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Council OK's Emergency Repairs to BFACC

Nearly \$300k needed for new HVAC system heaters.

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BELLE FOURCHE - After nearly 30 minutes in executive session the Belle Fourche City Council emerged on Monday, December 16th with two motions regarding emergency repairs that are needed to the Belle Fourche Area Community Center.

The first was to approve spending \$297,319 to replace a critical part of the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system and the second was awarding the contract to Rassmussen Mechanical Services of Sturgis. Both passed unanimously with identical 7-0 votes. Council member Troy Shockley was not present.

Rassmussen currently holds a maintenance agreement with the city for emergency repairs. Rather than going through a 3-month bid process, City Attorney Dwight Gubbrud assisted the city through issuing an emergency declaration due to public health and safety concerns, per State law, that allows them to bypass the bid process, which could take up to 3 months.

Repairs to the HVAC system have been on the City's radar for the past couple of years. Currently there are four heaters in the aquatic side of the system but only one is working. According to interim City Engineer Steve Nafus, if that unit fails it will have a disastrous affect on the heating in the pool area and the remainder of the building, possibly resulting in even larger repair costs.

Repairs are expected to be completed by February. After that the city will bid out replacing the remainder of the HVAC system, which may cost upwards of \$700,000. The current HVAC system is original to the building and is 27 years old.

Kids Shop with the Cops



MAKING THE SEASON BRIGHTER - The annual Kids and Cops program took place Saturday, December 13, at Runnings. The Belle Fourche Police Department, Explorer Post 152, Butte County Sheriff's Office, SD Highway Patrol, Brian Aspen, and Code Enforcement all assisted in taking a group of 11 kids Christmas shopping for themselves and their families. This program is funded from donations from the community and businesses. A huge thank you to the following: VFW Post 3312; David & Patricia Rentsch; Jana Bastian; Kristi Thielen; Clint Haffner; Wallace Eddy; Sherry Petera; Hills Interiors; Norine Franke; Rosalie Kane; Donald & Kay McCrabb; D.E. & Linda Shumacher; Regional Medical and Rehab Centers; Clarkson Foundation; Chris & Kimberly Brill; Gary Chytka; William Didier; Merle's Landscaping; Runnings Store; and multiple anonymous donors. Donated items included: Leet & Maurine Fowler- Christmas Tree; Pizza Hut- Pizza and sides for the wrapping party; Darlene Cobb- Teddy Bears; St. James Lutheran Quilters- hand made quilts; Northern Hills Quilters- hand made quilts.

City Hires New Rec Center Director

Six-month search leads to Sioux Falls Park and Rec Dept.

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BELLE FORUCHE - The City of Belle Fourche concluded a six-month search and has hired Nathan Velander to be the new Director of the Belle Fourche Area Community Center (BFACC). Velander's appointment was approved by the City Council at their last meeting on December 18th. He will serve as the primary liaison between the City Council and

committees on recreation-related items. He is also the primary City contact for the public regarding information about area recreation activities.

Velander, a native of Byron, Minnesota (near Rochester), has most recently been directing the youth and after-school programs for the Kenny Anderson Community Center in Sioux Falls. He is a 2018 graduate of Augustana College where he double-majored in Sports Management and Business Administration. He will begin his new job January 6th, 2020.

"I am very much looking forward to getting started in this

role as director in a great facility," Velander told the Beacon. "I hope to continue the work that has been done to build on the programming offered at the center and to continue to make the best use of the space that we have in the building."

Velander's job experience actually began before his graduation. For three years while in college at Augustana he was in a leadership position with the recreational services program supervising the intramural programs. He also interned with Sioux Empire Baseball overseeing seven fields, managing umpires and assisting in day-to-day operations. From there he moved to Hartford, SD, getting their brand new city recreation program started as recreation director. After a year he moved on to work for Sioux Falls Park and Rec.

"What I might lack in years of experience I think I make up for in quality experience," he says.

Velander says has spent a few summers camping and hiking in the Black Hills with friends and was recently looking for job opportunities in the area when he came across the opening at the BFACC.

"I have been out here a few times and been through Belle Fourche once or twice," he said. "I just love the area and how beautiful it is."



Nathan Velander

Velander came to the city during his second interview a few weeks ago and toured the facility. He says he was immediately impressed.

"I had no idea Belle Fourche had such a wonderful facility," he said. "For a community of its size it's something we can be proud of. I was really impressed with the size and quality of the facility. The auditorium of that size is really an asset and the new gym floor with the walking track above I thought was really very cool. The pool is fantastic and it's all put together really well."

An important mission he says will be aggressive marketing of the BFACC and "really getting the word out" to the community. He plans to make creative

DIRECTOR A6

Revitalize Belle Fourche

Revitalize Christmas Lighting Winners



First Place: David and Crystal Sowell - 1949 Xavier St.



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Third Place: Scott and Christine Biegert - 918 Day St.

Light up the Night 2019



Todd Collin's **Joe Dirt Septic** Classic car entry with its "aah-oog-gah" horn was a crowd favorite at Saturday nights State Street parade of lights.



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Obituaries
Mark T. Reich 52

Mark Todd Reich, age 52, of Belle Fourche was called home at the end of his numbered days by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, early in the morning of December 18, 2019.



Mark was born January 18, 1967 in Laramie, WY to Tim and Ree (Richards) Reich. Mark's life was distinguished by a passion for perfection and an insatiable search for knowledge and understanding. From his early years in school, from grades, to wrestling and football, he wanted to be the best he could be. He toured Europe on a South Dakota wrestling team trip, and was part of the Belle Fourche High School state champion football team. During that time Mark was also learning to be a very skilled wood worker, building the Best of Show roll-top desk at a multi school shop fair. A comment overheard by a master wood craftsman at that event described Mark well, "a kid that age shouldn't have that much skill, it's just not right."

Mark carried the striving for perfection into adulthood. His creativity and his ability to make ordinary tasks works of art was in part learned and fostered by his Grandpa Richards. His determination to finish a job and be able to relax for a job well done was encouraged by his Grandpa Reich. His tenderness and concern for others was cultivated by his grandmothers.

Mark married Carleen Moore January 30, 1986 and to this marriage 3 sons, Tyson, Devin and Dillon were born. They resided in Ft. Worth, TX and upon their divorce he moved back to Belle Fourche. He married Maryanne "Annie" Darling on April 1, 2014 at "The Ranch."

His vocation as a builder of homes and finish carpenter was cut short by two falls from roofs onto concrete floors that broke both his wrists, several ribs and his back. Recovering from those injuries led him to find a new interest in metallurgy, and that led him into a pursuit to make the best knife anyone ever owned. Mark studied under the best bladesmiths in the US and learned what he could from them. He then refined their techniques and became one of the best. Mark's knives are prized by knife owners and collectors throughout North America and Europe.

He loved his wife, children, family and became good friends with nearly everyone he met. He cherished time spent outdoors hiking, hunting, fishing, trapshooting, observing wildlife and watersports. He especially enjoyed sharing those adventures

with his children, close friends and with his nephews and nieces, teaching them to bait a hook, squeeze a trigger slowly or make a whistle from a green willow stick. Mark took time to wonder at the detail in nature, the perfection of a rose and the beauty of a sunset.

He lived to do things for others. He cut firewood for friends, hauled manure for gardeners, got small engines running smoothly for his dad and so many simple meaningful things for those he called friends. He even started to revisit his saxophone so he could play in the Belle Fourche Cowboy Band beside his mother with her French horn because he knew how much that would mean to her. So many things that are now left for us to do, but Mark gave us the vision and the example.

Now Mark is finally resting in the perfection of the presence of his Creator. I'm sure he is asking questions, "How did you do that?" and marveling as Jesus is showing him the wonders of God.

Grateful for sharing his life are his father and mother, Tim and Ree Reich; his wife, Annie Reich all of Belle Fourche; his children, Tyson (Amber) Reich, Devin (Kenzie) Reich and Dillon Reich all of Ft. Worth, TX; 3 stepchildren, Tamora Rosenbaum, Ian Rosenbaum and Emily Rosenbaum all of Rapid City, SD; his sisters, Heather (Todd) Heckmann of White Bear, MN, Angela Reich of Belle Fourche and Holly (Jeff) Main of Aladdin, WY; 8 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents. Visitation and sharing of memories will be held Sunday, December 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

A Ceremonial Tribute will be held Monday, December 30 at 10:30 AM at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche with Pastor Paul Howard officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Belle Fourche High School Industrial Arts program or the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche.

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



Don G. Dreiske 75

Don G. Dreiske, age 75, of Belle Fourche, South Dakota died Sunday, December 22, 2019 at his home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.



Don was born May 17, 1944 in Lemmon, South Dakota to Gordon and Helen (Haynes) Dreiske and grew up on a ranch at Keldron, SD. Don traveled for years as a cattle order buyer working in Texas and South Dakota spending lots of days and hours at the different sale barns. Don owned and operated a trucking business of his own as well during some of those years. Later on, he also operated his own construction business.

Don married Rhonda Kindsfater on May 29, 1997 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Don enjoyed gardening, coin collecting, hunting, reading and attending household auctions.

Grateful for sharing his life are his wife, Rhonda of Belle Fourche, SD; step sons, Justin (LeAnn) Barnes of Spring, TX, and Jason Barnes of Belle Fourche, SD; daughters, Tennille (Jason) Zylstra

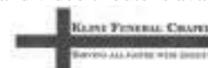
of Sturgis, SD, Wanda (Chris) Reiter of St. George, UT, Annette (Mark) Welty of McKinney, TX and Paula (Tye) Brown of Farmersville, TX; brothers, John Dreiske of Whitewood, SD and Tom (Mary Ann) Dreiske of Whitewood, SD; father and mother-in-law, Marvin and Sharee Kindsfater of Belle Fourche; brother-in-law, Rick (Laura) Kindsfater of Scottsdale, AZ; 12 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his grandparents; his parents, Gordon and Helen Dreiske and a brother, Randy.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, December 27 at 11:00 AM at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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



Nancy Carter 77

Nancy Carter, age 77 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday December 21, 2019 at the Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Belle Fourche. Nancy is survived by her husband, Warren of Belle Fourche; and daughter, Kelly of Belle Fourche.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in



Pastor's Perspective

Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pat Deering of St. James Episcopal Church in Belle Fourche.

Are you the one who is to come?

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 11, John the Baptist's world had shrunk. The one who was preparing the way for the Messiah in the wide-open wilderness is held captive in a prison cell. The one who baptized the Son of God in the Jordan River is dependent on his jailer to bring him a cup of water to drink. The one who was so sure of who Jesus was, now wonders, "Are you the one who is to come?"



John had told people the axe was laying at the root, ready to chop down the unworthy trees. He had promised the chaff would burn with unquenchable fire. But Jesus didn't seem to be pointing the finger of judgment. There was no smoldering wood-pile of sinners, which came as a huge disappointment for John. He was at that very moment awaiting his own beheading because he had dared to stand up and challenge King Herod—getting reports about the work of Jesus, that struck him as being not nearly as dramatic as what he had hoped for. After having proclaimed Jesus as the

Messiah, John begins to wonder if he had made a huge mistake. Therefore, he sends a delegation of his own followers to ask Jesus an explosive question borne of doubt, "Are you the one who is to come or should we wait for another?"

When Jesus answered John's doubtful query, he pointed to what he had already been doing. It was not quite the action packed drama John has expected, but at the deepest levels of all that is important in life and in the world, Jesus was doing what was right.

Maybe preaching hope to poor and marginalized people did not seem like much, but who needs hope in this world more than the ignored, the invisible, the "little ones." If not every blind person in Palestine could now see, some could as a sign of what was yet to come. Not every disease had been cured, but some had and the kingdom that would come would bring more of the same.

During this Advent season, Matthew 11 reminds Christians

of what we are really all about, and sometimes it is not the things that we in the church try to convey. Too often today the church wants to make a splash, shake up Washington, engage in politics and headline-grabbing behavior. But Jesus leads us another way. He calls us to living in a discipleship that needs to anticipate resistance and even outright persecution.

Jesus uses John's doubts as a teaching moment to remind us of what is truly important, and that is simple faithfulness to the example that He left for us. Advent and Christmas in the church is reaching out to the poor and the marginalized and the disease-ridden in ways that may be quiet but that are nonetheless the business of grace with which we are called to be preoccupied at all times and in all places.

Maybe Jesus wasn't exactly what John was expecting: He brought fire – but it was the fire of the Holy Spirit. He sought out sinners – and forgave them. He really let the unworthy have it – but what he let them have was grace.

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American Ag Video Auction's contractors are taking full advantage of the areas streak of good weather to get their new office and shop building completely enclosed before any return of less favorable building conditions. The new shop and office located just south of the Branding Iron on US 85 will allow them to better serve their online and live auction customers.

Automotive Company Inc. Recognized as Number Two Vermeer Dealer In The Nation

Pella, Iowa – This fall, Vermeer Corporation awarded their dealers who were in their top 10 retail sales in 2018. With 450+ dealers across the United States and Canada, this is a prestigious award, putting these dealers in high accomplishment amongst their peers. Dealers were recognized at the National Sales Meeting in Pella, Iowa where more than 400 attendees came to learn more about Vermeer and their new products. Automotive Co. Inc. was recognized as the number two dealer. Automotive group is a combined dealership with three South Dakota locations: Automotive Co in Isabel, Butte County Equipment in Belle Fourche and Lindskov Implement in Morbridge. "This dealership group represents what Vermeer strives for when finding dealerships to carry their product," said Mark Prewett, Vermeer Territory Manager. "They start by making sure their customer gets the best machine for their operation and follow that up with fast and quality service." All three Automotive Co. Inc. locations offer a full line-up of



Jason Andringa, CEO of Vermeer; Ken Nelson, sales at Butte County Equipment in Pella Iowa accepting the award on behalf of ACI; and Mark Core, VP of Vermeer -Courtesy Photo

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Museum Closed Jan. 2-3 for Cleaning

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will be closed to the public on Thursday, January 2nd and Friday, January 3rd for its annual cleaning. The complex will reopen on



Saturday, January 4th at 10 a.m. for the First Saturday Brunch featuring Paul Higbee speaking on his book, "First Strike." Be prepared to attend this presentation of the story of Dolittle's Raiders and the role Don Smith, a Belle Fourche native hero played in our nation's history.. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche and can be reached by calling 605-723-1200.

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North Park Students of the Month: Cooper Lang, Bryn Coyle -*Courtesy photo*

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As a parent you want the best for your child. There are fated words we never want to hear as parents with young children – “your child is struggling with their academics and we need to talk.” As my own children approached kindergarten, I was fearful of this exact scenario. I was fortunate to have a mother who was a teacher all of her life and that passion became a part of who I am today. I was in the field of early childhood education before I became the Director of Black Hills Reads under the United Way of the Black Hills umbrella. With that background, I knew that learning started as soon as the child was born – before the child was born to be precise! A child’s mind grows faster in the first 5 years than at any other point in their life and if certain neural connections are not made during that critical time, some connections may never be made. Now that is a daunting thought for any parent trying to do their best to raise a child.

There is one very encouraging aspect for any parent trying to help your child’s mind develop - reading to your child is the #1 recommended and influential act you can do for your child while they are growing. If you feel as a parent there’s nothing else you can do, just read to your children – it’s as simple as that! You may be thinking to yourself, that might be nice but I don’t have access to any books for my child. That is where Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library can be a helpful and reliable

source of books for you and your child! Any parent can sign-up their child (ages 0-5 years) for Imagination Library, and receive 1 FREE book per month direct to your doorstep. Imagination Library choose books that are more developmentally appropriate for your child’s age, for example, board books will come to you during the first year of your child’s life. Having these board books not only help to build your in-home collection but they are books you can give your child with no fear of them ripping. I know the biggest highlight for my now 7-year-old was the fact that he got mail once a month (with his name on it) and it was only for him. He enjoyed it so much, he recently asked me why his 4-year-old brother received the books surprise in the mail and not him anymore. It is like Christmas comes once a month in the mail. I have United Way of the Black Hills for that joy.

For years I had no idea that United Way of the Black Hills fully funded and supported Imagination Library in our region and if it weren’t from them, my children wouldn’t have received the benefits of these books. To sign up for Imagination Library you can visit our site here: <https://www.unitedwayblackhills.org/imagination-library-program>.

As a parent, you are your child’s first and forever teacher – you are important to their educational and lifelong journey. Don’t let purchasing books hinder that journey, sign up for Imagination Library today and start enjoying the small things in life, while your babies are young!

Oedekoven is FFA Treasurer

SERENA DAVIS
Beacon FFA Reporter

Bryton Oedekoven is the Belle Fourche FFA Chapter Treasurer. Bryton is a junior and moved to Belle Fourche from Gillette, Wyoming where he was involved in 4-H, FFA, football, and basketball.

What would you like to do after high school? “I would like to get a business degree and continue auctioneering.”

What made you want to join FFA? “I’ve been involved with agriculture my whole life and the school offered a program around Ag. I thought it would be a great opportunity.”

What contests have you done, or do you want to do in FFA?

“I have done Agronomy, Creed Speaking, Ag Communications, Range judging, Ag Mechanics, and Parliamentary Procedure.”

What impact would you like



to have on the FFA chapter?

“I would like to make sure our records are in line and make it fun, but making sure we get what we need to done.”

How has it affected you as a person?

“It has built my communication and public speaking skills as well as helped me create a good connection with people in the community.”

Happy New Year 2020

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South Park Students of the Month: Ruby Polk, Tristan Wishard, Kylie Bidwell, Samuel Goodvin, Jazmin Shaw, Grace Maggard, James Kenoyer, Emma Nehl *Courtesy photo*



St James Lutheran Church Youth bell choir played and sang several songs during the church’s Family Sing-a-long program. The bell choir is under the direction of Paula Speidel. *John Skogberg photo*



Members of the **Let ‘ Er Buck 4-H Club** brought some Christmas cheer to the Belle Estates by singing Carols and mingling with the residents Wed Dec 11. L-R Back: Piano accompaniment Debbie Harrington, Charlie Henwood, Kaylor Kudlock, Jayme Peterson, Lainey Crago, Shyanne Howell, Rance Bowden, Ian Anderson, Tanya Crago, Shanna Howell, leader. Middle row: Koby Bowden, Brylee Crago, Jace Olson, Jory Olson, Tierney Kudlock, Hadley Kudlock. -*Courtesy Photo*

Shayla Howell MW Conference Athlete of the Week

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (December 17, 2019) – Wyoming track & field athlete Shayla Howell has been named the Mountain West Women’s Indoor Field Athlete of the Week, it was announced last week by the conference office.

Overall, it is the first weekly conference award of her career. Howell, a sophomore from Colony, Wyo., had a strong season-opening showing at the Colorado School of Mines Alumni Classic and Multi earlier this month. At the event, she took first in both the long jump and the triple jump, as she swept the horizontal jumps.

In the long jump, Howell set a new personal best with a leap of 20 feet, 4.5 inches to take first place. That mark is No. 3

on the Wyoming all-time top-10 list, and is currently first in the Mountain West and second in the NCAA this season. She finished five inches ahead of second place at the meet, and she is 11.75 inches ahead of second place in the Mountain West.

In the triple jump, Howell again outclassed the competition with a jump of 38 feet, six inches. That mark is currently second in the Mountain West and 43rd in the NCAA. At the CSM Alumni Classic and Multi, she was 5.25 inches ahead of the second-place finisher.

Howell and the rest of the Wyoming track & field teams are back in action on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Air Force Combined Events meet at the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Shayla was a Belle Fourche High school standout athlete and is the daughter of Guy and Shanna Howell of Colony, Wyoming.

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Broncs Teams Sweep Sturgis



6'3" Junior Center **Logan Goeders (54)** takes two to the basket against Sturgis defender **Zach Shoun (34)** on the way to a 56-48 victory. *John Skogberg Photo*

Christine Mart

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Games tipped off early on Tuesday, December 17th where the JV Boys faced off first against the visiting double A school, Sturgis Scoopers. Gabe Heck, a sophomore, led the Broncs scoring 11 points, followed by freshman, Anthony

Budmayr, who scored 9 points. The JV game was the closest of the four games with Broncs winning 43-40.

The Lady Broncs JV team followed this close victory with a 46-38 victory over the Scoopers. Leading the Broncs scoring was freshman, Chloe Crago with 15 points followed by freshman, Tia Williamson with 13 points and junior, Laney Brill with 4 points.

Varsity Girls took home their first win on the season with nine girls scoring for the Broncs and beating the Scoopers 42-30. Seniors, Harley Fisher and Savannah Rosales along with sophomore, Kaylin Garza, all led the scoring with 9 points each and Junior, Bella Jensen was not far behind with 8 points.

Varsity Boys looked to bounce back after their first loss on the season and they did just that even with a Scoopers roster that was full of height. The shortest player on the Scooper roster was 5'9", while the tallest measured 6'5". The Broncs finished the night with a 56-48 victory wrapping up a Bronc sweep on the evening. Top scorers were seniors, Kelby Olson with 21 points, Colby Nowowiejski with 12 and sophomore, Aiden Giffin with 9.

The Varsity teams earned an additional two seed points with their victories over the higher division school. The Bronc Boys are starting off strong with a 2-1 record on the season and even though it's early they're sitting second in the Region, just behind STM. Lady Broncs have a 1-2 record and are sixth in the Region and look to improve with each game. The Broncs will play the Scoopers again in Sturgis on February 18th.



Kaylin Garza at the basket for two of her nine points against the Lady Scoopers *John Skogberg photo*

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Every year, four teams from the surround area compete in the Stateline tournament, two teams represent South Dakota: Lead-Deadwood Goldiggers and Belle Fourche Broncs and two teams represent Wyoming: Sundance Bulldogs and Newcastle Dogies. This year the tournament took place in Newcastle, Wyoming over a two-day span.

The tournament started with the Bronc Boys JV team having no problems against the Dogies as they walked away with a victory of 51-30. The JV Girls also came away with an even more dominating performance against the Dogies with a victory of 48-15.

Lady Varsity Game

	Broncs	Dogies
1st	6	5
Half	24 (+18)	18 (+13)
3rd	35 (+11)	27 (+9)
Final	41 (+6)	31 (+4)

The night games kicked off with the Varsity Lady Broncs winning 41-31 against a young Dogies team that started three freshmen on the court. The Broncs took a bit to settle into the Wyoming play rules of not having a shot clock but were quickly adjusted and won each quarter. Leading the scoring for the Broncs were sophomore, Kaylin Garza with 16 points, senior Harley Fischer and junior, Bella Jensen both scoring 7

points in the Broncs win. **Boys Varsity Game**

	Broncs	Dogies
1st	12	14
Half	26 (+14)	16 (+2)
3rd	38 (+12)	21 (+5)
Final	52 (+14)	35 (+14)

The boys were up next and came out with very loose officiating and a game that looked like football pads needed to be worn. The Broncs lost the first quarter of play but then each quarter after made sure that their defense and offense would be better than the Dogies to come away with a win 52-35. Leading the Broncs in scoring was senior Colby Nowowiejski with 18 points, sophomore, Aiden Giffin with 14 and senior Tate Larson with 10.

Saturday brought day two of the tournament where the Broncs faced off against the Sundance Bulldogs. The Lady Broncs seemed to be sluggish and not able to setup their offense, but their defense opened up opportunities that led to fast break points to bring home another victory for the Lady Broncs with a score of 50-26. Leading in scoring was senior Harley Fischer with 14 points, followed by junior, Bella Jensen with 11 points and senior Bree Pierce with 6 points. With this Bronc victory the team went into Christmas break above .500 and a record of 3-2.

The Bronc boys played immediately after the girls' game

against the Bulldogs where the physicality and loose officiating continued from the night before. The Broncs found themselves ahead 23-19 going into second half of play. The rest of the game was back and forth play and the Broncs found themselves down by 1 point with 12.7 seconds left in the fourth and sending Sundance to the line for two free-throws. The Bulldogs capitalized on the free throw opportunities and put themselves up by 3 as the Broncs got the ball back. The Bulldogs fouled with 10.1 seconds left and sent the Broncs to the line down by 3. Missing the first one the Broncs had to purposely miss the second for even a chance to tie the game.

As the ball hit the front of the rim the it dropped into the hands of a Bulldog who was immediately fouled sending them back to the line, easily making both shots to go ahead by 5. As the buzzer sounded, the Broncs found themselves losing to the Bulldogs with a score of 47-52. Looking back at this game the boys went to the line 17 times total and only made 4 of their free-throws. The leading scorer for this game was Colby Nowowiejski with 15 points followed by Keaton Benson, Aiden Giffin and Kelby Olson all contributing 7. With this loss the Bronc boys go into Christmas break with a record of 3-2 and a bitter taste of loss.



Left: **Keaton Benson (5)**; **Tate Larson (32)**; and **Aiden Giffin (14)** showing outside shooting prowess versus the Sturgis Scoopers *John Skogberg photos*



Left: **Keaton Benson (5)**; **Tate Larson (32)**; and **Aiden Giffin (14)** showing outside shooting prowess versus the Sturgis Scoopers *John Skogberg photos*

Wrestlers Consolation Champs

The Broncs were the Consolation Champions at Wright defeating Wind River, Wyoming 60-24. They had bested Niobrara County (Lusk, Wyo) 60-18; Wright 48-28; and Southeast (Goshen County) 48-23 with a narrow loss to Casper Kelly Walsh 33-37 to go 3-1 in the Class A Pool

The Bronc wrestlers are working into the rhythm of the season with the Wyoming tournament Consolation Championship and Triangular action at Lead-Deadwood earlier in the week.

The Broncs grappled the meet host Lead-Deadwood to a 42-42 tie as well as finishing a competitive 30-48 loss dual loss to Custer.

Individual match results:

Belle Fourche vs. Lead-Deadwood 106: Lane Longbrake (BEFO) over (LEDE) (For.) 113: Elijah Braning (BEFO) over (LEDE) (For.) 120: Jacob Harris (LEDE) over Colton Shelley (BEFO) (Fall 2:43) 126: Chris Opbroek (BEFO) over (LEDE) (For.) 132: Thomas McCoy (BEFO)

over (LEDE) (For.) 138: Max Johnson (LEDE) over Hunter Quenzer (BEFO) (Fall 2:30) 145: Isaac McKenney (BEFO) over Isaac Foster (LEDE) (DQ) 152: Domenic Lucero (LEDE) over Gunner Geib (BEFO) (Fall 0:33) 160: Cade Bickerdyke (BEFO) over (LEDE) (For.) 170: Levi Melanson (BEFO) over Gage Mau (LEDE) (Fall 1:44) 182: Pratt Williams (LEDE) over Chase Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 4:25) 195: Cody Rakow (LEDE) over Sean Wahlfeldt (BEFO) (Fall 0:26) 220: Dylan Meade (LEDE) over (BEFO) (For.) 285: Rob Lester (LEDE) over Michael Streeter (BEFO) (Fall 1:01)

Custer 48.0 Belle Fourche 30.0 106: Logan Graf (CUST) over Lane Longbrake (BEFO) (Fall 0:55) 113: Dylan Beaver (CUST) over Colton Shelley (BEFO) (Fall 2:53) 120: Pierce Sword (CUST) over Chris Opbroek (BEFO) (Fall 0:45) 126: Thomas McCoy (BEFO) over Mikael Grace (CUST) (Fall 1:06) 132: Hunter Quenzer (BEFO) over (CUST) (For.) 138: Jonathan Lewis (CUST)

over Andy Tonsager (BEFO) (Fall 3:32) 145: Cayden Wolfe (BEFO) over Sterling Sword (CUST) (Fall 3:59) 152: Brennan Hanes (CUST) over Gunner Geib (BEFO) (Fall 2:38) 160: Irael Griffin (CUST) over Cade Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 2:38) 170: Elijah Steele (CUST) over Levi Melanson (BEFO) (Fall 5:02) 182: Micaiah Grace (CUST) over Sean Wahlfeldt (BEFO) (Fall 0:59) 195: Chase Bickerdyke (BEFO) over Ty Dailey (CUST) (Fall 1:45) 220: Double Forfeit 285: Michael Streeter (BEFO) over (CUST) (For.)

Kelly Walsh 37.0 Belle Fourche 33.0 182: Robert Moss (KEWA) over Sean Wahlfeldt (BEFO) (Fall 2:43) 195: Chase Bickerdyke (BEFO) over (KEWA) (For.) 220: Double Forfeit 285: Michael Streeter (BEFO) over (KEWA) (For.) 106: Lane Longbrake (BEFO) over Jack Wilson (KEWA) (Fall 1:27) 113: Colton Shelley (BEFO) over Caleb Elton (KEWA) (Fall 1:53) 120: Treyson Davila (KEWA) over Damien Park (BEFO) (Fall

4:48) 126: Thomas McCoy (BEFO) over Cole Wirtz (KEWA) (Dec 5-4) 132: Garret Marker (KEWA) over Hunter Quenzer (BEFO) (TF 17-1 0:00) 138: Jessie Smith (KEWA) over Andy Tonsager (BEFO) (Dec 6-0) 145: Cayden Wolfe (BEFO) over Gavin Greenwood (KEWA) (Fall 1:47) 152: Gio Lucchi (KEWA) over Jason Carr (BEFO) (Fall 0:33) 160: Jesse Thornton (KEWA) over Cade Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 1:29) 170: Aragon Garro (KEWA) over Levi Melanson (BEFO) (TF 18-0 0:00)

Belle Fourche 60.0 Niobrara County 18.0 195: Chase Bickerdyke (BEFO) over (NICO) (For.) 220: Double Forfeit 285: Michael Streeter (BEFO) over Dmitri Richards (NICO) (Fall 5:36) 106: Lane Longbrake (BEFO) over (NICO) (For.) 113: Colton Coffman (NICO) over Colton Shelley (BEFO) (Fall 1:42) 120: Damien Park (BEFO) over Cameron Carpenter (NICO) (Fall 0:15) 126: Thomas McCoy (BEFO) over Justin Burkeland (NICO) (Fall 0:20) 132: Hunter Quenzer (BEFO) over (NICO) (For.) 138: Andy Tonsager (BEFO) over (NICO) (For.) 145: Cayden Wolfe

(BEFO) over Cooper Stewart (NICO) (Fall 0:52) 152: James Cushman (NICO) over Jason Carr (BEFO) (Fall 1:25) 160: Cade Bickerdyke (BEFO) over Blake Miller (NICO) (Fall 0:53) 170: Levi Melanson (BEFO) over Miles Ashurst (NICO) (Fall 1:24) 182: Emery Bemis (NICO) over Sean Wahlfeldt (BEFO) (Fall 1:27)

Belle Fourche 53.0 Southeast 23.0 182: Sean Wahlfeldt (BEFO) over (SOUT) (For.) 195: Tate Carson (SOUT) over Chase Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 1:29) 220: Double Forfeit 285: Michael Streeter (BEFO) over (SOUT) (For.) 106: Lane Longbrake (BEFO) over Grant Logsdon (SOUT) (Fall 3:45) 113: Colton Shelley (BEFO) over (SOUT) (For.) 120: Kaden Brothwell (SOUT) over Damien Park (BEFO) (Fall 1:16) 126: Thomas McCoy (BEFO) over Brock Blevins (SOUT) (TF 21-5 0:00) 132: Wyatt Mackey (SOUT) over Hunter Quenzer (BEFO) (TF 16-0 0:00) 138: Ryan Clapper (SOUT) over Andy Tonsager (BEFO) (Fall 1:54) 145: Cayden Wolfe (BEFO) over Greg Logsdon

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From A1
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use of social media and targeting what the center offers to the needs of the community.

"I think in the near future you can look for a survey to go out to the community seeking input from citizens as to what programs they'd like to see that maybe we're not giving them right now," he said. "But from what I see right now it's pretty impressive the variety of classes that are being offered as well as the different age ranges being offered for various basketball and volleyball programs. And I've heard pickle ball has really picked up there as well."

There are plans to do some renovation at the BFACC and Velander hopes to meet with the BFACC board and look at what

might be in the works and evaluate how best to use what he terms "the massive space" in the building.

"I do see changes for the better here in the future," he said.

Velander says a community center is best used when it's open to all of the community as much as possible. He says that would include citizens who would be welcome to come in and know more about it even before they become a member.

"In my opinion what is important is really opening the doors and letting the public in and seeing what the opportunities are there and marketing them better," he said. "The community center is really a vital place. For the older crowd it's a place where they can socialize, create a healthier life and even extend their life. For

the youth is really important to have a nice safe place for them to come after school. It's a vital place for recreation, social interaction, similar to a barber shop in the neighborhood, where people can chat and catch up on what's going on in the community."

Velander says he had already heard about the extraordinary qualities of the BFACC even before coming to town. "I had already heard from people that Belle Fourche had a community center that was outstanding, something that the town was really proud of," he said. "People had asked he if I'd heard about the community center when I had visited."

Velander, a lifelong Minnesota Vikings and Twins fan, plans to live in Belle Fourche and is finalizing living arrangements.

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He plans to begin his move right after New Year's to begin his new job January 6th.

"I look forward to getting to know the area and Belle Fourche and with this new position I'm looking for input from the community," he said. "I hope people will be happy to talk to me at the community center and I'll be happy to reach out as well. If there's anything people want me to get involved with or have input with, feel

Well Deserved Recognition Given to Bronc Student Athletes



A sizable contingent of Bronc students were recognized and honored for their athletic and academic achievements between the varsity BB games on December 17th. From left: **Sawyer Clarkson**- Cross Country State Class A Champion; **Elena Wolf**- Academic All State Volleyball; **Taryn Stedillie**- Academic All State Volleyball; **Alexis Chervney**- Academic All State Volleyball; **Harley Fischer**-Academic All State Volleyball; **Ethan Jones**-Academic All State Soccer; **Gunnar Johnson**- Academic All State Soccer; **Bree Pierce**- Academic All State Soccer; **Jayne Peterson**-Academic All State Soccer; **Megen Keegan**- Academic All State Cross Country; **Josiah Trimble**- All State Soccer; **Savannah Rosales**-Honorable Mention All State Soccer and Academic All State Soccer; **Juliann Lange**- All State Competitive Cheer; **Kelby Olson**- All State Football and Academic All State Football; **Jackson Tyndall**- All State Football and Academic All State Football; **Colby Nowowiejski**- Academic All State Football; **Tate Larson**-Academic All State Football.



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There's no such thing as bad weather - you only have the wrong clothes on.



I was just thinking, if it is really religion with these nudist colonies, they sure must turn atheists in the wintertime.
Will Rogers

I heard an area politician say that they were thinking they would get out of politics for health reasons: The people were sick of them! I assured them they only had mild symptoms. Epidemic in Congress.

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. A time for home, family, & friends.

Holiday suggestions you may participate in: Smile at a stranger. Hug someone who is sad and grieving. Laugh with a friend. Laugh lovingly at a friend. Yield to others at an intersection. Be optimistic about your favorite sports teams. Speak encouragingly to a child. Compliment, not criticize. Think of something good to say and say it. If you think of something not good, swallow it.



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Belle Fourche 60.0 Wind River 24.0 220: Tucker Jensen (WIRI) over Chase Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 3:09) 285: Michael Streeter (BEFO) over Kagen Smith (WIRI) (Fall 0:51) 106: Lane Longbrake (BEFO) over KC Gibson (WIRI) (Fall 1:14) 113: Elijah Branning (BEFO) over (WIRI) (For.) 120: Colton Shelley (BEFO) over Frank Bailey (WIRI) (Fall 1:08) 126: Damien Park (BEFO) over (WIRI) (For.) 132: Thomas McCoy (BEFO) over Landen Brownlee (WIRI) (Fall 1:38) 138: Hunter Quenzer (BEFO) over Shawn Reid (WIRI) (Fall 1:25) 145: Cayden Wolfe (BEFO) over Dennis Bousman (WIRI) (Fall 0:55) 152: Isaac McKenney (BEFO) over (WIRI) (For.) 160: Dustin Supino (WIRI) over Jason Carr (BEFO) (Fall 4:29) 170: Colter Colver (WIRI) over Cade Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 1:02) 182: Colton Befus (WIRI) over Levi Melanson (BEFO) (Fall 0:57) 195: Sean Wahlfeldt (BEFO) over (WIRI) (For.)
Belle Fourche 48.0 Wright 28.0 160: Charlee Thomson (WRIG) over Cade Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 5:00) 170: Levi Melanson (BEFO) over (WRIG) (For.) 182: Ethan Zancanella (WRIG) over Sean Wahlfeldt (BEFO) (Fall 1:05) 195: Chase Bickerdyke (BEFO) over (WRIG) (For.) 220: Double Forfeit 285: Michael Streeter (BEFO) over Ethan Mack (WRIG) (Fall 1:09) 106: Lane Longbrake (BEFO) over (WRIG) (For.) 113: Colton Shelley (BEFO) over (WRIG) (For.) 120: Kagen Baker (WRIG) over Damien Park (BEFO) (Fall 0:52) 126: Thomas McCoy (BEFO) over (WRIG) (For.) 132: Hunter Quenzer (BEFO) over (WRIG) (For.) 138: Kaden Tescher (WRIG) over Andy Tansager (BEFO) (Fall 4:53) 145: Cayden Wolfe (BEFO) over Colten Smith (WRIG) (Fall 1:37) 152: Kayden Mack (WRIG) over Jason Carr (BEFO) (MD 12-3)

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Jackson Tyndall (3) moves the offense as Lan Fuhrer (12) looks on Shootout Photos Courtesy Darla Olson



Kelby Olson 10 and Colby Nowowiejski 4 put double team pressure on their Stateline Shootout opponent.



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Bree Pierce 3 puts Lady Bronc defensive pressure on her Sundance, Wyoming opponent at the Stateline Shootout in Newcastle Wyoming this past weekend. Nice photo of the Belle Fourche bench concentrating on the on floor action -Courtesy photo Darla Olson

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Painters Inc Buffalo SD	18	Bld Broken	1402	\$860.00
Patton, Dennis Newcastle WY	48	Bld Broken	1349	\$900.00
Ryan Xz Ranch Llc Aladdin WY	32	Bld Broken	1394	\$875.00
Thompson & Sons, Ww Spearfish SD	26	Blk 3 Years	1027	\$1,450.00
Walker, Travis Ekalaka MT	34	Blk Solid	1304	\$1,375.00
Walker, Travis Ekalaka MT	19	Blk 4-5	1204	\$1,425.00
Walker, Travis Ekalaka MT	38	Blk 3 Years	1150	\$1,550.00

Yearlings

Johnson, Jamie Spearfish SD	1	Red Hfrs	1205	\$81.00
Mintzloff Ranch Hermosa SD	7	Blk Strs	1102	\$125.00
Mintzloff Ranch Hermosa SD	2	Blk Strs	887	\$135.50
Patten, Ward Broadus MT	3	B/R Hfrs	738	\$139.00
Tricker, Andrew Piedmont SD	2	B/R Hfrs	875	\$134.00

Calves

Aldren, Jon Whitewood SD	12	Bld Strs	512	\$169.00
Battle Creek Cattle Co Rapid City SD	16	Red Strs	531	\$176.00
Burghdoff, Gerald & Rebecca Camp Crook SD	7	Mix Strs	694	\$144.50
Martin, Jay T Ashland MT	23	Bld Hfrs	525	\$150.00
Martin, Jay T Ashland MT	15	Blk Strs	496	\$171.00
Martin, Jay T Ashland MT	4	Blk Strs	435	\$183.00
Oliver Family Trust, Randy & Connie Newell SD	10	Bld Strs	562	\$153.50
Simons, Sully & Debbie Beulah WY	1	Blk Hfrs	720	\$140.50
Trohkimoinen, Darron Vale SD	15	Blk Strs	514	\$168.50
Trohkimoinen, Darron Vale SD	9	Blk Hfrs	436	\$152.00

Weigh Up Cows

Antler Angus Ranch Llc Oshoto WY	6	Blk Cow	1457	\$60.50
Antler Angus Ranch Llc Oshoto WY	1	Blk Cow	1350	\$35.50
Antler Angus Ranch Llc Oshoto WY	1	Blk Cow	1250	\$34.00
Arledge Ranch Robert Lee Tx J	1	Blk Hfr	800	\$89.00
Baker, Mike J St Onge SD	4	Blk Cow	1490	\$66.50
Baker, Mike J St Onge SD	2	Blk Cow	1307	\$62.00
Baker, Mike J St Onge SD	1	Blk Cow	975	\$79.00
Boomschock Alooka Llc Box Elder SD	1	Blk Cow	1275	\$49.00
Boomschock Alooka Llc Box Elder SD	3	B/R Cow	1425	\$50.00
Burghdoff, Gerald & Rebecca Camp Crook SD	4	Blk Cow	1608	\$52.50
Burghdoff, Gerald & Rebecca Camp Crook SD	1	Blk Cow	1360	\$62.50
Burghdoff, Gerald & Rebecca Camp Crook SD	3	R/Ch Cow	1526	\$53.00
Carlisle, Bill Ekalaka MT	4	Bld Cow	1278	\$62.00
Carlisle, Bill Ekalaka MT	1	Bld Cow	1420	\$59.00
Carson, Waylon Anvada WY	1	Blk Cow	1480	\$64.00
Carson, Waylon Anvada WY	6	Blk Cow	1360	\$61.00
Carson, Waylon Anvada WY	2	Blk Cow	1015	\$73.00
Carter, John D Gillette WY	2	Blk Cow	1032	\$61.00
Cordell, Ronda Camp Crook SD	5	Blk Cow	1067	\$60.00
Courtney Herefords Belle Fourche SD	7	Bld Cow	1152	\$46.00
Elliott, Lee Or Linda Newcastle WY	2	Blk Cow	1040	\$55.00
Elliott, Lee Or Linda Newcastle WY	1	Red Cow	1200	\$55.00
Farrar Puls Inc Rapid City SD	3	Blk Cow	1286	\$57.50
Fix, Dusty Ekalaka MT	2	Rld Cow	1455	\$59.00
Garman, Ben Alzada MT	2	Blk Cow	1477	\$65.50
Garman, Ben Alzada MT	1	Blk Cow	1355	\$65.50
Garman, Ben Alzada MT	3	Blk Cow	1201	\$56.00
Geis Revocable Trust, James R Aladdin WY	7	Hfr Cow	1380	\$40.00
Geis Revocable Trust, James R Aladdin WY	3	Hfr Cow	1150	\$45.00
Geis Revocable Trust, James R Aladdin WY	1	Hfr Cow	1080	\$67.00
Geis Revocable Trust, James R Aladdin WY	1	Hfr Hfr	870	\$88.00
Geis, Stephen Aladdin WY	1	Hfr Cow	1315	\$44.50
Habeck, Philip W & Jeanne M Moorcroft WY	14	Blk Cow	1025	\$68.00
Habeck, Philip W & Jeanne M Moorcroft WY	5	Blk Cow	875	\$65.00
Hafner, Terry Ludlow SD	7	Blk Cow	1365	\$61.50
Henwood, Robert A Or Lacey M Belle Fourche SD	8	Red Cow	1565	\$64.00
Henwood, Robert A Or Lacey M Belle Fourche SD	1	Red Cow	1460	\$68.00
Henwood, Robert A Or Lacey M Belle Fourche SD	1	Red Cow	1095	\$71.00
Henwood, Robert A Or Lacey M Belle Fourche SD	2	Red Cow	1087	\$59.00
Jensen, Jerry Union Center SD	1	Blk Hfr	1210	\$63.00
Johnson, Darrel Baker MT	3	B/Ch Cow	1423	\$59.50
Lamb, Reese Or Wendy Sundance WY	3	Blk Cow	1456	\$62.00
Medearis, Jeff Plevna MT	2	Blk Cow	1225	\$55.00

Mintzloff Ranch Hermosa SD	1	Blk Cow	1600	\$59.50
Nelson, Elizabeth Hulet WY	1	Blk Cow	1490	\$57.00
Patten, Ward Broadus MT	2	Blk Cow	1100	\$61.00
Patten, Ward Broadus MT	1	Bld Cow	1185	\$59.00
Poss Ranch Inc Vale SD	1	Blk Cow	1465	\$63.00
Powell, Terry Biddle MT	4	Blk Cow	1276	\$61.00
Powell, Terry Biddle MT	7	Blk Cow	1250	\$47.00
Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine Camp Crook SD	1	Bld Cow	1550	\$55.00
Rokke, Kristy Camp Crook SD	1	Blk Cow	1260	\$46.00
Rokke, Kristy Camp Crook SD	2	Blk Cow	1140	\$46.00
Rolph, Murray Ekalaka MT	9	Bld Cow	1328	\$64.50
Rolph, Murray Ekalaka MT	13	Bld Cow	1181	\$45.50
Simons, Sully & Debbie Beulah WY	4	Blk Cow	1222	\$64.00
Simons, Sully & Debbie Beulah WY	1	Blk Cow	920	\$65.00
Sladheh, Jeremy Or Camie Reeder ND	5	Hfr Cow	1182	\$37.50
Talcott, Kenneth Hammond MT	1	Blk Cow	1390	\$63.50
Tooke, Mac Ekalaka MT	2	Blk Cow	1337	\$63.50
Tooke, Mac Ekalaka MT	4	Blk Cow	1185	\$51.00
Tooke, Mac Ekalaka MT	14	B/R Cow	1267	\$44.00
Vandervoort, Reed Piedmont SD	2	Blk Cow	1540	\$61.00
Vining, Dustin Buffalo SD	3	Bld Cow	1401	\$55.00
Vossler, Jerry Rozet WY	3	Blk Cow	1668	\$49.00
Whitney, Debbie Newcastle WY	2	Bld Cow	975	\$81.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Brownfield, Jay Hammond MT	1	Blk Bull	1960	\$79.50
Gantz, Joseph Alva WY	1	Blk Bull	2000	\$79.00
Gantz, Joseph Alva WY	1	Blk Bull	1840	\$76.50
Harkin, Darrel Hermosa SD	1	Blk Bull	1925	\$76.50
Jones, Nicole Sturgis SD	1	Red Bull	1745	\$77.50
Larsen, Todd Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Bull	1800	\$71.50
Larsen, Todd Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Bull	1700	\$69.00
Larsen, Todd Belle Fourche SD	1	Hfr Bull	2280	\$64.50
Patten, Ward Broadus MT	3	Blk Bull	1920	\$74.50
Vitto, Don J Hulet WY	1	Red Bull	2065	\$76.00

All the Crew & Management at St Onge Livestock & Newell Sheep Yards would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas! We would like to thank you for your business this past year & hope to see you all again in 2020!

2020 CATTLE SALES

- January 3rd - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- January 10th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- January 17th - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- January 24th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- January 31st - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- February 7th - No Sale - Black Hills Stock Show
- February 14th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- February 21st - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- February 28th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- March 6th - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- March 13th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Sheep Report - December 12, 2019

Good Run Of Sheep For The Last Sale In 2019.
Feeder Lambs Sold Mostly Steady To \$2 Lower
Slaughter Ewes Sold \$6 Lower

The Crew & Management At The Newell Sheep Yards Would Like To Wish Everyone A Merry Christmas & A Safe & Happy New Year!

Next Sale - January 9th - Feeder Lamb Special
Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Owens, Tom Baker MT	40	Lambs	62	\$205.00
Owens, Tom Baker MT	88	Lambs	86	\$188.00
J3 Enterprises Belle Fourche SD	83	Lambs	70	\$206.00
J3 Enterprises Belle Fourche SD	167	Lambs	84	\$190.00
Randall, Jackee Broadus MT	18	Lambs	81	\$189.00
Randall, Jackee Broadus MT	118	Lambs	106	\$171.00
Capp Ranch Inc Faith SD	36	Lambs	65	\$205.00
Capp Ranch Inc Faith SD	17	Lambs	82	\$189.00
Capp Ranch Inc Faith SD	60	Lambs	79	\$210.00
Wishard, Joe Lanry SD	41	Lambs	94	\$201.00
Reid, Victor Nisland SD	74	Lambs	80	\$195.00
Brimmer, Hilda Or Leland Biddle MT	18	Lambs	69	\$205.00
Brimmer, Hilda Or Leland Biddle MT	67	Lambs	90	\$189.00
CJR Ranch Llc Gillette WY	33	Lambs	72	\$201.00
CJR Ranch Llc Gillette WY	39	Lambs	90	\$181.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia Belle Fourche SD	38	Lambs	63	\$205.00
Davis, Doug Or Julia Belle Fourche SD	14	Lambs	80	\$202.00
Deep Creek Valley Inc Hammond MT	19	Lambs	128	\$163.00
Deep Creek Valley Inc Hammond MT	48	Lambs	128	\$157.00
Fishhook Ranch Prairie City SD	13	Lambs	70	\$202.00
Fishhook Ranch Prairie City SD	21	Lambs	104	\$176.00
Hollenbeck, Mark Edgemont SD	27	Lambs	79	\$195.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Belle Fourche SD	92	Lambs	66	\$203.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Belle Fourche SD	222	Lambs	90	\$189.00
Mickelson, Ben Nisland SD	22	Lambs	108	\$161.00
Olson, Steve Culverton MT	47	Lambs	108	\$177.00
Palmer, Keri Kadoka SD	12	Lambs	67	\$206.00
Palmer, Keri Kadoka SD	28	Lambs	83	\$189.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Deep Creek Valley Inc Hammond MT	58	Yrfg Ewes	192	\$280.00
Mumion, Ben Brusett MT	25	2 & 3 Old Ewes	146	\$210.00

Slaughter Ewes

Forbes, Jim & Emery Kaycee WY	12	Ewe	149	\$60.00
Forbes, Jim & Emery Kaycee WY	15	Ewe	162	\$58.00
Horvey, Roy Ralph SD	9	Ewe	139	\$60.00
Horvey, Roy Ralph SD	12	Ewe	156	\$58.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy Newell SD	8	Ewe	145	\$60.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy Newell SD	3	Ewe	163	\$58.00
Owens, Tom Baker MT	13	Ewe	140	\$60.00
Owens, Tom Baker MT	13	Ewe	154	\$58.00
Williams, Charlie Alzada MT	89	Ewe	146	\$57.00

Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$2/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

Upcoming Sheep Sale 2019

- January 9th - 1st Sale Of 2020 - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- January 16th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- January 23rd - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- January 30th - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

Happy New Year!



L to R: Darla Olson, Dallas Conner, David Pummel CPA, Mike Gallo CPA, Paige Bush, Cindy Neesham, Debbie Smoot

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Belle Fourche Community Calendar

- Dec. 27:** Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining
- Jan. 3:** Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining
- Jan. 6:** City Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
- Jan. 8:** Chamber Luncheon, 12pm, American West
- Jan. 9:** JV/V Wrestling Quad, 4pm@H
- Jan. 10:** Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining
- Jan. 11:** Saturday on State Market, 12-7pm, 1401 5th Ave
- Jan. 11:** Saturday on State Market, 9am-3pm, 1401 5th Ave
- Jan. 15:** BFDC Annual Meeting, 5th & Grant Plaza, 6pm
- Jan. 16:** Chamber Mixer, 5pm, Branding Iron
- Jan. 17:** Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining
- Jan. 23rd:** First Saturday Brunch, 10am, Tri-State Museum
- Jan. 27:** JV/V Boys BB vs Lemmon, 4pm@H
- Jan. 30th:** Downtown Revitalization Meeting, 5:30pm, City Hall

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District 29 Representative, **Thomas Brunner**, presented to the Newell's Senior government class. He talked about our state government and the issues that our state and community are currently facing. We appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to present to our students. Comments from seniors: **Alex Herrera**, "Mr. Brunner was pretty interesting. He spoke clearly and shared his personal opinions on issues". **John Jackson**, "I was very thankful to have one of the representative from district 29 come to our government class and explain somethings such as budgeting, as well as take questions. I feel like he did a good job explaining things and giving his point of view on certain bills." **Jessica Heil**, "I think it was a good presentation. I enjoyed all the facts and how he was open with us on his opinions". It was suggested that the class should attend the Townhall meeting at the School Multi-Purpose Room to learn more about some of the issues Butte County and State faces.



The Good Stuff by Jim Thompson

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson. He takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years. The Beacon is the only newspaper that it appears in. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00



Among the Christmas stories I have told and been told, this is easily the best. I first heard it on a Paul Harvey album of readings. No author is given, but the inspiration is all that's needed.

The Man And the Birds

You know *The Christmas story*, "God born a man in a manger," and all of that escapes some moderns. Mostly I think because they seek complex answers to their questions, and this one is so utterly simple. So for the cynics and the skeptics and the unconvinced, I submit a modern parable.



Now the man to whom I'm going to introduce you was not a scrooge, he was a kind, decent, mostly good man. Generous to his family, upright in his dealings with other men, but he just didn't believe all that incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim at Christmas time. It just didn't make sense, and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus story about God coming to earth as a man.

"I'm truly sorry to distress you", he told his wife, "but I'm not going with you to church this Christmas eve", he said he'd feel like a hypocrite, that he'd much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. So he stayed and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier and then went back to his fireside chair and began to read his newspaper. Minutes later, he was startled by a thudding sound. Then another. And then another; sort of a thump or a thud. At first, he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window. But when he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm and in a desperate search for shelter, had tried to fly through his large landscape window.

Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn

where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter if he could direct the birds to it. Quickly, he put on a coat and goulashes, tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on a light. But the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in. So he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow making a trail the yellow lighted, wide open door to the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them. He tried "shooing" them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms. Instead, they scattered in every direction except into the warm lighted barn.

Then he realized that they were afraid of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could let them know that they can trust me. That I'm not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how? Because any move he made tended to frighten them, confuse them. They just would not follow. They would not be led, or "shooed" because they feared him.

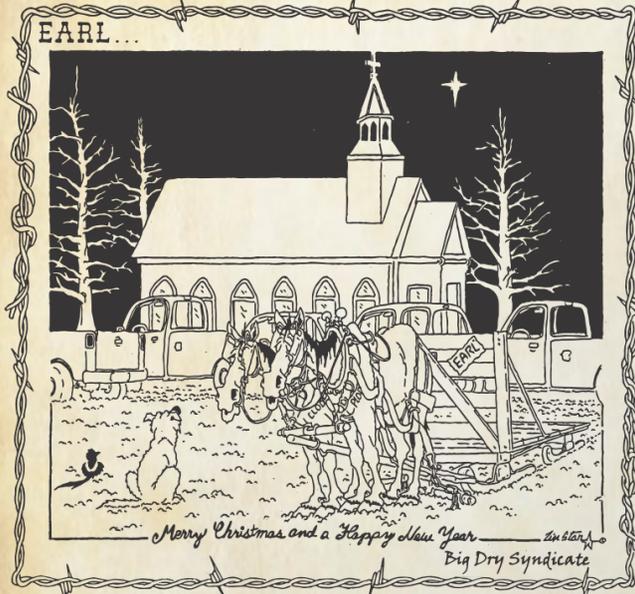
"If only I could be a bird", he thought to himself "and mingle with them and speak their language. Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe warm barn, but I would have to be one of them so they could see and hear, and understand."

At that moment the church bells began to ring. The sound reached his ears above the sounds of the wind. He stood there listening to the bells, Adeste Fidelis. Listening to the bells the glad tidings of Christmas. And he sank to his knees in the snow.

Happy Christmas Everyone!

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Chutes for Charity members accept a \$4880 contribution from Cowboys Too! owner George Wilson. The check represented the proceeds from the Nov. "When the Works All Done" fundraising event. From Left: Lorrie Kimball, Bev Watson, Jolleen Knapp, Denise Adams, Margie Coy, Carol Christianson, George Wilson, Dallerie Neff, Barb Williamson, Jeryl Bean, Gayleen Raber -Courtesy photo

Final PRCA 2019 World Standings

LAS VEGAS - Barrel racers
Lisa Lockhart and Jessica Routier along with saddle bronc rider JJ Elshere highlight top finishers among South Dakota competitors during the 2019 PRCA season. Rookies Stetson Wright and Haven Meged won world titles. Here are the final season standings after the 10th Round of the WNFR.

BAREBACK: World standings: 1. Clayton Biglow, \$425,843; 2. Orin Larsen, \$296,404; 3. Tim O'Connell, \$261,091; 4. Richmond Champion, \$238,983; 5. Tilden Hooper, \$238,239; 6. Kaycee Feild, \$232,320; 7. Caleb Bennett, \$208,902; 8. Tanner Aus, \$173,460; 9. Clint Laye, \$170,416; 10. Trenten Montero, \$170,296; 11. Jake Brown, \$133,415; 12. Austin Foss, \$126,587; 13. Ty Breuer, \$120,911; 14. Steven Dent, \$103,799; 15. Taylor Broussard, \$93,502.

STEER WRESTLING: World standings: 1. Ty Erickson, \$234,491; 2. Bridger Chambers, \$217,362; 3. Stetson Jorgensen, \$197,246; 4. Tyler Pearson, \$196,904; 5. J.D. Struxness, \$190,137; 6. Matt Reeves, \$183,131; 7. Tyler Waguespack, \$177,925; 8. Dakota Eldridge, \$177,834; 9. Riley Duvall, \$166,194; 10. Hunter Cure, \$164,914; 11. Will Lummus, \$163,382; 12. Scott Guenther, \$148,853; 13. Cameron Morman, \$140,576; 14. Kyle Irwin, \$134,934; 15. Tanner Brunner, \$109,911.

TEAM ROPING: World standings (headers): 1. Clay Smith, \$268,820; 2. Cody Snow, \$256,938; 3. Kaleb Driggers, \$240,923; 4. Brenten Hall, \$237,061; 5. Riley Minor, \$207,707; 6. Chad Masters, \$196,067; 7. Luke Brown, \$182,093; 8. Coleman Proctor, \$153,241; 9. Tate Kirchenschlager, \$147,225; 10. Clay Tryan, \$147,222; 11. Tyler Wade, \$135,856; 12. Ty Blasingame, \$132,220; 13. Erich Rogers, \$128,634; 14. Matt Sherwood, \$124,704; 15. Jake Cooper, \$103,851. World standings (heelers): 1. Wesley Thorp, \$249,181; 2. Junior Nogueira, \$238,243; 3. Chase Tryan, \$234,480; 4. Jade Corkill, \$226,946; 5. Brady Minor, \$207,707; 6. Joseph Harrison, \$198,816; 7. Paul Eaves, \$186,600; 8. Ryan Motes, \$158,089; 9. Kyle Lockett, \$153,364; 10. Jake Long, \$150,954; 11. Tyler Worley, \$142,677; 12. Cole Davison, \$134,371; 13. Travis Graves, \$133,896; 14. Hunter Koch, \$132,807; 15. Caleb Anderson, \$103,050.

SADDLE BRONC: World standings: 1. Zeke Thurston, \$347,056; 2. Brody Cress, \$286,372; 3. Ryder Wright, \$273,129; 4. Spencer Wright, \$258,015; 5. Rusty Wright, \$241,153; 6. Jake Watson, \$236,406; 7. Dawson Hay, \$197,747; 8. Chase Brooks, \$194,681; 9. Jacobs Crawley, \$191,935; 10. Sterling Crawley, \$156,722; 11. Jesse Wright, \$155,159; 12. Bradley Harter, \$127,543; 13. Mitch Pollock, \$125,196; 14. J.J. Elshere, \$119,004; 15. Colt Gordon, \$112,635.

TIE-DOWN ROPING: World standings: 1. Haven Meged, \$246,014; 2. Shane Hanchey, \$244,832; 3. Tyson Durfey, \$237,532; 4. Riley Pruitt, \$226,445; 5. Marty Yates, \$212,854; 6. Tuf Cooper, \$211,631; 7. Caleb Smidt, \$196,900; 8. Tyler Milligan, \$196,884; 9. Ty Harris, \$186,765; 10. Taylor Santos, \$182,484; 11. Adam Gray, \$151,885; 12. Shad Mayfield, \$127,075; 13. Cooper Martin, \$125,593; 14. Michael Otero, \$116,155; 15. Rhen Richard, \$111,988.

BARREL RACING: World standings: 1. Hailey Kinsel, \$290,020; 2. Ivy Conrado-Saebens, \$264,673; 3. Emily Miller, \$255,799; 4. Lisa Lockhart, \$250,698; 5. Nellie Miller, \$235,899; 6. Amberleigh Moore, \$207,982; 7. Dona Kay Rule, \$192,392; 8. Jessica Routier, \$191,197; 9. Shali Lord, \$173,391; 10. Stevi Hillman, \$157,219; 11. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, \$152,100; 12. Laciada Rose, \$138,917; 13. Chyenne Wimberley, \$127,861; 14. Jennifer Sharp, \$114,024; 15. Ericka Nelson, \$112,318.

BULL RIDING: World standings: 1. Sage Kimzey, \$480,797; 2. Boudreaux Campbell, \$344,573; 3. Stetson Wright, \$267,345; 4. Tyler Bingham, \$246,399; 5. Jordan Hansen, \$214,792; 6. Jordan Spears, \$211,933; 7. Koby Radley, \$195,349; 8. Trey Benton III, \$186,995; 9. Daylon Swearingen, \$179,799; 10. Garrett Smith, \$171,769; 11. Trevor Kastner, \$161,216; 12. Clayton Sellars, \$158,018; 13. Jeff Askey, \$157,329; 14. Josh Frost, \$129,561; 15. Trey Kimzey, \$124,960.

ALL-AROUND: All-Around Standings: 1. Stetson Wright, \$297,923; 2. Clay Smith, \$279,672; 3. Tuf Cooper, \$265,794; 4. Caleb Smidt, \$210,190; 5. Trevor Brazile, \$129,754; 6. Daylon Swearingen, \$138,881; 7. Rhen Richard, \$117,980; 8. Landon McClougherty, \$112,119; 9. Steven Dent, \$111,577; 10. Josh Frost, \$92,732.

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City Commissioners

We Need a Plan

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NEWELL – When the Newell City Commissioners met on Monday, December 9, there was a sense of urgency as they discussed the agenda item of DOT sidewalks. This is a long-going issue from cracked sidewalks that caused an investigation. Most recently, the commission has been instructed to put a plan into place, even if that plan takes 30 years, to address this issue.

Most importantly they have to get the (rough) plan in place within the next 30 days.

The commissioners discussed hiring Brosz Engineering to identify priority zones that need to be come ADA compliant. That would cost the city some unidentified funds.

“The problem with getting them within compliance is that, in this country, the ground could shift and you’d be out of compliance pretty quickly,” said Mayor Ken Wetz.

At the very least the city needs to do an inspection and let property owners know the issue, and if their sidewalks are out of compliance. They need to identify deficiencies. A city ordinance states that the property owner is responsible for sidewalks on/in front of their property.

One other snag in the mix is that whoever does the inspection has to be trained. That doesn’t happen overnight, nor does it happen easily. The closest training location is Bismarck, N. D. and there is not a session until sometime in the spring. The city can lay a basic plan in place, identify the person they plan to have trained to do the inspections, or hire a company like Brosz to do them, and then work at the plan over a period of time.

Evan McCausland, representing Lincoln Clean Energy, the company that owns and is constructing the Willow Creek Wind Farm, met to request a change in zoning for property the company wants to purchase in the city for a building housing supplies for the wind farm. The property the company is looking at purchasing would need to be changed to commercial and is located along Jewell Avenue. Suggestions were made by the city to switch to a different property.

“I’m not comfortable with rezoning that location,” said Wetz.

McCausland said they had not yet made an offer on the property and was willing to wait a bit to give the city time to look at other options. The life expectancy on the wind farm is over 20 years so, at the least, the company will be paying property tax.

The wind farm construction is on hiatus for the winter but will continue construction in May, expecting to have their operations day set for late October

CITY COMMISSION B4

Howdy’s Newmart For Sale

Future for Newell grocery store still looks promising.

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NEWELL – Although Howdy’s Newmart is listed for sale with the local Remax dealer Managing Partner, Becky Boylan said there’s no cause for concern. They have recently wrapped up all the repairs from the issue with a leaking roof and she said the business is in good shape. It’s just time for the Boylan’s and Hobernichts to take life easier.

“We have grandkids,” she said with a smile, as if that statement answers pretty much all the questions.

“We can’t just close, and I know that’s what people are saying, I’ve heard the rumors,” said Boylan. “We just have too much going on, both us and Howdy.”

Boylan said that the customer base is still the same, the employees are great and as far as she is concerned things will go on just as they are until someone new takes over.

Boylan and her husband Robert have a busy life, with a full-blown ranch operation as well as a tourism aspect which includes hosting around 10 weddings every year. Along with four kids, in-laws and grandkids, they have

decided managing the grocery store is just too much.

Hobernichts and his wife Peg, who has been fighting health concerns, have also decided things are getting a bit much. So, the decision was made and the business listed.

“The employees are good,” said Boylan. “They know how to run it (the store), and many of them have been here for years. David has been working as our truck guy for more than 10 years.” Other employees include Amanda and Cierra in the office area, Dairy-Marian, Meat-Peg, James, Produce-Carol, Audra, Cashiers-Susie, Andrea, Marjorie, Betty, Josie, Kim, and Mary Jo. All except for two have been involved/employed a long, long time, according to Boylan.

“We have customers who buy everything here,” said Boylan. She said they have one customer who buys everything except one gluten free item that Newmart cannot supply.

When the building suffered severe water damage several years ago and had to be closed for a few days, the Boylan’s said they got phone calls and messages, even at home, telling them they needed the store in this community.

The Boylan’s have been involved in the operation since before 2013. They are not opposed to any plan the commu-



COMMUNITY FIXTURE - Currently in the window of Howdy’s Newmart, a snowman contest is highlighted. This is just one of many things that the store does in the community each year. -Brunner photo

nity might come up with to keep the store open, should they not find a buyer quickly.

“I would even carry someone,” said Robert, of partnering with someone. He is enthused about the idea of the employees or others in the community forming a coop to run the business in that way.

“The store needs to stay open,” said Robert Boylan. The Boylan’s have been involved in the Newell store since Becky worked for Howdy when he first

owned the store more than 20 years ago.

“I think this can be done better,” said Becky. “I think with the right person or couple running it and putting in some extra time, we feel it could make a difference.”

In the meantime, the couple plans to have things remain as they are, while both the Boylan’s and Hobernichts work toward finding someone who fits into both the store and the community.

NVN Roundup

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NEWELL – It was a fun and busy week in NVN land as kids prepared for the last few days of the 2019 school year and local area folks finished decorating for Christmas. The Newell Improvement Corporation hosted an ornament hunt at the Newell Middle School on Friday. Students hunted in PJ’s and slippers in the 12-degree weather.

This was a treat for this age-group, with elementary students having holiday parties in their rooms. Later in the spring the group will hold a special event for high school students. The winner of the movie basket was Josephine Raisenen.

The Nisland Independent Community Church saw a good turnout for their annual Ladies’ Tea, which had to be postponed due to weather from the Thanksgiving weekend. The BASH Youth Group provided the special music for the event.

Linda Vollmer, Newell, was the special feature with her nativity collection, and Bonnie Olson, former Nisland resident, was the special speaker for the holiday-themed Northern Hills Connection on Tuesday in Sturgis.

Max and Suzanne Wetz, with

Santa whispering from an upper window, won first place in the holiday lighting contest sponsored by the Newell Improvement Corporation. Other winners included: Bill Huston, 2nd place; John and Lori Deighton, 3rd place, and a first-time rural winner, Bob and Lori Johnston, 4th place. The Johnston’s turned their cash prize back to be used for charity in the local community.

The Newell Improvement Community is also hosting a snowman building contest in the window at Howdy’s Newmart. Although entries are still being taken, you can go vote for your favorite snowman by putting loose change, or even cash in the corresponding numbered jar inside the store. Creations can be made from any medium as long as it looks like a snowman.



The annual Nisland Independent Community Church’s Ladies’ Tea on December 15.



(Above left) Max and Suzanne Wetz winners of the NIC holiday lighting contest, are presented a check for first place from Anita Stolnack and Anna Crockford, two of the judges, as Santa whispers from the window (right).



(Above) Middle school teacher Anna Erk organizes students during PJ day following the ornament hunt. (Left) Josephine Raisenen, lucky finder of ornament #53, took home a movie basket with a gift certificate to purchase a video, treats and drinks for the holidays, courtesy of the Newell Improvement Corporation. - All photos courtesy Colleen Brunner

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Newell Girls Hand Out Double Whammy



Kayden Steele drops one of her 24-points during the Saturday night victory over Bison in Austin Auditorium. -Brunner photo

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NEWELL – In back to back games on Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14, the Newell Lady Irrigators hosted Harding County and Bison. They handed out a double whammy of losses to the Lady Ranchers and the Bison Cardinals.

The Irrigators doubled the Ranchers score by the end of the first quarter, 20-10. Kyla Emmert and Kayden Steel both shot three field goals while Kassidy Weeldreyer added four points and Austina Alexander added three.

Thirteen more points in the second period saw two treys by Steele and one by Emmert, who also added two more on a shot inside the key. Alexander added two points to put Newell up 33-22 at the half.

Lexa Burtzloff and Weeldreyer both put six points on field goals on the boards while Alexander added two and Steele added a trey. Lizzy Phillipsen proved her worth at the field goal line as she went two for two. This gave Newell a 52-35 lead going into the final period.

Although Harding County's Logan Katuzman put up a total of 24 points in the game, it was not enough as the Irrigators added 12 in the final for a 64-47 victory on Friday night.

5, 0, 0/1, 10. Emmert 5, 1, 0/0, 13. Steele 5, 3, 1/3, 22. Phillipsen 1, 0, 2/2, 4.

Night two started almost identical to Friday, with the Newell girls starting the first quarter doubling their opponents, 14-7. Steele started with three field goals, while Weeldreyer put up two and Burtzloff and Sydney Kjelson both hit one each.

The second period saw the Irrigators put up 13 points, five

credited to Steele, a field goal each to Burtzloff and Emmert. The rest of the points came on free throws from Emmert, Kjelson and Taylor Gaer, ending the half up by 27-17.

Steele went to town in the third period with nine points, while Emmert notched five. Burtzloff and Alexander both hit a field goal, while Burtzloff also added a free throw to give the Irrigators 19 points in the third quarter. Newell was up by 46-27.

The final period saw the Irrigators outscored by three points in the final period, but they had a wide enough lead by then to grab the game win, 57-41.

Quarters: Newell-14, 27, 46, 57. Bison-7, 17, 27, 41. Burtzloff-3, 0, 1/3, 7. Alexander-1, 0, 1/3, 3. Weeldreyer-3, 0, 0/0, 6. Emmert-2, 1, 3/4, 10. Kjelson-1, 0, 1/2, 3. Gaer-1, 0, 2/2, 4. Steele-10, 1, 1/3, 24.



Each Wednesday evening: The B.A.S.H. Christian Youth Group is every Wednesday night at Newell Christian Fellowship Church from 6 to 8 p.m. Ages 13-18 A meal is provided. For more information call Holly at 456-2544.

Butte County Commission has for sale, 6000+ recycled steel posts. \$5 each at the county shop in Belle Fourche. Please make payment at 117 5th Ave, Belle Fourche.

Jan. 6-9: Delta Dental at Newell School. Check with middle school office for details.

Jan. 7: Butte County Commission Meeting at courthouse. 9:30 a.m. GBB at Austin Auditorium-5:30 p.m. Newell Improvement Corporation Meeting. 6 p.m. at Butte Electric hospitality room.

Jan. 9: BBB in Austin Auditorium-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 13: Newell city commission meeting at city administrative offices, 6 p.m. Newell school board at school multipurpose room, 6 p.m.

Newell Boys Split Games

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NEWELL – The Newell Irrigators hosted the Harding County Ranchers on Friday night and the Bison Cardinals on Saturday, splitting with a loss and a win. Night one saw a big struggle for the Irrigators as they started slow and stayed that way. The first quarter saw the Ranchers outscore them 16-4. The Irrigators points came from William Juelfs and Hunter Wetz. Half of the Ranchers points came from Camden Hett.

In the second quarter David Morell picked things up a bit for Newell putting five of the Irrigators 11 points on the boards. Three more points each came from Huttson Weeldreyer and Jaden Tennis. That ended the half 39-15 for the Ranchers.

The third quarter was a dismal one for Newell, with five points for the home team. Harding County didn't fare much better as they only scored 13, but that put them up by 52-20 at the end of three.

Three lone field goals, one each from Juelfs, Smeenk and John Jackson, came in the fourth period, leaving Newell down 71-26.

Quarters: Newell-4, 15, 20, 26. Ranchers-16, 39, 52, 71. Weeldreyer-1, 1, 0/0, 5. Juelfs-2, 0, 0/0, 4. Morell-2, 0, 1/2, 5. Smeenk-1, 0, 0/0, 2. Jackson-1, 0, 1/2 3. Wetz-1, 0, 0/0, 2.

Saturday night against Bison was like night and day compared to Friday night.

"We needed a game to get us working together as a team," said Coach Trev Fiedler. "This

was just what we needed." He said the boys didn't have things put together yet on Friday and that Harding County was a very tough team to play.

The first quarter saw Newell up by 20-7 with seven different Irrigators with points on the boards. Five points by Weeldreyer, four by Wetz and Juelfs, three by Jackson and two by Kai Banks got things started right for Newell.

They kept things going to whole game, but struggled a bit in the second quarter, scoring only five points. Fortunately, Bison only scored five as well, giving the Irrigators the lead at the end of the first half. The score stood 25-12 going into the third period.

They picked things up again in the third period, scoring 14 points to the Cards 5. Jackson started kicking it in gear with six points, while Banks, Weeldreyer and Colton Burtzloff all scored a field goal each, with Banks tossing in two points at the free throw line. At the end of three the score stood at 39-17.

While Bison only scored three points in the fourth quarter, Newell kept things rocking and rolling with 12. Burtzloff and Jackson both put up four points each, while Tennis and Morell both put up a field goal each. That left the final score at 51-20.

Quarters: Newell-20, 25, 39, 51. Bison-7, 12, 17, 20. Banks-2, 0, 2/3, 6. Weeldreyer 2, 1, 0/0, 7. Juelfs-1, 0, 3/5, 5. Morell-2, 0, 0/0, 4. Tennis-2, 0, 0/0, 4. Jackson-7, 0, 1/3, 15. Wetz-2, 0, 0/0, 4. Burtzloff 3, 0, 0/0, 6.



John Jackson puts in a layup even while being bumped by Bison's Gavin Nelson, during his 15 points. -Brunner photo

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Some changes were approved in the bar, adding two new cameras. At least one in the bar was scratched and not being utilized properly.

"We had two incidents recently and the cameras didn't work for those incidents," said the bar manager.

Diana Williams spoke during the time for citizens comments, asking about setting up a neighborhood watch program. When she was informed that this had been tried in the past and was not successful, she asked about the process.

She was informed that she needed to meet with the sheriff's department first and then work toward getting something going. The reasoning for this query was that there has been some recent vandalism in the city.

Six of the nine strings of lights on the large Christmas tree in the south park had been torn down and the lights smashed. The electrical box door had been pried off and bulbs had been smashed inside.

"It probably took an hour, hour and a half, for them to do that," said Foreman Larry Parker.

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Then and Now in Newell

Dec. 25, 1979

Thirty-three boys, ages 6 and up, accompanied by adults, attended an organizational meeting about boxing classes in Newell at the Fire Hall December 18, a second meeting will be held on Thursday. The gathering was called by Police Chief Donald Moore, Boxing coaches are: Doug Lange and Greg Sundstrom both former State Golden Glove Champions as well as Don Moore who was a champion boxer for the Army. At the next meeting, age limits, weight classes, etc will be studied. The club is sponsored by the Community Club.

Judy Olilla returned December 10, from the Rapid City hospital. They were able to save her little finger and thumb. She was cutting paneling outside with a table saw, when a gust of wind came up and the accident happened. She is resting comfortably at home.

Dec. 24, 1959

Stanton Day, Newell High School Senior was named the past week as SD Jr. Corn Yield Champion in the annual DeKalb 2-acre yield of 146 bushels per acre on his plots of DeKalb varieties 62 and 222 corn. He will be awarded a trophy and a \$250 scholarship in February at Huron at a meeting of DeKalb dealers. Stan is the son Mr. & Mrs. Ode Mutchler southwest of Newell is a Vo-Ag student and served as FFA Secretary for 2 years. Previous winners were Allen Schallenberger 1958 and Dick Wilson 1957.

Bill Lange and Arthur Olilla arrived home Saturday evening

from Ft. Leonard, Missouri, where they are on army duty, to visit their respective parental homes Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lang and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Olilla and other friends and relatives...

Dec. 22, 1949

Fire, probably caused by a defective pipe, caused several hundred dollars worth of damage here last Saturday and probably put out of operation for sometime the former Strong Steam Baths in Newell, which is now operated by Mrs. Ruth Martin. The blaze broke out shortly after 4:00 PM and burned one wall and most of the roof before it was extinguished. The baths have been in operation here for many years by Mr. & Mrs. Hemming Strong who sold it to the late Charles Wilson and Mrs. Martin. The baths will not be in operation this Saturday and the following Saturday.

Cecil Vig, Opal rancher, completely demolished his light plane, an Erco, Saturday morning and climbed out of the wreckage and walked 4 miles to his home. A plane was summoned from the Rushmore Air Port at Rapid City and the crash victim was flown to Newell. Upon examination revealed that he had injured his back quite seriously and 8 stitches were required to close a gash in his forehead. The heavy ground fog which enveloped the area was the cause of the accident, causing Vig to lose his bearings. He is recuperating at his ranch home.

At a recent meeting of the Belle Fourche Irrigation

District, objections were heard from a Wyoming group concerning construction of Key Hole Reservoir. The delegation claimed the dam would never get full, would not provide adequate flood control and the government was not offering enough for the lands which would be needed for the reservoir site. Objection was also made to the diversion of waters as settled in 1943 by the SD-WY Compact which allotted 10% of the river water to Wyo for future irrigation needs, 15,300 acres purchased 9,500 flooded.

Dec. 28, 1939

Bert Bell, Secretary of the Black Hills Passion Play Association and Josef Meier, Chief actor in the great play, will be the principal guests at the regular meeting of the Newell Community Club which will be held at Wood's Café Friday evening this week. Secretary G. L. Van derBoom announces that the meeting will be held at the usual hour of 6:30 and urges a good attendance, as Mr. Meier is an interesting speaker. Other important matters relative to community enterprises will also be up for discussion.

Miss Lois Keene, who attends the School for the Deaf at Sioux Falls, arrived here Saturday for a 2-weeks visit at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Keene. Mr. & Mrs. Keene and family spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Keene's parents Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Babb near Twilight.

Dec. 26, 1929

The Neighborhood Club

Christmas party December 18, was a great success. All members except 4 were present with several guests and young girls. Christmas hymns and carols were sung and a general good time was the order of the day. Fifty boxes of Cracker Jack and fifty chocolate Santas were given to the club children, grandmothers and grandfathers, if they reached a certain age, were remembered with gifts of handkerchiefs, candy, books or cigars.

Basketball fans had an opportunity to see the Newell Irrigators in action for the first time this season on Thursday evening last week when the locals defeated Nisland High School by a score of 30 to 11. While the work of the locals was ragged at times, still they showed flashes of classy passing and almost air-tight defense. Coach Sorbel substituted freely during the game, as did coach Malcolm of Nisland. The next game to be played here will be with Sturgis High School on the evening of January 10.

Dec. 31, 1919

Combined Notice: Because of the unusual shortage of merchandise and continued advances in prices we are obliged to change our policy and extend credit for only 30 days. All current accounts are due by January 1, 1920 at Newell Hardware Co. Also, Amundson & Son, John Stolz and J.A. Ramsey From now on our business will be conducted on a strictly cash basis. This rule will apply to everyone alike. This method of doing business will enable us to

"I'm pretty sure with it taking that long, that somebody saw something." People were encouraged to report but not confront individuals engaged in this type of activity.

"The problem with that is that it takes a while for anyone to get here," said Williams, referring to law enforcement.

Finance officer Jen Parrow said there will be two 3-year seats open on the council for the spring election. It was also noted that city sales tax is up by over \$30,000 for the year. It was wondered whether this was due to the new Dollar General store in the city.

Parker also reported that he has been working with S.D. Rural Water Mapping to get information back that was lost when the computer with the Garmin system information crashed. All the information that had been compiled had been lost. Since this item, which will end up being fairly costly was budgeted, it was approved to move forward with SDRWM.

Parker also said he wanted to remind people of snow removal priorities and asked them to be aware that during a snow event the city has to get the snow moved.

"We need a policy," said Commissioner Allen Youngberg. Parker said he didn't care except that many cars either weren't moved during the recent Thanksgiving weekend storm, or couldn't be removed due to inability to run.

"It makes it pretty difficult to get the job done," said Parker.

"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

from the Newell Museum

make better prices and render better service. All accounts must be settled by January 1.

The Homestake Mining Co. has resumed operation and needs miners and underground laborers, offering steady work, good wages and excellent living conditions. It is necessary to pass a good physical examination before going to work. Apply to E.F. Irwin, Employment Manager, Lead, So Dak.

Dec. 30, 1909

Fred Nash who was recently assaulted in Sturgis and as a consequence was in the hospital at Rapid City for several weeks, where he had a piece of skull removed, is here in Vale visiting with his mother, Mrs. H.L. Shevling.

Under Farmers Bulletin NO 373, the US Department of Agriculture issued on the subject of "Irrigation of Alfalfa". This bulletin is profusely illustrated and contains some valuable data which will be helpful to the settlers under the Belle Fourche Project. It is issued for free distribution and will be mailed upon request to the Agriculture Dept. All farmers who are interested, as they all should be, secure this bulletin and read it carefully, they will profit from the information contained therein.

Frank Edwards requests the Valley Irrigator to announce that there will not be a dance at his place next Friday night, but there will be a dance on Friday night January 14, all are welcome. His ranch home is 4 miles south and 2 miles east of Vale.

Former Belle Fourche Man Preacher and Podcaster

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MUD BUTTE – Everyone in the local Belle Fourche area is probably familiar with the family name of Conry, and those who attended the youth program at Christian Life Center for several years probably even know the name, Clay Conry. However, the people in Mud Butte and around the world, literally, are beginning to know that name as well.

Clay Conry was born and raised on a ranch west of Belle Fourche. “My parents built the operation from nothing by working jobs in town,” said this pastor/podcaster. “I struggled to enjoy the ranching side of things because I felt like our weekends were always spent with cows.”

After graduating from high school, Conry attended Bible school near Milwaukee, WI. He said he distinctly remembers a trip home from school and getting out of his car at the ranch to smell the fresh Western South Dakota air.

“That was the seed that grew into my desire to be involved in the livestock industry,” he said. As far as his pastoral duties at Prairie Home Church at Mud Butte are concerned, that too, was a progression.

“My youth pastor, Mike Manana, took me on a trip to Ukraine the summer of 2000,” he said. “While there, I got a sense that I wanted to spend the rest of my life helping people find ways to make a deeper connection with Jesus.”

But how does the connection



Clay Conry (back left) and his wife Miranda (back right) with their four children, Braden - 11, Calvin - 9, Charley - 6, Glover - 5, live and serve at Prairie Home Bible Church at Mud Butte. - Courtesy photo

of a pastor of a small country church and agriculture work. Even though he and his family hope to start a summer grazing operation and possibly a heifer development business, it’s agricultural podcasting that is keeping him connected currently.

“After my moment of clarity on the way home from school, I began to be more involved with my parents ranching operation,” said Conry. “Helping calve heifers, branding, summer moves, and fall gathering, (preceded) a few years of helping in that capacity.” He said he was able to start helping his parents a few days a week.

In November of 2017, Conry put his technical skills to work as he started Working Cows Podcast. He and his wife, Miranda, worked together to put the podcast/blog enterprise together and continue that today.

“I have interviewed a wide

array of people from all over the world,” said Conry. “People like Fernando Falomir in Chihuahua, Mexico, who gets an average of nine inches of moisture per year. And Daniel Suarez in Chiapas, Mexico who gets nearly 60 inches of moisture per year.”

He has interviewed people in Canada, England, Australia and numerous states in the U. S. He said his favorite will always be the family ranches that are making decisions about the management of their resources that change the profitability of their ranch businesses.

“Dave Ollila, an SDSU Extension Sheep Specialist, has been a guest a few times, discussing everything from winter feeding strategies, to the history of the Western Range Ewe,” said Conry. “It was (also) a special treat to interview Allan Savory for Episode 75, as well as Burke Teichert for Episode 100. Getting a chance to spend an hour asking those two gentlemen questions was a real privilege.”

He also interviewed Corb Lund, an agricultural backgrounded, musician from Canada. He is a singer, songwriter, and touring musician with his band “The Hurtin’ Albertans.” He said his musical genre is “Agricultural Tragic.”

Conry said his goal with the podcast is to expose people to different ways of thinking, patterns that can help improve the bottom line of their ranch business.

“I am definitely not telling people what or how to think,” he said. “I am merely hoping to give them something to think about as they seek to maximize the effectiveness of their ranch business.” He said his ultimate goal is to see people receive more joy from the investment they put into their ranches, livestock and families.

And that connects right back to his job as a rural pastor. He feels that his least favorite job

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Corb Lund is a singer, songwriter, and touring musician with his band “The Hurtin’ Albertans,” (left) is interviewed by Clay Conry of Working Cows podcast. He said his musical genre is “Agricultural Tragic.” - Courtesy photo

as a pastor is not connecting much with people who don’t know the Lord.

“The podcast has afforded me the opportunity to connect with many people who might not every walk through the front door of a church,” he said. “I hope that if it (the podcast) can serve people, that they will find

that connection. We all have a responsibility to find where God is at work in the lives of people around us, and call attention to it.”

He said that the podcast and working as a pastor have both been incredible opportunities to network and continue his own education.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Belle Fourche Reservoir (BFR). Reclamation is the lead federal agency responsible for ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and related federal environmental and cultural resource laws. To ensure that all social, economic, and environmental effects are considered in the development of this plan, Reclamation is seeking your input pursuant to Section 102 (2) (D) (IV) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The EA presents the Proposed Action Alternative and evaluates the potential impacts to the human and natural environment associated with the Proposed Action Alternative in comparison with the No Action Alternative.

Reclamation will use this draft EA and any review comments to determine whether the project will have any significant impacts on the human and natural environment. If no significant issues are identified, Reclamation would issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and final EA. If any significant issues are identified, we may consider the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Reclamation defines significance in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.27.

A copy of the draft EA is located at <https://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao/index.html>. Hardcopies of the draft EA may be obtained by calling Andrea Gue, Natural Resource Specialist, at 701-221-1223 or by requesting in writing from Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 1017, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58502.

We would appreciate your review and comments on the draft EA and draft RMP. The review period will be open until January 23, 2020. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Andrea Gue, Dakotas Area Office, 304 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58502, email ague@us-br.gov or by calling 701-221-1223.

Looking Back in Belle

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

by Mary Buchholz



One of our long-time reporters in the Belle Fourche Post and Bee was Faye Wright Kennedy; she started working as a reporter and was the paper’s publisher at the end of her career. In reviewing the paper an article of memories of Faye’s grandmother was discovered. Faye died in 2010.

80 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
1939

Grandma Wright, Fruitdale,
Passes Ninety-Third
Birthday Anniversary

The ninety-third birthday of Mrs. Annie Wright, “Grandma Wright” in her neighborhood, “Gentle Annie” to the old-timers of the country who have known and loved her through many years, was celebrated

Sunday at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Wright, near Fruitdale, with open house for all who wished to call.

About seventy-five friends, some of whom have known her for the past sixty years, called to pay their respects. Some of the callers were from Deadwood and other Hills towns where Mrs. Wright was well known in pioneer days. The house was gay with a profusion of beautiful flowers brought by admiring friends, and there were birthday cakes in abundance. Refreshments were served to all who came. In quiet dignity, with a smile and pleasant greeting for each, the dear old lady received her guests.

A famous cook, and very energetic, Mrs. Wright has, until the past few years, kept restaurants or boarding houses in the various places in which she has lived. And many the tired prospector who has received renewed courage from satisfying the inner man with one of her well cooked meals. Always kind and friendly in those days of rough existence in the Black Hills, she was given the nickname of “Gentle Annie” which

has stayed with her even unto her ninety-third birthday.

Born in Pike County, Ohio, when a lass of ten years she traveled with her parents overland in a covered wagon to Plattsmouth, Nebr., crossing the river on a flat boat. From the home of her parents there she eagerly watched many wagon trains pass by enroute to the gold fields of Colorado, and resolved that some day she, too, would travel onward to new frontiers. She was operating a restaurant in North Platte in 1875 when the stampede to the Black Hills was at its height, re-kindling her desire to Westward Ho.

Her opportunity came when High Orr, whose wife was one of her best friends, asked her to come with them to the Black Hills as cook for the party on the way. She had received letters from another friend who had been her neighbor, urging her to come to Deadwood, but advising her to bring plenty of shoes as she would be unable to obtain any in Deadwood to fit her tiny feet. She told Mr. Orr that if he would get a purchaser for her restaurant, she would accept his proposition. Inside of

twenty-four hours her business was sold to an Omaha man, her clothes packed, and bills to the amount of eight hundred and eighty-five dollars sewed in a buckskin bag and tied about her knee, her hose pulled over it, she was ready for adventure.

Reaching Fort Laramie, Mr. Orr’s outfit was stopped by the authorities and forced to wait until the number of wagons bound for the Black Hills gathering there reached one hundred. While in Fort Laramie, “Grandma”, then Miss Annie Vallery, bought twenty-three pairs of shoes. When the required number of wagons were assembled, the long train was escorted on its way by soldiers riding on either side. Miss Vallery was chief of the cook wagon and often drove the four horse team which pulled her moving kitchen on the way.

At night the wagons were so driven as to form a circle and the horses were kept inside with guards posted outside to prevent Indian surprise. This was in the gold rush of seventy-six. Reaching Custer, the train stopped there, and Miss Vallery went into the restaurant business. For a time Calamity Jane worked for her. She married Harry Wright, Feb. 22, 1877. She ran boarding houses in Terry and other mining camps of the Hills and wherever she went soon established her reputation as a wonderful cook and of sweet friendly disposition.



In seventy-eight Mr. Wright filed on land on the Belle Fourche river near the present site of Fruitdale, and on this place her daughter-in-law and family still live, and here the reception was held. The Wrights did not live on the place continuously after filing as Mr. Wright preferred the Hills and his energetic wife also found better opportunities there for her talents. In Nisland and Fruitdale and only the past few years has she quit her chosen work, cooking for others.

She is quite well for her age, and the Bee, as well as her hosts of friends wish her many more happy birthdays. Gentle Annie died in 1941 and is buried next to her husband in the Minnesela Cemetery.



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Newell Lake To Close to Public Access

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) Department is closing a Butte County lake.

“As a result of the high water this spring, the outlet structure at Newell Lake was severely damaged and no longer able to function properly,” said GFP regional fisheries supervisor Jake Davis. “In an effort to create storage for upcoming spring run-off, a draw-down of the lake occurred this fall. However, at the conclusion of the draw-down, additional issues with the integrity of the dam were identified. As a result of this, the decision has been made to continue to drain the lake and close it to the public until further notice.”

For more information, contact Jake Davis at Jake.Davis@state.sd.us.



LAKE REPAIRS - The 186 acre Newell Lake, north of the community of Newell will be drained while repairs are made to the outlet structure. -Google Earth photo

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Capitol News

KAREN ODELL

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Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to Spearfish to pick up some things before Christmas. Erma made some candy pretzels and was working on other projects. They went to the Catholic Church on Sunday, where Father Ed had a good sermon teaching us about trusting and the trust that Joseph had shown.

Justin Kerr had a dental appointment in Spearfish on Friday. Then he went to pick up Kyra and his mom, Marion, to bring them out to the ranch for a few days.

Rachel and Tommy Melum went to Baker on Friday to attend a home-school activities group, and Tommy had a great time. That evening, Shirley and Junior Melum invited them over. Shirley had cooked a birthday supper for Rachel. Then on Saturday, Ernie took Rachel to a movie in town for her birthday. On Sunday, Ernie, Rachel and Tommy took Junior and Shirley to Baker for the special Christmas program



at the church. The Youth Group acted out a great play, and all the children presented the music. Then the adults had a special musical Christmas program, too. Rachel joined other violin players on Silent Night. There was piano, mandolin, violins and guitars being played by some expert players. Rachel's sister-in-law gives lessons to some of the children. What a great program.

Dorothy Padden went to Ekalaka on Monday for the Clarice Owen funeral. That evening, Dorothy went with Bryce and Dawn Padden to Buffalo on Monday evening for the school Christmas Concert. On Thursday, Dorothy and Bryce went to town for the cattle sale. They had some cull cows at the Belle Fourche sale. School was out for Christmas vacation on Thursday, so with the kids home, things will be busy. Dawn spent the week at home ordering, and wrapping presents. On Sunday, Nita and Eric Loken came to pick up Roger Stevens to go ice fishing. Eric had gone out to test the ice and it was about 8 inches thick, so he ventured out on the ice to make fishing holes for the

other two. It was a good day of ice fishing.

Charlie and Karen Odell had an interesting week when the sewer backed up. It is quite a handicap to live so far from sewer companies. Ernie Melum and Nathan Kalbach came with the backhoe and dug out the line. Ernie and Charlie both called Jack Ovitz for information. Jack seems to be the information agent for this area, and he had a list of possible companies, but it was close to Christmas and we were too far away. Jack came to help out at Odell's two days and had lunch with Charlie and Karen. It is such a blessing to have good neighbors (yes, anyone less than 100 miles away is a neighbor). Charlie had some brand inspecting to do for Paddens, Ronda Cordell and Billy Roadifer. Karen went to the Methodist church to tune the piano again. The middle notes had dropped nearly a whole step, but the bottom and top had stayed tuned. She went over those middle notes many times to be sure all three strings matched on each note. It sounded great again. The heat was on in the church and maybe it will stay in tune until after Christmas. If not, she may have to lower all the notes

so they won't go out of tune so easily. Lowering them would be unhandy, because other instruments would have to tune down to the piano. Jack Ovitz had done his best to get someone to come out and work on the sewer this week, but no one could come. Charlie went to Belle Fourche to rent a sewer pump on Friday, and Karen went back to check the piano, that was still sounding good. Mrs. Wolfe had a big Christmas package for her when she stopped at the post office. Jack came back again on Saturday and he and Charlie worked all day. It was warm for December, and they were glad for the nice day. I used to think 80 was really old, but now it seems to be getting younger and younger out of necessity. The thought of Charlie and Jack working on the sewer line should keep everyone feeling young. Is it a possible subject for an 'Earl' cartoon? Karen shoveled

in one of the spots to keep it from freezing, but she would not want to become a sewer worker. She gave away 'Thank you Welsh cakes' to Ernie and Jack and we sure do owe them a lot. Saturday evening, Charlie got a call from Serenity Corners, and his uncle Maurice Overn was sent to the hospital. They were to call back, but on Sunday, Charlie finally called to find out how he was. The hospital phones had been out of order. Maurice may have had a bout with the flu, but was better and would get to go home. They still had time to go to church in Camp Crook and eat lunch in town. Charlie did more sewer work that afternoon, and Karen tried to help him. Gene Odell came over for a short while, but he couldn't help because he had recently had knee surgery. Life is certainly not boring on Tie Creek and at Capitol.
 Merry Christmas to all of you.

Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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Saturday, December 21st was the first day of winter although it didn't feel much like winter outside. We had lots of warm weather this week, with a high of 50 degrees on Saturday, 53 degrees on Sunday, and thankfully, no snow. A lot of the ice is melting, so you have a choice of slipping on the wet ice or getting stuck in the mud. The hay grinder came down from Hettinger Monday morning and the weather was great for grinding hay that day.

I went to Buffalo Tuesday afternoon to have Kami Jenson cut my hair. Got to see Jacy Buffington, Linda Gilbert, and Jenny Meyer. Jenny's son Ethan is working on a history day project about women involved in politics and she was wondering if he could interview me. He will also interview his Grandma Shirley Meyer who served in the North Dakota legislature and he's going to try to ask South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem some questions too. I gave Jenny the names of



some other women that he could interview. That sounds like a fun history project.

Louise Jenson came down on Tuesday to visit Amanda and bring Copper her birthday present. Louise didn't make it to Copper and Reub's birthday party last Sunday because her granddaughter Billy and her husband were staying at her house while they were deer hunting that day.

The guys were busy building fence all day on Wednesday, so they sent me on a parts run to the John Deere outfit in Bowman. It was a beautiful day so all the laundry I hung on the clothesline got dry. Trig came home from college in Spearfish for Christmas vacation that evening.

We went to Hettinger on Thursday for Reub's pre-op at the clinic to get him cleared for his back surgery in Rapid City in January. Thursday morning Trig went up to visit Sterling Lee, who was also home from college for Christmas vacation. Casey and Taz worked on the fence until Casey had to leave for wrestling practice and we got home early

enough that Reub was able to help Taz with the fencing.

We were back in Hettinger on Friday for Reub's appointment with Mary Eggebo. I got some more of my

Christmas shopping done and had a short visit with Myla Jensen who was finishing up her shopping. We didn't go to the school to read with Ellarie that afternoon because they didn't have reading that day because the kids got out of school early for the Christmas holiday. Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Hot Springs after practice that afternoon for the wrestling tournament on Saturday. Missy went in to Buffalo on Friday to have Kami Jenson cut her hair. Kami does a great job!

Robert Opheim, 86, formerly of rural Lodgepole, passed away at Essentia Health in Fargo on Sunday, December 15. The funeral service for Robert was this Saturday at the Centennial Chapel in Hettinger with burial in the Hettinger Cemetery with full military honors.

Shirley (Milberg) Hollister, 85, of Spearfish, died Tuesday, December 17 at the Spearfish Canyon Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Her funeral service will be Thursday, December 26

at Kinkade Funeral Chapel with burial to follow at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

We also heard that Carole Wammen's mother, Betty Stensland, passed away on Thursday, but that's all we know. All these families have our sympathy.

Rick Holzkamm and his son brought us a couple loads of corn Saturday morning. Taz helped unload the trucks before he and Amanda and the little people went up to RonE and Starla's to celebrate the Jenson family Christmas. Reub got home from feeding the cows in time to take over for Taz so he could leave and Reub could have a good visit with Rick while they finished unloading the corn.

The Slim Buttes Lutheran Sunday school program was this Sunday with a potluck dinner at noon following the program. The Sunday school kids did a great job, the food was delicious and, as usual, we ate too much. The Christmas Eve candlelight service at the church will start at 4:00 on Christmas Eve.

By the time you read this Christmas will be over and the New Year will arrive soon. We're getting older and with all the doctor appointments we've had this year, we've sure slowed down. I

can't remember which of our old friends sent me this, but it sure holds true for us:

Another year has passed
 And we're all a little older.
 Last summer felt hotter
 And this winter seems much colder.

There was a time not long ago
 When life was quite a blast.
 Now I fully understand
 About 'Living in the Past'

We used to go to weddings,
 Football games and lunches.
 Now we go to funeral homes,
 And after-funeral brunches.

We used to have excitement,
 From parties that were gay.
 Now we suffer body aches
 And sleep the night away.

We used to go out dining,
 And couldn't get our fill.
 Now we ask for doggie bags,
 Come home and take a pill.

We used to often travel
 To places near and far.
 Now we get sore rear
 From riding in the car.

We used to go to dances
 And take a little cruise.
 Now we stay home at night
 And watch the evening news.

That, my friend is how life is
 And now my tale is told.
 So, enjoy each day and live it up
 Before you're too darned old!



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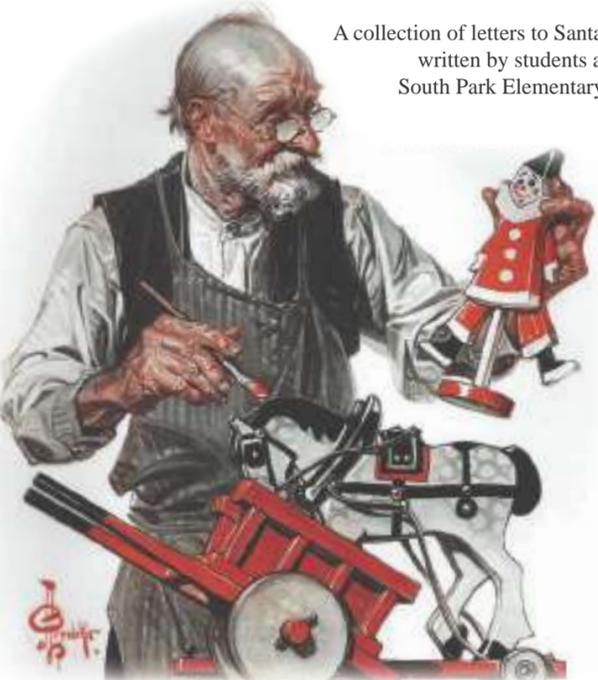


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A collection of letters to Santa, written by students at South Park Elementary.



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Charlie

Dear Santa, how old are you? I need a new pair of gloves. I want lego city undercover the game. Thank you Santa,
Gavin A.

Dear Santa, were do you live? I need a nou helmet. I want a brand new lunchbox. Thank you santa,
Cera W.

Dear Santa, how are your deers flying? One thing I need is a new watre bottle for me. I would like a new puppe. Thank you Santa.
Daniel E.

Dear Santa, how long is your sled? I need a fishing pole. I want a football.
Isaiah

Dear Santa, are your favorite colors Christmas colors? I need new clothes. I want LOLs. Thank you!
Sincerety Gracie

Dear Santa, what is your best kid on your list? I need pars of swet pants. I want a game box.
Love Keaton

Dear Santa, how many elfs do you have? I need new boots. I want a boxy girls. I love you soooooo much.
Sincerely,
Emersyn C

Dear Santa, how old are you? One thing I want is a snaglob. I need a cote. Thank you Santa.
Carter F.

Dear Santa, how mene rander do you have? I ned noo glovs. I want a wisl for crimis. Thank you santa
Marcus S.

Dear Santa, how is your wife doing? One thing I need are now glovs. I want a americin doll house. Thank you Santa.
Adilynn B

Dear Santa, how old is Rudolf? I need horses. I ways puppe. Thank you.
Sincely, Bethanie

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Groveland Ranch, Harlowton, MT	15	BwF-Str Pc	440	192.50
Groveland Ranch, Harlowton, MT	106	Blk/Bw-Hfr Pc	538	149.75
Dale & Carmel Hansen, Banner, WY	46	BwF-Str Pc	559	170.00
Dale & Carmel Hansen, Banner, WY	39	RwF/BwF-Str Pc	492	180.25
Dru Burk, Ismay, MT	107	Black-Str Pc	602	160.75
Dru Burk, Ismay, MT	55	Black-Str Pc	522	176.00
Dru Burk, Ismay, MT	105	Blk/Bw-Hfr Pc	562	145.00
Dru Burk, Ismay, MT	42	Black-Hfr Pc	469	160.00
Daryl & Don Wallman, Rhame, ND	100	Black-Hfr Pc	511	155.75
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Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook, SD	115	Black-Hfr Pc	537	151.50
Dejaegher Ranch, Melstone, MT	37	Black-Str Pc	469	184.75
Dejaegher Ranch, Melstone, MT	49	Blk/BwF-Str Pc	493	148.50
Brad Anderson, Deer Lodge, MT	74	Rd/Blk-Str Pc	684	151.50
Brad Anderson, Deer Lodge, MT	11	Rd/Blk-Str Pc	696	130.50
Ron P or Michelle Bears, Alva, WY	27	Blk/BwF-Str Pc	572	157.50
Jon Carr, Newcastle, WY	25	Blk/Bw-Hfr Pc	600	137.50
Joseph & Dorothy Wondercheck, Moorcroft, WY	28	Rd/Blk-Str Pc	428	185.00
Joseph & Dorothy Wondercheck, Moorcroft, WY	32	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc	395	163.00
Bill Roadifer, Camp Crook, SD	42	Black-Str Pc	537	180.50
Bill Roadifer, Camp Crook, SD	35	Black-Str Pc	559	170.00
Green Acre Ranch Inc, Olive, MT	62	Blk/BwF-Str Pc	503	189.00
Green Acre Ranch Inc, Olive, MT	17	Black-Str	445	193.00
Bill Lambert, Hammond, MT	46	Black-Hfr Pc	581	144.50
Floyd Land & Livestock In, Gilette, WY	35	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc	565	147.00
Tim Tooke, Ekakaka, MT	12	Blk/BwF-Str Pc	597	144.00
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT	22	Blk/BwF-Str Pc	464	188.00
Hawley Romanjenko, Biddle, MT	18	RwF/BwF-Str Pc	699	131.00
Hawley Romanjenko, Biddle, MT	10	RwF-Str Pc	670	131.00
Phil Verwolf, Broadus, MT	11	Blk/BwF-Str Pc	562	167.50

YEARLINGS

Nancee Cattle Co, Birney, MT	27	Black-Str	909	145.25
Harmon Creek Cattle Co, Ekakaka, MT	33	Blk-Hfr Open	946	146.00
Snook Land and Livestock, Sundance, WY	14	Blk-Hfr Open	969	143.00
Caputa Land Co LLC, Caputa, SD	5	Blk-Hfr Open	936	144.00
Lazy Y Quarter Circle LLC, Aladdin, WY	10	BwF-Hfr Open	934	131.00
Weight Ups				
Kenneth & Teresa Bird, Volborg, MT	4	Black-Cow	1313	65.00
Harmon Creek Cattle Co, Ekakaka, MT	2	Black-Cow	1430	61.00
Caputa Land Co LLC, Caputa, SD	3	Black-Cow	1217	61.00
Raymond Lee, Rhame, ND	3	Black-Cow	1680	60.50

Alvin L Cordell, Camp Crook, SD	7	Black-Cow	1340	59.25
T 3 Angus LLC, Baulah, WY	11	Blk/BwF-Cow	1594	58.00
Zane & Marcie Wagoner, Gilette, WY	1	Black-Cow	1500	57.50
Matt Earley, Broadus, MT	1	Black-Cow	1300	57.50
Wade Mannetter, Wibaux, MT	10	Blk/BwF-Cow	1422	57.25
Luke Earley, Broadus, MT	2	Black-Cow	1283	57.00
Consignment from SD	1	Black-Cow	1445	57.00
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland, MT	1	Black-Cow	1545	57.00
Ray or Sandra Smith, Sonnette, MT	1	Black-Cow	1360	56.50
Douglas & Betty West, Oshoto, WY	4	Black-Cow	1436	55.00
Ronny or Rhonda Casteel, Vale, SD	1	Black-Cow	1430	54.50
Mami Wade Gaskill, Volborg, MT	8	Black-Hfr	1020	85.50
Austin Risty, Reva, SD	4	Black-Cow	1284	53.75
Jason King, Hammond, MT	26	Black-Cow	1366	53.25
Jason King, Hammond, MT	25	Black-Cow	1453	48.50
Douglas Hohenberger, Newell, SD	2	Black-Hfr	1003	87.00
Patrick & Sarafina Cleays, Plevna, MT	2	Blk/BwF-Cow	1633	52.50
Dennis or Jean Patton, Newcastle, WY	3	Black-Cow	1290	52.00
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Padden Land & Cattle, Camp Crook, SD	12	Black-Cow	1326	50.50
Padden Land & Cattle, Camp Crook, SD	11	Black-Hfr	1080	83.00
Callie Burch, Alzada, MT	1	Black-Cow	1265	50.00
Consignment from SD	1	Black-Cow	1435	49.00
Joe or Jane Burke, Newell, SD	5	Blk/BwF-Cow	1450	48.00
Frank J Nies, Ekakaka, MT	4	Black-Cow	1500	48.00
Jeff Bird, Volborg, MT	1	Black-Cow	1630	47.50
Darrel Smith, Sonnette, MT	26	Herf-Cow	1269	47.50
Consignment from WY	2	Black-Cow	1360	52.50

BULLS

Consignment from WY	1	Black-Bull	2065	79.50
Bill Lambert, Hammond, MT	1	Black-Bull	1920	78.00
Kyle & Shelly West, Oshoto, WY	1	Black-Bull	2070	77.00
Ken & Karen Rogers, Sanders, SD	4	Black-Bull	1821	77.00
Chuck & Mary Crago, Belle Fourche, SD	1	Black-Bull	2000	76.50
Jeff Medearis, Plevna, MT	2	Black-Bull	1903	76.00
Charles W Pearson Revocable T, Aladdin, WY	1	Herf-Bull	2065	76.00
William Scott or Paula Philli, New Underw	1	Black-Bull	1840	72.00
Bob Wicka, Whitewood, SD	1	Black-Bull	2115	74.50

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 2nd	Regular Cattle Sale	10 AM
Thursday, January 9th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, January 16th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, January 23rd	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, January 30th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, February 6th	No Sale Enjoy The Stock Show	
Thursday, February 13th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, February 20th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, February 27th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 5th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 12th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 19th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, March 26th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	9 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 2nd	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 9th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 16th	Bred Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
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Thursday, April 23rd	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, April 30th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 7th	Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 14th	Feeder Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 21st	Pair, Bred Cattle & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time
Thursday, May 28th	Feeder & Weigh Up Special	10 AM Start Time

We now have our Miles City Receiving Station open! Located at 1132 HWY 12 Wednesday from noon - 4 pm Please call Jason Twitchell 406-480-2345 for arrangements

High Plains Commodities Offices Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC. Stop in or Call 1-800-888-1432 Kim Kling - Kem Kjerstad

CONSIGNORS:

Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC is qualified to handle NHTC (Non-Hormonal Treated Cattle) & 3rd Party Verified Natural Cattle. For more information - give us a call (605) 892-2655

BROADUS, MT RECEIVING STATION

County Stock Yards every Wednesday from 1 pm - 3 pm (for special arrangements, give Rod a call) For more information contact Rod Schaffer - 406-436-2235 (home) 406-672-5546 (cell)

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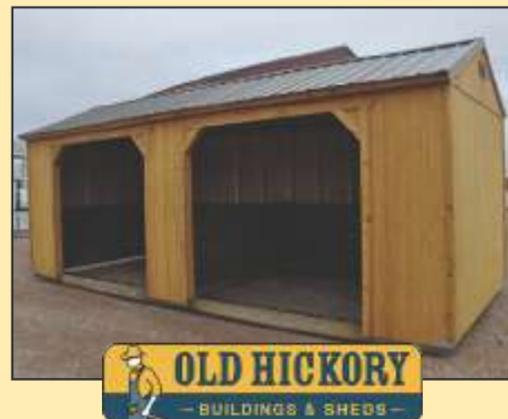
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