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Extended Winter Storm Puts City of Belle to the Test



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Trucks and truckers, snow removal equipment and City employees had an almost endless string of activity keeping priority emergency routes and streets open during the storm this past week. Resident, **Crystal Schmidt Sowell** took the photo on the right, corner of Xavier Street and commented, "A million thank yous to the city crew working tirelessly tonight to get rid of the hazardous road condition we had going on up here on Xavier/Ridgeview! Cars had been getting stuck all day! We appreciate you!! Thank you Mayor Schmidt for getting things taken care of so no one got hurt! A sentiment shared by many across the city."

Winter Storm Diaz Wreaks Havoc on the Area

BELLE FOURCHE – A four-day blizzard shut down most of western South Dakota and later a large part of the state of South Dakota as it moved eastward the week before Christmas. Winter storm Diaz brought upwards of four feet of snow and winds gusting to 70 mph whipping up ten-foot drifts in many locations. Snow totals around Belle Fourche ranged from 16 to 25 inches while the Newell-Vale-Nisland region picked up anywhere from 9 to 17 inches of powdery snow. Areas in eastern Wyoming and southeast Montana picked up from 10 to 26 inches.

The snow was driven by winds that were recorded northwest of Belle Fourche that gusted to more than 55 miles per hour. Peak wind gusts were recorded in the Wasta area with speeds of 70 miles per hour last Friday as round two of the storm created whiteout conditions and forcing Interstate 90 to close on two separate occa-

sions during the storm. As if to add insult to the storm-caused injury, the coldest arctic air of the season moved in this week with wind chill warnings issued for temperatures that were expected to reach 50-below with the strong northerly winds.

Schools in the area were closed for three days last week along with city offices. Most businesses were also forced to close during no travel orders. Retailers were left digging out later in the week to reopen as soon as possible during the important holiday shopping season.

The long-lasting low pressure system brought widespread snow and blizzard conditions beginning late Monday, December 12, 2022 through Friday, December 16. Conditions gradually improved late Friday, December 16.

The storm started with a period of freezing drizzle, mainly across the South Dakota plains. Ice accumulations resulted in

slippery roads and hazardous travel conditions, even before the snow started.

Butte County Sheriff Fred Lamphere issued an advisory to area citizens on Dec. 12th to begin preparing for the



Dan & Sue Kokesh's granddaughters Near Fruitdale. Courtesy Photo

storm. "I would like all people of Butte County to take this weather system very seriously," the message read. "It has been predicted to be a very significant snow and wind producer. These types of conditions are very dangerous and life threatening. Many times in the past we were unable to perform rescue missions until the weather and wind subsided."

For the most part area citizens stocked up on supplies and weathered the storm in pretty good order. There were no reports of fatalities related to the storm and only scattered reports of stranded motorists in need of rescue. Belle Fourche Public Works crews worked overtime to at the monumental task of clearing the streets and most areas were open to travel by Friday mid-day.

Reports from area ranches indicate that cattle populations fared well. Unlike winter storm Atlas in October 2013, when a lot of cattle were caught still out in open pasture, Diaz struck when most cattle were already close to the ranch near protective shelter and hay sources.

Keeping stock tanks open and navigating whiteout conditions seemed to be the greatest challenges. With an arctic blast settling in those challenges will continue as they do most every winter on the high plains for area ranchers.

While upslope favored areas of the northern Black Hills received more than 60 inches of snow some areas in the region will barely be able to claim a white Christmas. Downsloping winds in the Southern Hills and foothills around Custer, Edgemont and Newcastle limited snow amounts to a trace to a couple of inches.

Here are a few snow totals and wind gusts reported by the National Weather Service office in Rapid City:

Snow Totals

Terry Peak	65.0
Cheyenne Crossing	48.0
Deadwood	48.0
Sturgis SD	35.0
O'Neil Pass SD	32.0
Kadoka SD	28.0
Mission SD	28.0
Saint Onge SD	28.0
Hulett WY	26.0

Storm A8

School Board Meets Ahead of Storm

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Despite the chilly atmosphere of a pending blizzard, the regular December school board meeting was conducted Monday evening as scheduled.

Early in the meeting FFA students presented a slide show of their trip to the national FFA convention in Indianapolis in October and described a recent horticultural exposition they attended in St. Louis, MO. FFA advisor Austin Bishop commented on the value of these experiences and praised the students for their participation in FFA.

Routine business was conducted quickly with unanimous approval of the November meeting minutes, financial statements, claims and the SDCL Ch. 3-23 Disclosure Requirement.

Reports were presented by: the Student Council, the School Improvement Committee, the Community Council for Education Committee, and the BFSD Strategic Plan Committee. Several administrative reports followed.

Members of the board including Dr. Willard and Mr. Nowowiejski thanked the student council for their consistent efforts to make school a better place for students, staff and community.

Community Council for Education presented a report regarding some wording in the ARP ESSER Return Plan Public school that needed changed. Districts that receive funding from American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) must review their safe return plans every six months.

Building administrative reports included a break down in enrollment:

High School 438

Middle School 397
Elementary School 498
Administrative reports also included reference to the many activities taking place during the days before the holiday season such as the Belle Christmas for Kids hosted by the BFHS National Honor Society, the Mind Your Own Business Fair at the Middle School as well as the all day Christmas Concert at the Elementary School on December 21.

Special Education Director Caleb Case reported that as of December 1, there are 250 children receiving services in the district. This number must be reported to the State DOE annually. He complimented the SPED staff for their excellent data collection efforts.

Dr. Willard referred to the \$250,000 Innovative Equipment Grant recently awarded to the district that will be used to help students earn a Commercial Driver's License.

Adam Nowowiejski thanked

the National Guard for the display banners made to honor the fall sports teams. He also provided a report of the winter sports schedules for wrestling and boys' and girls' basketball.

The Facilities and Transportation report included this note: "the pickup and snow plow have been used a few times and seem to be a good addition." in addition to other facilities and transportation updates.

On the new business consent agenda several recommendations to hire were approved. These include: Shila Liggett, and Chase Huseby for paraprofessional positions, and a recommendation to hire Belle Fourche teachers Brody Benson and Matthew Wattier to serve as assistant track coaches. A resignation from paraprofessional Joshua Schleusner, was also accepted.

A discussion about staffing shortages ensued and ways to provide better compensation

School Board A3



Belle Fourche FFA Chapter members who attend National Convention in Indianapolis did a slide presentation about their trip at the December School Board meeting. Courtesy Photo

Event Services Offered Locally



Lacy and Tammy Peterson, Prairie Rose Event Planning and Decor, stand in front of the sign for Bar 69 Angus bull sale event they planned. Courtesy photo

Colleen Brunner

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FRUITDALE – A brand-new local business has popped up to meet the needs locally of those planning large events, whether it be full wedding packages, anniversaries, corporate events, hosting a décor workshop party, providing floral arrangements, or set-up/tear-down services. At this time of year, they will provide holiday decorating for interior or exterior and even gift wrapping for those who aren't fond of the task.

"Options are endless," said Lacy Peterson, one of the owners and the design specialist. "We can come in and utilize what you have in a fresh new way or come up with endless new options for a holiday your family will never forget."

A minimum 30-minute session of gift wrapping takes the task of wrapping those difficult packages out of your hands. Or this talented group will come and host a décor workshop party right in your home—showing you how to set up for a food event, a girls' night in, or any other themed event.

Prairie Rose Event Planning. Owner and Design specialist Lacy Peterson also fulfills the roles of custom florist, logistical specialist, and event coordinator.

"I derive inspiration for event and floral themes from the nature surrounding me," said Lacy. "I see all that nature inspires and translate it into my creations."

The other member of the crew, Lacy's mother Tammy, enjoys designing an event's layout. "I enjoy putting all the pieces together for the big day, seeing the big picture come together," said Tammy. "One of my favorite parts is helping coordinate with the officiant (if at a wedding) to create meaningful ceremonies for our couples." As a mother of five, this vibrant lady has learned to manage groups of people to ensure everyone is relaxed, prompt, and informed for ceremony rehearsals and the big day lineup. She also helps with the floral designs and every other intricate part of making an event special.

Events A6

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

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Paul Howard, Pastor
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Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Tim Smith
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5:30pm - Salt and Light

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10 a.m. Worship

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Pastor's Perspective



The season of Advent reminds believers to be waiting for Jesus return to judge all people. The Bible tells about some of the signs that will happen just before the end of the world, and the return of Jesus to judge all people. In Matthew 24, Jesus says that the heavenly bodies being shaken. He says that the Sun, moon, and stars will show terrifying signs that the end is near. We wonder what that will look like. The Bible speaks of stars falling and the sun not giving its light and the moon turning red like blood.

These will not be just the usual things that we see in outer space. People are used to seeing certain things in space that are amazing, but not really scary. But the signs that will happen just before the end of the world will be so terrifying that people will be filled with terror because these signs will not be like anything we have seen. The

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Don McKillop, Trinity Lutheran Church, Belle Fourche

"The Season of Advent"

whole universe will show signs that all things of the earth are coming to an end.

Right now on the earth there is as the Bible says distress of nations in perplexity as we see wars and rumors of war all over the world. There are tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, and they are scary. But at the time just before the end, the Bible describes things that will happen which will be far more terrifying.

But those who are in Christ are always safe no matter what happens in the world. Jesus said that when we see these things happening in the world, "Lift up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." In other words, be joyful because you are about to be in Heaven forever. Jesus' death on the cross has paid for all of your sins, and the one important thing in life is to be ready for His return in repentance and faith. Matthew 24:44 says, "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."

Pastor's Perspective



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For some Christians who follow the church calendar, Christmas lasts for 12 days. Honoring Christmastime gives us the opportunity to live into the fullness of God's blessings in our lives. It doesn't mean that we get to shop or pig out for 12 days. When God came to dwell upon the earth as Jesus Christ, Jesus was sowing the seeds and reconciling the tarnished creation into the kingdom to come. Advent and Christmastime gives us the opportunity to examine our lives with God's loving Spirit and make changes that can sow good habits to reconcile or redeem parts of our lives.

The best suggestion I can give to you if you want to celebrate 12 days of Christmas is to slow down! How does one do that? By making quiet time with the Lord a priority each day, you will realize there is at least one thing and possibly more that you can not bother doing to make room for better activities.

This is often a time when families can enjoy being together and begin to develop traditions or make wonderful memories. Making some changes in the rhythms of the day can be the beginning of a better life. These ideas aren't expensive, but rather require an intentional spirit to make them actually be meaningful.

--Read a children's Christmas story;

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"Twelve Days of Christmas"

For in Christ 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 1:19-20

--Listen to the song "12 Days of Christmas" and look up the meaning of the legend involved with the lyrics;
--Stand outside one clear night for 5 minutes and gaze at the stars;
--play a game with children, family, spouse, or friends before watching tv or playing any video games.
--Leave an empty place at a meal; talk about who you'd like to invite to join you for a meal; then call them;
--Worship God with your church family and enjoy a Sabbath rest day;
--Watch a sunset and give thanks to God for your blessings from this past year;
--Watch a sunrise and give thanks to God for new beginnings;
--Write thank you notes for your gifts;
--Prepare and share that meal with your friend/s;
--Read all the Christmas cards and letters you received;
--Do something creative: make, bake, create.

One of the characteristics of the Christmas Spirit is that of wonder and many of these activities will nurture a sense of wonder in all that God creates. These ideas may inspire your own list of activities that may cultivate a sense of wonder. We live in a culture that is so full of opinion, information and drama that our spirits can easily slip into pessimistic and cynical ways of seeing and experiencing life. Cultivating wonder is a counter activity to this bombardment.

Of course, reading and studying scripture, prayer, and worship are also excellent ways to nurture wonder and battle those life-robbing influences too.

Luke 1:14
You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

Luke 2:11
for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

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BFMS November Students of the Month



November students of the month are **Tanner Wright** and **Becca Hendrickson** (5th grade), **Ely Ewalt** (not pictured) and **Brystal Tucker** (6th grade). *Beacon Photo*



Evan Jackson and **Kate Blair** (7th Grade), **Lucas Tonsager** and **Aubri Moody** (not pictured) (8th grade).

From A1 School Board for employees was addressed. Sealed bids for the sale of three surplus property vehicles

were approved as was a list of unsafe, outdated welding equipment to be discarded.

Next, the board acknowledged a contribution from Grosvenburgs Implement for \$5,000 to be used for the CTE program.

Superintendent Willard was authorized to evaluate, accept bids and sign contracts for E-Rate Purposes. The E-rate program provides discounts to eligible schools and libraries to obtain affordable internet access. BF Schools have received E-rate discounts since 1996.

Approval for additional compensations for employees who have attended training or performed additional duties was granted, as were requests for open enrollment.

The board accepted the updated 2022-23 School Reopening Plan. Changes to the plan are based on updated guidelines from national, state and local health officials. The purpose of the Reopening Plan is to ensure safety and quality schooling during a possible school closure. During the Information and

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Discussion part of the meeting, discussion about the staff-hiring schedule was brought up. Committee meeting dates were established as was a Special Board Meeting to present the Superintendent with results of his upcoming evaluation.

Several Middle School Honor Roll students were in attendance to accept certificates and t-shirts courtesy of Stereos N Stuff LLC, Pete's Clothing, Twisted Apparel and Nehl Dental. November students of the month are Tanner Wright and Becca Hendrickson (5th grade),

Ely Ewalt and Brystal Tucker (sixth grade) Evan Jackson and Kate Blair (7th Grade), Lucas Tonsager and Aubri Moody (8th grade).





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Youth Basketball Tournament

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3rd/4th Grade Harding County Ranchers: Back Row: Kynlee Cordell, Keira Wammen, Raegen Verhulst, Tommi Holmes, Evelyn Ginsbach; Front Row: Kynzlee Bail, Janie Turbiville, Waverlee Elmore, Gretta Lermeny. *Courtesy Photo*



5th/6th Grade Dunkers: Back Row: Lochlin Tibbs, Berklee Nore, Coach Melissa Nore; Middle Row: Isabella Evans, Adelyn Croff, Rhoni Ruby, Addison Lutter; Front Row: Ashtyn Norlin, Rhyann Knapp. *Courtesy Photo*

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 Dec. 22 | Girls BBall vs Hot Springs HOME
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 Dec. 22 | Boys BBall vs Hot Springs HOME
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Broncs Girls Open Season with Victory over Spearfish Spartans

Jim Trimble



The Belle Fourche girls varsity basketball team got off to a good start for the season by defeating their rivals from Spearfish by a score of 59-55 in Belle Fourche.

The Spartans started out on fire from the three-point line in the first quarter as sophomore guard Josie Dana knocked down four shots from behind the arc and fellow sophomore Mya Kochuten nailed another as the Spartan's jumped out to an 18-11 lead at the end of one. Broncs seniors Lily McCarty and Dylan Stedille dropped in the only two three's the Broncs would hit for the night to keep them close.

The Lady Broncs settled down on the defensive end in the second stanza as the inside out play of Broncs junior Mataya Ward and senior Grace Clooten would close the gap to 26-24 at intermission.

Belle would continue to clamp down on the defensive end with Ward and senior Chloe Crago providing the Broncs with the offensive fire power and Belle held 41-37 edge going into the final period.

The fourth quarter had both teams playing dead even with each squad scoring 18 points. Ward continued her fine offensive game with her and junior Sloan Young dropping in three of four shots at the free throw

line each to seal the victory for the Lady Broncs.

The Broncs were paced by Ward's 20 points while McCarty tallied 11 and Stedille and Crago added 9 and 8 points respectively. For Spearfish Dana shared game high honors with 20 including 6 from deep. Kochuten chipped in with 16 including 4 from downtown. The Broncs were at the line a lot and made 17 of 25 at the charity stripe for 68% while Spearfish was only 7 of 13 for 54%.

In the JV game the Broncs lost a tight one to the Spartans falling 42-39. Sloan Young scored 16 for the Ladies and hauled in 8 rebounds. Lily Nore added 7 points and six boards and Reese Larson five points with 8 clears. In the C game Spearfish prevailed 55-32. Reagan Hatling put in 15 points for Belle and Bailey Moke added 6.

Next up for the Broncs was questionable due to the snow-storm that has ravaged the area.



Mark Leverington manned the microphone to broadcast the game on the radio. Skogberg Photo



Coach Bill Burr addresses defense late in the game, during a time out talking to the players. Skogberg Photo



The Lil Dribblers put on a presentation at the first home game of the season. Hockenbary Photo



Lil Dribblers excited to be there. Hockenbary Photo



Sloan Young #25, drives the ball down the court; Lily McCarty, #3 looks for the basket early in the first quarter. Jamie Hockenbary Photos



Dylan Stedillie (23) made some clutch free throws late in the game to put away the Spartans. Mataya Ward (13) came off the bench to be the highest scorer for the Broncs, scoring from the field and from the free throw line. John Skogberg Photos



Bronc Cheerleaders rally the crowd in the Lady Broncs victory over Spearfish. Hockenbary Photo

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that the host can simply enjoy the day, whether it be a small birthday party, wrapping the myriad of gifts for Christmas, or having perfect event décor and coordinating with other vendors. They can provide consultation services so that the event is special in every way. All those unglamorous parts of an event from table bussing, catering, loading and heavy lifting can be offered.

The business provides service from Fruitdale, where they are located, to the entire northwest region of South Dakota and beyond. You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PrairieRoseEventPlanningDecor> or by email at prairieroseeventsdecor@gmail.com. You can contact Tammy at 605-210-3750.

"Prairie Rose Event Planning & Decor went above and beyond for our wedding," said Amanda Eddington, who was married to Ethan at the Nisland Fairgrounds this past Labor Day.

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Biscuits & Gravy 4 Veggie Scramble Berries	Tater Tot Hot Dish 5 Spinach Salad Fruit, Dinner Roll Orange Cranberry Bars	Baked Chicken 6 Roasted Reds Scalloped Corn, Fruit Peppermint Poke Cake	Smoked Sausage 7 With Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potatoes Glazed Carrots, Fruit	Open Faced Turkey 8 Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Fruit, Molasses Cookie	Egg or Tuna Salad 9 On Leafy Greens Fresh Tomato Soup Corn Bread Muffin Fruit	Ham & Bean Soup 10 Veggie & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Thumbprint Cookie
Goulash 11 Asparagus, Leafy Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit	Chicken Fried Rice 12 Asian Vegetables Egg Roll Fortune Cookies	Pulled Pork 13 Sandwich, Baked Beans, Veggie Pasta Salad, Fruit	Cowboy Steak Tips 14 French Fries, Green Beans, Garden Salad Fruit, Root Beer Float	Chicken Noodle 15 Soup, Biscuit Baked Broccoli Jello with Fruit	Meatloaf 16 Baked Potato, Cabbage, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll Fruit	Turkey Pot Pie 17 Maple Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Fruit Christmas Crispy Treat
Juan's Famous 18 Chicken Tacos, Rice & Beans Fruit, Mexican Wedding Cookie	Chef Salad 19 Homemade Cracked Wheat Cracker, Fruit Hot Chocolate Peppermint Cookie	Roast Beef 20 Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Root Veggies Dinner Roll, Fruit	White Chicken Chili 21 Garden Salad Corn Muffin Fruit Ginger Bread Cake	Pork Stew 22 Green Beans Cheddar Biscuit Fruit	Deluxe Burger or Fish Sandwich Cauliflower Bake Fruit, Brownie	Ham & Broccoli 24 Macaroni Bake Carrots Fruit
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4-H News Bytes

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The 2023 South Dakota 4-H Day at the Capitol will be Wednesday, January 18 in Pierre. Schedule and registration details to come. Butte-Lawrence County 4-H youth will have the opportunity to use free transportation to the capitol on a first to sign up, first served basis with a limit of 10 riders.

Jr. Leaders Stained Glass Workshop is planned for January 22 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Club Nevada in Spearfish. The workshop is free of charge, thanks in part to grants from the SD 4-H Leader's Association. Jr. Leaders are asked to pre-register by January 17, 2023.





Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

Volunteers needed to help serve a Christmas Meal from 11AM-2PM on Christmas Day (12/25) at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Donations of pies and salads are welcomed. Call Janie at 605-210-0722 to volunteer or to have a meal delivered. No delivery after 11:00. See: www.bfxmasdinner.com

This past week was the White Grinch who stole a week from the Christmas Season.

I jokingly said the storm was the scheme of the Grocery stores as a way to get the shelves in their stores emptied out before "year end" inventory. Only problem was being able to get to a store and find what you wanted!






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Sales and specials are being continued this week and into the following prior to the New Year to allow people to get dug out and be about again.

Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Lessly returned Sunday from their two week trip to Hawaii to their home in Spearfish.

Bryan was back at his desk Monday morning helping get this

week's issue of the Beacon in the mail.

We asked Bryan if he was able to denote the difference in air temperature and ground cover coloration between Hawaii and South Dakota.

He answered in the affirmative.

State Street traffic on Monday morning was showing that the pent-up population was getting dug out and mobile again. An almost non stop stream of vehicles were driving around again. Last week we pretty much had the

downtown to ourselves. Only had to share with City snow workers (a most welcome sight).

On Monday mornings we often back up to the State Street front door of the Beacon to load and unload postal totes for the weeks paper. Everytime we moved a vehicle so we could back up to the door and unload postal totes a car would pull in and occupy the spot. Finally Ben Norlin came to our rescue (he had been occupying the spot); stopped traffic and we backed in and unloaded. Merry Christmas Ben!

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Waylon, Zeke, and Briggs Hlavka stand by their door filled with snow from blowing winds. Hlavka Ranch near Howes, SD. *Courtesy Photo*



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

"Favorite" is often overused. But if I were given a choice of my favorite Christmas Story, I wouldn't hesitate. Though my Good Stuff files overflow with holiday "stuff", there is only one favorite Christmas story. It originated with Paul Harvey:

My Favorite Christmas Story Originated with Paul Harvey

Unable to trace its proper parentage, I have designated this as My Christmas Story, of "The Man and the Birds".

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

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

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

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

Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That

would provide a warm shelter if he could direct the birds to it. Quickly, he put on a coat and goulashes, tramped through the deepening snow to the barn.

He opened the doors wide and turned on a light. But the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in. So he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow making a trail the yellow lighted, wide open door to the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them. He tried "shooing" them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms. Instead, they scattered in every direction except into the warm lighted barn.

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

"If only I could be a bird", he thought to himself "and mingle with them and speak their language. Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe warm -----
(Sudden recognition)

---- to the safe warm barn, but I would have to be one of them so they could see and hear, and understand."

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

With unashamed tears filling my eyes, listening to the bells, I'm Jim Thompson



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Merry Christmas - already?

My, that came around pretty fast, didn't it? Seems like Thanksgiving was just yesterday!

I got an early present from someone. Some sort of plague. Sickly is the word around this house. Gramma had something, grandkids had something and of course, as per usual, I finally caught it. I hate being sick. One day I felt like I'd have to get some better just to die! About all over it now and thank goodness. With all this wind and snow, there seems to be things that need attended to.

We had planned a Christmas program at our little nearby village, but between us sickies and the weather it go cancelled. Oh well, life goes on.

I know I write too much about weather but it seems to effect us all in these parts. Far away people worrying about us in the blizzard we had. Then the bitter cold. What most don't know, is us old timers are somewhat used to it. I remember one day, years ago, December 24th when I was pitching hay on a wagon to feed the cows. It was 24 below and the wind was 24 mph. You had to be careful or the wind would blow each forkful off the wagon. Dad had spent all day trying to get his tractor to start. The tank heater had quit working or something. But just as I was getting the hay pitched on, he got it going. I had already shoveled a load of corn on the old manure spreader we used to feed corn with so off he went up the road

to the cattle. I followed and as soon as the cows cleaned up the corn I pitched them a load of hay. We got back to the house about dark. Ah.. the good old days!

I will say that having front wheel assist tractors and 4 wheel drive pickup has sure made life easier. But then, it has caused some problems when people go out in bad weather, not truly dressed for it, as they rely on the heat of the tractor or of the pickup and get themselves in a jam. And the sad part is, when they get in a jam it causes others to go out in it to try and help or rescue them. Yeah, I've done it too. And also had to rescue people. My children were always trained to not do such foolish things, but youth being youth, many times my thinking was ignored.

And they came by it honest! Seems like my Mother had to go somewhere when the roads were the worst! And guess who got to go rescue her? I could have been warm and happy in a house, but no, I had to go out in the worst of the weather because she was stranded somewhere. And most of the time I just had a two wheel drive pickup to do so.

Well they say the Lord looks after drunks, fools and kids, and I've been all of them and known quite a few. I guess karma is a thing! Stay safe and have a wonderful New Year too!



Injured NFR Bull Rider Reid Oftedahl Improving

Bull rider Reid Oftedahl, who was injured during Round 2 of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo presented by Teton Ridge while aboard Rafter H Rodeo Livestock's Under the Influence, on Dec. 2, is improving.

Oftedahl, who is from Raymond, Minn., was thrown forward and hit the bull's head and was tossed to the arena dirt. Oftedahl, who was wearing a helmet, suffered a head and neck injury.

Oftedahl was admitted to the ICU at UMC Trauma Center on Dec. 2 in Las Vegas. He provided the following update on his condition late on Dec. 15.

Oftedahl said he was diagnosed with a Grade 3 Diffuse

Axonal Injury, which is the shearing (tearing) of the brain's long connecting nerve fibers (axons) that happens when the brain is injured as it shifts and rotates inside the bony skull.

He also said he suffered a C7 cervical vertebrae fracture in his neck.

Oftedahl said he's now at a rehabilitation center in Mesa, Ariz.

"I would like to thank you for supporting me and my family during this hard time," said Oftedahl, 28, to his well-wishers.

Oftedahl added that he expects to make a full recovery. He was making his NFR debut in 2022 qualifying in the No. 15 spot. He finished 16th in 2022 with \$107,944.



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Capitol News

Christmas snow came this week. Capitol and Tie Creek were on the edge of the storms, and got only about six inches to a foot of snow with a couple of blizzard days, while Spearfish got over five feet of snow. The electric workers were lucky they had gotten their two days of pole setting done last week, and we were glad that our electricity did not go off during the week.

Karen Odell made a batch of Welsh cakes this week. They are great right out of the freezer without even heating them up. She got some writing done on a new novel, and some Christmas music arranged. Charlie spent some time fixing fence, and fed cake to the cows each day. He went to Wolfy's in Camp Crook, a couple of times, and to Buffalo for groceries on Saturday. On Sunday, Karen and Charlie got out around the snow drifts, to their blown-off road, to go to church in Camp Crook at the Methodist Church. It was a special service for Christmas, and it included the children's Sunday School Christmas Program. It is always fun to see the children and teens present the program. Karen played piano for the carols, and enjoyed ending the service with 'Silent Night'.

Dick and Erma Albert spent the week in recovery mode. They are still coughing and tired from the flu. They both had doctor's appointments on Monday, in the Hills, but spent the rest of the week at home. On Sunday, they got their car plowed out, so they went to mass at the Catholic Church, and then were glad to get out to have lunch at Saloon Number Three.

Looks like a white Christmas at Alvin and Marlee Cordell's. They went to Buffalo, on Monday, to do some Christmas shopping. They came back to Camp Crook for the school Christmas Program, that evening. Ivan Teigen stopped by,

on Friday afternoon, for coffee and a visit. On Sunday, Marlee and Ryan Cordell's family went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook. It was a special service that included the Sunday School Christmas Program, and the children told the Christmas story. Everyone enjoyed singing lots of carols, too.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson have plenty of snow, now, just like everyone else. They have stayed pretty close to home this week. On Sunday, they got out and went to church at Little Missouri Church. The service included the Sunday School Christmas Program. There were at least a dozen kids that participated, and lots of people to watch the program, too.

Pete Anderson got out, on Sunday, to go to church in Camp Crook and see the Sunday School program.

Doug and Julia Davis got through the blizzard days. Their sheep dogs kept the sheep milling around, so they didn't snow under. The snow was ten inches to knee high in places. The drifts filled the low spots and the creek bed during the southwest winds. Their electricity stayed on throughout the storms.

Donna Lewis has been nice and cozy in her house during the snow. Bowling was canceled on Thursday. Her Baker grandchildren wrestled in Huntley on Friday, so their whole families got their Christmas shopping done while they were there.

Junior and Shirley Melum have spent the week quietly at home. Ernie and Rachel have about a foot of snow, and lowlands along the river are filled up. They got out, on Sunday, to go to church in Baker.

Ronda Cordell was watching 'The Sound of Music' again this year, on Sunday. It is her favorite movie.

On Monday, Ronda went to Spearfish to the chiropractor and met Cristen Westling for



KAREN ODELL

lunch. She stopped at Sue and Bronc Hight's to leave hot mustard and cashew brittle, before she headed home. The nasty weather came on Tuesday and Clint Zolnoski found it challenging to get to some of the feeding areas through the snow accumulation. He found he was pushing through twenty inches of snow with the hydro-bed pick-up from Bergstroms to Belltower Hill, and the snow was laying level. Ronda had shoveled the deck and cement every time the dogs needed out. It was light and fluffy and several inches deep each time. She thought most of it blew to South Dakota or into huge drifts around any stationary object. There was no school for the Zolnoski girls this week, so they were home wrapping gifts, and helping prepare for Christmas. Ronda was 'home bound' until Sunday morning, when she 'Can-Am'ed to Zolnoski's and rode to church with them at Ladner. The girls took part in the church Christmas program. The trees along the Little Missouri were heavy laden with frost, and the drive to church was a winter wonderland. Clint came to Ronda's after feeding to clear away snow around her house, shop and barn. Sunday was the start of a predicted several day cold spell and winter will be officially here on Wednesday, so be prepared.

Don't worry about a coming depression. A depression is just a dent. A dent is just a hole in something, and a hole is full of nothing, so there's nothing to worry about.

Yes, its beginning to look a lot like a Merry Christmas.

Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

Well, we received the moisture we were all hoping for last week. What was expected for some inches came to us in feet. This will be a blizzard to remember as people were held up in their homes for four or five days. By Saturday most were spending the day digging out as by Friday morning it seemed to hit its peak, at least here in Central Meade County. A fairly long convoy of trucks, pickups and a few cars were east bound on Hy. 34 on Friday. It had to have been a long day as they got held up along the way at several locations. Hopefully, no one ran out of gas

while waiting, but it sure was a good reminder to check the road status before venturing out when weather warnings are out. Sunday church services were called off in Union Center as it was a cold day mostly in single digit temperatures.

After spending the previous Monday afternoon through Sunday morning at home, Larry and Sandy Rhoden were able to go to Rapid City to do a little shopping before heading to their granddaughter's 1st birthday party in Deadwood. IT was held at the Lodge and it was a joyous occasion with family and friends in a beautiful room overlooking the hills that surround Deadwood. Birkin, daughter of Kalen Lemmel and Tristen Rhoden, was thrown a wonderful party full of fun and affection from all who came. The theme color was pink and the evening ended up with swimming for the little people and some of their parents.

In mid-late summer, Sally Donald, was diagnosed with a rare endometrial cancer. She has undergone several rounds of chemo and had surgery in October, but it will be an ongoing battle, as anyone affected by cancer knows. There is a "Go Fund Me" account for her on FB hosted by Lexi Bendigo for those who would like to help with her expenses.

Due to illness and weather conditions, Christmas on Red Owl Creek was cancelled for Friday, December 16. An alternate date will be determined.

Meade 46-1 Schools, like most, were closed starting on Tuesday through Friday. However, Rapid City Schools remained open as they seemed to be in the middle of a donut, not receiving the blizzard conditions that surrounding areas had. Christmas programs have been rescheduled and the Enning/Union Center School Christmas program is to be held this Wednesday evening. Bitter



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temperatures are to settle in at that time, so hopefully all will be braced for the cold blast.

We find ourselves inconvenienced a bit due to some shortages, postponements and cancellations, and late packages at this time because of the storm. But, when we take into account all of our blessings, they far outweigh the negative things life throws at us. As we prepare for Christmas with plans of food, gifts, and gatherings, may we not forget the reason we celebrate this season. It is the season that impacts our thoughts and hearts like no other time of year because of the free

gift we are offered. Because of the Christmas story, and the fact that it really happened, we can have hope and joy for the future not only here on earth, but for eternity. That is something to be 'merry' about. If you know of a 'shut in,' please reach out to him/her with something to let them know you are thinking of them. Or for those suffering loss, please reach out to them as well as you will help mend their souls. So may you all receive a special blessing this season and I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas.

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- One copy of the Drawings and Specifications, upon nonrefundable payment of \$100.00 made to ICON Architectural Group may be obtained at the office of ICON Architectural Group LLC, 4000 Garden View Drive, Suite 101, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201. Telephone (701) 772-4266. Drawings and specifications will be mailed to any contractor as requested for an additional fee of \$10.00 (total of \$110.00)

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Looking Back in Belle

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

This week Jan Gilger discovered a Christmas ornament at the Salvation Army store – the ornament was created in 1993 to be sold by the Belle Fourche Junior High Band group as a fund raiser. Luckily inside the box holding the ornament included the newspaper article recording the memories of the 6th Ave bridge – its building in 1921 and also the article about when the bridge was taken down in 1998.



by Mary Buchholz



101 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
April 28, 1921

Construction of the Bridge
Secretary Stewart of the Commercial Club was in Pierre Friday... meeting with the State Highway Commission on matters pertaining to the new bridge across the Belle Fourche River. He received assurance that work would be started not later than August of this year and the work could be completed before the end of October. The new bridge will have an 18-foot driveway with a six-inch concrete floor with a six-foot sidewalk with a four-inch concrete floor. City records indicated that the original plans for the Sixth Avenue bridge construction were revised May 31, 1921.

101 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
July 14, 1921
Friday of last week at Pierre, the bids were opened for the

construction of the state highway bridge across the Belle Fourche river at Belle Fourche. The contract was awarded to the Allied Contractors of Omaha, Nebr., at \$29,000. The contract calls for completion of this bridge by November 15, 1921, so it is probable that the contractor will start work at once, as it is a big undertaking and will require some rush work to complete the structure on schedule time. The bridge consists of one one-hundred-thirty-foot span and nine twenty-six-foot viaduct spans.

101 years ago Belle Fourche Bee August 25, 1921
One car-load of steel for the new bridge has arrived and was hauled to the bridge site the first of this week by contractor John Nolan. It is expected that one of the men who have the contract for constructing the bridge will arrive in a few days and actual work of construction will commence.

101 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
September 15, 1921

A crew of men are excavating for the abutments for the new bridge and concrete has already been placed. A large part of the steel girders have already arrived, as well as the reinforcing steel for the concrete. When completed this bridge will insure safe passage over the Belle Fourche river even during the highest water. The preliminary work of construction was completed last week, and the real work of construction was commenced. One concrete pier has been completed on the south side of the river. The forms are in for the one on the north side, and several sets of steel piling have been driven. From now the work will go fast, and it is probable the work will be completed before cold weather stops the work.



The Sixth Avenue Bridge was part of Highway 85 – the only bridge across the Belle Fourche river until 1957 when the 5th Avenue Bridge was built.

29 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
March 31, 1993

The Sixth Avenue bridge was closed to vehicle traffic Monday 29, 1993 During 1993 and 1994 paperwork flew back and forth in efforts to save the bridge as a pedestrian walkway; estimates to refurbish and repair were estimated at half a million dollars; and official memos from various agencies moved on local, state and national levels. A grant from transportation enhancement funds described within its proposal the bridge as follows: Curved 384-foot, 10-inch long vehicle bridge. Bridge consists of 130-foot, one-inch steel truss bridge. The balance is "T" beam spans with 26-spans, an 18-foot roadway with a six-foot sidewalk. The application was denied when a cap was placed on federal surface transportation funds June 22, 1995.

28 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
December, 1994
The Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department decorated the bridge with strings of small white Christmas lights and continued to do so until the bridge's last holiday, 1997. The lights were donated by Stereos 'N' Stuff and Randy's Discount Tires.

24 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
February 14, 1998

Demolition of the bridge began Monday, Feb. 9, 1998. The steel truss bridge was felled by Friday, March 13, and only piles of steel beams remained to be removed by Mark Olson and his crew. The contract cost, eerily similar to original construction cost, was \$31,315.

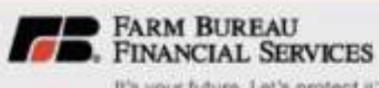
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Wednesday 11, 1998
Wolterstorff No Longer Wonders by Linda Johnson
City Engineer Terry Wolterstorff no longer wonders whether the Sixth Avenue Bridge was safe. After the demolition crew had knocked down the south approach, he is relieved "I felt bad about tearing it down. I heard "but seeing the problems and deterioration since they've started tearing it down. I feel better now." Wolterstorff pointed out I-beams lying in a stack. "These beams supported the approach. They rested on concrete piers. You can see the rust on the ends that rested on the concrete. One beam was rusted all the way through. Some weren't bad; some were extremely bad. This is the kind of stuff we never say during inspection."

Belle Fourche 1924
April 9th flood
Due to moderately high temperatures and warm showers, a heavy blanket of snow approximately 5 feet deep overlying the headwaters of the Belle Fourche River near Moorcroft and

Gillette, Wyo., melted rapidly and caused the highest water in the Belle Fourche River known to the oldest inhabitants. The water was approximately 3 feet above any previous high-water mark. The water, already high, began rising further on Sunday, April 5th and reached the maximum stage at Belle Fourche about noon, Wednesday, April 9. Fifty-five families were rendered homeless, a total of 168 people, and property loss or damage is estimated from \$125,000 to \$150,000. The water reached the main street of the city of Belle Fourche and many residences and business houses had water in the basements. The Wood Lumber Co. lost heavily by its finished product being washed away, and the burning of its mill, which was washed from its foundation and lodged against the bridge. To prevent the possible going out of the bridge by reason of the resulting jam the lumber was removed from the mill and the mill then fired. About 50 feet of the railroad bridge north of the town was washed away and the approaches to the new steel bridge were damaged and the bridge itself was saved only after a hard struggle. Relief work by the Red Cross, whose representative arrived at Belle Fourche on Saturday, April 12, did much to alleviate the suffering of the homeless people.



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<p>Dear Santa, I need minichart I want a nitend with How many Santa lets do you have? your deen are cut MERRY CHRISTMAS! LOVE, NYAIT</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need a water bottle. I want two books I love your eyes What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Viviane</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need a table lamp. I want a cat clock. You are the best! What is your favorite food? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need a piggy bank. I want a piggy bank. What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need shoes. I want a piggy bank. What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>
<p>Dear Santa, I need a Diner book. I want a Minnie Mouse. If there are cut! What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need shoes. I want a piggy bank. What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need shoes. I want a piggy bank. What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need shoes. I want a piggy bank. What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need shoes. I want a piggy bank. What is your favorite color? Merry Christmas! Love, Liam</p>



<p>Dear Santa, I need a friend to come to my house and I want a new baby for my friend. How is your winter? From your friend Easton</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? We are having a baby I want a big unicorn I want a piggy bank From Maddie</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need a new bed because my bed is broken. I want a phone from your friend Tyler</p>	<p>Dear Santa, My favorite color is green What is your favorite color? I need a new dog and I want a piggy bank From your friend Nathan</p>
<p>Dear Santa, Do you stay in your cabin? I need kiss and water. I want a doll that talks and talks and closes its eyes do not take the carrots in the hat! From your friend, Jarrick</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need a dog house for my puppy I want a new dog for my puppy from your friend Grace</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need a piggy bank. I want a piggy bank. From your friend Oakley</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Do you really fly in the snow? I want a piggy bank for my friend Pamela</p>
<p>Dear Santa, I need a new clothes because my old clothes are old. I want a new piggy bank from your friend Duncan</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need to be kids on the streets to have many things they need I want piggy bank from your friend Melody</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Are you still working right now? I need some new clothes because I am growing out of my clothes. Please can I have clothes? I want a piggy bank from your friend Hunter</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Do you play in the snow? I need some new clothes. I want a dirt bike that is red and white blue from your friend Anderson</p>
<p>Dear Santa, I want a new Ramer kid book that is pink From your friend Ivy</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I need a new water bottle I want a piggy bank from your friend Kaye</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Do you play in the snow? I need a new water bottle. From your friend Linnal</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike I need a piggy bank for our family From your friend Brian</p>

Mrs. Heilman's Class



<p>Dear Santa, I need a new garbage can. I want a new iPhone. I have a new cousin can you give her a baby toy? From your friend Aidyn</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Do you play in the snow? I need a dog house. I want a dirt bike that is blue and red. From your friend Liam</p>
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Festive Family Fun

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Christmas brings a variety of imagery, but one thing many cultures have in common is the custom of dressing up the tree in shiny ornaments.

The Tri-State Museum wrapped up its 2022 Family Fun Day series with "Ornaments Around the World." Kristi Thielen took a small but enthusiastic group on a journey through the history and evolution of the Christmas ornaments as well as the different ways other countries and cultures trim their trees.

After the presentation, young attendees and their parents enjoyed refreshments and Christmas movies while making use of the museum's extensive collection of craft supplies to create their own ornaments. From snowmen, snowflakes, and little winter hats, to more abstract creations, everyone went home with something new and exciting to hang on the family tree.

The winner of the book drawing was Audrey Jeitz, taking home a copy of Christmas Around the World by Mary D. Lankford.



Tri-State Museum director Kristi Thielen introduces family fun day's "Ornaments Around the World".



Aiddie Jeitz intently work on assembly at the Tri-State Museum.



Family Fun Day attendees inspecting the collection of ornaments.



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La Belle Ballet's The Nutcracker Showcase Charms Crowds

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We made it," were the opening words of dance instructor Mary Nieman-Riley, Saturday evening. "Through all the craziness, we made it." Despite a historic winter storm that closed area schools and businesses for the better part of a week, Ms. Mary's dance students delighted a packed theater with a show-must-go-on attitude.

La Belle Ballet presented its third annual Winter Showcase, entitled The Nutcracker Showcase, December 17 at the Belle Fourche Rec Center theater. The performance featured students ranging from preschool to high school seniors dancing to a variety of numbers from Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker ballet. "There sure are a lot of details that

go into a Nutcracker showcase," says Niema "n-Riley, who began planning the show in May of this year. "We have costumes, hair, makeup, choreography, music, and then all the stage decor and props, all while keeping true to the story."

In addition to group numbers, the showcase also featured 10 soloists. "With this show, we wanted some of our girls to have an opportunity to have a solo performance and understand how auditioning works," Nieman-Riley explains. "We felt this was important to push the ones who wanted to grow in this area of dance and normally don't get this opportunity unless they are on our competition team." Solo performers were Lily Minor as Clara, Aurora Larive as The Nutcracker, Chloe Stores as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Talia Thompson as the

Mouse King, Austey Stiefvater as the Spanish Dancer, Chloe Schulze as the Arabian Dancer, Annabelle Dighton and Charlie Huston as the Chinese Dancers, Brooklyn Schulze as the Russian Dancer, and Audrey Jeitz as the Clown.

In demonstrating all that goes into a performance like this Nieman-Riley says lots of time is spent practicing, "both individually and as a team to make sure the show runs smooth and each girl is confident and comfortable hitting the stage."

Outstanding performances by dance students, along with excellent leadership, made this winter recital into an enchanting evening enjoyed by all.

"We are so proud of each and every one of our girls," Nieman-Riley adds, "and can not wait to see them on the stage again in April!"



Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

Belle LaVenue here, watching the Holiday Fine Arts winding down, and the fine arts organizations preparing for entertainment in 2023.



Our final community play of 2022 was on Saturday, December 17th, with the Christmas Storytellers by the Tri-State Performers. Our final community play of 2022 was on Saturday, December 17th, with the Christmas Storytellers by the Tri-State Performers.

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) ANNUAL MEETING will be on Saturday, January 14 from 7 - 8pm at Venue 519.

YOU are invited to attend the meeting - maybe start or renew your membership, and maybe even join the BFACT Board. According to Executive Producer, Derek Olson, he and Board of Directors will break down this past season of theater and talk about what's to come. There will be four board seats up for election so if you are interested in getting involved, make sure to be there. This meeting is open to everyone, but only members can vote for BOD seats. You can become a member at the meeting. (And we hope many people do!)

MARK YOUR AUTUMN CALENDARS for these upcoming Fine Arts Events:

- JANUARY 14, SATURDAY - BFACT ANNUAL MEETING from 7-8 PM at VENUE 519.
- JANUARY 16, MONDAY - BFMS Winter Band Concert, BELLE FOURCHE REC CENTER THEATER.

Finally, check out these darling scenes from Christmas Storytellers, a play by the Tri-State Performers which includes E. Billington, William Collins, Mollie Collins, Bailee Stohrer, Maxwell Dixon, & Abby Kemp.

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Ongoing Repair Plans and New Hires

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NEWELL – The local school district is making the most of ESSER III funding available to do repairs and other work on the campus. Currently the work on taking care of standing groundwater between the high school and ag-science and gymnasium are addressed at nearly every board meeting. The meeting on December 12 was no exception.

Addressing the water issue began with assessing the needs and making a plan to address it. Anyone who has attended an event at Austin Auditorium has likely tip-toed through standing water at either the west or east doors of the building.

“We need to get the water going to a source where it can be moved off the grounds and into the city sewer,” said Superintendent Andrew Fergen of the issue. Plans have been approved by the board to fix the foundation around the west side of the high school building, placing a holding tank and a pump which will move the water out north of the district boundaries and tie into city drainage.

“Currently the ground water just sits between the high school and ag-science buildings,” said Fergen. Concrete barriers will be constructed all around Austin auditorium on both southeast and southwest exits. A better grade is needed at the entrances to funnel water away from them.

The board also approved a bid for the American Rescue Plan with ESSER III funding, updating windows in the upper elementary and middle school, by Horstly Construction. All these windows face east and

Schools D2

White Christmas Anyone?



(Left) Jeremiah Weeldryer had a tough time this week trying to keep things under control at Newell school. This drift was high and hard-packed but with volunteer help he was able to get things cleared out. (Right) The drift on the west side of Austin Auditorium got a little crazy. But with a little help from friends Weeldryer was able to punch a hole. - Courtesy photos

Winter Storm Diaz Enforces Togetherness

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NEWELL – The four-day blizzard of December 2022 brought about enforced togetherness not experienced since many people spent lots of time in their homes due to Covid. But in the NVN area there were

no major problems and there was only a brief power outage for Black Hills Energy customers.

The snow in the eastern part of Butte County really didn't get going until Wednesday, but it was preceded by misting rain that laid down a layer of black ice over everything. When the

snow did start to fall it wasn't long before most everyone hunkered down to wait it out.

Of course, school was called off early as the district made the

decision to keep staff and students safe but Jeremiah Weeldryer spent a good chunk of time at the school trying to keep

Winter Storm D2

NICC Hosts Christmas Program



The shepherds (and three wise men in the background) are surrounded by the heavenly host as they share the Good News of Great Joy during the Nisland Independent Christian Church youth Christmas program last week. - Brunner photo

Story and photos on D4



David Kirby is dwarfed by the tall snowdrift that reaches nearly to the top of the cedar trees near their home. - Courtesy photo

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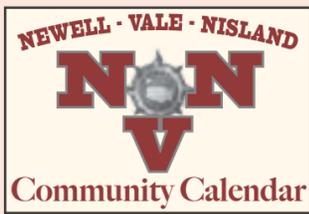
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Community Calendar

If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenkbrunner@gmail.com

Dec. 22: Leadership day at Newell school. All students/staff will participate in this day-long event.

December 23: Newell Evangelical Church Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m. at the church on Highway 212 across from Blue Line Diner. Truck Defender prime rib/shrimp free dinner at High Plains Restaurant 5-8 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. at Nisland Independent Community Church-Nisland; Christmas Eve service at Newell Evangelical Church, 7 p.m.; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Newell Baptist 4 p.m.

December 24: Christmas morning service at Nisland Independent Community Church, 9:30 a.m. NO Sunday school-Nisland. Christmas day service at Newell Evangelical Church.

Dec. 29: HSWRR Harding Co Tourney, 9 a.m.

Dec. 30: GBB/BBB at Lemmon, 1 p.m.

Jan. 3: GBB at Wall, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 5: BBB at Sundance, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 6: HSWR at Lyman Tourney 10 a.m.; GBB/BBB vs Tiospaye Topa at Newell, 3 p.m.

Jan. 7: HSWR at Lyman Tourney 9 a.m.

Jan. 9-12: Delta Dental Mobile at Newell school. Call school office at 605-456-0102 to register your child.

Jan. 9: School board meeting 6 p.m. in MPR; City commission at admin offices at 6 p.m.



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things cleared out so there was no damage. Road crews worked trying to keep things clear. EMS crews were called out to deal with a variety of issues, both health and accident related.

Once the wind went down and people started digging out it was evident there was a lot of snow. Just how much was difficult to determine as the wind played havoc with measuring snow totals that were bare ground in some places and 10-foot drifts in others.

"It was a wee bit wintery outside," said Rebecca Kirby after venturing out to take some photos showing before and after pictures. She snapped a photo of David on a very high drift that dwarfed him and reached the top of the cedars near their home southwest of Newell.

Heidi Lewis of Nisland area off Snoma took a photo of her son Graham checking out a large drift. She tagged it, "Day 4 of blizzard-quit snowing."

"There were 15-foot drifts in front of our house by the tree belt. It extended 60 to 100 feet in the field and blocked the gravel road to the south," she said. "Graham and Tally (their dog) checked it out."

Krystal Tesch, who is relatively new to the area shared a photo of her jeep in a cut at the school where her husband helped push snow.

"We finally experienced a west river winter," she said. "A huge shout out to my main squeeze for stopping by to volunteer for pushing snow at the school." Weeldryer appreciated the help as well.

Once the wind went down animals started moving around and deer were seen north of Newell jumping drifts to get around.

Respite is not in sight though, according to the weather service the area is supposed to drop into the deep freeze with wind chill temperatures expected to plummet to -50 degrees at times. Highs in the negative degree-area are expected through most of the week with potential of 70 percent precipitation on Wednesday. Things should rebound a bit with a predicted high of a balmy 27 on Saturday.

Bundle up and stay safe NVN-land.

From D1 Schools

will be replaced with windows suitable for the air conditioning unites used in the classroom. The school will also continue to address asbestos removal in the lower elementary, the ag-science building, the high school and Austin Auditorium with the ESSER funding.

The school approved the updated Back-to-school plan (Covid protocol) with continuing four minutes between classes, and water fountain use. "These were just clerical changes," said Fergen.

Principal Steve Schoenfish shared a bit about the plans for Leadership Day on December 22, just prior to the winter break. This will be for all staff and students with special speakers throughout the day. The school also held a "Family-friendly walk-through" for the Title Program.

"We will make a presentation on our findings after discussing the results with staff," said Fergen. "We had a low graduation

rate last year (partly because of low student numbers), but we are looking at teaching practices and improving high school classes.

Extra duty pay, which had been tabled at a previous meeting, was approved for two classified staff members as they serve those students who require extra services. Laura Fox and Mara Nistler are the two paraprofessionals who will be part of this program. Nistler, a new teacher who did her student teaching with Ronda Price, has been hired as a paraprofessional for the remainder of the year.

The board also approved a stipend for all district staff at \$216.57 per member, for appreciation of the hard work shown by members. They also approved Molly Moes as Junior Class advisor at \$535.60 and accepted resignations from Gayle Cerello as an assistant cook and John Kjellson as assistant maintenance employee. They hired Nistler as a paraprofessional, Kathy Miller as assistant Cook.



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Graham Lewis checks out the long, dense drift by his home southeast of Nisland along Snoma Road. - Courtesy photo

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There were two more births to report this week! Del Ray and Stacy (Doll) Kraupie had a baby boy on December 8, Guy Daniel Kraupie was born a little early, but he weighed in at 7 lbs. one oz. and is 19 3/4 inches long. He was named after his great grandfathers. Daniel was Del Ray's grandfather and Guy Doll was Stacy's grandfather. Guy Doll was one of our heroes and our son Guy is also named after him.

Steven and Ashleigh (Goddard) Nash had a big baby boy on December 9, weighing in at a whopping 10 lbs. 10oz. Marshall James Nash was also named after Ashleigh's grandfather Marshall Goddard, who was one of my oldest friends. Little Marshall was born in Spearfish but had to be sent to NICU in Rapid City because of meconium aspiration and needing oxygen. Thankfully, both baby boys are relaxing at home with their families now!

The weather wasn't bad Monday morning when Casey and Missy headed down to Rapid City to fly to Arizona, but it got worse as the day went on. After hearing the weather

report the guys brought the sheep down from up west, fed them and then put them in the lambing shed for protection that evening. Monday was Copper's last day of school because of the blizzard.

There was no school and no travel advised for Tuesday because of the weather. Trig was staying at Sage and Alaina's house to take care of their dogs while their family and Grandma Polly Markegard were vacationing in Florida.

The blizzard continued on Wednesday and I had a hard time getting to both the chicken coops to take care of all my chickens. I called our daughter, Dr. Teri McNelis, to ask if she had got caught in the snowstorm in California while she was out there for a surgery conference, but she said the weather was still nice while she was there and she missed the storm.

There were two more deaths this week. Sheli Bentsen Beld, 60, of Reeder passed away on Friday December 9, at Sanford Hospital in Bismarck. Sheli's memorial service was Tuesday at the Hettinger Lutheran

Church in Hettinger with a private burial at a later date.

Our neighbor, Arlene Rose Marie Korsmo, age 88, formerly of Ralph, passed away on December 13th at West River Health Services in Hettinger. A private memorial service for Rose Marie will be held at a later date with burial next to her husband at the Hettinger Cemetery.

These families have our sympathy.

Thursday, December 15, was Reub and little Copper's joint birthday, but the blizzard made it so miserable out that they never even got to see each other, much less celebrate together. Casey and Missy were able to fly in to the airport in Rapid City on Thursday and Sage and Alaina and family flew in to the airport in Bismarck, but neither were able to come home yet because the roads are so bad and Trig was still stuck up at Sage and Alaina's house west of Hettinger.

Earlier in the week we were informed that the blizzard was going to last until Thursday, but it was snowing and blowing so hard on Friday that I had to

shovel out both of the chicken coops to take care of my chickens and I about froze to death trying to get back home through the heavy snow. I don't know about you, but I'm already sick of winter and it didn't start until December 21!

Most of the roads were finally open around here on Friday so Jace, Kami and Keen Jensen; Ron and Starla Jensen; and Louise Jensen were able to make it down to Taz and Amanda's that afternoon to help Copper celebrate her birthday a day late. Casey and Missy were able to make it home from Rapid City that evening so they were able to help Copper celebrate too.

Saturday morning was beautiful with no snow, no wind, and the sun shining bright. Trig made it home from Sage's house and Sage and Alaina and their family made it back home from Bismarck. Taz and Trig went coyote hunting up west that morning and shot a coyote. Our pilot hunter Lance Giannonatti was also coyote hunting.

The Slim Buttes Lutheran Church had the Sunday School Christmas program Sunday morning with a large crowd

in attendance. It was a wonderful program followed by a delicious noon meal with way more food than we could eat. Christmas is our favorite time of the year!

To All My Liberal Friends: Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low-stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasion and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all. I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2019, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great. Not to imply that America is necessarily greater than any other country nor the only America in the Western Hemisphere. Also, this wish is made without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wish.

To My Conservative Friends: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022.



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

December 19, 1912

All those that have received notice from Sheriff A.C. Craven with regard to their personal taxes would do well to call and settle same and save further costs.

Under the Parcel Post law if your friend out in the country wishes to send you an 11 pound turkey, he can do so through the mails, but should it weigh more than 11 pounds Uncle Sam will refuse to deliver the turkey. Well, we are not a hog and they turkey has to weigh more than 11 pounds to satisfy us.

P. Carr, government botanist, was a Spearfish visitor several days during the past week. While there he went over the botanical collection at the State Normal School and re arranged and classified the collections. Mr. Carr came to Newell Friday, where he will be engaged a week or two. He will return to Spearfish from here.

December 14, 1922

The 2 reels of motion pictures taken last summer under the

direction of C.J. Blanchard of the Reclamation Service, in co-operation with Chambers of Commerce of Black Hills cities, are now being exhibited at movie theaters in the Black Hills. They bear the title of "The Black Hills, The Switzerland of America", and as such are being shown now in the east, several sets of the films having been made. This is the first showing in this state since the films were edited after preliminary showing some months ago. The titles have been placed and the films are now well titled and free from duplication or unnecessary prolongation of scenes. It is unfortunate that on account of the recent fire, Newell is just now without a picture house and unable to have the pictures shown here.

A party of Northwestern Railway officials, some from the Chicago offices besides the Division Officials, was here Tuesday in a special car. They made inspections but they did not try the road up to town.

Raymond Miller came to

town yesterday and had Dr. Mitchell extract a needle from his shoulder. The needle was about 1 1/2 inches long and carried about half an inch of thread, Mr. Miller has no idea where he accumulated the thing or how long he had carried it around.

December 15, 1932

George Smith reports that a tom cat was responsible for blowing several fuses at the Light company substation, south of Newell, plunging the town in darkness at an early hour Wednesday morning. The cat had crawled up among the high voltage lines at the sub-station and of course was electrocuted.

First cutting of the 319 pound American full cream cheese will take place this Saturday. In addition to buying the most delicious cheese value for the money, you have a chance to win a fine dressed turkey for your Christmas dinner. Don't forget the "Big Cheese" day this Saturday and watch Joe wrestle with the mammoth chunk as

he cuts it. All this and more at the Corner Grocery & Meat Market, where everybody goes for choice meats.

The community of the Newell Counsel on Relief is preparing to do its share of Christmas gift giving in a substantial way by distributing Christmas baskets to a list of needy families. It is expected that the manner of distribution will be similar to that of last year. With all civic organizations actively engaged in this philanthropic work it is the hope of everyone that Christmas will be bright and cheery for all the families of this territory. The Boy Scouts are doing their part by gathering and repairing toys for the little ones.

December 17, 1942

The war is hitting pretty close to home these days. There won't be any of those chocolate Santa Clauses and other chocolate novelties for the duration. Northwest War Production Board officials announcing the cutting off of these candies, by giving them up, will be providing breakfast cocoa and chocolate bars for soldiers, sailors and other fighting men. Effective December 15th, no chocolate should be used in coating novelty items, miniature candy pieces or chocolate for decorating any other chocolate pieces. This edict will include other chocolate novelties such as Easter eggs, Valentine Hearts, brownies and cakes and pudding.

Several folks came into Newell Saturday from the North Country shopping for the season, including from the Twilight community; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hice and the Henry Wahlfeldt family and from the Mason district Mr. & Mrs. Glen Fink and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith and many others.

December 18, 1952

Work on debate has been started at Newell High School and a special practice session has been scheduled for this afternoon again debaters from Nisland School, it was announced by Supt. G.W. Austin. The public is invited to watch the practice debate to instill

confidence in the team. This is the new activity for Nisland.

An Open House in observance of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Milberg 50th Wedding Anniversary by members of their family will be Tuesday December 30 at their farm home 6 miles south of Newell from 7:00-9:00 PM. Emil Milberg and Anne Wilson were married December 30, 1902 and homesteaded on Horse Creek. The have 4 sons: Ralph, Elmer, Walter and Clarence all of Newell, 6 grandchildren and 2 grandsons.

Plans for an Open House to be held Sunday, December 20 at the school house at 2:00 PM in honor of A.J. Smith have been announced by friends, teachers and members of Newell School Board. The occasion will be in honor of Mr. Smith's 27 years of service as Clerk of the Newell School District and also the 25 years as custodian. Mr. Smith announced his retiring at the completion of the current school term and intends to do so if the board can find a successor.

December 13, 1962

Speaking on the "Dramatic Thirties", Sam H. Bober won the first in a series of 6 elimination speaking contests to be held during the ensuing 3 months at the regular dinner meeting of the Newell Toastmasters Club at BEC Hospitality Room Monday night. Donald Breidenbach was voted 2nd place with "Forget Me Not", while George Erk and Roy Anderson were next in order with their ice breakers.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Shaykett, who have lived nearly all their married life on a farm homesteaded by the Shaykett family south of Fruitdale, culminated their 50 years there last week, when they purchased a house in Nisland. Mr. Shaykett had lived in the home in which he was born all but 1 year of his life. Mr. & Mrs. Shaykett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there last summer and now have turned the home place to their son Bill, the 3rd generation



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Nisland Church Hosts Children's Program

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NISLAND – A packed church greeted the children participating in the annual Nisland Independent Community Church Sunday school Christmas program on Sunday, December 18. Director Anna Crockford and her assistants had worked and practiced for multiple weeks to present the Christmas story and it was held during the morning worship hour.

The program, which had nearly 30 children ranging in age from three to 16, was titled “A Night like No Other,” and told the story from creation through the birth of Christ.

The program was narrated by Anah and Rebecca Jones, Kila Crockford, McKenzie and Caitlyn Rans and Tancy Frerichs. Mary was portrayed by Braylee Barrera and Joseph by Micah Jones.

Angels included: Kylie Frisbie, Lucy Ronfeldt, Britta Hagen, Brynlee and Bylee Barrera, Tinley Frerichs, Moriah Jones and Lia Mundo. Missing from the angel choir was Mariah Todd who was ill.

Shepherds were: Riley Crockford, Clancy Todd, Ryker Barrera, Isaiah Hagen, Andrew Baumeister, and Oliver Smith, who also played the raven in the creation portion of the program. The three wise men were: Grant Hagen, Emmett Frerichs and Josiah Jones.

The program, which the church purchased from CTA, Inc., told the story of Christmas, with two original songs, “What a Glorious Night,” and “A Night Like No Other.” The them of “A Night Like No



Four little shepherds singing in the NICC program. From left: Oliver Smith, Riley Crockford, Andrew Baumeister, Isaiah Hagen. - Brunner photo

Other,” came through in the different segments: A Time Like No Other-the story of Creation; A Day Like No Other-sin enters the world through Adam and Eve’s partaking of the apple in the garden; A Promise Like No Other-the Promise of a Savior; An Announcement Like No Other-the Savior would be born in Bethlehem; A Night Like No Other-Jesus is born; News Like No Other-the angels tell the shepherds the Good News;

A Gift Like No Other-Jesus saves people from their sin as they confess Him; A Love Like No Other-God loves all; and A Message Like No Other-Gold helps us share His Love.

The program was directed by Crockford with the assistance of Brenda Hagen, Christy Frerichs, Pastor Chris and Bethany Jones, and musician Becky Smith, who played guitar on all songs. Other songs sung by the children and congregation included: O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Angels We Have Heard on High, Silent Night, Go Tell it on the Mountain, and Joy to the World. There was a fellowship time following with coffee, hot cider and cookies for the families to share.

Nisland Independent Community Church is a non-denominational church and invites all to participate in the remainder of the Christmas season services. Christmas eve service will be held on December 24 at 5 p.m. and there will be morning worship service at 9:30 on December 25. For more information check the church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NislandChurch> or their website at <https://nislandchurch.wixsite.com/nislandchurch>. Children’s ministries including KidsJAM for ages K-6th, CREW for middle/high school and adult Bible studies will resume after January 1, 2023.



Narrators for the NICC Christmas program included: Back row from left-Tancy Frerichs, Kila Crockford, McKenzie Rans, Becka Jones, Front row from left: Anah Jones and Caitlyn Rans. - Brunner photo



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Mennonite Youth Tell Christmas Story

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NEWELL – Sunday night, December 11, was an enjoyable time for those who gathered at the local Mennonite church in Newell. Their young people came together to present a choral and speaking program telling the Christmas story.

Singing acapella, the group presented numerous harmony-style songs with some old favorites like “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” and “Shepherds in the Fields Abiding,” and “Star of the East.” Other songs were ones they had crafted themselves.

Text was shared with the

theme “Multitudes,” running through the entire program. The thirteen young people needed no direction as they mixed songs like “Wise Men Still Seek Him,” and “Away in the Manger,” and “Ancient of Days,” telling the story of creation through the birth, death and resurrection of Christ.

“Man is made from dust,” spoke one participant, speaking of the creation of the man Adam. “Sin entered the world,” through that same man. As a result, we need a Savior to provide the way to heaven.

The sweetness of “Sleep, Jesu, Sleep,” told the story of man becoming flesh. The angels brought the Good News to the

shepherds who ran to the stable. The multitudes on the earth needed the Savior and only the perfect One could provide that way.

A trio sang, “The Angels Still Sing,” while Dustin Minger spoke of men coming from the east to see the child.

The group finished with the song “Life Your Hearts.”

A time of fellowship for all with a multitude of home-baked goodies awaited the group in the church basement following the program.

Those youth involved in sharing included: Dustin, Tristan, Cade, Ty, Jay, Chad, Shalynn, Lacey, Brooke, Kianna, Cassi, Melanie and Layna.



Thirteen young people from the local Mennonite church shared a totally acapella musical program about the Christmas story. - Brunner photo



A shepherd (Clancy Todd left) joined the members showcasing the elements of the Creation story. Oliver Smith is the Raven that went out to gather a tree branch, Ryker Barrera holds a photo of the ark, Isaiah Hagen holds a stormy cloud, Bylee Barrera holds stars and a dark moon while Tinley Frerichs holds the tree from the center of the garden and a sun. - Brunner photo



Some of the program kiddos enjoyed the goodies and Christmas treat bags following the NICC program. - Brunner photo

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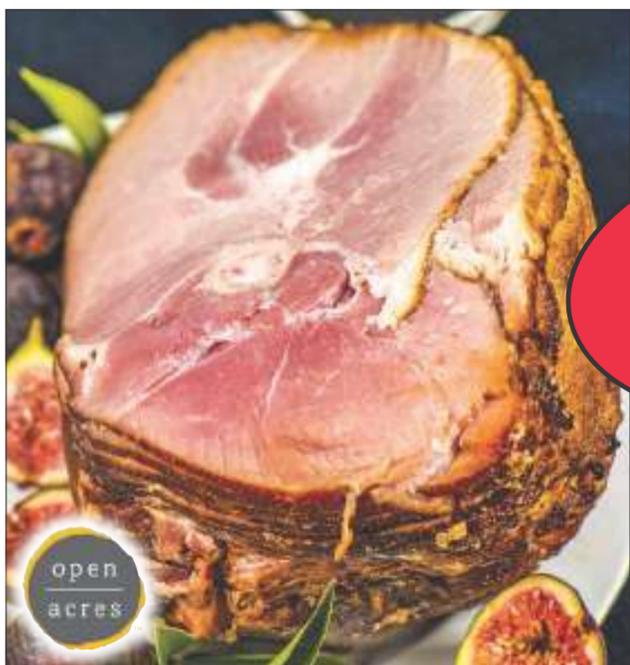
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16 oz. Quarters
2/3.00



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2.99 ea.



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Select 4 ct.
5.99 ea.



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Valupak
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Breast**
2.29 lb.



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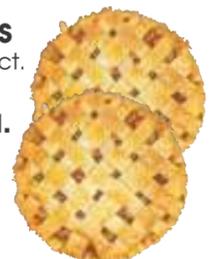


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