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Nationwide Product Release Starts Local

Adidas chooses Belle Fourche test market as three local cousins raise \$1500 for NAMI.

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Madison "Maddy" Howard and her mother Shannon Howard had a once in a lifetime opportunity last Friday. A lemonade-stand style display on National Street just west of the Belle Fourche Area Community Center on Friday was part of an Adidas Nationwide press pre-release of the Yeezy Boost 700 V2 sneaker. The show was released for nation wide sales the following day on March 23.

Adidas's marketing company was seeking small town family's to set up the event. Shannon said, "it was one of those friend of a friend of a friend coincidences that brought it to their attention".

As the communications found their way through, it landed in Belle with the Howards, and what a fun opportunity for Maddy it was, and such a positive way to celebrate Belle Fourche. Maddy enlisted the help and support of her cousins, Nora and Naomi Bricker and the three of them raised \$1,500 for the charity in just one hour and were one of just ten select nationwide sales "Lemonade Stands" that happened on Friday.

They are featured online on TMZ and the event has ignited a roaring blaze on social media.

Three tremendous ambassadors for Belle Fourche!

Adidas released the following press release prior to the event:

This Friday, March 22nd, Adidas partners with families across America to create homemade pop-up "Yeezy Stands." Each stand will be stocked with limited pairs of the unreleased



YEEZY DOES IT - 12-Year old Maddy Howard, (center) holding the pink sign, and cousins Nora Bricker (left), also age 12, and 13-year old Naomi Bricker (right) work to raise funds for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as part of an Adidas pre-release of a new shoe promotion to benefit the charity. All three are the granddaughters of Paul and Judy Howard. Paul is Senior Pastor at Christian Life Center, Belle Fourche. - Beacon photo

Yeezy Boost 700 V2. All proceeds will be donated directly to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. (nami.org)

Why are we doing this? The Yeezy Boost 700 V2 drops Saturday worldwide.

Why small towns? They're often overlooked. Why Yeezy Stands? We love the idea of families creating together.

Where does the money go? All proceeds will go directly to support the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). (nami.org)

Each family will post to their own social channels announcing the stand is open for business and will remain open for one hour. Afterwards families will share recap footage to their channels.

The adidas Yeezy Boost 700 v2 is a sneaker designed by Kanye West and Adidas. It is considered the sequel to the first Yeezy 700 shoe as it features the same "chunky shoe" midsole as well as a multi-layered upper design inspired by running shoes from the 1990s. Retailing at \$300 and available only at select retailers across the globe, the Yeezy 700 v2 was considered to be one of the best shoes of 2018.

The first known release of the

Adidas Yeezy Boost 700 v2 is the grey/white version officially called the "Static" colorway. It also have reflective panels on the upper. We expect more Yeezy Boost 700 v2 colorways to emerge in 2019; currently the next known release is the "Geode" (grey/gum), which is scheduled for March 23rd, 2019.

The following was released on Friday: Kanye West and Kim Kardashian got ya covered if you're thirsty for lemonade and unreleased Yeezys ... and it's all to raise money for a great cause. Kanye, Kim and Adidas partnered with families across the country Friday to create homemade lemonade stands hawking fresh drinks, and even fresher

kicks ... and all the proceeds are being donated to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The pop-ups are operating right now ... and if you run across one, you can cop an unreleased pair of the Yeezy Boost 700 V2 "Geode" for \$300. The lemonade stands are up and running in Indianapolis, Texas, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa and South Dakota.

Kim and Kanye are also busy building their own stand, which they'll set up in their community.

People who didn't make the one hour special sale, if they wish, can still support the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) by going online to (nami.org).

North Park Elementary Close to CEP Certification

Program would allow free school breakfast and lunch for all students at the school.

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche School District says it is very close to Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) certification for North Park Elementary School.

If North Park can become CEP certified it means that 100% of the students at the school next year, and perhaps longer, will have free breakfast and free lunch as part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).

How close are they?

As of the end of February, North Park Elementary was serving 113 kindergarten students on the city's north side. If the school can demonstrate that 40% of its students are receiving some type of state assistance it can become certified.

According to Susan Proefrock, School District Business Manager, they are within about 3 percentage points of that mark. That would mean that 4 to 5 additional students would need to be identified for the program to kick in. The district has until April 1st to meet the certification deadline. Therefore they are asking any parents with students at North Park who are receiving any type of state

SD Athletes Shine at National Circuit Finals

Lockhart and Routier go 1-2 in barrel racing while Elshere takes third in broncs.

KEILLI KISSACK

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KISSIMMEE FL. - The Badlands Circuit was well-represented at the Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo (RNCFR), held March 21-24th at the Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, Florida. With a total payout of \$758,112, the prestigious rodeo welcomed just twenty-six competitors per rodeo event. To qualify, each competitor must have earned a championship or a reserve championship in their respective circuit. The Badlands Circuit Champions punched their cards to the 2019 RNCFR during the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo in Minot, North Dakota, held October 5-7th, 2018.

The rodeo contestants and their families enjoyed beautiful weather, excellent hospitality, and thrilling rodeo action. Rodeo contestants and fans also had the option to attend the Country Thunder Music Festival, held in a neighboring part of the Osceola Heritage Park.

For Badlands Circuit rodeo fans, the highlight of the week was the incredible competition between Badlands barrel racers Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, South Dakota and Jessica Routier of Buffalo, South Dakota.

Lisa rode her latest standout, Prime Diamond, while Jessica was aboard the talented mare, Fiery Miss West. Overall, Lisa and Jessica finished first and second, which was exactly how they placed in Minot at the Badlands Circuit finals.

Lisa took home 2nd in the first round with a 15.29, won 2nd in the second round with



HEADING FOR HOME - Oelrich's Lisa Lockhart completes here final run in a time of 15.50 as she wins the National Circuit Finals Rodeo title in Florida. Buffalo's Jessica Routier was right behind here in 2nd. - PicturePerfect Photo

a 15.36, and won 1st in the average with a total time of 30.65 on two runs. She tied for 3rd (with Jessica Routier) in the semi-finals 15.47, and she won the finals with a 15.30. Her total winnings for the week tallied to \$26,154.

Jessica Routier won the second round with a 15.28 and earned 3rd in the average with a 31.07 on two runs. She and Lisa tied for 3rd in the semifinals with a 15.47, and she placed 2nd in the final round with a 15.36.

MORE ON THE STORY ON PAGE B2 WITH RESULTS.

Public is Invited

The new owner of the fiberglass manufacturing facility north of Belle Fourche (just south of the BF Airport) will be in Belle Fourche to make a presentation about their facility and answer questions from the public. March 28 come meet and greet Dr. Ahmed Rasheed. He will talk about the plant's plans in Belle as well as both exporting products overseas and serving American business as well.

We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you!

11:30-12:30 Meet and greet with community members

12:30-1:30 Presentation about plans for the manufacturing facility and answer questions from the community.

Thursday, March 28

Location: Belle Fourche Development Corporation conference room – 5th & Grant Plaza Hosted by Belle Fourche Development Corp. and the Belle Fourche Beacon.



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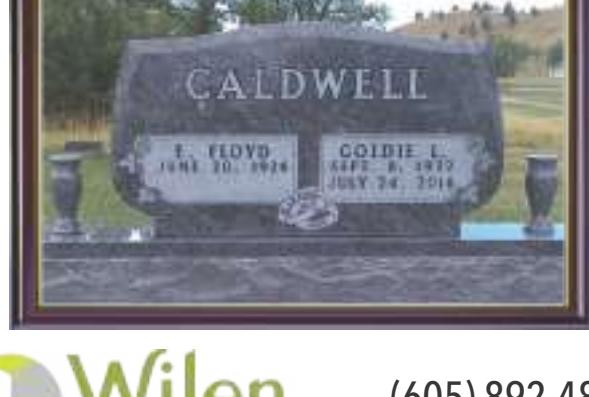
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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Bob Duemig, Belle Fourche UMC.

"He Chose the Nails"

Our church is doing a Bible Study by Max Lucado called "He Chose the Nails." In this study, Max uses different items of the crucifixion as symbols of the gifts God gave us at the cross.

The first gift was God's promise in the crown of thorns. Throughout scripture, thorns represent sin and godlessness. When the crown of thorns was placed on his head, it symbolizes that Christ took on our sin and through our faith in him, we are forgiven and offered the unmerited gift of grace.

The second is the promise in the nails. Nails put things together. They fix broken things. Because of our sin, we were broken and separated from God. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, so was a list of sins; mine and yours. And by those same nails, the separation from God and our broken nature was repaired.

Then there is the promise in the garment. When a Hebrew man left home, he was usually presented with a garment that represented his family or his tribe. The robe Jesus wore was a seamless, valuable garment.

Scripture tells us that it was so valuable, the Roman soldiers didn't want to tear it, and so they gambled for it. Jesus let go of that expensive seamless robe in exchange for the rags of sin.

There is the promise in the cross. Jesus was a carpenter by trade. He produced things from rough lumber similar to the wood used in the cross. The cross is two crude boards fastened together. Yet from our perspective it is a beautiful work of art because it declares the love God has for us in that he was willing to die in such a crude way to pay for our sin. Christ's death signals eternal life for all who receive him (Romans 6:23).

Finally, there is God's promise in the empty tomb. Jesus' lifeless body was laid in a tomb before sundown on Friday. His body remained in the tomb Saturday. But at sunrise Sunday morning, the tomb was empty. The risen Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene, to his disciples and to over 500 others before he ascended into heaven. His risen body and the empty tomb show that Jesus conquered

death. He was a victor and through our faith in him, we share that victory.

Jesus said, "The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again." (John 10:17-18) Christ chose to endure all this pain and suffering. He chose the nails and he chose to die.

Why? Because God so loves the world (you and me), that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The question is, what will we leave at the cross? What will change in us because of Christ's sacrifice? Lent is a time when we give something up. How about we give up our sin, give up our anger, give up our deceit, our lies, our fear; each of us can add to this list, can't we?

Let us leave those things at the cross and choose to follow Christ until we claim the victory over death offered to us through our faith in the one who Chose the Nails for you; Jesus the Christ.

Obituaries

Mary Jane Caflisch

81

Mary Jane Caflisch, age 81, passed away on Feb. 12, 2019 in Windsor, Colorado. She was the wife of Robert Caflisch and they shared sixty wonderful years of marriage together. She was the loving mother of six children: Michael, Michele, Suzanne, Karen, Kathy, and Stephen. The Caflisch family lived in Belle Fourche for 31 years.

Born in Los Angeles, CA, the daughter of Charles and Mary Flesch; she graduated from McPhail Conservatory with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Music. She worked as a bank teller in Belle Fourche for thirteen years and was a faithful member of St. Paul's Catholic

Church. After retiring from her job as a councilor at BFHS they moved to Colorado.

At times Mary Jane escaped with Bob over weekends to enjoy different restaurants in the area. She loved brunch. If there was a brunch within 50 miles, she and Robert would try it out.

She loved extensive traveling with her husband once her six children had grown. Some of her favorite trips were to the mountains around Vail and Beaver Creek area to enjoy all the scenery and fall colors.

Mary Jane was a devoted wife and loving mother to us. She was caring, compassionate, strong-willed, and we never wanted for anything growing

up. She will be remembered ALWAYS in our hearts, minds, and prayers. Be at peace now, Mary Jane, and enjoy your reunion with family and friends in Heaven! Mary Jane is survived by her husband, six children, 11 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

A viewing was held Feb. 19 at Viegut Funeral Home, Loveland, Co. Services were held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Windsor, CO, Feb. 20, 2019. Internment at Ft. Logan National Cemetery on Feb. 22, 2019. Condolences may be shared with: suzanne.stolte@ahschools.us

Area Church Schedules

BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche

605-569-8380

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Bob Davis, Pastor

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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

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Pastor Stephen Carson

Worship Pastor Ashton Rone

Sunday: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship

FIRST BAPTIST

807 8th Ave. 892-4178

Pastor Tim Smith

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Pastor Del Neumeister

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Newell

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

901 Laurel St. Whitewood

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Reverend Jill Jennewein

Sunday:

9 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

NEW COVENANT PCA

1140 Ames St. Spearfish

642-1122 - Luke Bluhm, Pastor

Sunday:

10 a.m. Worship Service

Revitalization Committee Adopts 100th Roundup Artwork

The City's Revitalize Belle Fourche committee met Thursday of last week and discussed action on artwork for store signs, banners & yard signs. It is an effort to coordinate with the Roundup committee to create a uniform artwork presence throughout Belle businesses and the city, consistent with the promotional efforts of the Black Hills Roundup.

The committee is purchasing banners, store signs, and yard signs that may be used by businesses and residents of Belle.

Committee member Dallas Conner stressed, "the importance of using our local businesses" in all that the committee purchases.

The committee is developing plans for banner signage on light poles along Highway 85, as well as Roundup Street into the event grounds, State Street, Elkhorn and any other street associated with the July 4th parade. Exact numbers will be tabulated and additional banner brackets will be procured to accommodate the banners.

In other action the committee discussed budgeting for flowers and the balance of 2019 promotion activity.

Members in attendance were Deb McCart, Dallas Conner, committee advisor Deb Elliott, and city council committee member James Ager.

After the meeting Councilman Ager commented, "I'm excited to see the whole town,



US Highway 85 100th Black Hills Roundup pole banner artwork- 2' x 3' banners will be displayed.

including our commercial, industrial, down town areas and our citizens getting involved to welcome and celebrate the BHR's 100th celebration.

The Revitalize committee is working with the BHR to create artwork and design with a



US Highway 85 100th Black Hills Roundup pole banner artwork.

consistent message. Deb Elliott presented her ideas, including art designs to the committee last week so they could nail down and finalize a couple designs.

The intent is to work with the city, state, businesses and home owners to present a consistent message in the form of banners, window signs and yard signs along the 5th Ave. corridor, State St, Roundup St. & the parade route. The Chamber of Commerce along with the help of other groups will be assisting in the promotion of the banners and signs. The entire community is looking forward to this big celebration. As we move

towards the big day, anyone is welcome to attend the Revitalize committee meeting the second Thursday of every month at 12noon- upper conference room City Hall."

Ager is also the City Council representative on the Roundup Committee. Dirk Hoffman, Public Works Director and Councilman Ager also comprise the Mayor's Roundup Coordination Committee.

Revitalization committee members Dirk Hoffman, Michelle Watson & Marci Hobbs were not in attendance.

Chamber Report

From Chamber Director Gary Wood

Last week I wrote about "the way things used to be" not realizing that we'd have an opportunity to "go back to the way things used to be" so soon.

With Shopko closing, our city and area has been

astir with questions about where are we going to shop now? What will replace Shopko...?

Can you think back to how you shopped before we had Shopko or Pamida?

We must have got along alright before those box stores came along, and that makes me think. We've all been

trained in the "one stop shop" element of box stores

but I want to suggest to you that you go back to the way things used to be, when you went to different business in town to pick up many of the things that your one stop shopping at Shopko provided. In fact much of what you got at Shopko you can still get here in town, just at a different business.

The fact is the retail landscape is changing, not just here but nationwide and we must ask ourselves what we want the future of shopping local to look like and invest in it now. If we shift all our shopping we used to do at Shopko to online orders, how will that effect us further down the road. Will it help? Or will it eventually cause more local businesses to close?

Now, in this case our Shopko closing was because of a larger cooperate issue, but the implications are the same. If we want a more vibrant and active



town, more variety in retail and service options, and more fun events tomorrow, we have to start investing in what we have today.

I want to encourage you to start scouting out our businesses for the items you need, and to start conversations with the owners. Tell them what you need or wish was available and see if they can start carrying it for you. Many of the Chamber member business owners I have spoken to are very willing and would welcome your suggestions.

A word to our businesses. Advertise what you carry that your customers can no longer go to Shopko to get. Let them know it's still available locally! Beyond that I'd encourage you to consider picking up product lines that are necessities (that fit in with your business), and will continue to service our community with the essentials that we all need for our daily lives. Ask your customers what they wish they could still purchase here in town for ideas. Start conversations, start building relationships, start strengthening your business.

Yes, we've lost Shopko, but we have not lost our business community.

Let's go shopping in our businesses! Give them a chance to show you what they have. Let's form some new habits in the way things used to be.

Belle Fourche Community Calendar

Wednesday - 27

Fitness Made Fun
11am, Senior Center

Thursday - 28

Lions Club Meeting
7pm, Graps

Friday - 29

Caramel Rolls & Coffee
8:30-10am, Senior Center

Healthy Habits Made Easy
10am, Senior Center

Sunday - 31

Holy Rocka Rollaz
in Concert
3pm, BFACC

Lions Club Pancake Feed
8am-1pm, Belle Fourche Moose Lodge

Monday - April 1

City Council Meeting
6pm, City Hall



Tuesday - April 2

National Service Recognition Day

Early Bird Networking & Coffee
7:30-9am, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce

ABC-BC New Chamber Member Luncheon
12pm, Herrmann Park

Wednesday - April 3

Chamber Board Meeting
7am, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce

Fitness Made Fun
11am, Senior Center

Friday - April 5

Caramel Rolls & Coffee
8:30-10am, Senior Center

Saturday - April 6

First Saturday Brunch
10am, Tri-State Museum

Tuesday - April 9

Early Bird Networking & Coffee
7:30-9am, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday - April 10

Fitness Made Fun
11am, Senior Center

Chamber Luncheon
12pm, Branding Iron

Kickstart Your Business Workshop
1pm, Branding Iron

Friday - April 12

Caramel Rolls & Coffee
8:30-10am, Senior Center

Healthy Habits Made Easy
10am, Senior Center

Saturday on State Occasional Markets
12-7pm, 1401 5th Ave

Saturday - April 13

Belle Flowers Design & Decor Grand Opening
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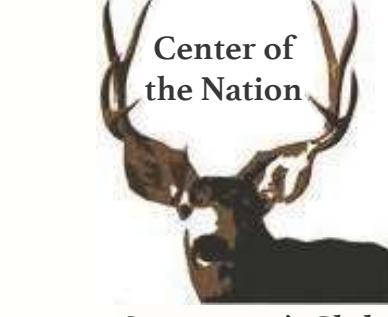
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Spring Weather Means Track Season

The 2019 Track starts Friday at Lions Park in Rapid City at the Developmental Meet, followed Sat. by the Douglas Early Bird.

Last year's SDHSAA Girl's Track Coach of the Year, the ever optimistic Bill Abell is hard at work preparing his team for this spring's track program.

He is assisted by Chris Riley, Josh Schleusner, Kyle Haxton, and Jeremy Elsom.

Bronc Girl's took home the Class A runner up trophy at last years state track meet.

This years squad returns twenty-five Lady Brones to the roster.

One senior in returning letter winner, Emma Singer; Six juniors, including returning letter winners Aspen Braning, Harley Fischer, and Makena Ward, Winther Goodwin, Katelyn Ruby and Hannah Satterfield round out the

Junior class.

Twelve sophomores competing will be Laney Brill, Bella Jensen, Hayley Wilbur, Morgan Collins, Serena Davis, Shyanne Howell, Jazmyn Hunt, Jasmyne Jensen, Katie Kerr, Amity Middleton, Layla Hockenberry and Heather Mitchell. Bella was one of the Lady Broncs who took 3 of the 8 places in triple jump at last year's state meet.

Six Freshmen thin clads are Nevaeh Balderas, Kaylin Garza, Isabelle Jackson, Dru Keegan, McKenzie Lyons, and Molly Rhoads.

The Bronc boys team finished down the list at last year's state meet and will work toward improving greatly on last years four meet team points.

The 32 man squad is made up of three seniors in Bryce Nicholas, Nathan McKenny, and Taylor Erickson. Nine Juniors competing will be Jackson Tyndall, Sage Geib, Gunnar Johnson, Ethan Jones, Colby Nowowiejski, Kelby Olson, Michael Streeter, and Diego Tarno.

Seven sophomores in Guy Davis, Brextin Garza, Logan Goeders, Darin Hanson, Isaac McKenney, Colton Shelly, and Blake Vissia.

A nice flock of a dozen Freshman are out: Charles Alberts, Devin Burns, Jason Carr, Hunter Cherveny, Brooks Clooten, Ryan Evans, Aiden Giffen, Ashton Hartling, Cole Hockenberry, Ethan Jensen, Wyatt Keegan, and Elijah Pomrenke.

Sawyer Clarkson will compete as an 8th Grader. The distance runner was a state qualifier last year as a 7th Grader.

Student managers are Katie Mailloux and Mina Huang. Athletic Trainer for the program is Shawn Mechling.



Sophomore, Bella Jensen, a two time state place winner. She soars through the air in the Triple-Jump competition at last years State High School Track Meet.

-Photo Courtesy SDPB

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Laney Mackaben
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche FFA has had a very busy week, Wednesday March 20th the chapter attended the Newell CDE. Career development events build on what we learn in our agricultural education classes and FFA. They let us practice making decisions and experience both teamwork and competition. CDEs help provide skills needed in the future. Next week we will be attending the Sturgis CDE. Awards as follow: **Vet Science** – 5th team Laney Mackaben, Whitley Reder, Emma Singer; Livestock Judging – Tye Davis 1st; **Food Science** - 4th team Mathew Goodwin, Izabella Ramos, Talia Beihl, Elijah Pomrenke; **Milk Quality** – 2nd team: Winter Goodwin, Kyrstin Hayworth, Olivia Furrow, Aubrie Hobbs, Ava McLennan, Olivia Furrow – 6th , Winter Goodwin – 4th , Ava McLennan -3rd; Horse Evaluation -2nd team Shaylee Pickett, Nicole Kraft,



Natural Resource – 2nd team Tate Larsen, Destanie Lugmao, Hannah Saterfield, Guy Davis, Courtesy Photo



Food Science- 4th team Mathew Goodwin, Izabella Ramos, Talia Beihl, Elijah Pomrenke Courtesy Photo

Payson Birkland, Reese McKenna, Dustin Kolb, Reese Makenna -8th, Payson Birkland – 6th , Nicole Kraft -1st; Natural Resourse

- 2nd team: Tate Larsen, Destanie Lugmao, Hannah Saterfield, Guy Davis, Tate Larson – 6th , Guy Davis -3rd



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2 Middle School Girls Compete in National Engineering Competition



Allision Hayes (left) and **Anika Main** show their on screen eCYBERmission displays on their computers.

Anika Main

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eCYBERmission is a STEM competition for 6-9 grade students in the U.S. Students enter in groups of 3-4. It challenges them to apply STEM in the real world by identifying a problem in their community and solve it using the scientific method, scientific inquiry or engineering design process. There are state, regional and national awards with potential winnings of \$8000.

Belle Fourche Middle School, 7th grade science teacher Mr. Newton challenged 15 of his students to enter the competition. Only 6 of the 15 were interested Anika Main and Allison Hayes took on the challenge and were the only 2 of the 6 who went on and finished the

project. After instances of kids vaping in the Middle School, they decided they were going to solve that problem. Following numerous hours of research and brain-storming, they designed a breathalyzer that would detect nicotine in the breath. They discovered that the technology needed to make it work has not been invented yet, so they submitted a drawing instead of building one. To complete their mission folder, (which they filled out and submitted online) they answered many questions about how they chose their problem, why it was a problem, how they designed their solution, how it worked, and how it will benefit the community. They will find out how they did in early May.



Milk Quality – 2nd team Winter Goodwin, Kyrstin Hayworth, Olivia Furrow, Aubrie Hobbs, Ava McLennan Courtesy Photo



Horse Evaluation -2nd team: Shaylee Pickett, Nicole Kraft, Payson Birkland, Reese McKenna, Dustin Kolb, Courtesy Photo

2018-2019 Boys Basketball Season Wrap-Up

CHRIS RILEY

Special to the Beacon
A senior-laden Belle Fourche boys' basketball squad followed a path similar to the season before, as the Broncs finished the year 9-13 and once again used a playoff upset to make it to the region semifinal.

Belle Fourche finished the regular season with a record of 8 wins and 12 losses but upset Custer in the first round of region play before falling to St. Thomas More in the Region 8A semifinal to close their season.

That upset of Custer, the first victory for the Broncs over the Wildcats since the 2009-10 season, was a highlight that stood out to head coach Clay Pottorff.

"Bouncing back against Custer and knocking them off the second time we played (Custer defeated Belle Fourche 58-46 in the regular season on Feb. 8) – it was nice to win one down there."

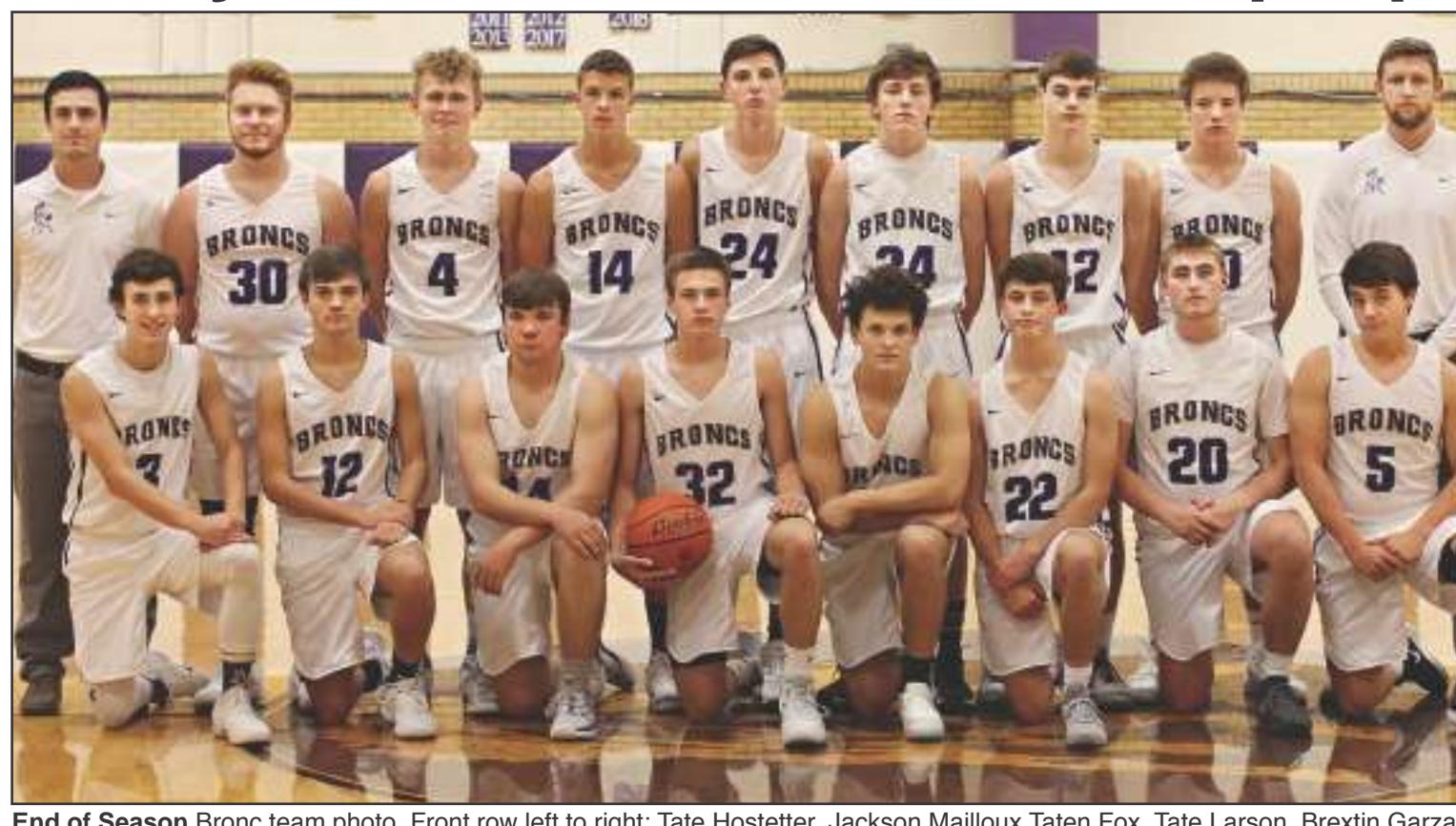
Pottorff also mentioned defeating rival Spearfish for the first time since 2010-11 and capturing the Stateline Shootout (with wins against Sundance & Newcastle) as moments that stood out.

"It was a big goal of ours to get over that hump against Spearfish. That was a good highlight win for us this year." The season was one of streaks for Belle Fourche, as the Broncs opened with four wins in their first five games before dropping seven of their next eight. They then won three in a row, followed by four straight losses to end the regular season.

A number of those losses were close games, where Pottorff says the Broncs could have helped themselves with a better postseason seeding.

"If we win a few more games in the regular season our seeding is a bit different," Pottorff said. "I thought we played well in the postseason and to play against RC Christian or Hot Springs we match up well to get to the SoDak 16."

Fundamentally, Pottorff was pleased with the rebounding of his squad throughout the season and mentioned shooting as one area where they struggled more than he thought they



End of Season Bronc team photo. Front row left to right: Tate Hostetter, Jackson Mailloux, Taten Fox, Tate Larson, Brextin Garza, Jackson Tyndall, Cauy Jennings, Zane Rankin. Back row: Asst. Coach Kyle Webb, Bryce Nicholas, Colby Nowowiejski, Michael Leverington, Chandler Kerr, Carson Gubbrud, Aiden Giffin, Kelby Olson and head coach Clay Pottorff Courtesy Photo

would going into the year. "We met my expectations rebounding – that has been a bit of a weakness for us the past couple years," Pottorff said. "I was hoping our shooting would be a little more efficient – we could hit a few in a row but the consistency wasn't quite there."

This marked Pottorff's fourth year as head coach of the Broncs, which means this group was his first to coach all the way through their high school careers.

"The senior class is the class that I came in with," Pottorff added. "It's kind of crazy how time flies. I was thinking back to when they were little freshman."

As a team the Broncs averaged 51.3 points per game, including a season high of 74 points in a win at Lead-Deadwood on Jan. 22nd. They shot 34% from the field (28% three-point; 39% two-point) and 66% from the free-throw line.

Junior Kelby Olson led the team in scoring (14.6 ppg) and steals (2 spg) and was second in rebounding (5.1 rpg).

"Kelby had a productive year for us scoring the ball and getting to the rim," Pottorff said. "Defensively we start-

ed putting him on the best perimeter option. He helped us with rebounding, getting in the lane, and getting some steals." Senior Tate Hostetter, who suited varsity all four years of high school and has started the past three, was second in scoring (8.5 ppg) and assists (2 apg) and finished third in rebounding (3.2 rpg). Hostetter led the squad in three-point makes (37) and attempts (105) and finished with a very solid shooting percentage from long range of 35%.

"Tate knocked down a lot of big shots," Pottorff added. "He doesn't have a ton of vocal leadership but offers a calming presence of leading by example and working hard in practice. In games he was not going to shy away from the big moment."

Senior Chandler Kerr finished the year as the team's top rebounder (7 rpg) and third-leading scorer (7.3 ppg). "I was pleased to see Chandler's progression from a freshman to what he did this year as a senior," Pottorff said. "He worked hard on the court and used his athleticism to get the crowd to their feet a couple of times." Colby Nowowiejski, a junior, finished the season first on

the team in assists (2.4 apg), second in steals (1.3 spg), and fourth in scoring (4.4 ppg).

"Colby really grew at the end of last year and worked hard in the offseason," Pottorff added. "He forced the issue of getting into the starting lineup by making the smart play and defensively being able to guard on the perimeter. I'm excited to see what his hard work continues to bring to him for next year."

Senior Taten Fox finished the season fourth in rebounding (3.1 rpg) and fifth in scoring (3.6 ppg) from his post position. "(Taten) played a lot of big men where he was maybe overmatched but you couldn't quite tell by the way he battled and didn't let anyone overpower him," Pottorff said. "He took a number of charges and was willing to stand in there. He would make a pass that was necessary to get a good look but also knocked down a good chunk of threes."

Aiden Giffin saw significant playing time as a freshman this season and led the team in blocks (1 bpg) while adding 3.3 points per game.

"Aiden got a lot of good experience as a freshman," Pottorff said. "Athletically he showed that he is ready for

that stage. I'm glad we got him that exposure and he will step into a really big role for us next year."

Pottorff also added praise for senior Bryce Nicholas, who worked his way into significant varsity minutes as a sophomore but has struggled with injuries these past two years. "Bryce was a great teammate for all four years. He was a little hampered with some physical issues these last couple years but kept working hard and battled through some nagging injuries.

We trusted him in big situations and I was really impressed with his maturity." Hostetter, Nicholas, and Fox all earned their fourth varsity basketball letter this season. Pottorff also recognized his coaching staff for what they bring to practices and games. "I'm pretty blessed with the coaching staff," Pottorff said. "Will Gottlob does a great job of getting the kids fundamentally sound and in our culture their freshman year. Kyle Webb does a great job with the JV team. Those two do a great job of developing the kids and their competitive fire.

The JV team finished the year with a record of 15-5 while the C squad ended 9-9.



Track Coach Bill Abell taking his 2019 thinclads through the paces indoors. Cool, damp weather has kept most spring practices inside, although this week's higher temperatures may be just a taste prior to the cooler forecast for Friday and Saturday's opening competitions. Start of track in South Dakota always comes with a promise it will soon be sunny and warm.



2019 Bronc Track & Field Schedule

3/30/2019	Douglas Early Bird Invite	Box Elder	9:00 a.m. MT
4/2/2019	JV Douglas Invite	Box Elder	1:00 p.m. MT
4/5/2019	Queen City Invite	Spearfish	9:00 a.m. MT
4/9/2019	JV Invite	Spearfish	1:00 p.m. MT
4/13/2019	Center of the Nation Invite	Belle Fourche	9:00 a.m. MT
4/16/2019	JV Rapid City Invite	O'Harras	12:00 p.m. MT
4/18/2019	Custer Invite	Custer	9:00 a.m. MT
4/23/2019	Northern Hills Invite	Belle Fourche	11:00 a.m. MT
4/27/2019	Black Hills Classic Invite	Sturgis	9:00 a.m. MT
4/30/2019	JV Invite	Sturgis	1:00 p.m. MT
5/3/2019	Howard Wood Relays	Sioux Falls	10:30 a.m. CT
5/4/2019	Howard Wood Relays	Sioux Falls	9:00 a.m. CT
5/4/2019	Mountain West Invite	Lead	9:00 a.m. MT
5/7/2019	Rapid City Qualifier	O'Harras	12:00 p.m. MT
5/10/2019	Black Hills Conference	Spearfish	10:00 a.m. MT
5/16/2019	Region 8A	RC Christian	9:00 a.m. MT
5/24/2019	State A Tea	TBA	
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Construction on Hay Creek Bridge Begins

Expect 8th Ave detour until June.

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BELLE FOURCHE - A Detour is now in effect for motorists on 8th Avenue in Belle Fourche as work on replacing the Hay Creek bridge has begun. And it will probably be that way for a while.

According to Steve Nafus, Interim City Engineer, the new bridge construction may not wrap up until June. Sooner if they can get favorable weather.

There has been concern expressed in the community that the bridge project might not be completed prior to the summer parade season. A Shriner's parade is planned for Saturday June 1st and although the parade route would barely be affected, travel for parade watchers at Herrmann Park very well could be. The Shriner's parade route is planned to proceed down State Street from 10th Avenue to 8th Avenue, turning south on 8th Avenue to Herrmann Park from 10:30am

until 11am. The road closure on 8th Avenue would begin near the southern edge of Herrmann Park.

Of greater concern would be the upcoming 100th Anniversary Black Hills Roundup Parade on July 4th. That event is widely expected to bring in close to 20,000 spectators and is planned to proceed down 8th Avenue to National Street.

The replacement of the bridge involves the demolition phase, currently underway, the placement of new concrete box culverts, backfilling, repaving the road surface and construction of the adjoining sidewalks and handrails. The cost of the project is placed at \$917,672 with the primary contractor listed as the Journey Group, Ainsworth Benning.

Public meetings on progress of the construction are held every other week. The next scheduled meeting is 10a.m. on April 3rd at Belle Fourche City Hall.



Shopko to Close All Retail Stores

Failure to find a buyer means Belle Fourche store must liquidate by mid-June.

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BELLE FOURCHE - Unable to find a buyer, Wisconsin-based retailer Shopko will be closing all remaining retail locations in the U.S. within the next 10 to 12 weeks, including its location in Belle Fourche. The Belle Fourche store, along with Hometown outlets in Sturgis and Hot Springs have begun liquidating inventory and are expected to be shut down by mid-June.

According to Dawn Johnson, Assistant Store Manager in Belle Fourche, the closure will affect somewhere around 18 employees. The retailer has been in operation for about 7 years as a Shopko at the intersection of Highway 85 and 212 in north Belle Fourche. Prior to that it was a Pamida store. Shopko and Pamida merged in 2012.

The closing will leave around 35,000 square feet of retail/business space available in the community during a time in which big box and mid-box retailers are struggling.

"We need to brainstorm some ideas as to what's next," said Hollie Stalder, Executive Director of Belle Fourche Development Corporation. "It's a



CLOSING SHOP - All South Dakota Shopko stores will be closing including the stores in Belle Fourche and Sturgis as the retailer failed to find a buyer before March 15th. - Beacon Photo

great location. We'll need to see what's in the community's best interest and find a suitable use for the space."

Stalder said the BFDC will be actively working to seek a new business or other use for the space, either from outside the community or inside. This involves doing research to identify specific trends in today's

NORTH PARK From A1

assistance to contact the school district office at 723-3355, if they have not done so already done so.

The issue was brought to the attention of the school board at this month's meeting. Superintendent Dr. Steven Willard emphasized the importance of the school nutrition programs. "You have to take care of the child first before you can educate the student," he said.

The district sent a letter to North Park parents on March 11th encouraging parents to make certain if they have children who receive any type of

state assistance to be sure and be counted.

"We do get notification of the students that are on the program through the state and through the Department of Social Services," Proefrock told the Beacon. "But sometimes they may not be easy to identify. So we may not have all of them. That's why we sent out the letter. If we don't know you're on the programs please tell us."

She said there might be families with North Park students that already qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Needy Families (TANF) but are not state certified. They should

contact the SD Department of Social Services in Belle Fourche at 892-2731 to get state certification and then contact the school district.

The letter specified a deadline of March 22 but Proefrock said parents are still welcome to contact the district office through this week.

As for other schools in the district, Proefrock said the 40% benchmark would be much more difficult to reach. "Other schools in the district are just not close enough to the required standard right now," she said. "With the bigger facilities you'd have to have many more students in order to reach the CEP standard."

Butte County Courthouse Parking Continues to Be an Issue

County Commissioners mull possible solutions.



POTENTIAL PARKING - County Commissioners are eyeing an empty lot across 5th Avenue between The Stadium and Dakota Pawn (far right) as possible parking spaces for courthouse patrons. Also, bids are being collected for snow breaks that might be installed on the green metal roof of the Masonic Lodge (at left) along with a liability agreement between the lodge and county so that those spaces may be used once again. - Beacon Photo

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BELLE FOURCHE - Parking in and around the Butte County Courthouse in Belle Fourche is still an issue but possible solutions to ease the situation were outlined in last week's County Commissioner's meeting.

On any given day courthouse employees need upwards of 30 parking spaces, according to Kim Richards, Chairman.

"We have 53 spots now and we're close to capacity on any given day," he said. "And if there's a big jury trial going on, we need the extra spaces." Plans are to have the parking lot redone with new striping over the summer which Richards said would add up to 8 spaces.

The parking problem has been as issue for a while. Over the winter months spaces were roped off around the Masonic Lodge just north of the courthouse due to snow falling off the roof onto parked cars. One vehicle had its windshield broken a year ago. Since the parking stalls are on Masonic Lodge property, wherever courthouse patrons use those spots and have damage to their vehicles, the liability falls to the lodge. The Masonic Lodge has decided that without a formal agreement with the county regarding liability those parking spaces remain off limits to courthouse visitors.

Commissioner James Ager expressed his opinion that the county should continue to

pursue a solution to using those spots. "I don't think we should give up on it just yet. In fact I'm confident that we will come up with a workable solution to continue to use those spots," he said.

To that end Ager and county officials met with Masonic Lodge members on March 21st and it was agreed that the county would seek bids to install snow breaks on the metal roof of the lodge to mitigate or eliminate damage from sliding snow.

Richards and Commissioner Karrol Herman did present a new proposal which would involve using the parking lot across the highway from the courthouse, just to the south of The Stadium restaurant.

"The owner, Claire Donovan, welcomed the idea for use by the courthouse and with no rent required," Richards said. The proposal would add 31 spaces, however it creates an obvious issue of crossing the highway.

"We would need a crosswalk," he said. "I have contacted the state DOT about it but have not heard back."

"It's good that we could use it right away," Herman said. "But we need to have a written agreement that spells out liability and I think we'd need a crosswalk."

Right now, there is a crosswalk about 1 1/2 blocks south at Jackson Street that is controlled with flashing lights. Commissioner Stan Harms and Frank Walton mentioned in years past, attempts had been made to have a crosswalk installed directly in front of the courthouse, but to no effect.

Kindergarten Roundup in Belle April 23rd

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year will be held Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at North Park School. It will take place from 8:00 AM through 3:00 PM. Any child, who is five years old or will be by September 1, 2019, is eligible for Kindergarten.

Parents should bring a certified copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records for registration. They will also be asked to furnish some directory information such as date of birth, address and telephone number. Besides registration, school staff will be using the DIAL-4 to gain information about each child's development. The School Nurse will be available to check immunization records. Immunizations can be received at your doctor's office or the Community Health Nurse's office (605-892-2523).

All parents/guardians of Kindergarten age children should take advantage of this opportunity. Anyone who knows of any parents who have a child of this age, please make this information known to them.

Please call North Park School at 723-3379 to make an appointment. Parents should be prepared to spend about an hour or more to complete all that is planned for each child.

economy and consider those trends alongside the needs of the community.

It's a common problem in communities across the country as large retail spaces go dark. But in many cases the creativity of community and urban planners have provided beneficial solutions. Those solutions range from health care, to business

incubators, libraries and educational spaces and even car dealerships.

In the case of the Belle Fourche Shopko the location is especially appealing. It is in a high-traffic area which is good for business. And it is situated at the northern gateway to the community, which may suit more creative future uses.

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

Monday is April Fool's Day. We've never made any habit of pulling "April Fool's" stunts on others, but have been the recipient of a few over the years.

One year I was offered delicious looking, but not too chewable, chocolate covered cotton balls. The perpetrators shall remain nameless, but I want you to know that within the walls of our city are innocent seeming citizens that would perpetrate such an act!

Only thing worse I've seen in Belle Fourche is someone loosening the lid on a pepper shaker and it wasn't even April Fools. No punishment would have been to severe. Although witnesses to the deed laughed mercilessly- believe me, the victim didn't think it was anything to sneeze at!

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A lesson to be learned is, "Do what you may, but don't ever mess with food!"

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Another guiding principle, don't play a joke where you need to apologize later.

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Although April Fools' Day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled.

In 1985, Sports Illustrated tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended

to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell.

In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

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We have had a few "fake news" items and headlines suggested to the Beacon.

As follows:

North and South

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an agreement on joining

to become a

single state both agreed

to allow Canada to annex them.

Canadian officials stated, "you've already had our weather this winter, you might as well experience the rest of our benefits too!"

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BUTTE COUNTY LOWERS PROPERTY TAXES, (becomes last county in SD to do so)

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BLACK HILLS ROUND-

UP WINS BID OVER LAS VEGAS TO HOST 2022 NFR, (City to convert Shopko building to new indoor arena. Will seat 22,000.)

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If it thunders on All Fool's Day, expect good crops of corn and hay.

Unknown Author

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Isn't it appropriate that the month of the tax begins with April Fool's Day and ends with cries of May Day!

Unknown Author

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The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected.

Will Rogers

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I have great faith in fools: self-confidence, my friends call it. Edgar Allan Poe

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Don't approach a goat from the front, a horse from the back, or a fool from any side.

Jewish Proverb

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A fool may be known by six things: anger, without cause; speech, without profit; change, without progress; inquiry, without object; putting trust in a stranger, and mistaking foes for friends.

Arabian Proverb

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A friend of ours is in business in Belle Fourche and occasionally he suffers some mild ribbing because of his height. We've never asked at coffee or breakfast for an "official" measurement but he is somewhat "vertically challenged. Let's face it he has never been asked to play center on a basketball team

or to get something down from the top shelf of a kitchen. Well, I probably shouldn't mention his height. Or, should I say, his lack of it. One morning at breakfast he stormed through the door and announced angrily, "Someone picked my pocket yesterday when I was in Denver!" Most of us were speechless, except for a 6' 3" friend of ours who looked down and blurted out, "How could anyone stoop so low?"

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One banking company after 9-11 security concerns required bank tellers to obtain identification from customers making withdrawals, even if they knew them. On one senior citizens third visit to the tellers window in a week, she balked at the "required" request for ID. "I can't believe you don't know me after all these years and I've been in three times this week!" she said.

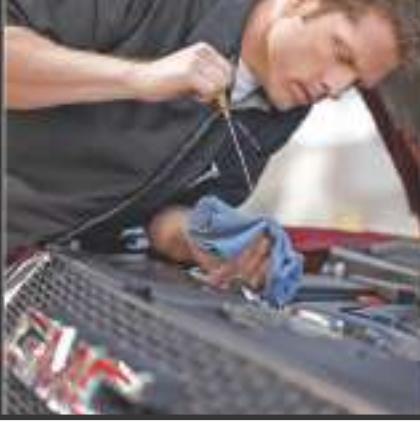
A few minutes later that same teller was relieving the drive-up teller during her lunch break and was surprised to see the same lady pull up to the window. "Hello Mrs." and called her by name. She said, laughing. "Back again so soon?"

"I'm glad you remember me," she huffed, "because that girl inside never does!"

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The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes. - Winston Churchill

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Belle Fourche High Chapter of National Honor Society Inducts 2019 Members



Honor Students: Katelynn Ruby, Tate Larson, Guy Davis and Emma Singer. All are in FFA and all are also on the Bronc Bird Buster Trap Shooting Team. Courtesy Photo

The Belle Fourche chapter of the National Honor Society held its 2019 Induction Ceremony March 18, 2019.

National Honor Society of Secondary Schools exists to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of American secondary schools.

2019 Inductees were Seniors: Sierra Bonefield and Jaci Krebs; Juniors Ashton Allen, Robert "Guy" Davis, Tate Larson, Jayme Peterson, and Tyson Tanninen. Sophomores LeeAna Best, Morgan Collins, Lauren Collins, Kylee Crago, Bree Eastman, Jace Herman, Cash Johnson, Jake Konechne, Laney Mackaben, Katie Mailloux, Natalie McCoy, Amity Middleton,

Kendal Millett, Kiah Millett, Morgan Pfarr, Kalee Richardson, Addeline Shockey, Marlee Smeenk and Bryn Willamson.

They join current honor society members: Seniors Miles Amende, Payson Birkeland, Hanna Bricker, Justin Diede, Alanya Drabek, Taten Fox, Sydney Fuerst, Carson Gubrud, Collin Hockenberry, Jackson Mailloux, Avery Middleton, Tee McAmis, Bryce Nicholas, Matilyn Oakes, Kayla Olson, Zane Rankin, Whitley Reder, Reese Ribordy, Sydnee Richardson, Katelynn Ruby, Molly Ryan, Kendal Schreier, Emma Singer, Jessica Stockert, Landon Thompson, Destiny Vyles, and Chloe Wolfe.

Juniors Alexis Cherveny, Gunnar Johnson, Ethan Jones, Megen Keegan, Colby Nowowieski, Katelynn Ruby, Alanya Drabek, Emma Singer Courtesy Photo



Honor Society left to right and working up the bleachers: Ashton Allen, Morgan Pfarr, Kalee Richardson, LeeAna Best, Sydnee Richardson, Collin Hockenberry, Kayla Olson, Hanna Bricker 2nd row: Kiah Millett, Addeline Shockey, Bryn Williamson, Marlee Smeenk, Bree Eastman, Natalie McCoy, 3rd row: Sierra Bonefield, Jaci Krebs, Laney Mackaben, Lauren Collins, Morgan Collins 4th row: Jace Herman, Kendal Millett, Amity Middleton, Katie Mailloux, Kylee Crago, Jayme Peterson 5th row: Cash Johnson, Guy Davis, Jake Konechne, Tate Larson, Tyson Tanninen 6th Row: Payson Birkeland, Matilyn Oaks, Bree Pierce, Taryn Stedillie, Elena Wolf, 7th row: Bryce Nicholas, Molly Ryan, Sydney Fuerst, Justin Diede, Megen Keegan, Alexis Cherveny 8th row: Zane Rankin, Kelby Olson, Colby Nowowieski, Carson Gubrud, Landon Thompson 9th row: Gunnar Johnson, Jackson Tyndall, Jackson Mailloux, Avery Middleton, Destiny Vyles 10th row: Taten Fox, Tee McAmis, Reese Ribordy, Whitley Reder, 11th row: Ethan Jones, Chloe Wolfe, Jessica Stockert, Miles Amende, Kendall Schreier, Top row: Katelynn Ruby, Alanya Drabek, Emma Singer Courtesy Photo

ieski, Kelby Olson, Bree Pierce, Taryn Stedillie, Jackson Tyndall, and Elena Wolf.

Zane Rankin is Chapter President, Hanna Bricker, Vice President, Bryce Nicholas, Secretary, Carson Gubrud, Treasurer, and

Miles Amende, School Liason. Membership in the Society has become recognized as one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a high school student.

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National Circuit Finals Rodeo

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Jessica's total RNCFR winnings were \$18,095.

In the bareback riding, Ty Breuer of Mandan, North Dakota placed 5th in second round with a score of 84.5 and tied for 4th in the average with a total score of 165.5 on two head. Then he tied for 4th in the semifinals with a score of 83. He wrapped up his week by placing 2nd in the finals with a score of 86.5. His total RNCFR winnings tallied to \$9835.

Bareback riding: First round: 1. Clayton Biglow, 87.5 points on Dakota Rodeo's Air Mail, \$6,182; 2. Austin Foss, 87, \$4,683; 3. Wyatt Denny, 84, \$3,372; 4. (tie) Taylor Broussard and Wina Ratliff, 83.5, \$1,780 each; 6. Tilden Hooper, 83, \$937. Second round: 1. Logan Patterson, 87.5 points on Vold Rodeo's Moon Valley, \$6,182; 2. Steven Peebles, 87, \$4,683; 3. (tie) Jake Brown and Tilden Hooper, 85.5, \$2,810 each; 5. Ty Breuer, 84.5, \$1,311; 6. Austin Foss, 83.5, \$937. Average: 1. Austin Foss, 170.5 points on two head, \$6,182; 2. Tilden Hooper, 168.5, \$4,683; 3. Jake Brown, 166.5, \$3,372; 4. (tie) Ty Breuer and Clayton Biglow, 165.5, \$1,780 each; 6. Wyatt Denny, 164.5, \$937. Semifinals: 1. (tie) Jake Brown, on Brookman Hyland Rodeo's Smilin Bob and Austin Foss, on Brookman Hyland Rodeo's Biggie Smalls, 86 points, \$6,556 each; 3. Tilden Hooper, 84.0, \$3,747; 4. (tie) Ty Breuer and Pascal Isabelle, 83.0, \$1,124 each. Finals: 1. Tilden Hooper, 92 points on Hi Lo ProRodeo's Redzilla, \$7,493; 2. Ty Breuer, 86.5, \$5,620; 3. Pascal Isabelle, 83.5, \$3,747; 4. Jake Brown, 78, \$1,873.

Steer wrestling: First round: 1. Gary Gilbert, 3.7 seconds, \$6,254; 2. Nick Guy, 3.9, \$4,738; 3. Dirk Tavener, 4.1, \$3,412; 4. A.J. Williams, 4.2, \$2,274; 5. (tie) Cameron Mormon and Don Payne, 4.6, \$1,137 each. Second round: 1. Juan Alcazar Jr., 3.3 seconds, \$6,254; 2. Dirk Tavener, 3.7, \$4,738; 3. (tie) Cameron Mormon and Kyle Whitaker, 3.8, \$2,843 each; 5. (tie) Stetson Jorgensen and Riley Duvall, 3.9, \$1,137 each. Average: 1. Dirk Tavener, 7.8 seconds on two head, \$6,254; 2. Cameron Mormon, 8.4, \$4,738; 3. Riley Duvall, 9.0, \$3,412; 4. Nick Guy, 9.2, \$2,274; 5. Blaine Jones, 9.4, \$1,327; 6. Beau Clark, 9.7, \$948. Semifinals: 1. Riley Duvall, 3.9 seconds, \$7,581; 3. Tyler Pearson, 4.6, \$5,686; 3. Cameron Mormon, 4.9, \$3,791; 4. Juan Alcazar Jr., 5.0, \$1,895. Finals: 1. Tyler Pearson, 3.9 seconds, \$7,581; 2. Cameron Mormon, 4.1, \$5,686; 3. Juan Alcazar Jr., 9.6, \$3,791; 4. Riley Duvall, 13.8, \$1,895.

Team roping: First round: 1. Clay Smith/Jake Long, 5.0 seconds, \$6,254 each; 2. Dylan Gordon/Chase Boekhaus, 5.1, \$4,738; 3. Clayton Van Aken/Trey Yates, 5.6, \$3,412; 4. Paul Beckett/JC Flake, 5.7, \$2,274; 5. Riley Minor/Brady Minor, 5.8, \$1,327; 6. Dustin Egusquiza/Kory Koontz, 5.9, \$948. Second round: 1. Blake Hirdes/Kyle Lockett, 4.8 seconds, \$6,254 each; 2. (tie) Paul David Tierney/Tanner Braden, Fernando Gan Ruiz/Miguel Valenzuela and Tanner Baldwin/Myles John, 5.2, \$3,475 each; 5. Turner Harris/Ross Carson, 5.3, \$1,327; 6. Dylan Gordon/Chase Boekhaus, 10.5 seconds on two head, \$6,254 each; 2. Clay Smith/Jake Long, 11.0, \$4,738; 3. Clayton Van Aken/Trey Yates, 11.5, \$3,412; 4. Paul David Tierney/Tanner Braden, 11.8, \$2,274; 5. Payden Emmett/Brent Miller, 12.0, \$1,327; 6. Riley Minor/Brady Minor, 12.3, \$948. Semifinals: 1. (tie) Paul David Tierney/Tanner Braden and Clay Smith/Jake Long, 4.5 seconds, \$6,634 each; 3. Riley Minor/Brady Minor, 4.7, \$3,791; 4. Payden Emmett/Brent Miller, 5.3, \$1,895. Finals: 1. Clay Smith/Jake Long, 4.8 seconds, \$7,581 each; 2. Paul David Tierney/Tanner Braden, 5.5, \$5,686; 3. Payden Emmett/Brent Miller, 7.1, \$3,791; no other qualified runs.

Saddle bronc riding: First round: 1. Leon Fountain, 87 points on Hi Lo ProRodeo's Billie, \$6,254; 2. Jesse Kruse, 85.5, \$4,738; 3. J.J. Elshere, 84, \$3,412; 4. Nick LaDuke, 83.5, \$2,274; 5. Chase Brooks, 82.5, \$1,327; 6. (tie) Hardy Braden

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Ordinance Issues Plague Commissioners

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NEWELL – Ordinance verbiage is still plaguing Newell city commissioners and pops up to cause issues every time a variance is requested. That was the case during the most recent commissioner meeting on March 19, when Martin Anderson requested a variance for a placing a mobile home on his property.

The home was older than the current ordinance supports, but a couple of the commissioners felt that it was a better structure than several others that had been approved in the past. In the end the motion for a variance was approved, with only Commissioner Connie Humble voting nay.

Later in the meeting during commissioners' comments, Humble asked when these ordinance issues might be addressed and remedied so that they don't have to keep granting variances. "When do we start to deal with these, and quit putting it off," said Humble. Mayor Ken Wetz said it was a 'daunting task' to revamp ordinances, and that there were at least three or four that were in some need of revision. He suggested that he and the finance officer start going through the ones they had already singled out, to begin work. Then as they look

Newell to Hold Candidate Forum

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NEWELL – Newell school district and town of Newell candidates for election on April 9 will share during a candidate forum held April 1 at 6:30 at Newell city hall. Each candidate will share a bit about themselves and why they are seeking the position of either school board member or city commissioner.

The event will begin with city commission candidates and will end with school board candidates.

Those running for two positions for city commission are: Don Adams, Andy Howie and Alan Youngberg. Adams and Howie are both incumbents and Youngberg served on the board of commissioners previously.

School board candidates are: Courtney Barrera, Tyrel Bonnet, Leanne Gaer, and LeAnne Wells. Gaer and Wells are incumbents and Barrera and Bonnet are first-time candidates. Bonnet recently resigned his position at the school as a science teacher.

at them, they will hand out 'assignments' to the other commissioners seeking their help with the verbiage.

During Foreman Larry Parker's report on the public works department he said that there is a leak on the intersection of Fourth and Girard.

"That's part of what will be upgraded, but we're going to have to fix it now," said Parker.

It affects the water to at least a couple businesses in the area. Another long discussion on the Newell Improvement Committee's splashpad project took some time as their representative Judy Dague shared answers to questions that commissioners had sought during previous meetings.

After sharing in-depth with answers about insurance,

antifreeze needs for winterization, and some information on chemicals, Dague asked the commission to make a motion approving the project so that potential donors would affirm their donations.

"I just can't support this without knowing the answer to how much chemical it would take," said Commissioner Chad Erk. After batting information back

and forth Wetz finally named a committee made up of Foreman Parker, Commissioner Erk, Dague, and another NIC committee member, Colleen Brunner. "You guys get together and be prepared to give us a recommendation at the next meeting," said Wetz, bringing the discussion to a close.

NEWELL-VALE-NISLAND ROUNDUP

A Sign For the Times

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NEWELL – Martin Anderson hasn't lived in Newell very long, at least compared to many who have lived here their entire lives, but he has certainly made his mark. Along with Marian Neumeyer, they have done a lot of little projects around the area with little recognition. Like getting businesses and organizations to sponsor banners for the light poles. They even purchased some of those banners themselves.

Anderson's latest project of giving back to the community has been in the form of refurbishing signs for the outdoor displays for the Newell museum. He charges nothing but did a great job on the first of what will be many small signs, according to museum Curator Linda Velder.

Thursday, March 21, saw a whole lot of crazy socks at school. And it didn't matter if they weren't mates either. In fact, that was part of the fun as the kids Rocked their Sock for World Down Syndrome day. They celebrated the differences and wore their most colorful, fun and even mismatched socks.

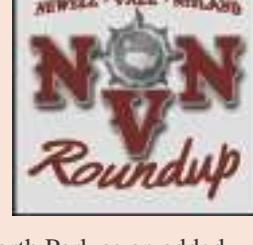
This was parent teacher conference week at the Newell school, and that always means a whole lot more than just parents speaking to teachers about their child, although Newell has always seen a high percentage at those conferences.

The school hosted a book fair on Tuesday and Thursday where children's books were for sale, Jessica Gatzke manned the booth. Fifty-percent of the profits from sales went back to the school to purchase books. Gatzke also sold her Thirty-One products and daughter Kayleigh sold Italian soda's, cotton candy and Girl Scout cookies.

To wrap up the conferences, the freshman class sold walking tacos. Parents were able to take their supper meal with them and



LABOR OF LOVE - Martin Anderson, right, holds one end of the sign he refurbished for the Newell museum. Curator Linda Velder, left, said she has other signs that Anderson will work on. -Courtesy photo



the class delivered tacos to teachers who wanted to purchase one. It was a win-win situation.

The Newell Improvement Committee (NIC) is making progress in their endeavor to create a splashpad in the North Park as an added enticement for the kids (big or small) in the NVN area. They recently met with the city commission and have a few more details to wrap up, even as fundraising is ongoing. A committee has been formed at the request of Mayor Ken Wetz to get answers to the

questions. The group will be meeting Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Butte Elec hospitality room if anyone would like to know more about the group, or take part in planning. With the cash donations and in-kind labor and supplies donations the group is right around the \$10,000 mark. Donations can be made by contacting Rosemary Johnson at 210-632-5993.

A few housekeeping notes for the area: snow makeup days included March 22 and will also include Friday, March 29.

Combined school/city elections will be held April 9 with a candidate forum to be held at Newell city hall at 6:30 p.m.

for people to meet the candidates for both.

The Vale community is busy making plans, starting with bingo again in April, the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the community center. Their next meeting will be April 9 at 7 p.m. and a consignment auction will be held to benefit the center on April 13 at 9:30 with Bertolotto Auction Service running the sale.

Don't forget the Easter egg hunts coming up. April 14 at 1 p.m. is the hunt at the Vale Community Country church and the huge Newell Community Club hunt is also just around the corner.



BOOK FAIR - (Left) The Newell school held a book fair on Tuesday and Thursday. Fifty-percent of the profits went back to the school for books. (Right) Kayleigh Gatzke sold Italian sodas, cotton candy and Girl Scout cookies during the school conferences this past week. -Courtesy Photos



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Blessings of the Irish

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NISLAND – The blessings of the Irish came a bit late to Nisland Independent Community Church as they held a free St. Patrick's dinner on March 23 at 6 p.m. at the church. The event was for the community and all in the local area and some guests from other areas had been invited.

The 45 people who attended enjoyed a dinner of Irish stew, soda bread, salads and a variety of Irish desserts, including Blarney balls, and Irish Crème Truffles, as well as Pot 'O Gold Rainbow Cake.

Emmett and Tansey Frerichs, McKenzie Rans all of Nisland, and Ashlynne Terhune of Belle Fourche served drinks of root beer, Irish spring soda and water and coffee, giving them the chance to learn to have a servant's heart.

Judy Dague shared a history of St. Patrick as well as some information about the dishes served during the dinner.

Pastor Doug Clark showed a bit of his Irish roots as he shared some funny Irish jokes, including an Irish chap who gave his girlfriend a big rock when he asked her to marry him. The girl promptly showed it to her father, a jeweler. The father realized the rock was a synthetic diamond and called his future son-in-law on the carpet, who explained, "I just wanted to give her a sham rock!"

The pastor also shared some words from the Bible as he encouraged those present to learn to serve others, speaking of St. Patrick, originally named Maewyn Suckett, born in 375



BRINGING THE WORD - Pastor Doug Clark, of Nisland Independent Community Church, shared from the Word to those present at the free community St. Patrick's dinner on Saturday, March 23. - Brunner photo

AD, a Roman citizen. St. Patrick was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He later escaped to Britain, but had a dream where he saw himself return to Ireland as a missionary. St. Patrick later followed his dream and served there for 40 years, leading people to the Lord as he shared the Gospel.

Clark related this to Joseph in the Bible, who was also sold into slavery by his brothers, but came to forgive them and be instrumental in saving not only their lives, but many others during a famine in Israel. "God uses anyone and anything to bring about his purpose," shared Clark. "The message of love and forgiveness is what we need to share."



WEARIN O' THE GREEN - Three young people from the Nisland Church, and a friend from Belle Fourche, helped serve drinks during the St. Patrick's dinner at NICC. From left: Emmett Frerichs, MacKenzie Rans, Tansey Frerichs and Ashlynne Terhune. - Brunner photo

inates what otherwise would have been a continued hazard to autoists.

The Northwestern railroad will extend the Vale line 1½ miles farther east down the Belle Fourche River Valley this summer and one of two beet dumps now located at Empire will be moved to the end of the track.

Last week Horse Creek enlarged into ponds and was even over the bridge near the old Milberg place, and a lot of low land was under water for several days. One day the Oscar Milberg and Hannah Wilson children had to be "rescued" at noon. They had to be gotten across from school at that time in order to reach their homes.

March 30, 1939

Lavern Varland left this morning with a new truck for Council Bluffs, Iowa, after a load of beeswax for the Dr. Clark Bee Farm. He expected to register 1,300 miles for the trip.

April 1 is the opening date for trout fishing season in the Black Hills. All streams except those in Custer State Park & Sanctuary are open at this time. Horse Thief Lake, Sylvan Lake and Doran Lake are included in the park and will open June 1, Orman Lake will not be open for fishing until May 1.

March 31, 1949

Residents of the Black Hills area are warned that beginning April 1, the Burning Permit Law again goes into effect. This law requires that Burning Permits must be obtained from Forest Rangers or State Fire Wardens before any fire can be started outside the incorporated limits of cities and towns. Last year a total of 97 forest

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Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm at the Belle Fourche Public library. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.

123 years ago – Belle Fourche Times March 22, 1896



Four wagons from the Flying V cattle ranch arrived in town Wednesday evening for the purpose of carrying supplies back to camp. Arnold Bros. & Glassie were the lucky bidders, the amount of the purchased goods reaching nearly \$900. Several bids were submitted by the merchants of Sturgis and by T. A. Vaughan of Whitewood.

Giles, the hardware dealer, this week purchased of George Wilson the corner lot

which adjoins his store on the west. Mr. Giles business has developed to a point where it was found necessary to have more room and this new acquisition of ground will be very useful to him in handling his farm machinery business this spring. The price paid was \$400, and, Mr. Giles expects to put up a good building on the property.

During H. G. Weare's visit in Texas he purchased a small cattle ranch,

consisting of 250,000 acres, all fenced, and 15,000 head of cattle. Some of the cattle will be shipped to the northern ranges this season. Speaking of Chicago Mr. Weare says he was glad to get away from that city, as nearly everybody in grumbling about hard times. When the conditions are all summed up, South Dakota, and the Black Hills in particular, is about as well off as any other section. People will find fault and grumble in any country, but there seems to be less cause for

it here than in any other section at present.

100 years ago

The Northwest Post

March 27, 1919

The Real Big Show This Year

The Tri-State Round Up, to be held in Belle Fourche on July 3, 4 and 5 promises to be the biggest entertainment feature ever staged in western South Dakota. The various committees appointed to complete the arrangement are not overlooking a single detail and when the gates swing open on the morning of July 3 everything will be in readiness for a grand festival of real sport. Governor Norbeck has definitely promised to be here on the 4th, and it is expected that the governors of Wyoming and Montana will also be guests of the Round Up association on that date.

Yanks Return From Siberia

Seventeen Wounded and Sick Soldiers From Michigan Arrive at New York. Had to Fight Russians

New York, March 24 – On the Louisville, arriving here, were 17 Michigan soldiers who had

been fighting the Bolsheviks on the Archangel front. All were sick and wounded. They said most of their fighting was done with the temperature 30 to 40 degrees below zero. At times, they said, they had to fight anti-bolshevik forces who objected to their presence in Russia.

Billion Taxes Paid Collections for First Quarter Total \$5,000,000,000

Washington, March 24 – Collections from the first quarterly installment of income and profits taxes due last Saturday amounted to \$1,001,244,000 in 63 of the 64 collection districts, Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper announced. The figure probably will be increased by later returns since some revenue collectors have not yet reported their final tabulations. The first quarterly returns indicate that the total income and profits taxes for the year will be more than \$4,000,000,000.

75 years ago

Belle Fourche Bee

March 30, 1944

Graduation Plans Local High School In Making Stage Dr. N. E. Steele, Aberdeen, Is Speaker – Sixty-Five in Graduation Class

Supt. W. Marvin Kemp announces that this year's Commencement exercises for the Belle Fourche high school will be held on Friday night, May 12, at the high school auditorium. The speaker will be Dr. N. E. Steele, well-known South Dakota educator and at present president of the Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen.

A Hard Journey For Youth of Ten With Broken Limb

Elmer, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eichler of the country north of Newell was brought to John Burns Memorial hospital Monday for care for a broken leg sustained when his pony fell with him on the ranch. To get the lad to medical aid several miles had to be traversed on a tractor to where a car was obtained and the start

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by Mary Buchholz

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March 21, 1969

They're Serious (editorial)

Make no mistake about one fact. Members of the Belle Fourche board of education are deadly serious in their deliberation concerning the pros and cons of the motion which calls for closing Belle Fourche high school unless there are indications of additional revenue. Their discussion dipped into almost every facet of school operation – the argument that taxes have reached the limit, and countered by the argument that if people really understood the problem, they would dig a little deeper. An irritating factor seems to be the apparent public apathy to the problem. The public has given no indication that they want any part of it.

Daryl Umentum of Belle Fourche won the Outstanding Horticulture

arrangement award for his booth in South Dakota State University's Little International competition at Brookings. SDSU Little International is an annual livestock exposition.

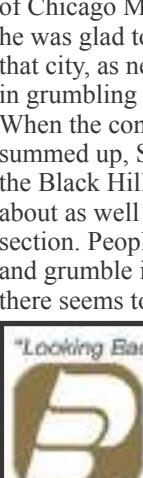
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19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Houghton B. Burch, Belle Fourche, completed a helicopter repair course Feb. 12 at the Army Transportation School, Fr. Eustis, Va. During the seven-week course, he was instructed in the maintenance of the single-rotor, turbine-powered Huey utility helicopter.

Last week, Mayor Henry

Hantz contacted Ken Crowe, airport engineer for the State Aeronautics Commission regarding development of Bushfield. Crowe said the commission is currently working on a cost study for proposed development of a new landing strip. Topographic data on the area has been provided for the commission by the city. State officials have had an opportunity to examine the area.

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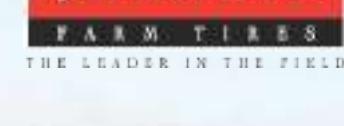
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Capitol News

CHARLIE ODELL

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I decided it was probably my turn to do the news. The weather was a lot nicer this past week. We did get a quite a bit of fog, so should get a lot of moisture this year. There has been a lot of snow melting and a lot of water running everywhere, including over the roads. Karen spent a lot of time working on the Vaughnsville and Sugar Creek Township histories. I spent some of the time doing what everyone loves to do, income taxes.

I get double the enjoyment because I get to do Montana income taxes also. On Monday I went to Spearfish for a C T scan on my shoulder and to get supplies and groceries. On Tuesday I went to Buffalo for physical therapy. On Thursday I inspected some cows for Ivan Teigen and for Bill Roadifer on Friday. On Sunday we read the Bible and then went to church in Camp Crook. We ate dinner at the "Over the Edge". Our furnace quit some time Saturday so we were glad that the temperatures had warmed up.

Diane Wear spent most of the week helping with calving and barn chores at Ronda Cordell's. She worked most days at the "Over the Edge". Josh and Joey Douglas came to visit on Saturday and Brook Douglas and a friend came and spent the weekend. Diane and Ronda went to the Hills on Monday for eye and doctor appointments.

On Monday Lynn went to the Diligent Doers Extension Club meeting at the Methodist Church. Yvonne Yoder was the hostess, and served a delicious Ruben Sandwich and Clam Chowder lunch in honor of St Patrick's day. On Wednesday they went to town to get groceries. On Sunday they went to the ordination for Pastor George McGuire.

Junior and Shirley Melum stayed close to home and did the normal chores. Pastor McGuire visited. He did a short sermon and communion. Daniel Kalbach is staying with them and calving the heifers.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to the Pioneer Bank health fair on Wednesday. They went into Camp Crook for supper on Thursday. Wade Pearson came out Saturday and went back on Sunday. He will be back later for calving. Marlee went to church on Sunday. The river has started to come down,

so we can expect to see a lot of water.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday Ronda Cordell made trips to Spearfish for physical therapy. Diane Wear drove Monday but she was on my own the other two days. On Wednesday she came back by Buffalo to go to the Stroke Detection Plus being held the bank. Diane was out several nights this week taking a turn or two of night checking heifers. Clint Zolnoski and Gene Secretst also do night checks.

Ronda says she feels about half worthless not being able to do what she is used to doing due to the bum knee. She have only done one night check so far. Lowell called Saturday to tell her about all the water south of town on Davis's and the Stuart place, so she decided to go take a look. She stopped to eat at the "Over the Edge" before heading home. Jon Hamilton arrived Sunday afternoon to spend some time helping with calving chores. He'd brought groceries from SAM's for Ronida, Diane and Denise Zolnoski. She took Denise's down to her and had a brief visit with her and the girls that afternoon.

Darby was quite excited about going feeding and seeing the baby calves. She told Ronda about all the water and mud everywhere. Kim Secretst has come from Spearfish to Clint and Denise's the past two weekends as Gene barely gets to leave with the calving going on.

Donna Lewis went to Baker to bowl on Thursday. It was her niece Tori and her husband Chris that were at the parade in Butte, not her sister. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum went moved their camper down to the corrals at Sand Creek on Sunday so they will be where the cows are calving.

On Monday Dorothy and Dawn Padden went to the Diligent Doers Extension Club meeting at the Methodist Church. The hostess, Yvonne Yoder, served a delicious Irish luncheon. There were nine members and two visitors present. Spring break has started for the Harding County schools, so the kids are home during the day. The guys are busy making sure the culverts and head gates are all open. Dorothy has been enjoying the college national finals hockey games. Two of Willard John Padden's grandsons play on the

Bozeman Bobcats team. Brandon, Ashley and family went to Spearfish on Friday to watch Brenton play in the Queen City Classic. Brandon came home on Saturday to do chores. Ashley and the kids stayed for the rest of the games.

Dawn and Bryce Padden are still in the middle of calving. Bryce went to the Randy Curtis funeral in Belle Fourche on Saturday. Dawn's Dad is still here so Nita and Michelle came to visit and have supper on Sunday. Dawn, Michelle and their Dad took a tour to check all of the water on Sunday. When they got to the Y at Capitol they decided to turn around and go home. That was probably a good idea. The Long boys have been helping out with the chores during spring break.

Doug Davis is busy getting ready for calving. He got his first calve today so needs to get it done. When he went to check the cows he made two mistakes. He took the pickup instead of the tractor and he didn't take the 4-wheeler, so when he got stuck he got to take a good healthy walk to the house. Julia just went to work. They are getting a lot of run-off.

Justin Kerr is busy calving. He went to Ekalaka on Sunday to get Marian and Kyra.

Dick Albert took Erma to the airport in Rapid City on Tuesday. She flew down to Florida to visit a friend. Dick is staying home and keeping the home fires burning.

Moncurs are still calving heifers, but are close to being done with them. It is always a relief to be done with heifers. They are starting to calve the old cows now.

Wacey and Heather Kornemann are just staying busy calving heifers.

At Billy Roadifer's they are busy calving and fighting the mud and snow. Billy took a couple of loads of cows to the sale in Ft Pierre on Friday.

It seemed that the common theme this week was calving and lots of water. We are not supposed to start calving until the first of April, but have already gotten five. We do have lots of water and still have three and four foot snow banks to melt. Some of the roads in the area are in pretty bad shape and the road from the Y at Capitol to Thomas's is closed. I hope everyone has a great week and Karen will be talking to you next Sunday.

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Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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Okay, after this week I'm probably done complaining about the winter weather. It was above freezing every day and water is running everywhere. Not all the snow is gone because it still freezes every night, but the frozen ground just makes it easier for me to get to the chicken coop every morning and I'm not going to complain about that.

The guys were able to move a bunch of pairs south to the cowshed Monday afternoon using the trail Reub opened up after getting the tractor stuck. Amanda took a bunch of her Stella Marie boutique items to Buffalo that afternoon. We haven't heard any Meadowlarks yet, but a Robin is hanging out in the tree by our house.

Spring officially arrived on Wednesday and that always brings to mind this little poem that Reub's mother used to recite every spring:

"Spring has sprung,
the grass is riz, I
wonder where
the flowers is?"
There were a
couple blades of
green grass that
showed up after
a snowbank melted
by the yard and as for
flowers? A couple of dan-
dellion plants are also growing,
so those pretty yellow flowers
will be all over our yard soon!

The ground was still froze early Wednesday morning so Rick Holzkamm was able to get in here with a truckload of corn for us. Amanda took Taz to the airport that morning to fly to Texas for rodeos in Huntsville, Nacogdoches, and Austin. The road to the highway was really muddy Wednesday evening, but the 4-wheel drive pickup got us out to go to the Lenten service and supper at Slim Buttes that evening. Olson Creek was threatening to run over the road east of our house and the Big Nasty Creek is running over the road west of Ralph. There's a reason the Big Nasty got that name, because when it gets big, it gets nasty!

Todd Trask was on the news this week when he was being interviewed about the huge ice jam and flooding on the Cheyenne River near his ranch close to Wasta. After hearing about the White River flooding down by Belvidere, I called former Rep. Mark DeVries to see how his ranch was doing after the blizzard dumped 22 inches of snow on them. Mark doesn't live far from the White River and he said when the ice started to break up on the river the noise woke him up.

It sounded like cannons going off when the flooding started and it's taken down power lines and washed out roads all over. When I called Liz May Sunday afternoon she said they still haven't been able to get to their cows because of the flooding down there but a neighbor of theirs has found several dead calves after some of the snow melted on his ranch. There's no drinking water in Kyle after a water main broke because of the flooding, just adding to the problems they have to deal with.

A wife asks her husband, "Would you please go shopping for me? Buy one carton of milk and, if they have avocados, get 6."

There were several deaths to report this week:

Randy Curtis, 61, of Belle Fourche passed away unexpectedly March 14th at the Spearfish Regional Hospital. His funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Belle Fourche Livestock Market.

Elsie (Wahl) Nelson, age 97 of Buffalo, died Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Dahl Memorial Nursing Home in Ekalaka, Montana. Her funeral was this Saturday at the Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche with burial in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Delbert Kolb, 81, formerly from Bison, died Sunday at his residence in Sturgis. Delbert's memorial service was also on Saturday at Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. His burial will be at the Date Cemetery, southwest of Bison, at a later date.

Cyndi (Bonnema) Veitz, 60 of Hettinger and formerly from Bison, passed away on Tuesday in Hettinger. Her funeral was Friday at the Hettinger Baptist Church with burial at the Hettinger Cemetery.

Trig came home from college on Friday to help with the calving while Taz was gone and he saw a lot of flooding on his way home. All the rivers and creeks between here and Belle Fourche were running bank full when I drove down to Elsie Nelson's funeral on Saturday and several dams were running over. The South Moreau River is so wide at Hoover that it has flooded the whole flat north and east of the Hoover store, although it doesn't look like the store is flooded yet. We've heard reports of dead sheep and dead calves south of here, but so far we haven't had much for death loss, thank God!

After Elsie's funeral I visited Bill and Verona Vroman where they are now living at Judy's Assisted Living in Belle Fourche. Mary Buchholz writes an article in the Belle Fourche Beacon "Looking Back in Belle". In last week's paper she shared an article from the Belle Fourche Post about the Belle Fourche senior class play from 75 years ago where Bill Vroman played the part of Jimmy Haleon who was "just plain plane crazy". Bill said that was the most fun he'd had in high school!

Reub read an article about how eating avocados improves your brain and now we eat a lot of them. I haven't noticed much improvement, but I just have to share this avocado joke with you:

A wife asks her husband, "Would you please go shopping for me? Buy one carton of milk and, if they have avocados, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

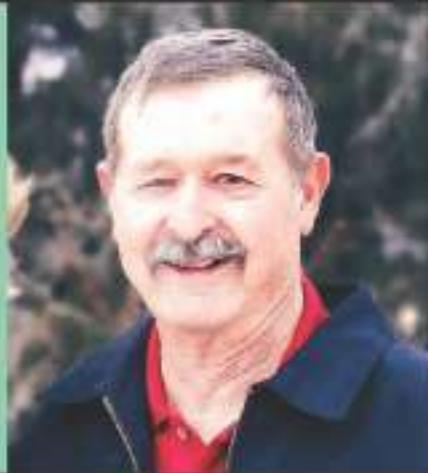
He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again!

Men will get it the first time. My work is done here.

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