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## Year End Business for County Commission

Betty Bruner

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BELLE FOURCHE—Two items on the county agenda were approved but not finalized due to an error in the publication of the notice for a public hearing. The official newspaper of the county had erred in missing publication dates; however, the official notices will be published and a public hearing will be held January 17, 2023. The commissioners approved the Adoption of Budget Supplements, which increases the Spending Authority for 2022, and the Resolution to provide for the cancellation of checks and warrants issued by Butte County that are outstanding for two years or more. Budget supplements were

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## Alumni Participate in BB Fundraiser



BFHS alumni participated in a fundraiser for Bronco boys' basketball the end of December. Eligible members shot for teams and then participated in multiple games. The game clock was set to 6 minutes and the winning team either scored 11 points or had the most points at the end of the 6 minutes (winners had to beat their opponents by at least 2 points.) Alumni participants: Back Row: Cole Hockenbary, Chandler Kerr, Bryce Nicholas, Coach Pottorff, Colby Nowowiejski, Ryker Audiss, Tucker Chytka, Josh O'Byrne, Levi Grubb, Jordan Mitchell, Zach Lange. Front Row: Devin Burns, Tate Hostetter, Tate Larson, Assistant Coach Webb, Dalton Davis, Gabe Heck, Breck Young, JD Young. *Hockenbary Photo*

## City Enters Into Funding Agreement with BFDC

BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche City Council voted 7-1 to enter into a professional services agreement with Belle Fourche Development Corporation (BFDC) in which the City will pay the BFDC \$90,000 per year for three years in exchange for providing the City with opportunities, plans and programs for economic expansion and retention along with advocating for the City's economic growth interests.

The contract is a major step forward for the BFDC as it puts the organization on firmer fiscal ground in the near term. It comes at a time when the city of Belle Fourche has seen exceptional growth during the last two years.

In the past, city funding for the BFDC was put under the process of general appropriations which tended to increase or decrease from year to year. According to Hollie Stalder, BFDC Executive Director, that process created continuity and planning challenges for the organization. Recruiting major businesses to the city can be a multi-year process and not having reliable funding for those efforts puts the city at a disadvantage. The agreement provides needed stability. "It does," Stalder told the Beacon. "The continuity, based

on the relationship that's been developed with the city over the past several years, has been very positive. And this is just another step in the direction that we need to go so we can build the plans that we want for our community."

The contract comes as the BFDC celebrates several major achievements. Albany Farms has moved into the former Permian Tank facility and has already invested multiple millions in its new food production operation, now employing more than 100 people. The multi-million-dollar rail siding was completed under budget and has already attracted the attention of at least two additional businesses. A housing study, released in 2021, is now being acted upon to build more single family and multi-family homes in the city. And plans are moving forward for a new \$10 million convention center on the city's south side.

The first contract payment to the BFDC is due by Jan. 10 of this year. Subsequent contract payments will need to be approved each year by the city council as part of the yearly budget process. If a future council decides not to fund the BFDC the agreement would end at the conclusion of that fiscal year.

According to the agreement the BFDC's point of contact with the city will be City Administrator Bob Nelson. If that position is vacant the next in line would be Jason LaFayette, City Finance Officer. The BFDC will be required to submit quarterly reports to the city administrator that will include updates on BFDC's actions for the quarter.

The BFDC will operate as an independent contractor and not under an employer-employee relationship with the city. During debate on the contract at the Dec. 19 council meeting, Councilman Clark Sowers expressed concern that this arrangement could compromise how well the interests of a council member's constituent could be represented in potential conflicts with the city and the BFDC.

"I agree, I don't want control (of the BFDC) by the city, but I just want assurance that they'll work in the same direction as people who are also involved in the outskirts of economic development within their professions," Sowers said.

The contract states three services that the BFDC will provide. First is "economic development, expansion, growth and retention in retail, residential

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## Paula Walker Retires



Paula Walker retires from the Butte County Register of Deeds office on December 30, 2022. She poses here in the office where she has worked for 46 years. -English Photo

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It's nice to look forward to going to work everyday. It's nice to embrace Monday morning and not long for Friday. It's nice to retire. It's even nicer to know that you have been appreciated for your "exemplary quality service" and for your "loyalty, professionalism, diligence, accuracy, and unmatched dedication".

These are the words used to describe Paula Walker's 46-year career in the Butte County Register of Deeds Office. Last month, Paula was honored with an Executive Proclamation from the State of South Dakota, Office of the Governor proclaiming December 20, 2022, Paula Walker Day. "I can't imagine anyone having a job they hate," Paula said

Paula, clearly a knowledgeable professional, described her work at the Register of Deeds Office.

"Mainly we deal with land records and vital statistics records. When land is bought or sold the Register of Deeds Office houses the land records and assigns numbers to keep track of them. We also issue marriage licenses and death certificates. We do other things too, but mainly we keep track of property deeds and vital statistics records."

Employees in the office are like archival librarians. There is a pleasant smell of "old book aroma" in the vault that contains stacks of large antiquated volumes of recorded land deeds. The spacious Register of Deeds Office in the Historic

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## City Hires CPA on As-Needed Basis

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BELLE FOURCHE – The Belle Fourche City Council voted 5-to-2 to retain the services of Wayne Drealan as Certified Public Accountant for the city on an as-needed basis. The dissenting votes came from Ward 1 Council Member Heidi Parker and Ward 4 Council Member Bob Somervold with Councilman Randy Sowers recusing himself from voting or discussion based upon a family relationship with Mr. Drealan.

Parker told the council she was only voting no because she simply felt the services of Mr. Drealan were not needed at this time.

Drealan is a licensed CPA in



Wayne Drealan

South Dakota, and the agreement will pay an hourly rate of \$100 per hour, prorated to the nearest tenth of an hour. The arrangement states that Drealan will be responsible for covering his own expenses and costs incurred during the term of the contract, which runs for the calendar year 2023.

According to the contract Drealan will provide the city with general consultation services related to accounting matters and with the purview of a CPA professional, as determined necessary by the city at its sole discretion. The agreement states that Drealan is not an attorney and will not provide legal or investment advice. He may be asked to participate in discussions with professional advisors of the city's choosing if requested. Drealan's point of contact with the city will be Jason Lafayette, City Finance Officer.

There was one modification made to the contract. Mr. Drealan requested that the council consider lowering the minimum liability insurance coverage from \$1,000,000.00 to \$250,000.00 due to this being an "as needed" contract.

Drealan's relationship with the city came into view in mid-2021 when the city was

undergoing some financial reorganization. Drealan made several appearances before the council and pointed out some of the bookkeeping anomalies that were occurring at the time. Those events would later lead to the resignation of the previous City Finance Officer and the hiring of Casey Peterson & Associates to bring the city books up to date. No misappropriation of funds was discovered but the process for keeping the books needed to be improved. Additionally, a renewed effort for the city to submit its annual report on time was noted and successfully completed in 2022. There was also a recommendation that the city consider moving to an accrual accounting basis rather than a cash basis system.

Drealan may be pressed into service very soon. The council was set to consider approving him to investigate the difference in the city's annual report and the audit, completed by Ben Eliot of Independent Audit Services, and to come up with a plan to have one set of numbers. Also, the council will consider asking him to review the financial documents that council members currently receive and make additional recommendations if necessary.

## Correction to 12-28 Story

Correction to Beacon story: "More Controversy, More Information Given to Butte County Commissioners", December 28, 2022 issue.

In last week's county commission story, Deputy Jason March was incorrectly named as Emergency Manager Administrative Assistant. Jasen Saivong will take the position effective Jan. 1, 2023. Deputy March holds the title of EM2. We apologize for any misunderstanding.

## Winter Golf at the Belle Fourche Country Club

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One of the pleasures of life in western South Dakota is that you can usually count on at least a few balmy hours on occasional days in the winter months.

Now that there are bare patches on the golf course again and some potentially warmish days, the Belle Fourche Country Club invites golfers to play the course. The stipulation is that the temperature must be over 40 degrees to prevent damage to

the grass.

The clubhouse plans to open in fair weather, regular seasonal rates apply and carts will be available.

Additionally, the clubhouse will be open for social gathering on Wednesday through Saturday from 4-8 PM.

Looking forward to spring 2023, at least one notable change is in the works. The new driving range, currently under construction, offers new tee boxes, and a wide new concrete pad.



Construction on the new driving range at the Belle Fourche Country Club moves forward. (Inset-New artificial turf tee boxes will enhance the driving range experience. English Photo



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**Obituaries**

**C. Ben Ruby 82**

C. Ben Ruby, 82, of Newell, South Dakota, died December 23, 2022, at Monument Health Sturgis. Ben was born on October 24, 1940, to Ruth (Anderson) and Carl Ruby in Perkins County, SD. He attended his first eight grades at Inland Country School, Perkins County and Fish Draw Country School, Butte County. For a short time, Ben attended Agriculture College at Brookings. He loved being on the ranch that his parents, Uncle Jim, and Carrie Michler made successful; homesteading around 1910. He always loved coming to the ranch, which is still in the family, admiring all the pines and cedar trees, that he and his father planted. Digging dinosaur bones at the ranch was one of his passions. Ben and his dad operated Ruby Angus Ranch, selling registered bulls for years. Ben was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Zeona. His parents were very active in their church and every summer saw Ben attending Bible School there. He was known to stop at the church on many occasions to pray and show respect. Ben was a shy, soft-spoken man, but at any given moment, could crack a dry joke. He was very generous and kind, and will be missed by all, especially his special friend who helped him so much, Alan Youngberg. Visitation will be Friday, January 6, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at Kinkade Funeral Chapel, Sturgis, SD. Condolences may be sent at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



**Kinkade FUNERAL CHAPEL**

**Dawna Rae Redinger 58**

Dawna Rae Redinger was born on June 6, 1964 to Paul and Grace Redinger in Vancouver, Washington. She passed away on December 28, 2022, in Tri Cities, WA, after a long battle with cancer. Dawna was a member of The Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. She died in living faith, leaving behind many friends and family members, who will miss her dearly. Dawna is survived by her parents Paul and Grace Redinger. Her children, Andrea (Mikel) Levanen, Aaron (Stacy) Halme, Kendall (Amy) Halme, Kristen (Scott) Broderson, Katie (Tim) Schlecht, Patrick Warnek and Tatiana (Grant) Warnek. 35 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Brothers, Steve (Bonnie) Redinger, Randy (Anna) Redinger. Sisters Annie (Joel) Hendrickson, Cindy (Dave) Charlson, Amy (Mark) Uskoski and Wendy (Mike) Simonson. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Reazo and Evelyn Redinger and Robert and Ella Massie, brother Wade Redinger, granddaughter Sawyer Halme and nephew Brandon Redinger. A viewing will be held at The Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, 791 County Haven Loop, Pasco, Washington on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 from 6 - 8 pm. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 11 am with a viewing to begin at 10 am. Graveside services will be held at City View Cemetery following the funeral service.



**Kinkade FUNERAL CHAPEL**

**Tom Henry DeYoe 78**

Tom Henry DeYoe was born May 9, 1944, at Belle Fourche, SD, to Richard and Jane (Bunch) DeYoe. He attended school at a country school near Mona, WY, Martin, SD, and Belle Fourche, SD. After graduating high school, Tom worked for Junek Brothers in Spearfish, recapping tires. Tom married Sandra Fox in 1965. He was called to duty in 1966, and served in Germany until November of 1968. He was an honor graduate from the advanced training at Ft. Lee, Virginia, for the Engineer Supply and parts course. After completing his Army service, he returned to Junek Brothers for a short time. Tom and Sandra moved to Newell around 1970, and purchased a farm. Over the years, they sold the first farm and purchased other land, on their ranch they raised cattle, sheep, and hay. Tom went into a parts store in 1979. He added in hardware at a later date. He operated that business until December 2006. During that time, he won awards, including Ag Business of the year, in 2003, and Small Business of the year in 2005. He was always willing to help his customers out by going in on weekends, nights, and holidays to help them out in times of need. However, when he was able to sell the business in 2006, he was glad to just be on the ranch. That was his first love. He always joked that it took his uptown business to pay for his ranch. Tom Henry DeYoe, 78, of Newell, SD, died Friday, December 23, 2022, at Fort Meade VA Medical Hospital. Grateful for have sharing his life is his wife of 57 years, Sandra DeYoe; his three children, Holly (James) Barrett, Tracey DeYoe, and Terry DeYoe. He often expressed how blessed he felt to have a wife he loved dearly and children that he was so proud of and loved spending time with. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother. Funeral services were held Monday, January 2, 2023, at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



**Kinkade FUNERAL CHAPEL**

**Donna Hiles 93**

Donna Hiles, age 93 of Spearfish, died Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche. Mass of Christian Burial will take place 11 am Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Spearfish. Visitation will be held at 5:30pm, with a Wake Service at 6pm, on Tuesday evening at the church. Inurnment will be held at Black Hills National Cemetery. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute at: [www.Leverington-FH.com](http://www.Leverington-FH.com) Donna Jean Edgar was born December 2, 1929 in Redfield, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Waldo and Mary (Aseope) Edgar. Donna grew up on the family farm and ranch near Rockham, South Dakota. She graduated from the Redfield High School. In 1948, Donna was united in marriage to Donald Hiles at the Johnson home in Rapid City. Following their marriage, they lived in many places, wherever Don's construction job took him. In the 1950's, Donald and Donna moved to Winner where Donna worked as a receptionist for 20 years at Dr. Carr's chiropractic clinic. In 1976 they moved to California. Don died in 1985 and in 1990, Donna moved to Watertown SD. Donna had a great love for playing bingo, and during her years in Watertown, she loved provided rides for people to Sisseton on bingo nights. In 2002, Donna moved to Belle Fourche, and in 2010 she moved to Spearfish, where she has lived since. Donna enjoyed bird watching and she was dedicated to keeping her bird feeder filled. She was a great cook and baker. She made excellent homemade bread and rolls. She was also talented when it came to knitting and crocheting. Donna was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and she will be missed greatly. Donna is survived by her daughters, Debbie Hiles of Winner, Diana (Kevin) Farmer of Whitewood; son, Danny (Alexis) Hiles of Whitewood; 7 grandchildren, Heather, Heidi, Josh, Patrick, Gina, James, Alex; numerous great grandchildren; sister, Kathryn Nowell of Redfield; and brother, Doug Edgar of Redfield. She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Dick, Bud, and Marylou.



Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills

**Pastor's Perspective**  
"Epiphanies and Resolutions"

*"Let those who have eyes see; those who have ears hear."*

Our Gregorian calendar has just flipped us into the New Year, a year which we resolve will be better than last. This time of New Year's resolutions always coincides with liturgical calendar's time of Epiphany. It is a fitting juxtaposition, as epiphanies bring us to a new awareness, an awareness that demands our resolve to respond in new and better ways. An epiphany is an illuminating realization or discovery which changes our perceptions. Scriptures are filled with epiphanies: the magi's epiphany that led them to return home using a different route to avoid Herod and to protect the recently born Christ Child. Jesus' baptism was an epiphany, as was his resurrection. An epiphany is defined as a manifestation of a divine being, or an illuminating realization and discovery that changes the way we see things. An epiphany often is a small event which produces an aha moment. Epiphanies open our eyes and -once we see, we cannot un-see. We become responsible for incorporating this new-to-us revelation into the way we conduct our daily business. A high school freshman, Steve provided an epiphany that changed the way I saw and treated my students. Steve had volunteered to help construct the set for a school play. I was the co-director and set designer. The play was in the Roosevelt Auditorium and required a working trap door so actors could be seen descending into a lower level. Cutting an opening into the existing stage floor was not an option. I, the college-educated set designer had a plan. First, it required one last trip to the lumber yard. Steve needed a ride to play practice and set work. He hopped into my car, and we set out. Wanting to involve this student fully, I explained what my plan for the trap door and reviewed the lumber and hardware items we would need. We had reached the stop sign by the post office, when I turned to Steve and asked, "Can you think of any thing else we might need?" Steve was silent for a bit, shook his head, and said, "That plan won't work."

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Jean Helmer, Joy Fisher Ministries.*

"What?" I was nonplussed. "Why won't it work?" The car did not move while Steve explained the flaw in the design. He was right. "How would you do it?" I asked. "Let me think," Steve responded, and we continued to the lumber yard. By the time we arrived, he had sketched his corrections on a paper diagram. I, with my majors in English, literature, speech and theatre arts examined the sketch presented to me by this resource room student. His analysis was correct. I purchased supplies needed for his revision. It worked beautifully. Steve's design epiphany was minor compared to mine. I realized that I had been discounting students' abilities when they had an individualized educational plan (IEP). Needing special accommodations in the regular classroom did not make that person less intelligent than "regular" students. There are eight known types of intelligence. Steve was absolutely gifted in spatial intelligence, the ability to think in three dimensions. Later, we would learn about dyslexia. Having dyslexia is akin to having the bridge out between Belle Fourche and Spearfish. You can still get there; you just need to take a different route. Each of us is gifted in some types of thinking and we each lag behind in others. That epiphany opened my eyes and gave me the responsibility for designing my classes to utilize multiple intelligences so more students could find success. Covid has brought epiphanies which open our eyes to the fragility of life. Winter Storm Diaz brought an epiphany revealing how dependent we are upon supply trucks and how quickly abundant supplies can diminish. What epiphanies did you have in 2022? What resolution--re-solutions--have they brought to your daily way of living? In Matthew 13, Jesus quotes Isaiah. "For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. [If] they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them." Thus my prayer for 2023 is, "God, grant that I may seek to see, to hear, and to understand, so that I may recognize the Christ Child who dwells in each person I encounter. Amen."

**Remembering**

*The beauty of a memory is that it's always there  
Like a penny in your pocket  
You can take it anywhere*

Jack K Frost passed at Rolling Hills Health Care.  
The family thanks all that cared for him along with Monument Health, Stillwater Hospice, Pastor Howard, and the doctors at the V.A. Thank you friends for donations to the Belle Library in his memory- Frosty has been lifted to a place of peace and rest.  
Thanks to Kline Funeral Home for professional service and kindness. Brian went above and beyond - also the Honor Guard was perfection at the National Cemetery - Unforgettable.  
*Sincerely, Sheila and all the family members*

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**International Celebrity David Sylvester Visits Belle Fourche**

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David Hale Sylvester, better known as "Big Dave", dropped in at the Belle Fourche Silver Linings Senior Center last month to hug some senior citizens.

For the past 21 years, Big Dave's mission is to hug as many people as possible. "Hugging over half a million people in 50 states and 42 countries hasn't been easy but nothing I've ever attempted has been as fulfilling." He said in a calm, reassuring voice. "I need these seniors more than they need me."

Laura Bennett, Silver Linings Director, recalled her first meeting with Big Dave four years ago when he was in Belle Fourche for a Valentine hug party, "I learned that he had hugged my son in Olathe, Kansas." She said.

Comfortably attired in khakis, a vest, Big Dave is very much at home around people. "I'm just a dude." He introduced himself in our conversation. But David Hale

Sylvester is more than "just a dude." He stands out. He's tall; he's from Philadelphia; he's a middle-aged black guy in Belle Fourche. More important, Big Dave stands out as a world class humanitarian.

"The world is a divided place but as humans we all have some things in common. We all want to smile. We all want to feel loved. We all want to feel useful." He explained.

Big Dave's mission seems a little too simple for a graduate of Temple University with a degree in statistics. He tends to stay away from the subject for good reasons.

"People are afraid of math. Conversations stop when you start talking about statistics." He said smiling broadly. Big Dave finds much more value in listening to people telling their own stories.

His mission is as simple as the logo on his website, a distinct red heart, bounded by a white circle on a yellow background

Big Dave's fame has grown exponentially. He has a website, a reputation as a lecturer. He knows all about traveling. He's done a lot of it since September 11, 2001.

That was the catalyst. September 11, 2001. The day the world watched the World Trade Towers in New York come crashing down. David Hale Sylvester's response to that terrible day in history was to jump on his bicycle and connect with people. He pedaled on highways, rough roads and over mountains in three continents, North America, Asia and Africa. From 2001 to 2015 he travelled



Big Dave and Jean Selzler engaged in a warm hug at Belle Fourche Silver Lining last month.

**Big Dave A8**

**2023**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**Rec RUN**

**5K Walk/Run**

Sunday January 8th 1:30PM Hermann Park  
Preregister at the BF Rec or at Bowman Hall on event day  
Kids \$5 ~ Adults \$10 (Add \$15 for long sleeve event shirt)  
Registration form available at the Rec or at  
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Contact Tessa for more info @ 605-892-2467 or  
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**Area Church Schedules**

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The Rev. Evelyn Weaver  
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Dan Carlson, Pastor  
Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule:  
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
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John Allred, Bishop  
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Worship Pastor Ashton Rone  
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807 8th Ave. 892-4178  
Pastor Tim Smith  
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am  
Morning Worship - 10:30am  
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten -12th grade  
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich  
5:30pm - Salt and Light

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10 a.m. Worship

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

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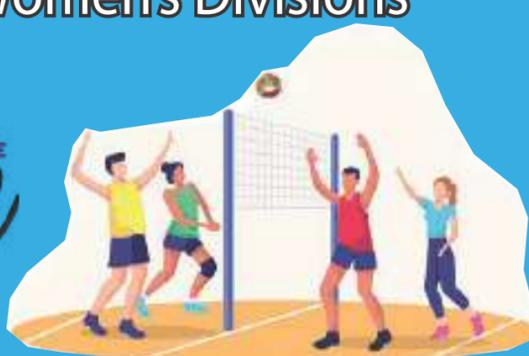
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## Harding County Tournament 12.29.22

**Kandi Tonsanger**  
 Special to the Beacon

The Broncos traveled to Buffalo, SD for the Harding County Invitational on Thursday December 29th. There were sixteen teams from North and South Dakota competing on three mats in sixteen-man bracket setups. The tournament placed out the top four competitors and the top three placers were medaled in each bracket.

The Lady Broncos tied Hot Springs with seventy-one points each for first place in team points. The Lady Broncos had four wrestlers in this tournament and all four medaled. Hailey Rodriguez went 2-1 earning second place in the 120-pound weight class and eighteen team points. Alexa Swaney went 2-0 earning a first-place finish in the 132-pound weight class and twenty-one team points. Izzabella Ramos went 2-0 earning a first-place finish in the 154-pound weight class and twenty-two team points. Adela

Grusing went 0-2 and placed second in the 285-pound weight class earning ten team points.

On the men's side, the Broncos placed second as a team with one hundred thirty-seven and a half team points. They had 7 placers and 3 medalists. Logan Tyndall went 4-1 earning a third-place finish in the 106-pound weight class and scoring nineteen team points. Garett Huston went 3-2 earning a fourth-place finish in the 113-pound weight class and earning thirteen team points. Riley Dighton went 5-1 earning a third-place finish in the 138-pound weight class and earning twenty-two team points. Elijah Branning went 4-2 earning a fourth-place finish in the 145-pound weight class and earning sixteen team points. Thomas McCoy went 4-0 earning a first-place finish in the 152-pound weight class and earning twenty-eight team points. Owyn Schreder went 3-2 earning a fourth-place finish

in the 160-pound weight class and earning twelve and a half team points. Andrew Tonsager went 3-2, earning a fourth-place finish in the 170-pound weight class and earning fifteen team points.

Additional results were as follows; Rigin Lutter 1-2 in the 120 pound weight class, Toarin Humble 1-2 and one team point in the 120 pound weight class, Alex Norlin 1-2 and four team points in the 120 pound weight class, Max Mundt 0-2 in the 126 pound weight class, Spencer Bush 0-2 in the 152 pound weight class, Lucas Green 1-2 and three team points in the 182 pound weight class, Caleb Dosch 0-2 in the 182 pound weight class, Gunner Geib 0-2 in the 195 pound weight class, and Luke Tonsager 1-2 and four team points in the 220 pound weight class.

The Bronc wrestling teams will compete next in Spearfish on Thursday January 5th in Spearfish.



Garett Huston



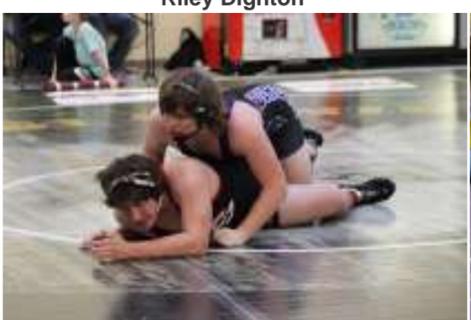
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**Lunch:** French Toast w/ Eggs or Cheeseburger  
 Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Thurs, Jan 5th**  
**BRONC Breakfast:** Muffin Top & Yogurt  
 Juice/Fruit/Milk  
**Lunch:** Chili or Hot Dog  
 Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Fri, Jan 6th**  
**BRONC Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll  
 Cereal K-4  
 Juice/Fruit/Milk  
**Lunch:** Scalloped Potatoes & Ham  
 or Popcorn Chicken  
 Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Mon, Jan 9th**  
**BRONC Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza  
 Cereal K-4  
 Juice/Fruit/Milk  
**Lunch:** Pork Fritter or Chicken Alfredo  
 Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Tue, Jan 10th**  
**BRONC Breakfast:** Waffles  
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Jan. 5 | Wrestling Tri (STM) @ Spearfish | 5:00pm

Jan. 6 | Girls BBall @ Sturgis (JV 4:00/ C5:30 / Varsity 7:00pm)

Jan. 6-7 | Wrestling Varsity Invite @ Presho

Jan. 7 | Girls BBall vs Douglas HOME  
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Seniors Thomas McCoy, Andy Tonsager, and Gunnar Geib awaiting matches.



Garet Huston



Luke Tonsager



Gunner Geib



Andy Tonsager



Teammates Caleb Dosch, Andy Tonsager & Gareth Huston tell teammate Gunner Geib to defer during a match.



Owyn Schreder

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**Anything Left in the Barrel?**

The years certainly spin by faster and faster as we gain years, and probably a few pounds too.

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The Beacon is entering its 6th calendar year of publication. Could probably use a few new years resolutions and improvements.

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A couple people regularly contribute to the Beacon and are not given near enough credit for the work they do each week on the paper.

\* \* \*

First and foremost is friend and collaborator Bryan Lessley. He contributes articles, photographs, production, and insight on a regular basis, and makes sure we have a paper each and every week.

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Mary Buchholz contributes on a weekly basis the "Looking Back" column and brings the history of Belle Fourche and sur-

By: Doug Cole rounding area to life each week with her hard work and research.

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You'll find a picture of the Clarkson & Buchholz families on page A8 on a holiday trip to the 1880 train.

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On behalf of the readers of the Beacon, I thank you Mary and Bryan.

\* \* \*

Two other people who have been silent workers on the Beacon since day one are my wife Nancy and daughter Lucy Cole. THANK YOU!

\* \* \*

They come and help prepare the approximately 9,000 copies of the Beacon for weekly mailing.

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A thank you hardly seems adequate for all that is done by the countless number of people who each week contribute, in part, something to make the Beacon happen, but "Thank you" from the bottom of my heart, and may all enjoy a happy and prosperous 2023!



Bryan Lessley



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We would like to introduce **Dr. Colton Backhaus, DC, CSC** to Belle Chiropractic. He hails from Bismarck, ND where he spent much of his youth rodeoing and raising horses with his parents. He is a BHSU graduate and while attending he was a proud member of the college rodeo team. While there he had the incredible experience of qualifying for the College National Finals Rodeo three different times. After completing his undergrad, he continued to Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN to obtain his doctorate in chiropractic. While there he also gained knowledge and expertise in strength and conditioning with the Human Performance Center. He is very excited to start his career in Belle Fourche as he has missed both the rodeo culture in this area and the Black Hills. Dr. Colton is a strong addition to Belle Chiropractic as he possesses more than one approach to manipulating the spine & extremities. He also has his certification in acupuncture, dry needling, and strength & conditioning which will add more diversity to the practice. **We are excited for Dr. Colton to join us!**



Fifteen members of the Buchholz and Clarkson families took a Holiday ride on the 1880 train. Back Row: **Erika Buchholz, Scott Buchholz, Ferman Clarkson, Barb Clarkson, David Clarkson, Thad Buchholz, Hilary Buchholz, Megan Dacar** (Barb & Ferman's daughter). Front bottom row: **Taylor Buchholz, Connor Buchholz, Owen Dacar, Elise Dacar, Mary Buchholz, Aiden Buchholz.** Photographer family member **Hunter Anderson**

**From A1 BFED**  
dential and industrial development for the Belle Fourche community." Second, that BFDC "will be one of the primary economic development advocates for the City and advise the City as to the opportunities for all types of development as well as threats to our economy." The third service that the BFDC will offer "will be actively providing community development programs, and providing connections to local, regional, state and federal programs which help Belle Fourche to grow and enhance services and community development."  
"I think that paragraph (2) pretty much addresses your concerns," said Ward 3 Council Member Larry Schmalz, in re-

ply to Council Member Sowers. "It doesn't specifically say that they (BFDC) will work directly with the representative of the city but that pretty much ties in with the big picture as I see it."  
Council Member Rebecca Larson asked for clarification on the amount to be paid to the BFDC. An earlier draft of the agreement stated that the city would pay an amount up to \$90,000 while the final agreement stated the amount would be \$90,000.  
"What I don't want to have happen is that in two years we have a really hard year, and we have \$70,000 available and able to give, and if we can't meet the \$90,000 then (the funding) is nothing. That's what I want clarification on," she said.  
City Attorney Dwight Gubbrud said that this council

cannot bind future councils to the amount. He said if future councils decide not to appropriate money for a given contract, it has the legal ability to do that.  
According to language in the contract if that were to happen then the agreement would be terminated at the close of that fiscal year.  
The vote was 7-to-1 with Ward 1 Council Member Monte Talkington the only dissenting vote. "I'm just not sure that we would be getting \$90,000 in return each year for this contract," he told the Beacon.  
Talkington said he very much appreciated the work BFDC does on behalf of the city of Belle Fourche but did not think it was in his constituents, best interests for the city to spend that amount.

**From A1 Commission**  
made from the Contingency Fund to supplement several General Fund items. These departments came in over budget due to unforeseen costs and other issues. Higher costs developed in the Commissioners General Fund because of an increase in the Legislative Audit. In the Auditor's Office because mapping charges were higher for the new election districting. The jail had an unexpected increase in the Prisoner Board and Economic Development did not have a budget item for BH Council of Local Gov't Dues. Increases in unbudgeted wages for the States Attorney, Register of Deeds, County Health Nurse, and Weed Department. The Sheriff's Department had an increase due to the purchase of two vehicles.  
The Castle Rock Tower Lease had not been budgeted for Emergency Management and the County Fairgrounds had

extra repairs due to the summer storm.  
Jerry Nelson, Deputy Auditor, explained that supplementing these items with the Contingency Fund was simply a budgeting process that allows these funds to be solvent.  
"It's spending authority given to the commissioners," said Nelson.  
Domestic Abuse and the Highway Fund were supplemented with cash transfers from the General Fund. Both items do not generate enough income to cover costs. Domestic Abuse, funds given to the Artemis House, is funded by court fines, marriage licenses, etc.  
Nelson explained that the supplements were merely moving money to balance budget items.  
Numerous members of Butte County volunteer fire departments attended the meeting to sound out the commissioners for extra funding for the departments. Mark Hespe,

representing Butte County Fire Protection, explained that the departments were looking for any money that was left over.  
Stan Lewis, Nisland Fire and Rescue, said that their department had recently purchased six air tanks, frames, and masks at the cost of approximately \$68,000. The newest remaining gear in Nisland is from 2007.  
Following more questions and inputs, the commissioners voted to allocate \$150,000 to the local volunteer departments. The action brought applause from the crowd and a thank you to the firemen for their work. Brett Penning was not available to provide information on audio/visual options for the commission. He plans to do more research and will have information in the near future.  
The next regular commission meeting was January 3, 2023 at the county courthouse. Chad Erk was sworn in as the newest county commissioner.

**From A3 Big Dave**  
by bicycle. Since 2016, he's been traveling by car.  
The Pandemic was a really bad time. There were no high fives, no hugging of course. "It was strange to do a tour in 2020 behind plexi-glass." He reflected.  
Big Dave knows what it feels like to need love and understanding. He knows what it feels like to be hurt by loss.  
He became tearful when he remembered his friend Scott Miller who took his life, and his friend Kevin, a victim of 9/11. Both personal tragedies have shaped his future by contributing to the birth of Big Dave's

"hugging for the sake of it" empire.  
Big Dave is an anomaly. He travels the world and giving hugs, high fives and lectures. He has a go fund me page to make this all happen and he travels alone without a camera crew. Big Dave has covered a lot of territory, but not so much because he likes to travel.  
He gives his phone number to anyone and answers their calls. He is not a counselor. He doesn't solve problems for people, but he will always listen.  
Big Dave's book One Hug at a Time is a collection of 99 personal stories about people

Dave has connected to with a hug. The stories are about personal tragedies, some triumphs, some not. Big Dave does not solve problems. His advice would likely be to find your way, but in the meantime know that you are loved. Learn more about Big Dave and his travels, lectures, philosophy on his website.  
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"All we can do is step outside ourselves and really try to connect."  
It's easy to like a guy who just wants to give you a hug and make your day brighter.



**Event Calendar**

- January 4th - Board Meeting 7am- Chamber Office
- January 6th & 7th - Personal Finance Class
- January 9th - National Law Enforcement Day
- January 11th - Chamber Lunch & Learn - HR Management
- January 12th - Pain & Movement Solutions  
Grand Opening in Sturgis 10am
- January 12th - Belle Silver Lining Supermarket Sweep Raffle
- January 13th & 14th - Saturday on State Market
- January 14th - The Wild Bluebell Wide Brim Hat Workshop
- January 13th | 20th | 27th | Feb 3rd | 10th - Entrepreneur Class
- January 19th - Chamber Job Fair 9am to 1pm
- January 19th - Business Mixer at Grap's Wine Room
- January 24th - Chamber Onboarding Workshop 5:30pm

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**From A1 Paula Walker**  
Butte County Court House seems an appropriate setting for the work performed here.  
Although Paula will miss coming to work everyday, she has prepared herself to embrace happiness in retirement too. Paula is interested in healing therapies.  
For the past few years she has studied the science and practice of a particular type of therapy that involves the flow of energy in the body.  
Quantum Energetics Structured Therapy (QUEST) is the trademark for this holistic treatment covering a broad spectrum of physical symptoms. QUEST requires training in anatomy, physiology and practice in noninvasive touch therapy.

"It's a little like acupuncture." Paula explained, but it's obviously quite complicated and interesting too.  
Paula likes to garden too. She is especially interested in growing herbs and processing them for therapeutic use. In particular she has researched how to grow flower herbs quite extensively in preparation for the coming growing season.  
"Another thing I want to learn to do," Paula added almost as an afterthought, "is learn to bake bread." She paused, "The old fashioned way."  
Paula will likely be as happy in her retirement as she was in her archivist role at the Butte County Register of Deeds Office. She also looks forward to frequent visits from her ten grandchildren.

**Free Treatment Day Wednesday, January 11th**

Millions of people live with pain or mobility issues that limit their ability to move and live the way they want to. Sometimes aches and pains seem to come out of nowhere, and other times what seems like a simple injury results in lasting pain. Maybe you have been trying to address your issue already but are not getting the lasting results you want. If this is you, call 605-723-0185 today and reserve your spot for Pain & Movement Solutions' Free Treatment Day on Wednesday, January 11th.  
Pain & Movement Solutions holds their bi-annual Free Treatment Day as a way for individuals to learn how physical therapy (PT) can help them with their pain or movement problem. "Unfortunately, most individuals think that you must be recovering from a major injury or surgery to come to physical therapy. This is a large misconception that is preventing people from getting the effective care they deserve and need," says clinic owner and Doctor of Physical Therapy, Julie Wingen.  
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how to make yourself better in the future.  
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Wingen says, "This is one of my favorite days of the year! It is a lot of fun to help so many people realize the vast benefits of PT and get them started on the right track to feeling better." Free Treatment Day consists of a screening evaluation, followed by a treatment consisting of spinal thrust and joint mobilizations, soft tissue tools, kinesiotaping and guided home exercises that will empower you to take control of your health and recovery.  
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February 3rd – No Sale – Enjoy The Black Hills Stock Show  
February 10th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes  
February 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes  
February 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes  
March 3rd – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes  
March 10th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes  
March 17th – Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special – Selling All Classes  
March 24th – Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special – Selling All Classes  
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February 2nd – No Sale – Check Out The Black Hills Stock Show  
February 9th – Regular Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
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- Please do not shovel snow onto the property of others or onto areas or roads that have already been shoveled /cleared.

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## Butte County 4-H Bytes

The Livestock Superintendents meeting is scheduled for January 10 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Bullseye Archery Club is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. January 14 at the Handey Center in Lead. For more information please contact Pricilla Lary 605-920-192

Junior Leaders wishing to attend the stained glass workshop

on January 22 must pre-register by Jan 17.

South Dakota 4-H Day at the Capitol will be held Wednesday, January 18 in Pierre. Please contact the Extension Office for transportation information.

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day will be Saturday, February 4, 2023. For more information please email [regina.bakley@sdstate.edu](mailto:regina.bakley@sdstate.edu)

## Lawrence County Republicans Seat New Officers



The Lawrence County Republican Central Committee met on December 28th at Deadwood to elect new officers for the 2023-24 term. Elected Officers: Chair Mary Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair Bob Ewing (both seated) Secretary Penny Doering, State Committeeman Kevin Wagner, State Committeewoman Karen Brandt, Treasurer Ann Thie. - Courtesy Photo

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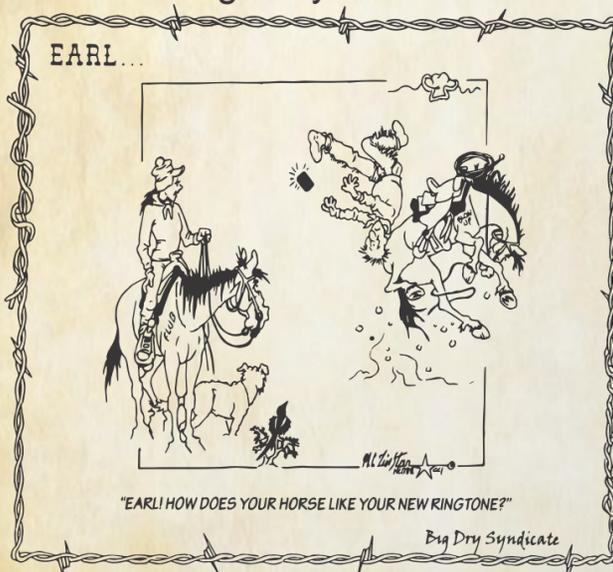
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## WISDOM FROM OUT WEST!

### The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

A self-employed, rancher, saddle maker, poet, picker and chopped liver.  
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### Cause and Effect

Because of the weather the mail didn't go for several days, during that last 4 day blizzard. Because the mail didn't go, some bills didn't get paid on time. Because some weren't paid on time, some services were stopped. Like my cell phone.

When she got it taken care of ... in a matter of seconds!!!! I asked her to set it up with a different source of revenue, ie, my debit card.

No big deal, right? I would have said yes, before this happened. But it is amazing how much I have come to rely on it! I finally figured out why it was acting the way it was, and was not working, but do you think I could make any of the voice prompts work, to rectify the situation? Hard no, Darry!!

"No. Cant do that."  
"Why?"  
"Because they don't trust us to do it."  
"But aren't you the one who has access to my credit card now and my phone with all my info?"  
"Yes, but you will have to call to change where the money comes from."  
"Can't you call for me and I will give you the info?"  
"No. They don't trust us with that,....."

I had to go to a store where they sign you up and sell you a phone and once there, have a nice young lady get it fixed. Which involved using a credit card or cash. Credit card works faster, she said.

Man alive, we are so screwed in this world anymore...don't let your phone service lapse. It might bring down the whole country!

O K !



## The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson



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.

Its 2023... Thank you friends for another blank slate one which to continue to write my life story.



### New Year's Prayer

by Helen Steiner Rice (from the Connection of Jake Lake)

Give us through the coming year  
Quietness of mind  
Teach us to be patient  
And always to be kind.

So our faith remains unflinching  
And our hope and courage strong.

Give us reassurance when  
Everything goes wrong

And show us that in quietness  
We can feel Your presence near  
Filling us with joy and peace  
Throughout the coming year.

Sharpening the chalk to perfect my story, I'm Jim Thompson.

## Specialty Acts Coming to Rodeo Rapid City

MADISON MACDONALD SPECIALTY ACT  
Madison MacDonald-Thomas has over 24 years of experience as a trick rider performing across North America and even as far as Mexico at world renowned events and rodeos. Born and raised outside of Calgary Alberta she now calls Helena, Montana her home. For 10 consecutive years Madison has been selected as NFR Contract Act from 2011-2021

and has been nominated 5Xs as one of PRCAs Top 5 Dress Act of the Year. Madison is also a WPRA barrel racer and spends her time competing when not performing. Aside from rodeo events Madison works as a stunt double for various productions such as Canadian TV Show Heartland. When not on the road Madison teaches trick riding and horsemanship lessons, trains horses and enjoys roping and spending time outdoors.



At left is Madison MacDonald, at right is Haley Proctor.  
- Courtesy Photos

## 2023 Rodeo Rapid City Jan. 27 - Feb. 4 Schedule

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH	TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST
10:00 am CMSA Rodeo Rapid City Shoot Out (Free Admission)	10:00 am PRCA Tie Down Roping Slack (Free Admission)
12:00 pm Monument Health's Special Rodeo Event -	
1:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)	
7:30 pm PRCA Xtreme Bronc Match	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
10:00 am CMSA Rodeo Rapid City Shoot Out (Free Admission)	10:00 am WPRA Barrel Racing Slack (Free Admission)
12:00 pm Monument Health's Special Rodeo Event - Ends at 3:00 PM - To participate or volunteer, click here.	3:30-6:00 pm Girls in Spurs "Ladies Night"-Rodeo Zone
1:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)	
7:30 pm PRCA Xtreme Bronc Match	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
9:30-11:30 am High School Rodeo College Fair (Free Admission)	10:00 am PRCA Team Roping Slack (Free Admission)
1:00 pm 20X High School Showcase Rodeo	7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo
MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
10:00 am PRCA Steer Wrestling Slack (Free Adm)	10:00 am Bucking Horse & Bull Sale ~ Preview & Social Hour (Free Admission)
	11:00 am Bucking Horse & Bull Sale (Free Admission)
	7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo
	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
	10:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)
	1:30 pm PRCA Rodeo
	7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo

HALEY PROCTOR SPECIALTY ACT  
Haley Proctor was born and raised in Northeast Oklahoma. She began trick riding at the age of 4 after begging her uncle 4x NFR Contract Act Shawn Brackett, to teach her the trade. A passion for trick riding and the performing lifestyle developed at a young age for Haley when she had the opportunity to travel with the Great American

Wild West Show to some of the greatest rodeo venues in the country. She was blessed with the opportunity to work with legendary trick riders at a young age, where she was able to learn and hone her craft. Haley was nominated as 4x Top 5 PRCA Dress Act of the Year, crowned the 2007 World Champion Trick Rider, competed in the 2016 North American Trick Riding Championships in Las Vegas,

and played a role and performed stunt work in the films Cowgirls and Angels, and Cowgirls and Angels 2: Dakota's Summer. Haley is known for her Trick Riding, Roman Riding, and High Schooled Liberty acts, where she is also proud to display her Cherokee heritage throughout the show. Haley is always expanding her talents, and constantly keeps the crowd at the edge of their seats!

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Often mistaken for a Civil War scene, this is actually an 1880s US Army unit scene. My Army grandson has laid claim to it so, for the time being, it's in my private collection.



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Shaine's Riddle of the Week



What did the snowman order at the fast food restaurant?

Answer: An ice burger with chili sauce

Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

Last week, it was easy for Ronda Cordell to listen to the 'no travel' weather advisory, because her car and pick-up were both snowed in the garage. If she was careful, her Can-Am got her to the chicken house each day. The drifts grew larger with each passing day of the week. Any plowing was abandon unless necessary. From Wednesday to Friday, the 'White out' conditions made feeding livestock a major factor. Several days were near 30 below, with wind chill between 50 to 70 below. On Thursday, Ronda helped Clint Zolnoski winterize the feeding tractor, to keep the fuel from gelling, by using Newt's dog bed mattress and the back from her mom's antique dresser. They had to block the direct wind to get the machine to keep running. There was warmer weather on Christmas Eve, and Ronda had their three-soup supper and gift opening. Curt, Krista, Caden and Carsen Zolnoski, from Rapid City, and Chad, Debby and Roudy Zolnoski, from Gillette, had come to Clint and Denise Zolnoski's the day before. Cristen Westling had to work through Saturday due to the back log of mail and packages during the storm. She and Jayda came to Ronda's in time for the soup supper and gift opening. Toney and Linda Hannah also came down for the evening. When the clock struck midnight on Christmas Eve, the temperature was 5 degrees, and at 4:30 in the morning, it was 20.6 degrees. That day, it reached 42 degrees. Cristen, Jayda and Ronda joined everyone at Clint's for late breakfast on Christmas morning. By noon, when the Westlings left for home, the deck had thawed off, and water was dripping from the snow on the roof. Curt and Caden stopped by to get their popcorn cake, leftover soup and eggs, before they all headed home, and Chad came by late afternoon for their goodies, before he headed home. A big 'Thank You' to the Southeast electric crew for getting the power back on so quickly on Friday.

Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to Spearfish and Belle Fourche on Thursday. Their tradition is to have prime rib dinner on New Year's Day.

They discovered prime rib is nearly as valuable as diamonds, but they got some anyway. On Friday, they had fried chicken at the Senior Dinner. Then Erma stayed to play cards for a while. She stopped to visit Delores Sperle after the games. Pete Anderson has spent the week at home. On New Year's Day he went in to Camp Crook to attend church at the Methodist Church.

All the kids and grandkids were at Alvin and Marlee Cordell's for Christmas. Ashley and Wade Pearson's family stayed overnight. Then the grandkids stayed until Wednesday, when Marlee took them back to Belle Fourche. Gavin liked to feed the few calves that Alvin had in. Cade came back with Marlee to help out for two more days. Matt Hendrickson stopped by on Tuesday for a visit. Roy Castille came out and helped clean snow out of the corrals. Brandon Padden came on Thursday, to haul home some of their cows that had drifted down to Alvin's during the blizzard. Alvin, Marlee and Cade went to the Corner Bar in Camp Crook on New Year's Eve for supper, but they didn't stay long enough to see the new year in. On New Year's Day, Marlee took Cade back to Belle Fourche, and went to Spearfish to watch Kymber Cordell play basketball.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had gone to Dean and Mary Tarter's for Christmas Eve. Tuesday had been Lynn's birthday, so to celebrate, they went to town on Wednesday, and had a birthday dinner in Spearfish. They went to the Little Missouri Church for services on Sunday.

Doug and Julia Davis's family spent Christmas at Alfreda Davis's in Belle Fourche. They had finally gotten Doug's whole family together at one time, so they had family pictures taken in Spearfish Canyon. It is something they had been trying to plan for a long time. All the kids came out to the ranch on Monday. Travis's family stayed overnight, and then went on to Montana to visit her family. Jake and the boys did the feeding for Doug on Wednesday, so that he and Julia could make a fast trip to Denver to pick up her new wheel chair. The fast trip slowed down when they ran into snow, and they stopped overnight. On Thursday, they got the chair and headed right home. New Year's Day came without their help.

Donna Lewis was home for Christmas. As it turned out, her daughter was sick, and they did not want to spread the disease to Donna, so they encouraged her to stay home. Dusty stopped on his way from Gillette, and he took some of her cookies to Baker for her family. Toney

Hannah came with his Bobcat, and plowed Donna's car out. Donna appreciated that so much. She got out on Christmas Eve and went to Ekalaka to get some milk, but the store was closed. She stopped at Sue Breeding's to get some cream, and Sue had some milk for her, too, so things turned out great.

Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum spent Christmas Eva with Junior and Shirley Melum. They opened presents, and had lots to eat. On Christmas Day, Ernie, Rachel and Tommy went north to join the Kalbach family, and got to celebrate again.

All of Bryce and Dawn Padden's family celebrated together at Dorothy Padden's on Christmas Eve, Helen Stevens joined them that evening, too. On Thursday, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went to Buffalo for the wrestling meet. Then on Friday, they went back to Buffalo for the high school girls' and boys' basketball games. Dorothy remembered when her parents had gone to see the Rose Parade in Pasadena many years ago, and it was just as spectacular then; requiring live flowers, seeds, and plants to decorate all of the floats. We missed the parade on Sunday, so maybe we can watch it on Monday.

Charlie and Karen Odell got to visit with kids and grandkids on Christmas, and Santa had stopped by there, too. Karen's brother, Jim, called. Her high school friends Bill Foulkes and Emilio Rodriguez called, too.

This last year, at Capitol and on Tie Creek, was unbelievably strange, and difficult in ways that we had not thought of encountering; yet our community is still strong, and closer than ever. We showed our creativity by adapting, as usual. We had learned adaptability from past blizzards, droughts, fires, grasshoppers, floods, and diseases. Now we can credit the hard times, and the determination we learned from our parents, for our abilities to face each new day. Charlie and I wish to thank all of our community for sharing your good times, and bad times, with the Capitol News. This year, even more than in the past, we appreciate the accounts of your day to day, normal lives. We have enjoyed passing on your stories of natural happenings; things that seemed normal, common, and sensible. We have enjoyed laughing with you, crying with you, and learning from you. You have given us the calming effect of reality, when turmoil is lurking across the world. It is a special gift you have freely given to the readers of Capitol News. It is a gift that will someday be returned to you a thousand-fold.

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By Sandy Rhoden

This past week has been a week to enjoy as far as winter goes. The week before made for some tough times for many. Starting with huge amounts of snow plugging up roads, barn yards, and making it hard on anything outside due to strong winds and snow was topped off by several more days of sub zero degree weather that was downright dangerous. Folks are hoping this is the end of our hard winter weather. However, winter is just beginning so if nothing else it serves as a wake up call and we know to have plans and equipment ready for the next possible round of winter's wrath.

Families in West River South Dakota were flexible and still made alternative plans where needed to get together with family. The Rorey and Crista Lemmel family had 9 family and friends snowed in at their place for several days. They made the most of this time and enjoyed many board games and just being together. However during the cold snap, Rorey and son traveled to Sioux Falls and headed back on Tuesday with a horse & horse trailer. They survived two nights in their pick up that was parked in Murdo. They returned home on Friday afternoon and were very happy to be home. Hundreds were stranded between Murdo and New Underwood where those communities in Wall, Murdo and

Wicksville made accommodations in their community centers for cold weary travelers.

This Saturday, Dean Wink, Gary Cammack, and Kirk Chaffee will take their oath of office for this next legislative session that begins next Tuesday, January 10. It is a special year because we will have an Inauguration Ceremony in the Rotunda of the Capitol where Larry Rhoden will be sworn in as Lt. Governor for his 2nd term on Saturday, along with Governor Kristi Noem. Larry will be sworn in on his mother's and father's Bibles that are tied together. His dad's Bible was one that he carried during WWII with a metal cover for protection. His mother's Bible is worn and tattered because of so much use. This makes the swearing in much more meaningful for him and Sandy.

The Capitol Ball and Inaugural Ball will be held Saturday evening. It is an exciting time as the families and close friends will be in attendance for the evening as they celebrate the new group of leaders for the next four years. All of the Larry Rhoden boys and their ladies should all be in attendance. Other family members like Larry's brothers and Sandy's sisters and 94 year old mother, Marlyn, along with friends like Bob & Yvonne Barry, Francie Brink and others will be there as well.

Atall School will hold their re-scheduled Christmas program this Wednesday night. The Meade School in Union Center will hold theirs on Thursday of this week. The time is unknown at this time.

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy and Blessed New Year in 2023!

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From the Capitol



## Always Ready, Always There - Our National Guard



**Gov. Kristi Noem**

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The men and women in our National Guard serve with excellence. They take their job seriously, so I take my responsibility to them as their Commander in Chief very seriously.

This week, I visited our 109th Regional Support Group at Fort Hood, Texas. They are staging to ship out to the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. They will support troops on the ground in a wide variety of missions. Normally, we'd hold a deployment ceremony to say farewell and Godspeed, but the winter storms made that ceremony impossible for these troops. I thought it was important for them to know that I have their back – that while they're defending Freedom over there, I'll do my part to defend Freedom here.

While they're gone, they will

be in harm's way. They'll have families here at home concerned about them but so proud of their service. And when they come home, they'll return to a grateful state and nation.

Speaking of the winter storms, our National Guard has been responding to those, too, particularly with assistance to our Native American tribes. We've put out into the field 6 payloaders, 3 snowblowers, 2 refuelers, 2 contact trucks, 2 wreckers, 9 semis and trailers, and 5 dump trucks full of firewood to help the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and Oglala Sioux Tribe deal with the effects of the winter storm.

I want to remind us why our troops serve us, and I'm going to borrow from America's great orator, President Abraham Lincoln. In August 1864, as the Civil War continued on, President Lincoln thanked the 166th Ohio Regiment with these

famous words:

"For the service you have done in this great struggle in which we are engaged, I present you sincere thanks for myself and the country... It is not merely for today, but for all time to come that we should perpetuate for our children's children this great and free government, which we have enjoyed all our lives. I beg you to remember this, not merely for my sake, but for yours... The nation is worth fighting for, to secure such an inestimable jewel."

We ask a lot of our Guard. We ask them to help keep our nation the "inestimable jewel" that we know and love. And they give us more than what we ask. They're real American heroes. I am humbled to serve as their Commander in Chief, and I am grateful for their service every single day. God bless our troops!

## Noem commutes seven prison sentences, including three women serving time for manslaughter

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*Convicts will serve out the remainder of their sentences on parole.*

Gov. Kristi Noem announced the commutations of seven people incarcerated in South Dakota late last month.

The seven had their sentences commuted to parole for the remainder of their sentences. They will have to undergo electronic monitoring which includes monitoring for alcohol use.

"These seven individuals have each earned a second chance," Noem said in a release. "Each of these individuals has demonstrated a low risk of recidivism. They are being released with precautions in place such as electronic monitoring and parole supervision to

help them succeed."

Each offender, the announcement said, had followed rules and policies and showed a propensity for success on parole supervision.

The seven individuals receiving commuted sentences are:

Danielle Blakney, 30, who is incarcerated in the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre on possession of schedule one and schedule two drugs. She was sentenced Sept. 6 to eight years in prison, according to the Department of Corrections.

Jamie Christine Bosone, 38, in the South Dakota Women's Prison for possession of controlled substances and keeping a place for use or sale of controlled substances. She was serving four years and nine months, sentenced on Aug. 2.

Jerome R. Ferguson, 44, who is in the Sioux Falls Work Center. He was sentenced April

12 to four years and six months for possession of a controlled Substance.

Britni Jean Goodhart, 32, at the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls. She was sentenced March 15 to four years and five months for possession of a controlled substance.

Connie Hirsch, 59, who is in the Pierre Minimum Security Center. She was sentenced March 17, 2012 to 32 years and five months for first-degree manslaughter.

Tammy Kvasnicka, 40, serving a 58-year sentence for first-degree manslaughter. She is incarcerated in the Pierre Minimum Security Center. She was sentenced Nov. 7, 2014. Whitney Renae Turney, 34, who was sentenced to 22 years and three months for first-degree manslaughter. She is serving time in the South Dakota Women's Prison.

## SD Supreme Court Opinion Bolsters Work Comp Rights

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An employee injured while performing work duties is entitled to receive work compensation benefits even though she previously had a similar injury, the South Dakota Supreme Court ruled.

The ruling, published Thursday, affirms decisions made by the South Dakota Department of Labor and Circuit Judge Christina Klinger, both finding that Destiny Schoon should have received benefits following the injury.

Schoon worked part time for News America Marketing as an advertising representative, and her duties included hanging advertising signage on store shelves and ceilings. On May 7, 2015, Schoon was using a screwdriver to loosen a screw on a shelf. The screwdriver

gave way, and Schoon felt a sharp pain in her shoulder that worsened over the next 24 hours.

Upon seeking medical care, she complained about spasms

in her neck and shoulder pain. An MRI revealed a herniated disk in her lower neck, and a neurosurgeon recommended that the disk be replaced with an artificial disk.

News America Marketing and its insurance company, Farmington Casualty Co., hired Dr. Jeffrey Nipper of ExamWorks to perform an independent medical examination of Schoon. The IME included a physical examination and a review of Schoon's records.

Nipper concluded that Schoon had strained her shoulder and that the herniated disk in her spine was unrelated to the work

injury. Rather, he thought the neck injury was the result of two auto accidents, one in 2001 and the other in 2003, that Schoon had been in, as well as a fall in which Schoon fractured her wrist in 2004.

Based on Nipper's opinion, Farmington Casualty denied Schoon's claim. Schoon received medical treatment for the previous accidents, and in a lawsuit related to her fall, a chiropractor testified that she would likely suffer "residuals" from the auto accident for the rest of her life.

In 2009, Schoon received cervical injections that dramatically reduced her pain, and she was able to work 60 hours a week and play softball. An MRI showed impingement of the

Work Comp B5



## What to Expect in 2023

While many are planning their new year's resolutions, getting ready to go back to school, and soaking up the last days of the holidays, Congress is gearing up for a shift in majority.

The top of many minds and news stories is the race for House Speaker. While there has been some uncertainty of a Speaker Kevin McCarthy (CA), I believe he will prevail. We have much more important things to focus on—like the border, inflation, China, and crime—so I am hopeful the Speaker vote will move quickly.

Here's a few things to expect from a Republican-led House of Representatives:

### Fiscal Responsibility

America is more than \$32 trillion in debt. This is not a problem to be ignored and left to our children to solve. A Republican-led House will be able to block any additional reckless spending by the Biden Administration and Congressional Democrats. Doing so will help slow inflation. Over the past two years, I have opposed more than \$13 trillion in Democrat spending packages and will continue to do the same.

### China

China is not our friend. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) continues to expand its authoritarian regime in multiple spheres of our lives. Their negative influence of TikTok

content for American youth and increased purchases American farmland and ag businesses poses a geopolitical threat to our national security. Next Congress, Republicans will establish a Select Committee on China to investigate the CCP's actions and propose policies to ensure America is prepared to tackle this security threat.

### Border Security

The situation at the southern border is a crisis—a humanitarian crisis, national security crisis, and public safety crisis. I'm grateful the end of Title 42 was delayed last week, preventing a greater influx of migrants at our border that is already under stress. I'm hopeful for bipartisan support in this area to secure our border and increase public safety.

### Farm Bill

Every five years, the Farm Bill gets reauthorized. The last Farm Bill was authorized in 2018, which means it needs adjusted and passed again in 2023. Some titles that are included are conservation, crop insurance, and nutrition programs. I'm hopeful to be a chairman of a subcommittee within the House Agriculture Committee, giving me a lead role in drafting parts of this bill.

The next Congress will be pretty busy, and I am looking forward to bringing home more wins for South Dakota.

## Sen. John Thune Supports Annual Defense Bill Ellsworth Air Force Base Priorities

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) today applauded the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2023. The bill contains numerous priorities that benefit South Dakota and the future B-21 bomber mission at Ellsworth Air Force Base, including nearly \$336 million for new facility construction and the revival of a program to help school districts accommodate significant increases in students as a result of additional military families moving to the area to prepare for mission growth.

"Providing for our nation's defense is one of the most serious and consequential responsibilities for members of Congress," said Thune. "I

am committed to ensuring that Ellsworth Air Force Base and its surrounding communities have everything they need for the B-21 bomber mission so Ellsworth can continue to serve as one of our nation's essential military assets for decades to come."

The NDAA includes a modified version of Thune's Dynamic Airspace Pilot Program Act of 2022, legislation that requires the Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Defense (DoD) to establish a pilot program to support the development of "dynamic airspace" to improve how airspace boundaries are managed to accommodate modern military training requirements like longer engagement distances.

### NDAA priorities for South Dakota include:

- \$3.25 billion for B-21 bomber development and \$1.78 billion for low-rate initial production of the aircraft
- \$335.9 million for military construction, including:
- LO Restoration Facility, \$41 million
- Radio Frequency Facility, \$84.9 million
- Weapons Generation Facility, \$50 million
- Increased authorization to address inflation
- \$15 million for school districts serving military families' students to accommodate enrollment changes due to base closures, force structure changes, or force relocations
- Extends DoD authority to increase Basic Allowance for Housing in regions of high demand
- Extends prohibition on reducing B-1 maintenance personnel or further reduction in aircraft unless replaced with B-21s
- Establishes a dynamic airspace pilot program that would bolster training ranges like the Powder River Training Complex
- \$23 million for B-1 bomber squadrons, including \$10 million for hypersonic integration validation testing
- Extends \$12 million authorization for Joe Foss Field aircraft maintenance shops
- Multi-year procurement authority for Long Range Anti-Ship Missiles and Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missiles used by the B-1

Source: Sen. John Thune's Office



Artist rendering of the new B-21 Raider bomber whose training facility will be based at Ellsworth AFB.

# These Issues Were News in 2022; They'll Be News in 2023

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Just because we've entered a new year doesn't mean we get to leave behind the controversies of the old year.

Indeed, with the South Dakota Legislature beginning its session next week, old controversies are about to rage again. Some with even more gusto than before.

Let's take a quick tour:

## Abortion

The pro-life movement fought for 50 years to get Roe v. Wade overturned. When that happened June 24, abortion in South Dakota immediately became illegal because of a law passed in 2005. That law, signed by then governor and now Sen. Mike Rounds, said that if the High Court ever overturned Roe, abortion would become illegal.

And so it is.

The trigger law was an example of the Legislature doing all that it could over the past couple decades to add restrictions

to the procedure, even going so far as to outlaw abortion in 2006 – an action rejected by voters.

Now, with abortion illegal, the pro-life side finds itself trying to preserve what they won through the 2005 legislative and the U.S. Supreme Court.

There will be no shortage of debate in the coming weeks.

There will be attempts to overturn the 2005 trigger law, which would make abortion legal again, albeit under the strict regulatory system that previously existed. That included restrictions on when and where abortions could take place, parental consent for minors as well as mandatory waiting periods and counseling.

On a separate front, abortion rights backers are aiming to put the issue back on the ballot in 2024 after abortion was on the ballot in 2006 and 2008. In both of those instances, voters chose to keep the procedure legal.

Dakotans for Health has been collecting signatures for the ballot after the Secretary of State's Office approved its petition on Sept. 19 for circulation.

Life Defense Fund, a pro-life group, has launched an effort to get voters to not sign the petition.

## Marijuana

Voters rejected legalizing recreational cannabis in November, but the backers of that measure say they will be back on the ballot in 2024.

If it comes to pass, it would be the third time in as many elections that voters would get to weigh in on the issue.

They legalized cannabis in 2020, but the South Dakota Supreme Court ruled that the measure violated the state Constitution.

If it makes the ballot in 2024, the electorate would likely look more like 2020 than 2022. That's because 2020 and 2024 are presidential years, and that means more voters than in off-presidential elections.

But the Legislature will also weigh in on marijuana. Some lawmakers want more restrictions in the state's medical marijuana program. Look for

legislation that would make it harder for people to qualify to get medical marijuana cards from doctors.

## Tax Policy

The state's 4.5 percent sales tax rate became a big issue at the end of the last legislative session, with lawmakers dueling on various proposals to reduce that tax. One idea was to throttle the tax back down to 4 percent, where it had been before 2016.

Another proposal that emerged late in the session was the idea of eliminating the entire 4.5 percent on food purchases.

And that's where Gov. Kristi Noem comes in. Noem made that a central issue in her campaign for re-election. And in her budget speech last month, she made a food tax cut her central issue, framing the speech around the notion that the economy is strong and that the state can afford to give up the revenue generated by the sales tax on food, which would cost

the state about \$100 million a year.

So Noem has signaled that she will come hard to the hoop to get that cut, and she will have plenty of allies in the Legislature.

But uncertain economic times, as well as competing proposals, could prove to be a wall too high. The Legislative Research Council has data suggesting that if the state were to not include the effects of inflation and federal stimulus dollars, sales tax revenues are actually down, casting doubt on whether a cut is affordable.

Meanwhile, some suggest eliminating the tax on food isn't much of a tax cut. They would prefer cutting half a percentage point on everything, not just food.

And then there are lawmakers who are more concerned about escalating property taxes than they are about sales tax. The Legislature wrapped up a summer study on property taxes in 2022, so proposals are coming to reduce them.

## From B4 Work Comp

disk in her neck, but not to the degree the 2015 MRI showed following her workplace injury.

Schoon appealed the denial of benefits to the Department of Labor. Three of her treating physicians submitted testimony that supported her appeal. Nipper submitted testimony on behalf of the insurance company in which he concluded that the injury could not have caused the disk herniation.

The department ruled on Schoon's behalf, awarding her permanent partial disability benefits and medical expenses. The company appealed to circuit court, but Klinger also sided with Schoon.

The company's appeal to the Supreme Court hinged on whether Klinger had erred by affirming the department, and

whether she erred by finding the opinions of Schoon's three doctors more persuasive than Nipper's, and whether one of those doctors had adequate foundation for his opinion. The Supreme Court rejected the company's arguments in an opinion by Chief Justice Steven Jensen.

"Despite the fact that claimant sought medical care for other issues between 2009 and 2015, employer/insurer presented no evidence that claimant needed or sought additional treatment for her neck and shoulder during this timeframe," Jensen wrote. "Moreover, there was also evidence that claimant remained employed full-time, working up to 60 hours per week, and was physically active until her 2015 injury."

The ruling was a unanimous 5-0 decision.

## Census Data: SD Has Fifth Highest Growth Rate

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South Dakota was one of about a dozen states that saw its population grow by 1.10 percent or larger from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022, the U.S. Census Bureau reports.

Overall, the state had the fifth-largest population increase over that year, based on the percentage of growth. The 1.5 percent increase comes from the Census Bureau's yearly population estimates. It's the largest increase of any state in the Midwest, which, as a region, saw a decline in population.

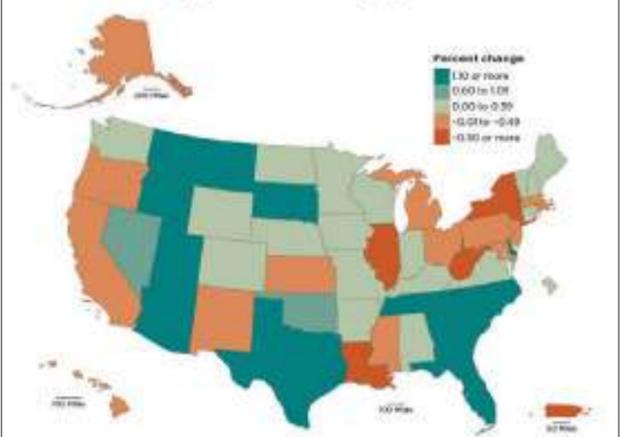
The state's rate of population increase was exceeded only by that of Florida, Idaho, South Carolina and Texas.

New York, Illinois, Louisiana, West Virginia and Hawaii saw the biggest decreases.

As of July 1, the Census Bureau estimated South Dakota's population at 909,824. Since 2020, South Dakota's

population grew by 2.5 percent, the ninth fastest, according to an analysis of Census Bureau data by The Dakota Scout.

Percent Change in State Population: July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022



Hettinger  
Research  
Extension Center

### INVITATION TO BID – NDSU Hettinger Project #2

Sealed bids for the NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center, Hettinger ND – Livestock Lab will be received at ICON Architectural Group until 11am CST Thursday January 12th, 2023, after which they will be opened and read aloud in the conference room at ICON Architectural Group, 222 East Main Street, Suite B, Mandan, ND 58554

Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Interested parties are invited to attend. It is the responsibility of the bidders to see that mailed or delivered bids are received by the deadline listed above.

Bids will be received at that time for a General Contractor, Mechanical Contractor and Electrical Contractor, or combined contract.

Drawings and specifications prepared by ICON Architectural Group, LLC and their consultants may be seen and examined at the Architect's office or at the following plan exchanges:

- Dodge Plan Room, Construction Market Data, Minneapolis, MN
- Minnesota Builder's Exchanges at Minneapolis
- North Dakota Builder's Exchanges:
  - Bismarck
  - Dickinson
  - Minot
  - Fargo
  - Grand Forks
- South Dakota Builder's Exchanges: Rapid City
- Montana Builder's Exchanges: Billings

Bona fide (Prequalified) contract bidders may secure copies of the proposed contract documents as follows:

- Bidders may request digital copies of the construction documents including addendums by contacting Laura Kendall at ICON Architectural Group at (701) 772-4266 or by contacting Christopher Schauer at NDSU Hettinger REC at (701) 567-4323
- 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)

Each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's Bond in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid, including all add alternates, executed by the bidder as principal and by a Surety Company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and a Contractor's Bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing board.

Cash, cashier's check, or certified checks will not be accepted.

A copy of the contractor's license or certificate of renewal thereof issued by the Secretary of State shall be enclosed in the required bid bond envelope. Envelopes shall be identified as to contents and project.

All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids as provided by Section 43-07-05 of the North Dakota Century Code. No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to bond and licenses and any deficient bid submitted will be re-sealed and returned to the bidder immediately.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities, to reject any and all bids and to hold all bids for a period of 30 days after the date fixed for the opening thereof.

Hettinger  
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### INVITATION TO BID

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125 years ago  
THE TIMES  
January 6, 1898  
*A Gay Time*

A large crowd of happy and merry people, both young and old, gathered at Woodburn hall last Friday evening to attend the New Year's Ball, given by the Home Dramatic club. Simmons Bros orchestra, with N. A. Gibson as conductor furnished the music. The grand march was formed at 9 o'clock and the dancing continued until 11:30 when about twenty-two couples repaired to Mrs. Kilgore's restaurant where they sat down to a supper that surpassed in sumptuousness everything that has occurred in the annual of festivals this season, after which they returned to the hall and danced to "the sweet strains of music, and the remaining couples filled the vacant places at the tables and partook of the bountiful supply of good things before them. Dancing was continued until nearly 5 a.m. Everything passed off smoothly and a more thoroughly satisfied crowd would have been hard to find. Everyone expressed themselves as having had an excellent time, and the Club should feel proud of their success as entertainers, and should they give another ball they are assured of its success.

*Advertised Letters*

List of letters remaining uncalled for, in the Belle Fourche post office Jan. 1st 1898: Gents. C.W. Clark, George Early, Charley Graham, Christoff E. Johnson, Charley Rhodes, N.A. Sipson Ladies Callie Andrews and Maggie Comstock When calling for the above please say "advertised." W. H. Stewart

*Marriage Bells*

Hardly had the marriage bells created to chime for one of our young ladies until they were again pealing out their glad notes in honor of Miss Rose Lutz and Mr. W. W. Robertson, both of this city, who were quietly married in the parlor of the Belle Fourche Hotel last Thursday morning by Rev. A. D. Stockley. Both bride and groom are estimable young people and THE TIMES joins with the entire community in extending congratulations and best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson. The happy couple will reside upon the Bullock ranch.

100 years ago  
Northwest Post  
January 4, 1923  
*Brooks Will be Deputy Sheriff in Pennington County*

Sheriff-elect Lockhart of Pennington County has named Lee R. Brooks of Deadwood as his chief deputy, the latter resigning his position as chief of police of Deadwood to accept the new job. Mr. Brooks is one of the best known and most efficient

officers in western South Dakota and is a real pioneer in that profession. For something like twenty years he was chief of police in Belle Fourche, in the days when this was "wild and woolly," and also served as deputy sheriff under the late Billy Moses. Mr. Brooks was deputy U. S. marshal for eight years under the Wilson administration and was recently appointed chief of police of Deadwood. He has made a fine reputation during his long service as an officer and his many friends here will be pleased to learn of his new position.

*Will Be Hard To Replace*

Julian H. Peason, accompanied by his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Montgomery, left last Thursday morning, via automobile, for California, where they expect to join Mrs. Pearson and the other members of the family who preceded them to that clime some time ago. Mr. Pearson, who is a veteran life insurance man in this section, will probably engage in that business in that country. His father, mother and brother are residents of Glendale, and he may locate in that city. Mr. Pearson's removal from South Dakota will leave a gap hard to fill in Pythian circles, as he was one of the ablest interpreters of the ritualistic work of that order in the entire state and his genius in that respect did much to promote Pythianism in South Dakota. He was one of the guiding lights in the big out-door ceremonials staged last year and the year before in False Bottom canyon. A past grand chancellor of the order in this state, he has always taken a prominent part in its annual sessions and had a wide acquaintance throughout the domain. His friends will all wish himself and family good luck and good health in their new home.

*Changes at the Butte County Courthouse*

Tuesday morning a number of "strange faces" were seen in the several county offices, this being the time when the newly-elected officials took charge of affairs. In the treasurer's office Elmer Ellis of Newell succeeds N. P. Lang, who retires from public life after eight years' service, four as county auditor and four as treasurer. Treasurer Ellis will have as deputies Mrs. Lorraine Hoffman and Miss Vern McClanahan. George Schafer took the oath of office as register of deeds, but will not consider himself firmly located until the contest case instituted by his late opponent, John A. Ross, is settled, when he will know where he "is at." S.W.P. Sellers, the "daddy of them all" retires from the clerk of courts' office, after sixteen years in that capacity, and a total of over thirty-five years as a county official of Butte county.



by Mary Buchholz

He was not a candidate at the late election and will devote his time to his private business affairs. A. W. Burkholder is the new incumbent and is ready to issue marriage licenses or do any other duty required.

75 years ago  
Belle Fourche Daily Post  
January 1, 1948  
*Hide Inspectors To Be Appointed*

Authorization for the appointment of hide inspectors in Butte county was granted this week at a year-end session of the board of commissioners. The board adopted a resolution providing that the sheriff's office may name hide inspectors in each town in the county. Each inspector will be paid 10 cents per hide inspected. Action was taken in accordance with the a South Dakota law which provides that hides are to be inspected and stamped before being offered for sale. To facilitate inspection and to eliminate the necessity of having someone from the sheriff's office here drive to Newell or Vale to check on hides, it was decided that someone should be deputized in Newell, Nisland, Vale and Belle Fourche to carry out that duty. Sheriff Elmer Conner reported the inspectors may be named and the operation of the plan worked out by Jan. 5.

*To Investigate Magazine Report*

Washington, Dec. 31 - The justice department will investigate a recent magazine article which state a United States rocket plane has flown faster than the speed of sound. The air force announced in Washington today that it has requested the justice department to make the investigation. At the same time, the air force cancelled a news conference that Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington had scheduled for Friday. The statement said the secretary had proposed to discuss security matters in connection with the rocket plane - the X-S-1, but it added that these matters now have been taken under study by the department of justice, which has requested postponement of the proposed discussion. An air force spokesman added later that publication of recent X-S-1 data in Aviation Week Magazine has been referred to the justice department.

*School Districts To Get \$1,500,000*

Pierre, Dec. 31 - South Dakota public school districts will get their slices of a \$1,500,000 state aid melon Feb. 1. Superintendent of Public instruction J. F. Hines says the money will be distributed at the rate of \$98.43 per teacher and \$6.95 per pupil.



One-hundred and 10 years of county service are represented in this photo. Left to right, back row: Ernest Gutache, second district county commissioner, who has completed 10 years of service in that post; George Hafner, who steps down from a long career of law career of law enforcement. Hafner was elected Butte county sheriff in 1954 and has served since that time. He held numerous law enforcement positions prior to that time. W. K. Bassett, fourth district county commissioner since 1946. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Max Schuff, was elected in 1968. He chose not to seek re-election. Front, left Ethal Rosander, who has completed a term as register of deeds. She has been at the court house for 26 years, as deputy auditor, deputy treasurer, deputy register of deeds and was elected register of deeds in 1958. Front, right, Ruth Hallinger, steps down after 48 years of service as deputy treasurer and deputy auditor. She began work at the court house in 1924.



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50 years ago  
Belle Fourche Daily Post  
January 1, 1973  
*1972 Weather Sets Record for Cold*

Belle Fourche recorded its 11th consecutive year of above average precipitation as 1972 drew to a close with the total for December of .91 bringing the yearly precipitation figure to 19.75 inches. It was also the 11th wettest year of record, since moisture records were begun in 1909, according to local official weather station records. Several records were set or broken during the year. The coldest temperature was recorded on Jan. 28th, with a 31 below zero reading, the coldest since Jan. 4, 1950. The thermometer dipped below zero nine times in January and four

times in February, then tied the mark of 12 consecutive days in December, matching the figure for 1919, and just one short of the record of 1 consecutive days set in 1916 for December. The reading did go below zero once more in December to make 13, and a total of 26 days below zero for the year. We failed to break the century mark, with a 98 recorded on July 30th, and Aug. 12th and 13th, the three hottest days of the year. A warm spell sent the ice out of the Belle Fourche river on March 9th, flooding the Roundup grounds. The next day, March 10th, saw a new record for the month of March, a 82 degree reading. It didn't get above that reading again until May 15th. Shortly after the disastrous Rapid City flood, Belle Fourche had its own, when Hay creek flooded after a weekend of heavy rains to the west of town. On June 19th the water rose in Belle, causing the evacuation of three homes. Belle Fourche wound up the winter of 1971-72 with a total of 59.3 inches of snow, with the last falling on May 1st. The first fall snow fell on Oct. 5th, with a total of 7 inches that month, and thru the last day of December Belle recorded 29.2 inches of snow for the 1972-73 winter season.



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## Sioux Steel Wins \$12M Jury Verdict in Patent Lawsuit

Illinois jury issues verdict after nearly seven years of litigation

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Sioux Falls-based Sioux Steel Co. has won a \$12 million verdict against an Illinois competitor after a jury found that the company willfully infringed on Sioux Steel's intellectual property.

Prairie Land Millwright Services used that intellectual property to develop a knock-off of a commercial grain bin sweep that had been patented by Sioux Steel. A jury found that Prairie Land and its owner, Duane Chaon, knew that they were infringing on Sioux Steel's intellectual property and depriving Sioux Steel of sales and profits.

The verdict, which remained sealed Friday, was reached by a jury on Dec. 21 in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The judge in the case is expected to enter judgement.

The jury took only a few hours after six days of testimony before reaching its verdict.

Robert Theuerkauf, a lawyer who represented Sioux Steel, said the jury reached the appropriate verdict. Theuerkauf is a partner with the Louisville, Kentucky law firm Gray Ice Higdon.

"This was an important victory for Sioux Steel, a fourth generation, family-owned business, because it invests substantially in obtaining and protecting its intellectual property and prides itself on delivering those innovations to the industry," Theuerkauf said in a statement to The Dakota Scout. "Although there were complex issues for the jury to digest, including the technology developed by Sioux Steel, the efforts of the entire

team resulted in a presentation of the facts in a way the jury was able to understand to reach their verdict. We look forward to assisting Sioux Steel in concluding this litigation and protecting its intellectual property rights."

The verdict comes after nearly seven years of litigation.

Founded more than a century ago in downtown Sioux Falls, Sioux Steel manufactures grain bins and other agriculture products.

At issue in the case was Prairie Land's infringement on a patent that Sioux Steel received from the federal government for its revolutionary Daay Bin Paddle Sweep.

Sioux Steel developed a bin sweep using rubber paddles to sweep grain bin floors. Previous sweep technology relied upon augers. Auger sweeps have proven to be dangerous to workers who can become entangled in their blades, causing lost limbs and even fatalities.

The Daay Bin Paddle Sweep was marketed as a "safe solution for unloading bins."

The new sweeps were safe for workers, and they were manufactured for both small bins and large commercial operations.

"The Daay Bin Sweep is designed to be fully submersed in grain and can unbury itself from a grain avalanche," according to marketing materials used for the sweep. "The sweep is engineered to the most current specifications in the industry. There are no dangerous augers to worry about and it simply moves the grain with flexible rubber paddles."

After Sioux Steel's sweep went on the market, Prairie Land unveiled a sweep called the Bin Gator. The Illinois jury found that the Bin Gator copied the technology used to develop Sioux Steel's Daay Bin Paddle Sweep.

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## Murders and Rapes Down in Latest South Dakota Crime Report, DUIs Jump

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The number of murders committed in South Dakota in 2021 fell by nearly half from the year prior, according to the latest crime report released by the Attorney General's Office Wednesday.

Attorney General Mark Vargo's 207-page Crime in South Dakota 2021 Report found that there were 19 homicides reported by law enforcement agencies throughout the state last year, compared to 35 reported in 2020. That's a 45 percent decrease.

Forcible rape reports also dropped from 2020 to 2021. There were 448 forcible rapes reported in 2021 compared to 499 in 2020.

Drug arrests also fell year-over-year by 15 percent, and by 25 percent in the past five years, according to the report.

But not all crime types fell in 2021.

Driving under the influence offenses, for instance, were up by 12 percent last year when 5,654 DUI arrests were made throughout the state. There were 5,036 DUI arrests in 2020.

Crimes considered less serious, like bad check writing,



non-violent family offenses and disorderly conduct, which are categorized together in the report, were also up by a combined 21 percent in the report.

"Criminal statistics are an indispensable asset to aid in identifying trends in criminal activity," Interim Director of the Division of Criminal Investigation Chad Mosteller said in

a news release publicizing the report. "And that helps law enforcement officers and agencies in their efforts to keep South Dakota communities safe."

In total, South Dakota law enforcement agencies reported a total of 38,160 arrests involving 69,277 offenses in 2021. More serious offenses accounted for 15,210 of those arrests.



Sioux Steel manufacturing facility in downtown Sioux Falls. - Courtesy photo

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**Dakota 38 + 2 Final Ride**

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Dakota 38+2 Wokiksuye Ride is a 330-mile journey that began on Dec. 9, 2022 in Lower Brule, So. Dak., and ended on Dec. 26, 2022 in Mankato, Minn. Wokiksuye means to remember.

The Dakota 38+2 Wokiksuye Ride began in 2005 following a dream of Jim Miller of Porcupine, So. Dak., to ride to the site where 38 Dakota men were hanged on Dec. 26, 1862, the largest mass execution in U.S. history. The '+2' refers to the two Dakota chiefs who fled to Canada and were tracked down for execution. The purpose of the sacred horse ride is to carry the message of reconciliation and healing through love, forgiveness for the trauma caused by the mass execution, and exile of the Dakota people from

their homeland.

The journey is long and the weather is brutal. Temperatures in the Marshall area on Dec. 20 were +3°F at midday with wind chills of -21°F. The horses and their riders traveled along the roadside moving across the vast prairie, as their ancestors did 160 years ago. People of the Oceti Sakowin, or People of the Seven Council Fires, make up the majority of the riders.

This is the final year as the riders and support staff will retire at the conclusion of this sacred journey. In a statement from the Dakota 38+2 Wokiksuye Ride, "The decision to end the ride under this staff came through long periods of prayer and understanding that the sacrifice of the riders and the horse nation has been accepted."



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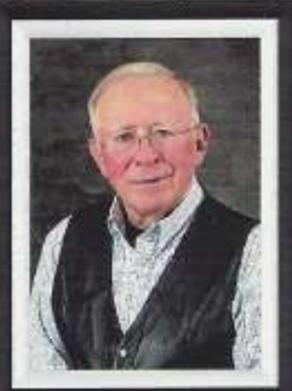
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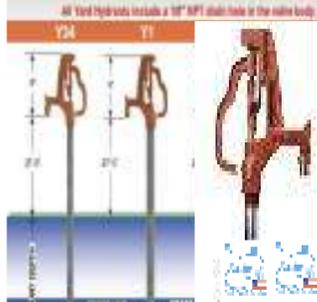
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# Polar Express 2022

The third annual Polar Express, through the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce pressed forward, with its postponement due to the storm Diaz, known as a “generational storm”.

With over two feet of snowfall, the scheduled Polar Express, for December 16-17 was forced to postpone. Even with no snowfall the week of Christmas the blizzard continued, with substantial wind, dangerous low temperatures, creating hazardous road conditions with statewide “no travel” advisories.

Unfortunately many Christmas activities, in Belle Fourche,

were canceled and patrons will try again in the 2023 Christmas season. Fortunately, there was a break in the weather and with the enormous help from the Belle Fourche Public Works and Mother Nature’s lungs finally were tired, our streets were cleared for December 29th and 30th. Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, COWBOYS TOO!, Santa Claus, and Slade Hansen (the Polar Express Conductor) from the Hitching Post Tap House, forged forward with four routes through Belle Fourche, on a Prairie Hills Transit bus, last Thursday and Friday.

Visitors of the Polar Express

met at COWBOYS TOO! (506 State Street) They were greeted by the conductor and visited Santa Claus. While waiting for their bus to arrive, they shopped and ate cookies inside COWBOYS TOO!

It was a great time to visit and chat about Christmas and all the happenings and hopes for 2023. Even though it was ideal to have the Polar Express before Christmas, there were two groups of families happy for the postponement. Families didn’t have a chance to gather until after Christmas, which made grandparents excited to board the Polar Express bus with their grandchildren on December 29th and 30th.

After the Conductor punched their The Polar Express ticket, boarded the bus, and the Con-

ductor shouted “Aaaaaall Aboooooard”, the driver drove off onto State Street with the passengers.

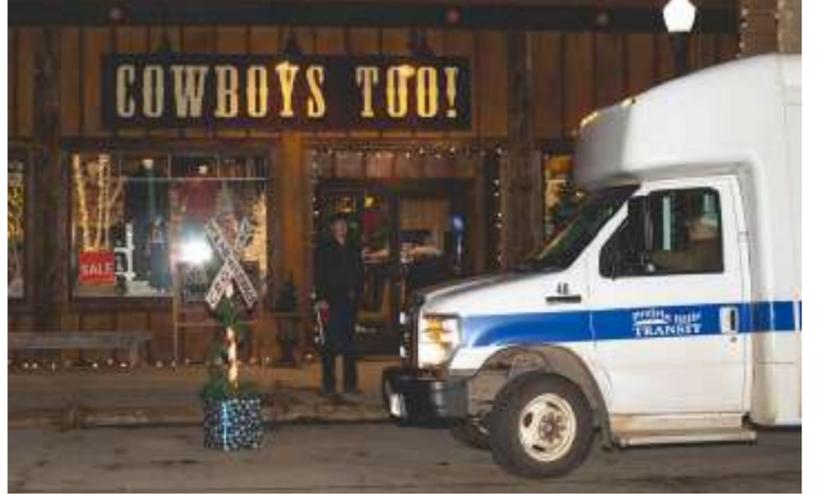
The tour is a 45 minute drive through Belle Fourche viewing Christmas lights of our community. Yes, many houses took advantage of the 40+ degree weather and took down their Christmas lights but there were several die-hard Christmas fans whose houses were lit up. It was a splendorous sight to behold. Twinkling lights, snow blanketed lawns, with still, lit Christmas trees to be seen in living room windows. This almost sold out event for the third year in a row has created wonderful memories and will be a “Come to Christmas in Belle Fourche” tradition for

years to come.

Thank you to Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, COWBOYS TOO!, Black Hills Santa: West River’s Authentic Santa & Mrs Claus and St Nicholas, Hitching Post Tap House, Prairie Hills Transit, and to all the purchased tickets.

We believe everyone is looking forward to the summer events with warmer weather. If you would like to know more about the upcoming Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce events call (605) 892-2676, visit them at 509 Grant Street, Belle Fourche, SD.

You can visit them online at [www.bellefourchechamber.org](http://www.bellefourchechamber.org) or follow along on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BelleFourcheChamber>.



"The Scout at the State Capitol"

South Dakota Rep. Kevin Jensen to challenge Wiik in race for GOP chair

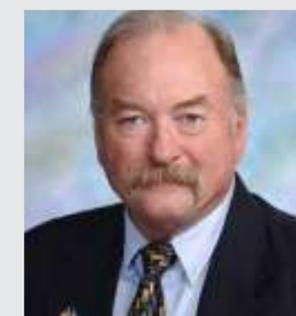
"I like John, and John and I have run a lot of bills together," Jensen said in a phone interview.

committee women who stepped up the last two years deserve a voice," Jensen said.



There will be a contested contest for the next chairman of the South Dakota GOP.

Jensen said following the 2020 election, more everyday-South Dakotans began taking an interest in Republican Party politics.



Rep. Kevin Jensen

Jensen will face off against John Wiik, the state senator from Watertown who has the backing of the GOP establishment.

If elected chair at the South Dakota Republican Party Central Committee meeting on Jan. 14, he said he'd work to change that with more collaboration between the state central committee and the county GOP committees.

Althoff, a Yankton native, has been involved in the Diocese administration of social ministry programs that touched areas of education, health care, food security, emergency shelter and housing.

"The party belongs to the people, and I think the committee men and humility, and a fresh perspective to the Department of Social Services," Noem said in a statement announcing the appointment.

"I am incredibly grateful to receive Gov. Noem's appointment. It will be my honor to advocate for the most vulnerable in our midst, to ensure that protection and aid is delivered to them in an impactful way, and to exercise good stewardship with our precious taxpayer monies," Althoff said.

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He'll assume his new role on Jan. 23.



Matt Althoff

Catholic Diocese chancellor to lead South Dakota Social Services Department

Joe Sneve, a long-time Catholic Diocese chancellor will head the state of South Dakota's social services office.

Gov. Kristi Noem Friday announced the appointment of Matt Althoff to serve as secretary of the South Dakota Department of Social Services following the retirement of DSS Secretary Laurie Gill.

Althoff joins state government after working for the Diocese of Sioux Falls for the past 15 years, notably assisting the late Bishop Paul Swain in developing the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, a homeless outreach facility in Sioux Falls.

South Dakota Regents want another tuition freeze, counter to Noem budget

South Dakota public colleges and technical education schools could see a third consecutive year of tuition freezes.

The Board of Regents will push to keep tuition rates static at the eight public universities it governs, despite Gov. Kristi Noem opting not to put the \$8.5 million funding request in her proposed budget.

And lawmakers who also want to freeze the cost of post-secondary education for students and families in South Dakota will look for another \$2.5 million to hold the line on tuition at tech-ed schools across the state as well.

Regent Jeff Partridge told The Dakota Scout that amid record inflation hitting all sectors of the economy, the board found merit in requesting another tuition freeze.

"We have not seen inflation in the 8s (percentages)," he said. "So lets be proactive for the kids."

are not typically paid through state general funds, leaving the universities to rely on tuition and fees to cover salaries. But the Legislature used historic revenues to send additional general funds to public universities to allow for salary increases while freezing tuition.

That'll be necessary again if the Legislature gets behind the regents' \$8.5 million budget request, which is based on anticipated salary increases for public university staff of 6 percent. No health care cost increases are anticipated in the regents' budget request.

The Noem administration, which is pushing for a food tax cut expected to eliminate more than \$100 million in state revenue annually, is not supportive of the request.

"The governor proposed a balanced budget," said Jim Terwilliger, commissioner of the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management. "When additional spending requests are made, then other priorities in that budget cannot be met."

Legislative leaders in both the

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" by John Newby

How Wall Street Extracts Dollars From a Community

When I chose to name my weekly column, "Building Main Street, not Wall Street", I did so with the thought of providing information to small and medium-sized communities; communities that often lack the financial resources to climb the mountains that must be climbed to transform and/or revitalize.



Let me start by saying, if you bank locally, these funds typically remain local benefiting your community. If you don't bank locally or regionally, these funds leave your community or region forever, never to return.

cards. Many of us use them almost exclusively for the sake of convenience. Let's see how that shakes out when a consumer purchases that same item via a credit card.

The consumer will still receive that same \$50 value from their purchase. The retailer however will receive approximately \$46 or \$47 as Wall Street has extracted their 3-4% credit card transaction fee. In essence that community has lost 4% of every credit card transaction forever.

As these credit card transactions increase, what happens to that \$50? As the number of these transactions increase, after roughly 25 transactions, that entire \$50 that was circulating throughout the community as cash is now completely wiped out through credit card fees never to be seen in that com-

munity again. Imagine the amount of cash flowing out of every community in the County through a simple thing such as credit card fees. Of course, that only magnifies if one isn't paying off their credit card debts each month. At that point, your community is losing those interest dollars; that is another discussion for another day.

Don't take this the wrong way, it would be nearly impossible for many to forgo credit card usage, that is not the intent of this column. The intent is to make people aware of where their money is going and how that impacts the entire community. As with anything, moderation is the key, it is no different with your usage of credit cards.

The point that needs to be made is if you are banking with a Wall Street bank, you might want to reconsider your banking partner. By banking locally, or even regionally, you are keeping those dollars within your local or regional community.

Those dollars are then used to make home loans, auto loans, and the list goes on, to local customers spending local dollars with local businesses.

It is true that only one of us won't be able to change our community. It takes an army of people all rowing in the same direction to facilitate real change or transformation. The army need not all make major changes, but if each of us make some little changes, over time, all those little changes equal huge results. Start making little changes for a greater tomorrow.

John Newby is a nationally recognized Columnist, Publisher, Community, Business, Media, Strategic Consultant & Speaker. His "Building Main Street, not Wall Street," column is enjoyed by 60+ communities around the country. As founder of Truly-Local, he assists community and business leaders in building synergies that create vibrant communities. He can be reached at: info@Truly-Local.com.

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# 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.

Coming up soon is this great opportunity to learn more about or become involved in the local theater scene: The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) ANNUAL MEETING will be on 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 21 - Belle Fourche Writers regular meeting from 10 am to noon at the library.
- JANUARY 14 - BFACT ANNUAL MEETING from 7-8 PM at VENUE 519.
- JANUARY 16 - BFMS Winter Band Concert, BELLE FOURCHE REC CENTER THEATER.
- JANUARY 23 - BFHS Competitive ONE ACT PERFORMANCE - 7 PM. This is the public performance of the show that will compete at Regional One Act on January 25th.
- MARCH 9 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: DAN MILLER'S COWBOY MUSIC REVIEW Best of Cowboy and American at the Rec Center 7pm
- MARCH 17 & 18 - BFMS PLAY - A 3-ACT Travel Through Time.
- MARCH 30, 2023 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: TAKE 3 - High Energy w/Violin, Piano & Cello at the rec center 7pm.
- APRIL 24 - Center of the Nation Concert Series presents: HOW SWEET IT IS! Tribute to James Taylor at the rec center 7pm.
- MAY 6 - GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER - for the FINE ARTS BOOSTERS ANNUAL COMMUNITY VARIETY SHOW!

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at [belle-lavenue@gmail.com](mailto:belle-lavenue@gmail.com). I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!



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## The Twelve Days of Christmas Revisited

Meg English

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Christmas traditions are hard to explain.

Imagine this conversation between a grandparent and precocious four year-old child 60 years from now:

Child: Did Santa Claus come down your chimney when you were a child in Belle Fourche? Did he bring lots of presents?

Grandparent: (Thinking fast) Ah, yes, sure of course he did. But he didn't come down the chimney in those days... Ah my first Santa sighting was on Black Friday... that's it... he was riding on a float and throwing out candy at, I mean to all the kids in the light up the night parade...

Child: What's Black Friday? Grandparent: Why it was the day after Thanksgiving! (growing nostalgic) Black Friday was the biggest shopping day ever. People went crazy shopping for the best deals no matter what it cost...

Child: Why was it called Black Friday? Grandparent: (speechless, changes subject) Well here in Belle Fourche we shopped locally, at least we tried too, and we had our own celebration, a parade, community chili feed, horse drawn carriage rides...

Child: That sounds fun, but what did you do between Thanksgiving and Christmas? Grandparent: Well we kept shopping for gifts of course. After we spent hours waiting in line to pay for the gifts we would head home to spend more hours wrapping gifts in festive colored paper! Believe me, there was plenty for to be done in those days!

Child: Wasn't it Santa's job to make gifts and bring them to all the children? Grandparent: Ah, yes, Santa brought gifts too. (Changing subject) Don't forget that we had lots of parties to go too, Christmas concerts, and oh the calories! Oh and we also went to church!

Child: Why? Grandparent: To celebrate the baby Jesus, of course and to sing carols about holly and ivy, Good King Wenseslas, trees, Christmas pudding and marinated Boar's head.

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The dialogue goes on...

Contemporary Christmas traditions are often difficult to explain. Many are derived from traditions past that are no longer meaningful in a modern context. Others are the result of practical adaptations.

In the northern hemisphere, there is at least one common feature of Christmastime. It's dark. The days are short. The winter solstice occurs on December 21st and by the 25th, the days are growing longer and this too is good reason for celebration.

Many of our more obscure traditions can be traced back to Tudor times in England. Five hundred years ago, Advent was time of abstinence and fasting, similar to lent today.

The Christmas season began on Christmas day and lasted for 12 days ending on the epiphany on January 6 the day the Magi arrived in Bethlehem.

After a long month of fasting, people were ready to party.

Each of the twelve days is associated with a specific tradition although generally the twelve days of Christmas was a time for games, letting go, eating, and drinking.

During the long winter nights spirits were said to walk the earth so naturally ghost stories told around the fireplace on Christmas Eve was a popular way to begin the holiday.

Father Christmas, a precursor of Santa personified Christmas, left gifts of bread and spread goodwill. A character who presided over Christmas was the Lord of Misrule. His role was to perform pranks and upset the social order, mainly for fun. Because it was the Christmas season, jokes and pranks on one another were tolerated.

Regarding food, there was not a firm demarcation between sweet and savory. Mince pies, for example were really mince-meat pies with finely chopped suet and spices. Some currents or fruit might have been included.

A popular main dish was brawn (head cheese) made of a boar's head. Boned and stuffed with ground meat, boiled in wine, the full head including tusks was served on a platter with an apple in its mouth. The boar's head was a main dish served and it came with a cere-

monious boar's head song as it was presented.

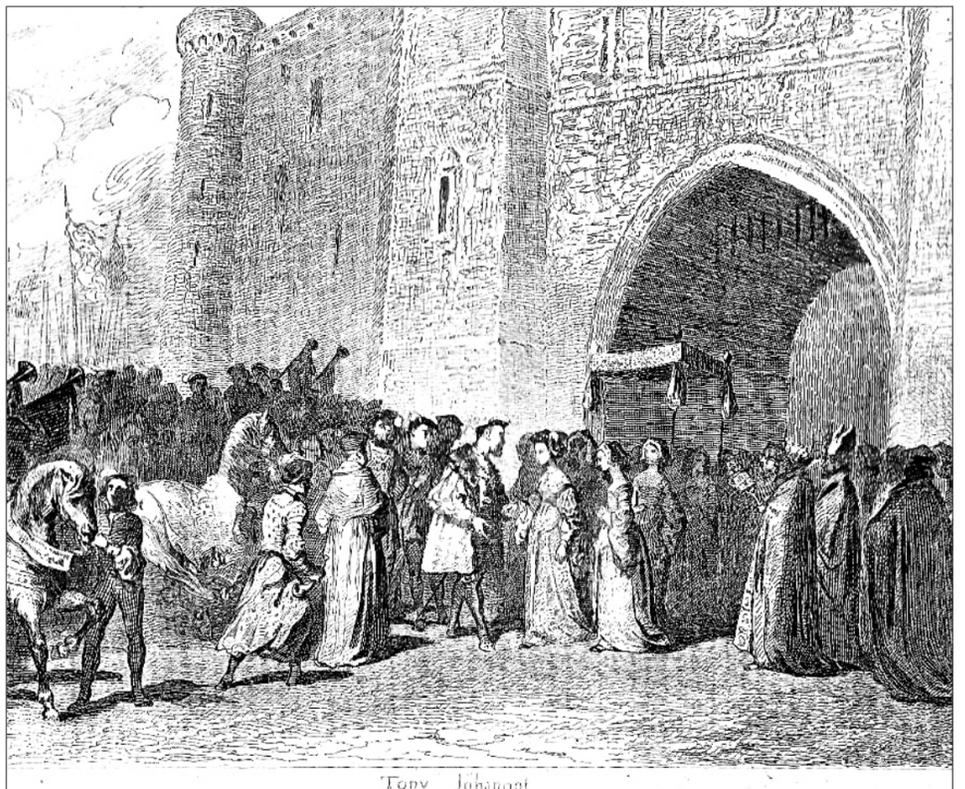
Peacock and swan were also stuffed and served.

The final day of Christmas was twelfth night. Supposedly this was the largest feast of all.

Most of these delicacies were prepared and paid for by the royal households. Anything that was not eaten was distributed outside the palace gates. These gifts of food to the poor were called "alms".

For whatever it's worth, in the modern world we celebrate Christmas before the December 25th. In Tudor times, Christmas was celebrated after the 25th. Many ancient traditions come and go, but the dark nights of winter have remained the same.

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/tudor/alison-weir-tudor-christmas-history-advent-calendar-festive-facts-siobhan-clarke/>



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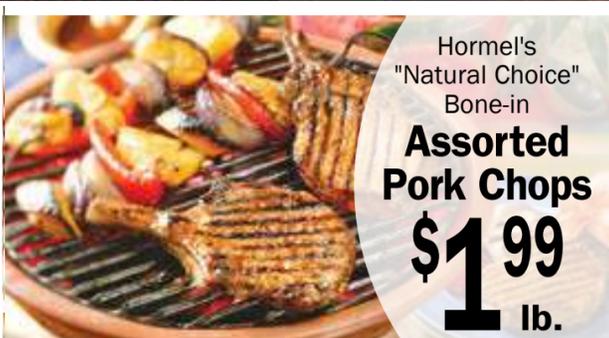


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8 Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Rosemary Cream Brussel Sprouts Plums	9 Roasted Turkey Wild Rice Peas & Carrots Cranberry Sauce Carrot Cake	10 Roast Beef Gravy Mashed Potatoes Roasted Carrots Pears Jello Salad	11 BBQ Chicken Veggie Medley Pasta Salad Peaches Chocolate Chip Cookie	12 Pork Stew Green Beans Biscuits Spiced Apples Molasses Cookie	13 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Spinach Salad with Fruit Foccacia Bread	14 Deluxe Chicken Patty Sandwich Tomato Soup Cucumber Salad Tropical Fruit
15 Turkey Ala King Egg Noodles Mixed Veggies Dinner Roll Peaches Peanut Butter Kiss Cookie	16 Chicken Tortilla Soup Roasted Corn Mexican Corn Bread Pineapple Lime Jello Salad	17 Smoked Sausage Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potatoes Glazed Carrots Tropical Fruit	18 Beef Tips French Fries Green Beans Garden Salad Pears Rootbeer Float	19 Parmesean Crusted Chicken Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Apple Crisp	20 Liver & Onions OR Deluxe Cheese Burger Roasted Reds Peas Citrus Salad	21 Ham & Bean Soup Veggie & Cheese Pinwheel Pears Apricot Bars
22 Pork Roast Gravy Roasted Root Veggies Garden Salad Melons	23 Chicken Cordon Bleu Creamy Risotto Broccoli Tropical Fruit No Bake Cookie	24 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peach Cobbler	25 Sausage Gravy Biscuits Parmesean Zucchini Bake Fruit Juice	26 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Veggie Medley Cranberry Sauce	27 Swedish Meatballs Egg Noodles Peas & Carrots Watergate Salad w/Pineapple	28 Pumpkin Soup Chicken Salad On Leafy Greens Blueberry Muffin Pears
29 Unbreaded Fish Wild Rice Asparagus Garden Salad Pineapple	30 Pulled Pork Sandwich Potato Salad Cheesy Broccoli Raisin Bars	31 Meatloaf Baked Potato Stewed Tomatoes Green Beans Waldorf Salad	1	2	3	4



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## New Vendors and Products

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NEWELL – Saturday, January 7, will showcase a who new variety of products and craftsmen and women at the NVN Senior Center, according to organizer Patty Kayras.

On Saturday, December 3, in cooperation with those attending the Newell Festival of Trees there was an option to shop at the NVN Senior Center. Hand-made gifts from hand-crafted wooden items to paintings, and specialty mugs were on display. Other offerings included flea market style items that were too good a deal to pass up.

Adam Burgess of Belle Fourche displayed and sold some fine quality artwork including chalks and charcoals.

"I was lucky enough to have the owners of American West Restaurant (now Los Agave) display and allow me to sell some of my stuff there," said Burgess. His artwork takes literally hours to create the fine detail, so he supplements that endeavor with different wood crafts, including everything from crosses, to cutting boards, to gun racks. The young man takes custom orders on the woodwork and will create personalized pieces.

Burgess's mother, Debra Bankston, an artist in her own right, creates some unique pieces of macrame, a craft style from years ago that is making a comeback. They will both be present on the first Saturday in January.

Seth Knutson, grandson of Donna Knutson of Vale, displayed his custom-created wooden flags. Each one is unique as they are not mass-produced and can be personalized with names, initials and colored stripes representing military, police, fire department members or emergency services.

His grandma hosted his vendor table with him, showing her diamond art. "I'll do custom pieces for anyone who has a request," said Donna of her artwork. She showed some special holiday artwork, including a beautiful Christmas tree.

"I have a lot of new vendors with totally new crafts coming in from all over," said Kayra. Several of those new vendors include: Chelon Fichter of Hermosa, who will be making varieties of roasted nuts on site. Michelle Verbeck will be showcasing Frachteling, which is wood fracturing done with electricity. Chris Tripp of Belle Fourche will be bringing his die-cast car collection. This young man and his family have been involved in highlighting

Vendors D2

## Starting a New Chapter



Jay Olson spreads out pieces of leather which will be formed into chaps in the back room of K Bar J Leather in Newell. Olson purchased K Bar J Leather last year from Jack and Kelly Gully. - Brunner photo (Story below)

## Heading for 21 Years

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NEWELL – K Bar J Leather celebrated 20 years of doing business in Newell last year. And it was the final year with Jack and Kelly Gully as owners. But the new owner, Jay Olson, of Belle Fourche, and the Gully's are no strangers.

"We (Jay and his wife Abby) purchased K Bar J Leather from Jack and Kelly Gully in August of 2022," said Jay. "The Gully's

have been long time friends; Jack and I have spent many years riding around together day-working for area ranches as well as for each other. They have been great mentors in many ways and we are truly blessed to still have them close by as a great asset for help and knowledge as we carry on the business that they put so much hard work into to make into the successful operation it is today.

Olson grew up on a fami-

ly-owned ranch near Fruitdale, with his parents working as a contract act for PRCA rodeos, and Jay and Abby rodeoing in college. He later rode saddle broncs in the PRCA until the couple started their family, which consists of two boys, Jory and Jace. "My grandparents were also a great influence in our life and Abby was raised on a farm and horse outfit from Hazel where they raised Driftwood-bred horses."

The Olson's plan to continue the good service that K Bar J is known for and most former customers are still on board.

"We provide leather goods (which we ship) around the country; from day planners and breast collars to chaps," said the new owner. "We have many products that we sell but we are primarily a chap company."

Olson said he and his wife love the western way of life. People from all walks of life utilize their products, where in the show pen or a working cowboy, their customers are people they can relate to.

"We had been hashing around about a business to start or purchase that fit our personal likes and we could really enjoy doing the rest of our lives and K Bar J is what we kept coming back to. We both love the products and could stand behind its quality and the atmosphere of the shop. I mentioned this to Jack one day and here we are," said Jay. Ol-

son said it is definitely a family business, with his job handling the day-to-day operations at the shop and Abby doing all the accounting.

"Our crew at the shop, several of which have been there for the past 20 years, make it all work," he said. "They are a very neat group of people that I spend a lot of time with and I trust immensely. They are my shop family."

Olson said what makes K Bar J unique is that the employees take great pride in what they do, with every pair of chaps, every lasered award, every item that leaves the shop was built by someone who wants to see a quality item go out and be appreciated.

"We build quality leather goods for the equine industry," he said. "Every day is a special event." The company can build custom prizes or gifts, and the store also carries a line of Red Horse Design purses and other items built by Kelly Gully.

The Olson's sons even come in and work in the shop, helping lace chaps. During the last couple of storms, his mother, Judy, came into the shop to help them get caught up.

Contact can be made via the shop at 605-456-1332, email at kjleather@sdplains.com, or on Facebook at K Bar J Leather Company. They are open Mon-

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Gerry Stumpf, an employee at K Bar J Leather for more than 20 years, works on a pair of children's chaps during the four-day work week. - Brunner photo

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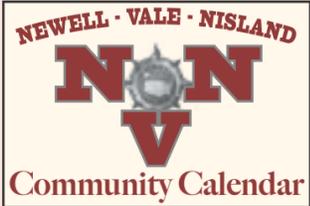


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If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenbrunner@gmail.com

- 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. 6: RESCHEDULED-Leadership Day at the school for staff and students, all day.
- Jan. 7: HSWR at Lyman Tourney 9 a.m.
- Jan. 7: Fire Pit Restaurant at Nisland. Special Music, Cody Henson Hullinger.
- 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.
- Jan. 10-GBB-West River Tourney at Newell, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 11-Vale Ag Fair, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Vale Community Hall-Free lunch from 11-1, more than 20 vendors in attendance.
- Jan. 12: BBB-West River Tourney at Newell, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 13: GBB/BBB West River Tourney at Newell, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 14: GBB/BBB West River Tourney at Barnett Center in Rapid City, all day. See school webpage for time of games.
- Jan. 19: GBB at Newell vs. Custer, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24: BBB at Newell vs. New Underwood, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 27: GBB/BBB at Faith, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 31-HSWR Newell Round Robin, 4:30 p.m.

**From D1 Vendors**

cars locally for years and years. The family runs the AMC Museum on State Street in Belle Fourche. Local Newell high school senior, Asiah Schaefer, will be bringing in iron products that she has welded. Pam Kinsella will have quilts and wood

ornaments. Adrienne Greene of Belle Fourche will have mugs and cups of all varieties available for sale and Kayleigh Gatzke will have cotton candy for sale.

Part of the fun of the monthly market is the train whistle blowing and those in attendance knowing a door prize is about to be won. Each door prize is provided by one of the vendors.

At the most recent market in December Kristin Black of Spearfish won a joke mug from Theresa Huck with her “Out of Space Crafting” booth personalized items. As promised when she began this last fall, Kayras has provided a series of new vendors and craft and specialty items and will continue to do so the first Saturday of each month at the NVN Senior Center.



Adam Burgess and his mother Debra Bankston of Belle Fourche brought their wood items, charcoal and chalk sketches and macrame items to the Whistle Stop Market in Newell on December. 3.. - Brunner photo



Seth Knutson sits with his grandmother Donna, at the Whistle Stop vendor’s market on December 3. He creates beautiful wooden flags. - Brunner photo



Kristin Black holds the mug she won as a door prize from Theresa Huck of Rapid City. - Brunner photo

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Jan 4 - Jan 11

- WEDNESDAY, JAN 4**  
Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
Lunch: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
- THURSDAY, JAN 5**  
Breakfast: Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
Lunch: Tangerine Chicken, Brown Rice, Oriental Veggies, Tropical Fruit, Milk
- FRIDAY, JAN 6**  
Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
Lunch: Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Pears, Milk
- MONDAY, JAN 9**  
Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
Lunch: Chicken Parmesan, Whole Grain Pasta, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- TUESDAY, JAN 10**  
Breakfast: Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
Lunch: Corn Dogs, Tri-taters, Peas, Fresh Fruit, Peaches, Milk
- WEDNESDAY, JAN 11**  
Breakfast: Croissant Egg Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
Lunch: Lasagna, Corn, Fresh Fruit, Applesauce, Milk

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The Olson family isn’t all about work, however. In their free time they like to rope and help neighbors do cattle work.

The boys rodeo and they spend hours during the summer following the sport.

“Abby and I also serve on the committees for the Butte County 4-H Rodeo and the Belle Jackpot Association summer series,” said Olson.



Aspen Swan works on a pair of chaps. She is one of the newer “family” members at the K Bar J business. - Brunner photo

Grand River Roundup

Betty Olson

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Our son Guy and his three boys stayed here on the Monday after Christmas to help these guys cut up and wrap the beef from the two cows they butchered last week. With Casey, Taz, Trig and Reub also helping cut them up, it took eight hours of hard work, but the freezers are full now and Guy and the boys headed back to Wyoming that night.

Tricia and Cody Herman are the proud parents of another baby boy. Jack Gary Herman was born in Rapid City on December 23, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. and he is 19 3/4 inches long. He joins a big brother Jacob who is tickled to have a new playmate. Congratulations!

Tuesday was absolutely beautiful here with a high of almost 50 degrees and no wind. I turned my chickens outside and they had a great time playing in the melting snow and eating horse biscuits. Taz and Trig had a good day to be doing a car-

penter job up at Polly Markegard's place east of Reeder.

There were three more deaths to report this week. Edward "Ed" J. Miller, 84, of rural Scranton, passed away on Monday, December 19. Mass of Christian Burial for Ed was Thursday, December 29, at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Bowman with burial in the Vessey Cemetery in Harding County.

Pauline Doe, 98, formerly of Reeder, passed away on Wednesday, December 21, at St. Luke's Home in Dickinson. Funeral services for Pauline were Wednesday, December 28, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Reeder with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery at Reeder. We weren't able to make it to the funeral because Reub couldn't get the feeding done in time, but we did make it to Hettinger that afternoon to pick up a

bunch of stuff we needed from Runnings and White Drug. It a really nice day and we stopped to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers in Reeder on the way home.

Dennis Hathaway's cousin, Ben Ruby,

82, of Newell and formerly from Zeona, died

December 23, at Monument Health in Sturgis. Visitation and prayer service for Ben is on

Friday, January 06 at

Kinkade Funeral chapel in Sturgis at 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM with burial at a later date in the Ruby cemetery north of Zeona.

Casey went to Buffalo for the wrestling tournament Thursday morning and Taz and Amanda went to the Hills to get some stuff while Grandma Louise Jenson kept the little people at her house. Trig went skiing with his friends over the weekend in the Black Hills.

Taz and Amanda and the kids

left after chores Friday morning to go to Bismarck for the Jenson family Christmas at Amanda's sister Josi's house and all the rest of their family were there too. They all stayed overnight up there and Taz and Knox came home Saturday evening to help with chores Sunday morning. Amanda and the girls got home later on Sunday.

Casey and Missy went to Buffalo to celebrate New Year's Eve with Lynette and Troy Stugelmeyer. The deer hunters that were here over the weekend left for Wisconsin that evening and Reub and I stayed home and went to bed early. It's amazing how your plans to celebrate change as you get older!

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen were still up in North Dakota visiting their family so Eric Schuchard's father, Craig Mickelson, gave the sermon in church on New Year's Day Sunday. Amanda Schuchard and Bev Heier brought lunch to the church afterwards so Craig and his wife Irene could head back to Aberdeen from the church.

They invited a bunch of us to stay and have lunch with them so Reub and I and a lot of other folks stayed to enjoy the good food.

My Norwegian Great Grandmother Caroline (Kjos) Hallan lived with us in Prairie City when I was just a little kid and Grandma Hallan followed her Norwegian tradition by her and my mother cleaning the whole house, which wasn't that big, on New Year's Eve so they didn't take any dirt into the New Year. I wasn't very old, but my younger sister and I even had to help them. My Scottish, German, Irish and English blood makes me think that I just like going to bed early instead of staying up half the night to finish cleaning the house.

Hope you all had a Happy New Year!

New Year's Day Quotes:

\*One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things. - John Burroughs

\*We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day. - Edith Lovejoy Pierce

\*From New Year's on the outlook brightens; good humor lost in a mood of failure returns. I resolve to stop complaining. - Leonard Bernstein

\*New Year's Resolution: To

Grand River D4



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

December 27, 1962  
C.J. "Shorty" Schroeder, who has been engaged in the trucking business at Newell for the past 35 years, announced this week that he is discontinuing such business effective January 1 and will dispose of his truck and permit. Schroeder, who came from Minnesota and homesteaded at Castle Rock in 1926, was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation as a truck driver for 9 years before entering the trucking business. He purchased the large barn just south of the Newell City limits in 1938 and has resided in Newell since.

be held December 30 at 7:30 PM at the Breidenbach Ranch were made at a meeting of the Horse Creek 4-H Sheep Club last Monday night at the Gary Ollila home. Invited were the Prairie Pals, Newelletes, Prairie Pinafores, Western Range Management and Westerners Home Economics Club members with each club to bring hot dogs and cups for their own members. The host club will furnish drinks. Gary Ollila gave a talk on breeds of sheep popular in South Dakota and why. The next meeting will be January 21 at 7:00 PM at the home of Bud and Billy Rank.

luck supper.

Most homes in Newell this year for the Christmas season, are brightly decorated with lighted windows, doorways, porches and outdoor evergreens trees, dominate most Newell homes this year. The most attractive of all Christmas set-ups, however, is the cave scene at St. Mary's Catholic church, which local Pastor Father J.A. Major announced may be viewed by any persons or children interested. Such scene, patterned after what was believed the first of the Christ Child in a cave by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1200, is one which Fr. Major has been erecting in his parishes for the past 28 years and while a Chaplain in the military. Your attention is drawn to the special lighting, animated crèche scene including "snow" in the crevasses of the cave. The church doors will remain unlocked for anyone who wishes to view the special manager scene.

December 31, 1942

A press dispatch of December 22, from "somewhere in Australia" brings news that First Lieut. John G. Glover was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, along with 5 other heroes in the southwest Pacific War Zone. John G. Glover was born at Vale, a son of Mr. & Mrs. John Glover, early-day residents to there. Lieut. Glover was a pilot of a P-40 fighter in a formation which attacked the Japanese Base at Buna, New Guinea, on August 25, at which time he destroyed 8 to 10 enemy planes on the ground, silenced a gun position and set a gasoline dump on fire.

Newell witnessed 2 pretty wedding ceremonies: Miss Marian Janke, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Janke, became the bride of Rodney Winkler son of Mr. & Mrs. George Winkler, performed at the Congregational church by Rev. Glenn VanVactor. They will make their home in the house recently built by the groom on the George Winkler farm, the other wedding; John Riggs son of Mr. & Mrs. Jasper Riggs, east of Horse Creek was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Heston, of Kennebec. The bride is a teacher at the Fairview School, east of Newell, graduate of Kennebec High School and Southern State Normal at Springfield. The young couple will live on a farm on Horse Creek, west of Newell where the groom is engaged in farming operations with his father. Both young couples received many useful gifts and profound well wishes from the community.

A highly recommended "must" for the holiday season is an early evening tour around Newell. A view of some of the most attractively decorated homes - trees outside as well as those reflected from the inside - will give your spirits a lift and afford a reflection on the significance of Christmas. Congratulations to those families who have added this touch of beauty to the city.

Plans for a skating party to

December 26, 1952

Members of the Pollyanna Extension Club held a Christmas party for their husbands at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Fredlund Friday with 15 members and their husbands and 2 guests, Mr. & Mrs. Ragner Boe. A most enjoyable evening was spent playing games, singing carols, gift exchange and a short skit "Ma & Pa Kettle" presented by Marietta Kimball and Doris Smeenk. At the close of the entertainment, all enjoyed a pot-



This is a photo of typing class at Vale High School in 1944. The young ladies are Florence Homer and Ila Mae Edwards trying for 20 words a minute.

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This is a photo of "The Big Red Barn" on East First Street, built in the early teens and later owned by Carson "Shorty" Schroeder. It is still in the Schroeder family.

December 29, 1932

Provisions of South Dakota law will bar motorists from purchasing 1933 license plates in instances where they failed to buy licenses for their dogs in 1932, it was revealed at the County Treasurer's office this week when the tax on dogs became delinquent, August 1, the delinquencies were turned over to the treasurer and added to the list of unpaid personal taxes in his office. A provision of the state law provides that all personal taxes must be paid before a license plate can be issued for automobiles. The new dog license law includes unpaid licenses as personal taxes.

Feature basketball game is announced for Friday evening, December 3 on the Newell High School gymnasium floor, when the home alumni will play a team composed of former high school stars that are in college and are home for the holiday vacation. This is an annual event and those who remember last year's game will recall that it was necessary to play several overtime periods before the game was finally won by the college students. The college men will have in their lineup: Uno Strong, John Henry Schipke, Russell Ekstrom, Earl and Randall Smith, and Francis Quinn. The home alumni will include Walter and Clarence Milberg, Russell Body, Arne Ranta, Leonard Quinn and

Palmer Varland. The game will began promptly at 8 o'clock, an admission charge of 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults will be made to cover the cost of lights and heat.

Before the typists can pass the semester, they have to make 20 words a minute. Those who have made there 20 words are: Paul Esmay, Dorothy Getty, Ellen Falk, Roy Larson, Leo Doody, Phyllis Schell, Lavina Wilson, Daniel Wood, Elvera Ypparila, Edith Eichler, Eleanor Ito Alma Falk, Bertha Siebenchicher, Leonard Wilson and Lucille Price.

December 28, 1922

Gus Marks received a vicious blow in the face from an iron bar which he was using to open a freight-car door that was frozen shut at the depot yesterday. Dr. Mitchell found it necessary to take a few stitches in Gus's cheeks.

The program and dance at the Mule Creek school house Friday night was well attended. All were delighted with the splendid entertainment the children afforded them. Too much cannot be said of the teamwork and interest taken by both teacher and pupils. Early that day, Fred Scott made a hurried trip to Newell for supplies, and ably returned in time for

Then and Now D4

Solutions to Puzzles on C3

Answer to Sudoku



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NEWELL'S SOLUTION: Those who do not study are only called pressed up in their studies. - Chinese proverb

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Newell City Council

Light Agenda Finalizes the Year for Newell

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NEWELL-A zoning variance was given to Kim Richards for the construction of a new garage. The building will be larger than the garage damaged by fire earlier. Richards explained that the new building will follow the same east/west lines but be larger to the north and south. Ordinance 08-2022 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance, was given final approval. The General Fund was funded

by using an insurance payment and undesignated cash balances. The Museum Memorial was funded from the Museum Memorial Fund Grant. The Liquor Fund was appropriated another \$40,000 to balance and Undesignated Cash Fund was appropriated to the Sewer Fund.

The council discussed having Financial Officer Sheila Smith begin paying some bills online. She will submit a vendor list at the next meeting for the commissioners to vote on and approve.

City Foreman Larry Parker told the council that he was available to clear alleys for propane delivery or other emergencies. The alleys are usually left until all other streets are cleared, but he is available for emergencies.

City meetings will begin to be held on the second Monday of each month at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. This allows citizens the opportunity to attend city meetings and school board meetings that are held on the same night.

A Cantata and a Birthday

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VALE - The Vale community club sponsored and encouraged club members and community individuals to bring their vehicle decorated for their annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 29. The event officially ran from 4-5 but children started showing up by 3:45 and waited for the people to get set up.

There was a total of 11 vendors set up around the perimeter of the parking area outside of the community center. The weather was beautiful, and each trunk or treat set up with trunks or hatches or pickup bed tailgates down. Many were beautifully decorated with fall and Halloween-oriented themes and most of the individuals were dressed in costume.

Cooper Hanson was dressed as a doctor and was the youngest person to have a trunk decorated as a medical facility. He was giving "physicals," and if he couldn't hear the person's heartbeat with his stethoscope he was prepared to give CPR. He demonstrated on his "Nana," Diana Bauer.

Others with decorated trunks included the Leo Club, manned by Megan Jackson and her cousin Rachel Banks. Grandpa and grandpa Ken and Donna



Gerry Stumpf performs as part of the Newell Evangelical Church Choir's Christmas Cantata on Friday night. - Brunner photo

Wetz also had a trunk set up on the back of their pickup.

Nancy Haigh and her mother Judy Ollila also had a booth set up and Nancy's dog, dressed as a fish, was also helping out.

More than 17 children traveled from booth to booth around the parking lot. Three members of First National Bank handed

out goodie bags, volunteering their time away from the bank.

Various others in the community set up for this fun and free event, paying for their own candy and decorations so that neighborhood children could come and have a great time.

From D3  
Then and Now

the entertainment at the school house. Miss Mildred Smuthers, teacher of the School, left Saturday morning for her home in Minnesota, where she will stay until after the New Year with family and friends.

The smuggler of drugs has many tricks and wiles whereby he evades the law and introduces his wares into our community. A favorite method is to use artificial flowers for concealing cocaine, opium and other drugs. One consignment of opium was smuggled through the stalks of artificial poppies, while cocaine has been found in violets. Vegetables are even more satisfactory from the smuggler's point of view; a vial of "snow" can be concealed in a hollowed potato, pepper, meat sausages, etc. We must keep a watchful eye to detect these things.

December 31, 1912  
A leaflet issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries states that farmers and land

owners have found it necessary to form rat clubs to combat the rat problem. Rewards are offered for the killing of more than a certain number. Hunting, trapping and poisoning are the common modes of operation.

J.H. Christian has recently bought the merchandise from the Fair Store at Belle Fourche and you can get most anything you want for a song. China, crockery, overalls, lace curtains, and 20 thousand articles can be purchase within.

Mr. C.A. Maures, a horseshoer, recently of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is now employed at L.H. Dunn's shop. Business is increasing each month and consequently Mr. Dunn will build an addition to the rear of the present shop, 24'x40' with galvanized steel and cement floor, to be completed by March 1. A cold roll disc sharpener and a "scientific" cold tire setter will be installed with machinery already in the shop; will give Newell the most up-to-date shop in the Black Hills trade area.

From D3  
Grand River

tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time. - James Agate  
\*Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average, which means, you have met your New Year's resolu-

tion. - Jay Leno  
\*It wouldn't be New Year if I didn't have regrets. - William Thomas  
\*The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul. - G.K. Chesterton  
\*Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. - Benjamin Franklin



An 11-member choir, along with pianist/vocalist Marty Jump, pianist Travis Smeenk, narrator Laurie Parker and director Tom Martin, performed "Carols and Classics," for the public on Friday, December 30. - Brunner photo

CORRECTION:

Last week's Irrigator had the wrong caption below this photo. Here is the correct caption. We apologize for the error.



Alan Gifford uses his snowblower to clear the waist-deep snow in front of his home on Dartmouth. - Brunner photo

THANK YOU!  
From the Beacon / Irrigator.

In an age when small town newspapers are closing the Beacon and Irrigator are thriving and it's because of you. Your support of local businesses, local advertising dollars and the willingness of community members to contribute alongside the efforts of our staff, all come together to make it work. We're Newell-Vale-Nisland proud!

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