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School Board Reviews Planning Goals

Improved security, air conditioning among priorities in short term

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During its regular board meeting on Monday night Dec. 10th, School Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard reviewed with the school board the proposed long-range facilities plan for the district.

The plan is still a work in progress and is separated into a 1-5 year plan and a 5-10 year plan.

In the short range plan the proposal calls for upgrading security cameras at the elementary and middle schools and renovating and modernizing the bathrooms at the elementary, middle and high schools.

In the near term for the elementary schools, the plan calls for installation of air conditioning at South Park Elementary with funding for that project being setup. Also reconfiguring the South Park playground, adding playground equipment and a greenway, an effort that has already received a \$5,000 grant. Also at South Park the plan calls for adding lockers to the 3rd and 4th grade wings. Currently there are 411 students at South Park and 137 at North Park Elementary.

The short-term facility upgrades for the Belle Fourche Middle School call for completing plans for the redesign and remodeling of the Central



GROWING AG CAREERS - Part of the school district's long range planning includes the possible addition of a greenhouse on the recently purchased property adjacent to the new Career Technology Education (CTE) center. The greenhouse would serve the agricultural sciences curriculum offerings through the CTE.. -Beacon Photo

Offices, including establishing a permanent board room. Also, plans would call for the possible up-grading of the Middle School football and soccer complex to include lights, improvements to the playing surface, bleachers and a concession stand.

In the 1-5 year plan for the high school the proposal would continue renovations to the main building including the library and media area. It would also call for the removal of the buildings on the land recently purchased next to the Career & Technical Education (CTE) center with the possibility of building a greenhouse facility to further the ag science curriculum. In addition \$60,000 would be earmarked at some point to

upgrade welding equipment. The former welding area at the high school would be remodeled for STEM classes.

The 5-10 year plans for the elementary schools could include adding a quad-classroom area and renovating the south end of South Park. For the Middle School, long-range planning could include adding additional parking east of the gymnasium and hiring an architect for designing an addition to the gym with locker rooms and storage and an auditorium theater. The high school long-range facility plan would begin looking at acquiring land for future expansion and parking, adding air conditioning and finishing remodeling of the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Both are subject to modification and changes.

Also during the meeting Superintendent Willard reviewed the challenges and initiatives that came out of the recent board retreat. Goals included continuing an anti-vaping campaign, making security improvements district-wide, improving the phone system and technology infrastructure, funding for a school resource officer, growing the STEM program and continuing to expand the offerings at the CTE.

The board also approved by consent the second reading of the district's modified bullying policy and reviewed issues coming up in the January SD legislative session that relate to local education.

SD Athletes Leave their Mark at the NFR

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LAS VEGAS - They may have been a small contingent but they made a positive impression on the 2018 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. The three South Dakota contestants each had their moment in the spotlight during the event.

Leading the way was Jessica Routier, Barrel Racer from Buffalo, SD. The Harding County mother of five entered the WNFR in 8th place in the world standings and by the time the 10th round totals were in she had moved all the way up to second place.

Not bad for her first ever trip to the big show. "My horse Missy and I just seemed to get along so well and that made all the difference," said the unflappable Routier.

Routier finished in the money in seven of the ten rounds, finishing second three times. If she hadn't missed a barrel in round 8, her only miscue, she would have won the average. As it was, she finished second in the average and all told, added \$143,000 to her season earnings. That moved Routier from 8th to 2nd in the final World Standings. The 2018 Champion was Hailey Kinsel, who was

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BFSD Activities Director Retiring



Clay Anderson

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After nearly three decades with the Belle Fourche School District, Activities Director Clay Anderson will be leaving the position after the school year ends.

Anderson submitted his letter of resignation to the school board at their regular meeting on Monday night Dec. 10th. He is electing for early retirement. "I am a proud member of

this community and extremely grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the Belle Fourche School District the past 27 years," his letter stated. "It has been a privilege to work together with so many caring board members, professional educators and people within the community."

School Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard said a search for Clay's replacement will begin in January.

RP Minerals Closes on Property

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BELLE FOURCHE - Dr. Ahmed Rasheed of Alexandria, Egypt was in Belle Fourche Thursday December 13 to sign documents to take over ownership of the former Black Hills Fiberglass plant three miles north on US Hwy 85.

Rasheed, Managing Director of IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals said he is excited to be in Belle Fourche and begin the task of converting the facility.

IDIC stands for International Development and Investment Company.

The company is a partnership that includes Dr. Rasheed's two brothers and two sisters.

The company was established in 2004, as the 5th production facility run by the Rasheed's RP Minerals.

The four previous facilities specialize in the mining and processing of bentonite and barite minerals, for use in several applications.

IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals specializes in minerals processing only and produces several grades of organoclays and organolignites for use in oil-based drilling fluids.

The company was successful in manufacturing such products using a new/more economical method of processing



NEW PLANT - RP Minerals has closed the deal. Dr. Ahmed Rasheed is shown signing documents at Black Hills Title, Belle Fourche, Closing Agent, Nichole O'Brien (left) and Black Hills Team Realtor, Renee Bisgaard at the Dec. 13th closing.

that allows consistent quality products.

"Our intention is to establish IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals LLC in South Dakota, and re-purpose the facility for the production of organo-lignite products."

The work to realign the plant could take up to year, but when completed may create as many as 25 jobs.

EZ Fabrication and Welding, the local company that helped bring RP Minerals to Belle will help with the erection of equipment and other related tasks.

The project is more complicated than construction, and involves an IDIC Engineering team and several US equipment manufacturers.

As Dr. Rasheed stated, "we are planning, God Willing, to build the World's most advanced and environmental friendly facility. So certainly there is some level of complexity in the project, as well as novel methods of production."

It is worth noting that Dr. Rasheed is also working on filing a patent that will be utilized in this facility for the first time.

The addition of the Belle facility will co-op with market expansion and aid in opening new markets. Belle is well located to serve the Western Hemisphere requirements, as well as part of the Eastern, as current plants are running at near full capacity in Egypt.

Holiday Open House



JACKSON DENTAL hosted a Holiday open house at their offices at 503 Jackson Street. The Christmas cheerful doctors, John Jackson, Christopher Jackson, Jonathan Krum, and their smiling family and staff are wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bronc All-State Senior Signs With Northwestern



College Bound - Belle Fourche's Molly Ryan, seated, signed a HS National Letter of Intent to play college soccer at Northwestern University in Orange City, Iowa on Monday. Her coach Kyle Parks looks on. Molly was a First-team All-state selection for BFHS this past season. -Courtesy Photo

A Christmas Eve Memory

With Christmas Eve approaching, it provides us an opportunity to reflect on a very special benefactor of St. Paul's church in Belle Fourche.

Monsignor James P. Walsh died 50 years ago, Christmas Eve, 1968. He served this parish for nearly 40 years and oversaw an expansion in members and buildings. Born in 1893 in Pennsylvania, ordained in Baltimore in 1921 and for the next nine years was pastor in White River.

Father Walsh arrived in Belle Fourche in July, 1930 with 23 registered families in St. Paul's. The church was old, needed paint, the yard bare earth and weeds. Father came from a family of successful business people, he having studied business and finance in college. With this background, he undertook restoration of

the building. His arrival was shortly after members of the Ku Klux Klan had held a national conclave here, drought and the depression were to come. Yet this determined easterner, of small stature, managed to move mountains.

Father worked with the welfare department, a social worker that helped people to stand, but to also stand alone. Appointed by the governor, he was named relief director for Butte, Harding, Meade and Lawrence counties from 1923 to 1938. A commendation from the United States government was extended to him for the sale of savings bonds and a Treasury award for patriotic service for

the World War II efforts. This gracious man helped our entire area through the depression and the War.

Needing more space, he sought donations to build a church addition. The Belle Fourche paper called the remodeled place of worship, dedicated in 1940, a monument to Father Walsh: "a plucky pastor with a plucky congregation." Father paid the work crew, all protestant but one, ten cents over the going wage.

Father was elevated to the office of Monsignor in 1963. A new church building was then underway. In 1962, Father Lawrence Walsh was assigned as assistant pastor, helping implement Vatican II. Monsignor was still there to oversee the construction project. The budget called for cement block interior walls but Monsignor would not allow that and footed the bill to have the walls lined with bricks. The new building was dedicated in 1964.

As his health deteriorated, he moved to a home care facility where he died on Christmas Eve, 1968. It was like the poem, "I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year". As the final act of charity and love to St. Paul's parish, his life insurance and estate paid off all remaining debt on the building. As a tribute, the local Knights of Columbus are the Msgr. James P. Walsh Council.

IT'S FATHER WALSH'S DAY
Originally published in *The Daily Belle Fourche Post* June 19, 1946.

Residents of the Tri-State area will pay their final respects Saturday morning to Rt. Rev. Msgr. James P. Walsh, 75, Belle Fourche Catholic priest for almost 40 years, who died Tuesday afternoon at Memorial Hospital in Spearfish.

Msgr. Walsh had been in failing health for some time and had been residing at the Dorsett Home in Spearfish for the past few months.

Most Rev. William T. McCarty, C.S.S.R., Bishop of the Diocese of Rapid City, will officiate at the con-celebrated funeral mass for Msgr. Walsh at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Catholic Church here. Rosary services will be held at 7:30 p.m. this evening at St. Paul's church and the body will be in state at the church from 3 p.m. today to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in St. Paul's cemetery under direction of the Frost and Son Funeral Home.

Msgr. Walsh had not only

served the local parish for almost 30 years, but had been active in community service in his younger years.

Msgr. James P. Walsh was born March 10, 1893, at Archibald, Pa., son of Irish-American parents. He grew up in the East and attended St. Bonaventure University at Allegany, NY and Mt. Mary's at Emmitsburg, MD.

On June 12, 1921 he was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Lead (now the Diocese of Rapid City) and for 10 years served in the White River area. He came to Belle Fourche in 1930 and has served the local parish since that time.

Two years after his arrival in Belle Fourche, Msgr. Walsh was appointed by Gov. Tom Berry to serve as relief director for Butte, Harding, Meade and Lawrence counties. It was a position he held through the depression years until 1938.

He took an active interest in

Belle Fourche. He has been a part of Belle Fourche since that date.

Naturally, his church will pay tribute to him on the 25th anniversary of his priesthood. And all Belle Fourche will salute him as well. In fact, the community has been watching for an opportunity to tell the pastor how much it appreciates him. Father Walsh makes it pretty clear that he dislikes personal show in any form. But an anniversary - that's different.

A churchman has fulfilled his obligation to himself and his vows if he serves his church well. Father Walsh has done that. One needs no other proof than the structure that today houses St. Paul's parish. There it stands - perfection in architecture. In setting, a spot of pride for the whole area.

When James P. Walsh came to this church in 1930, the building was old and in need of paint; the yard was an expanse of bare earth and weeds. He began at the heart of the church - the people who worship there. Consequently, when the new structure was dedicated on that lot it was but the symbol of the inner strength.

This accomplishment should be enough for any churchman. But not for Father Walsh.

The whole community has been his responsibility. Civic clubs, community drives, institutions and obligations, have all felt the pull of his personality. The sound of his brisk step at the door of any local committee has been a welcome note. His appearance has meant enthusiasm for the cause, clear thinking on the issues, loyalty and unflagging effort. Nothing less than the best possible solution has ever satisfied him in any situation.

Father Walsh has been a social worker as well as priest. His early training in social service has been augmented through the years by daily work with people, until he stands today an authority on personal rehabilitation, recognized throughout the state by both church and civic organizations.

He has the curative desire in his work with people. He is not satisfied with merely helping an unfortunate person to stand; he must teach that person to stand alone, as well. Men of all types have sought him for aid in spiritual rebuilding. He has gone to the doors of death with many who have never stepped across the threshold of his church. Throughout the state honor has been paid this man on numerous occasions for his welfare work, for his service as a war financial. But in Belle Fourche community, we've had to wait for this anniversary for a chance to put into words what Father Walsh has meant to all of us in a personal way.



civic affairs and received special commendations from the United States Government on two occasions - a silver medal for his direction of the sale of savings bonds, and a treasury award for patriotic service from 1911 to 1945. That award was signed by president Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He was elevated to the office of monsignor in March of 1963 by the late Pope John XXIII.

The new St. Paul's Catholic church was dedicated in 1964 thru the efforts and guidance of Msgr. Walsh.

When he came to Belle Fourche the priest headed a parish that numbered but 50 persons. That parish has grown to over 1000.

Msgr. Walsh is survived by three sisters and a brother.

Rites Saturday for Msgr. James Walsh

Originally published in *The Belle Fourche Bee*, December 27, 1968

Rev. James P. Walsh marks today the 25th Anniversary of his first mass, celebrated at St. Thomas church, Archibald, Pa., a week after his ordination.

On July 1, he came to White River, in this state, his first church, and in July, 1930, to

Obituaries

Betty J. Eixenberger 90

Betty J. Eixenberger, age 90 of Spearfish, died Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6:30pm Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Following, there

will be a Wake Service held at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am Thursday, December 20th, 2018 at St.

Paul's Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com

Betty Jean Dyke was born September 2, 1928 in Meadow, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Irwin and Genevieve "Gladys" (Munyon) Dyke.

Later, the family moved to Lemmon SD. Betty had a childhood that was filled with challenges and numerous hardships. At the age of 8, following the death of her mother, Betty was orphaned. More than one person helped her get through those difficult years. They included the Clois-



tered Sisters of the Benedictine Order for several years. At the age of 16, Betty moved to Sturgis where she lived at the St. Martin Academy. There, her future mother-in-law, Marion Eixenberger, supervised her and Betty graduated from high school. It was there that Betty met Edward Eixenberger and they were married at the St. Martin Chapel. To this union, 9 children were born. Following their marriage, they lived in Oshoto, WY for a short time before moving to Belle Fourche where Edward worked for LP Larson and Baroid.

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LEVERINGTON FUNERAL HOME OF THE NORTHERN HILLS

John "Trigger" Kymala 59

Spearfish | John L. Kymala, 59, passed away Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Black Hills FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

During This Christmas Season

Most people are feeling merry
But some are feeling blue.
All over the world, it's Christmastime.
May there be some joy and hope for you.

Some grieve the loss of a loved one.
Others have pain of another kind.
But Christmas can bring peace and hope,
Because God has you on His mind.

So we hope you feel God's love.
We hope your faith is renewed.
We hope you feel some hope and joy.
May God bless you through and through!

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas!

LEVERINGTON FUNERAL HOME OF THE NORTHERN HILLS
Mark & Donna Leverington
CHURCH
BELLE FOURCHE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Left to right: Brady, Michael, Deb, Mark, Jessica and Luke Leverington

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Belle Fourche Church Schedules

<p>BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH 1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche 605-569-8380 Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM Bob Davis, Pastor</p> <p>BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY 1/2 Mile east on hwy 34 · 210-1374 Kenny Riley, pastor Sunday: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Friday: 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 2020 Vista St · 892-4767 Paul Howard, Pastor Clay Conry, Associate Pastor Sunday Long Term Care Service 8:45 p.m. Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 1105 Todd St. Brad Buchholz, Bishop Sunday: 9 a.m. Sacrament Meeting 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Priesthood meeting Wednesday: young men, young women and girl scouts</p> <p>EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC) 902 Lawrence St. · 723-6899 Andy Anderson, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service</p> <p>CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC) 613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche (605)-210-2150 Pastor Stephen Carson Worship Pastor Ashton Rone Sunday: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST 807 8th Ave. · 892-4178 Pastor Tim Smith Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Bible Study</p> <p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC 717 Jackson St. · 892-3402 Pastor Del Neumeister Sunday: 9:35 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH PO Box 46, 200 Dartmouth Ave. Newell 605-456-2767 Worship: 9 a.m. Wednesday afternoon children's time during the school year, 3:45-5:15</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 901 Laurel St. Whitewood (605)-920-1959 Reverend Jill Jennewein Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult and Teen Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (ABA) · 2.2 miles east on Hwy 34 723-1092 Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service</p> <p>NEW COVENANT PCA 1140 Ames St. Spearfish 642-1122 Luke Bluhm, Pastor Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST 5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167 Thomas Pruetz - Minister Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class</p> <p>NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356 Pastor Doug Clark Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH 1701 Hwy 212, Newell Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.</p> <p>RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH Alzada, MT Sunday: Worship: 10:00am Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor</p> <p>SALVATION ARMY OF THE NORTHERN HILLS 120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish 605-642-0924 Envoys: Tim and Peggy North Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: 11 a.m. Worship Nursery available</p>	<p>ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL 6th and Roundup · 892-2446 The Rev. Evelyn Weaver The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Learning and Discovery Study</p> <p>ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Del Neumeister, Pastor Sunday School and Worship at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH 834 6th Ave., Belle Fourche Msgr. Michael Woster, Pastor Fr. John Paul Trask, As.Pastor Mass Times Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: 7:30 am. Friday: 12:15 p.m. followed by Adoration with 2pm Benediction 4th Friday of the month @Belle Fourche Nursing Home: 10:30 a.m. Saturday confession 2-3 p.m.</p> <p>ST. JAMES LUTHERAN 110 Stanley · 723-3923 Sunday: 9am Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship Wed: 1:15 - after school 7th-8th grade confirmation 4 p.m. Thurs. Pray Without Ceasing 10am Friday: 7 a.m. Lutheran Men in Missions, Belle Inn Saturday: 5 p.m. Worship</p> <p>SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Seventh and Summit 892-4630 or 892-4389 Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Kidz Church Immediately Following Wednesday: September - May 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)</p> <p>UNITED METHODIST 1804 Seventh Ave. · 892-2405 www.bellefourcheumc.com Bob Duemig, Pastor Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship Following 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Wednesday: 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. - Bible Study</p> <p>VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY CHURCH Pastor Darla Dunn 402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788 Service Sunday: 10 a.m. 605-210-0512</p>
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Join Us!

We cordially invite you to join us at our annual meeting
January 9, 2019

Location: Branding Iron Banquet Room
Social: 5-6 p.m.
Dinner: 6 p.m.

Meeting to follow with election for three board of directors seats.
 Each 2019 membership has one vote in the election.

Special guest speaker,
Joe Bartmann, President
Dakota Resources
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Belle Fourche Development Corporation

RSVP's to Hollie Stalder
 ~ 605-892-5065

Living Nativity Draws Large Crowd



The Belle Fourche United Methodist Church Living Nativity was held Sunday night December 9. This was the largest attendance in the more than twenty years this event has taken place. The Methodist Church family along with youth and children from St. James Lutheran Church of Belle Fourche and others from the community dressed in costume for the outdoor scenes. Adult readers told the story of Christ's birth at the vignettes on the lighted path around the church. Live animals were also part of the scenes. Treats and warm drinks were served inside the church as beautiful Christmas music was played by Chris Davis and Rod Garnett from Spearfish. *Courtesy photos*



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Betty was a devoted wife and mother and she was a caregiver to many. She always made sure there was food on the table and she learned how to sew and make clothing. She took in boys from Sky Ranch and retired veterans. The house was always full of activity. She also enjoyed dance classes and traveling later in life. Recently, she celebrated her 90th birthday in style with over 150 friends and family. It meant so much to Betty to see everyone there.

Betty will be remembered for being a good woman who was generous and faithful to her God. She lived out her faith and was an example for many. She was an active participant in Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, Bible studies where she

made many good friends, she taught Catechism, where adults today especially remember her advent wreath kits she made for every student, Marriage Encounter, and Search. She supported Right To Life, EWTN, Bella, Wounded Warriors, and ERTZ. Betty was ready to begin her next journey after living this earthly life. She was more than ready to meet her family who have gone on before her, but most important to her, was to be with her Lord.

Betty is survived by her sons, Thomas (Sandra) of Spearfish, Timothy (Sonia) of Mattapoisset MA, Michael of Mount Vernon VA; daughters, Margaret Koch of Rapid City, Mary (David) Klein of Spearfish, Linda (Mark) Crabill of Holton KS, Elizabeth (Scott) Higbee of

St. Paul MN, Laurie (Bradley) Brunner of Vale SD; 26 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren and 3 on the way. Also there are 5 great great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; infant son; daughter, LaDonna Carbajal; 2 grandsons; brothers, Jack, Pat, and Fred Dyke; and sister, Dorothy Hassert.

May God Bless the Memory of Betty Eixenberger.

Small Business Management Project



The Belle Fourche High School graphic design class, with BHSU Students (back row from left) Sara Becker, Jacob Iverson, Theodore Bergmann, and Rebekah Ruby (far right).

By Rebekah Ruby

Offered through Black Hills State University, a course called Small Business Management allows students to begin their entrepreneurial ventures. A group of five student including: Rebekah Ruby, Sara Becker, Theodore Bergmann, Jacob Iverson, and Chase Smith began the BHSU T-Shirt group. Raising money, advertising for local business, and promoting Black Hills State University demon-

strated the values and purposes of this group. Through the creation of t-shirts with the donations from the sponsors and much help from Mrs. Bastian's graphic design class, the values of BHSU T-Shirt's succeeded.

The creation of fundraising t-shirts with local businesses as the sponsors so that money could be raised to give to local charities became the sole purpose of the BHSU T-Shirt group. BHSU T-Shirt group

decided to donate their profits evenly amongst two charities, 'Kids and Cops' Christmas Program and Toys for Tots. This group wanted to spread Christmas joy to the children of our community. Not only did they raise money for the community and make t-shirts but they took full advantage of the opportunity to learn about becoming an entrepreneur.

Chamber Report
 From Chamber Director Gary Wood
It's a Tradition!



1911 CHAMBER BOARD - Front row - M.W. Butts, Jim Noble, V. Bernard, T.H. Gay, L.M. Simons. Back row - M.J. Smiley, H.O. Cooley (Sec.), S.G. Mortimer (Pres.), F.S. Harris - *Courtesy file photo*

The membership of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce continues its 107 year tradition of nominating and voting on new candidates to represent them on the Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. This historic photo is of the very first Chamber board in 1911. Recognize any of those last names? A couple of them you can still find on historic buildings in town. Through this and perhaps in less visible ways, their legacy and passion for Belle Fourche lives on.

This past week the tradition continued with three new board members voted in by the membership to replace those that are rotating off after fulfilling their terms. We had another great slate of five candidates. The three elected, in a very close election, were Alex Doyle, salesperson for Scott Peterson Motors; Cindy Giacometto of Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors; Matt Moore of CBH Feed & Ag Services. They replace outgoing board members Annie Reich of Black Hills Energy Corp; Boyce Simons of Kalitta Air; Blain Wall from 8th Avenue Bakery.

Our new members join our current board of: Vice President - Deb McCart - The Olive Branch; Vice President - Kelly Milliken - Wells Fargo; McKenzie Hennessey -

Keller-Williams Realty; Nancy Cole - D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery & Archives; Deb Leverington - Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills; Brian Franke - Hersruds of Belle Fourche; Hollie Stalder - Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp; and Travis Martin - Black Hills Title/Councilman, City of Belle Fourche.

We appreciate all those that have been willing to serve over the years as Chamber Board members and welcome our newest members to a long list of those from the business community who have volunteered their time on the board. Those of you that are reading this and have been a past board member, thank you. Some of you I know and the majority I do not but that doesn't mean you're forgotten. Take this as a hearty thank you for your dedication to the Chamber and our business community.

We look forward to continuing the tradition of the Chamber of Commerce of putting Belle Fourche and its business community first into 2019 and beyond. We are sure that these three new board members will help us in that effort.

Continuing another great tradition, we at the Chamber of Commerce and our members wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Belle Fourche Community Calendar

<p>Wednesday - 19</p> <p>Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp Meeting 7am, 5th & Grant Plaza</p> <p>Friday - 21</p> <p>Angel Store 5pm, BF United Methodist Church</p> <p>Chamber Early Bird Networking & Coffee 7:30am, Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Merry Christmas from South Side Conoco</p> <p>Tuesday - 25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Belle Fourche Community Christmas Dinner 11am, Community Hall</p>	<p>Wednesday - 26</p> <p>Legal Finance Meeting 5:15pm, City Hall</p> <p>Public Works Meeting 6pm, City Hall</p> <p>If you would like to see a community event in the calendar, please email News@BelleFourcheBeacon.com.</p>
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NEW BOARD MEMBERS - (From left) Cindy Giacometto - Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors; Alexandra Doyle - Scott Peterson Motors; Matt Moore - CBH Feed & Ag Services - *Courtesy photos*





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Yoer frend Ryker B.

Dear Santa,
I need new pants. And I need a new blankit ples. How do your render fly?
Sinserte, Jaxen B

Dear Santa.
I ned shues. I want a drt-bik. Thank you!
Sincerely, Dominic

Dear Santa.
I ned new pants. I want to LOL dols. How is Rodolf?
Charlie M.

Dear Santa,
I want a peano so I can tack lesins so my mon will be prest with me. I ned sum new socks. How ar the ran-deer doween?
Love you Kimber M.

Dear Santa.
I ned fod sow I can be strongist. I wont new vido gams and a pilo. Thac you!
Sincerely, Radley

Dear Santa.
I ned a noo pillow. I wat a micorfon that repets the song I sing. How are you doing and the elfs doing and the rander?
Love you Max C.

Dear Santa,
I need a new hard pillo. Myn is to soft! I want to see you ples. Hoo are you? How are you're elfs dow-ing? How is Miss Klos doing? Thank you for the presints!
Sincerely Lux K.

Dear Santa,
I ned a buncbed! I want one LOL dolls makeup. How is yor elfs doing? I love you Santa!
Sincerely, Kynlee W.

Dear Santa,
I need a new pelow. I want a gitar. And do you hav good elfs? I do hop you hav a good day.
Sincerely Gwendolyn K.

Dear Santa,
I need a new pilo. Min is to hard. I want a rimot cine-tol smal picup! How are you doing?
Love you, Jace H.

Dear Santa,
I need soks beakas I'm running out. I want new books beakas I like to rite. How are your randeer doing?
Love you! Sincerely Ember O.

Dear Santa
I ned sum tofpast. I want a cabin. Wut dus misis clos do? Thanc you for bein you.
Sincerely Brax H.

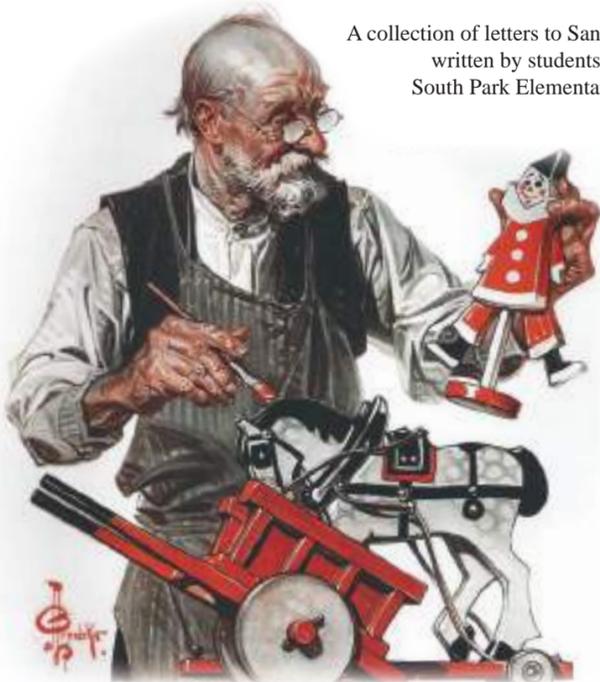
Dear Santa,
I need sum soocs becus I'm running out evre day. I want a toy Avenins set. I am asking you how the randeer are?
I love you,
Lawrence W.

Dear Santa,
I wat a bat cav for chris-mas. And I need food to mak me hellthey. How are your rander? Thank you.
Sincerely Devyn P.

Dear Santa,
I need now socks. I want a now stocing. How are you and the elfs and the ran-deare doing?
I love you Santa!
Sincerely, Cale M.

NOTES TO THE NORTH POLE...

A collection of letters to Santa, written by students at South Park Elementary.



Dear Santa,
I need socks so thay ceep my feet warm. I want a reel peeano. How are you doing? How are your rander doing?
Sincerely Gracelynn W.

Dear Santa,
I need some new close and more pears of shose. I want a dirt bike and my room to be a acwayrium. How are you and the reindeer doing?
Your freind,
Braxten H.

Dear Santa,
I need now mittins. I want 2 stuf cats. How are you and your elfs doing?
I love you. Sincerely Leah J.

Dear Santa,
I want a new gun. And need a safety gear. And how do your randeer fly?
Thank you Santa!
Love Iver

Dear Santa,
I want a fone. I need sum sox. Do you sleep at nite?
Thank You,
Love Paityn

Dear Santa,
I want a new puppy. I need new snow boots. What do you do in the summer?
Thank you,
Love Berklee

Dear Santa,
I want my own viteo game. And I need new undwair. Thak you and wat do you do in the sumr?
Love Kasen

Dear Santa,
I want a brir hors. I need new shoes. How do your rander fli?
Thank you,
Love Layla

Dear Santa,
I want a Big unacorn. I need mitens! Thank you Santa for getting us stuf.
Love Natalie

Dear Santa klaz,
I want legos. I need gloves. Do you have magick?
Thank you santa,
Love Davyn

Dear Santa!
I need new Snow pants. I want 5 stuf anamls. How do your rander fly?
Thank you!
Love Hayden.

Dear Santa,
I need new sno bos. I want my on citin. Wat do you do in the sumr?
Thank you Santa,
Love Lil

Dear Santa,
I wold like a puppy and a santa! I like your Dre! How do you fli?
Love Tanner

Dear Santa,
I want rechol crar. I need new hat. Wi do you rit a lis fram wat and nis?
Thank you
Love Zoey

Dear Santa,
I would want three toy snips or you can kol thm snipr Nrf gun. Your elf got my gun he amd it at my gun toy!
Love Noah

Dear Santa,
I would like a alomack. I like your sla. How do you ster your sla?
Love Allygan

Dear Santa,
How do you now how to fli? I wold like a ot wel ples?
Love Quentin

Dear Santa,
Please can you git me a babeblav. I like your beb. How do you git up?
Luv Mahayla

Dear Santa,
I like your sla. How do you ster.
Love Rachel

Dear Santa,
I ned a dres and I want a wiley lit blue jroon. How long hav you bin dlivring presins?
Sincerely, Jeselyn C.

Dear Santa,
I want Legos. I need collrd shets. What do you do in the sumr?
Thank you Love Ben

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and a mot oichol pleri rasr.
Your frend Aydan

Dear Santa,
I ned a woo pes four. I wont a toy montster truk. How are your rander dowing?
Sincerely Cayden M.

Dear Santa,
I want a applewach. I need gluvs. What do your ran-deer do in the summr?
Love Cade Thank You.

Dear Santa,
I want a bolbrb. I need a now tv. Do you mac presis?
Thank.
Love Esikwe

Dear Santa,
I want a bolbrb. I need a now tv. Do you mac presis?
Thank.
Love Esikwe

Deer Santa,
I want a donut. I need a bfandroy cat. How do for us at her? Thank you,
Love Jaden

Dear Santa
I ned sum gloves. I wat a fliing taruodt. Wat do you do in the sumr. Thank you. Love Dridyn

Broncs Win Two in Stateline Shootout

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

After trailing for the first 25 minutes of the contest, Belle Fourche came alive at the right time in the fourth quarter to sneak away with a 58-55 victory of Newcastle in day two of the Stateline Shootout on Saturday December 15th.

Newcastle used a 12-0 first-quarter run to jump out in front 19-7 just seven minutes into the game, but Belle Fourche shot well enough during the first half to stay within striking distance and eventually the Broncs hit their shots after what their coach said was a more patient approach. "We really just started making those hustle plays that brought energy to the team (in the second half)," Belle Fourche head coach Clay Pottorff said.

"But with that hustle it also calmed us down at the same point where we got that second chance on offense and we didn't rush into a shot."

Trailing 30-23 at the break, the Broncs were clawing their way back in the third quarter when Belle Fourche senior Chandler Kerr took a pass at the free throw line on a fast break and slammed home a dunk to energize the hometown crowd with 30 seconds left in the period.

"He (Kerr) has been throwing them down in practice," Pottorff said. "He's been up there but he's never brought it down with that much force in traffic. I

think that maybe got us excited and led to those hustle plays and playing hard."

Kelby Olson hit a fadeaway jumper at the buzzer in the third quarter to bring Belle Fourche within one, 41-40, with one quarter left to play.

Tate Hostetter's basket 90 seconds into the fourth quarter gave the Broncs their first lead of the game, 42-41. From there, Belle Fourche hit just enough threes and free throws (including a pair on a Newcastle technical foul with just over a minute left) to preserve the win, their third of the year (3-1). Kerr's 11 points led Belle Fourche while Tate Fox scored 10. Also for the Broncs, Hostetter scored nine points, Olson scored eight, and Colby Nowowiejski added seven. Belle Fourche was 18-37 from the free throw line (49%), Newcastle's Dylan Tidyman scored a game-high 23 points.

Belle Fourche also won the JV contest by a final of 60-25. Keaten Benson led the way for the Broncs with 11 points while Colby Nowowiejski and Brextin Garza added 10 points apiece.

Belle Fourche defeated Sundance 68-55 in a physical game that saw 49 total fouls called on day one of the Stateline Shoot.

Thirty-one of those 49 fouls belonged to the Broncs, who used their deep bench to keep anyone from being in serious jeopardy of fouling out.

"Just like our balanced scoring

we had balanced fouling," head coach Clay Pottorff deadpanned after the game. "That's an asset of depth - we can bring in some guys without dropping down in talent level too much."

Junior Kelby Olson and senior Tate Hostetter each nailed a pair of three-pointers in the first quarter to give the Broncs a 20-8 lead that they would never relinquish.

"There was an emphasis of playing hard tonight but now we've got to learn how to play hard without fouling," Pottorff said. "After taking a 53-35 lead into the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs started to close the gap, but Belle Fourche made just enough shots to never let their lead close to single digits."

The Broncs saw 30 of their 68 points come via the three-point-er, with Hostetter (16 points, four threes), Chandler Kerr (16 points, three threes), and Olson (10 points, two threes). "It's a tricky line shooting as many threes as we do," Pottorff added. "But we have the capability of getting pretty dang hot from outside. Sometimes it's live by the three, die by the three, but it bailed us out when they were closing that gap."

Broncs' senior Michael Leverington added eight points, all of which came in the fourth quarter.

Belle shot 14-21 (67%) from behind the free-throw line while Sundance made 20 of 35 attempts (57%).

Kye Taylor and Tanner Hofland

had 16 points apiece to lead the Bulldogs.

In JV action, Belle Fourche was victorious by a final of 58-27. Freshman Aiden Giffin led Belle Fourche with 12 points while junior Keaten Benson and sophomore Brextin Garza added nine points each.

Belle Fourche ran into a hot shooting Sturgis team on Tuesday, December 11th and suffered their first loss of the season, 81-45. The Scoopers hit four three-pointers to take an early 18-10 lead. Belle began the second quarter with consecutive threes from Kelby Olson, Chandler Kerr, and Cay Jennings to take a 19-18 advantage but Sturgis then went on a 17-0 run and never looked back.

Juniors Colby Nowowiejski (10 points) and Olson (nine points) led the Broncs offensively. In the JV game, Sturgis

claimed a 52-40 victory. Brextin Garza had 10 points for the Broncs while Tate Larson added seven.



Chandler Kerr above the rim dunk fires up team and the crowd. John Skogberg photo

Belle Grapplers go 1-1 in Home Triangular.

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Belle as host opened with a 64-12 loss to a very aggressive Custer-Edgemont Squad. Belle's only points came as forfeits at 195 and 220 pounds.

The Broncs rebounded and turned aggressor as they had their first dual win, a 45-33 victory over Lead-Deadwood. After a Lane Longbrake loss at 106 pounds and a Thomas McCoy win by forfeit Jett Blakeman, 120 lbs. pinned Jacob Harris (LD) in 2 minutes 23 seconds. At 126 pounds Hunter Quenzer was narrowly defeated 13-11 in overtime. Joe Hanson pinned Kadden Dillman (LD) in 1 minute 51 seconds. Gunner Jensen lost at 138. At

145 pounds: Cayden Wolfe pinned Gage Mau (LD) in 1 minute 52 seconds. 152 pounds: Jaredon Dosch defeated Domenic Lucero (LD) 5-2. At 160 pounds: Chase Bickerdyke won by forfeit. 170 pounds Cade Bickerdyke, and Sean Wahlfeldt, 182 were pinned. Tye Davis and Aiken Crowley won by forfeit before Michael Streeter lost by fall to close out the match.

The Bronc wrestlers were on the offensive in the match and learned they can win if they wrestle from there toes and not their heels.

The Broncs won 5 straight duals at Wright, Wyoming tournament Dec. 14-15. Complete details weren't available at press time.

8th Grade Girls Hoopsters Games

In recent games the 8th Grade Girls lost narrowly to Sage Valley in Gillette, Wyo. 35-37. They won two games Dec. 8th at the Custer Tourney. Winning over Custer 42-20 and Hot Springs 22-4. They defeated Newell 52-18 to 18 at home the 10th, then traveled to Spearfish to play the Spearfish Spartans Thursday. The girls played a hard-fought battle and defeated the Spartans 37-32. Belle also won the "B" contest 33-29.

Chloe Crago led the scoring with 9 points; Charlie Henwood and Grace Clooten added 7 apiece; Dylan Stedillie had 6 points and Halle Eaton 4 points. Tia Williamson and Presley Fischer each contributed 2 points.

Belle 7th Grade Girls Wrap Up Year

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche 7th grade girls' basketball team wrapped up their 2018 season with a busy week of five games in six days. Hosting Newell on Monday, December 10, the Broncs avenged an early-season loss by defeating the Irrigators by a final of 23-18. Sloan Young scored all six of her points in the fourth quarter to spark a late rally. Mataya Ward had a game-high eight points for the Broncs while Olivia Nehl added five points. Belle Fourche then hosted Spearfish on Thursday, December 13. In the first game, the Broncs defeated the Spartans 24-8. Shaine Weishaar (nine points) and

Avery Cherveney (six points) led the way offensively. In game two, Spearfish used a 13-0 second-half run on their way to a 48-14 win. Mataya Ward and Sloan Young led the Broncs with four points apiece. On Saturday, December 15, the Broncs battled Custer at the Hill City Tournament. The Broncs had a tough time getting any shots to fall, falling to the Wildcats by a final of 10-6. Sarah Juelfs, Olivia Nehl, and Sloan Young each had a basket in the loss. The final game of the season was a rematch with Newell and this time it was in the Irrigators coming out on top, 18-15. Mataya Ward led Belle Fourche with five points while Reese Larson added four points.

Lady Broncs Move to 4-0 on the Year

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche Lady Broncs won their second blow-out of the weekend, claiming a 63-25 victory over Newcastle on their home court in day two of the Stateline Shootout on Saturday (Dec. 15th).

Belle Fourche used a balanced scoring attack and stingy defense to jump out to an early lead and never looked back.

"Newcastle set up in the zone defense, so we had to be more patient and move the ball around," Belle Fourche head coach Bill Burr said. "It's nice when we can swing it out front and knock those shots down - it changes us into a different ball club because now you have to defend us low and high."

Belle Jensen (13 points) and Harley Fischer (11 points, five rebounds) each scored three three-pointers for the Lady Broncs. Ashley Byrd scored 10 points while Rylee Young added nine points and four rebounds as Belle Fourche improves to 4-0 on the year. Up next, Belle Fourche travels to Lemmon on Friday, December 21 before the holiday break.

Belle Fourche also won the JV game, 56-20.

Hayley Wilbur scored nine of her game-high 11 points in the first quarter for the Lady Broncs. McKenzie Lyons and Kaylin Garza scored eight points each, while Savannah Rosales and Laney Brill added seven points apiece.

The Lady Broncs had their offense firing on all cylinders as Belle Fourche defeated Sundance 67-23 in day one of the Shootout on Friday (Dec. 14).

Junior Harley Fischer hit a pair of threes to help the Broncs jump out to a quick 6-0 lead, and then added a third

three-pointer to give Belle Fourche an 11-2 edge just three minutes into the game.

"Knocking down those threes out front loosens up the offense a little bit and it helps us get up and down the court," Belle Fourche head coach Bill Burr said. "It was nice for Harley to open up and hit some of those." Fischer fourth three-pointer of the first quarter gave Belle Fourche a 22-4 lead after one, and the Lady Broncs were able to keep up the intensity with an 18-0 run in the second quarter on their way to a 45-13 halftime advantage.

"Our defense creates offense for us," Burr added. "When we practice, defense is the first thing we work on to start and we try to make it the last thing we work on at the end - it's important to us."

Belle Fourche was able to go deep into their bench to get some younger girls valuable varsity minutes in the second half.

"Just to get some experience on the court (for the younger girls), that helps their confidence," Burr added. "The pace of play is quicker, and the girls are bigger - it helps getting used to that."

Fischer's 20 points led the Lady Broncs, 18 of those coming from a 6-for-7 three-point shooting performance. Ashley Byrd, Rylee Young, and Bella Jensen all added 13 points for Belle Fourche while Payson Birkeland led the team in rebounding with seven boards. Senior Madison Gill led Sundance with 13 points.

In the JV game, Belle claimed a 32-14 victory. Hayley Wilbur led the Lady Broncs with 12 points while Savannah Rosales and Kaylin Garza added six points apiece.

Belle Fourche outscored Sturgis 14-2 over the final three and a half minutes of their girls' basketball game on Tuesday night (Dec. 11th) to seal a 51-48 over the Scoopers at Sturgis High School.

The Broncs led 33-32 heading into the fourth quarter, but a 14-4 Sturgis run to start the final period gave them a 46-37 advantage with 3:50 left to play. At that point in the fourth quarter, Belle Fourche's Rylee Young drew a foul on a drive to the basket and hit a pair of free throws. Following a Sturgis turnover, Harley Fischer hit a three-pointer to draw the Broncs to within four points, 46-42, with 3:13 to go.

"One thing about these girls, they never quit," Belle Fourche head coach Bill Burr said. Young hit one of two free throws with just over two minutes to go, followed by an Ashley Byrd inside basket 25 seconds later to get Belle Fourche within one, 46-45, with a minute and a half left.

Sturgis' Lorelee Stock and Belle Fourche's Young traded a pair of free throws each to keep Sturgis on top by one, 48-47, with just 41 seconds left. On the ensuing possession, Belle Fourche's Payson Birkeland stole the ball with 35 seconds left and was fouled on an inside move with 21 seconds left. Birkeland hit both free throws, giving Belle Fourche their first lead in over five minutes, 49-48. With Sturgis in the double bonus, Young was called for her fifth foul, fighting through a backcourt screen with 18 seconds to play, but Sturgis' Cassidy Jorensen missed both free throws and Belle Fourche's Harley Fischer was fouled with 12 seconds left. Fischer hit both ends of the one-and-one to put the Broncs up 51-48.



Sophomore Bella Jensen is in the air nailing down a three-point shot against Newcastle in the Stateline Shootout

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BF Middle School Students of the Month



HEAD OF THE CLASS - November Students of the Month from left: 7th graders Owen Erhart and Justice Njos; 6th graders Alexa Swaney and Rylin Estrada; 8th graders Lane Longbrake and Ocean Liggett; and 5th graders Tucker Hughes and Trinity Hostetter. *Beacon photo*

The Belle Fourche Middle School honored their November Students of the Month at the School Board's regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 10th. The students were chosen by faculty

and staff for demonstrating leadership, kindness and model citizenship both inside the classroom and in other activities.

This month's 5th grade

awards were sponsored by Stereos 'N Stuff, the 6th grade by Morris Law Firm, Prof LLC, the 7th grade by Fast Break Screen Printing and the 8th grade by Johnson Electric.

BF School Bomb Scare Hoax Linked to National Scam

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BELLE FOURCHE- A bomb threat received last Thursday afternoon at the Belle Fourche School District and High School has been linked to a statewide and nationwide scam.

The threat first came in via email at around 1:45pm on Thursday, Dec. 13th, stating that there was a bomb placed in the Middle School and a ransom payment, to be made in bitcoin, was demanded to remove the threat. A second threatening message was sent to the high school shortly thereafter. The emails come on the heels of several similar messages sent to school districts across South Dakota and the nation over the

past week.

Hoax or not, the district says they treat each threat with established procedures.

"Before we received information from the state that it was a scam, we contacted the police and went into a soft lockdown," Dr. Steve Willard, BHSD Superintendent told the Beacon. "We have confirmed that the bomb threat and ransom request was the same scam that was sent across the nation."

Similar messages were sent to school districts in Illinois, Missouri, New York, Florida, Michigan and Georgia as well as South Dakota. The school district did notify parents last Thursday of the threatening emails and the safety procedures that were in place.

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also the champion of this past year's Black Hills Roundup.

Another first-time competitor at the WNFR was Shane O'Connell. The Rapid City Bareback rider won the 8th round with an 89-point trip aboard Powder River Rodeo's Black Leg.

"I've been wanting that real bad," said O'Connell, 23. "I was making great rides all week, and to finally get into some good money it goes to show that if you keep persevering and keep doing things the same it's going to pay off in the end. You just got to keep riding and keep doing your best."

Four times during the NFR this year O'Connell finished in 7th, just one spot out of the money. But when the dust settled O'Connell finished 10th in the world and 6th in the average with more than \$160,000 won this year.

Tim O'Connell was the Bareback World Champion once again. He and Shane are not related.



WINNING TEAM - Jessica Routier poses with her mare Fieri Miss West "Missy" after round 3 of the WNFR in Las Vegas. -Photo Courtesy Jessica Routier

South Dakota's veteran NFR participant, Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, was competing in her 12th National Finals in barrel racing. Her highlight came in round two when she was presented a gold buckle for the win. Her time of 13.65 aboard Rosa earned her a \$26,000 payday. She decided to stay with Rosa instead of her more experienced horse, Louie, even after the two had tipped a barrel

in round one.

"I can tell your winning a round never gets old," Lockhart said. "And it was a very hard change for me and a very tough decision to make to even allow Rosa the opportunity. But, she has been an integral part of my team this year. So, I definitely figured she deserved a chance."

Lockhart finished the year 11th in the WPRA Barrel Racing World Standings.

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Merry Christmas



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-Pam West, Marlene Neiman, Pam Parsons, Renee Bisgaard, Mami Kjerengtroen and Tricia Randolph (Not Pictured)

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

Paul Howard, Belle Fourche Christian Life Center pastor, stopped by the “early morning” breakfast crowd table this past week and announced he had been overcome with the Christmas “spirit of giving”. “He had gotten us all books for Christmas,” he announced.

He said for us to enjoy and to make sure we had them back to the library by the Friday after Christmas.

Three buildings in town were overrun by squirrels—the town hall, the hardware store, and the church. The town hall brought in some cats. But after they tore up all the files, the mayor got rid of the predators, and soon the squirrels were back.

The hardware store humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside town. But three days later, the squirrels climbed back in.

Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and made them members. Now they see them only on Christmas and Easter.

Another Pastor Paul anecdote: Just as he began a Christmas Eve service several years ago, the electricity in the church failed. He and the ushers found candles and placed them around the sanctuary. He returned to the front of the church, shuffled

his notes, and muttered, “Now, where was I?”

A voice in the congregation called out, “Right near the end!”

As he was putting out cookies for Santa a Dad accidentally dropped one. “No problem,” he said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

“You can’t do that,” argued his four-year-old child.

“Don’t worry. Santa will never know.”

The boy replied, “So he knows if I’ve been bad or good, but he doesn’t know the cookie fell on the floor?”

Late for a meeting and unable to find a parking spot, I pulled into a place behind a church. It was only after I’d gotten out of the car that I spotted this sign: “No parking. Forgiveness is our business, but don’t make it harder than it already is.”

On the newlyweds first Christmas together, a husband said to his wife, “I think there’s something wrong with these buns dear. They taste awful.”

His wife replied, “That just cannot be. The recipe book says they’re delicious.”

There was a letter to the Editor from Don Ravolette, owner of the Philip SD paper in the

By: Doug Cole

Rapid City Journal addressing the consequences of not shopping locally.

Whether online shopping, or a trip to visit the “big box” or chain stores. Every purchase that puts dollars in those businesses is \$7 lost to our local economy if you use the old rule of thumb of the local multiplier.

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Our local business organizations have been doing promotions and give aways that started with “Light Up the Night” and haven’t slowed down.

When this issue of the Beacon arrives in your mail you have six days left to shop until Christmas.

Is there anything you need that isn’t available right here at home?

If your shopping is completed

and the presents are all wrapped and under the Christmas tree, if you have the opportunity stop in one of our local businesses, wish them a Merry Christmas and let them know you’re happy they have their business in your town and thank them for making your dollars count as seven.

I wish I could say I’ve never been to or shopped in a Walmart store. When they first came to this area it was definitely a novelty. We learned if you have a child that wants to hang on to your hand when in a store shopping don’t ever let go. Once you do you won’t ever be able to hang on again, especially in the toy section.

Like many other young families we took the bait and were reeled in to Walmart shopping.

Since starting the Beacon and doing the work of a home town newspaper I hardly have time to leave the city limits, let alone shop somewhere else. Something I have known but may have forgotten is that everything I could possibly need is available right here at home. If the latest style of white Tee-

shirts that I buy don’t happen to be in a local store they are able to get them for me. My former idea to leave town to get something was a habit, not a necessity. Shop local for the rest of this holiday season and develop a good habit of shopping local every day. What we need is in town if we just take the time to look or ask for it.

Many businesses are extending Holiday greetings and offer final shopping day’s deals. Take time to check out their ads. We were going to build an ad for the Beacon but didn’t have room. Instead we would like to quote from Love That Shoppe’s ad.

“It’s a Wonderful Life” when you live in this town.

May the Spirit of Christmas Remain in your Hearts throughout the year.

The Beacon is wishing you and yours all the best this marvelous season has to offer...a wealth of warm friends, good times, plenty of laughter, and lots of family, festivities and fun.

It has been a blessing to us to receive the support you’ve given your “home town newspaper”.

May Christ Bless your Christmas and fill you with enough joy and good cheer to last throughout the coming year.

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 <p>12 oz. 12 pk. Cans or Bottles Michelob Ultra \$14.69</p>	 <p>12 oz. 15 pk. Cans Milwaukee's Best Family \$8.59</p>
 <p>12 oz. 30 pk. Cans Busch or Busch Light \$22.59</p>	 <p>12 oz. 6 pk. Bottles Redd's Family Hard Ales \$7.99</p>

Prices effective Tuesday, December 18 through Monday, December 24, 2018.

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Our grateful employees pictured Left to Right: Teresa Steinbach, Carla McClain, Beth Resd, Jason Selzer, Kathy Habbeck, Doug Ruzicka, Kristi Rose, Jim Grapentine, Michelle Delaworre, Kathy King, Angie Hafele, and many more not pictured.

Seasons Greetings from Lynn's Dakotamart

TUESDAY, December 18th through MONDAY, December 24th 2018

Countdown TO CHRISTMAS

 <p>Limit 4 1-DAY ONLY! Thurs., Dec. 20th 79¢ ea. Red Potatoes 5 lb. Bag</p>	 <p>Limit 1 Offer 1-DAY ONLY! Fri., Dec. 21st \$10 7 for Roma Pizza 12" asst. Must Buy 7</p>	 <p>Limit 3 1-DAY ONLY! Sat., Dec. 22nd 99¢ ea. Our Family or Best Choice Peanut Butter 16 oz. Creamy or Crunchy</p>	 <p>Limit 1 Offer 1-DAY ONLY! Sun., Dec. 23rd 4 for \$5 Daily's Big Buy Sliced Bacon 16 oz. Original Must Buy 4</p>	 <p>Limit 15 (1 case) 1-DAY ONLY! Mon., Dec. 24th 69¢ ea. Powerade Sports Drink 32 oz. asst.</p>
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Open Acres **Chicken Breasts** 2.5 lb. Boneless, Skinless **\$2.99** ea. Limit 2
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ST. ONGE LIVESTOCK Now Broadcasts our Sales live on the internet at WWW.CATTLEUSA.COM

Cattle Report - Friday, December 14, 2018
 Just Under 2000 Hd Today
 Calves Were Fully Steady
 Light Test On Breds

Next Sale - December 21st - Bred Cow Special - 9 am Start
 Last Sale For 2018
 Thank You For Marketing With St Onge Livestock!

Calves

Hayden, Chase & Dave, Baker MT	90	Blk Str	532	\$177.00
Hayden, Chase & Dave, Baker MT	107	B/R Str	458	\$189.00
Hayden, Chase & Dave, Baker MT	29	B/R Str	401	\$182.00
Red Power Ranch, Volborg MT	49	Blk Str	457	\$185.00
Red Power Ranch, Volborg MT	104	B/R Str	535	\$176.75
Red Power Ranch, Volborg MT	73	Blk Hfr	506	\$156.00
Red Power Ranch, Volborg MT	37	Blk Hfr	421	\$166.50
L-W Ranch Inc, Volborg MT	16	B/Ch Str	506	\$172.50
L-W Ranch Inc, Volborg MT	13	Blk Hfr	477	\$160.00
L-W Ranch Inc, Volborg MT	33	R/Ch Hfr	565	\$145.50
L-W Ranch Inc, Volborg MT	7	R/Ch Hfr	465	\$164.00
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Hfr	1015	\$131.00
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT	12	Bbld Str	625	\$150.00
Double H Ranch, Ashland MT	23	Herf Str	503	\$166.50
Gaer, David Or Leeann, Newell SD	12	Blk Hfr	487	\$155.00
Gravatt, Chase, Rapid City SD	25	Bbld Str	606	\$160.00
Gravatt, Chase, Rapid City SD	15	Bbld Hfr	643	\$134.50
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD	5	Bbld Hfr	1014	\$133.00
Latham, John & Jenna, Camp Crook SD	13	Blk Hfr	1070	\$121.00
Paulsen, Mitch Or Kelly, Custer SD	13	Blk Str	558	\$166.00
Rusley, Robert, Baker MT	16	Blk Str	547	\$176.00
Saur, Matthew & Kelly, Buffalo WY	2	Blk Hfr	1145	\$124.00

Bred Cows - Sold By The Head

Mcdonald, Leo, Columbus MT	29	Blk 4-5	1384	\$1,550.00
Triple T Enterprises, Newcastle WY	8	Blk Hfr 4/151137		\$1,475.00

Weigh Up Cows

Andrews, Brad Or Rebecca, Red Owl SD	1	Blk Cow	1400	\$59.00
Andrews, Dean Or Kay, Red Owl SD	1	Blk Cow	1320	\$64.00
Barlow, Eric Or Elizabeth, Gillette WY	9	Red Cwette	1195	\$63.50
Barlow, Eric Or Elizabeth, Gillette WY	2	Red Hfr	1027	\$90.00
Barlow, Eric Or Elizabeth, Gillette WY	13	Red Hfr	885	\$98.00
Bird, Ken, Volborg MT	7	Bbld Cow	1494	\$64.50
Bird, Ken, Volborg MT	4	Blk Cow	1325	\$64.50
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1370	\$64.50
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	2	B/R Cow	1427	\$54.00
Capitol Lic, Capitol MT	3	Blk Cow	1520	\$64.50
Casteel, Ronny J, Vale SD	2	Blk Cow	1567	\$62.00
Colgan, Tom & Cathy, Hermosa SD	1	Blk Cow	1550	\$62.50
Cow Creek Ranch, Gillette WY	2	Char Cow	1562	\$59.00
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	5	Bbld Cow	1308	\$62.00
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1815	\$59.50
Fuller Livestock, Gillette WY	4	Blk Cow	1412	\$65.00
Frausto, John, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1500	\$62.50
Frausto, John, Gillette WY	2	Char Cow	1310	\$61.50
Gaskill, Dan, Volborg MT	7	Blk Cow	1192	\$67.00
Gm Farm, Ekalaka MT	4	B/R Cow	1408	\$58.50
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	2	Bbld Cow	1412	\$60.50
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	2	Blk Cow	1337	\$59.50
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	1	Rbld Cow	1340	\$60.50
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD	6	Blk Cow	1354	\$66.00
Larson, Ryan, Spearfish SD	1	Blk Cwette	1150	\$82.00
Mintzlaff, Bill, Hermosa SD	3	Blk Cow	1533	\$65.50
Redding, Dave, Hulett WY	6	Blk Cow	1432	\$65.75
Rusley, Robert, Baker MT	10	Blk Cow	1419	\$62.50
Rusley, Robert, Baker MT	6	Blk Cow	1316	\$65.25
Rusley, Robert, Baker MT	4	Blk Cow	1151	\$78.00

Stockman Exchange Inc, Miles City MT	4	Blk Cow	1542	\$63.00
Stockman Exchange Inc, Miles City MT	2	Blk Cow	1450	\$61.50
Wagner, David, Hulett WY	2	Red Cow	1342	\$60.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Arnold, Landon, Rapid City SD	1	Red Bull	1855	\$72.00
Conry, Cliff Or Cheyenne, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Bull	1925	\$64.00
Deer Creek Livestock, Moorcroft WY	10	Blk Bull	1099	\$87.00
Gm Farm, Ekalaka MT	1	Char Bull	2030	\$65.50
Oedekoven, Vincent J, Gillette WY	1	Herf Bull	2185	\$62.50
Richards, Ronald, Hermosa SD	1	Red Bull	2145	\$63.00
Rusley, Robert, Baker MT	1	Blk Bull	1860	\$65.00

Friday - December 21, 2018

Bred Cow Special

9:00 AM - Weigh Ups Noon - Bred Cows Followed by Calves

BT - Branding Time Shots PC - PreCondition Shots DF - Drug Free NI - No Implants BV - Bangs Vaccinated

Bred Cows

Six Creek Ranch - 90 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 4/1
 Walker Livestock - 50 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 4/1
 Crump Ranch - 14 Red Angus Hfrs - Ai Bred To Pieper Cinch - 3/15
 - 14 Red Angus Hfrs - Bull Bred Sons Of Cinch - 4/1
 - 20 Red Angus Cows Mostly Short Term Cows - Bred Red Angus - 4/1 For 50 Days
 Saunders Land & Livestock - 45 Blk & Red Short Term Cows - Bred Blk Or Red - 4/1 For 48 Days
 Open 8 Ranch - 40 Blk Mostly Short Term Cows - Bred Blk Angus Or Sim/Angus - 3/20 For 50 Days
 L-W Ranch - 15 Char X Hfrs - 1000# - Bred Red - 3/10
 - 10 Blk Hfrs - 1000# - Bred Red - 3/10
 - 5 Red Hfrs - 1000# - Bred Red - 3/10
 Wes Davenport - 35 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 3/25
 Jeremy & Kari Stadheim - 35 Herf Mixed Age Cows - Bred Herf - 4/10
 Dry Creek Cattle - 35 Blk 4-6Yr Old Cows Bred Blk - 4/01
 Crago Land & Livestock - 35 Blk & Bldy Short Term Cows - Bred Blk Or Herf - 4/5
 Arledge Ranch - 28 Blk Short Solid To Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 3/25
 Ryan Ranch - 21 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 3/10 For 50 Days
 Ted Kautzman - 20 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows - Bred Blk Sons Of Chisom - 4/20
 Sd Consignment - 12 Herf Mixed Age Cows - Bred Blk Or Herf - 3/20
 - 14 Blk & Blkwf Hfrs Bred Lbw Blk - 4/1 21 Days
 Mike Ellenwood - 10 Blk Hfrs - Bred Lbw Blk - 2/15
 - 10 Blk 3 To 8 Yr Old Cows - Bred Blk - 3/20
 Wade Komerann - 18 Blk Mixed Age Cows - Bred Herf - 4/1
 Ted Elgin - 7 Blk Young Cows - Bred Blk - May & June
 - 9 Blk Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 3/10
 Doug Moore - 12 Blk & Red Mixed Age Cows - Bred Blk - 4/1
 Travis Loading - 10 Blk Solid To Short Term Cows - Bred Blk - 4/1
 Mckee Properties - 6 Blk & Bldy Hfrs - 1050# - Bred Mt Rushmore Blk - 2/25 For 40 Days

Pairs

Wes Davenport - 5 Blk Fall Pairs

Plus More By Sale Time!

2018 CATTLE SALES

December 21st - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

2019 CATTLE SALES

January 4th - Feeder Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
January 11th - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
January 18th - Feeder Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
January 25th - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 1st - No Sale - Go Enjoy The Black Hills Stock Cow
February 15th - Feeder Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
February 22nd - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
March 1st - Feeder Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

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Sheep Report - December 13, 2018

Feeder Lambs Sold Steady To \$10 Higher In Spots

Fleshy Slaughter Ewes Sold \$5 To \$10 Higher, Medium & Thin Ewes Sold Steady

Next Sale - January 3Rd - Feeder Lamb Special

Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Heser, Dwight, Vida MT	50	Lambs	62	\$219.00
Heser, Dwight, Vida MT	204	Lambs	83	\$171.50
Parks, Leroy & Kelly, Nisland SD	100	Lambs	120	\$145.50
Finnekas, Charles Or Tracy, Kaycee WY	38	Lambs	113	\$132.00
Stormer, Bryan, Circle MT	13	Lambs	52	\$211.00
Stormer, Bryan, Circle MT	20	Lambs	67	\$195.00
Droic, Dan & Aaron, Ralph SD	38	Lambs	89	\$150.00
Droic, Dan & Aaron, Ralph SD	15	Lambs	125	\$119.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison SD	20	Lambs	80	\$163.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD	16	Lambs	72	\$175.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD	15	Lambs	99	\$148.00
Reid, Victor, Nisland SD	9	Lambs	83	\$159.00
White, Howard, Upton WY	12	Lambs	134	\$117.00

Slaughter Ewes

Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD	15	Ewe	179	\$61.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia, Belle Fourche SD	17	Ewe	150	\$54.00
Geer Trust, Virginia, Gillette WY	5	Ewe	183	\$58.00
Geer Trust, Virginia, Gillette WY	20	Ewe	160	\$53.00
Geer Trust, Virginia, Gillette WY	14	Ewe	149	\$37.00
Horvey, Roy, Ralph SD	20	Ewe	163	\$57.00
Horvey, Roy, Ralph SD	20	Ewe	145	\$55.00
Wishard, Joe, Lanry SD	8	Ewe	170	\$57.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thank you to all Consignors & Buyers
 For Another Successful Year.

First Sale of 2019
 Jan 3rd - 1:00PM

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

Upcoming Sheep Sale 2019

JANUARY 3rd - FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats
JANUARY 10th - REGULAR SHEEP SALE - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats
JANUARY 18th - REGULAR SHEEP SALE - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats
JANUARY 25th - REGULAR SHEEP SALE - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

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We also have a receiving station at the Broadus Yards, Broadus, MT. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Brandy Escott at 406-951-1666, Tyler at 406-853-5690 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

Merry Christmas

from all of us at
St. Onge Livestock





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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.

Christmas with Grandma

It's Christmas time and so on *The Good Stuff* what could be better than a good story about giving:



My Christmas Adventure With Grandma

I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb:

"There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her world-famous cinnamon buns. I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true.

Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus!" she snorted.

"Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad. Now, put on your coat, and let's go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked.

I hadn't even finished my second world-famous, cinnamon bun.

"Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days.

"Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car."

Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for.

I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who went to my church. I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Decker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class.

Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out for recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobby Decker didn't have a cough, and he didn't have a coat.

I fingered the ten dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that.

"Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down.

"Yes," I replied shyly.

"It's ... for Bobby."

The nice lady smiled at me. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat in Christmas paper and ribbons (a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible) and write:

"To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it -- Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy.

Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially one of Santa's helpers.

Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge.

"All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his doorbell and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma.

Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open.

Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were: ridiculous.

Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the tag tucked inside: \$19.95.

~Anonymous

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson nearly 2 decades ago. The Beacon is the only newspaper that it appears in. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00

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Watching with Friends



TIME TO CELEBRATE - (Above) Rodeo fans gathered at the Branding Iron Saturday night to watch the final round of the WNFR, cheering on the South Dakota contingent and celebrating the BH Roundup's win as rodeo of the year. (Below) Rodeo royalty was also on hand to lend a cheer. From left: Sherry Smeenk; Nautica Hagg, Perkins County Queen; Kiara Brown, Black Hills Roundup Jr. Queen; Victoria Hagg, Black Hills Roundup Queen. Victoria watched the Miss Rodeo America pageant this year in Las Vegas cheering on Miss South Dakota Kay Marrs. Victoria also attended the MRA Seminar for Visiting Royalty with Jordan Tierney our MRSD Lady in Waiting. -*Courtesy Photos*



We'd Like to Say Thank You!

The Belle Fourche Police Department would like to thank the numerous business and citizens for their generosity during our Holiday Fundraising campaign this year! Numerous monetary donations were made as well as donations of quilts, pizza's and wrapping supplies! The amount of money raised helped provide for 48 families in our community! 14 children were selected to take part in our Kids N' Cops shopping trip on December 15th and those children were able to buy Christmas gifts for themselves and their families. An additional 34 families were given with gift cards to help with Christmas gifts, clothing and groceries!

It is very heartwarming to see the community of Belle Fourche once again contribute to make these events possible and to reach out to so many people in our great town!

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Newell-Vale-Nisland Roundup

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NEWELL – This has been a busy week in NVN land with multiple ball games for the high school varsity teams in basketball action. Tuesday saw the NHS teams host Lead in a girl's/boy's double-header. The girls played well, staying with the Goldiggers all the way, ending just six points shy of a victory, 49-43. Austin Alexander, Dana Youngberg and Kayden Steele put up 11 points each, with Lexa Burtzloff a close second with 10 points. In the boy's game the high score was tied with David Morrell and Payton Burtzloff both scoring eight points. The guys struggled to put up double digits in any period, scoring 13 team points in the third. But it was not enough and they lost, 46-33. In action on Friday night the girls went on a tear scoring 58 points against Tiospaye Topa to grab the win 58-41. The doubled the Thunderhawks score in both the first and second quarters, until after the half Kobey Ironwing took control of the game putting up 18 points with the help of her teammates. Newell scored 12, brining the two teams nearly even at the end of three periods, 43-42, with Newell on top. The Lady Irrigators came back in the fourth period scoring 15 points to the Thunderhawks 9 for the victory. Kayden Steele racked up 22 points solo and Dana Youngberg had 13, with other Irrigators in single digits. The guys came off two losses, the first to Bison last week and the loss to Lead on Tuesday. So,



CAPPING OFF A GOOD DAY - Linda Vollmer, Newell Lion (right) is shown with a member of the Rapid City Regional Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Newell Lions delivered 100 preemie caps they had knitted as part of the 100 Year Celebration.

they had some ground to gain. They matched the Thunderhawks in the first period, ending 10-10. They punched things up a bit in the second and the half ended 25-17. Losing a little ground in the third, they made up for it in the fourth and grabbed the win, 54-43. Payton Burtzloff was high with 18, trailed by Brock Kjellson with 14. John Jackson put up 10. "They're playing better," said Coach Trevor Fiedler. "We played sloppy at Bison and sloppy on Tuesday. We played well starting with the second quarter (tonight)." In wrestling news, the high school grapplers competed in the Hot Springs tourney Friday and Saturday coming away with good matches. "The day started off a bit rough, but finished on a good note," said Coach Mike Phelps. Places

were as follows: Chase VanDer-Boom-6th place at 120; Garrett Winkler, 7th place at 132; Marvin King, 3rd at 145; Caleb McGregor, 3rd at 160; and Wyatt Winkler, 8th at 160. In other news around the area, the newly formed Newell Improvement Committee, a subsidiary of the Newell Community Club, is busy raising funds to build a splashpad in the north park in town. They have met regularly, gaining new members with new ideas and will hold a meeting on December 19 at 6 p.m., at Butte Electric's community room. "Those who are new and would like to come a few minutes early (5:45) I will give them an overview of the mission of the NIC, as well as provide information on the Splash Pad project, so they have a basic understanding before the meeting begins," said Chairman Rose Mary Johnson.

The group is working on the splashpad and has also expressed the idea of building a skating rink also in the north park. If anyone would like to help with either project, or would like to donate they can contact Johnson at Newell Hardware, or come to the meeting on the 19th. Newell Lion's Club member Linda Vollmer recently delivered to Rapid City Regional Hospital Neonatal Unit 100 preemie baby caps that people from the club had knitted. They also took caps to the Spearfish Hospital as well. They had booths at the Lions Convention so had other Lion members helping. This is part of the 100 Year Celebration for the Lions Clubs.

Proud to be a Lion

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NEWELL – The Newell Lions Club hosted the 55W District Governor at the annual Christmas dinner at the NVN Center in Newell Wednesday. More than 30 people enjoyed the meal prepared by fellow Lions.

Lions President Ken Wetz welcomed the group with encouraging words as he outlined a brief history of the Newell Lions Club.

"We can be very proud with what we have done," he said. The Newell Lions Club has been active the past year serving the NVN area. One of the newest areas to grow this year has been the Newell Leo Club at the high school. Leo Advisors Max and Suzanne Wetz have spurred new ideas in the youth and have begun a positive look at future events for them to be involved in. Ideas include pop tab collection fundraiser for childhood cancer and a "Brave the Shave" fundraiser possibly in April.

The Newell Lions Club earned an Excellence Award for **LIONS B4**



TAKING IT UP STRONG - Payton Burtzloff, (15) goes up for two of his 18 points against Tiospaye Topa Friday night. - Colleen Brunner photo



SHOOTER'S TOUCH - Dana Youngberg (21) watches to see if her bucket is good during the contest Friday with the Thunderhawks. -Colleen Brunner photo

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Newell Elementary Concert



FIRST GRADE - Newell's first graders sang "This Little Holiday Light of Mine" at the elementary concert last week. From the left are Michael Van Dorn, Kallie Eaton, Lucille Ahart, and Braydn Overweg.



FOURTH GRADE - Marley Poston, Angela Derschan, and Joe Eaton showered the audience with bubbles.



HOLIDAY MUSIC - Saxophone and clarinet players serenaded the crowd. From the left are Elyssa Mailloux, Lily White, and Kila Crockford. Marty Jump was director. -Colleen Bruner Photos for the Beacon

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Belle Fourche FFA Officer Profile

This week's officer interview is starring the Belle Fourche FFA chapter Vice President. Whitley Reder is a senior at Belle Fourche High School. Whitley plans on going to college and majoring in animal science minoring in ag business. Whitley has been very active in FFA the past two years, she has competed in Ag communication and vet science. Whitley has learned many things from FFA, she is very thankful she was able to be in FFA her junior and senior years of high school. She loves FFA because it gives everyone hands on experience in the Agricultural department and most importantly provides leadership opportunities. Whitley uses what she has learned in FFA and contributes it to the family the ranch, and her personal ownership of 3 heifers.



FFA FAMILY - Belle Fourche FFA Chapter Vice President Whitley Reder (center) is surrounded by her parents, Angela Reder (left) and Scott Reder (right). - Courtesy Photo

New Belle Startup to Focus on Transportation Financing




NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN - Belle Fourche has the privilege of welcoming a new business to the community. NBS Factoring opened their office in the 5th & Grant Plaza at the beginning of December. NBS Factoring is an alternative finance company for the trucking industry. The owners have a combined 20 years in the transportation industry and are completely committed to the growth of their client's trucking businesses and to the customer service reputation of NBS. We hope to plant deep roots in the Belle Fourche community and grow into being a dynamic cog in the economic wheel in this area. NBS is managed by Erica Douglas of Deadwood and Krystal Frasier of Belle Fourche. - Courtesy photo



PROUD TO BE A LION - Nathan Wetz received the Proud Lion Award for his work this past year as a Newell Lion. He was pinned by his mother, Donna Wetz. SW District Governor Bea Gifford was on hand to oversee the honor.

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LIONS

the 2017/2018 year. There are only four clubs in the District that received the award according to 5SW District Governor Bea Gifford.

District Governor Gifford continued with a synopsis of what Lions Clubs are about. There are four areas that the Global Action Team focus on; Leadership, Membership, Service, and the Lions Club International Foundation. "Lions, we are the world. We

are also our community," Gifford said. In serving, we touch lives, she continued. Gifford posed the question – "Who would do what Lions do?" "We have much work to do. Where there's a need, there's a Lion," she pointed out. There are several challenges that Lions Clubs must address and do what needs to be done according to Gifford. They are vision, hunger, diabetes, environment, and childhood cancer. Lions are especially involved in vision screening, diabetic screenings and childhood cancer. Anyone who would like to serve the community and beyond can become a Lion. Notify a local Lion or attend a meeting held the second Wednesday of each month at noon usually at TJ's. Next month's meeting is January 9 at the NVN Center at Noon. Lunch will be served during the meeting.

Christmas Greetings



Back row (L-R): Cherry Bieber, Beth Bouska, Julie Limke, Briana Trimble, and Tori Lange. Front row (L-R): Steve Jewett, Dr. James Trimble, Dr. Heidi Nash, and December White.

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Tri-State Performers Bring Grins & Giggles to a Packed House

The Tri-State performers brought Christmas for a 1915 Norwegian immigrant family alive on stage Friday and Saturday evening with "The Christmas Goose."

The Friday crowd was treated to a performance of by the Center of the Nation Brass Quintet before the Friday theater performance.

Cast members included scenic artists Tace Hartman and Ambree Kirstine; and actors Taya Kirstine, RoLyn Balderas, Brooklyn Roden, BreAnna Thunder Horse Hall, Glenn Kauffman, Gabe Raba, and Dillion Streeter.

Sound and program design were provided by Rebecca Dagele. Set painting was done by Nick Loper, and stage drapes were made by Jean Maher. Props and costumes were from Three Hats Theatre.

In the play, written by Tri-State Museum Director Kristi Thielen, a humorous tale unfolds of a Norwegian family living in

Aberdeen, SD.

One of the children in the family was a "naughty" boy who was often quite selfish and greedy, but thought of himself as very smart.

After putting up with his silliness for a while, the girls in the family ask the hardware store owners to give him another chance in to work in their store. That attempt did not work well, and once again their brother was sent home.

The girls then come up with a plot to tell him there a special Christmas goose waiting at home for him. This sounds more appealing to him than their traditional Lutefisk and mashed rutabagas.

They send him searching various places in the home to find the goose, but the goose he receives while looking for it is not the one he expects. When he is given his goose it leads to his standing up to eat his Lutefisk dinner.

Thielen said museum theater can be more taxing than other



HELPING A BROTHER OUT - The girls in the family beg the hardware store owners to give their brother another chance to work for them. He had not been very helpful there before and was asked to leave.

kinds of theater as it usually has an educational component – and the staging is simpler, so the actors have a greater obligation to "make the magic."

Although the play was not long, it was demanding for the performers because they had to learn

about American history of 1915, and how to speak in a Norwegian stage dialect. All this while wearing costumes not typical of their usual attire. And, Thielen said, for some of the actors it was their first time appearing on stage.

Plans are already in the works

for future plays, and new actors are always needed. The Tri-State museum will notify the public when auditions for new performances are scheduled.

Looking Back in Belle

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

122 Years Ago

Belle Fourche Times
26 December 1896

Masonic Installation Ball

The Masonic ball of last night probably eclipses anything of the kind ever given in Belle Fourche. After the installation exercises, Woodburn hall was thrown open to all who desired to enjoy the dance. Eighty-odd number were sold, filling eh hall to its utmost capacity. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, and the merry round was kept up till half past four this morning.

Spearfish is again jubilant over the immediate prospects of a fish hatchery, for which \$10,000 was appropriated at the last session of congress. E. A. Tulian, of Leadville, Col., is now in Spearfish, and has selected a site for the hatchery. Negotiations will probably be terminated in a few days.

J. Lemmon, father of G. E. Lemmon, passed through town the first of the week on his way home from a visit with Thom. McCumsey, at Alzada.

If all the reports are true, there will be a big addition to the number and capacity of the ore reducing plants of the Hills before another year rolls around. It is positively asserted that the Union Hill company will at once begin the erection of a 100-stamp mill at Galena, which, with other improvements, will involve an expenditure of about \$250,000. The Keystone company has decided to double the capacity of its stamp mill and enlarge the cyanide annex for the treatment of concentrates. Then there is a big enterprise on foot to erect a 400-stamp mill at Belle Fourche or on the Redwater. This scheme is to be worked up by John Pierce of Sioux City and is doubtless encouraged by the

Elkhorn management.

100 Years Ago

The Belle Fourche Bee
Dec 19, 1918

Germany Must Sign

The detailed reply of peace conference to the counter proposals of the Germans which was handed to Germans at Versailles Monday takes up each objection. The amount of modifications acceded to are frontier ratification of West Prussia; a plebiscite for upper Silesia; modification clauses relating to finance and economy waterways; phases of permission for Germany to retain 30,000 men in the army; and the promise to furnish Germany within one month a full list of persons to be tried for the responsibility for the great conflict and in violation of the rules of war; says the conflict was brought about through the decision deliberately taken of statesmen of Berlin, Vienna and Budapest. Meanwhile the treaty must be signed. The reply declares the burdens of Germany undoubtedly are heavy but are imposed under conditions of justice by people whose social well-being and economic prosperity was gravely impaired by wrongs which it is beyond the utmost power of Germany to repair.

75 Years Ago

The Belle Fourche Bee
December 16, 1943

Recreational Center - Convention Reflections

We are pleased to note that initial steps have been taken to start a recreational center for the boys and girls in Belle Fourche. In glancing over many of the state papers coming to our exchange desk, the matter of recreational centers is commanding attention elsewhere. Communities are commencing to realize that juvenile problems cannot be solved through curfew ordi-

nances and list of "don't" for the boys and girls. Avenues of wholesome entertainment and amusement must be provided for, which will direct juvenile attention away from that which is undesirable. Youthful energy, enthusiasm and desires will not be plugged up effectively through restraints, they must be directed into channels where these traits may be used in developing character and citizenship.

Instructor at Chickasha Ben W. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wood of Belle Fourche, and former employee of the Bee, is launching army aviation cadets on their flying careers at Chickasha, Oklahoma, Army Air Forces primary school. He is a civilian pilot instructor at the school, and gives each cadet assigned to him some 64 hours of aerial training in 175-horsepower training planes. The students at primary schools are cadets who have completed five-month courses at College Training Detachments.

Prominent Cattleman Died Sunday in Denver

A. E. DeRicqles, 76, well-known cattleman and rancher, died in Denver Sunday after a brief illness. He had been a resident of Denver since 1895, when he entered the livestock business. In 1901 he formed the American Live Stock & Loan Co., operating this organization until 1923, becoming one of the largest cattle outfits in the west. Among other holdings of the organization were the Turkey Track, Mill Iron, Hash Knife and other brands ranging on the Little Missouri and Box Elder in southwestern Montana, and Grand river in northwestern South Dakota, with Albert Taddiken as range manager. Mr. DeRicqles was one of the founders of the American Na-

tional Livestock Association.

Another Visit Made by CAA Officials to New City Air Field

Thursday and Friday of last week J. H. Monroe and D. G. Hendrickson, from the Denver office of the Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) were in Belle Fourche meeting with the city and commercial club committee and paying a visit to the new municipal airport located about seven miles northwest of Belle Fourche. The Denver CAA officials in their meeting with the local committee expressed much satisfaction with the development already made at the new city airport and offered timely suggestions concerning future improvements. They informed the committee members that the future development plans would in time give the new Belle Fourche airport a ranking in the second-best classification according to the present CAA lists. As to the work completed, W. E. Thompson, who has been acting as city engineer, since the airport project was undertaken, reports that the two main run-ways have been scraped and leveled so that emergency landings may be made at the present time. The principal work to be undertaken at present, according to Mr. Thompson, is to provide drainage to the run-ways, together with transportation approaches to the field. "Much of the planned improvements," states the city engineer, "will of necessity have to wait until the war is over since war priorities are in effect upon needed materials, but it is the intention of the committee in charge to do whatever can be done so long as the restrictions are in effect."

50 Years Ago

The Belle Fourche Daily Post
December 20, 1968



by Mary Buchholz

Ramey Talks About Community Gains from Home Shopping

What shopping at home could mean to Belle Fourche was the subject of a talk Monday by President James Ramey of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce at the organization's noon luncheon. Ramey outlined the possible effect of shopping at home, based on studies made by the IDEA. If everyone here bought Belle Fourche bread, for instance, it would mean a radical increase in the bakery staff. If everyone purchased cars in Belle Fourche it would mean one more auto dealer. Ramey said he felt that Belle Fourche stores were well-supplied and able to provide ample services for the area. Ramey said he felt most store owners were well aware of their responsibilities, but that their attitude did not always carry thru to their employees. He felt some would be wise to undertake employee training programs. Robert Helmer explained the R C & D (Resource Conservation and Development) program what it could mean to the area and urged Chamber support of the activity. Butte county is part of the Black Hills R C & D project, largest of its kind in the country. Helmer also urged the Chamber to sponsor a bread growing contest for the 50th anniversary Black Hills Roundup. The matter will be turned over to the Chamber board. Seven new members were on hand for the meeting – Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Christiansen, Ross Roll, Bob Mordhorst, Lawrence Bentz and two guests – Scott Argabright of the Soil Conservation Service and Orville Baker of the John Deere Company.

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Capitol News

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On Tuesday, Karen Odell had to take Charlie to the doctor in Rapid City. They had a difficult time getting the vehicle doors open because they had frozen, but they finally got in the car. Karen decided to take the Norwegian Cut-Off to avoid the possibility of an icy highway down by Alzada. Still, they had to travel slowly on ice, and hold to the ruts on the cut-off, so when they came over a hill to find two vehicles stopped on their side of the road, and another vehicle headed their way on the other side, Karen was very lucky to bring their vehicle to a halt on the ice. The approaching vehicle came to a halt on the other side, too. There was also a little car stuck in the snow in the ditch on Karen's side of the road. Once everything was stopped, a couple of young women came to Charlie's window, saying they were going to the top of the hill behind him to stop any more cars coming, so that this near-collision would not happen again. It was very lucky that they stayed behind Karen's car, as they went up the hill, because suddenly another vehicle came over the hill, hit the ice and shot into the ditch hitting the little car that they must have been trying to pull out of the snow. A man afoot, dived out of the way, and soon other people were checking on him and the driver. The vehi-



cle facing Karen's had backed up that hill a little, and those people had gotten out, walking across the road to check on things, but were walking in front of Karen. Karen could not back up her hill, or another car coming would have nowhere to go. If they hit her, she would be pushed into the people walking and standing in front of her. She wanted to get the 'heck out of Dodge' and get out of the way, before another car came flying over that hill, and the next wreck happened, so she waved another man standing in front of her car, to get out of the way. A chain had come flying out into the road ahead of her, and the man picked it up, and moved to the side, so she could ease her car past the parked vehicles and up the hill, past the facing vehicle. She did not dare stop on the icy road until she got to the top of the hill, and there, they saw an approaching car. She waved it down to stop it and warn him about the wreck over the hill ahead. The spot had no phone service. They saw another car coming, and they stopped it to warn them. Now that they were no longer a part of the roadblock, and other people had arrived, they decided they could help best by stopping and warning cars, and trying to get help. Karen had driven the whole cut-off many times when she never met even one car, but that

day, they must have stopped 9 or 10 people to warn them of the vehicles on the road ahead. When they finally saw a road grader and operator, he said he had radio contact with dispatch, and would report the accident. They went on stopping cars, thinking of all the vehicles that must have gathered back there. They reached the highway and stopped there, waving down a couple of cars just turning onto the cut-off. The last one they stopped happened to be a deputy, who the dispatch must have contacted. He checked Karen's car, and reported their licenses to be checked out by dispatch, and waited there with them for a long while. Karen drove very carefully after seeing the many near misses, and they even were allowed in to the two appointments in Rapid City. Charlie had a special scan and had to spend the next 24 hours in bed at home (that was probably good for shock, too). Karen brought him home, but did not care to try the cut-off again, so they came back by way of Newell. Low in the sky ahead, they both saw a bright light come toward earth at a 45-degree angle, at a great rate of speed—maybe a meteorite. Gusts of wind had come up to hit them from the side until they got turned onto 20, headed west, but the highway was much less icy than the cut-off. Hope that scan is extremely helpful. On Wednesday afternoon, Karen drove Charlie to Bruce Gustafson's to do some brand inspecting. Karen got to visit with Lynn while the men worked outside,

and it was so good to see them again. Charlie inspected cows for Wacey Kornemann and Levi Haefner on Thursday. They went to church on Sunday and afterward had Diane's great special at the Over The Edge. Diane Wear spent several days helping at Ronda Cordell's this week. She worked most days at the Over The Edge in Camp Crook. On Friday, she and Janet Odell went to Buffalo for supplies. Erma Albert had a chiropractor's appointment on Wednesday and they went to church early on Sunday Morning. Pete Anderson went to church in Camp Crook. Then he had lunch in town, too. Lynn Gustafson went in to Camp Crook on Monday evening for the Bible study at the Methodist Church. She took their dog to the vet in Belle Fourche on Tuesday. Karen Odell came to visit on Wednesday, when Charlie was inspecting cattle. On Sunday morning, Little Missouri Church had a guest minister. That afternoon Lynn and Bruce went to Ryan and Tawni Cordell's for the Diligent Doers Extension Club Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Donna Lewis is busy making buffalo berry jelly and choke cherry syrup for Christmas gifts. She may get some candy made, too. She went to Baker on Wednesday and stayed overnight for bowling on Thursday. She had a feeling her bowling had hit bottom, but now, at least, she's on the way up. Rachel Melum was busy

painting her kitchen this week. On Saturday her family went to Baker for a birthday party for her niece Sarina. She also has a new nephew. Her brother Mike's wife had a little boy. He has three older sisters. Dorothy and Bryce Padden drove to Laurel to pick up Brett Padden. Then the three spent a couple of days visiting at Bozeman. On Thursday, she went with Bryce and Dawn to Ludlow for the school Christmas Program. The kids had a very cute performance. On Sunday, the Padden families went to Ryan and Tawni Cordell's for the Diligent Doers Christmas Dinner. Ten members had brought their families to Ryan's new house at Sky Ranch. They had a pot luck meal and gift exchange. Billy Roadifer and Karen Odell have the same trouble keeping up when the family starts their text conversations. Since Karen finally got a smarter phone, it is a little easier. Billy's family is even bigger. With more people, the comments come even faster. Some of the dry witty comments Karen gets from her four kids are quite hilarious, so she doesn't want to miss anything. Looks like it will warm up even to 40 this week.

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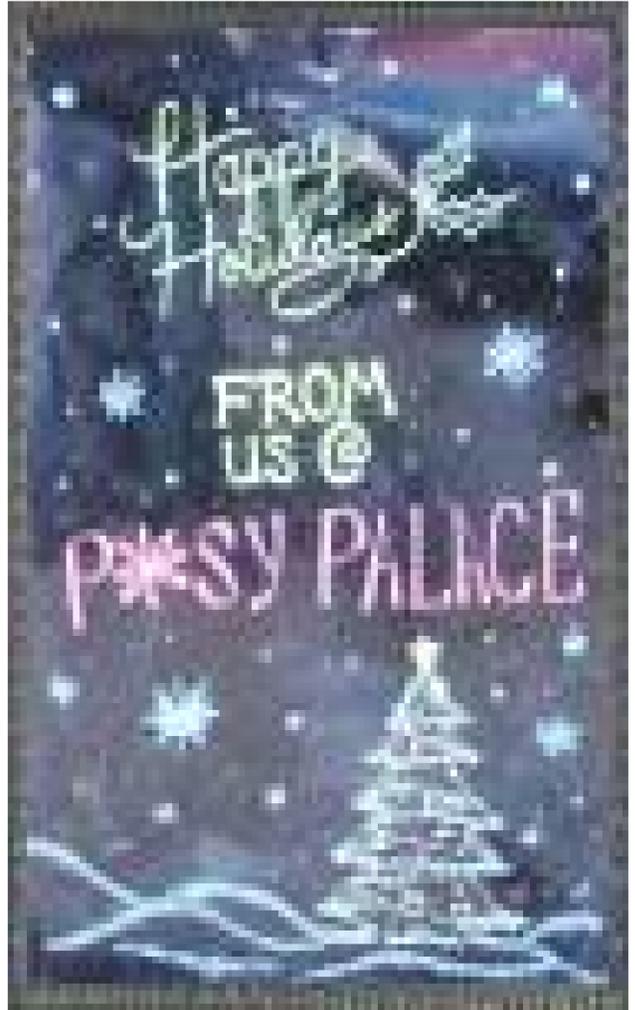
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FEEDERS

Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	111	Black-Str	533	\$188.75
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	29	Black-Str	594	\$173.75
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	58	Black-Str	467	\$192.00
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	68	Red-Str	740	\$156.50
Doug & Judy Johnson, Sundance WY	56	Red/Rwf-Str	571	\$168.25
John Gerkin, Nisland SD	12	Red/Rwf-Str	511	\$175.50
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	79	Black-Str	647	\$155.50
J & M Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	74	Black-Str	592	\$163.00
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	102	Black-Hfr	573	\$155.50
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	29	Black-Hfr	488	\$170.00
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	93	Black-Str	569	\$170.25
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	37	Rd/Blk-Str	464	\$183.50
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	60	Black-Hfr	531	\$160.00
Dell Dague, Ekalaka MT	33	Black-Str	698	\$152.00
Steve & Renee Mcamis, Belle Fourche SD	18	Blk/Bwf-Str	575	\$168.50
Tony & Tamie Rathbun, Sundance WY	74	Black-Str	618	\$159.00
Tony & Tamie Rathbun, Sundance WY	31	Black-Str	507	\$180.50
Doug & Judy Johnson, Sentinel Butte ND	48	Black-Str	616	\$158.50
Doug & Judy Johnson, Sentinel Butte ND	64	Black-Hfr	594	\$148.50
Ron Rooney, Miles City MT	96	Black-Str	682	\$152.00
Ron Rooney, Miles City MT	51	Black-Str	594	\$161.50
Ron Rooney, Miles City MT	64	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	619	\$141.00
Warren Dunn, Buffalo SD	52	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	591	\$152.25
Warren Dunn, Buffalo SD	18	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	499	\$164.00
Roderic A Ross, WYarno WY	59	Black-Str	501	\$185.50
Rock & Danita Thompson, Buffalo SD	77	Black-Str	517	\$175.00
Rock & Danita Thompson, Buffalo SD	26	Black-Str	440	\$187.00
Jacob Hieb, Ekalaka MT	33	Black-Str	604	\$161.25
Jacob Hieb, Ekalaka MT	27	Black-Hfr	592	\$146.00
Mike & Judy Green, Upton WY	39	Black-Str	535	\$179.50
Mike & Judy Green, Upton WY	32	Black-Hfr	543	\$158.50
Brad Anderson, Deer Lodge MT	26	Black-Str	682	\$153.50
Brad Anderson, Deer Lodge MT	12	Black-Hfr	655	\$140.50
Wes Rogers, Ekalaka MT	28	Rd/Blk-Str	656	\$149.00
Clint Krambeck, Spearfish SD	31	Blk/Bwf-Str	695	\$152.00
Clint Krambeck, Spearfish SD	21	Black-Str	598	\$170.50
Clint Krambeck, Spearfish SD	22	Black-Hfr	622	\$142.75
Bill & Chantz Lambert, Hammond MT	20	Black-Hfr	547	\$154.00
Randy Hayden, Gillette WY	10	Black-Hfr	619	\$141.00
Randy Hayden, Gillette WY	11	Black-Hfr	542	\$152.00
David & Barbara Hoyt, Leiter WY	40	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	543	\$153.50
Gene Loder, Scranton ND	20	Blk/Bwf-Str	599	\$163.00
Shaun Casteel, Vale SD	32	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	537	\$162.00
Chuck & John Grieves, Newcastle WY	19	Blk/Bwf-Str	495	\$181.00
Hawley Romanjenko, Biddle MT	12	Rwf/Bwf-Str	699	\$148.00
Rod Lamont, Sturgis SD	17	Black-Hfr	607	\$147.00
Greg Williams Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	60	Blk/Rd/Ch-Str	781	\$146.75

WEIGH-UPS

Paul & Bobbi Palczewski, Ludlow SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1,350	\$66.50
Michael & Judy Green, Cohagen MT	3	Black-Cow	1,550	\$66.25
Shane & Christine Hampshire, Leiter WY	1	Black-Cow	1,305	\$66.00
Rieger Cattle Co, Ismay MT	6	Black-Cow	1,459	\$66.00
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	22	Black-Cow	1,517	\$65.75
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	39	Black-Cow	1,381	\$65.00
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	20	Black-Cow	1,237	\$60.75
Park Wood, Hulett WY	4	Black-Cow	1,350	\$65.75
Elisbury Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	6	Black-Cow	1,254	\$65.50
Don Harpster Estate, Ekalaka MT	8	Black-Cow	1,421	\$65.00
Arnie Mader, Biddle MT	2	Red-Cow	1,263	\$65.00
Oleson Ranch Llc, Newcastle WY	11	Black-Cow	1,391	\$64.75
Raymond Lee, Rhame ND	4	Black-Cow	1,513	\$64.75
Steve Stoddard, Broadus MT	6	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1,408	\$64.75
Steve Stoddard, Broadus MT	2	Black-Cow	1,538	\$64.50
Sinclair Cattle Co, Banner WY	16	Black-Cowette	1,193	\$69.00
Lynn Jespersen, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1,295	\$64.50
Consignment From SD	2	Bwf-Cow	1,230	\$64.50
Consignment From SD	4	Blk/Bwf-Cowette	1,074	\$76.50
Sherril & George Brown, Dodson MT	6	Black-Hfr	931	\$96.50
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	8	Black-Cow	1,488	\$64.50
Devin Marchant, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	1,365	\$64.50
Tyler & Julie Cook, Miles City MT	10	Rd/Blk-Hfr	929	\$92.00
Tyler & Julie Cook, Miles City MT	7	Rd/Blk-Cowette	1,079	\$74.00
Gary & Sue Ann Clanton, Buffalo SD	18	Black-Cow	1,384	\$64.25
Dennis & Claudia Price, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1,640	\$64.00
Justin Casteel, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1,520	\$63.50
Gregory & Heidi Miller, Bowman ND	7	Red-Cow	1,423	\$63.00
Zach & Kim Davis, Buffalo WY	6	Black-Hfr	1,036	\$83.00
Jason & Karen Molennan, Belle Fourche SD	12	Black-Cow	1,454	\$61.75
Dave J Watt Ranch Llc, Buffalo WY	1	Black-Cow	1,340	\$60.50
Steve & Janice Langer, Upton WY	5	Black-Cow	1,487	\$60.50
Symons Ranch, Sheridan Ar	1	Black-Cow	1,300	\$58.50
Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT	8	Black-Cow	1,279	\$58.00

Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT	7	Black-Hfr	1,032	\$82.50
Wayne & Virginia Lee, Reva SD	1	Black-Cow	1,305	\$58.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY	1	Red-Cow	1,255	\$58.00
Lee Labree, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Bull	2,115	\$65.00
Shane & Marissa Sweet, Newcastle WY	1	Red-Bull	1,970	\$65.00
Ronald Starkey, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Bull	2,105	\$64.50
Jason Miller, Lance Creek WY	1	Black-Bull	1,920	\$64.50
Doolittle Wagner Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	1	Herf-Bull	1,860	\$64.00
George Brown, Dodson MT	1	Black-Bull	1,700	\$63.50

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BRED STOCK

Park Wood, Hulett WY	28	Black-Brd Cow	3/4Yr	1,210	\$1,910.00
Park Wood, Hulett WY	13	Black-Brd Hfr		1,067	\$1,575.00
Park Wood, Hulett WY	21	Black Brd Cow	5/6 Yr	1,431	\$1,660.00
Park Wood, Hulett WY	10	Black-Brd Cow Sm		1,492	\$1,550.00
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	20	Black-Brd Cow	5/6Yr	1,491	\$1,800.00
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	120	Black-Brd Cow	5/6Yr	1,454	\$1,785.00
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	42	Black-Brd Cow	5/6Yr	1,491	\$1,760.00
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	21	Black-Brd Cow	5/6Yr	1,398	\$1,710.00
Jason Miller, Lance Creek WY	60	Black-Brd Cow	3/4Yr	1,073	\$1,725.00
Jason Miller, Lance Creek WY	49	Black-Brd Cow	5/6Yr	1,309	\$1,610.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY	15	Red-Brd Cow	Cmg4	1,202	\$1,600.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett WY	62	Red-Brd Cow	Cmg4	1,202	\$1,560.00
Mangen Ranch, Broadus MT	30	Black-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,043	\$1,650.00
Mangen Ranch, Broadus MT	24	Black-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,113	\$1,600.00
Mangen Ranch, Broadus MT	21	Black-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,067	\$1,550.00
Mangen Ranch, Broadus MT	19	Black-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,112	\$1,475.00
Bruce Crago, Belle Fourche SD	48	Bwf-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,169	\$1,600.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro Pa	45	Black-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,074	\$1,550.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro Pa	19	Black-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,107	\$1,525.00
Monte Snook, Whitewood SD	43	Bwf-Brd Hfr		1,020	\$1,525.00
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	45	Bwf-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,067	\$1,485.00
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	41	Black-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,001	\$1,460.00
Roger Lothspeich, Miles City MT	116	Red-Brd Hfr	Ai	1,015	\$1,435.00
C Cross Cattle, Inc, Billings, MT	92	Black-Brd Hfr		1,113	\$1,435.00
Rankin Ranch Llc, Upton WY	30	Black-Brd Cow	Cmg3	1,078	\$1,625.00
Terrance & Craig Mastelle, Rozet WY	17	Black-Brd Cow	3-6Yr	1,239	\$1,600.00
Zach & Kim Davis, Buffalo WY	30	Black-Brd Cow	Cmg4	1,155	\$1,535.00
Zach & Kim Davis, Buffalo WY	20	Black-Brd Cow	Cmg4	1,180	\$1,500.00
Charles Waldie, Miles City MT	28	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow	3/4Yr	1,087	\$1,500.00
Charles Waldie, Miles City MT	9	Blk/Bwf-Brd Hfr		1,046	\$1,510.00
Charles Waldie, Miles City MT	10	Black Brd Cow	Bm	1,271	\$925.00
Don Harpster, Ekalaka MT	7	Black-Brd Cow	5/6Yr	1,513	\$1,460.00
Don Harpster, Ekalaka MT	7	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow	Sm	1,473	\$1,200.00
Don Harpster, Ekalaka MT	12	Black-Brd Cow	Bm M	1,393	\$1,100.00
Tom Andrews, Biddle MT	29	Red/Rwf-Brd Cow	Cmg3	1,007	\$1,425.00
Dan & Joyce Tracy, Newcastle WY	21	Black-Brd Cow	Sm	1,340	\$1,085.00
Dan & Joyce Tracy, Newcastle WY	10	Black-Brd Cow	Bm	1,409	\$1,000.00
Brian W Birkley, Osage WY	17	Black-Brd Cow	Sm Bm	1,370	\$1,000.00
Jack Werre, Bowman ND	16	Black-Brd Cow	Sm	1,489	\$1,025.00
Sully & Debbie Simons, Beulah WY	24	Black-Brd Cow	Bm	1,401	\$960.00
Clabaugh Cattle Co, Gillette WY	16	Red-Brd Cow	Sm Bm	1,403	\$950.00
Alvin L Cordell, Camp Crook SD	17	Black-Brd Cow	Bm	1,406	\$885.00
Canyon Creek Cattle Co, Broadus MT	29	Black-Brd Cow	Bm	1,403	\$875.00
Bryan Stroh Inc, Newcastle WY	46	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow	Bm	1,238	\$860.00
Anne Gergen, Broadus MT	19	Black-Brd Cow	Bm	1,336	\$835.00
Terrett Ranch, Miles City MT	17	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow	Sm	1,434	\$810.00
John Gerkin, Nisland SD	53	Red-Brd Cow	Sm Bm	1,288	\$775.00
Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus MT	14	Black-Brd Cow	Sm	1,296	\$750.00
Dave J Watt Ranch Llc, Buffalo WY	19	Black-Brd Cow	Bm	1,280	\$725.00

WEANED CALF SPECIAL
Thursday - December 20, 2018
BT=Branding Time Shots, PC=Precondition shots, NI=No Implants
DF=Drug Free, HR=Home Raised, NHK=No Heifers Kept
10:00 am - Sale Time

FEATURE CONSIGNMENTS:

CALVES

Bull Ranch - MT	100	Blk mx clvs - BT, NI	500-550#
Joe Wondercheck - WY	90	Blk & red mx clvs - BT, NI, DF	450-500#
Geis Bros - WY	85	Blk & red mx clvs - PC, poured, weaned, bunk broke	700-800#
Bret & Penny Clanton - SD	50	Red mx clvs - PC, poured, weaned, hfrs bv	650#
Kirk Askin - MT	30	Blk mx clvs - PC	600#
John Bourk - SD	2	Blk str - ready to butcher	1200#

More by sale time!

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 20th - Weaned Calf Special
- Selling all Classes of Cattle
Thursday, December 27th - No Sale
Thursday, January 3th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, January 10th - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, January 17th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, January 24th - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, January 31st - NO SALE - Enjoy the Stock Show!
Thursday, February 7th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, February 14th - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, February 21st - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, February 28th - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, March 7th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, March 14th - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, March 21st - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, March 28th - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, April 4th - Feeder Cattle Special - Featuring Replacement Heifers - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, April 11th - Regular Cattle Sale - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, April 18th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, April 25th - Pair Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 2nd - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 9th - Pair Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 16th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 23rd - Regular Cattle Sale - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 30th - Regular Cattle Sale - Turn Out Bull Sale - Selling All Classes of Cattle

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