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## Butte County Snow No More!



**Different Voices:** These photos and short note from the people who owe a debt of gratitude to: **Our County Highway Workers:** *These pictures are ALL of primary roads in Butte County. This is why it takes us a long time to get roads open. BECAUSE THERE WAS A LOT OF SNOW!!!!!!! I am proud to be a blade operator for Butte County Highway and I love my job. Hate me, love me, respect me, disrespect me, I am doing my job to the best of my ability with what mother nature has handed us. A LOT of people had a hard time with this last blizzard. For those of you who appreciate what we are doing, **Thank You.** The crew I work with has spent a lot of time away from their families this winter to keep these roads open. Thank you for supporting us and encouraging us to keep plowing away when we know mother nature is just gonna blow that road right back shut behind us. We will get your roads open, and it is gonna be a muddy mess. WE LIVE IN SOUTH DAKOTA!!!!!!*



## Egyptian Executive to Visit Belle March 28



**Dr. Ahmed Rasheed** signing papers in Belle in December. Rasheed Performance Minerals purchased the former Black Hills Fiberglass plant adjacent to the Belle airport to locate and expand the company's US production.

Dr. Ahmed Atef Rasheed, Managing Director, IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals, a division of Rasheed Performance Minerals, Alexandria, Egypt will be in Belle Fourche on Thursday, March 28 to give a presentation explaining the plans and to answer questions in regard to the manufacturing facility that will be put into production in Belle Fourche in the upcoming year.

Dr. Rasheed will meet with local economic development officials in the morning. They will host a casual "meet & greet" with finger food at 11:30 am at the BF Economic Development building, corner of 5th & Grant, followed by Dr. Rasheed's presentation (12:30 pm). The event is open to the public. He will be available after his presentation to answer questions from the public and the press.

## Wells Plumbing & Supply Under New Ownership

### BEACON STAFF

news@bellefourchebeacon.com  
You shouldn't expect to find things a great deal different with the new ownership of Wells Plumbing and Supply. The way of doing business that became a tradition the Wells family started in 1948 is continuing on.

The new ownership is a partnership of very customer service oriented individuals. Definitely the kind of dynamics that will be a perfect transition into continuing the tradition of selling quality products and providing the great service that area customers have been experiencing for the past seventy years.

The business didn't skip a beat as the experienced Wells employees before the sale were the same Wells employees after the sale. Faces are the same, but one role and responsibility made a significant change.

Long time Well's Plumbing & Supply key employee Bill Jewett is now Owner and Managing Partner, Bill Jewett.

Bill has been providing knowledgeable, efficient, polite, friendly, customer oriented service for the Wells for the past fourteen years. In those years Bill was working for the customer too, and that is an attitude and mode of operation that will not change in Bill's role as an owner.

Bill was born and raised in Belle Fourche. A 1989 graduate of Belle Fourche High School



**45 Years** and counting. The number of years of plumbing and supply experience behind the counter at Well's Plumbing & Supply, from left: Jeff O'Grady, Gary Alickson, Bill Jewett, owner/managing partner, Chandi Zimmerscheid, office and Andrew Jackson. On the counter checking the tape measure is team member "Spice". *Beacon Photo*

he and his wife Lesa have seven children ranging in ages from 7 to 21.

Bill has always had a strong sense of community and is active as a youth coach of football and girl's softball coach.

Before coming to Well's Plumbing and Supply, not many years after the turn of the century (2005), Bill had also been employed at American Colloid, what was formerly Pope &

Talbot Sawmill, and as a deputy sheriff. Bill was elected and serving as Ward 3 Councilman when appointed to serve as Mayor of Belle Fourche in the mid 1990's.

In addition to Bill, long time Well's employee Gary Alickson (26 years) will continue to be a fixture in the business, as well as more recent highly capable employees Jeff O'Grady (3 years) and Andrew Jackson (2years). Chandi Zimmerscheid has joined Wells as the office manager.

As customers you may not have even noticed the change of ownership that quietly happened on January 1 of this year.

What you experienced when you walk in the door and interact with the staff you've grown accustomed to seeing there is no different today than what you

experienced before the first of the year.

The continuation of this reputable and necessary Belle Fourche business was possible in part by the belief and optimistic business acumen of two other South Dakota partners in ownership.

Brian Hammerbeck, a farm and ranch raised, Winner, SD native, and Pat Hall, longtime Rapid City realtor.

Brian is the former President of Dakota Mill & Grain, Inc. and has also worked in commercial banking.

Pat, who has been in the real estate business since 1967 has extensive business experience and community and regional involvement.

New displays and some store and product reorganization is underway, but you'll find everything you've come to expect

and more there.

Familiar names like: Ritche, Rheem, Delta, Rainbird Sprinkler Systems, CamLock, Mirafount, Eaton Electrical, Myers, Berkley, McDonald pumps, and more.

As well as PVC copper, and black pipe, fittings, hoses, tubing, Milwaukee tools, tanks, culverts, and much, much more.

Stop in, get what you need, and congratulate them on the successful continuation of Wells Plumbing & Supply, 1700 5th Avenue (Hwy 85) in Belle.

An official date has not been set yet, but an open house is being planned, once the new displays are completed and the Spring weather here to stay.

Oops! We almost forgot to mention: DUCT TAPE! It's always in stock. Call same Well's phone number: 605-892-2613





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Through the strongest of storms and the softest breeze, listen to the wind and think of me.  
-Unknown



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**Lawrence "Larry" Wier 81**



Lawrence (Larry) D. Wier, Lt. Colonel (Ret), age 81 passed away in Coeur d'Alene, ID on February 25, 2019. Larry was born October 5, 1937 to Henry and Lena Wier in Belle Fourche, SD.

Larry graduated from high school in 1955. His college degrees were from BHTC in Spearfish, SD, where in 1961, the student body chose Larry as "The yearbook Personality" "Mr Eociha", and he also earned a Masters degree from The University of Idaho.

Larry's first teaching experience was in Newell, SD. The remainder of his years were teaching in Kellogg, ID. Eventually retiring there as the Principal.

Larry married Mary Jensen and had four children. He married Marna (Velzy) Diekmann in 1980, and added her three children to the family. He is also the grandfather of 13.

Larry's second career was in the U.S. Army Reserve retiring as a LTC. His love for his country was evident in every-

thing he said and did. A lover of the simple pleasures in life, his fondest memories were always with family and friends, camping, boating, and reading.

Winters found Larry and Marna in Yuma, AZ, enjoying the sun and going to the desert in his Jeep.

Survivors are Marna, his children, step-children, grandchildren, sister Marcy Whyte, Hill City, James Velzy, Yankton and many others. He was preceded in death by Lena and Henry Wier from Belle Fourche, Everett and Ella Velzy from Spearfish, Rita Velzy from Yankton, Randy, Keith, and Stan Whyte from Hill City.

A memorial service was held in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

A memorial/scholarship fund in his honor is set up at Kellogg HS for a senior who pursues an education in the science field. Kellogg School Dist. 800 Bunker Ave. Kellogg, ID 83837

Please sign Larry's online memorial book at: www.englishfuneralchapel.com



**Pastor's Perspective**

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Evelyn Weaver of St. James Episcopal Church.

**Scripture Lesson from Luke 4:1-13**

The Scripture lesson for the first Sunday in Lent is about the temptation of Jesus. In the third chapter of Luke, we read about the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. After Jesus' baptism, the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

Now we are reading from the fourth chapter of Luke and it begins by telling us that after Jesus' baptism he was full of the Holy Spirit and he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Jesus has not eaten for forty days and he was hungry. The devil tempted Jesus by telling

him to turn the stones into bread so he could have something to eat. Jesus replies that we do not live by bread alone. The devil next shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and tells him that he can have it all if he will only bow down and worship the devil. Jesus replies that it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." The first two temptations did not work so the devil takes Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem and places him on the pinnacle, the very top, of the temple and tells Jesus to throw himself down from there because your Father in heaven will protect you. Jesus replies, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" At this point, the devil gives up and leaves for the

time being only to appear again later.

Why would we read and study this passage at the beginning of the Lenten Season?

There are the obvious themes of fasting and testing and the faithfulness of Jesus. I think the scripture lesson is also helping me find my way through Lent. Taking the Holy Spirit with me as my helper and advocate, I can spend some quiet time alone reflecting on the scriptures and praying. Lent would be a good time to get involved in a new ministry or a project either through my church or my community. It is also a time to reflect on Jesus' ministry and walk the forty days of Lent with him so we can arrive at Easter Day and share in Christ's resurrection!

The thanks be to God!

**Obituaries**

**Dennis Cockrell 77**

Dennis E. Cockrell, age 77 of Belle Fourche, died Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

The funeral service will be held 10:30 am Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. A visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Tuesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Dennis Edward Cockrell was born July 12, 1941 in Redfield, South Dakota. He was the son of Harry and Elsie (Kisner) Cockrell. Dennis grew up on a family farm near Tulare, SD. He graduated from the Tulare High School and began working for Chicago Northwestern Railroad (CNW). In 1979 he was united in marriage to Colleen Tracy in Waubay SD. To this union was born 3 children: Traci, Hope, and Nick. Following their marriage, they lived on the farm in Tulare and later they moved to Pierre. In 1986 they

moved to Belle Fourche, SD, where the railroad eventually became Union Pacific Railroad (UP). Dennis worked many years for the railroad following the company to Lusk WY in 1996. He retired from the railroad in 2004.

Dennis was a kind-hearted, gentle man. In his younger years he specialized in building race cars and he was an avid hunter and fisherman. Dennis loved animals especially his dogs. He enjoyed gardening and wood-working and he loved his children. Papa Cockrell, as the grandkids called him, was a wonderful grandfather and he will be missed greatly by his family.

Dennis is survived by his children, Traci (Chad) Hanson of Piedmont, Hope (Christopher) Jackson of Belle Fourche, Nick



(Rachelle) Cockrell of Belle Fourche; 8 grandchildren, Tadum and Avery Cockrell, Chloe and Aubree Hanson, Isabelle, Payton, Evan, and Sadie Jackson; brother, Harry Jr. (Mary Ann) Cockrell of Magna UT; sisters, Ruby (Gary) Huggett of Webster SD, Norma (Leon) Palmer of Sisseton SD, Evelyn Ost (Gordon Marzahn) of Basset NE; sister-in-law Dee Cockrell and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clayton (Susie) and Merle Cockrell; and sister, Harriet (Neil) Binger.

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

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**Randy Russell Curtis 61**

Randy Russell Curtis, 61 of Belle Fourche passed away unexpectedly March 14, 2019 at the Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Randy grew up in Canning, SD and attended Canning Country School until 5th grade and then on to Sully Buttes High School in Onida. After graduating, Randy worked with his dad for Pat Feeney at the Knox Ranch. He grew up watching with a careful eye over his four sisters whom he dearly adored. Randy then decided to compete on the horse track where he and trainer Casey Hannum had a very successful partnership. He enjoyed being a jockey and was South Dakota's leading jockey 2 years in a row. Following his time on the track Randy went to work for future father-in-law, Bill Barnes whom along with Gilbert Wood, he attributes to teaching him everything about marketing livestock. Randy married Bill's daughter, Billie Barnes on May 15, 1979. To this union three children were born, Brian, Kaycee & Karisa. Randy took great pride in watching his kids compete and every now and then would be known to yell pretty loud. He also cherished his time with his grandchildren, watching Noah playing football, sorting cattle with Bayzen and his purple paddle and cheering Oaklee on at the jackpots. Randy met the love of his life, Mary Jo Scoggin in 2000 and they spent the past 19 years embarking on countless adventures making memories to last a lifetime.

Randy was a man of "unvarnished and unedited" nature. He told it exactly how he saw it - no strings attached. He did not care what you thought of his opinion and you'd pay hell changing his mind. You always knew where you stood with him, but at the same time he was very caring and he'd be the first in line to help out a

friend. Randy enjoyed gathering crew and traveling to brandings throughout the area. He also donated his time and talent doing countless benefit auctions, fundraisers and Calcutta's.



He was proud to have spear headed the Belle Fourche High School Rodeo Club auction for 24 years. Randy spent a short period of time wrangling guests and cows at Kara Creek Ranch. Time spent at Kara Creek was very dear to him and he went back often. Randy was currently a field man at Belle Fourche Livestock which is where he began his sale barn journey in 1979. He always said he was back home and thoroughly loved sale days; coordinating and sorting cows and calves with his purple paddle, Elmer Fudd cap and radio in hand. He loved every aspect of the sale barn and was always the first to arrive in the morning. He loved to talk on the phone every day and even packed his phone into the bathroom to shower every morning. One phrase often spoken was "I gotta go, I got one beeping in"! His kind and charismatic nature blossomed at the sale barn, the auctions and just by hanging out with his friends and family.

Randy took up fishing a couple years ago and became very passionate about it. Although no one could believe it, it relaxed and gave him peace inside just as spider solitaire did. He could

be seen showing his catch of the day photos on his smart phone, the only purpose to have it other than to search the internet with his phrase of "okay, Google.....". He loved to meet and talk to new people and always said he would rather have another friend, than another dollar. Randy made a huge impact on everyone he knew. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marlys Curtis; father-in-law, Larry Scoggin and grandparents, CE and Anna Curtis and Les and Beulah Price.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Mary Jo Curtis; children, Brian Curtis, Kaycee Curtis and Karisa Curtis all of Belle Fourche; sisters, Cheryl (Don) Fletcher of Costa Rica, Diane (Dale) Nuttall of Greybull, WY, Donna (Kelly) Green of Murdo, SD and Teri (Don) Heninger of Fort Pierre, SD; grandchildren, Noah Nixon, Oaklee Curtis and Bayzen Curtis; brother-in-law, Rett (Abbra) Scoggin; mother-in-law, Shawn (Grammie) Scoggin and 9 nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, Friday, March 22 at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 23 at 11:00 am at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market.

The family extends an invitation for everyone to join them for lunch and sharing of memories at the Branding Iron Steakhouse following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established at Pioneer Bank & Trust to support Belle Fourche High School Rodeo.

A video tribute will be forthcoming and posted when complete at www.klinefuneralchapel.com

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*Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

## Elise Nelson 97

Elsie Nelson, age 97 of Buffalo SD, died Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Dahl Memorial Nursing Home in Ekalaka MT.

Her life will be celebrated 2 pm Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Pastor Tom Martin will officiate. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Friday at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Friends may leave written condolences and view video tribute online at: [www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com](http://www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com)

Elsie Wahl was born January 11, 1922 at the ranch home of her parents, Carl and Elise (Jugler) Wahl. Elsie was the youngest of five children. She grew up on the family ranch and received her elementary education at the rural school near her home. She attended the School of Agriculture in Brookings SD and graduated in 1939. She furthered her education in Denver CO, where she attended Barnes School of Commerce and while there accepted a position in South Dakota State Government with the Department of Taxation in Pierre SD.

Having taken a Civil Service examination while attending business college in Denver, Elsie received an appointment in April of 1941 with the Corps of Engineers, resigned her position in Pierre and moved to Lamar CO to join the Field Office working on the John Martin Dam, a flood control project. The Declaration of War after Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 became a District Office engaged in war construction projects under the jurisdiction of the Division Office in Dallas, TX. Elsie served as an Administrative Department Secretary under Major J.R. O'Bryan, and in 1946 as WWII slowly came to an end transferred to the Veteran's Administration Center in Wadsworth, KS. She was assigned the position as Secretary to the Chiefs on the Center grounds and later reassigned to the Manager's Office as secretary to the Executive Officer, Henry C. Herzog. Elsie resigned from her position in 1949 to return to South Dakota and on October 15, 1949 was united in marriage to Jens Nelson at the Presbyterian Church in Sturgis SD.

Jens and Elsie made their home on the Harding

County ranch for fifty years and during those years, were blessed with the birth of their three children, Larry, Carla, and Rick. Active in the Extension Homemakers program for many years she served at County, District and State levels and as State Health Chairman was honored to receive the National Award for best State Health Report submitted at the National Homemakers Convention in Orlando, FL for the year of 1975. Elsie participated in many county activities in the 4H program, county fair board, and as a member of a panel of judges for the Grand Electric Bake-Off in Bison for several years while that competition was being held as a special annual event.

Elsie worked in the Butte County Treasurer's Office for a number of years while the children attended school in Belle Fourche. She returned to Harding County in 1974 when the children pursued their college studies. After rejoining the workforce as Secretary in the SCS Office in Buffalo, she ran for and was elected Harding County Register of Deeds and served in that office for three terms until she retired in 1990. Active for a number of years in the Harding County Republicans, she served as Chairman of the Party until she and Jens moved to Belle Fourche in 2000. A Past Matron of Grand River Chapter #162, OES, Buffalo SD, she received a Grand Chapter appointment as Chaplain in 1968, and received her certificate and pin for 50 years of membership in OES in 2002. She was honored to receive a special appointment as one of the emblem bearers of the emblematic Star at the 2007 OES Grand Chapter Session held in Pierre SD. A member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Belle Fourche, Elsie has enjoyed over 25 years in the organization.

Elsie is survived by her sons, Larry (Dr. Sandra Holcomb) Nelson of Buffalo SD, Rick (Jolene) Nelson of Belle Fourche; daughter, Carla Nelson of Los Angeles CA; 2 grandchildren, Jeffrey and Melanie Nelson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jens; granddaughter, Shela Nelson; 3 sisters, Lisa Skuba, Ruth Brock, Evelyn Carney; and 1 brother, John Wahl.

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## Shirlee Baughman 76

Shirlee Ann Baughman, 76, of Colony, Wyoming died March 13, 2019 at her home.

She was born October 28, 1942 in Greenlee County, Arizona to Robert and Inez Landrum.

Shirlee started a family in Iowa and married and had 3 children, Babbette, Lisa and Stacie. The family moved to Alaska in 1966 from Hobbs, New Mexico and lived there until 1972. She moved to California, then to Colorado and Montana before ending up back in Alaska. It was in Alaska where she met up again with a longtime love, Sonny Baughman. The couple married October 10, 1981 and were happy to finally be together the rest of their lives.

While in Alaska she managed Inez's Western Wear. She and Sonny were committed to promoting rodeo on the Kenai Peninsula where they made their home. They traveled to rodeos in many parts of Alaska where Shirlee enjoyed barrel racing and some calf roping. They were instrumental in organizing Play Days in Alaska. Events included barrels, poles, stick horse races, flag races, steer roping, goat tying and mounted ring toss.

They moved to Colony, WY following Sonny's retirement in 1986 and lived out their lives there. Shirlee enjoyed her flower gardens and in her earlier years making pottery.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Inez; husband, Sonny Baughman in 2012 and sisters, Helen Chenault and Wilma Williams.

She is survived by her daughters, Babbette (Thomas) Edlund of Arvada, CO, Lisa (John) Wyatt of Lakewood, CO and Stacie (Del) Rehling of Rapid City; her sister, Linda (Murdock) Williams of Rome, GA and her brother, Charles (Carolyn) Landrum of Hobbs, NM; grandchildren, Brandon (Lyndy) Richie, Abigail Richie, Camron (Krista) Millspaugh, Mallory Millspaugh, Lindsay Millspaugh, Carmin (Chad) Vaughn and Mercedes Nienhaus; numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, March 19 at 11:00 AM at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with Reverend Tim Smith officiating. She will be buried with her husband Sonny.

An online guest book is available at [klinefuneralchapel.com](http://klinefuneralchapel.com)



## Deborah Kiewel 67

Deborah Kay Mitchell Kiewel, 67, passed from this earth March 14 at Bennett County Hospital after a struggle with pneumonia.

Debbie was born September 29th 1951 at Pierre, SD to Lawrence and Doris (Pisha) Mitchell. She grew up at Harrington, SD, moved to Martin

in 1960 where she attended Martin grade school and Bennett County high school.

She married Tom Jensen of Gordon, NE where they resided for several years. Debbie attended Oglala Lakota College received her associate degree in social work. She moved to Belle Fourche, SD where she met and married Walley Kiewel, together they started Guardian Angel assisted living home.

Due to failing health she moved to Meadow Lark senior housing and to Bennett County nursing home.

Deb loved her dogs, having one all her life. She loved to fish and golf, she was an expert at putting puzzles together giving many away as gifts.

She is survived by 3 daughters,



Rhonda Jensen, Lori Kiewel and Gabriel Kiewel all of Belle Fourche, SD, sister, Cheryl Hauck; soul mate, Tom Jensen both of Martin; brother, Mike Gebes of Phillip, SD; sister-in-law, Paula Mitchell of Indiana; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and

nephews.

Deb was preceded in death by her mother and father; son, Dusty Kleinsausser; brothers, Byron, Roger and Cliff Mitchell.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 22 at 1:00 PM at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche with Reverend Bill Hines officiating. Burial will follow at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Visitation will 5:00 to 7:00 PM Thursday, March 21.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Brian Jensen, Bradley Jensen, Brett Reynolds, Zack Souder, Ethan Nissen, and nephew, Tim Mitchell.



## Edward Pajor 55

Edward Pajor, age 55 of Belle Fouché, died Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30am Friday, March 22, 2019 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place 5 to 7 pm Thursday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Edward John Pajor was born May 15, 1963 in Gary, Indiana. He was the son of Edward James and Loretta Theresa (Bukur) Pajor. Ed grew up in Gary Indiana and in 1981 he graduated from the Portage High School. Following his graduation, he attended Indiana University for two years. For 23 years, Ed worked in construction for Local 81 as a union labor in Indiana. In 2009 he moved to Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Ed was a kind and generous man, who had a great sense of humor. He enjoyed the outdoors



and loved to fish, garden, and go camping. He enjoyed horseshoes and playing card games, especially poker, and throwing dice as well. Ed was part of a close-knit family who loved him very much and he will be missed greatly by all of them.

Ed is survived by his mother, Loretta (and Gerald) Collins of Belle Fourche; brother, Dan Pajor of Belle Fourche; sister, Theresa (David) Prozeller of Belle Fourche; and nephews, Zachary and Zane Wager. He is also survived by his children, Whitley, Edward, and Joshua Pajor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward James Pajor; paternal grandparents, Adam and Mary Pajor; and maternal grandparents, Eli and Marie Bukur.

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## Area Church Schedules

**BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH**  
1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche  
605-569-8380  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM  
Bob Davis, Pastor

**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

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**  
2020 Vista St - 892-4767  
Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule  
Long Term Care Service  
8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
1105 Todd St.  
Brad Buchholz, Bishop  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting  
Sunday School:  
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society,  
Young Men and Young Women:  
11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

**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

**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

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
807 8th Ave. 892-6178  
Pastor Tim Smith  
Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Wednesday:  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SPEARFISH**  
1120 North Fifth Street  
605-645-3513 •  
Find us on Facebook  
Pastor Bruce K. Oyen  
Sunday:  
Bible Class - 10:00 a.m.  
Church Service - 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00p.m.  
We sing traditional hymns & choruses.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC**  
717 Jackson St. - 892-3402  
Pastor Del Neumeister  
Sunday:  
9:35 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship

**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

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
901 Laurel St. Whitewood  
(605)-920-1959  
Reverend Jill Jennewein  
Sunday:  
9 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

**LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(ABA) - 2.2 miles east on Hwy 34  
723-1092  
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

**NEW COVENANT PCA**  
1140 Ames St. Spearfish  
642-1122 - Luke Bluhm, Pastor  
Sunday:  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 - 642-7167  
Thomas Pruett - Minister  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

**NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
On Hwy 212 in Nisland  
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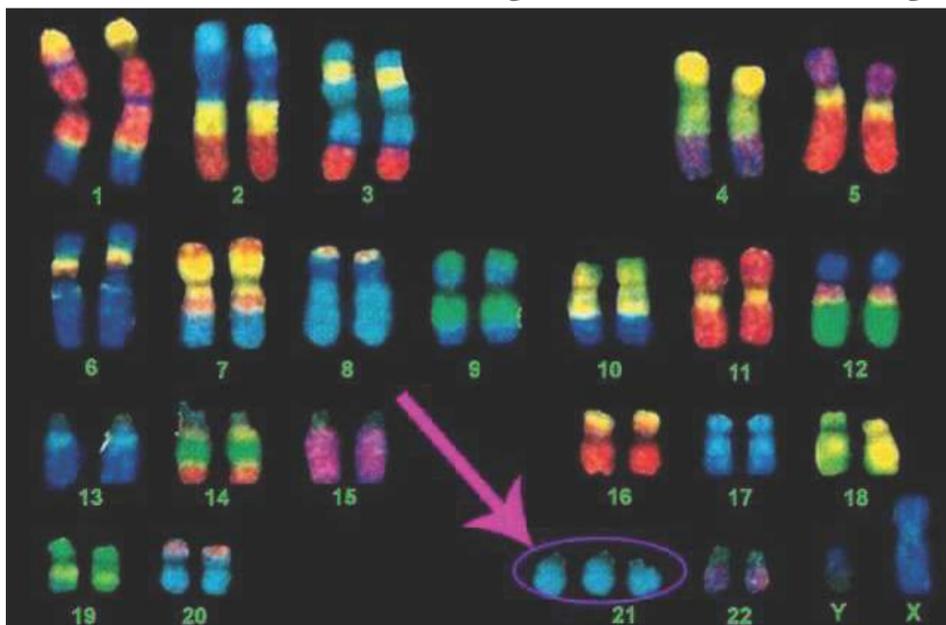
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# Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day

The colored photo to your right are chromosomes. The one circled is chromosome 21 - note the three copies of the chromosome. This is Trisomy 21 also known as Down syndrome. You and I have just two copies of Chromosome 21. People with Down syndrome have 3 copies. They look like socks, right? This is where the idea of Rock your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day was born from... simple! On March 21st, World Down Syndrome Day, we celebrate and

raise awareness by wearing our brightest, loudest socks. And why is WDS held on March 21st? 21:3 (chromosome 21, 3 copies = 21st day of 3rd month of the year) easy to remember! Don't forget to join in on the day! So remember: ROCK YOUR SOCKS FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY Thursday, March 21, 2019 Wear your most colorful, spunky socks in celebration of people with Down syndrome!



Colored chart above shows the chromosomes. The circled 21 is Trisomy 21 also known as Down syndrome.



## Chamber Report

From Chamber Director Gary Wood

### Thinking about the "good ol' days"

I just finished a very whimsical book about an English country village and the school mistress that teaches in the school. "Wow," you might say, "don't you have anything better to read?" Sometimes you just need to "escape" from the reality of business, family and life in general and sit down with a good cup of tea and enjoy the picture of something that for the most part no longer exists. I was struck by the school caretaker and his view of the young people 'now a days'. It was quite progressive for 1955 when the book was written. He gave the young people a lot of credit for their ability to do what they were doing in 1955 as compared to what he did or experienced in the same English country village but 50 years earlier at the turn of the 20th century. The younger generation was exposed to a whole world of things through new advances and technologies that he couldn't have even imagined when he was their age; when throwing rocks at tin cans was the main pastime for him and his peers. And that was the 1950s! All of this to say that sometimes wishing for the good ole days needs a little bit of the filter taken off those rose colored glasses. We can think, "Ah, this generation what do they know..." (We think that as we take our smartphones to them to help us who aren't nearly as wise as our phone.) If that's the case, it may be time to give those rose-colored glasses of the past a good scrub. Like in my book, I think it's important to realize and appreciate the brave new

world we are living in. The amount of information, resources and technology at our finger tips is nearly infinite and we should use it to our advantage. Especially (from a Chamber perspective) when that means expanding our horizons and learning new things to improve our businesses! Let's not forget the past but keep it in perspective and look to the future. That is what we need to do in our community as well. There is benefit to considering how things used to be, but there is also something to be said about looking to the future and what we want our city to be. How do you envision your life, family, business or community? From my perspective of our community, I think we have a bright future. I meet all kinds of people that are moving here because of the lifestyle that we enjoy. We have a corner on the market at the Center of the Nation that a lot of places do not. One thing that is propelling this belief for me is the number of businesses recently that are changing hands. Longtime owners are passing the baton on to new owners, many of them young who are investing in Belle Fourche because they believe in our future. I am excited to see what these new business people bring to the table, and am appreciative to the previous owners for their years of hard work and passion they invested in their businesses and in Belle Fourche. Let's spend some time thinking about what the future of Belle Fourche is instead of complaining about the things that aren't like they used to be.



### March 14 Winter Storm Moves Chamber Annual Meeting and Soirée to March 28

## Belle Fourche Community Calendar

<p><b>Wednesday - 20</b></p> <p>Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp Meeting 7am, 5th and Grant Plaza</p> <p>Fitness Made Fun 11am, Senior Center</p> <p><b>Thursday - 21</b></p> <p>New Garden Club 10am, Senior Center</p> <p>March Chamber Mixer 5pm, Scott Peterson Motors</p> <p><b>Friday - 22</b></p> <p>Caramel Rolls &amp; Coffee 8:30-10am, Senior Center</p> <p><b>Monday - 25</b></p> <p>Wells Fargo Blood Drive 1:30-4pm, Wells Fargo Bank</p>	<p><b>Tuesday - 26</b></p> <p>Early Bird Networking &amp; Coffee 7:30-9am, Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><b>Wednesday - 27</b></p> <p>Fitness Made Fun 11am, Senior Center</p> <p><b>Friday - 29</b></p> <p>Caramel Rolls &amp; Coffee 8:30-10am, Senior Center</p> <p>Healthy Habits Made Easy 10am, Senior Center</p> <p><b>Sunday - 31</b></p> <p>Holy Rocka Rollaz in Concert 3pm, BFACC</p>	<p><b>Monday - April 1</b></p> <p>City Council Meeting 6pm, City Hall</p> <p><b>Tuesday - April 2</b></p> <p>National Service Recognition Day</p> <p>Early Bird Networking &amp; Coffee 7:30-9am, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><b>Wednesday - April 3</b></p> <p>Chamber Board Meeting 7am, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Fitness Made Fun 11am, Senior Center</p> <p>If you would like to see a community event in the calendar, please email News@BelleFourcheBeacon.com.</p>
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# Belle Lady Broncs 17-5 A Great Year!

**CHRIS RILEY**  
Special to the Beacon

The 2018-19 Lady Bronc basketball season fell short of the ultimate goal of returning to the state tournament, but still provided numerous wins and highlights.

Belle Fourche ended the season with 17 wins and 5 losses, including their win in the Region 8A Tourney and season-ending loss in the SoDak 16 round.

A trio of seniors led the way for the Lady Broncs: Payson Birkeland, Ashley Byrd, and Rylee Young. All three were among the team's statistical leaders in a number of categories and also provided veteran leadership for their teammates.

"Those three seniors have been together so long," Belle Fourche head coach Bill Burr said. "All three had seen court time last year so that helped with the starting role. They got out front and led things for us while the rest of the girls found their roles and played their positions."

Young led the team in scoring (11.4 PPG) and steals (2.7 SPG) and was the fourth-leading rebounder (3.9 RPG) from her guard position.

"On the court Rylee is a tough defender – she is going to go 100 percent – the one diving after the loose ball," Burr said. "She set the tone for us and if she played well the team played well. Off the court she stepped into that leadership role."

Birkeland was the second-leading scorer (10.3 PPG) and the team's leading rebounder (7.1 RPG). Most impressive might be her 83% free throw shooting (74-of-89).

"(Payson) gave us 100 percent," Burr added. "She worked hard and had to defend some bigger posts on the bottom and you could always tell when Payson was getting focused and into the game." Byrd finished third on the team in scoring (8.5 PPG) and second in rebounding (5.5 RPG).

"Ashley is quieter but an influence up and down the court," Burr said. "She caused a lot of trouble out front (on defense) with our diamond press and had some big games as our top scorer or top rebounder."

"When you put those three seniors together they led for us. They read each other really well. If one (Payson or Ashley) gets doubled our guard could find the other." Junior Harley Fischer, who transferred from Spearfish last spring, stepped up and filled a hole at a guard position according to Burr.



**All three teams:** Varsity, JV and the C team. **1st row** left to right: Seniors Rylee Young, Payson Birkeland, Ashley Byrd, Manager Mina Haug **2nd row** left to right: Bella Jensen, Taryn Stedillie, Jamie Peterson, Harley Fischer, Bree Pierce, Savanna Rosales, Manager Megan Keegan **3rd row** left to right: Jasmyn Jensen, Reese McKenna, Elainna Brill, Dru Keegan, McKenzie Lyons, Kaylin Garza, Mng Molly Rhoads **Back row** left to right: Chloe Crago, Dylan Stedillie, Tia Williamson, Halle Eaton, Charlie Henwood, Grace Clooten, Hannah Satterfield, Hayley Wilbur. *Courtesy Photo*

"We were concerned about that other guard spot (opposite Rylee). Harley sees the floor well and passes the ball well. She had some big games and knocked down some big threes."

Fischer averaged five points per contest and was the team's third-leading rebounder (5.5 RPG) and figures to be a big key to success next season. Also stepping into a starting role this season was sophomore Bella Jensen. Jensen averaged 7.1 points per game, converting on 26 three-pointers during the season and shooting 28-of-33 from the free-throw line.

"Starting as a sophomore this year, Bella had some growing pains but learned a lot," Burr said. "She shot the ball well at times and handles the ball well and has the ability to penetrate."

Burr also noted that the sophomore class was well represented by Taryn Stedillie, Bree Pierce, Jayme Peterson, and Savannah Rosales.

"Bree did a nice job filling in and coming off the bench. Taryn has great defense and filled a big void at times. Savannah coming off the bench is quick, and a great defender and Jayme gave us a lot of minutes between JV and varsity."

Jasmyn Jensen and Hayley Wilbur added depth from the sophomore group while Kaylin Garza and Dru Keegan both saw minutes this season as freshman.

"Jasmyn played well and handles the ball well – she can shoot the ball when she gets going. Dru pushes the floor well and having Hayley and Kaylin added some height for us off the bench," Burr said.

"Kaylin can knock down that eight-to-nine-foot jumper and also shoots the three-ball, but she can also handle the basketball really well. We have lots of underclassmen talent." Eighth-graders Chloe Crago, Dylan Stedillie, and Tia Williamson also made the varsity roster by season's end.

The year could not have started off much better, as the Lady Broncs replaced their entire starting lineup from a year before and promptly reeled off 12 straight wins out of the gate before finally falling at Bowman (North Dakota) on January 19.

"When we were first getting ready to start the season I thought we would be competitive and in games," Burr said. "I knew the conference would be tough. I thought we could compete for the Black Hills Conference – which we did (finishing second behind St. Thomas More) – I was concerned about STM and Hill City but thought Sturgis would be really good. That was a big plus to beat (Sturgis) twice. After their 12-0 start, the Lady Broncs went 4-4 down the stretch to finish the regular season at 16-4.

"The first 10 games, we had momentum and built that up," Burr added. "We were a half

step off in Bowman. Against STM we kept it close and gave ourselves a chance but didn't shoot the ball well. Against Douglas we just weren't focused – every night you need to bring 100% and we didn't have it that night. Faith (final regular season game), we would like to have that one back. We came off two tough games and just didn't play up to our potential."

That 16-4 record was still good enough to get the #1 seed in Region 8A and a first-round bye. After upsetting Lead-Deadwood, Rapid City Christian came to Belle for the first meeting between the teams since RC Christian moved up to Class A a year ago.

"We had a long stretch off due to that bye and I was a little concerned with momentum, but we came out hot and the girls came ready to play," Burr said of the second-round region game.

"It was the best I saw us play all season. Once you get girls confident shooting the ball it helped our defense too." For the sixth year in a row Belle made the state tournament play-in game (2014-16 Region Final; 2017-19 SoDak 16). The Broncs squared off against Aberdeen Roncalli on March 7th in Pierre but saw their season end with a 49-27 defeat.

"We wanted to get to that game and make something happen," Burr said. "You lose and you're done and go home.

We just didn't play well and couldn't overcome a poor first half."

Belle Fourche finished the season (including playoffs) averaging 52 points a contest while giving up just 39 points per game. They out-rebounded opponents by a total of 707 to 614 and committed 380 turnovers while forcing opponents into 503 total turnovers.

Burr credited his coaching staff of Scott Slotten and Angie Garza with a large part of the girls' basketball program's recent success.

"They are a great help. Those other teams (JV & C) are always ready to play and those girls are the ones who give the varsity players practice and play defense against them." Slotten's JV squad finished the season with a record of 16-4 while Garza's C team finished the year 16-2.

"Angie did a great job with that freshman group," Burr added. "They started the year low on numbers until the 8th graders joined (at Christmas break), but they gelled well and worked and played together. Everyone embraced their role."

Burr said he was proud of his team, especially his three seniors that embraced their leadership roles. He said that he has already started thinking about the 2019-20 season and is excited for the team's prospects if the returners and younger players understand the work to be done and commit themselves this offseason.

## Belle Fourche District School Menu

### BREAKFAST - K-12

**Thursday March 21**  
• Fresh Baked Caramel Roll  
• Cereal Choices with Toast

### Friday March 22

• Egg & Cheese Taco Roll  
• Cereal Choices with Toast

### Monday March 25

• Iced Long John  
• Cereal Choices with Toast

### Tuesday March 26

• Breakfast Sliders  
• Cereal Choices with Toast

### Wednesday March 27

• French Toast Sticks with Syrup  
• Cereal Choices with Toast

### LUNCH - K-4

**Thursday March 21**  
• Cheese Pizza  
• Pepperoni Pizza  
• BBQ Rib Sandwich

### Friday March 22

• Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll  
• Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich

### Monday March 25

• Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham with Dinner Roll  
• Cheeseburger

### Tuesday March 26

• Taco in a Bag  
• Oven Roasted Hot Dog

### Wednesday March 27

• Pizza Snackable  
• Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dinner Roll

### LUNCH - MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Thursday March 21**

• Cheese Pizza  
• Pepperoni Pizza  
• BBQ Rib Sandwich  
• Fresh Baked Combo Sub  
• Roasted Ham & Cheddar Deli Wrap  
• Oriental Salad with Roasted Flatbread

### Friday March 22

• Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll  
• Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich  
• Fresh Baked Egg Salad Sub  
• Turkey Combo Deli Wrap  
• Nacho Snackable

### Monday March 25

• Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham with Dinner Roll  
• Cheeseburger  
• Fresh Baked Turkey & Cheese Sub  
• Turkey and Cheddar Deli Wrap  
• Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread

### Tuesday March 26

• Taco in a Bag  
• Oven Roasted Hot Dog  
• Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese  
• Crispy Chicken Deli Wrap  
• Pizza Snackable

### Wednesday March 27

• Hearty Meatloaf with Dinner Roll  
• Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dinner Roll  
• Fresh Baked Egg Salad Sub  
• Turkey Combo Deli Wrap  
• Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips

### LUNCH - HIGH SCHOOL

**Thursday March 21**

• Pizza Hut Pizza  
• BBQ Rib Sandwich  
• Fresh Baked Combo Sub  
• Roasted Ham & Cheddar Deli Wrap  
• Oriental Salad with Roasted Flatbread

### Friday March 22

• Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll  
• Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich  
• Fresh Baked Egg Salad Sub  
• Turkey Combo Deli Wrap  
• Nacho Snackable

### Monday March 25

• Home-style Scalloped Potatoes & Ham with Dinner Roll  
• Cheeseburger  
• Fresh Baked Turkey & Cheese Sub  
• Turkey and Cheddar Deli Wrap  
• Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread

### Tuesday March 26

• Taco in a Bag  
• Oven Roasted Hot Dog  
• Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese  
• Crispy Chicken Deli Wrap  
• Pizza Snackable

### Wednesday March 27

• Hearty Meatloaf with Dinner Roll  
• Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dinner Roll  
• Fresh Baked Egg Salad Sub  
• Turkey Combo Deli Wrap  
• Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips

### LUNCH - HIGH SCHOOL GRILL STATION

**Thursday March 21**

• Pizza Hut Pizza  
• Spicy Chicken Sandwich

### Friday March 22

• Bacon Cheeseburger  
• Crispy Chicken Sandwich  
• Mozzarella Bosco Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce  
• Fresh Baked Sausage Pizza

### Monday March 25

• Cheeseburger  
• Oven-Roasted Hot Dog  
• Personal Pan Pepperoni Pizza  
• Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dinner Roll

### Tuesday March 26

• Bacon Cheeseburger  
• Crispy Chicken Sandwich  
• Mozzarella Bosco Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce  
• Fresh Baked Sausage Pizza

### Wednesday March 27

• Spicy Chicken Sandwich  
• Fresh Baked Ham & Turkey Sub  
• Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub  
• Fresh Baked Combo Sub

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## BF Middle School Students of the Month for February



**CONGRATULATIONS!** - (From Left) 8th Grade; Anna Homola and Izzabella Ramos. 7th Grade; Trey Smeenk and Hannah Doyle (not pictured). 6th Grade; Joselyn Shockey and Ethan Willen. 5th Grade; Evan Daniels and Linda Cotney. - *Beacon Photo*

The Belle Fourche Middle School honored their February Students of the Month at the School Board's regular meeting on Monday, Mar. 11th. 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.

### Butte County Commission Takes Wait-and-see Attitude on Protest Cost Recovery Bills

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BELLE FOURCHE – Butte County commissioners are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward the recent passage of two bills in the South Dakota legislature dealing with the establishment of a fund to receive civil recoveries to offset costs incurred by riot booting, and to declare an emergency.

Governor Kristi Noem introduced the bills in response to the potential for South Dakota to experience the same type of high-cost protests that occurred in North Dakota due to the Keystone Pipeline.

The commissioners did not have this on their agenda and no action was taken at their recent meeting on March 5, but they were asked specifically to comment during the portion of the meeting where citizen's comments and concerns are heard.

It was obvious that several of the commissioners, including Karrol Herman and Frank Walton had been keeping abreast of the legislation process.

SB 189 is legislation that would, "Establish a fund to receive civil recoveries to offset costs incurred by riot boosting, and to make a continuous appropriation therefor and the declare an emergency." It passed 53-13 in the state legislature.

SB 190 is similar in terminology including promoting "a pipeline construction and fiscal responsibility by establishing a fund, to authorize a special fee for extraordinary expenses, to make a continuous appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency." This bill passed 58-8, and both have been signed by the governor.

Groups such as the ACLU have stated that this bill will be challenged in court as unconstitutional.

Governor Kristi Noem's office has said that a lot of time and effort has been invested in making sure that they are doing everything in a responsible manner, including talking with people from North Dakota who have information to share about protests there. Noem said she is concerned about the impact to local counties, local law enforcement and all communities.

District 29 Representative Thomas Brunner said, "Keystone XL was instrumental in formulating the legislation. I don't think the threat of lawsuits is a real concern."

He also said that work on SB 189 and 190 had taken place for a couple months prior to their introduction and that it didn't make any real change to current laws.

"It certainly doesn't curtail free speech or the right to peacefully assemble," said the legislator. "This legislation sets up a fund to help with costs incurred by counties and the state in the event of a riot or the destruction of property." He said there is cease and desist language included in the bill, in case public safety becomes and concern.

SB 190 particularly allows

## Crews Resume Work on Sewer Project

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BELLE FOURCHE - Work has finally resumed on the 8th Avenue Sewer Interceptor Project has begun this week after an extended period of cold weather and recent snow that saw work halted for nearly a month.

Prime contractor Heavy Constructors had work crews back on site this week and equipment has been restarted as the final leg of the project is underway.

"We have some cleanup work to do first and few items on the punch list to take care of right away," said Bret Olson, Project Coordinator. "We hope to be laying pipe again this week."

Crews are working south along 7th Avenue from National Street near Lynn's Dakotamart toward the Hay Creek crossing where the project will end. The warmer weather is certainly welcome but it has brought about large runoff in Hay Creek, which will need to subside before the final tie-in can take place.

In related construction the replacement of the bridge over Hay Creek on 8th Avenue is underway this week. The first step in the process was moving overhead power lines so a large crane could be moved in to remove the old bridge.

The new structure will be a



**LIMBERING UP** - Crews from Heavy Constructors go through morning stretching exercises prior to beginning a day's work on the 8th Ave. Sewer project. Work resumed this week after a long weather delay. - *Beacon Photo*

box culvert which has been cast and will be trucked to Belle Fourche either this week or next. The culverts will be installed after the old bridge is removed. Then backfilling and paving will take place. The final phase will be the sidewalks and guardrails.

Interim City Engineer Steve Nafus says they still anticipate that the project will be complete by June 1st in time for the summer season. The new bridge will be on the route of the annual July 4th Roundup Parade.



**OUT WITH THE OLD** - The concrete arch bridge over Hay Creek on 8th Avenue in Belle Fourche will be removed and replaced with pre-cast concrete box culverts. The city expects the new bridge to be open by June 1st.

that those who are funding riots and other illegal activity can be chased down and prosecuted. Brunner was not concerned about the timing of the bills, and said the rules that were suspended to introduce them were the rules for the legislature.

"I think the counties lack of response probably stems from not knowing this was coming and not having time to look at them closely," said Brunner.

According to public record, North Dakota is still trying to recover from the \$38 million it spent on the protests in that state related to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Since then 35

states have considered legislation to stop similar protests.

In February a federal judge blocked most pre-construction work on the pipeline, including worker camps anywhere in the US, which would include Meade County just to the east of Butte County, where a worker camp was set to be constructed.

In the meantime, the Butte County Commissioners are waiting to see what all transpires with court cases, and the blocking of the construction. The local commissioners will be looking at the legislation and the support it gives to the individual counties.



**COST OF CLEANUP** - Protesters left \$38 million in damages from the Dakota Access Pipeline protests last year in North Dakota. - *Courtesy Photo NPR*



**A NEW MENACE** - While warm weather has allowed crews to begin work a new issue has arisen - runoff. Hay Creek is swollen with the recent snow melt and the water will need to subside before crews and complete the project.

### Shopko to Close Retail Stores



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*Editor's note: This story is updated since Monday afternoon. The print edition went to press just prior to the announcement below.*

(BELLE FOURCHE) – The Belle Fourche Shopko store will be closing by this May as the Wisconsin-based retailer failed to find a buyer and it was determined it would not emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

In January the Wisconsin-based retailer, which operates around a dozen stores in South Dakota, announced plans to close almost 70-percent of its locations before mid-May. As part of the restructuring the company had until last Friday to present a plan before a federal bankruptcy judge in Nebraska that would show how they expect to move forward as going concern, a move which did not succeed.

A statement from the company said it was still evaluating strategic options for its optical business. But the company said it would begin an "orderly wind-down of its retail operations" beginning this week.

"This is not the outcome that we had hoped for when we started our restructuring

efforts," said chief executive officer Russ Steinhorst. "We want to thank all of our teammates for their hard work and dedication during their time at Shopko."

Along with Belle Fourche stores in Rapid City, Hot Springs, Sturgis and Custer will also be closing.

At the end of February bankruptcy proceedings hit a snag when it was disclosed that Shopko borrowed \$179.5 million from lenders in order to pay dividends to Sun Capital Partners and other investors between 2007 and 2015. Sun Capital bought Shopko for \$1.1 billion in 2005. This could give rise to conflict of interest claims and create a jittery environment for potential suitors as the case moves forward.

Despite creditors' concerns indications earlier this month showed that Shopko still expected the reorganization plan to win the support of its lenders, landlords, vendors. But Shopko was unable to find a buyer, and the company said it was canceling an auction that had been planned for Tuesday, March 19, and instead has enlisted the firm Gordon Brothers to oversee a liquidation process that is expected to conclude in 10 to 12 weeks.



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## Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

Last week featured a couple notable events. Most everyone knows about the wind and snow and winter storm, but did you know it was Pete Krush's 77th birthday. The old "leprechaun" of "Pete's Clothing" noted the milestone on March 13th.

We are a week late, but, "Happy Birthday Pete."

On a sad note, this area and the cattle industry lost a "one of a kind" last week.

Randy Curtis, Belle Fourche, passed on March 14th.

When I first met Randy he was a successful jockey in the 1970's at the Quarter Horse races in Ft. Pierre.

He had the same energy and enthusiasm then that those of you who knew him saw him exhibit throughout his life.

Although, when it came to cattle, was he most serious. He knew beef and the cattle industry very well and worked every day to the benefit of the cattle producer.

His glowing light will be missed.

March 20 is the first official day of spring and the start of warmer weather... in theory, at least.

Winter historically hasn't stopped cold turkey on March 19, and spring days magically appear on the 20th, as several substantial snowstorms have hit cities across the U.S. on March 20 and the surrounding days.

South Dakota seems to be a particular target on March 20, as areas of the state received up to 18 inches of snow on that date in 2008 and up to 20 inches of snow in 1982.

But perhaps the two most memorable snowstorms around the first day of spring occurred in 1958 and 1956 on the East coast.

The 1958 storm on March 20-21 was the biggest spring snowstorm to occur after the spring equinox in New York City, according to records dating to 1869. The city received 11.8 inches of snow; Philadelphia got 11.4, and, amazingly, Morgantown, Pennsylvania, was walloped with 50 inches of snow.

The 1956 storm from March, 18-20 brought snow to most of the mid-Atlantic states. In New York City, Philadelphia and Trenton and Atlantic City, New Jersey, snow fell for 31 to 35 straight hours with those cities receiving 12 to 13 inches overall.

It was one of the most severe and deadly snowstorms in southern New England history, as more than 160 people were killed and many towns were dealing with snowdrifts of up to 14 feet.

While the U.S. may be spared from a snowstorm on the first day of spring this year, it's wise

to remember what Mark Twain said: "In the spring I have counted 136 different kinds of weather within 24 hours."

I'm sure this could never occur in Belle Fourche, but just in case:

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Irish leftovers: Paddy and Mick are walking down the road and Paddy has a bag of doughnuts in his hand.

Paddy says to Mick: "If you can guess how many doughnuts are in my bag, you can have them both."

Ultimate irony: The guy who invented the phrase "one hit wonder," probably never came up with another famous expression.

In last week's issue we reprinted an historical Round-up map copyrighted in 1937



look at this...101% - From a strictly mathematical viewpoint: What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER 100%. How about ACHIEVING 101%? What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions: If the alphabet: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z is represented as numbers it would be: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26. A=1, B=2, C=3, and so on. Therefore:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K would be: 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 and equal 98%

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E would be: 11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 and equal 96%

But: A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E would be: 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 and equal 100%.

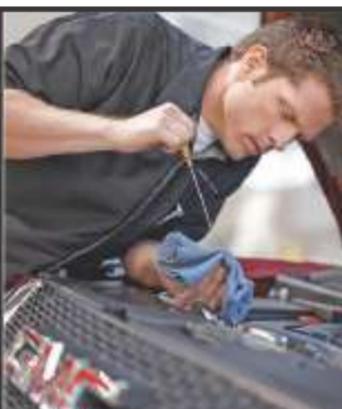
Then, look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D is: 12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 would equal giving it 101%.

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Goat roping clinic students pose for a photo at Gollither's Arena

Kayla Nelson Spickelmeir from Buffalo, SD taught a goat tying clinic to 20 students in Belle Fourche, SD over the March 16-17 weekend. Kayla has put

this clinic on in Belle Fourche for the past several years. Kayla is a former collegiate national champion goat tyer who puts on clinics across the Midwest. The

girls who attended the clinic ranged in age from 9-18 and came from locations as close as Belle Fourche and as far away as Gothenburg, Nebraska.



**Pictured Left to Right:** Back Row: Kayla Nelson Spickelmeir, Kylee Crago, Mataya Ward, Ember Gabriel, Sage Gabriel, Tiersyn Grubb, Brylee Grubb, Jaelyn Wendt, Whitney Casteel, Shaine Weishaar, Annika Main, Koralyn Slattery, Kaeley Hutchison, Cashae McGee Front Row: Rylee Naprstek, Jacie Naprstek, Macey Wendt, Lainey Crago, Presley Johnson, Lydia Main, Syd Pelster and Rhame Hicks. Syd Pelster won the Ty Tuff Try Award and Whitney Casteel won the Most Improved Award.

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 Trohkimoinen, Tyler Or Jill Vale SD .... 14.....Blk Hfr..... 970. \$1,285.00

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Deyoe, Tom Newell SD .....1.....Blk Cow... 1490..... \$53.00  
 Mccoy, Jim Belle Fourche SD .....1.....Blk Cow... 1325..... \$58.50  
 Mccoy, Jim Belle Fourche SD .....1.....Blk Cow... 1210..... \$63.00  
 Miller's Crow Creek Ranch Llc Spearfish SD .... 3.....Blk Cow 1551..... \$55.00  
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	49 Shane O'Connell	Rapid City, SD	\$6,396.85
<b>Steer Wrestling</b>	5 Chason Floyd	Buffalo, SD	\$29,881.00
	29 Taz Olson	Prairie City, SD	\$10,496.69
	31 Jace Melvin	Ft. Pierre, SD	\$10,273.37
	36 Eli Lord	Sturgis, SD	\$9,301.56
<b>Team Roping-Headers</b>	23 Logan Olson	Flandreau, SD	\$12,552.08
	38 Tyrell Moody	Letcher, SD	\$8,016.83
	39 Eli Lord	Sturgis, SD	\$7,850.04
<b>Team Roping-Heelers</b>	31 Levi Lord	Sturgis, SD	\$10,302.83
	40 Rory Brown	Edgemont, SD	\$8,766.83
<b>Saddle Bronc</b>	15 Jade Blackwell	Rapid City, SD	\$16,705.74
	20 Cole Elshere	Faith, SD	\$15,422.09
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	32 Ty Manke	Rapid City, SD	\$8,808.94
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<b>Tie Down</b>	36 Clint Kindred	Oral, SD	\$9,399.08
	44 Dane Kissack	Spearfish, SD	\$8,168.94
<b>Steer Roping</b>	14 Jess Tierney	Hermosa, SD	\$5,776.31
	18 Ora Taton	Rapid City, SD	\$5,346.86
	29 Brian Garr	Belle Fourche, SD	\$3,939.57
	43 J.R. Olson	Whitewood, SD	\$2,896.21
<b>Barrel Racing* (updated 3-18-2019)</b>	13 Lisa Lockhart	Oelrichs, SD	\$25,021.81
	25 Jessica Routier	Buffalo, SD	\$16,284.21
	37 Kaylee Gallino	Wasta, SD	\$12,058.59
	48 Callie Kindred	Harold, SD	\$8,721.21
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**Last of a Breed**

Much admired friend Randy Curtis died recently. It was unexpected and a shock. This JW Beeson poem is fitting for Randy. We offer it humbly in his memory:

As the sounds of the morning come dancin'  
Through the darkness that's just before dawn,  
An old sorrel mare lifts her head in the air  
As a light in the bunkhouse comes on.

And then like an echo of things from the past,  
A cowboy walks out toward the barn  
With a Blue Heeler pup staying close to his  
heels  
And a bridle hung over his arm.

And he walks in the tracks that his granddaddy  
made  
Like a trip through a crevice in time;  
It's a hundred year walk from the house to the  
barn,  
But he knows in the back of his mind—

That he's one of the highly exalted  
In love with the life that he leads.  
He's known as a cowboy, a wild buckeroo,  
A hero in legend and deed, he's one of the last  
of the breed.

The horses stand patiently waiting—  
The sorrels, the buckskins, the blues,  
And like him they're the grandsons of legends  
Like Badger and Peter McQue.

And soon the time honored tradition  
Of choosing a mount will take place,  
And two kindred spirits will be partnered up  
By a houihan's whirling embrace.  
From the Blue Bonnet Prairies of Texas  
Where the Indian Paintbrush grows wild,  
To the Bitterroot Range of Montana  
Where the big sky stretches for miles,

On the T L X and the Matador,  
And the Quarter Circle A—  
As the sunshine splits the darkness  
The cowboy starts his day.

And he'll sit there like a monarch  
In a three X beaver crown,  
On a throne of hand tooled leather  
Sixteen hands above the ground.

And he's sure that he's the richest man  
That ever breathed in air,  
Though his kingdom's filled with soapweed  
And the sage and prickly pear.

He's one of the highly exalted,  
In love with the life that he leads;  
He's known as a cowboy, a wild buckeroo,  
A hero in legend and deed —  
He's one of the last of a breed.

~ J. W. Beeson

Funeral services for Randy Curtis will be held Saturday, March 23, at 11am, at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market.

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## Auxiliary Holds First Event in New Fire Hall

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NISLAND – The Nisland/Arpan Fire & Rescue Auxiliary held their first event ever at the new fire hall in Nisland, their annual potato topper supper fundraiser. Prior to this the event had been held at the VFW hall. The pipes at the hall are frozen so the event was switched at the last minute to the fire hall which is still under construction. The event, which was held Saturday, March 16 from 5 to 7 p.m., drew an average crowd, in spite of coming on the heels of some pretty challenging weather.

“It’s the busiest we’ve been,” said organizer and auxiliary officer Sandy Heidrich. “We think it’ll be great. People are curious about the hall.”

The event was busiest at the 6:30 hour as around 40 people lined up for the famous “meal,” which consisted of huge baked potatoes, smothered in the person’s choice of toppings. Available were chili, broccoli and cheese, chicken alfredo, taco, corn chowder, biscuits and gravy, as well as corned beef and cabbage, a nod to the St. Patrick’s holiday. The hall tables were decorated with the appropriate green décor.

There was also a silent auction running during the event. All monies raised during the



**TOPPING IT OFF** - During the first event at the new fire hall, Fire Chief Stan Lewis, left, gets his potato from auxiliary members Sandy Heidrich, Rhonda Vallery (hidden), Sherry Wells, Barb Garness, Judy Dague, Lisa Noziska and Pam Fickbohm. There were a wide variety of toppings to choose from, including a good conversation with the ladies. -Colleen Brunner photo

evening went to the further construction of the fire hall.

Currently, the department has only a few things remaining to finish on the hall. The

lighting during the evening was provided by floodlights run from extension cords. But the entire structure is finished as far as outside walls and interior

finishes with the exception of floor coverings in the meeting room, the kitchen furnishings, completed electrical and lighting, and plumbing. A bathroom was available next door in the old fire hall.

The department began the project more than a year ago

with meetings and excavation and concrete work and the exterior of the steel building was put up. At that point the end of phase one was done. The department planned, at that time, to wait on further fundraising efforts to finish the building.

### NEWELL SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

## Gym Floor Renovation Moves Forward

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NEWELL – Activities Director Steve Schoenfish reported to the Newell School Board that members of the school board and school staff have met with Pete Derksen from Derksen Flooring to make renovation plans for a new floor in Austin Auditorium. Derksen gave a verbal quote of \$18,000 to provide a new finish, new painting, and new rubber entryways that are buckling. Essentially, they would do what needs done to make everything “look nice” according to Schoenfish.

Schoenfish and several athletes have been traveling around the area seeking donations to raise money for the floor project. There is an opportunity to buy an advertisement placard to hang on the gym wall, plus other options being offered. Contact the school at 456-2393 or send e-mail to Steven.Schoenfish@k12.sd.us. He stated that the fund is already nearing \$15,000 in donations.

A design for the center of the floor will be decided on by the first of May.

Snow days were discussed

at length since at this time of the school year all designated makeup days have already passed. The snow day for February 27 has been set for March 29, however, at the time of the school board meeting on Monday, March 11, there were snow days on March 4 and 5 that need to be made up. Following discussion, the board decided to “forgive” those two days and add a policy that every snow day from that point on will be on the following Friday of the week of the snow day. If more than one day is missed, the next Friday will be designated as the makeup day.

When questioned about the number of school days built into the school calendar, Superintendent Robin Dutt pointed out that 962.5 hours are required for a school year and Newell’s calendar is “well above that now” at over 1000 hours. Grades fifth through twelfth are counted in the calendar.

Snow makeup days will be March 15, 22, and 29. Parents and caregivers will be notified per snow day phone call. Dutt brought the situation of several families that are behind in payments for school lunches.

She said that there are 17 families who owe \$100 or more, totaling over \$5,000.

“We have sent certified letters and made several attempts so far,” she said. There may be legislation that will address the problem since it is prevalent throughout the state.

Dutt informed the board that at this point, school funding would be 2.5%. It can increase before the legislative term is over, but there are no promises she said.

Residents were reminded that there would be a City/School Forum on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. to meet candidates running in their perspective races. The election is set for April 9, 2019. Voter registration deadline is April 8 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause loss of voting rights for this election. Registration may be completed during regular hours at the Butte County Auditor’s office and those locations which provide driver’s licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled, among other locations.

Law has also been established that a 12” x 12” display of the state motto must be in every building of the school district.



**READY FOR ACTION** - Young Casey Strickland, who’s mother attended the annual fundraiser meal in Nisland on Saturday, got a ride in one of the rigs by Fire Chief Stan Lewis. Nothing gets a kid excited about joining up like a ride with the siren going.. -Colleen Brunner photo

There could be an issue with the division of church and state since the motto is “Under God, the People Rule” and it is a possibility that lawsuits could be raised. The cost of a lawsuit would be undertaken by the state itself and not the school district’s liability.

Other business in short: -Diana Williams was thanked

for donating new backpacks to Newell students.

-April 2 will be the first ACT test in Newell.

-Vern McCarthy has resigned after 18 years of driving the school bus.

-Danielle McKenzie’s resignation was accepted.

-There are 25 athletes out for high school track this year.

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## New Newell Business Needs a Name

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NEWELL – Tanner and Cara Muckridge have begun a brand-new business in the Newell, Vale and Nisland area, but have not yet come up with a name.

“We don’t have a name yet,” said Tanner. “We are still thinking on it.”

But that doesn’t mean the couple isn’t busy with projects. Currently Tanner works full time at the National Guard shop in Sturgis as a mechanic, and Cara works at the Newell school as a preschool teacher and coach. The couple also has two daughters, so they are busy. Add to that a little side project that is turning into a big business.

They recently showed their products at the Vale Craft show

and plan to do more shows over the coming months. Cara said they are slowly starting their new business, but by the looks of the items they have on display at any show, there’s already been a lot of work done. “We get the wood from a few different places,” said Cara of the different colors of wood they use. Cara’s dad has provided some wood, since he does a lot of woodworking himself, but they also purchase from local suppliers. The cutting boards are made from hardwoods such as maple, walnut, cherry, mahogany, and Purple Heart. For non-cutting board items such as work benches and bars they use a lot of pine.

“We can do about anything we get asked,” said Tanner. “We are currently making a set of kid lockers for an entry way. We

have built a large workbench with shelves for a garage. And Cara also does signs and restoring furniture.”

All the products are created in the couple’s garage. Cara said the girls love being in the garage with them, so it is a family affair.

The couple said they haven’t done a lot of marketing yet, only selling items on Facebook and at craft fairs. They feel they have been pretty successful at the fairs, so will pursue those. “We do it because we enjoy it,” said Cara. “It’s a fun thing we can do together. We are building our stock each weekend.” If you have something you’d like to have made from wood, contact this enterprising couple at 605-441-6301 or via email at caramuck@gmail.com,



**MAKING WOOD WORK** - Cara Muckridge, left, and husband Tanner (with their two daughters on his lap) displayed and sold their wood items at a recent craft fair in Vale. They plan to promote their business locally. -Brunner photo

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## Then and Now in Newell

March 19, 1909

Meade County Sheriff Stewart lost a valuable horse on the other side of the Belle Fourche River Friday. The animal was all right when hitched up, but just naturally laid down and died without any apparent reason.

Arrangements are being made by the Modern Woodmen organization at Vale to put a piano in their new Lodge Hall

March 20, 1919

Contractor L.K. Dennis and his crew have started erection of the two government houses in the Blocks south of the Park. Numerous other houses are in prospect for Newell this spring.

Miss Larson became quite ill while teaching her school Wednesday. McKinley Bennett is teaching in her place till she is again able to resume her duties at the Empire School.

March 21, 1929

The north approach to the Gammons Bridge was washed out last week. The damage was caused by high water and an ice jam. Chas Wilson and Frank Olds put in a foot bridge on Tuesday. Several families on the north side of the river have been cut off from civilization for several days on account of the bridge damage and roads blocked by snow drifts. Monday the snow plow opened the road.

O.W. “Butch” Brennaman is back at the old stand in Newell, having purchased an interest in the garage & repair shop from the Gardner brothers, Fred and Ernest. With Fred, Ernest and Butch on the job, this

combination should prove to be a successful one; all these boys are experts in auto repair work.

March 23, 1939

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) has approved a supplemental grant of \$49,500 to continue development of wild life conservation projects in western South Dakota. Projects which will benefit to carry out the work are Bear Butte Lake, Meade County and Orman Dam in Butte County. The purpose of the projects primarily is to develop areas for the propagation of wild fowl. The project would be carried out under direction of the Bureau of Biographical Survey.

Because the prevalence of scarlet fever in this community, Dr. Clark has secured serum for immunizing those who want to avoid this disease. Also, the Newell Hospital is prepared to vaccinate against Rocky Mountain spotted fever (tick fever) and the common cold.

March 24, 1949

After more than 35 years as a cream buyer in Newell representing two firms, O.J. Soma announced this week that he planned to turn over his present agency for the La Belle Creamery to a successor April 1. Soma has been buying cream in Newell since January 1914, representing the Fairmont Co for 26 years until 1941 when he became associated with La Belle. He has sold his processing equipment and business to this company. The new buyer is Mr. & Mrs. Warren Webb former Newell couple.

General S.D. Sturgis Jr., grandson of the Brigadier General S.D. Sturgis for whom the town of Sturgis was named, is to make the Memorial Day address at the Ft. Meade National Cemetery May 30. The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce extended the invitation via Senator Francis Case.

March 19, 1959

The Newell Community might furnish the land for one of the northwestern Titan Missile launching site to be established out of Ellsworth Air Force Base, according to action taken at the regular meeting of the Community Club at the Cove Tuesday noon. The club voted to send a telegram to Senator Francis Case advising interest in locating one of the launching sites near Newell and helping to acquire land for such site and response to Represent-

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tative E.Y. Berry if a bill would liberalize financing of housing in our small community.

The Newell Post Office will begin moving Thursday to its new quarters in the recently completed new Brodsky building along Main Street was announced by R.F. Peterson, US Post Office Department traveling postal technician. Installation of new boxes, service counter and other equipment after the dismantling or removal of equipment from the present postal quarters in the Hafner building. Contractor on the new building was Everett Barber assisted by Allen Klein and Earl Jones all of Newell.

March 21, 1979

Fifth grade students of Vale and Newell learned about Post Offices this week. The Vale students toured the Vale Post Office where Postmistress, Shirley

Baldwin described her work for the students. Mrs. Gwen Vallery is their teacher. The Newell students met at the Newell Library where Cherie Miller, St. Onge Postmistress, Harold McDonald of Rapid City and Newell Postmaster A.E. Post explained the mail system and stamp collecting. Librarian Jo Reid entered into the discussion.

Members of the Nisland American Legion Auxiliary met Thursday morning at the home of Ione Shevling to process rug rags, which will be taken to the VA Center at Hot springs. Residents there will weave the rag strips into rugs. Used nylons and bread wrappers also are being collected for use in the craft shop at Hot Springs. Unit members helping were: Jessie Mickelson, Anna Dell, Maggie Heidrich, Karrol Herman, Olive Quenzer and Ione Shevling.



**GARDNER GARAGE** - This is a photo of the Gardner Black smith shop and repair garage. The Butch’s sign is the rounded one on the front of the building, but too small to see without a magnifying glass. The Gardner shop sat across the street north of the filling station (white building in the foreground). Old timers still talk about when the Gardner’s burned “waste oil” and tires, you could see the black smoke belching out of the chimney for miles. - Courtesy Photo



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## Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm at the Belle Fourche Public library.

### 123 years ago Belle Fourche Times March 22, 1896

*Ed Lemmon, manager of the Sheidley Cattle Company, arrived at Rapid City*

last Saturday from his visit to Texas and Arizona. While absent he purchased 10,000 head of 2-year-old steers and spayed heifers - 3,500 for the company and 7,500 Lake, Tomb & Co. Most of the cattle purchased for the northern ranges this year have brought an advance price of from two to three dollars over that of last year, but Mr. Lemmon, with his normal good fortune, or perhaps his extra ability as a buyer, was able to get the lot at only a dollar advance price of that of last year. Among the 10,000 head purchased is the J A brand, 4,000 heard in all, for which on account of their extra quality the highest price was paid - \$22.30 per head. Mr. Lemmon states that the cattle are in the best of conditions owing to the extremely favorable winter experienced. Shipment will commence on the 5th of May, and it is expected that the entire lot will be received here by the 1st of June.

#### Talk of the Town

Bird and Oliver Rose were in

town Tuesday, doing business with County Treasurer Evans. Rev. L. R. Bailey and wife will make their summer home in Minnesela. Thom. H. Gay returned Tuesday from a visit to Edgemont, the booming B. & M. berg.

It is reported that favorable action will be, or has already been, taken by the department on the establishment of a post-office at Phil Bonniwell's ranch in the Cave Hills, about forty miles northeast of Macy.

### 100 years ago The Northwest Post March 13, 1919 Society's Doings

Friday afternoon in the church's parlor Madams Reynolds and Golding entertained the Missionary society of the Congregational church. About forty ladies were present. The program consisted of Bible quotations and reading of a Missionary character. Mrs. Alfred Gay sang and Mrs. John Durr played two musical numbers. Four new members were added.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hubbard on Tuesday received a telegram from their son, Alvin, announcing his safe return to American soil, having landed at Hoboken, N. J. Charley Hogkins in also with Alvin, and the boys expect

to arrive in Belle Fourche in a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bronson and baby, accompanied by Mrs. Bronson's sister, Miss Meyer, arrived from Algona, IA, and expect to make their home in this city. Mr. Bronson is a brother of Ray and Al and will assist the former at his farm this summer.

### 75 years ago Belle Fourche Daily Post March 14, 1944

*Clyde Ice To The Rescue*  
 Clyde Ice, veteran Black Hills pilot, came to the rescue of another snowbound victim yesterday - a man suffering from a ruptured appendix and in serious condition. Ice late yesterday flew Clifford Cridland, about 48, who lives about 12 miles west of Buffalo, to the Black Hills airport at Spearfish where an ambulance was waiting to bring him to Belle Fourche. Cridland was operated upon last night at a local hospital and was reported in serious

condition. Cridland is the third person Ice has flown to a hospital from snowbound areas since the snow siege in northwestern South Dakota began.

#### News Briefs

Major James Stewart, former movie actor, led a force of Liberator bombers in the attack on Brunswick, Germany, Wednesday. He was a command pilot.

### Mrs. Jack Wilz Is Inquiry Club Hostess

Inquiry club met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Jack Wilz. After a business session, Mrs. J. H. Davis gave a program on rehabilitation of our service men.

### 50 years ago The Belle Fourche Daily Post March 13, 1969

*Legislative Program Informative and Lively*  
 A capacity crowd representing a cross-section of interested persons were present for the program. The meeting was held at the Corral Room and found some persons standing

on the stairways to hear Butte and Lawrence legislators and Lt. Gov. James Abdnor of Kennebec discuss the work of the last legislature. Teenage Republican president, Dick Pluimer, reported on the TAR trip to Pierre. Mrs. Don Howe introduced Robert O'Donnell, who served as moderator for the legislative program.

*Areas of Financial Responsibilities to Be Studied Tonight*  
 Areas of financial responsibilities for public education under the present laws will be the main topic of discussion at the public meeting called by the Belle Fourche school board here tonight. The board has called the meeting as a "measuring stick" to public response before considering the pending motion to close the high school unless more funds are made available. Butte County Commissioners have been invited to participate in the meeting.

by Mary Buchholz



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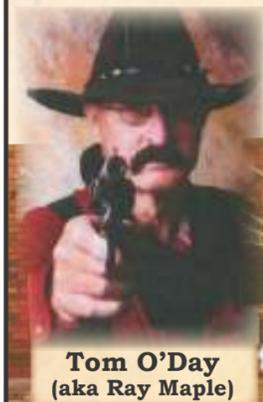
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**Grand River Roundup**

**BETTY OLSON**

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The weather has certainly been interesting this week. The temperatures got above freezing every day except on Thursday after the blizzard rolled in.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Monday afternoon for his appointment with Mary Eggebo. We also picked up some vet supplies and other necessities before the snow storm that was predicted to roll in by Wednesday.

It was 40 degrees on Tuesday. The Slim Buttes Ladies Aid met at the church that afternoon. Margaretta Hanson and I parked our vehicles right in front of the basement door so we didn't have to track mud into the church basement. During the meeting we heard a loud rumble and looked out the window to see that snow had melted and fell off the roof of the church, landing on top of both of our vehicles!

Neither of us had our windshields busted and most of the snow had melted and slid off our vehicles before the meeting was over. I visited with Tony Holt Tuesday afternoon to wish him a happy 95th birthday during that warm weather. He sure wears those 95 years well!

Amanda went to Buffalo Tuesday evening for the trash can cabinet building party at the Lions Civic Center put on by Buffalo Hardware. Several people showed up for the construction class and Amanda's cabinet turned out really well. I've got to get in to one of Sam's classes because they look like a lot of fun.

The Ash Wednesday service and supper at Slim Buttes had been postponed to this Wednesday because of the nasty weather last week, but the wind blew so hard all day that the road to the highway was packed with snow again so we weren't able to make it to church this time either.

The weather forecast said that the blizzard was supposed to move in Wednesday night and the wind was just howling when we went to bed. We didn't get nearly as much snow as predicted, but that terrible wind blew everything full of snow again. The guys spent most of Thursday plowing open the roads again and cleaning out the calving lots. After I struggled to get through the huge drifts blocking the way to the chicken coop and falling through the snowbanks three times, Reub opened a new path to the coop so I could get there safely. The blizzard wasn't nearly as bad here as it was across the state, but that nasty wind certainly created problems for us.

Did you see the pictures of ranchers down by Kyle having to dig out cows that were completely buried under the snowbanks? I called Liz (Marty) May at her grocery store in Kyle to see how she and Avery fared during the storm. They had over 70 mph winds and at least 20 inches of snow that buried everything. The rancher that was digging cows out of the snowbanks is their neighbor and no one down that way has any idea where their cows are

or even if they are still alive. Liz said an airplane is flying around trying to find livestock for the ranchers.

Wednesday was the last day of the 2019 legislative session and with the blizzard rolling in Liz's brother, Rep. Sam Marty and Rep. Steve Livermont loaded up and headed for home that afternoon. They didn't stay for the final vote on the budget so they could make it home before the storm hit. Sam said they'd probably just vote no on it anyway.

A large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered in Ralph Friday afternoon to wish Louise Jensen a happy birthday. It was 38 degrees here that day and the county road into Ralph from Highway 75 was REALLY muddy. The highway was covered with slush on the way up but the plow had it cleaned off on the way home. The road east of Ralph to the highway was even worse on the way home, but, thankfully all

the 4-wheeled vehicles made it through. All of Louise's family came for supper Saturday evening to help her celebrate her birthday. I'll bet that made her smile!

We have a new neighbor. Brock and Natasha Besler had a baby boy on Saturday. Little Wesley Michael was born in Hettinger, weighing in at 7lbs 14oz and is 19¾ inches long. Little Wesley joins an older sister Lucille. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents!

The weather was nice enough on Sunday so we were able to have church services at Slim Buttes Lutheran. They will have the soup and sandwich supper before Lenten Services this Wednesday at 6:30. Hopefully the good weather is still here, so we can finally make it down there.

This Sunday was also St. Patrick's Day and a lot of folks came to church dressed in green. In honor of my great great grandmother, Mary (McGuire) Wilkinson, who was born in Ireland to Peter and Nancy McGuire in 1819, I'll leave you with this Irish joke:

Six retired Irishmen were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment.

It happens quickly: Paddy Murphy loses \$500 on a single hand; clutches his chest; and drops dead at the table!

Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing..... standing up. Michael O'Conner looks around and asks, "Oh, me boys, someone got's to tell Paddy's wife. Who will it be?"

They draw straws. Paul Gallagher picks the short one. They tell him to be discreet; be gentle; don't make a bad situation any worse.

"Discreet? I'm the most discreet Irishmen you'll ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me."

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs. Murphy answers, and asks what he wants.

Gallagher declares, "Paddy just lost \$500, and is afraid to come home."

"Tell him to drop dead!" says Murphy's wife.

"I'll go tell him." says Gallagher.

**Capitol News**

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Happy St. Patrick's Day. All of our Irish kids sent pictures of their green attire. Our youngest Korean-Irish grown kid had a special green Ninja Turtle shirt for the occasion. Text messages showed that our grandchildren are creative artists. Even Kyia's dog uses a hammer to shape her chew bone.

Robert Wilbur came out to work on Charlie Odell's Case tractor on Monday. He blew out the fuel line and thought something had possibly been put in the line on transport. It is great to have the big tractor, with all this snow. On Tuesday, Charlie went to Buffalo for physical therapy and got some cake, salt and groceries while he was there. Wednesday was a nasty day with high winds, but the snow was little compared to what was predicted. Odell's got their first calf on Saturday, so calving has officially begun. Charlie and Karen got out for church on Sunday and it was good to see everyone after a few weeks of cancellations. Karen has been busy with music and writing during the bad weather and luckily the electricity has stayed on.

Last Monday, Ronda Cordell headed to Alzada to meet Chad Zolnoski for a trip to Billings, and an appointment to an oncologist. Clint Zolnoski went ahead of her as far as highway 323, to bust through the snow on Tie Creek. When she headed south on the highway it was nip 'n tuck. Luckily, she met the snowplow on the south end, or she would not have been able to get through. From Alzada to Billings, the roads were good, and they got back to Alzada about 8:30pm. They had heard that 323 was drifted shut, but since Ronda had a Tuesday morning appointment in town, she had planned to go on to Belle Fourche, anyway. Cristen Westling met her in Spearfish, and after they had lunch in Spearfish, the roads had been plowed and they headed home. Clint Zolnoski hauled the Bobcat to Mandan for repairs on Tuesday afternoon. He stayed over and brought it home on Wednesday, because he felt it might be needed for the predicted storm that would move in. Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski were heading down to Spearfish on Friday to weather the predicted storm with Kim Secrest, so Ronda rode with them. She had to be at the Spearfish Hospital the next morning, for a knee manipulation. Cristen came to pick her up and take her to physical therapy, and then to a nearby motel, where Ronda stayed until Monday. There were several inches

of new snow and lots of wind in Spearfish. Diane Wear, Clint, and Gene Secrest were taking care of things at the ranch. The roads were plowed and good

when Cristen brought her home on Monday. Ronda made trips to Buffalo for physical therapy on Tuesday and Wednesday. Then on Friday she went back to Spearfish for therapy again. Ronda is glad to have such good help at the ranch, since she can't get much done at home. The heifers have begun calving, and 'thank goodness', the last storm missed us. It makes Ronda's heart sad to hear of the devastation the weather has heaped upon neighboring areas.

Dick Albert left for Mandan on Thursday, for the annual pheasant banquet. The roads were icy until he got to Williston, but were good on the way home on Sunday. He was lucky and won a small cooler and a fold-up carrier for their car. Erma went to Senior Citizen's dinner on Friday. Bobbie had made corned beef and cabbage and soda bread with nuts and raisins. It was a great St. Patrick's meal. On Sunday, Erma went to church. Dick brought some corned beef home with him, too.

Alvin Cordell was glad to see some warmer weather. The predicted bad storm did not come this way. A heifer was having trouble calving, and since Ronda could not help him, Alvin had to call Mindy Yates in the middle of the night. He was sure glad for her help. They are all glad to see Jay Cordell on the weekends. This Sunday, Jay helped Ryan, Tawni and Denin Cheguis trail the old cows up to the Horton place in the Sheep Mountains. The Little Missouri has not come up yet, but some of the snow is settling with this above freezing weather.

Lynn Gustafson postponed the extension club meeting that was scheduled to meet at her house. It was not a good week to be out traveling. The Little Missouri Church finally had their pancake supper in Camp Crook last Sunday, and they had a good turn-out. This week they had church again after cancelling a few times. Bruce and Lynn went ice fishing on Sunday. They didn't catch anything, but it sure was good to be outside on a sunny day that was above freezing.

Doug and Julia Davis got to church on Sunday, too. Last week, Julia went to work at Buffalo on Monday and Tuesday, but the predicted bad weather, kept her home after that. The coyotes are still hunting, and Doug had chased them on the snowmobile. He hasn't run out of snow yet. The

new shed is nearly done, and it will be a great place to work, especially when their calving starts.

We Tie Creek and Capitol people were so proud to see a picture of Shaun-tye Kerr playing her saxophone. Music is a gift that any person can enjoy forever. Karen Odell knows, because she started playing violin at age 70.

Donna Lewis has tons of snow. She did not go bowling on Thursday, because of the storm warnings. Since it seemed to miss us, she went to town on Friday to do some shopping. Donna always has company at the ranch, because her yard is always full of wild turkeys. Donna had learned that because St Patrick's day is her daughter birthday, they had gone to The Butte St. Patrick's Day Parade. Donna's niece, Terri and Chris, found out about their trip, and found them at the parade. It was a great surprise and they had a good day together.

Ernie, Rachel, and Tommy Melum took Junior and Shirley Melum to Rapid City on Tuesday. They had a good day, and pretty good weather. The stores were crowded again, because of the predicted storm. Everyone wanted to have all their needed supplies for a few days, just in case. Melums are busy with calving and the draws are beginning to run water. It takes 19 hours on the Little Missouri, for the high waters to come down to their place from Alzada, so Shirley can know what to expect of the river. She calls down-river to Ovitz's when the water reaches Capitol. I'm not sure of the time it takes to reach there.

Brett Padden came from Laurel to visit Dorothy Padden on Wednesday. On Friday, he and Dorothy went to Belle Fourche to get tires. They had lunch with Gwen and Mark Millett at the Stadium in Belle Fourche. On Friday night they went to the Corner Café for supper with Brett, Bryce, Dawn, Brandon, Ashley and family, and Roger Stevens. Roger has spent the week at Dawn and Bryce's and has been a great help with calving chores. Brett had come down to help out because of the storm that was predicted. Everyone was glad that the big winds did not include lots of snow. He headed home on Saturday. On Sunday, Ashley made a great St. Patrick's meal of corned beef and cabbage while Dorothy supplied the rye bread. Dawn Padden has kept a record of those foggy days we had, and the 90-day prediction for moisture has been correct so far. Now she can see that the end of March will most likely have some rain.

It was a good St. Patrick's Day. The calm, beautiful sunshine gave us hope for better days ahead.



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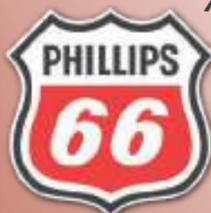


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**A SONNY RECOGNITION** - Sheldon (Sonny) Sundstrom is shown with the cake provided by the Butte County Commissioners at his retirement party recently. - Brunner photo

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**BELLE FOURCHE** – The Butte County commissioners and highway department recognized Sheldon (Sonny) Sundstrom at a recent meeting for his thirty years of service to the county.

"I started (with the county) when I was 35," said Sundstrom. Previous to that he worked in the bentonite fields for about 12 years on and off. He lived for a time in Arizona, working as a carpenter. "This was the first job I found when I came back."

Sundstrom worked the first summer as a part-time laborer and at the end of the summer was hired full-time. He worked as a laborer for the first two-to-three years and then when a blade operator job came open he was slotted into that spot.

"I went and worked with another guy who showed me what to do," said Sundstrom. "About two or three weeks. Then they turned me on my own and said, 'here you go.'" Sundstrom said it was trial and error and he asked a lot of questions of other operators.

Sundstrom worked under six different highway superintendents over the years. "I (also) drove truck, worked to help rebuild bridges, just wherever I was needed," he said. "If they were short I got called."

Sundstrom said it was a good job, with good people to work with. He appreciated having South Dakota Retirement and good insurance.

Sundstrom's family, granddaughter Silvia May, who he and his wife Spring took custody of when she was small, as well as sister Melanie Welke, brother Curt and his wife Kay, were on hand to watch the retirement ceremony.

Sundstrom lives in Belle Fourche and said he will go fishing. And that he may get a part-time job just for something to do.

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP, BELLE FOURCHE, SOUTH DAKOTA 59

**HISTORY OF THE ROUND-UP**

Belle Fourche being located in the heart of the most lucrative stock country in the United States attracted the attention of the directorate of the Belle Fourche Commercial Club as the ideal place for the conduct of an annual Frontier Celebration and early in April, 1918, a committee consisting of R. L. Bronson, C. A. Quarnberg, Chas. S. Small and Roscoe C. Bangs, were appointed and placed in charge of the first Tri-State Round-Up.

This committee labored ardently in its efforts to perfect all preliminary work in connection with this celebration and inasmuch as the military needs of the Government required a large thank offering from Butte County for the conduct of the Red Cross, the Round-Up Committee made their first show a Red Cross Celebration and donated the net proceeds of the two-day show to this most worthy cause.

Starting out timidly with but a few bucking horses and a handful of riders, this Plains Show developed into one of colossal size and Belle Fourche was startled when several days before the curtain raising of the Round-Up, thousands of ranchers began to pour in from all corners of the globe. On July 4th and 5th, 1918, Belle Fourche a city of 2,000 accommodated, in true Western spirit, 20,000 visitors, the largest crowd ever assembled in western South Dakota. The local Red Cross Chapter replenished its coffers to the extent of approximately \$20,000.00 in addition to having the distinction of selling the highest priced lamb in the world, and the Round-Up was crowned with glowing success.

The business men of Belle Fourche in order to keep this Round-Up spirit alive have since purchased a seventy-five acre site adjoining the town for the permanent home of the TRI-STATE ROUND-UP. Each year, additional improvements will be made and in time Belle Fourche and its trade territory will have one of the most elaborate play grounds in the world.



**A FITTING FAREWELL** - Butte County Commission Chairman Kim Richards (left) shakes the hand of Sheldon (Sonny) Sundstrom following his retirement after thirty years of service to the county highway department. Family members pictured with Sundstrom are (from left); granddaughter Silvia May Sundstrom, brother Curt, sister Melanie Welke, and sister-in-law, Kay Sundstrom.

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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

- 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
- Thursday, May 2nd** - Turn Out Bull Sale - Selling All Classes

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News From The Block

We decided to cancel our sale here in Belle on the 14th due to the weather. We will roll everything over to next week on the 21st. Next week we will have bred cows, feeders, the J Spear bull sale, and a real nice run of weigh up cows. Thank you to all the customers and employees. Hope to see everyone at the sale on the 21st.

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- Sean Carroll - WY**  
100 fancy blk hfrs 625#, P.C. & weaned  
100 blk str 650# P.C. & weaned
- Ed Lawrence - MT**  
65 blk, bwf, Hereford, mostly hfrs, 550-600#, B.V. PC, NO Imp, poured & cake broke
- Kirby Kluver - MT**  
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- Billy Dietz - MT**  
17 Blk BV hfrs, all the shots, HR, 775-800#
- Bred Stock**
- Mike McIntyre - SD**  
150 blk mixed cows, bred blk
- John Ebright- MT**  
70 coming 6 & 7 year old blk cows, poured & full shot program, bred blk, calve March 15th for 60 days
- Marlin Geier - WY**  
70 blk & b/wf short term angus & Hereford, calve May 1st

- Sean Carroll - WY**  
60 blk running age cows, bred blk, calve April 1st, bred blk angus
- Dave & Rhoda Tate - WY**  
30 red angus-bred red angus, good set of cows.  
10 of them are 5,6,7 year old cows calve June 1st  
10 of them are short term cows calve April 1st  
10 are open cows - tested open
- Lucas Stalhamer - WY**  
25 bl & blwf short term Angus & Hereford, calve April 25th
- Jessie LaBree - MT**  
Blk BV hfrs, all the shots, HR, 775-800#
- Zane Verhulst - SD**  
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- Spur Land & Livestock - WY**  
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