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## Ongoing Border Concerns

SHERIFF FRED A. LAMPERE  
Special to the Beacon

Last week I took part in two conference calls. One was addressing a Western States Policy Committee Meeting with the National Sheriffs Association; the other was the Western States Sheriffs Association quarterly meeting.

At the end of both meetings, I was taken aback by the ongoing border crisis. I personally know and consider these Sheriffs not only as colleagues but also as friends.

The numbers are staggering and setting records that have never been seen before. The Yuma Sector of the border is experiencing entries of a 1000 people per day. Resources in that area are completely overwhelmed. The processing of these individuals coming across is so understaffed that the migrants control the flow.

The Presidential Administration could put a stop to this and limit the influx by allowing the Border Patrol to enforce the laws; but instead, they keep the policy of "catch and release". Basically, these people must document that they have a destination in the United States with an address. Currently when the Border Patrol processes illegals the policy allows them to provide an address as to their destination in the United States. Once that has been provided, they are told to report to the local Immigration Office or Federal Building near that location. Less than 15% have reported or shown up for a hearing.

Over 140 countries have been documented crossing in the past year. In visiting with Sheriffs along the border recently, Haitians have been arriving and the attitude of entitlement that some of them have has created many problems at shelters, community kitchens and houses of worship. The illegals know that the Border Patrol are limited to enter and cannot enforce immigration laws in those type of venues. These immigrants are

paying the Cartel to get them to the border and have been educated by the Cartels on how to avoid being caught by using the limitations put on enforcement agencies.

Another country that has had a huge increase in entries has been Russia. This is very concerning because of all of the accused election interference. There have been an alarming number of people that are in the Terrorist Screening Database. The number of people on that list and what they represent is a national threat.

Syria is designated as a STATE SPONSOR of TERRORISM. It is one of seven countries on the Trump Era travel ban from 2017. Five Syrians were recently arrested. Border Patrol has arrested 16 people attempting to enter the US that are on the FBI screening database. The problem is that to date since January 2021 there have been 500,000 getaways. How many of these could be known or suspected terrorists? It is not hard to imagine that there has been a network of people that have entered the US in the past year because of the relaxed policies. When you stop to think about our entry process and the legal vetting that has existed and limited terrorism on our soil since 911 and compare it to what has been allowed in the past 12 months, well, I feel that America is the most vulnerable its ever been from internal terrorism.

Another very negative impact at the unsecured border is the influx of illegal drugs, mostly counterfeit prescription pills. The pills are made and manufactured to look exactly like Oxycodone or Percocet tablets. Last year these fake prescription pills led to the deaths of 100,000 US citizens. 4 out of every 10 pills with Fentanyl contain a LETHAL dose. 20,000,000 counterfeit pills have been seized in this last year, and that is just a percentage of what is entering the US.

## "Millie" Marmot Sees No Shadow



February 2nd was **Ground Hog Day**. Groundhogs and their Black Hills native cousins, the yellow bellied marmot hibernate from September through March of each year. So the Beacon enlisted a stuffed animal marmot, "**Millie Marmot**" so we wouldn't have to awaken a sleeping rodent for the prediction.

Our tightly sewn replica was not able to cast any shadow on the **Center of the Nation Monument** so in Ground Hog Day tradition we offer the prediction of an early spring. Complete story on A7. *Beacon Photo*

All this information is on the DEA and Center for Disease Control websites.

America can not give up. We must be diligent and pay attention to who and what is entering our country. Here in South Dakota, we know each other and look out for one another. In many populated areas of our country illegal immigrants blend in; some are looking for a better life and want to live the American Dream, while others are looking for vulnerability and want to destroy our country.

As Americans we need to be responsible; question Government when you don't agree with what's going on. Report suspicious activity; the one thing that all Border Sheriffs will tell you, what is here in our yard today will be in your yard in the future.

## Session Carries On

SD SEN. RYAN MAHER  
Legislative Report

The session is now three weeks in, the change in pace is noticeable. Due to the amount of one-time money that has arisen for the opportunity to be spent, the requests are beginning to pile up. Below is a breakdown of some of the notable requests the appropriations committee heard last week, as well as a description of the debate around it.

- Custer State Park Campground: The proposal has changed from the original format. Given concerns that there



Legislative B5

Sen. Ryan Maher

## Tori Hope Petersen SD Kids Belong Keynote Speaker

Tori Peterson will be the keynote speaker at the SD Kids Belong Gala Friday, February 25th, 6-8pm, at the Countryside Church in Spearfish, SD.

Tori's experience in foster care as a former foster youth, foster care advocate, & foster mom fuels her life's passion to advocate for those who society would consider the "least of these." Her heart is burdened for the foster care community, foster youth, vulnerable youth, & suffering families.

She shares her life with hopes to let my Abba Father be known through stories, to offer hope to the hurting, & to serve people who are often ostracized and left out.

Tori Peterson was crowned 2022 Mrs. Universe and is currently working on her memoir, "Fostered: One Woman's Powerful Story of Finding Faith and Family Through Foster Care".

"My husband, Jacob, & I have been married since 2018 and we

strive to love relentlessly & be radically inclusive to reflect our greatest passion, the Gospel. Since we moved into our first, very small apartment, Jacob avidly buys chairs. We see it as a reflection of our hearts — creating space to welcome in & love more people.

In 2020, we founded Beloved Initiative, a nonprofit that seeks to change the narrative for youth in foster care. We're also the founders of the Fostering the Good Scholarship at Hillsdale College.

Together, we raise a three-year old boy, a one year old baby girl, our young adult adopted son, and any foster youth who come in and out of our care."

Countryside Church is located at 625 Woodland Drive, Spearfish.

To RSVP individually or reserve a table of 8, please email, kthompson@sdkidsbelong.org.



SD Kids Belong Gala Keynote Speaker, 2022 Mrs. Universe Tori Hope Peterson and family. *Courtesy photo*

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## Ree Reich Named Eminent Leader in Agriculture, Family and Community

Inspired by what they learned through 4-H, when working on a project around the Reich home or ranch, a question the family frequently asked was, "is this fair-worthy?"

"4-H encourages its members to be the best they can be," Ree Reich explained. "Nobody is the best they can be at something the first time they do it. ... You cannot be the best without practice and perseverance. That

is what 4-H is about."

A mother to four, Reich served as a 4-H leader for 40 years and remains an advocate and volunteer fundraiser for the organization. Recognized for her volunteer efforts and service to the community, Reich was named the 2022 Eminent Leader in Agriculture, Family and Community by the SDSU College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and

the SDSU College of Education and Human Sciences. She will be recognized during an honoree banquet Jan. 28, 2022, and her photograph will go up in the Eminent Leader Hall of Fame Gallery, which can be viewed at <https://www.sdstate.edu/eminent-leaders-honorees>. It joins more than 350 portraits of Eminent Leaders.

Reich became involved in 4-H when she and her husband, Tim, returned to her hometown of Belle Fourche in 1978. Shortly after they moved into Reich's family home, a childhood friend invited them to join Valley View 4-H Club. Reich quickly signed them up.

"We desired solid friendships for our children - here we were bringing teens and pre-teens to this community for the first time," said Reich of their now-grown children: Mark Todd Reich (deceased), Heather Heckmann, Angela Reich and Holly Main.

A stay-at-home mom, Reich saw benefits beyond friendship in 4-H involvement. "One day I mentioned to my mother that I should be doing more for the community, and she said, 'Ree, you are raising citizens for your community.' I thought about that so many times over the years. As a parent, you don't just raise children, you raise citizens. 4-H raises citizens through various ways, such as public speaking, service to community and learning by doing," Reich said.

Reflecting on this and many conversations with her parents, Ruth and David Richards, Reich



Ree Reich

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**Ed C. Helmer 87**

Ed C. Helmer, age 87 of Belle Fourche, died Thursday, February 3, 2022 at his home in Spearfish, with his loving wife by his side.



The funeral service will be held 1pm Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the United Methodist Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place 5 to 7pm Wednesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Ed's funeral service will be broadcasted live online, on his obituary page located on the funeral home's website: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)

Ed Chris Helmer was born September 25, 1934 in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Chris and Zeta (Wilson) Helmer. Ed grew up on a ranch south of Belle Fourche, and graduated from the Spearfish High School in 1953. Ed was married to Charlotte Williamson on June 5, 1960 in Sturgis. To this union 4 children were born: Christy, Kelly, Monty, and Jennel. Following their marriage, Ed and Char ranched west of Belle Fourche. In 1984 they moved to the north side of Belle Fourche and Ed worked for area ranchers. Since June

of 2021, Ed and Char have lived in the Hickory House in Spearfish. Together, Ed and Char have been blessed with 61 years of marriage.

Ed was a loving father and grandfather. He was musical, and he enjoyed gardening and working with flowers. He loved the ranch life and working with his livestock. He was a hard-working man in his younger years. Ed enjoyed dancing, was a kind, caring, and patient man. Years ago Ed gave his life to Christ and he's been a believer for several years. One of his favorite memories was playing football for Spearfish High School. He always said when he knocked a guy down, he knew that he'd been hit hard. Ed will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Ed is survived by his wife, Char of Spearfish; son, Monty (Teressa) of Cartersville, Georgia; daughters, Christy (Colin) Knuteson of New Town, North Dakota, Kelly (Ed) Chuck of Roysce City, Texas, Jennel Johnson of Mitchel NE; 18 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren.

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

**Gladys Nicholas 106**

Gladys Nicholas, age 106! of Spearfish passed away peacefully in her sleep with family by her side on Friday January 28th, 2022 at Spearfish Canyon Healthcare.



Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 7th, 2022, at the United Methodist Church in Spearfish. Inurnment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery with lunch following at the church.

Gladys Verla Nicholas was born July 16th, 1915, in the Spring Creek area near Spearfish to Floyd and Frankie (Wenner) Ruby, the 8th of 12 children (4 boys and 8 girls). Gladys worked for her room and board during high school. During Gladys' senior year she lived with Mrs. Krimming. At that time, she was offered a scholarship to Billings, MT to study accounting, but her mom wouldn't let her go. Which turned into a blessing because Mrs. Krimming introduced her to Cecil Nicholas, her future husband. They dated while Gladys worked for Emerald and Elaine Reinecke, whose ranch was North-west of where Cecil lived.

Gladys and Cecil were married April 29th, 1937, in Deadwood's Episcopal Church. They lived five years above the Woolsmuth Hardware Store where Cecil worked and Gladys worked at Zinks' Dime Store for \$12/month. They welcomed their son Charles in 1940. Then Cecil's dad said he was needed back on the farm. So, they moved west of Crow Peak into a vacated 3-room house about 3 miles from Cecil's dad's home place where Gladys raised chickens for eggs, and meat; milked cows for milk and cream to help support the family farm. Two years later their daughter Sylvia was born in 1943. There were always extra people at their house including adults, children, cousins or neighbors. "There is always room for one more at the table," Gladys would say. Gladys lived within 17 miles of where she was born. She continued to live on farm, even after Cecil's death until 1995 when she moved to Redwood apartments in Spearfish.

Gladys saw many changes in her life from making her

own lye soap and doing wash on a washboard to getting running water, electricity, and a gas-powered Maytag; farming with a team of horses and "A Plow" to self-driving 650 hp tractors with 9 bottom 18 inch plows and 35' chisel plows. She saw 19 Presidents, the carving of Mt Rushmore, Dirty 30's, WWI and II, a man on the moon, computers, party line telephones to cell phone!

Gladys also enjoyed many things: traveling to every state except Alaska, painting, cards (especially bridge, whist, cribbage, rummy) crocheting, knitting, quilting, puzzles, community service. Gladys was a 4-H leader, and taught first aid, was a member of Daughters of the Nile, Crow Peak Extension Club, RSVP, and Quilters Club. Gladys was currently a member of the United Methodist Church, OES for 75 years, Past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star, and a member of the Spearfish Senior Center.

Gladys' faith, love of family and friends, strength, and a never give up attitude in life, pushed her to make the most of every day and every situation. She will be truly missed!

Gladys is survived by her children Sylvia Haux, Deadwood, Charles (Sallie) Nicholas, Spearfish; five grandchildren Carrie (Troy) Jeffrey, Vail, AZ; Corrie (Michelle) Haux, Bloomington, MN; Cherie (Terry) Norris, Martinsville, IN; Verla (Tavis) Little, Spearfish; Charles V Nicholas, Spearfish; ten great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, husband Cecil, and her 11 brothers and sisters.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Spearfish United Methodist Church or the Senior Citizen Center of Spearfish.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be written at [www.fidler-isburgfuneral-chapels.com](http://www.fidler-isburgfuneral-chapels.com)

Isburg Funeral Chapels & Crematory Service

**Susan Palmer 59**

Susan Denise Palmer, age 59 of Rapid City, died at her home on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.



The funeral service was held 1pm Friday, February 4, 2022 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service. Interment will be held at Pine Slope Cemetery.

Friends may leave written condolences online at: [www.LeveringtonFH.com](http://www.LeveringtonFH.com)

Susan Denise Palmer was born March 13, 1962 in Anderson, Indiana. She was the daughter of John Ray Palmer Sr. and Delores Herman. Susan grew up in Anderson, where she also graduated from high school. A short time after her high school graduation, Susan

moved to Rapid City. Susan was born with a disability and the doctors never thought she'd live past 25 and they also thought she'd be blind by the age of 20. They were very wrong. Susan lived independently and she was very much self-sufficient. She was well loved, especially by her community of friends in Rapid City. She had a kind; sweet spirit and she was very smart.

Susan is survived by her sister, Darlene McKeand of Belle Fourche; brothers, Jim (Dawn) Palmer of Belle Fourche, John (Dianna) Palmer of Belle Fourche; nieces, nephews, and many friends.

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**Pastor's Perspective**

Pastor's Perspective is from Rev. Kari Webb St. James Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche

*"Together, Deeper Connections in Christ."*

"It's OK to fall apart sometimes. Tacos fall apart, and we still love them."

When I saw this post from a friend, I laughed out loud. I'm thankful for an honest and authentic person in my life who reminds me that it is OK to be human. It's February, after all—and it has been my experience that the month of February is a hard month in which to hold everything together.

Here at St. James Lutheran Church, our worship theme for the season is "Together, Deeper Connections in Christ." We are learning that we don't have to stand alone. Our faith doesn't call us to an individual struggle to become perfect enough to please God. Instead, we have faith that just when it might seem like things are falling apart, God comes to us! Here is the promise: "He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17).

Thank God! This promise includes me. This promise includes you! You are held together by One who can restore what is broken, refresh what is weary and bring life to whatever is dry and dying. I love this good news even more than I love tacos.

When I was a younger Christian, I spent a lot of time and energy trying to be perfect. Somehow, I thought that I could avoid pain in my life by doing everything



exactly right with no mistakes—and definitely no "falling apart!" I found myself caught in a perfectionist trap which was an exhausting balancing act. I am now spending the second half of life realizing that I actually do not have to hold everything together—I can trust God for that! Over the decades, I have come to know for sure that when I occasionally do fall apart like a taco, God still loves me.

The English mystic Julian of Norwich wrote, "First there is the fall, and then we recover from the fall. Both are the mercy of God." Both! It is incredibly freeing to recognize that God can use everything (yes, everything) in our lives to redeem us. That's what we mean by being "saved." The apostle Paul puts it like this, "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:19). In this bible verse, "all" really does mean "all." God reconciles all things in Christ, making peace for us and in us. This is the mercy of God toward us, no matter what.

For me, this good news is even more comforting than a taco in February.

*Dear Lord, as we rise to meet each new day, please let us be filled with Your spirit. Wherever we go, let us spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness. Let us desire to become more like you and to worship you in all we do. Help us desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us. Thank you for always going before us. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Dr. Charles Stanley*

**Romans 12:9**

*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.*

**1 John 3:18**

*Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*



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Chamber Director Miranda Gallagher

numbers plus add 12 new members by the end of 2022.

- Community Involvement Project: City Clean up Day and SD Paint Campaign
- Board Attendance

**2022 Events:**

- Mix & Mingles Business Open Houses – held Thursday 4:30 to 6:30pm once a month;
- Friday Morning Business Connections- Once a Month 7am
- Business Scavenger Hunt - March 17th “Pot of Gold”
- Community Job Fair- April 28th or 29th 9am to 1pm – Rec Center
- 2nd Annual River Festival June 11th
- Community Garage Sale- June 25th
- 3rd Annual Belle Fourche Golf Tournament September 17th
- 6th Annual Pumpkin Festival October 16th
- 3rd Annual Moonlight Madness & Chili Contest October 16th
- Holiday Passports
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### Making this Valentine’s Day a Sweet One

**About the Author:** *Natasha Auch, CSW-PIP, QMHP is a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Human Services Center in Yankton.*

Growing up, Valentine’s Day was always an important day for my family’s business, a local floral shop. It always brings a smile to my face watching people choose a gift to help say “I love you” to their loved ones, whether it is through a simple card, a box of chocolates, or the most exquisite floral arrangement. While many spend this day in celebration, there are others thinking about being alone or mourning those they have lost.

The good news is we can use positive thinking and energy to derail negative emotions. We can recreate our own Valentine’s Day experience by making new memories and healthy connections. Valentine’s Day is also a good reminder to reflect on our own value and love ourselves and that we don’t need to depend on cupid or other people to make this Valentine’s Day sweet.

If you need a way to sweeten up Valentine’s Day, then I have a great skill for you! I want to teach you one of my favorite skills from Dialectical Behavior Therapy. The ACCEPTS skill is a simple yet powerful distraction or refocusing skill to help you get through that very real emotional pain, see things from a different perspective, and create some new memories. Following are seven different distraction techniques you could try:

- Doing Activities**  
Do something that creates a neutral or positive emotion. Some ideas include finding an event to go to, exercising, doing a puzzle, playing cards, going out to eat, spending time with someone, or starting on that DIY project.
- Contributing**  
Contributing to someone else’s wellbeing can shift the focus off your own emotions. Another benefit to contributing is that for many it increases a sense of meaning to their own life. Some ways to contribute include volunteering, helping a friend or family member, surprising someone with something nice, giving away things you don’t need, or sending a card to someone. Making cards for people in a nursing home, hospital, or other similar setting can be a

great way to help other people get through difficult times, such as holidays.

**Using Comparisons**  
Using comparisons can also shift focus off your own emotions, but in a different way. You can compare to a time that was different or compare to someone who has it worse. Let’s talk about examples as this is a tricky one. Many people do not like making comparisons to someone who may have it worse. However, watching TV or reading about natural disasters for example may help you feel more positive about your own current situation. Examples of comparing to a time that was different could be looking back at a scenario when you coped well or comparing to a time you overcame a difficult situation.

**Developing Different Emotions**  
Create different emotions than the present moment. It is difficult to just tell yourself to have a different emotion or wish it away so often you must do something that creates a different emotion. Some examples of this can include watching a funny movie, reading a mystery novel, listening to upbeat positive music, or imagining your dream vacation.

**Pushing Away Emotions**  
Pushing away from a painful emotion should not be the first and only technique but can be helpful on a temporary basis. You can do this by leaving a painful situation physically or blocking it from your mind temporarily. For example, if you are at a restaurant and painful emotions arise, you could leave the restaurant physically. An example of blocking it from your mind temporarily, would be imagining that the emotion is put away in a box and stored up on a shelf.

**Thinking Other Thoughts**  
Distracting with other thoughts fills the short-term memory, so the painful thoughts do not continue to activate emotions. Some examples of this are counting back from a large number, thinking of song lyrics, or focusing on things in the environment such as shapes, colors, numbers of windows, trees, etc.

**Activating Sensations**  
This skill refers to using intense sensations, such as tasting tabasco sauce, or lemon wedges (something extreme), taking a

hot or cold shower, or listening to very loud music.

While the seven parts of the ACCEPTS skill can all be good for distraction or refocusing on the positive things to get through a difficult day, it is important to remember these techniques are not intended to be solutions for everyday problems or for getting through long-lasting, painful emotions.

If you find yourself continuing to have difficulty with painful emotions, please reach out for help. Help can look different for everyone. It might be reaching out to a friend or family member; it might be going to church or talking with a pastor; or it could be seeking professional counseling services.

If you want to seek professional help and don’t know where to start, you can learn more about resource options by visiting [dss.sd.gov](http://dss.sd.gov) and clicking on the Behavioral Health tab or calling the South Dakota Treatment Resource Hotline at 1-800-920-4343.

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### Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center February Family Fun Day is “Groovy Lava Lamps”

February Family Fun Day at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is “Groovy Lava Lamps”

The Sunday, February 20th from 2-4 p.m. Family Fun Day is entitled “Groovy Lava Lamps,” and will take a look at these 1960s cultural icons. The day will begin with a kids’ power point about the history and science of lava lamps. This will be followed by a “chemical reaction” experiment to create a mini lava jar and a drawing for kids’ lava lamp.

Refreshments will be served. Admission to the event is \$2 per person or free with membership. Reservations are helpful; call 605-723-1200.

“Our Family Fun Days are designed for the young and the young at heart, so we invite

everyone to attend,” said director Kristi Thielen. “And if you are someone old enough to remember the 60s, you can wear your tie-dye shirt and feel right in style!”

While at the Family Fun Day, adults and kids will be encour-

aged to visit the new temporary exhibit, “Turn on the Light!” which features storyboards, photos and artifacts related to many lights – including the lava lamp.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.



## FFA Officer Interview with Ava McLennan



Ava McLennan

**Elijah Pomrenke**  
FFA Reporter

Meet the 2021-2022 Belle Fourche FFA Treasurer Ava McLennan.

She has been in FFA for four years and this is her second year serving as an officer. She has enjoyed participating in Leadership development events, and Career Development events including CCM, Milk quality, and Parliamentary Procedure.

Winning at state in Parliamentary Procedure and getting to go to nationals was Ava's favorite memory in FFA.

Ava's parents are Jason and Caron McLennan and has one brother named Joseph McLennan.

She initially joined FFA because she had friends in the organization who encouraged her to join but is really glad, she did because it brought a brand-new experience.

When she is not involved with FFA Ava is busy with National Honor Society, Volleyball, and 4H.

As treasurer Ava is responsible for building the chapters finances and always reminds members to "Sell their fruit for crying out loud". In the future Ava hopes to attend a post-secondary school but is unsure about what career path she wants to pursue.

## Broncs Wrestlers at Black Hills Classic

Belle finished 6th out of 21 teams in team standings at Hill City's Black Hills Classic Wrestling Tourney. Philip won the tourney with Custer and Spearfish finishing 2 & 3.

Thomas McCoy, (32-6) on the year wrestling at 138# took home his fourth straight number one tournament championship.

Cayden Wolfe (19-7) at 152#

placed 3rd; and Logan Tyndall 106# and Cade Bickerdyke at 195# both finish with 5th Place Consolation championships.

Hailey Rodriguez garnered 3rd Place at 126# in the Girls division. Alexis Swaney took home 4th place in Girls Division.

Other Broncs accumulating team points were: 113# Taiten Eaton (3-12) scored 5.0 team points; 126# Riley Dighton (19-14) scored 3.5 team points; 132# Zach Tonsager (6-8) scored 8.0 team points; 160# Andy Tonsager (8-13) scored 5.0 team points; 170# Lucas Green (5-20) scored 3.0 team points; and 220# Lucas Tonsager (6-10) scored 3.0 team points.

Additional Bronc wrestlers competing the Classic were: 106# Koby Bowden; 113# Oden Walding; 113# Taiten Eaton; 120# Cortez Rodriguez and Clay Mackaben; and 126# Soren Kopp.

Belle Fourche (BEFO) 42.0 Hot Springs (HOSP) 37.0 106: Logan Tyndall (BEFO) over Micah Burchfield (HOSP) (Fall 1:54) 113: D' Angelo Garduna (BEFO) over Holden

Luper (HOSP) (Fall 0:15) 120: Cortez Rodriguez (BEFO) over John (Jack) Kimble (HOSP) (Fall 0:29) 126: Clay Mackaben (BEFO) over (HOSP) (For.) 132: Jonathan Pellicotte (HOSP) over Riley Dighton (BEFO) (MD 15-2) 138: Hunter Kunz (HOSP) over Zach Tonsager (BEFO) (Fall 1:43) 145: Thomas McCoy (BEFO) over Chaney Klippenstein (HOSP) (Fall 2:22) 152: Xavier Wright (HOSP) over Cayden Wolfe (BEFO) (Dec 9-3) 160: Andy Tonsager (BEFO) over Owen White (HOSP) (Fall 1:45) 170: Dylan Webb (HOSP) over Lucas Green (BEFO) (Fall 2:41) 182: Gideon Funk (BEFO) over (HOSP) (For.) 195: Caleb Rickenbach (HOSP) over Cade Bickerdyke (BEFO) (Fall 0:35) 220: Dawson Kleppe (HOSP) over Lucas Tonsager (BEFO) (Fall 1:05) 285: Madison Nicolaisen (HOSP) over (BEFO) (For.)

All wrestling photos:  
*Courtesy of Audrey Bickerdyke*



Logan Tyndall was recipient of the 2022 Black Hills Classic's Dusty Swanson "Grind Award" for displaying grit and determination. Dusty was a Hill City Student that had a spinal cord injury.



Thomas McCoy



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## Red Cloud Bounces Broncs Broncs Best Custer 48-38

JIM TRIMBLE

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The Belle Fourche Broncs Boys Basketball team ran into a hot shooting fast moving Red Cloud Crusaders team on Tuesday February 1st in Belle Fourche as they cruised to a 70-30 victory over Belle. The Crusaders jumped out to 21-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and kept up the heat and overwhelmed the Broncs leading 46-13 at intermission. Red Cloud which hit 11 three pointers shot over 50% for the evening. The Broncs did settle down in the second half as the Crusaders only outscored the hometown team 24-17. The Broncs were cold shooting in the contest as they only made 23% of their shots. Aiden Giffin led Belle with 8 points with Anthony Staley and Ryder Audiss 6 points each. Haedyn Haas pumped in 15 for

Red Cloud with Jules Ecoffey and Adriano Rama dropping in 14 each. Red Cloud won the rebounding battle 26-18 with Giffin and Staley clearing 4 each for the Broncs. The Broncs turned the ball over 20 times with Red Cloud only giving it up 12 times. The Broncs are now 8-7 on the season and Red Cloud improves to 10-4. The Broncs JV's pulled away from the Crusaders with a 60-54 victory. Jayden Sechser poured in 30 points for Belle with JT Hahne adding 12, Jet Jensen 10 and Nolan Wahlfeldt 8. In the C game Red Cloud slipped by Belle 50-47. Carter McKenna led Belle with 14 counters with Harvey Walding putting in 11 and Rexton Audiss 10. Belle Fourche defeated Custer at home this past Saturday 48-38. Complete game details next week's Beacon.

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Let's start at birth - if a baby has a tight frenum and is "lip tied" or "tongue tied", the baby's cheeks, lips or tongue cannot effectively lift and round to make the proper seal needed to breastfeed. This then leads to a deficiency in the tongue's ability to guide the growth of the upper jaw. Crazy, right? But, growth and development of the face and airway really does start that early. This is due to the proper tongue posture while at rest and having a proper swallow. If not caught at infancy, tongue and lip ties can lead to further developmental problems during growth, like speech and breathing concerns as well as neck and shoulder tension. A person with a lip or tongue tie will continue to overuse the other muscles to -

compensate for inefficiencies of the tongue and lip. Tension or pain from overactive muscles in the face can lead to pain in other areas of the body: the head, neck, shoulders, or lower back.

If an oral frenum is too tight, it can be referred to as a tethered oral tissue. Tethered oral tissue should be evaluated by a medical professional. If your infant has trouble latching or if your child has trouble with their speech, they may have a tongue-tie. If you notice functional issues with your small child, like being able to clear the contents of a spoon or if there is a noticeable gap between your child's front teeth, they may be lip tied. Simply lift the tongue or upper lip to see where the frenum connects and if you have concerns, you should seek help from a functional therapist, a lactation consultant, a pediatrician, or a dentist. Often, you may need further evaluation by a myofunctional therapist who deals specifically with tongue and lip function.

Myofunctional therapy can be done to retrain and tone the orofacial muscles and break unknown habits or compensations. Often this needs to be done prior to the release of a frenum in children and adults. The evaluation and myofunctional therapy can be done at any age, but, the sooner the better.

Lip and tongue ties don't have to be a problem, but they can carry a big impact on a person's life.



(L) Ryker Audiss maneuvers in for his shot. (R) Anthony Staley to the rim for two. Jamie Hockenberry photos



Aiden Giffin breezes through to put points on the board. Jamie Hockenberry photo

## Broncs Girls Basketball Push Win Streak to Five

JIM TRIMBLE

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The Belle Girls Basketball split games last week against two tough opponents. The Ladies defeated the Watertown Lady Arrows 52-39 on Saturday January 29th before bowing to the Red Cloud Lady Crusaders 69-59 on Feb. 1st. The Lady Broncs defeated Custer Feb. 5th 55-44 with all games at home. Against the Arrows, the Ladies led at all quarter stops yet held a close 26-24 lead at the half. The Broncs pulled away

in the second half by scoring another 26 points while holding the Arrows to 15. Eight Broncs scored 4 or more points with Mataya Ward leading the way with 16 points while Grace Clooten added 8. "We played good defense and stayed patient on the offensive end. Our girls moved the ball well and worked it inside to our tall girls," said Broncs Head coach Bill Burr about the win. The Broncs JVs were victorious over the Arrows by a 50-45 score. Sloan Young paced the Broncs with 16 points with Ma-

taya Ward netting 13 and Reece Larson 8. Watertown salvaged a win in the C contest beating Belle 36-33. Lily Nore notched 16 points for the little Ladies and Kailey Nowowiejski chipping in 7. The Red Cloud Lady Crusaders came to Belle sporting a 12-1 record for the year. The game was knotted at 18 all after one quarter, but Red Cloud hit 8 of their 10 three-point goals in the first half as they stretched to a 35-29 lead at half-time. The Broncs only trailed by three at the end of the third pe-

riod, but Red Cloud put it away at the end for the ten-point victory. The Broncs again had eight girls contributing to the scoring column with Ward leading the scoring with 14. Chloe Crago had 11 points with Grace Clooten and Lily McCarty scoring 10 and 8 respectively. Allison Richards led all scorers pouring in 27 for the Crusaders including 4 long balls. Both teams shot well from the line with Red Cloud hitting 12-14 and Belle shooting 11-15. "Our girls worked hard but Red Cloud just hit too many 3's. They are a good team, and

we had a chance to win at the end. We still have a few things to work on, but we are getting better every game," commented coach Burr about the game. In the JV game Red Cloud beat the Broncs JVs 47-39. Lily Nore netted 13 for Belle with Mataya Ward getting 10 points. Belle won the C contest 58-34 over the Crusaders. Nore paced the little Ladies with 16 points, Reagan Hatling 9 and Kaylor Kudlock and Anika Main 8 points each. The Custer win moves the Lady Broncs to 10-6. Complete game details in next weeks Beacon.



(L.) Mataya Ward drives the lane for a basket. (R.) Coach Burr gives Grace Clooten some pointers on the sideline. Jamie Hockenberry photos



"Stand In" cheerleaders get the crowd into the game. Jamie Hockenberry photo



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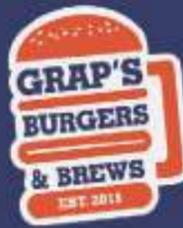
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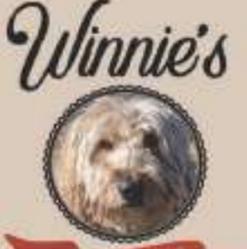
## SDSU Announces Dean's List

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courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range. School Codes: SAFES – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences SAHSS – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences SEHS – College of Education

and Human Sciences SENG – Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering SNS – College of Natural Sciences SNURS – College of Nursing SPAHP – College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions Belle Fourche: Morgan Faye Collins, SAHSS; Cameron Frederic Hendricks, SEHS; Jake Edward Konechne, SENGR; Bryce Donald Nicholas, SEHS; Morgan Regina Pfarr, SAHSS; Kalee Ann Richardson, SAHSS; Sydnee Marie Richardson, SAHSS; Kendal Allan Schreier, SAHSS; Autumn Deb Thorstenson, SNURS; Jackson Cole Tyndall, SAFES; Newell: Nicholas Reynold Anderson, SEHS





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**Anything Left in the Barrel?**

By: Doug Cole

Last Wednesday was Groundhog Day and thousands watched in person while others tuned in from home to see Punxsutawney Phil make his prediction of the next six weeks of weather.



We always been somewhat skeptical of the value of the Pennsylvania rodents forecasting.

As legend has it, if this groundhog sees his shadow at dawn on Feb. 2, six more weeks of winter are on its way. If he doesn't see his shadow, and early spring can be expected.

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and says winter is here to stay for six more weeks.

That seems a bit hard to buy into as for the tradition of the Keystone State rodent began in 1887 is dubious. Phil's all-time predication accuracy is only 39%

A new comer to the game, "Charles G. Hogg", who resides at the Staten Island Zoo in Staten Island has a much better record. "Chuck" has correctly predicted the duration of winter 26 out of 32 years. An impressive 82% success rate.

We took our Center of the Nation lead from a British Columbia wildlife center that use a stuffed animal yellow bellied Marmot (the same species native to the Balck Hills) to predict the end of winter this Groundhog Day because all of the real animals are too sleepy to do the job.

The hibernation period runs from September through a March.

The grounds surrounding the Allan Brooks Nature Centre in B.C.'s North Okanagan Valley

near Vernon are home to many yellow-bellied marmots, a type of groundhog found throughout southwestern Canada.

"We're not going to wake them up," said center manager Cherly Hood. "As a nature center, we feel they should be sleeping at this time."

"More winter just means a sleep-in for the marmots, and who doesn't like to sleep in?"

May explain why their Pennsylvania cousin gets it wrong so often. You would probably be off your game too if someone was waking you up way ahead of the time you've had your rest.

We know for sure that Millie the Marmot did not see her shadow on the cold cloudy morning that turned to snow flurries throughout the day.

As pages are off to the printer to get this week's edition printed the weather is heading towards 50 degrees + and we are fully anticipating a correct prediction from the Center of the Nation Monument and our Black Hills Marmot's prediction knowing we are all one day closer to spring!

Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? They're getting married in the spring!

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Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Spinach Salad White Roll Fruit	<b>1</b>	Cheeseburger On A Bun Potato Wedges Caesar Salad Fruit	<b>2</b>	Oven-fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Pumpkin Cake	<b>3</b>	Pork Chops w/Apple Gravy Baked Sweet Potatoes Cauliflower Fruit	<b>4</b>	Turkey Noodle Soup Roll Green Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie	<b>5</b>			
Beef Stroganoff w/ Egg Noodles Steamed Beets Roll Carrot Cake	<b>6</b>	Chicken Pot Pie Biscuit Garden Salad Apple Pie Bars	<b>7</b>	Pork Gumbo Rice Broccoli Cheese & Onion Roll Fruit	<b>8</b>	Tuna Salad OR Chicken Salad On Croissant Zucchini Brownies	Roast Beef & Gravy Baked Potato Veggie Medley Pudding	<b>10</b>	Cheese Tortellini Soup Green Beans Garlic Bread Fruit Crisp	<b>11</b>	Glazed Ham Roasted Sweet Potato Veggie Medley Roll Ranger Cookie	<b>12</b>
Roast Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potato Roasted Carrots Roll Fruit	<b>13</b>	Beef Tacos Refried Beans Corn Rocky Road Pudding	<b>14</b>	Pork Roast Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Poke Cake	<b>15</b>	Chicken Cordon Bleu Creamy Risotto Brussels Sprouts Banana Bread	Meatloaf Stewed Tomatoes Veggie Medley Roll Fruit	<b>17</b>	Dill Salmon Wild Rice Pilaf Peas & Carrots Cream Cheese Brownies	<b>18</b>	Chicken Parmesan Spaghetti Broccoli Garlic Bread Chocolate Magic Cake	<b>19</b>
Pork Wings Steamed Rice Spinach Salad Fruit	<b>20</b>	Open-faced Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Banana Bread	<b>21</b>	Lasagna Corn Garlic Bread Fruit	<b>22</b>	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Country Gravy Carrots Fruit	BBQ Pork Sandwich Potato Wedges Coleslaw Roasted Cauliflower Fruit	<b>24</b>	Cod w/Leeks & Carrots Wild Rice Garden Salad Double Chocolate Chip Cookie	<b>25</b>	Baked Chicken Thighs Baked Sweet Potato Broccoli Frosted Vanilla Cake	<b>26</b>
White Bean Chicken Chili Corn Bread Vegetable Medley Lemon Pudding	<b>27</b>	Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Garlic Bread Grapes	<b>28</b>									

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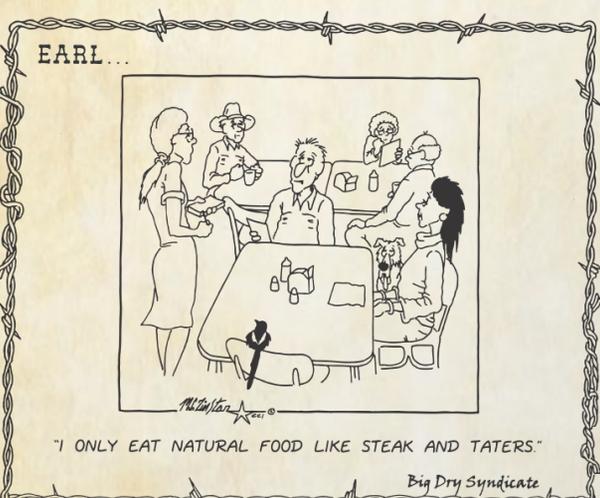
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**Valentine's Day Humor**

I met my husband while I was working in a science library. He came in every week to read the latest journals and eventually decided to take out the librarian instead of the books.

After a year and a half of dating, he showed up at the library and started rummaging through my desk. I asked what he was looking for, but he didn't answer.

Finally he unearthed one of the rubber stamps I used to identify reference books.

'Since I couldn't find the right engagement ring,' he said, 'this will have to do,' and he firmly stamped my hand.

Across my knuckles, in capital letters, it read NOT FOR CIRCULATION."

AND there's more:

"The lingerie store where my aunt works was crowded with shoppers selecting Valentine's Day gifts for their wives. A young businessman came to the register with a lacy black negligee.

My aunt noticed that the next customer, an elderly rancher, was holding a long flannel nightgown and kept glancing at the younger man's sexier choice.

When it was his turn, the rancher placed the nightgown on the counter. 'Would you have anything in black flannel?' he asked." —

Oh! And one more:

"My high-school English teacher was well-known for being a fair, but hard, grader. One day I received a B minus on a theme paper.

In hopes of bettering my grade and in the spirit of the Valentine season, I sent her an extravagant heart-shaped box of chocolates with the pre-printed inscription: "BE MINE."

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Have a wonderful week for Valentines' Day... jt

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**One Year Has Passed**

(Editor's note: In case you missed it from last February here is Robert Dennis "Dog Days of Winter" from Feb. 3, 2021)

Tate, our middle son (and his mother's favorite according to his brothers), got their Missus, a little house mutt, against my objections. That's it, he is out of the will!

Little white booger with brown around an eye and around it's tail. I say it's, as she claims it is, female and I claim it is male... the plumbing don't look right to me, for it to be female... to low and far away from the tail... time will prove one of us right, I guess.

As most in this area who may stumble across and read the drivel I write and is published in here know, it has been a pretty dry, warm winter. We don't get many of those. I used to think we had to have winter snow for moisture and especially to fill water holes. Dad claimed it could rain enough in the spring to fill water holes and dams, but I have only seen that a few times in my 63 years here.

We have enough wells and pipeline we can do without the natural and man made water holes, but it's always nice to see them full. This is a high desert area and normally (like it is ever normal around this country) we get about 15 inches of moisture. Over the years I have noticed that the snows that come in March and April seem to do us more good than the stuff that hangs around all winter.

I bet we are about to get some. Seems like most of our moisture comes in April, May and June. But it always varies. Odd how it usually coincides with the 1st of April when we start calving. Of course probably more comes earlier, when others start calving, but it doesn't cause me as much loss of sleep or hardship, so I probably don't remember it. One good thing about having a memory like I do, I tend to just remember the good and not the bad.

Dad always said, "The Good Lord will send us just as much moisture as we need and evidently some years we don't need as much!" Here is hoping He wants us to have a more normal type year, moisture wise. Or even wetter! About the 1st of April when we are supposed to start calving, I bet we start getting some moisture. Don't tell me God doesn't have a sense of humor!

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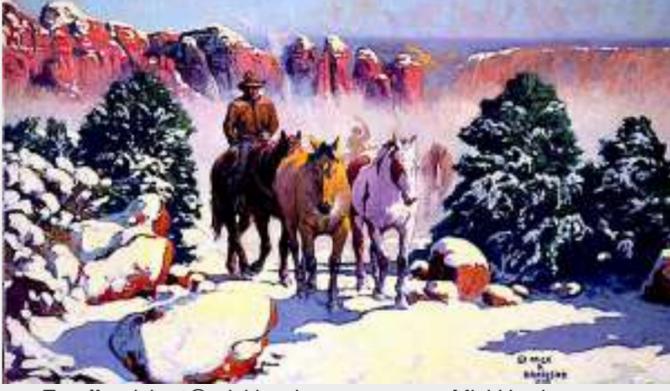
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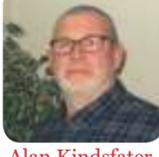
Cottonwood, AZ was home for a couple years. The background for this is the Red Rocks near Sedona which we could see from our backyard. Beautiful area! Used as a western movie set in the 1950s the Red Rocks would occasionally get snow on them in the winter but it would usually only last hours. Getting a photo of it meant being camera ready! Being easily accessible and a zoom lens made it a snap. I'm hard pressed to do just landscapes even though that might be enough for some artists, however my DNA says to include horses, cows, cowhands or a combination thereof in nearly all paintings.



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**Capitol News**

**KAREN ODELL**  
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The week has been quiet on Tie Creek and at Capitol, but the wind continues. Each morning we find a little new snow covering, but the dust underneath is extra dry. We keep hoping for the spring rains.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to Belle Fourche and Spearfish, on Tuesday, for supplies. On Friday, they joined the Senior Citizens for their Swiss steak dinner. It was Sandra Lyons's birthday, and she provided cake and ice cream for everyone to help celebrate. On Sunday, Dick and Erma went to the Catholic Church for mass, and stayed for the pot luck dinner. Then, they had Bible study in the afternoon.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson were glad to get some wet snow this week, but everyone is still hoping for more moisture. On Sunday, they attended church at the Little Missouri Church.

Julia Davis still has to be quite careful of her wrist after surgery. She now has a physical therapy routine to follow, and the exercises may hurt a little now, but will help in the long run. Doug Davis went to the memorial service at the Capitol Cemetery, on Friday, for Nellie Davis, and helped with the work at the cemetery.

Ian and Jenna Flatgard have no interesting news, but each day must be fun with Marla to keep them entertained. Marla already has a wonderful smile that makes everyone around her feel good. Shirley Melum talked with her daughter, Andrea, on Friday. Andrea, an optometrist, is considering retirement, that will give her extra time for her hobbies and talents. Junior helped across the road at the cemetery on Friday, and he and Shirley joined others there for the memorial service for Nellie Davis.

Dorothy Padden went with Bryce and Dawn to Buffalo, on Tuesday, for the girls' basketball games. On Thursday, she and Bryce went to Broadus for the family gathering in memory of Nellie Davis. On Friday, they went to Capitol for the memorial service at the cemetery, and then back to Camp Crook for the funeral service and lunch at the Community Hall.

Ernie Melum did work at the Capitol Cemetery, on Thursday and Friday. He attended the memorial service for Nellie Davis at the cemetery, on Friday.

Ronda Cordell took advantage of a nice warm fifty-degree day, Monday, to chop the ice off her back cement, and do the much needed job of cleaning the chicken coop. The hens just hung out inside, busy scratching and pecking as if thinking they were a help, while Ronda loaded three heaping loader buckets full of bedding. They seemed to appreciate a clean house as much as Ronda does.

The thermometer hit below zero, on Wednesday morning, but without the wind, doing chores wasn't bad. Justin Kerr had called before Ronda got out, wondering about pictures of Chimney Rock. Ronda told him it would take longer to look through her pictures, than to go up and take some of the rock. It turned out to be a beautiful day for a drive. A light coating of frost was on the east side of the pines, and just enough new snow to make a white covering across the pastures. Diane Wear dropped in, as she was heading to North Dakota to visit her son, Josh, and family. Ronda delivered her cookies for the luncheon to be held after Larry Turbiville's burial. Then Ronda went to Nellie Davis's funeral service at the Camp Crook Area Community Center.

Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski went along when Clint did feeding, on Saturday. They came by Ronda's, so the girls could see the chickens, and check for eggs. The chicken house is like a play house for the girls. Around and around the coop, they ran. There were two eggs. Ronda handed each an egg and told them, "Now if you drop them, you'll have scrambled eggs". They were trying to be careful, until Abby reached for something, and her egg slipped from her hand. Her little face went sad as it hit the ground. To their amazement the yolk didn't break. Ronda told her to move the shell so the chickens could eat it, and then she was all happy again. Such is life in the country.

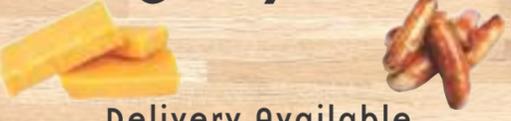
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Charlie Odell went in to Wolfy's in Camp Crook for some groceries on Tuesday. Then, Charlie and Karen joined the group at the Community Center in to Camp Crook on Friday, for the Nellie Davis funeral. Marion Kerr, Marlys Carroll, and Janice Kreitel joined together for their trip to Camp Crook for the Nellie Davis funeral. Roger and Judy Bonefield came from the south, and the Babbs came from the west. It was good to see friends come from all of the other directions, too. After the funeral, we enjoyed visiting with many old friends there, and remembering things like the square dances, where we had so much fun, and the way we used to pack so many people into one little house for visiting and music and cards.

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**You Should Adopt a Pet**  
By Ariyana L Beguin  
Audience: Belle Fourche



I realize that people need to know that you should adopt a pet. They can make you happy, they can protect you, and the per has someone to care for them.

One reason that you should adopt a pet is that they can make you merry. One time I was really really sad and I got joyful because of my pet.

Another reason that you should adopt a pet is that they can protect you. One time I was scared because there was someone that I did not know and my cow licked my face and I wasn't scared anymore.

The final reason that you should adopt a pet is that the pet has someone to care for them. One time I just got home from school and my kitten wanted lovings from me all she did was meow meow meow and I picked her up and she purred and purred.



**You Shouldn't Shoot Cats**  
by Cooper  
Audience: Belle Fourche Residents



I want to tell you about one of my favorite animals the cat And why we shouldn't shoot them. You should not shoot cats because they kill mice. They are fun, and friendly and cute.

One reason you should not shoot cats is that they kill pests. Cats can kill mice, mice sometimes have rabies. Cats also kill snakes.

Another reason you shouldn't shoot cats is that they are good. Cats can help people who are lonely. Sometimes when I am sick or sad I pet my cat and it makes me feel better.

The final reason you shouldn't shoot cats because they are fun and friendly. Play with cat toys. Sometimes when I am on my couch they jump on my head.

In conclusion we shouldn't shoot cats because they are the best pets.



**Kids Should Get to Vote**  
By Hope Cristen Adel Sinkey  
Audience: South Dakota Voters



Have you ever wanted to vote when you were a kid? Well I hope I can help with that. It's always a kid's dream to do something special or change something. Well maybe this can change your mind. I will tell you a bunch of reasons why kids should vote.

One reason that kids should get to vote is that we do a better job at not fighting. For example, when grown ups vote they have to just have to tell everyone. Us kids work independently and quietly. We do a better job of not telling people who we voted for. If grownups told someone it would start a fight. I've seen adult's fight in store's, friends' houses, even at home.

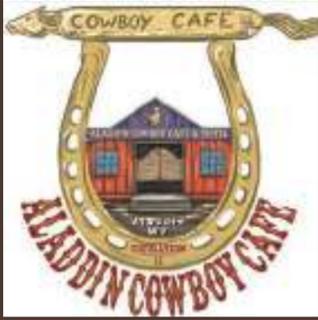
My second reason Kids should get to vote is because. More people need to vote if people would want to vote, but they probably have no transportation. For example, fewer people are voting because presidents are gonna change. If kids got to vote more people would vote too. Because if you asked your parents to vote or do something new what would they say? Most parents would vote but they don't vote so much. People told me that Joe Biden has scribbled out Donald Trump's votes. But I don't believe that because people are just trying to get more Trump voters. I don't like Biden but it is what it is.

My last reason Kids should get to vote, kids should be heard, nobody lets us talk. The grownups get to be heard all of the time they even get to interrupt you while you're talking. Kids never get to be heard forever let us speak. Kids I've been interrupted one million times but there's always a good side of the story or something wrong on the other side. Grownups think they're always interrupted by children but that's not true kids are always interrupted.

As you can see, we should get to vote. We could change the world. I want you to vote too.

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From A1  
**Ree Reich**  
credits them with instilling in her integrity and a desire to give back. "I had great examples in my wonderful parents," she said. "They taught me to be a volunteer. You have to be taught to give back. That's what my

parents did. That's what 4-H does." In addition to serving as a 4-H leader of Valley View 4-H Club, Reich also served as a 4-H county and state judge and still serves the board of the Western Family Consumer Science Show. Even after retiring as a 4-H

leader, Reich remains an active advocate. In 2017, she helped launch the Redwater Youth Leadership Fund. One hundred percent of donated dollars go to fund 4-H youth scholarships to cover expenses so Butte and Lawrence County youth can participate in national leadership opportunities. The organization's main fundraiser is a pitchfork fondue hosted during the Butte Lawrence County Fair.

"In her youth, our daughter, Holly, qualified to go on several national trips. Those opportunities changed her perception of where she could go in life. They gave her so much insight," Reich explained. "This fund helps provide similar experiences to other youth." In addition to 4-H, music is another way Reich gives back to her community. "Growing up, there wasn't anything I ever wanted to do but teach music, and I was spoiled enough to get to do that," Reich said. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from the University of Wyoming, but becoming a homemaker was her career of choice.

For more than 40 years she has helped with church services at the Belle Fourche long-term care facility, played French horn in the Belle Fourche Cowboy Band, shared a weekly Bible study in their home and has given many gallons of blood. For many years she sang with a volunteer group called Mixed Company, and now she directs a senior choir in Spearfish. "Volunteerism is a bit of selfish act," Reich said. "We all know that when we volunteer, we receive more than we give."



**Ree Reich** and Valley View 4-H members and parents on a service project. *Courtesy Photo*



**Ree Reich** and Valley View 4-H members and parents enjoying a cupcake project. *Courtesy Photo*

From A1 **Legislative Report** would be an increased level of competition with the private sector, and concerns about the interference with wildlife within the park. The original \$10 Million proposal with 176 sites has been cut to 66 sites and \$5 Million. The new proposal is set to be heard on 2/1/22 in The House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee. - Department of Education: The Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre was a major topic

of discussion. After being in existence for some time, there is discussion of an addition of structure/ improvement in the foundation structure improvements. There does not seem to be interest in an entirely new center, given the engineers are confident the foundation can be improved. - Board of technical education: they are requesting vast structure expansion for new facilities for education at all of the technical schools across the

state. The notables are a Diesel Lab at Mitchell Tech, a Manufacturing Lab at Lake Area Tech, and a Clinical Simulation center at Southeast Tech. These projects carry an average price tag of about \$5 Million, but the industries these centers target are matching all funds, which brings in a high dollar amount. Beyond appropriations, the floor debate has begun to take hold as well. While the topic of elections are fresh in everyone's mind, the question of electronic

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voting has come up. The proponents of the bill said that this is a secure way to electronically change your voter reregistration and it does NOT allow people to vote online. The opponents of the bill stated that there are still concerns about the integrity of our elections regardless of the verification process. I voted no, but the bill passed the Senate on a vote of 20-15. Next was a bill would establish the crime of "hazing" in South Dakota and provide a penalty therefore. When the bill was brought up for proposal on the floor, there was many examples of (college

students being harmed. While there were examples of the bill, the opposing argument is that not only does the bill punish a violator for "hazing", regardless of the alleged victim's willingness to participate, but it punishes someone for how their actions are perceived, not committed. This bill brought me to a vote of "nay" along with 15 others, but the bill narrowly passed 19-16. In the next briefing, expect to hear about our Department of Health tour, The finish of the Game Fish and Parks Presentation, and further marijuana discussion.



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124 years ago  
 Northwest TIMES  
 February 6, 1898  
*Claim Pickler's Election*

A special from Pierre to several of the big dailies is contending that Pickler has been elected senator. Here is the extract: Congressman John A Pickler, a republican, has been elected United States senator to succeed Senator J. H. Kyle, populist. At least his friends say so and they say it happened last Tuesday, and they point to the following section from the state constitution as proof of their claim: "No judge of the supreme or circuit courts shall be ejected to any other than a judicial office or be legible thereto, during the term for which he was elected each judge. All votes east for either of them during such term for any elective office except that of judge of the supreme court, district court or people shall be void. The balloting Tuesday resulted as follows: Pickler, 53; Plowman, 19; Kyle, 39; Louck, 6; Goodykoontz, 6; Kellar, 2; Kirk, 2; Palmer, 1; total 119; necessary to a choice, 60. If the section of the constitution is held valid and the votes east for Plowman, who is now a circuit judge, are thrown out, then but one hundred votes were cast, and as Major Pickler received fifty three, or two more a majority, he was elected. Senator Kyle said tonight that Pickler was undoubtedly elected, as there was no doubt about the ineligibility of Judge Plowman. Mr. Pickler said the state constitution was very plain, and that he would abide by the decision of his party.

one dry land and one irrigated ranch case, taking as a basis for settlement the amount of damages awarded by the jury in each. The work is in charge of experts under the direction of a firm of Omaha contractors who have much experience in similar work.

*Will Resume Operations*

The best piece of news The Northwest Post has to offer its readers this week is the practical certainty that the Great Western Sugar Company will again operate in the Belle Fourche valley the coming summer. Last fall when the Great Western announced its temporary withdrawal from this section the reason was known to be that the freight rates were so high that beets could not be shipped from this territory to the company's factory at Scottsbluff without a considerable loss. This week letters were received indicating the maximum amount they could pay the railroad for transportation of beets, and on Tuesday afternoon District Agent Benjamin Of the Northwestern met with the directors of the Belle Fourche Commercial Club to discuss the matter. At this meeting Mr. Benjamin gave the assurance that his company would make a rate satisfactory of the sugar company. The Great Western Sugar Company has not yet announced the price it will pay for the 1922 crop of beets, but it is expected that contracts will be offered to the beet growers within the next few weeks.



by Mary Buchholz

of Pete Johnson, 35, Spearfish rancher, to the staff of the local office. Johnson will be working primarily in the livestock loan area of the commercial loan department. Jones said steadily increasing activity in the livestock loan area has necessitated expansion of the staff. Johnson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnson, Spearfish, grew up on a ranch near Spearfish. He was graduated from Spearfish high school in 1954 and remained on the family ranch from 1954 to 1961. He then attended California State College in Long Beach and subsequently received his B. S. and M.S. degrees there in business-finance. From 1965 to 1968 Johnson was employed by the United California Bank at San Francisco. In 1968 he returned to Spearfish and has been associated with the family ranching enterprises since that time. Johnson was a member of the state champion 4-H livestock judging team in 1954 and was selected by the Deadwood Jaycees in 1961 as the area's Outstanding Young Farmer.

*Joe Smith To Seek Sheriff Nomination*

Joe Smith, veteran Belle Fourche police officer, yesterday became the first to publicly announce his intentions to seek the Republican nomination for Butte County Sheriff. "With the announce retirement of our good friend and colleague, George Hafner, I have decided to run on the Republican ticket for sheriff of Butte County," Smith said. He added that he felt his 17 years of experience as a police officer and his completion of a law enforcement training course at the University of South Dakota in Vermilion in 1966 "qualify me for the sheriff's office." Smith and his wife, Teresa, have four children - James, attending Black Hills State College; Pat, Dorothy and Maryann, attending Belle Fourche High School. All are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Prior to accepting a position on the Belle Fourche police force in August of 1953, Smith ranched and farmed in the Hoover and Zeona areas.

100 years ago  
 Belle Fourche Post  
 February 2, 1922

*Settlement Was Effected Pipe Line Right-of-Way Cases Are Settled Out of Court - Work Is to Start at Once*

The retrial of the condemnation proceedings brought by the city of Belle Fourche against Hugh Carney, et. al., which occupied the attention of circuit court all last week in Deadwood, came to a termination Saturday while the second case, that against Robert McGregor, was yet in progress. Counsel for both sides in the litigation have agreed upon a basis of settlement, which will be made out in court. The first case tried was against Hugh Carney, the jury returning a verdict in favor of Carney in the sum of \$750. It is understood that the attorneys for both sides had agreed to try to effect a settlement with the various litigants after the trial of

75 years ago  
 Belle Fourche Daily Post  
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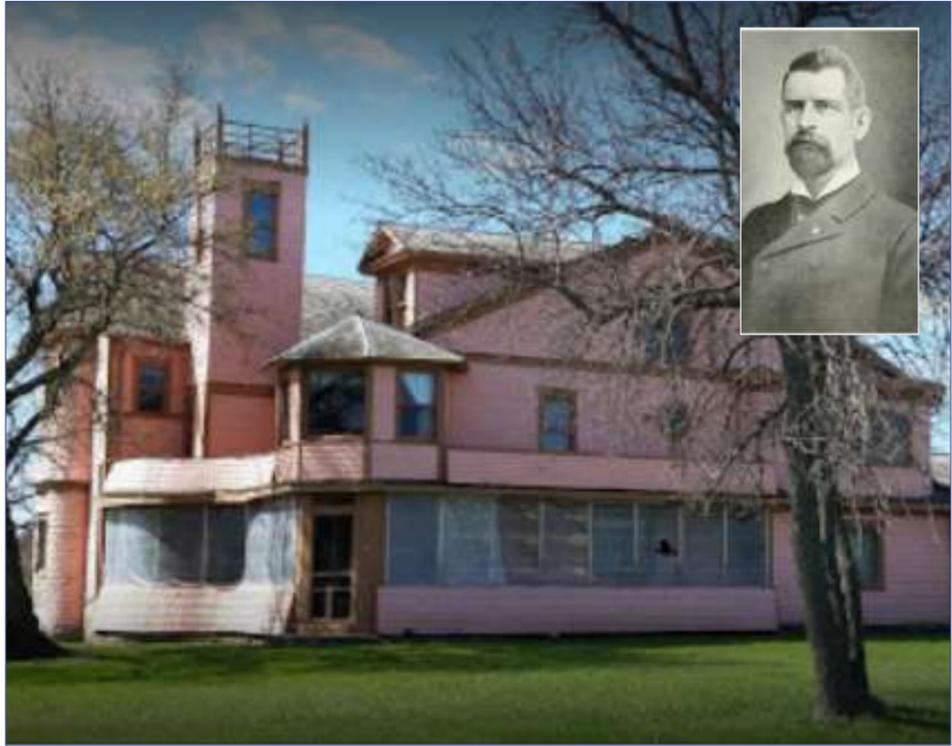
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**Everyone Should Go To College**

By Kylie Bidwell

Audience: Belle Fourche Public



Everyone should go to college because it will help you get a better job, it will help you be better at your job and it will help you learn more and you can build relationships in your classroom or with your roommate. One reason that everyone should go to college is that it will help you get a better job. For example, college can help you get a better job because it is like school and school is where you learn so you will learn to be better at your job. A lot of people should go to college before they get their job because it'll make them better at their job. Another reason that everyone should go to college is that it will help you learn more. For example, it will help you learn more just in case you don't know maybe part of your job. Doctors need to know how to do surgery, teachers need to learn how to help the kids, cops need to learn when to pull someone over. The final reason that everyone should go to college is so that they can make more friends. You can make friends in your classroom or your roommate if you are waling around or in the library. Everyone should go to college, everyone should go to college because it is just like school where you can learn more. I want everyone to go to college because it is good for you and your learning. For these reasons I hope you agree with me.



**You Should be an Ant Keeper**

By Gavin A

Are you wanting to watch a little community? You should be an ant keeper because the ants survive longer, you can learn from them, and teaches you responsibility. One reason you should be an ant keeper is that the ants survive longer. For instance, they will live happily, you get to upgrade their ant farm. For example, I saw this guy on YouTube his channel name is Ants Canada his real name is Mikey and he has to upgrade ant farms a lot. You also get GIANT colonies. Another reason that you should be an ant keeper is that you can learn from them. For example, they're interesting, You can learn about the ecosystem and the circle of life and learn what they eat. Fun fact: pavement ants eat almost anything people eat. The final reason you should be an ant keeper is that it teaches you responsibility. Without a doubt, you have to clean their ant farm, feed them and keep them the right temperature. For example, when pavement ants hibernate you have to keep them 30 degrees through 40 degrees Celsius. For these reasons you should be an ant keeper. I have an interest in ants and you may be thinking why? It's because I like watching tiny creatures. After reading this I want you to go to your backyard and watch ants.



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**You Should Recycle Garbage**

By Chason Chrispen

Audience: Everyone

You should recycle garbage because it's good for the earth. There is an island made of garbage in the Pacific Ocean!!!!!! Garbage can kill animals. One reason that you should recycle garbage is that it is good for the earth. For example, it saves energy and water. It also lowers greenhouse gasses and pollution. Another reason that you should recycle garbage is that there is an island made of garbage. For example, the great pacific garbage patch kills 100,000 marine mammals and sea turtles. The final reason that you should recycle garbage is that it kills animals. For example, it kills sea turtles because they eat plastic bags, seals become tangled in masks, penguins become stuck in underwater plastic and drown, and hermit crabs get stuck in plastic water bottles. And for these reasons I hope I changed your mind and please recycle.

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## Newell Community Steps up Support

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NEWELL – Local volunteer fire departments responded on Wednesday, February 2, around 11 a.m. to a fire reported on old Highway 212, just east of Newell. The home of Dave Nuenke, a water master/dam tender at the Belle Fourche Irrigation District, was already gone to work around 6 a.m., and received a phone call telling him that his home was ablaze.

Departments from Newell, Vale and Nisland/Arpan ultimately responded, with crews staying at the site for around 10 hours.

“I can’t believe how people have stepped up to help,” said Nuenke. He said he has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of all in the local area and beyond who have helped following the loss of his home and most possessions. He was able to grab only a few items once he got on scene, but the home and most all the contents were a total loss.

His co-worker at the district, Tara Tennis, immediately stepped in to lend assistance. “We got him into the district (BFID) house,” said Tennis.

“We had been remodeling it and were going to rent it out, but he comes first.” Most needed items have already been donated, including much of the furniture, kitchen items, bedding and even food, which was brought in by Pastor Terri Blanchett, the head of the NVN Food Pantry.

“I want to cry, it’s so sweet,” said Tennis, who is an administrative assistant at the district.

“I was surprised when I got there,” said Nuenke. “After what I heard on the phone, I feared the worst. I was amazed that there was actually much left, as it didn’t look that bad at first.”

“It (the fire) started on the north side,” said Newell Chief Verl Tift. “When they (volunteers) started to try to go inside to save the house, the second story started giving way. They had to pull out, as that’s where most of the fire was. There were propane tanks that had to be watched that were really close.”

Tift said they had to stay there until it burned out as they needed to keep the propane tanks cool. Nuenke said he was surprised at the efforts of the departments to try to save the home. “They just couldn’t get it put out, even though they tried really hard.”

Nuenke, who is originally from Maryland, has lived in the Newell area for nearly 20 years. He is well-known both

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## Making More Makerspace



Rhonda Waterland, (second from right in back) facilitates the Makerspace program at the Newell school. The program recently received a \$252 donation from the Prairie Pals 4-H club. She is surrounded by those members. Makerspace is a communal public workshop (for students) in which makers can work on small, personal projects. This often includes technology related projects. - Courtesy photo

## Prairie Pals Give Back

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NEWELL/NISLAND – On January 24 the Prairie Pals 4-H club traveled as a group to the Newell school to hand over some cash. This group has provided six concessions events for the elementary and middle school basketball games in the middle school gym, partially to provide a service to the community, but also to raise a little cash.

They garnered a little over \$1000. This helped pay dues for each of the 15 members of the club. They saved another bit for expenses such as helping with fees for different things, such as shooting sports, that the members are involved in. But they distributed a little over \$500 split between two school organizations who always need a little help with funds.

The 4-Hers stopped first with Rhonda Waterland, the administrator of the Makerspace program at the Newell school. This program is a communal public workshop (for students) in which makers can work on small, personal projects. This often includes technology related projects. The Prairie Pals donated \$252 to the program and Waterland set up a Trust &

Agency account at the school to deposit the funds to so that they can be utilized for the program.

“She was struggling to provide supplies,” said 4-H Adviser Courtney Barrera, of the Makerspace program. “I know she was

having to buy them (supplies) out of her personal account. So we gave 25 percent of the funds raised to this program.”

The next stop was the school library and librarian Karen Wallace, where they handed over

another \$252.

“All of our kids check out books like crazy,” said Barrera. “She (Wallace) has trouble keeping enough series books for

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Newell school Librarian stands in the center of the Prairie Pals 4-H club as they give her a check for \$252 to help purchase books for the school library. - Courtesy photo

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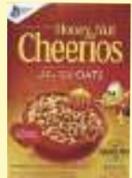
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**Newell School Menu Feb. 10 - Feb. 17**

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Breakfast: BREAKFAST BURRITO OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: FINGER STEAKS, GREEN BEANS, PEACHES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

**Monday Feb. 14, 2022**  
Breakfast: LONG JOHN OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CHICKEN NUGGETS, MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY, MANDARIN ORANGES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

**Tuesday Feb. 15, 2022**  
Breakfast: FRENCH TOAST STICKS OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: MEATBALL SUB, WHOLE GRAIN BUN, CORN, PEARS, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

**Wednesday Feb. 16, 2022**  
Breakfast: PIZZA BAGEL OR CEREAL, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: CHILI, CORNBREAD MUFFINS, STRAWBERRIES, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

**Thursday Feb. 17, 2022**  
Breakfast: BISCUITS AND GRAVY, SAUSAGE PATTY, FRESH FRUIT OR JUICE, MILK

Lunch: FISH STICKS, ROASTED BROCCOLI, MIXED FRUIT, FRESH FRUIT, MILK

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Tuesday night: 7:00 pm Drawing at the Newell Bar. One name from the tickets sold each week will be drawn. That person will win 10% of the week's ticket sales and draw 1 card from the deck. If they find the **Ace of Hearts** they will split the jackpot 50/50 with the Newell Community Club. If they find another card, the game continues next week as the Jackpot grows with ticket sales. **Other Aces will pay \$100 and Jokers are \$25.** The Deck is reduced by 1 card increasing your chance to find the **Ace of Hearts.** Tickets can be purchased on line @ [newellcommunityclub.com](http://newellcommunityclub.com)  **Must be 18 years or older to participate. Must be a South Dakota resident.**

If you have events for the calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at [colleenbrunner@gmail.com](mailto:colleenbrunner@gmail.com).

**NEWELL - VALE - NISLAND Community Calendar**

Feb. 9: Kids JAM (age K-6th) at Nisland Independent church, 402 Olin, 6 p.m.; Adult Bible study during same time frame. Check the Nisland church website at <https://nislandchurch.wixsite.com/nislandchurch> for more information.

Feb. 8: Nisland/Arpan Fire Dept. monthly meeting, 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Feb. 11 & 12: High Plains Restaurant Valentines Specials-5 – 9 p.m.

Feb. 14: Newell city commission meeting at city office, 6 p.m.; Newell school board at MPR, 6 p.m.

Feb. 14: Valentines day! Let your sweetheart know you are thinking of them.

Feb. 15: NVN Food distribution at Pantry at Dakota Life Christian. 1 p.m.

Feb. 18: Deadline for Butte Electric senior scholarship by members children. A total of five, \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to recognize and encourage the achievements of the members and their dependent children. Find an application here: [www.butteelectric.com/scholarships](http://www.butteelectric.com/scholarships).

Feb. 27: Vale Community Club Pancake supper fundraiser, 5-7 p.m. Pancakes, eggs, sausage.

Mar. 1: NVN-Feeding SD food distribution at NVN Center. 1 p.m.

Mar. 1: Chili Feed and Silent Auction for Dave Nueke at High Plains Restaurant and Bar-5 p.m. Dave recently lost his home and all belongings in a house fire. If you would like to donate to the silent or live auction, contact Tara at the Belle Fourche Irrigation District office or just drop items off there or at the High Plains Restaurant.

**From C1 Community**

for his work with the district in the Belle Fourche River Valley and the 55,000-acre irrigation project, as well as teaching Industrial Technology Classes at the school. He is also a familiar face in various commercial kitchens as a part-time chef. "I'm still in shock," said Nuenke. He said right now he's still in recovery mode, but hopes to be able to replace the destroyed structure with a modular home, or to build something. "I lost sentimental stuff, that's the hard part. It's still sinking in." Efforts to help Nuenke are ongoing and those who wish to help in some way are encouraged to contact Tara Tennis at the BFID office at 605-456-2541/ A fund for monetary donations has been set up at the First National Bank in Newell, PO Box 227, Newell, SD 57760. There will also be a chili supper benefit fundraiser (donation basis) on Tuesday, March 1 at the High Plains Restaurant and Bar at 105 Dartmouth, Newell from 5-8 p.m. Organizers are accepting both silent and live auction items. Those interested in donating can contact Shelby at 970-518-196 or Tara at 605-210-3602 or items can be dropped at the restaurant or the Irrigation District office. The BFID is assisting with the fundraiser. A full bar will be available for purchase with all the proceeds going to Nuenke.



Dave Nuenke, water master for the Belle Fourche Irrigation District, lost his home and all belongings to a fire this past week. - Courtesy photo



The home of Dave Nuenke of Newell, is a total loss following a fire which started while the owner was at work. No cause has been determined, although the fire was the strongest in the upper story. - Brunner photo



The Newell Irrigator wrestling squad hosted a 9-team Round Robin on Tuesday, February 1, in Austin Auditorium. (Left) Chase VanDerBoom pins Davis of Newcastle during the Newell Round Robin on Tuesday. (Right) Gavin Tesch pins Buchholz of Lead/Deadwood during the Newell Round Robin. Story and more photos in next week's Irrigator section. - Brunner photos

**From C1 Prairie Pals**

the kids so we thought we could help out there. She will purchase books primarily for the older elementary, teenagers." The Prairie Pals has a long history of giving back to the community, with skate nights to raise funds that were then gifted to organizations and entities. Holly Ollila was a previous adviser and helped with that endeavor. The helm was transferred to Stacy Strangburg and finally handed over to Barrera, Courtney Rans and Jody Feistner. "We have seven Cloverbuds (age 5-8) who aren't yet members but come with older siblings," said Barrera. "Jody takes these kids and does an activity with them while we have our meeting." The group meets once a

month to work on projects, plan for the fair and learn more about 4-H and how it can benefit them. "We just elected Evelyn Ahart as our historian," said Barrera. "We want to provide a historical record of the club. There's really nothing from the past that we can use to show the current members what the club was like. We're the oldest club in Butte County." The Prairie Pals consist of members from the Newell and Nisland areas and are involved in many 4-H activities, including shooting sports, cattle shows, wool projects, sewing and various other teaching experiences. They work on plans for and later actually creating projects and training animals for showing at the annual Butte-Lawrence County Fair, which this year will be held August 1-6 at the Nisland

Fairgrounds. "In December we did a wool felting project and a baking project. We also play to do a sewing project this month," shared the adviser. "We have a lot of families who are new to 4-H, and their parents weren't ever involved so there's lots to learn. We want to give these kids options during the meeting to help them learn and understand what they can show (at the fair)." The group is hoping for better communication with the fair board, and hopefully a project list and criteria coming out sooner so they can plan as a club how best to involve their members. "There needs to be better communication between 4-H (clubs) and the fair board," she remarked. "We want to teach these kids that working hard pays off in the end."

**Back to School - Covid Response**

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NEWELL – The Newell school board met in a special meeting on Monday, January 24, to finalize something that had been on the agenda early in the month and had been tabled. The board reviewed the Back-to-School plan for the 2021-2022 school year. This plan includes

policies and procedures for the school regarding Covid-19. The updated plan can be found on the school webpage at <https://www.newell.k12.sd.us/page/back-to-school-plan>. "We discussed and approved the following changes to the Back-To-School Plan," said Superintendent Andrew Fergen. Under the heading Covid-19 positive test and contact pro-

cedures a portion was deleted. That included the text, "Students and staff members will need medical documentation prior to coming back to school." Other changes included: "Changed the following statement from 10 days to 5 days for positive Covid-19 students and staff members. Students and staff members that test positive for Covid-19 will be sent home

for five (5) calendar days from the onset of their symptoms. They added the following items regarding procedures and protocol for returning: After five days from symptom onset, administration will call parent/guardian or staff members to see if they are symptom free and they will be recommended to wear a mask for an additional five calendar days (while at

school). Regarding extra-curricular activities they set this protocol in place. Students that participate in extracurricular activities do not have to wear a mask during practice or competition if they are a close contact or are symptom free after five days from onset of symptoms of Covid-19.

Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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It was a nice warm day when Missy came over Monday morning to repaint our bathroom and spots in the living room and kitchen and then cleaned up part of my kitchen for me. She sure is a good neighbor here on the ranch! Reub was working on the floor in the hallway we're going to replace and Casey came over to climb up the high ladder to wash the ceiling fans and hang the longhorn clock that he made for us back high on the wall. Amanda and the kids went to the Stock Show in Rapid City with Taz that afternoon.

It was chilly Tuesday morning when I went to the church to help Linda Mohagen, Patsy Wilkinson, and Lori Besler quilt. Lori brought little Lucille Besler with her and they had to leave before lunch, but Linda, Patsy and I finished late in the afternoon. Dave and Cole Gackle were there putting the countertops on the cupboards in the kitchen in the new addition and they look really nice.

Wednesday, February 2 was Groundhog Day and we heard

that the groundhog saw his shadow so we'll have six more weeks of winter, which means winter should end on March 16th. We can only hope that's right! Taz left in the chilly weather early Wednesday morning to take Bryce's vehicle back to her and catch



a plane out of Rapid City for Fort Worth. He hadn't planned to fly out until Thursday, but snow and ice storm that's happening down in Texas is canceling flights so Taz had to leave while he still could. Amanda babysat her little nephew Keen on Wednesday and her Grandma Louise Jenson dropped some things off for Amanda that afternoon. Louise came up and had a really good visit with us before heading back to Ralph.

Tom Holdahl's brother, Robert Holdahl, age 74, of Yankton, died Wednesday, February 2, at his home. Bob's memorial service was Saturday, February 5, in Yankton with burial at a later date in Green Hill Cemetery in Lemmon.

Reub and I went down to Don Wilken's funeral in Faith on Thursday and that was a wonderful celebration of Don's life.

He was such a fine Christian man with a wonderful family that honored his life during the service with testimony and music. We got to visit with a lot of friends while we were there. Paul Marrs asked about how our son Guy and his family and wanted us to tell him hello for him. Paul was Guy's instructor at Vo-Tech in Rapid City and Guy's favorite teacher. I called Guy that evening and Guy and his family were just leaving Casper, Wyoming. Cass had a basketball game in Casper and his team won.

Louise Jenson sent a couple boxes of Reub's aunt Mary Park's old pictures for him to go through and he spent all day Friday sorting through them. There is a lot of history in those old pictures and he is ready to share them with a lot of other family members.

Casey took the Harding County wrestlers to Ft. Pierre Friday afternoon for the tournament Saturday morning. Karli and Cody Holmes brought their kids to stay with Amanda Friday afternoon while they spent the weekend in Deadwood. Little Emersyn, Berklee, and Lennyn had a lot of fun with Copper, Knox and River Lu over the weekend. Taz was in the rodeo in Fort Worth Friday night

taking 1st place in the round and he made it into the finals on Saturday where he took 3rd place.

Missy did the chores early Saturday before she went to the Black Hills to spend the weekend with a bunch of her friends while Casey was in Ft. Pierre with the wrestlers. I talked to Billy Clanton that day to see if he could set up a Cracker Barrel in Buffalo next Saturday. The Buffalo Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Cracker Barrel at the Lions Club Civic Center (the old dance hall) at 3:00 that afternoon with Sen. Ryan Maher and Rep. Sam Marty there to answer any questions you have about what is going on at the legislative session in Pierre this year.

With the legislature in session and the chaos in Washington, I'll leave you with this. Recently, during research at my Crystal Falls laboratory, my 'assistant' DJ and I discovered the following element. I am reasonably confident that other like-minded individuals have uncovered this same truth.

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These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by

vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert; however, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact.

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This characteristic of moron promotion suggests that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as critical morass. When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes Administration, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons. ...."

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Greg Evensen, and DJ "Honey-cutt" MD (Moron Detector)\* (Unfortunately fictional, we borrowed liberally from a real genius we can't identify.)



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

February 8, 1912

The Reclamation Service is building a large horse stable on the west side of town near the canal. The service has already received 11 railroad cars containing 350,000 feet of Washington lumber. This lumber is to be used mostly for flume and gate work.

Teddy R. put on his high top boots last Sunday and walked 8 miles to church and then walked home and saw to it that the reporters wired the news all over the US. It's a good thing that P.T. Barnum isn't alive to realize that he didn't know the ABC's in advertising.

Jerry Hunkins was at Vale a few days this week. It is reported that Jerry went over to investigate several proposals he had received, since the Irrigator published a brief description of his fitness for Leap Year and a domestic life.

February 2, 1922

The teachers are serving hot lunches to the children these cold days. It means a little extra work but all feel repaid for that when we see how the pupils appreciate the warm dishes. The teachers certainly feel grateful for the hearty co-operation of the parents in this week.

Paul Kenstler was in from the Moreau Friday after 2 loads of corn for his woolies. He says that he found that wide-runner sleds are the most practical vehicle for use on the present roads in the North Country. Wm. Marty also came in from his sheep ranch near the Slim Buttes and went on to the county seat on business. He reports the snow very deep and badly crusted. Unless there is a break in the weather very soon, it will be disaster for many of the stockmen.

February 11, 1932

Bert Hansen of DeSmet, So Dak was in Newell this week and rented the Cunningham 40, south of town. Mr. Hansen will distribute oil for the White Rose Oil Company, which currently is now, installing tanks at the station.

A change in the boundaries of the County Commission Districts was made at a meeting held at the Butte County Court House Saturday February 6, with a large number of tax payers present. The following changes made, the new districts now compromise the following voting precincts: District No 1: 4-Mile, North Indian, North Owl, South Owl, Hay Creek, Minnesela, Romans, Belle Fourche Independent and Ward 3 in Belle Fourche; District No 2: Arpan, Orman., Nisland, Horse Creek and Fruitdale; District No 3: Newell Independent, Newell City and Vale; District No 4: Empire, Elm Creek, Ball, Sampont, Cottonwood, Sulphur Butte, Union, Hoover, Castle Rock, Middle Doody and West Moreau and District No 5: Wards 1, 2, in Belle Fourche City.

February 5, 1942

Glenn Van Loan, farmer living 4 miles south of Newell, is in a Rapid City hospital suffering from serious injury to his spine, sustained last Saturday while assisting his father in butchering a hog. Dr. Clark was called to the home and advised immediate removal of the patient to where best facilities were available for x-ray examination of the injury.

When clocks were moved ahead an hour February 9th, they are going to operate on "War Time". That is the name picked by President Roosevelt

for the new day-light-saving time ordered by congress as a means of conserving power for defense operations.

War Production Chairman placed full authority on the Office of Price Administration to ration all goods and commodities sold on the retail market and for goods to satisfy personal needs. Initial sugar sales under the rationing plan to be inaugurated next month; probably will be restricted to 12 oz a week for each individual.

February 7, 1952

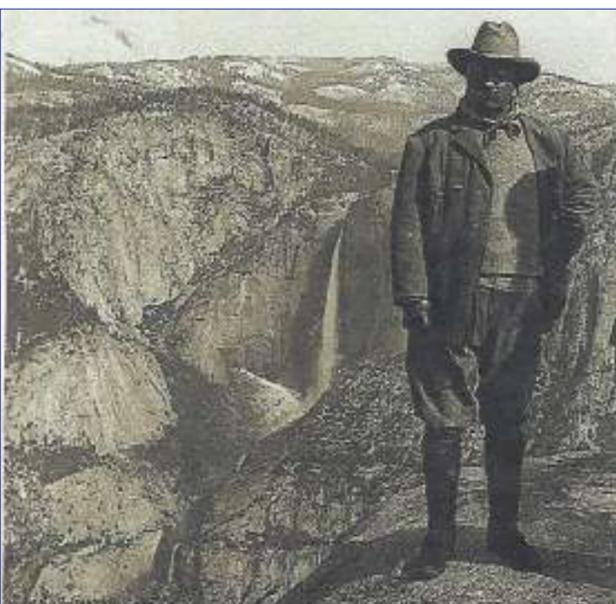
Plans have been perfected and most details are being guarded on a big public party planned by the Vale Community Club this Friday evening, was announced by President Preston Hill and Howard Geers. The men, both members of the sponsoring organization, advised that the party, beginning at 8:00 PM at the Vale Community Hall, would include a stage show, dance and lunch. The lively show will include burlesque, chorus girls, tap dancing, acrobatics and singing. Members of the chorus line include, they revealed, are: "Nancy" Sorenson; "Lily" Hill; "Toots" Geers; "Fannie" Tysdal; "Gypsy Rose" Williamson and "Sally" Seitz.

A major step looking to possible school district organization in Butte County may be taken at a convention of country school, officers in Belle Fourche on March 21, was announced by Mrs. Neva Pluimer, County Superintendent of Schools. A reorganization survey committee elected to make a survey of the country's school problems and to make recommendations for possible reorganization plan was taken last month when Mrs. James Mattheson, Nisland school district official,



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Theodore Roosevelt. in his high boots. He spent quality time in the Black Hills with his many friends

filed a petition with the County Auditor. Elected by the group for 3-year terms were: Kenneth Viken on Horse Creek School Board; Mrs. Florence Howard, teacher at Castle Rock school; Mrs. Eleanor Milberg Plainview School teacher to serve with County auditor Carl Wiessner and the county commission.

February 8, 1962

Six High School Seniors will be guest members of the Black Hills Teacher College band for their annual winter concert February 15 at 8:00 PM in Woodburn Hall. The seniors chosen by their band directors are participating in rehearsals with the College band are: trombone Roger Abrahamson Belle Fourche; clarinet Grace Campbell Sturgis; drums Jim Fletcher Deadwood and Bonnie Kelly Spearfish; bass clarinet Dennis

Murray Lead and French horn Johanna Ypparila Newell.

US District Judge Axel Beck ruled last week that the US Government had a right to step in and seize possession of a number of tracts of land as a buffer land for the missile complexes. The affected tracts are of from 1 to 8 acres in Pennington, Butte, Jackson, Haakon, Lawrence and Meade Counties. Beck says the ruling was authorized by a Secretary of the National Defense Act that provides that the government may take possession of land under certain conditions. Beck said, however that 30 days after the government established a centerline for lying of cable, the missile sites and the government must make the usual deposit of \$1 per rod of land to the land owner.



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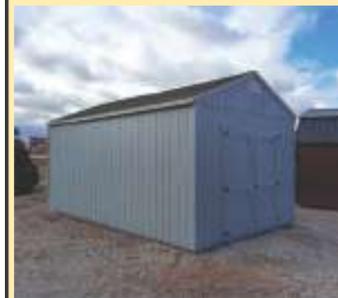
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: The happy people for local ideas may believe they are local words. - Author Unknown



### Answer to Sudoku

3	8	7	4	1	5	2	9	6
4	2	5	9	6	8	3	7	1
9	6	1	7	2	3	8	5	4
7	1	3	2	5	9	4	6	8
6	5	8	1	3	4	9	2	7
2	9	4	6	8	7	1	3	5
5	7	9	3	4	1	6	8	2
1	3	6	8	7	2	5	4	9
8	4	2	5	9	6	7	1	3

## Kjellsen honored as National Women in Sports Day

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NEWELL – At half-time of the girls' basketball game against Edgemont Friday night, Sydnee Kjellsen was recognized the National Women in Sports Day honoree for the Newell school district.

National Women in Sports Day this year was February 2 and it is about breaking the gender stereotypes built around the sports industry. National Women in sports day was created to honor the students who promote women in sports by their work effort and willingness to promote women's sports by participation and integrity.

This year Newell High School would like to honor Sydnee Kjellsen. Sydnee has earned many honors at Newell high school both athletically and academically. She has earned nine varsity letters in basketball, volleyball and track. She earned Offensive MVP and All-Conference hoors in volleyball as a junior.

Other activities she participated in are National Honor Society and Student Council where she is the president of both organizations. She also participates in FFA and serves as the Vice President, is a member of Students Against



Director of Student Support, Cara Muckridge, presents a certificate to honor Sydnee Kjellsen as Newell's National Women in Sports honoree. - Brunner photo

Destructive Decisions, Teens Against Tobacco Use, Drama, and she has completed so many dual credits she will be able to enter Black Hills State University next fall as a sophomore. She plans to pursue a career in elementary teaching. Athletic Director and Principal Steve Schoenfish, as well as Director of Student Support Cara Muckridge presented the award.

### Newell Boys Basketball

## Newell-Edgemont So Close

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NEWELL – It was so close, but not quite enough, as the Newell Irrigators hosted the Edgemont Moguls on Friday night. The game ended in a nail-biting 33-32 loss for the home team, but they gave it their best shot.

Devon Jones started down the slope for the Irrigators with a two point in the first few seconds of the game. Colton Burtzclaff followed that up with a trey and Newell was out ahead 5-0. But the Moguls were not going to quit and nail a two but at the first buzzer the Gators were on top 10-2.

Burtzclaff went two for two at the free throw line in the beginning minutes of the second period. Jaden Tennis drove inside for two more to push the Irrigator lead to 14-6. Tennis then hit a trey, but Edgemont was not slacking off. They dumped in 17 quick points in the period to push ahead by three, 20-17.

Jones came back to the charity stripe for one, but ended up in foul trouble and went to the bench. Burtzclaff nailed one

from the arc as did Tennis, once more giving the Irrigators a slim one-point lead, 21-20. The Moguls tied it at 21 and then Newell went ahead by three. Edgemont one more tied it at 24 and then went ahead by two, and then four points at the end of three periods of play. The score showed the hometown boys behind 28-24.

The final quarter was a nail biter all the way. Edgemont surged to a six-point lead, 30-24 and Chase Johnston stepped in for a field goal, while Tennis hit one of two at the line. Nate Randolph came in with two on a field goal and Tennis added another, and made the foul shot as well. That put Newell up 32-30. Several time-outs for both teams saw the clock tick down. Finally Edgemont's Kolton Darrow hit from three-point land. Even though Coach McLaughlin took a strategy time out, every shot Newell took went wide and the final score showed the Moguls with the win, 33-32.

Q: N-10, 17, 24, 32. E-2, 20, 28, 33. Johnston 1, 0, 0/0, 2; Tennis 2, 3, 2/3, 15; Jones 1, 0, 1/2, 3; Randolph 1, 0, 0/0, 2; Burtzclaff 2, 1, 3/4, 10.



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### Newell Girls Basketball

## Newell Hits a Mogul Against Edgemont

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NEWELL – Friday was a difficult day for the Newell Lady Irrigators and it wasn't on the slopes, but the girls hit a mogul in their quest for a win.

February 4, saw the Gators take on the Edgemont Moguls. Their first quarter was dismal for Newell. If they had been able to leave that behind, with the 21-3 score at the end of the first period, the rest of the game was decent. The Irrigator points came on a field goal by Sydnee Kjellsen and one of two at the line by Jaelyn Wendt.

Taylor Gaer started things in the second quarter with one in the paint, as Newell matched Edgemont point for point with 14 each. She hit a three, and then another later in the period. Mean-

while Kim Johnson drove inside for two points and then went one of two at the line once and then again. Jaelyn Wendt hit again inside the arc for two points, giving the Irrigators their 14 points. But those missed free throws haunted the hometown team as they were down 35-14 at the half.

The girls picked things up in the third period, outscoring the Moguls 19-12. Johnson again hit two points, while Rachel Erk hit from the outside edge of the three-point line. Johnson again hit a two and put in the foul shot, brining the Irrigators within 10, 35-25. Gaer drove inside for two points after the steal and Wendt had a putback rebound for two more points. The Irrigators were building momentum and the crowd was getting on board.

Stacy Mahaffy came into the game and nailed a trey, with Johnson coming

back for two more points. At the buzzer the Irrigators were down by nine, 47-36.

Things didn't swing in Newell's favor in the final quarter, as they put up nine points. One came at the line by Gaer as she hit one of two. Wendt nailed one inside on a pass in from Sydnee Kjellsen. Johnson came back one more time with one of two at the charity stripe. A put-back by Wendt gave the Irrigators two more points and Erk hit again from way outside the arc. That ended up being it for Newell as they succumbed to the tougher team, 61-47.

Q: N-3, 17, 36, 45. E-21, 25, 47, 61. Erk-0, 2, 0/2, 6; Wendt-5, 0, 1/2, 11; Stacy Mahaffy-0, 1, 0/0, 3; Gaer 2, 2, 0/2, 11; Johnson-4, 0, 4/7; 12; Kjellsen-1, 0, 0/0, 2.



Jaden Tennis scores from outside the arc for one of his three-pointers during the game with Edgemont. - Brunner photo

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# MEAT...



Small Packs  
1.79/lb.

**\$1.59**  
lb.

**Bone-In Pork Steak  
or Country Style Ribs**  
Valupak



**\$7**  
2 for

**Smoked Brats  
or Sausage**  
Johnsonville 12-14 oz.



**\$8.99**  
ea.

**Tangy  
Summer Sausage**  
Cloverdale 28 oz.



Dakotamart Pride  
**Boneless  
Arm Steak**  
USDA Choice,  
Valupak

Small Packs  
5.19/lb.

**4.99** lb.



**Bone-In  
Pork  
Shoulder  
Roast**

**1.49** lb.



Homemade  
**Pork  
Sausage**  
**2.29** lb.



**Chicken  
Leg  
Quarters**  
10 lb. Frozen  
**7.90** ea.



**Pork  
Riblets**  
10 lb. Frozen

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Our Family  
**Sliced  
Bacon**  
16 oz. asst.

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**Meat  
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15 oz. asst.

**2/5.00**



Armour  
**Meatballs**  
12-14 oz.

**2.99** ea.



Wimmer's  
**Little  
Smokies**  
10-14 oz.

**2/7.00**



Open Acres  
**Chicken  
Wings**  
2.5 lb.

**9.99** ea.

Save More  
With Coupon  
on Page #2!



Oscar Mayer  
**Deli Shaved  
Meats**  
7-9 oz.

**4.99** ea.



Oscar Mayer  
**Cheese or  
Beef Franks**  
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Open Acres  
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16 oz. 21-25 ct.

**10.99** ea.



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Platter**  
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**VALENTINE'S  
DAY**  
*Specials*

Good all week!



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**Boneless  
Beef Ribeye  
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Valupak

Small Packs  
12.99/lb.

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**Lobster Tails**  
4 oz. Frozen  
**7.99** ea.

# FLORAL...

While  
Supplies Last!



1 Dozen  
**Rose Bunches**  
**22.99** ea.



**Classic Bouquet**  
**7.99** ea.



**Little Hearts of Love  
Arrangement**  
**11.99** ea.



20 Stem  
**Rainbow Tulips**  
**16.99** ea.

# PRODUCE...



.72-1.2 oz. Concord  
Guacamole Mix  
99¢ ea.

**99¢** ea.

**Hass Avocados**



**\$2.99**  
lb.

**Fresh Asparagus**



**\$7**  
2 for

**Organic  
Salad Blends**  
Full Circle 5 oz. asst.



Fresh Roma Tomatoes or  
**Jalapeño Peppers**  
**99¢** lb.



Crazy Fresh ~ 16 oz.  
**Taco Dip**  
**7.99** ea.



Highline ~ 8 oz. Whole or Sliced  
**White Mushrooms**  
**2/4.00**



Locally Grown ~ 5 lb. Bag  
**Red Potatoes**  
**2.49** ea.



Fresh & Finest 32 oz. Fruit Tray or 24 oz.  
**Vegetable Tray**  
**9.99** ea.

# BAKERY...



Bakery Fresh  
**French Bread**  
**2/5.00**



**Hamburger  
or Hot Dog Buns**  
Bakery Fresh 8 ct.  
**2/5.00**



Open Acres  
**Donut Holes**  
12 oz. asst.  
**2.99** ea.



Select 10 ct.  
**Loffhouse Cookies**  
**3.99** ea.

# BEVERAGES...



**Pepsi Products**  
12 oz. 24 pks. asst.  
**6.99** ea.



**Bubly  
Sparkling Water**  
12 oz. 8 pk. asst.  
**3.00** ea. **3/9.00**



**Body Armor**  
12 oz. 8 pk. asst.  
**5.99** ea.



**Lipton Pure Leaf Tea**  
.5 Liter 6 pk. asst.  
**4.99** ea.



Glacéau  
**Smart Water**  
1 Liter  
**1.67** ea. **3/5.00**

# DELI...



Kretschmar  
**Baby Back  
Ribs**  
**9.99** slab



Open Acres ~ Sliced  
**Baby Swiss Cheese**  
**6.99** lb.



Mrs. Gerry's  
**Steakhouse  
Potato Salad**  
**3.99** lb.



**Off The  
Bone Ham**  
Kretschmar Sliced  
**5.99** lb.



King's Hawaiian  
**Rolls**  
Select 12 ct.  
**3.99** ea.