participants in various exercises and games throughout the two nights and showed how improv improves acting skills and teamwork on stage. (Photo by Hunter Anderson Photography)



The BFACT Improv Workshop hosted by Geno Pesicka brought the energy for two nights Jan. 6th & 7th in the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater. (Photo by Hunter Anderson Photography)



During the Jan. 6th BFACT Improv Workshop participants Tiril & Sentel create a scene where it's all about "showing" the story. (Photo by Hunter Anderson Photography)

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**1-Kick-Off: January 4 ~ 1:30 pm @ the Rec Center**  
-Group Event with Outdoor Laps around Highland Park/Rec Center (weather permitting)  
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- Set your **PERSONAL MILEAGE GOALS** for the month of January.
- Record your mileage weekly on the log sheets provided by the Rec.
- 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**  
-Celebrate our January Mileage Goals with a Group Walk/Run inside or out!  
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Community turnout was robust at the January 12 Special Meeting. Longbrake photo



(L) **Kellen Willard**, City Attorney, advises the Council on state law. (R) Council Member **Kristal Steeves** addresses the City Council and audience members, encouraging everyone to show up and vote in the special election. Longbrake photos



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### City Council from A1

dance voted in favor of a special election.

Several Belle Fourche residents addressed the council and voiced their support for their right to choose who represents them, and encouraged the council to hold a special election.

One citizen, Falina Selchert, announced her intent to run for one of the open seats.

Two others expressed their disappointment in how the City Council handled the removal of Councilperson Rhonda Schild. Don Elliott stated, "South Dakota law does not allow an elected official to be removed simply because a video appeared on the internet.

The power to remove an elected official is limited, narrow, and must be exercised through lawful due process, not public outrage or political pressure."

Councilperson Kristal Steeves addressed the room, stating, "Maybe this is the fire this community needed to get back in the game on these local elections. Getting a seat on this council impacts the roads we drive on and things in our community. So showing up for meetings is amazing, I love it!

The last two meetings have been so fun to walk in and see people here and hear the chatter, and so continuing that—please keep coming to meetings and vote, show up for the vote!"

The City Council voted to reconsider its action taken at the Special Meeting held on January 8, where they voted to appoint a Council Member to replace Alderman Lee Capp's vacant seat.

Ultimately, the council voted to schedule a special election to fill all three of the vacant positions. There is a vacancy in Ward 1, Ward 2, and Ward 3. The Special Election to fill the remainder of each term is scheduled for April 7, 2026.

For the upcoming election, the petitions will be available February 6; those will be due no later than 5 p.m. on March 6.

Mayor Schmidt emphasized that, despite the three vacant seats, the council will not stop moving forward. "To me you'd love to have a full council, because you get the discussions when things come up, and they can discuss and decide on how they're going to vote," he said. "But we'll continue to move forward and keep the plan going forward—it'll be kind of tough and it'll be a little more work at the council meetings."

The absences will impact committee meetings. "Our committee meetings aren't happening—it's really nice when you can have those committee meetings," said Schmidt. "It'll take us a little more work and maybe a little more time, but we'll get to it—we have hard-working people on the council, so that's what is really good!"



January 24

We've moved our *January and the New Year* class to Saturday, January 24

### IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT OPENINGS at Boxelder Job Corps

Nemo, SD (December 2, 2025) – Boxelder Job Corps is actively enrolling new students seeking skilled trades training in the nation's leading industries.

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For more information about Job Corps, or to begin the enrollment process, visit [jobcorps.gov/](http://jobcorps.gov/) or call 800-733-JOBS (5627).

MEDIA CONTACT

Isabella Zehentmayr-Parker

The **First Congregational Church of Belle Fourche, Spearfish UCC and Stillwater Hospice** are hosting a free 10-week Grief Support Group led by a hospice chaplain.

The group will meet from 5:00pm to 7:00pm each Thursday from January 22 - March 26 at the Spearfish UCC (920 Main Street in Spearfish).

We will be reading & discussing Dr. Alan Wofelt's *Understanding Your Grief*, 2nd Edition and the companion journal.

There is no cost to participate in this group. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome. For more information, call 605-745-4967 or 605-569-3131.

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**SPEARFISH SD – The 2026 Lawrence County District 31 Legislative Crackerbarrels** will be held **Saturday, February 7th at the Joy Center (1351 St Joe St. Spearfish, SD)** and **Saturday, February 28th at the Deadwood Gulch (304 Cliff St. Deadwood, SD)**. Both events will be held at 10:00 AM.

The District 31 Lawrence County Cracker Barrels are organized by the Spearfish and Deadwood Chamber of Commerce to give the community an opportunity to meet with our elected officials.

Legislative Crackerbarrels in your area offer access to your local legislators, as well as the chance to hear their answers on a variety of legislative topics. Each elected official will give an update on the committees they serve and bills that have been introduced. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing at the event.

Senator Deibert, Representative Odenbach and Representative Fitzgerald have been invited to sit as a panel to give updates on the current legislative session.

Our legislators are also available at that time to answer questions from the audience. The events are free to attend.

For more information, contact the Spearfish Chamber 605-642-2626 or the Deadwood Chamber 605-578-1876.



### Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

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

#### Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers regular January meeting will be held on Saturday January 17. All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

#### Belle Fourche Recreation Center Swimming Lessons Winter Session

Swim Lessons are returning to the Belle Fourche Rec Center and registration for our first session is now live!

Below are the dates and times for the lessons:

Every Tuesday and Thursday from January 13th to February 5th

Levels Q, 1, and 2 will be held from 5:00 - 5:45 PM

Levels 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be held from 6:00 - 6:45 PM

The price is \$60 and Members get a discount!

#### Other Pool Winter Activities

**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. 605-892-2467 [bellefourcherec.com](http://bellefourcherec.com) Please register by January 12th so we have an estimate of how many will be in each class. For Inquiries, please email Collin at [collin@bellefourche.org](mailto:collin@bellefourche.org).

#### 2026 Resolution Run/Walk Community Mileage Challenge!

This year's event has a NEW FORMAT and runs the whole month of January!

Set a personal mileage goal for the month. Track your mileage and turn in to the Rec weekly OR at the end of the month.

We will have a Program Finale on February 1st @ 1:30 pm at the Rec. This finale will include a group walk/run, healthy snacks, Wild Magnolia hot chocolate, giveaways and prizes. Event shirts will also be awarded this day!

Mileage can be accumulated in and out of the Rec and includes mileage on the bikes, treadmills, ellipticals, etc.

We are excited to see how many miles our community can accomplish!

#### Tri-State Museum

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "January and the New Year" class scheduled for January 10 will be held on January 24 from 10 am to noon. You will learn fascinating facts about January, like where it got its name. \$2 per student (grades 3 through 5). Plenty of time to get registered, call 605-723-1200. The Roman god Janus approves.

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Cattle Report - Friday, January 9, 2026

Just under 3500 HD for our first sale of 2026

Market was outstanding!

Next Sale - January 16th - Bred Cow Special - 9 AM

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Sheep Report - Thursday, January 8, 2026

Big run for our 1st sale of 2026 with just under 2700 HD

Market was \$\$\$ higher on all classes!

Next sale - January 15th - Feeder Lamb Special - selling all classes of sheep & goats - start time 1:00 pm

Animals should be here by 10:00 am so they can be weighed before the sale

Thank you for your business!

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Table with columns for animal name, sex, age, and price.

Feeder Lambs

Table with columns for animal name, sex, age, and price.

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Table with columns for animal name, sex, age, and price.

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Thursday, January 15, 2026

FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL

1:00 pm

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

2026 SHEEP SALES

- January 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
January 29th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 5th - No Sale - Visit The Black Hills Stock Show
February 12th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 19th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
February 26th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goat

Friday, January 16, 2026

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2026 CATTLE SALES

- January 23rd - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
January 30th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 6th - No Sale - Visit The Black Hills Stock Show
February 13th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 20th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 27th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
March 6th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
March 13th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
March 20th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
March 27th - Grass Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
April 3rd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
April 10th - Grass Cattle & Replacement Hfr Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
April 17th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, January 16th Roll Over Auction Benefit to Help Offset the Medical Expenses of Clint Humblewill take place at St Onge Livestock 12:00 Noon A Bred Heifer, bred Char to Calve March 20th has been donated by Trey Fuller.

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area every Thursday. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 3 pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also. THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. For more information, call Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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by Mary Buchholz

**125 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche TIMES**  
**January 10, 1907**  
**THE MAN on the CORNER** Belle Fourche is in need of better schools. We have good teachers, but our school facilities are not fit for a country cross road. Our children are crowded into rooms like sardines in a can; poor ventilation, poor heat, miserable light and sanitary conditions existing that are a menace to the health of a human being. Why this condition? Because of the fact that the city officials have not done their duty in the past. We have plenty of taxable property within this district from which to raise revenue to build and maintain good modern schools for the accommodation of our pupils. Why has it not been done? Because we have a lot of chronic tax-dodgers, who are rich, but refuse to pay their just and equal proportion of the tax, and the proper officials have not had the back bone to enforce the law and make them pay. The assessed valuation of the city upon all classes of property would not purchase the merchandise in the stores. At the present time the school district is practically up to the constitutional limit of indebtedness. We can raise more money by increasing the assessed valuation of our property up to where it should be. Let us do it at once and if there is any one that objects to paying a tax on his property into some kind of money that will not burn, the die and take it with him. We must have schools – good schools – buildings that we can point to with pride. If we provide such, it will bring more good people to use for permanent residents than any other one thing. This is brief, but I hope it may be understood. Matters relative to the establishment of a live commercial club and other things of much import will be referred to next week in equally plain United States.

**100 years**  
**The Northwest Post**  
**January 21, 1926**  
**GUARANTY FUND**  
**NEARS HALF MILLION DOLLARS** Pierre, Jan. 14 – A statement of the depositors guaranty fund of South Dakota, just sent by the fund commis-

sion to member banks, shows a total of \$320,000 on hand in the fund awaiting decision by the courts in cases brought in behalf of depositors of closed banks. This statement, issued in accordance with law, covers the time from the establishment of the fund up to January 1, 1926. The South Dakota bank guaranty fund was established with an assessment on state banks made February 15, 1916, the figures show. This first assessment brought in \$139,211.02. The first bank to fail after the establishment of the fund went down October 10, 1916, and \$26,000 went to its depositors out of the guaranty money. Another bank failed November 25, 1919, taking \$139,000 out of the fund. Assessments continued to come in from the banks, however, and withdrawals were few. The total continued to climb. It went up and up until February 15, 1920, five years after the start was made. Assessments received on that date brought the total balance in the fund up to \$1,171,829.26. This was the peak amount. With a period of depression, then appearing, the reserve gradually decreased. It got down to \$601,804 in February, 1922, when the years assessments brought it back to \$938,934. This figure marks the second peak on the chart, and the decline continued thereafter. Fourteen banks went down between July 7, 1920, and March 16, 1922, and withdrawals based on their loss carried the total down to \$144,342.

**75 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche Daily Post**  
**January 20, 1951**  
**New Oleo Bill Is Offered At Pierre** Pierre, Jan. 12 – The South Dakota legislature today received bills to permit the sale of colored margarine and to repeal the 1-cent a pound tax on the butter substitute. The measures were introduced by Senator Carman Sutley of Fort Pierre and are backed by the South Dakota Retail Merchants Association. They were among the 42 bills introduced today. The lawmakers now have 24 measures to consider. Among the new bills was one which probably will raise a contro-

versy. It is a measure to outlaw future municipal liquor store monopolies. Under the terms of the bill, cities which vote in municipal liquor stores in the future must continue to issue licenses to privately owned liquor stores. The proposal would not affect present municipal liquor store set-ups.

**Services Monday For Mrs. Frank B. Gay** Funeral services will be held here Monday morning for Mrs. Frank Brewster Gay, 85 year-old pioneer resident of Belle Fourche who died Thursday night at her home on Elkhorn Avenue. Death followed an illness from which Mrs. Gay had suffered since 1936. She had been confined to her bed almost continuously since that time. She suffered a stroke in the fall of 1936. May Phillips Chapman was born in Norwich, Conn., May 30, 1865. Her childhood days were spent in that vicinity. She attended primary school and Norwich academy there. She was married to Frank B. Gay Nov. 18, 1884, and in 1900 the family moved to Belle Fourche. Six children were born to the couple. Two of them – Walter and Polly – and Mr. Gay preceded her in death. Surviving are four children – Mrs. Ruth Hallinger, Belle Fourche; Mrs. Margaret Behymer, Harding; Raymond Gay, Gordon, Neb., and Alford Gay, Denver. Mrs. Gay was an early-day active member of the Rocking Chair club, a member of the Congregational church and for many years served as president of the Congregational ladies aid and its missionary societies.

**O'DONNELLS LOSE IN OVERTIME THRILLER** O'Donnell's Independents lost a razzle-dazzle heartbreaker at Sturgis Thursday night. The Sturgis five won 48-47 in an overtime period. The score was tied 17 times and stood at 45-45 when the regular playing period ended. Big Don Nickelson led the scoring with 14 points. Romick, Miller, Boason, Fox, Smith and McCullough got into the scoring column.

**50 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche Daily Post**  
**January 15, 1976**



You are looking at Chicago and North Western's locomotive No. 1776, sporting a red, white and blue Bicentennial paint scheme. The 1800 horsepower GP-18 diesel will operate on the railroad's western division this month and is scheduled to arrive in Belle Fourche Thursday afternoon. The unit will operate in Belle Fourche until Monday when it will move to another area. Next month the big diesel will move on to another of the seven other North Western divisions. The western division includes trackage in Wyoming, North Dakota, western South Dakota and western Nebraska.

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<p><b>Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining</b>                      Come Join us M-F 11 am-1 pm                      828 Kingsbury St.   Belle Fourche, SD                      Menu subject to change or modification.</p>			<p><b>1</b>                      Meatloaf                      Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy                      Green Beans</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      Glazed Ham                      Sweet Potato                      Corn                      Peppers</p>
<p><b>5</b>                      Beef Tips &amp; Gravy                      Roasted Potatoes                      Spinach &amp; Strawberry Salad</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      Liver or Deluxe Cheeseburger                      Mashed Potato &amp; Gravy                      Mixed Vegetables</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Chicken Enchilada Soup                      Grilled Cheese Sandwich                      Corn &amp; Peppers</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Pork Loin                      Scalloped Potatoes                      Green Beans                      Roll</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      Cheesy Beef and Mac Casserole                      Corn Bread                      Mixed Vegetables</p>
<p><b>12</b>                      Beef Lasagna Soup                      Tossed Salad                      Garlic Toast</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      Meatloaf                      Mashed Potato &amp; Gravy                      Buttered Corn</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Turkey Noodle Soup                      Garden Salad                      Biscuit with Butter</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Chicken Sandwich                      Garden Pasta Salad                      Cowboy Beans</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      Breaded Fish Sandwich                      Bacon &amp; Pea Salad                      Sweet Potato Fries</p>
<p><b>19</b>                      Tortellini Soup                      Garden Salad                      Breadstick</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Turkey Pot Pie                      Roasted Veggies                      Dinner Roll</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Chicken Fried Steak                      Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy                      Corn</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Ruben &amp; Sauerkraut Sandwich                      Fries                      Brussel Sprouts</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      Tuna Noodle Casserole                      Steamed Broccoli                      Dinner Roll</p>
<p><b>26</b>                      French Toast                      Egg Bake with Oven Potato &amp; Sausage</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      Chicken Cordon Bleu                      Mushroom Rice                      Salad</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Turkey Club Sandwich                      Coleslaw                      Chips</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      Beef Stroganoff                      Butter Noodles                      Roasted Carrots                      Roll</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      White Chicken Chili                      Garden Salad                      Corn Bread</p>

Milk & Fruit Served with all meals  
Menu subject to change based on availability.

**Don't miss the following events**  
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BRED CATTLE	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Jay Mcpherson, Piedmont SD	39	Black-Brd Hfr	941	3650.00	\$3,650.00
	16	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow	1441	3050.00	\$3,050.00
	6	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1494	3650.00	\$3,650.00

FEEDER CATTLE	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Hamilton Inc, Osage WY	93	Black-Str	616	472.50	\$2,909.43
	97	Blk/Bwf-Str	541	525.50	\$2,845.55
	56	Black-Hfr	545	455.00	\$2,478.93
Dave & Chase Hayden, Baker MT	103	Blk/Bwf-Str	600	472.00	\$2,829.70
	108	Blk/Bwf-Str	526	526.00	\$2,765.15
	17	Black-Str	405	530.00	\$2,144.94
	28	Black-Hfr	418	517.50	\$2,162.41
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	68	Black-Hfr	566	449.50	\$2,546.28
Rauth Ranch Inc, Alva WY	113	Blk/Bwf-Str	551	447.50	\$2,464.02
	47	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	445	500.00	\$2,226.59
K & D Livestock Inc, Volborg MT	47	Black-Str	678	426.00	\$2,889.54
	24	Black-Str	533	506.00	\$2,696.55
Travis Or Julie Hurst, Buffalo SD	27	Black-Hfr	433	502.50	\$2,175.63
Kling Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	100	Black-Hfr	613	417.00	\$2,557.87
	23	Bwf-Hfr	690	395.00	\$2,727.21
	56	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	551	457.00	\$2,518.80
	34	Red-Hfr	655	388.00	\$2,541.97

Brian W Or Harriet A Birkley, Osage WY	21	Black-Str	624	447.00	\$2,787.36
	11	Black-Hfr	526	447.00	\$2,352.84

Jodi Massie Or Ben Blake, Belle Fourche S	29	Blk/Bwf-Str	604	472.00	\$2,852.34
	24	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	573	442.50	\$2,535.15

Matt Or Megan Harkless, Oral SD	47	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	621	408.00	\$2,532.20
Frank J Nies, Ekalaka MT	50	Black-Hfr	604	428.50	\$2,588.14
	17	Black-Hfr	601	423.00	\$2,544.22
	18	Black-Hfr	531	461.00	\$2,447.14
	13	Black-Str	553	496.00	\$2,743.26

Mccabe Ag Llp, Ekalaka MT	12	Black-Str	634	444.50	\$2,818.87
	28	Black-Hfr	566	442.50	\$2,505.65
Dale & Carmel Hansen, Banner WY	13	Black-Str	564	494.00	\$2,785.40
	11	Black-Str	516	528.50	\$2,728.98

Mike E Malenovsky, Ekalaka MT	22	Rd/Blk-Str	548	492.00	\$2,698.17
Craig & Jewel Lambrecht, Bigfork MT	19	Black-Str	636	452.00	\$2,874.95

Dobrenz Family Trust, Rancho WY	10	Black-Str	617	461.00	\$2,842.06
Cody Johnson, Baker MT	62	Blk/Bwf-Str	799	375.50	\$3,001.57
	61	Blk/Bwf-Str	590	460.00	\$2,714.00
	62	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	831	341.00	\$2,832.77
	39	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	670	365.00	\$2,445.03

Paul Or Nancy Brence, Ekalaka MT	29	Black-Hfr	585	447.50	\$2,618.64
Donald & Dipper Brunson Famil, Aladdin WY	17	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	569	443.00	\$2,519.88

Donald & Dee Zimmerschied, Moorcroft WY	27	Rd/Blk-Str	506	475.00	\$2,402.26
	22	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	516	452.50	\$2,333.46

Johnson Sheep & Cattle Ll, Belle Fourche S	22	Black-Str	603	462.00	\$2,786.70
	12	Rd/Blk-Str	513	505.00	\$2,592.33

Ellsbury Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	12	Blk/Bwf-Str	581	437.50	\$2,542.96
	12	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	638	390.00	\$2,487.87
Charles Beltch, Upton WY	34	Black-Yring Str	1152	291.50	\$3,357.39

Randy & Sheila Burggraf, Aladdin WY	17	Black-Str	543	518.00	\$2,812.43
	16	Black-Hfr	522	459.00	\$2,396.84

Chris Penner, Newell SD	12	Black-Hfr	640	401.00	\$2,564.72
Neiman Cattle Co Llc, Alva WY	12	Black-Hfr	556	448.00	\$2,490.13
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD	19	Rd/Blk-Str	460	537.50	\$2,471.08

	10	Rd/Blk-Str	335	590.00	\$1,973.55
	8	Rd/Blk-Str	244	600.00	\$1,466.25
	25	Bwf-Hfr	480	492.50	\$2,364.98
	10	Rd/Blk-Hfr	356	495.00	\$1,762.20

WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	4	Black-Hfr	1065	235.00	\$2,502.75
	3	Black-Hfr	1062	195.00	\$2,070.25
Garman Brothers Llp, Alzada MT	5	Black-Cow	1426	180.00	\$2,566.80
	12	Black-Cow	1494	179.00	\$2,674.55
Dave Garman, Belle Fourche SD	4	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1540	178.50	\$2,748.90
	8	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1402	179.50	\$2,516.36
	4	Black-Cow	1361	179.00	\$2,436.63
Jason Garman, Alzada MT	6	Black-Cow	1630	177.50	\$2,893.25
	3	Black-Cow	1412	179.00	\$2,526.88
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	27	Black-Hfr	898	320.00	\$2,872.29
J-Six Enterprises, Seneca Ks	1	Black-Hfr	945	247.50	\$2,338.87
	1	Black-Hfr	1135	211.00	\$2,394.85
Jay Mcpherson, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Cow	1525	178.50	\$2,722.12
Traver Heart X Rch, Gillette WY	41	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1240	183.00	\$2,268.30
	44	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1378	179.50	\$2,473.83
	38	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1291	182.00	\$2,349.95
	42	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1294	182.00	\$2,354.73
	7	Rd/Blk-Cow	1009	237.50	\$2,395.35
Rittberger Beef Inc, Fairburn SD	8	Black-Cow	1335	178.00	\$2,376.30
	3	Black-Hfr	1035	265.00	\$2,742.75
	1	Black-Cow	1485	178.00	\$2,643.30

Dobrenz Family Trust, Rancho WY	1	Black-Cow	1585	177.00	\$2,805.45
Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Cow	1300	172.00	\$2,236.00
Trampus & Lindsay Thompson, Sturgis SD	1	Red-Cow	1395	170.00	\$2,371.50
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	16	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1271	184.25	\$2,341.12
	15	Black-Hfr	885	290.00	\$2,565.53
	18	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1136	170.00	\$1,931.86
Sleep Ranches Llc, Spearfish SD	6	Black-Cowette	1283	181.00	\$2,321.32
	3	Black-Cow	1402	181.00	\$2,537.01

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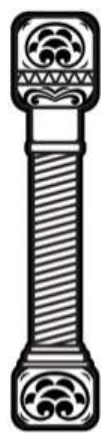
**JANUARY 22, 2026**

**WUPS @ 9 AM MT | FEEDER CATTLE @ 12 PM MT**

**UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE**

January 15, 2026	BRED STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - WUPS @ 9 AM MT, BRED CATTLE @ 12 PM MT
January 22, 2026	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - WUPS @ 9 AM MT, FEEDER CATTLE @ 12 PM MT
January 29, 2026	BRED STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - WUPS @ 9 AM MT, BRED CATTLE @ 12 PM MT
February 5, 2026	NO SALE - ENJOY THE STOCK SHOW!
February 12, 2026	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - WUPS @ 9 AM MT, FEEDER CATTLE @ 12 PM MT
February 19, 2026	STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL & WEIGH-UP SPECIAL - WUPS @ 9 AM MT, BRED CATTLE @ 12 PM MT
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892-4767  
Dan Carlson, Pastor  
Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule:  
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
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John Allred, Bishop  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting  
Sunday School:  
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society,  
Young Men and Young Women:  
11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

**CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)**  
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 or 10:15 am

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

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717 Jackson St. Sunday:  
9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship

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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

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Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

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

**RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH**  
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Sunday: Worship: 10:00am  
Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

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By John Newby "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"  
**Three Strategies for Community Prosperity**

Picture two communities making the same decision. Both want new steakhouses. The first spends hundreds of thousands in taxpayer dollars courting a national chain, upgrading roads, extending utilities, offering tax incentives. The second invests that same money nurturing a local entrepreneur who sources beef from nearby and produce from area farms. Five years later, the difference is stark. The chain closes when Wall Street analysts decide the location underperforms. The infrastructure costs remain. The local steakhouse? It's expanded once, employs twice as many people, and every dollar of profit recirculates through the local economy 3-7 times compared to the chain's single pass-through before profits vanish to corporate headquarters. This isn't hypothetical. It's happening across America as communities wake up to a fundamental truth: sustainable prosperity comes from growing what you already have, not chasing what others dangle. **Economic Gardening** - The term "economic gardening" captures a shift in community development philosophy. Rather than hunting for external businesses—what economists call "economic hunting"—communities invest in their existing entrepreneurial ecosystem. The math is compelling: locally-owned businesses return approximately 70% of their rev-



enue to the local economy through local purchases, wages, and charitable giving. National chains? Roughly 40%. Consider the multiplier effect. When a local restaurant buys from a local farmer, who banks locally, who loans to a local contractor, who hires local workers, each dollar generates exponential community wealth. Break that chain with national franchises sending profits elsewhere, and communities hemorrhage economic vitality. The COVID pandemic accelerated this reality brutally. National chains closed locations overnight based on spreadsheet algorithms created thousands of miles away. Local businesses, deeply rooted in their communities, fought to survive because their owners lived next door to their customers. They had nowhere else to go—and every reason to adapt. Communities embracing economic gardening provide technical assistance, micro-loans, mentorship programs, and procurement preferences for local businesses. The upfront investment often costs less than the incentive packages demanded by national chains, with exponentially better long-term returns. **Food Halls** - Walk into the vacant department store that's anchored downtown for years. Now imagine it transformed: a dozen food vendors offering everything from authentic tacos

to artisan coffee, communal tables filled with multigenerational diners, local musicians performing weekends, and the unmistakable hum of community gathering. Food halls solve many problems simultaneously. They activate dead retail space at lower cost than a restaurant buildout. They lower the barrier to entry for food entrepreneurs who can't afford standalone locations but have exceptional products. They create destination experiences that draw people downtown who might otherwise default to the highway strip. The model works because it distributes risk. A standalone ethnic restaurant might struggle to attract sufficient traffic. But as one of twelve options in a vibrant food hall? It thrives on the collective draw while exposing hundreds of customers weekly to cuisines they'd never otherwise try. The food hall becomes an incubator, with successful vendors often graduating to their own locations. During COVID, food halls proved surprisingly resilient. Their open layouts facilitated distancing better than traditional restaurants. Their variety meant families with different comfort levels could accommodate everyone's preferences in one location. **Micro-TIFs** - Tax Increment Financing has funded community development for decades, but traditional TIF districts often span hundreds of acres. Micro-TIFs flip the script: one block, one building, one strategic intervention. The mechanism is elegant. Property improvements increase assessed value. That increase in tax revenue—the increment—gets dedicated to paying for the improvements, creating a self-funding loop. Where tradi-

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tional TIFs might transform an entire neighborhood over twenty years, Micro-TIFs can catalyze specific nodes of activity within months. A blighted corner building becomes a coffee shop and coworking space. A vacant storefront becomes a maker space. The key is precision: identifying exactly where strategic investment creates outsized community impact, then deploying targeted tools to make it happen. America's small communities and small businesses have always been interdependent. As Nia Peoples observed, "Life is a moving, breathing thing. We have to be willing to constantly evolve." The communities thriving today aren't those chasing yesterday's economic development playbook. They're the ones investing in local talent, activating vacant spaces creatively, and deploying precision tools to catalyze transformation. The choice is clear: build Main Street or subsidize Wall Street. One creates sustainable prosperity. The other extracts it. 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

**Jonathan Ellis & Joe Sneve**



**Capitol News**  
**January 11, 2026**  
 Our snows have come each week, at Capitol and on Tie Creek, but the warm weather in between has melted them.

It was close to fifty degrees again, on Sunday, melting the last of our snow again. Dick and Erma Albert have been keeping up with their schedules. Erma had a doctor's appointment last week, and got some very painful shots into her shoulder. She had wrecked the shoulder on a couple of occasions, but was thinking the wrecks might have been better than the shots. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizen dinner. Erma brought along cake for everyone to celebrate her birthday. On Sunday, the Catholic Church was filled, and they were glad for the big congregation. A crowd of the Camp Crook community gathered, on December 29th, for the Linda Humbracht funeral in Camp

Crook. Alvin and Marlee Cordell attended the funeral. They also came in for the New Year's Eve party at the Camp Crook Community center. The event was a benefit for the community center. There was a prime rib supper and some raffles, and that was followed by a dance that would bring in the new year. It was a great event, and everyone hopes they will do it again next year. On two Tuesdays, Alvin had an appointment with the chiropractor in Belle Fourche. On his most recent trip down the Norwegian Cut-Off, he discovered a handsome dog, far from any home place. He stopped, and the dog was very friendly. It had a collar and a tag with a phone number. Alvin didn't want to leave the dog, so he took it to town with him, stopped at the lumber yard, and had Billy Stuart call the number. The dog belonged to a hired man who had just gone to town, so the dog must have followed his owner down the road. When Alvin brought the dog home, everyone was

glad to have dog back where he belonged. On Friday, Alvin made a trip to Buffalo for some tin that he could use on the stockade at the Horton place. On Sunday, Marlee and Mary Tarter went to the Camp Crook Methodist Church to put away the Christmas decorations for another year. Bruce and Lynn Gustafson joined the gathering on New Year's Eve, at the Community Center in Camp Crook. It was a fun time and a great meal. Pete Anderson had given them tickets for the event, and that was a great Christmas gift. They had attended all of the church events over the holidays, and on the January eleventh, there was another big gathering for church at the Little Missouri Church. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum have made a few trips to Ekalaka and also have made a few trips to Baker this week. They attended church in Baker each week, and took Junior and Shirley to see the doctor in Ekalaka. Tommy has been

studying harder for his on-line high school classes, but really enjoys the interesting things he has been learning, and also enjoys attending FFA meetings in Ekalaka. Last Sunday, after church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, Karen Odell watched granddaughter, Kyia Smith, play Minnesota Club Volleyball on the club's web site. She missed the first match, but it was great to see her granddaughter in the second match. It was very good video, and fun to see her in her first games on the sixth-grade team. She had to try out for the team. That seemed much different than when Mollie's JV team played with only five players one year because there were no more girls to put in. She watched Kyia's team again this week. She also got to watch grandson, Carson Odell's, freshman wrestling match, and first varsity high school matches on YouTube, from Mitchell, last week and again this week. Then she got to see grandson, Kellan Odell, on the Mount Marty

University indoor track team. The meet was on the college website. Jeff and Amanda Odell celebrated the new year in Iowa by doing some plumbing work in their new house. In Washington, Micki Odell's family did the Polar plunge, by diving onto Puget Sound on New Year's day. I think that is a tradition I can do without. If it did if it didn't have lots of salt, it would probably be frozen solid. I wouldn't even want to jump in that cold ocean in the summer. This week, Karen made a couple of trips to Buffalo to fill vehicles with gas, and she stopped at the post office and Wolff's in Camp Crook. Over the Christmas and New Year's vacation, Karen talked, texted and got pictures from all her family. She also visited with brothers Ron and Jim Evans, and friend Bill Foulkes in Ohio. All wish a happy new year to everyone here. Watch out for any nervous Spaniard. At any moment, some little thing could cause him to push the Hispanic button.



**Central Meade County News**

By Sandy Rhoden January 4, 2026

It seems to be a pattern that many of our Sundays in December and January have been especially mild and pleasant. Sunday was in the 50s and 60s depending of where in South Dakota you happened to be in. On Saturday many community members attended the funeral service for Duane Keffeler in Union Center. Many great memories were shared by his daughter, Joy Keffeler, and granddaughter in law, Tori Smiley. He was remembered fondly

through a slide show provided by Jade Keffeler. A very special part of the service was when Camden Smiley said "Green, Green Grass of Home." Pastor Harold Delbridge officiated and the pallbearers were John Simons, Jim Feist, Wayne McPherson, John Long, Dean Andrews and Darren Griffith. Duane's burial and final resting place was at the White Owl Cemetery. Duane's interest in people, his unique catch phrases and his larger-than-life personality will be missed by many. He was preceded in death by

his wife Sharon who passed in 2021. Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the award banquet for the AQHA Awards banquet on Saturday night in Pierre. One of the recipients of an award was Governor Larry Rhoden who has spent the last 5 years or so attending the banquet and taking photos with the winners of awards that were honored for their breeding, training, and showing Quarter horses. The Callie and Cody Capp family from Faith won the Ranching Legacy Award. It was fun to see Cord again as he was a wonderful student of mine when he was in the 5th

grade in Faith. Emily Gray Smith of Union Center was among a unit of Nat'l Guard members who returned in November after spending 13 months on the Texas border. Their welcome home ceremony was held on Sunday morning in Rapid City at Camp Rapid. Corey Cody was among those soldiers as well, but was not in attendance on Sunday. Emily's family and grandmother were all there in her honor. Larry and Sandy were in attendance where the Governor shared a message as Commander in Chief of our Nat'l Guard. We were very proud of Emily as well as her family must have

been. We were saddened to learn about the death of Patrick Tift of Union Center. His funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 am at the Central Meade County Community Center. Pat was the son of Tom and (the late) Brenda Tift. He had one sister, Jenny and one nephew. Pat's grandfather, Glen Tift and Allen Rhoden were first cousins. Pat was a quiet young man who was always respectful and had a very kind personality. We will miss the thought of a sweet young man tending to animals and the farm on the Tift place near Union Center.

**Butte County Legal Notice**

**Regular Meeting Minutes Butte County Courthouse Commission Meeting Room 839 5th Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717 Phone: 605-892-4485 Tuesday, December 16, 2025**  
 THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Kari, Batterman, and Brunner. Chair Ager called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Brunner, Second by Erk to adopt the meeting agenda with a change to date from October 21, 2025, to December 16, 2025, and addition of travel request for Julia Day under the consent agenda item 3.g.iii. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Pastor Sheri Fadley led in a moment of prayer. Beginning at 9:32 AM, the opportunity for public comments was opened with Dale Simanton and Sue Broadhurst speaking about graveling of roads (Viken and Hope Roads), planning meetings and covenants, and research on the Highway cattle guard report. Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Correction of special meeting minutes Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

ation.  
 a. Approval of special meeting minutes - 20Nov2025 b. Approval of regular meeting minutes - 02Dec2025 c. County Lien Report d. Bills per Printout e. Apportioning and Other Payments f. Register of Deeds Report g. Travel Request  
 i. Auditor: Krinda Fox to attend Auditor Election Workshop, November 19-20, 2025, in Pierre, SD.  
 ii. Auditor: Annie Capp to attend Annual Report Workshop, January 28, 2026, in Mitchell, SD.  
 iii. Dispatch: Julia Day and Larae Beguin to travel to Pierre, SD for Reinstatement Hearing 911 Board on December 17, 2025.  
 h. Wage Increases  
 i. Dispatch - Courtney Walker Step 3 \$23.56.  
 ii. Treasurer - Siri Scheller Tier 1 longevity \$24.93  
 i. Planning: Final; Owner: Ronny J & Rhonda J Casteel; Lots 1 and 2 of Casteel Subdivision, a Subdivision of Portions of the NE4, NE4NW4 and S2NW4, of Section 35, T8N, R6E, BHM, Butte County, South Dakota j. Highway  
 i. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways - Bar 69 Ranch, Deb Kukuchka; Valley 1 Road - Waterline  
 ii. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways - Heavy Constructors, Inc.; Helmer Road - install fiber to home Sheriff Lamphere provided a monthly activity report, including activities, types of calls, mileage, hours, civil process, vehicle leases for 2026, and recent activity on 20 year old case. Courtroom construction is going well. Dog shelter

construction is going well with some help from the Sheriff and Highway departments. Auditor Capp provided an activity report including an explanation on proposed property tax legislation, legislative audit, and the WIT meeting on liquor licensing. Auditor Capp shared the approval by FEMA of the Butte County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Auditor Capp provided the 2025 Payable 2026 Levies approved by DOR. Charts were provided for each entity showing trends from 2018-2025. Auditor Capp provided an update on Project Boundary Fence and SDSecure Cyber Security activities. Discussion was held regarding Commissioner Room Remodel from Ainsworth Benning. Changes to County Nurse Office were discussed and changes to needed office space. An updated quote will be requested for the 30Dec2025 Special Meeting. No action was taken. States Attorney Barnaud gave an activity report, including bonded releases, the number of residents in jail, and extradited cases. Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to enter into Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2(1) a10:39 AM, Exited Executive Session at 11:54 AM. There was no action as a result of the Executive Session. Committee Reports were given  
 • Brunner - BHACC-O Meeting Dec 12, 2025 - Randy Deibert presented on Property Tax Task Force. Informational  
 • Butte County GOP meeting Dec 18, 2025  
 • Dec 30, 2025 special meeting for supplemental budgets • BF Leadership class Dec 18, 2025

• Planning Commission Opening  
 • Fire Chief attends Dec 30, 2025 Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.  
**PAYMENTS SALARY**  
 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$14,010.57, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$16,899.52, BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$19,785.24, ELECTION-\$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/ WEED CONTROL \$32,798.09, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.92, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.20, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$28,537.98, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$11,854.82, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,553.48, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85  
 COUNTY SHARE FICA BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$11,090.52  
 SDRS RETIREMENT BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$8,035.31  
 GROUP INSURANCE BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$29,612.52  
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ADM LEE \$126.00, ANS-WRTH-BNNING \$86,463.00, ALPN MPRSSNS \$88.00, AUDRA HLL \$1,281.84, BRSZ NGN-RNG \$6,267.50, C BRLL \$304.50, RPD CTY \$240.00, CLNCL LAB \$2,979.00, JURORS \$580.20, CO DRG \$284.56, DUBL STR \$5,783.98, ES&S \$5,007.20, FSH WNDW CLNG \$40.00, HVY CNSTRCTRS \$74,477.94, LN-GUG LNK \$15.85, MAPS \$983.00, MEADE CO \$33,155.00, MNMNT HLTH \$4,914.60, MNJ \$1,225.00, PNNNGTN CO JL \$630.00, RDLG ASSC, R BCHMN \$120.00, RYL SPRYNG \$544.75, SCHLMGN

\$938.00, SCOVIL \$4,500.00, SD ASSC WD & PST \$75.00, SD DVLPMNTL CNTR \$60.00, SRVL \$700.17, WCKRKL \$2,985.13, WSTRN SD JUV \$32,860.00, YOUR CNSLR \$3,000.00, Z PROD \$549.00 PUBLICATIONS BH PIONR \$365.71 RENT/LEASE BH PUR \$93.50, CBP \$1,279.85, CLLGN \$161.50, THMSN RTRS \$691.17 REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE ARCHTCTRL SPCLTS \$2,524.01, AUTO PRS \$1,472.09, BTLR MCHNRY \$4,041.59, CRNNT \$1,459.14, KONE \$536.44, RNDY'S TRS \$476.00, RSHMRE COMM \$468.00, SD DEPT TRNSP \$58,684.11 SUPPLIES AUDRY PRUT \$1,033.94, AUTO VLU \$1,163.28, BCKLE'S \$96.01, CRIS TRLR SLS \$60.71, CBH \$2,702.39, CRNWLL \$84.95, INLND \$1,484.43, MSTR-CRD \$3,499.45, MCGS PRPAN \$1,128.72, MG OIL \$1,940.76, OFFC MPRM \$742.78, OLSN FLS \$19,873.96, O'RLLY AUTO PRTS \$8.99, PHNX UNFRMS \$6,189.95, PTNY BWS \$102.08, PRAIRIE AUTO PRTS \$160.65, PROMOS \$1,505.28, QQP \$175.89, QULL \$128.24, RNNINGS \$4,094.81, SIGN SOLUTIONS \$188.78, WNZR \$95.96 TRAVEL/CONFERENCE ECONO LDGE \$205.99 UTILITIES AT&T MBLTY \$1,020.10, BUTTE ELCTRC \$240.19, BUTTE MEAD \$55.00, CNTRYLNK \$1,685.58, MTRLA SLTNS \$299.00, REFUS SLTNS \$393.55, NSLND \$83.38 APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:  
 James Ager, Chairperson  
 ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on Monday, December 30th, 2025, for a Special 2025 Year-End Meeting in the Commissioners' Room at the Butte County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Erk, Batterman, Kari, and Brunner. Absent Ager.

Vice-Chairman Erk called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Tim Smith led in a moment of prayer. Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of informational after #10. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Beginning at 9:32 AM a Public hearing was held on the Adoption of Budget Supplements (Increase in Spending Authority for 2025). Auditor Capp explained the reasons for the need to supplement in each department. There were no public comments for or against the budget supplements.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to approve the following Budget Supplements from Cash Reserve increasing spending authority. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

**Budget Supplements from Cash Reserves (Increase in spending authority over original approved budget)**

Account #	Description	Amount
101-120	Elections	\$ 150.00
101-153	Court App Atty	\$ 9,000.00
101-161	Gen Gov Buildings	\$ 200,000.00
101-171	Information Tech	\$ 12,500.00
101-211	Sheriff Office	\$ 80,000.00
101-215	Regional Law Det.	\$ 35,000.00
101-222	Emergency Mgmt.	\$ 9,000.00
101-411	Care of the Poor	\$ 2,500.00
101-424	Ambulance	\$ 200.00
201-311	Highway and Bridge	\$ 120,000.00
201-820	Debt Service	\$ 25,000.00
211-221	Fire	\$ 125,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 638,350.00</b>

Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman to approve the following budget supplements from the Commissioners' Contingency Fund. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

**Budget Supplements from Commissioner Contingency**

Account Number	Description	Amount	Contingency Balance
101-112-429	Commissioners Contingency		\$ 100,000.00

Motion by Batterman, second by Kari to approve Resolution 2025-21 A Resolution Providing For The Cancellation Of Liens Issued By Butte County After Being Determined Uncollectable Due To Death, Bankruptcy, Or Other Circumstances. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-21**  
**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CANCELLATION OF LIENS ISSUED BY BUTTE COUNTY AFTER BEING DETERMINED UNCOLLECTABLE DUE TO DEATH, BANKRUPTCY, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.**

WHEREAS, the following is a list of the liens where the County Auditor has confirmed that person or persons have been declared deceased, have declared bankruptcy, or otherwise are unable to pay the debt incurred;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor and Register of Deeds be authorized to cancel these accounts in the lien register and cease to carry these as outstanding liens.

Name	Amount	Reason
Aberle, Damon	\$13,856.10	Deceased
Alden, Timothy	\$4,140.00	Deceased
Bennett, Ladean	\$5,339.39	Deceased
Blakeman, Brandon	\$963.00	Deceased
Bond, James	\$55.00	Deceased
Braun, Matthew	\$110.00	Deceased
Brooks, Katherine	\$2,374.65	Deceased
Brown, Russell	\$60.00	Deceased
Caldwell, Amber	\$2,185.50	Deceased

Clark, Chase	\$1,943.15	Deceased
Clown, Clifford	\$6,114.40	Deceased
Coleman, Timothy	\$725.54	Deceased
Cook, Tei	\$150.00	Deceased
Cuny, Twila	\$55.00	Deceased
Dalke, Adam	\$770.00	Deceased
Dankort, Anthony	\$595.00	Deceased
DeCocco, Debra	\$677.61	Deceased
Dembeck, Edward	\$139.00	Deceased
Donetti, Robert	\$50.00	Deceased
Dubray, Duane	\$1,211.56	Deceased
Dyer, Kyle	\$80.00	Deceased
Erfman, Paul	\$55.00	Deceased
Ferguson, Isaiah	\$55.00	Deceased
Fischer, Jason	\$277.55	Deceased
Gunhammer, Jackie	\$3,001.34	Deceased
Guy, Ronald	\$65.00	Deceased
Halderson, Lawrence	\$2,157.08	Deceased
Hall, Arthur	\$660.00	Deceased
Halverson, Scot	\$8,648.59	Deceased
Jaskela, Trinity	\$260.00	Deceased
Kills Warrior, Judith	\$120.00	Deceased
Kluck, Kenneth	\$2,405.00	Deceased
Kunerth, John	\$72.50	Deceased
Langston, Dessarae	\$93.20	Deceased
Larive, James	\$581.61	Deceased
Lewis, Paul	\$187.20	Deceased
Limberhand, Timothy	\$840.29	Deceased
Marquez, Andrew	\$55.00	Deceased
Martin, John	\$1,745.27	Deceased
McDonald, Robert	\$55.00	Deceased
McKown, Mark	\$130.00	Deceased
McNew, Kathryn	\$609.10	Deceased
Millet, Logan	\$698.00	Deceased
Milner, Thomas	\$60.00	Deceased
Mitchell, Nathaniel	\$349.40	Deceased
Mork, Samuel	\$65.00	Deceased
Morton, Travis	\$55.00	Deceased
Neigmer, Paul	\$9,993.29	Deceased
Norman, John	\$55.00	Deceased
Offerdahl, Samuel	\$65.00	Deceased
Olson, Wendy	\$85.86	Deceased
Osborn, Brad	\$510.75	Deceased
Paland, Spring	\$6,949.17	Deceased
Pelch, Ryan	\$110.00	Deceased
Piekkola, Kenneth	\$13,402.83	Deceased
Raber, Darryl	\$744.80	Deceased
Rieniets, Denise	\$456.90	Deceased
Schlup, Mason	\$904.00	Deceased
Stripling, Darryl	\$8,347.82	Deceased
Swan, Murphy	\$880.95	Deceased
Teppo, Wesley	\$196.96	Deceased
Thumler, Roger	\$1,354.80	Deceased
Vaughn, Dustin	\$2,122.65	Deceased

Dated this 30th day of December 2025

Butte County Board of Commissioners

James Ager  
 Chair, Butte County Commission

ATTEST:

Annie Capp  
 Butte County Auditor

Members of Butte County Fire Departments were present to provide updates to commissioners and request any available funding for 2026. Chad Blair - purchased rescue equipment, grants received, next big expense to build a heated fire hall to be prepared for emergencies. Jack Orwick (Castle Rock), regular maintenance, upgrade pumps, purchasing, Don Tishmack (Newell) - 100 1' responders, maintenance of equipment, fundraisers, Stan Lewis (Nisland/Arpan) - good year with lower calls, unexpected calls. Mark Bruch (Vale), grateful for all resources, looking to do a hall expansion, updating equipment. Jim Gross (Belle Fourche) - replacing engine 2, 2025 replaced bunker gear, Mark Hesse appreciates the funds Butte County provides in order to update the equipment.

Commissioner Batterman thanked all the 1<sup>st</sup> responders for their service. Sheriff Lamphere said that money given to fire departments equals one deputy's salary. Dedication of 1<sup>st</sup> responders is appreciated, and they always act with high level of cooperation and professionalism. Commissioner Erk thanked all for what they do.

Auditor Capp provided commissioners cash balances with options for transfer of funds to reach limit of 40% of 2026 General Fund budget in General Fund cash. Capp also discussed status of CDs.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to approve cash transfer of \$250,000 from GF Building (101-107.3) to General Fund Cash (101-101). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to approve cash transfer of \$35,000 from General Fund Cash (101-101) to 247 (248-101). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Kari, Second by Brunner to approve cash transfer of \$ 70,000 from Highway and Bridge Fund Cash (203-101) to Highway Cash (201-101). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Kari to approve cash transfer of \$250,000 from General Fund Cash (101-101) to E911 (207-101). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Brunner, Second by Kari to approve cash transfer of \$200,000 from General Fund Cash (101-101) to Hwy Restricted Cash Gravel (201-107.2). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to approve cash transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund Cash (101-101) to GF Building (101-107.3). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to approve cash transfer of \$100,000 from General Fund Cash (101-101) to GF Technology and Equip. (101-107.2). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to approve cash transfer of \$750,000 from General Fund Cash (101-101) to 12-month CDs. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

States Attorney Barnaud said that the Indigent Defense Contract is expiring 12/31/2025. SA Barnaud suggested that commissioners let the contract expire and go back to rotation and gave his reasoning.

Recommendation from Building Committee to approve the proposal from G&R for pavements.

Motion by Batterman second by Brunner, to approve G&R (O'Conner Company) Proposal R240901-SD-341758 for \$33,045.00 to construct platforms on the roof. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

- Move of Audio/Video from the Commissioner's room to the Courtroom. Request made of Architectural Specialties. Capp will ask if audio/video move can be part of the Court Security Grant.
- Candidate Petitions can be taken out Friday, January 2, 2026. Capp also mentioned all offices that will be open.
- Building Maintenance position should be filled in the next week.
- Cleaning company began services December 29, 2025.

Motion by Kari, Second by Batterman to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

APPROVED: James Ager, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Auditor

# The Valley Irrigator

Wed. January 14, 2026

Serving Newell, Vale and Nisland Communities

## Vale Hosts 20th Annual Ag Appreciation Fair

**Robbi Longbrake**

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VALE—The little town of Vale was lively on January 7 as neighbors filled the Vale Community Hall for the 20th Annual Ag Appreciation Fair. Locals turned out in droves to visit with area ag businesses and celebrate the ag community.

“We have any kind of agriculture-based vendors come in and they make themselves known to the people around here.

And it’s a big appreciation event for the businesses, as well as the people around here

too that do business with us. So we gather everybody in one place,” explained Angie Hansen, Community Club Board President.

The vendor numbers were up over the previous year and so were the participation numbers. A free lunch was served that included pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans and mac & cheese along with desserts and drinks.

The meal is provided on behalf of the vendors. Hansen shared, “The vendor table fees go towards the meal—and thank God we have all the ladies back

in the kitchen helping make that all possible!”

A host of door prizes from businesses around the area were awarded throughout the event. A simple sign-up area, to enter attendees into the drawings, greeted everyone when they walked in the door. As a special fundraiser, the Vale Fire Department raffled off a Pit Boss pellet grill with all proceeds going to support the VFD. Radio station KBHB was on hand for the afternoon and broadcast live.

Vendors from a variety of business specialties lined the

Community Hall. Most anything one could need for their ag endeavors was on hand, from seeds to chemicals and finances to animals.

Information to help everyone out was available. Businesses on hand included: Midwest Meats, Butte Equipment, Belle Fourche River Watershed Partnership, Butte Conservation District, Wulf’s Metal Works & Rustic Design, Jenner Equipment, SD Stockgrowers, WRCTC, VIP Insurance Agency, Belle Valley Irrigation, Tastefully Simple, Vale Fire Dept., Edward Jones

Investments, Grossburg Implement, SoDak Application, Butte/Meade Sanitary Water District, Leber Ag, First National Bank, Casteel Auction & Real Estate Inc and Warne Chemical Co.

Hansen said the event was very successful and thanked everyone for coming out. Up next at the Vale Community Hall is a Pancake Feed. “Our next thing is in February—the last Sunday of February we’re having a pancake feed for everybody in the community and surrounding areas,” she said.



(Above) Community members visiting and exploring the vendor tables during the **Vale Ag Appreciation Fair**, (BL) KBHB Radio station broadcast live from the Vale Ag Appreciation Fair; (BR) **Vale Community Club** members fix and serve the free meal during the fair. Longbrake photos



**LEGISLATIVE CRACKER BARREL**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026 \* 9:30 AM**  
**NEWELL CITY HALL**  
 108 3RD STREET, NEWELL, SD 57760

Do you have questions or concerns you would like to talk to your representatives about?

*Legislative Cracker Barrels are held during the Annual SD Legislative Sessions (January—March) each year. This is an opportunity for community members to hear from their legislators and ask questions concerning the issue.*

**Refreshments will be served**

**This is sponsored by the Whatever It Takes Coalition**

Our Area Legislative Representatives who plan to be there:



NEW Representative Travis Ismay  
District 28B



NEW Representative Jana Hunt  
District 28A



RETURNING Senator Sam Marty  
District 28

Other local legislators from District 29 have also been invited and will come if able.

Go to <https://sdlegislature.gov> to see what bills are being presented, find the session schedule, locate your representatives/senators and learn about what is happening within the State of South Dakota.

**Come voice your concerns and THANK your Legislators for the work they are doing.**

*The Whatever It Takes Coalition is not affiliated with a political party, nor do we try to persuade you to vote one way or another. This is an educational program where you will receive information.*

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**NEWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Location: **Newell Christian Fellowship Church-308 4th St.**

Date: **Monday, February 2nd**

Time: **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by **W.I.T Coalition**

Scan the QR code or contact Sabrina Harmon at 605-381-9136 or [sabrina.harmon.wit@sdpilains.com](mailto:sabrina.harmon.wit@sdpilains.com).

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## Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This week started off with a beautiful day with a temperature of 51 degrees last Monday so I washed a pile of laundry to hang outside on the clothesline. They dried fast and smelled so good when I brought them back into the house to fold and put away.

It was supposed to snow on Tuesday so I didn't wash any clothes that day but I could have because the weather channel was wrong again. Reub and I drove to Scranton that evening to watch the Hettinger/Scranton Night Hawks play the Harding County Ranchers. Our granddaughter Acalia Olson plays on the Night Hawk team and we know most of the girls who play on the Harding County Ranchers team so we got to visit with a lot of friends at the game. We just love both teams so we cheered for all of the girls on either team that made a

basket.

It was another really warm day on Wednesday with a temperature of 54 degrees so I washed all the bedding off four beds so I could hang the sheets and pillow cases on the clothesline outside again. After we ate lunch, Reub and I took the Kubota over to the pasture across the highway at Coyote' Butte to cut up some more firewood in that beautiful weather. It was so warm that Reub had to take off his jacket to finish loading the wood on the side-by-side. That evening I watched DHS Secretary Kristi Noem speak on TV about the 37 year old paid protestor that tried to run over an ICE agent with her car in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After being struck by her car, the ICE agent shot and killed her before he was taken to the hospital. Kristi Noem was the governor in South Dakota before she was head of DHS and I knew her well. Kristi and I served four years in the South Dakota

legislature together before she won a seat in the federal House of Representatives before she became governor of South Dakota. Those riots against ICE in Minneapolis are horrible and I pray that our government is able to stop them quickly.

Missy and Amanda were helping Casey and Taz build a stockade by the south hay corral on Thursday when the weather was pretty nice and the twins were playing down there. Casey left that afternoon to take the Harding County boy wrestlers to Hettinger for the tournament on Friday and Saturday while the Harding County girls were going to Glenrock, Wyoming to wrestle on the same days. Taz fed the heifer calves and then he and Amanda and the kids went to Buffalo late that afternoon to watch the basketball games against McIntosh. I spent the evening on a ZOOM call with the SD Coalition of Counties to hear Austin Hoffman who is one of the guys running for Attorney General in South Dakota.

The weather cooled off on Friday and it snowed a little in the night but the snow was gone when Reub and I took both of our pickups to Hettinger to get my black one worked on so we missed the Harding County Stock-growers meeting and supper in Buffalo that day. We took a

vest up to Marvel Korang to have her put a new zipper in it. We got stuff from Runnings and White Drug where Reub gets his squeeze from his cousin Roxie Finck. We stopped in Reeder for coffee with the Prairie Pioneers on the way home and Larry Jackson had just returned from the burial service for Mason Conrad at the Haley Cemetery that afternoon. His wife Phyllis wasn't there because she was in Bismarck for Barb Wood's sister's funeral that afternoon.

I lost a dear relative this week: Barbara (Smith) Besler, a beloved pillar of the Besler family and a true daughter of the prairie, passed away peacefully on January 6. Barbara's funeral Service will be Thursday, January 15, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bison. Following a time of fellowship and lunch at the Grand Electric Community Hall, burial will follow at Rabbit Butte Cemetery near the Besler ranch on the Bixby road, southwest of Bison.

Kristi (Lensegrav) Birke-land, 55, of rural Dupree, beloved wife, Mom, daughter and a hard working rancher, passed away peacefully at her home with her family at her side on Saturday, January 10. Celebration of Kristi's life is tentatively set for Thursday, January 15, at the Dupree School.

Our sympathy goes out to these families

It snowed a little again on Saturday morning but after the weather warmed up to 34 degrees it all disappeared. It stayed chilly all day but without the wind it still felt pretty good. Grandpa Reub was helping Knox put together a carpenter project that Knox got for Christmas Saturday morning and Knox came home to eat lunch with us at noon. That afternoon they went back over to the shop to finish their project and River Lu and I were over there watching them put it together. Taz came up that evening to show Reub how to hook his TV up to the internet so he could watch the Packers football game because it wasn't on our satellite TV. We are blessed to have Taz and Amanda and their kids living next door and keeping an eye on us old people!

Reub and I went to the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church Sunday afternoon and met with a wonderful bunch of Christian people.

Walking across the creek the other day I found a penny laying in the road and that reminded me of what my Mom used to tell me. "Find a penny, pick it up, all day long have good luck." I guess that a penny is worth three cents instead of just one cent, so I guess I had good luck!

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

January 6, 1916

Carl Sundstrom is confined to his bed with the lagniappe. Mr. Johnson is caring for him. Charlie Wilson is also confined to his bed with lagniappe. His mother, who is in Rochester under the care of the Mayo Bros, is reported as getting along nicely.

At Woodfords' ladies sheep lined corduroy coat 40" long, with fur collar, quilted lining in sleeves. A coat such as this is worth \$12 for only \$7.

Mrs. Anna Grant and sons, Ralph and Ernest, came in from the R. B. White Ranch, on the Moreau, where they had been visiting during the holidays and took part in the New Year concert and dance, going to their home in Belle Fourche on Sunday. Ernest is a member of the Belle Fourche Band and assisted with the music. Maurice Briggs came over from Nisland to assist with the music at the band concert and dance.

January 7, 1926

William Marty was in Newell last night having returned this far from a visit with his family at Spearfish. He planned to drive to his ranch in Perkins County today, going by way of Cedar Canyon and Inland. The Castle Rock-Hoover Highway is said to be impassable for auto traffic. The auto will probably have an extended vacation now as the recent snow has drifted so as to make the road impassable for cars.

Last week 2 trucks arrived at the Colony Post Office and inquired of Postmaster Bragum. That they were trying to find Newell and that the guidebook said to take Highway No. 20 out of Belle Fourche, which they did. Mr. Bragum informs the newspaper that not less than 25 people have made the same mistake during the past year and have inquired of him the directions to Newell.



Dr. L. H. Dunn's winning sugar beet entered in Sly's Grocery Store Contest, December 1925. He won a \$2. prize.

Through a telegram, the local Irrigation District received here, the unwelcome news was launched on this community that the Bureau of Reclamation proposes to abandon the Belle Fourche Project. The first inkling of such a proposal came in the first printed copies of the Department of the Interior appropriations Bill, introduced on Monday in the House of Representatives. It also would authorize to appraise the buildings, machinery, equipment and all other property of whatsoever nature or kind appertaining to the Belle Fourche Project and to lease or sell at public auction or private sale. The proceeds from such sales shall be paid into the reclamation fund. If the Bill becomes law, it kills project as a government institution. Failure of settlers to pay Operation & Maintenance charges is a ground for the proposed abandonment. However, the Belle Fourche Irrigation District will continue to fight to secure required appropriations.

January 9, 1936

The Misses Mary The Lead and Deadwood Checker Clubs invite checker players of the West-River District to attend a tournament at Lead, February 6th, for the purpose of determining a West-River champion. Players wishing to enter are requested to write to Lee Washburn, Deadwood before February 1st. The Newell Club will convene to get in a few practice games soon.

Dr. Clark reports medical treatment at the Newell Hospital this week for George DeJaeger, of Hoover, who sustained facial lacerations and internal injuries when his car overturned and for David Richards, Jr. who injured his finger in a buzz saw while sawing

by Linda Velder

wood.

Three Basketball games were played in the Vale gymnasium last Friday, Hill City won from the Vale boys, 23 to 19; Vale then beat Newell and the 3rd game was a practice between the longs and the shorts, with the short boys winning.

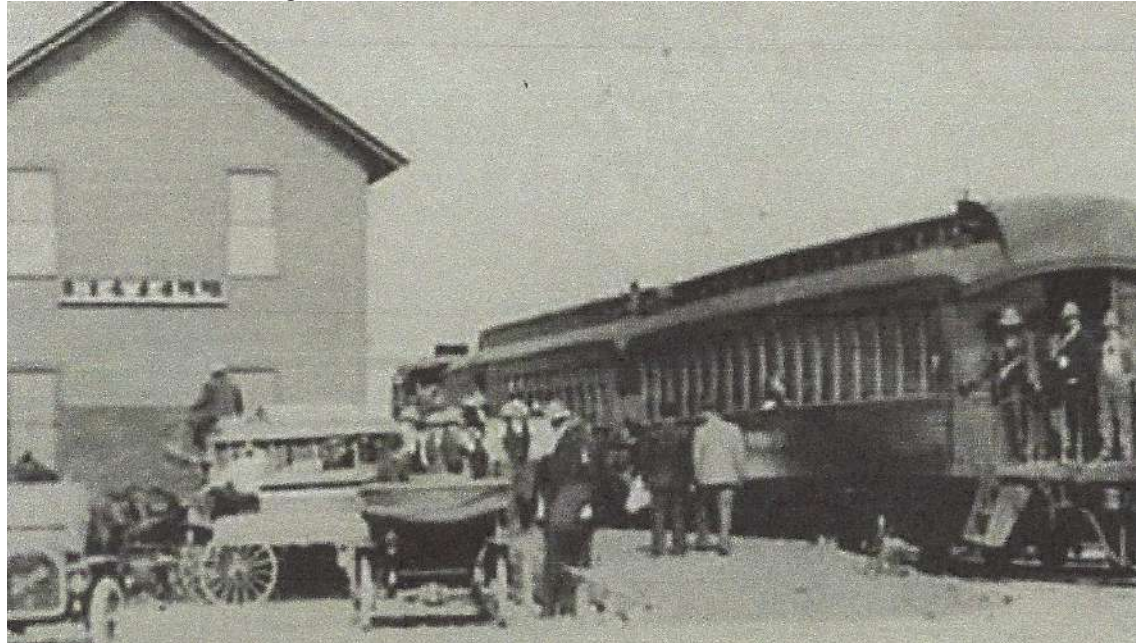
A large crowd from Willow Creek community attended the dance at the George Lickingteller home last Saturday evening. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves that another dance will be held Friday evening, January 10 at the Melvin Wester home

January 10, 1946

Chemical experiments cost Floyd VanAllen of Vale approximately \$50 when he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of planting poison without proper marking and within half mile of a highway. He appeared before County Judge Alex Rentto. Chester Dodds found one of VanAllen's poison traps on his father's farm near St. Onge. A.38 cartridge had been loaded with cyanide poisoning, hidden in a corn cob and stuck in a haystack. The shell exploded and poison struck Dodds, however he was not injured. VanAllen was practicing certain chemical theories and planning to use the coyote bounties for further construction of his experiments. In consideration of his co-operation in removing the traps, he was fined \$10 and costs of \$40.40.

Our city cousin stood in a field facing an ornery looking bull. "Is this bull safe?", he called to Farmer Joe nearby. "Darn sight safer than you are," drawled Uncle Joe.

Gambling equipment, including roulette wheels, dice, 21 tables and chips, was burned in the yard of the Meade County courthouse at



In Dec. 1925, W. E. Ross local C&NW RR engineer was promoted from the Newell to Deadwood run to engineer on the Rapid City to Deadwood run. They also stopped in Nisland and Belle Fourche.

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Sturgis by Sheriff Ted Donaldson. The equipment was confiscated when the North Star and Black Hawk Night Clubs were raided by State, Federal and County officers. Owners Morris Higgins of North Star and Gene Bangs of the Black Hawk were each fined \$500 and operators \$400 each apiece. Local violators are warned that a raid may be executed here.

January 12, 1956

The Rapid City Symphony, South Dakota's only municipally supported symphony, will present its annual concert Sunday at the Rapid City High School auditorium. The 50-piece orchestra, under direction of Arnold Rudd draws members from Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Hill City, Buffalo Gap, Newell, New Underwood and Buffalo. J. C. Brodsky, local accomplished violinist representing Newell, is first violin seat of the orchestra. Conductor Rudd promises a variety program geared to suit all musical tastes of all. Concert time is 3:30 PM and admission is free.

All officers of the Newell Volunteer Fire Department were re-elected and one new Trustee named at the annual business meeting held at the Skyroom of the Cove following their oyster stew supper Tuesday evening. Chief Tolgar Bekken, Assistant Chief Don Hafner, Secretary Loren Poole, Treasurer Sam Mickelson and Foreman Frank Hoffmeyer. Elected to a 3-year term as Trustee, succeeding Bekken, is Leland Barber, holdover Trustees include Russell Wilson and

James Glover.

Latest new establishment is a plumbing shop opened last week by Grover "Brownie" Breidenbach and Charles "Chuck" Week in the E. Moutka building on 3rd St. formerly occupied by Butte Electric Coop. Week moved to Newell from the Strool community with his family. Breidenbach is also a former north country resident, having been raised in Zeona area. He is married to the former LuVerne Miles, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Miles of Newell. The new firm will operate under the name of Breidenbach & Week Plumbing Co. They will engage in general plumbing work in addition to large stock of supplies and line of fixtures. Phone: Shop 4861 and Residence 4862.

January 13, 1966

Newell City is now winding up its rat eradication program at the city dump and is preparing to move its baiting operations into spots of reported infestations in town. The only known area of infestation, City Foreman Ed Lesselyoung reports, are a couple of old unoccupied buildings. Citizens who may have sighted such pests are urged to call Lesselyoung, so that the control program may be complete here. The bait boxes' holes are too small for cats or dogs to admit, so persons need not fear for their loss of pets. However, children should be warned to keep away from same.

The Jr. Girl Scouts of Troop 114 served hot chocolate and cookies to about 50 guests at their 12th Night Christmas tree burn Thursday evening. Cadette Scouts, Sr. Scouts and Boy Scouts were in attendance. Songs were enjoyed around a large fire of discarded trees. Kathy Wood, Cadette Scout and Scout Monte Richards were picked as the first King and Queen of what the Scouts hope will be an annual event.

Ten members of the Tot'n'Twenty Club met at the home of Mrs. Bob Donaldson with roll call: A Sewing Hint. Plans were made for the club's annual Valentine Party with spouse or companion as guests. A book report on "Black Like Me" was given by Mrs. Lawrence Bentz. and a report on "Unwed Mothers" by Mrs. John Bentz Jr. Lunch was served by the

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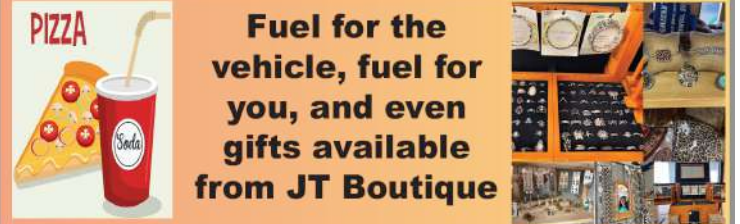
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5) Egg Bites, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk  Chicken Nachos, Black Beans, Corn, Fruit, Milk	6) Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk  Meal in a Peel, Ham, Broccoli, Cheese, Fruit, Milk	7) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Pulled Pork on Flatbread, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	8) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chili Dogs on Bun, Corn, Fruit, Milk	9) Egg Patties, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk  Chicken & Noodles, Corn Pudding, Fruit, Milk
12) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Country Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	13) Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	14) Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Biscuit, Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Milk	15) Quiche, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Veggie Pizza Wrap, Carrot Salad, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	16) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
19) French Toast, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Walking Tacos, Corn, Fruit, Milk	20) Pancakes. Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Salisbury Steaks, Bread Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	21) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Tater Tot Casserole, Fruit, Milk	22) Tornadoes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	23) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
26) Croissant Sandwiches, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Spanish Rice, Black Beans, Fruit, Milk	27) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Fajita Casserole, Corn, Black Beans & Rice, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	28) Egg Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Fruit, Milk	29) Cheesy Eggs, Cereal, Juice Fruit, Milk  Beef & Potato Bake, Roasted Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	30) <b>NO SCHOOL</b>



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