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Cattle Guard Ordinance Discussion Curtails Decision

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BELLE FOURCHE—The first reading and future implementation of Ordinance 2023-01, Butte County Cattle Guard Policy, was curtailed at the January 17 meeting of the Butte County Commission. The lengthy discussion included landowner and County responsibilities, replacement and cleaning, and width requirements.

The expense of replacing a cattle guard that is used very little by the landowner was of major concern for landowners gathered at the meeting. One landowner said that if the expense falls on the rancher, it could break him. He said that he would be willing to clean out a cattle guard, but to buy

Commission A8

Lane Longbrake to Pole Vault for BHSU



Bronc Senior, **Lane Longbrake** signs his letter-of-intent to Pole Vault at Black Hills State University this fall. He is shown with family, Jerrod and Hallie Lutter, Riggin and Addy Lutter, Coaches Mike Ryan and Josh Schleusner, friends and teammates. *Courtesy Photo*

Transient Vendor Ordinance Passes First Reading

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BELLE FOURCHE – The first reading of an amended city ordinance regulating transient vendors moved through city council without comment at their regular council meeting on Jan. 17. The ordinance will have to pass a second reading without objection at the next council meeting in February and then will take effect 20 days after publication.

Overall, the ordinance modifies exemptions, eliminates special events by creating approved events, shifts the purchase of permits and bonds from the police department to the city finance office, sets hours of operation, spells out approved public property loca-

tions, and extends the duration of the license from 30-days to a calendar year. Fees will be established by resolution of the city council.

The amended ordinance does not apply to nonprofit organizations, traveling salespersons doing business exclusively to retail merchants, garage sales or children's lemonade stands. It also does not apply to those who sell their own products at farmers' markets and crafts shows as long as they do not own a retail business that sells these products.

A modification of the ordinance states that it does not apply if the transient merchant is doing temporary business at a fixed location after having received permission from an

approved event (formerly characterized as a special event).

To qualify as an approved event, any person or entity, usually the event organizer or representative, may submit an application for approved event status to the city council. Once granted, transient vendors would be exempt from the ordinance. The applicant will then be required to provide the City Finance Office with information regarding all vendors participating in their approved event.

One additional exemption would allow transient merchants to operate apart from the ordinance when invited onto private property.

Vendors A8

Code Enforcement / Animal Control

Clint Haffner has been the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer for Belle Fourche since 2016. He says this was a new work experience for him and the job took a lot of learning.

Haffner works out of the Police Department, and receives approximately 1,200 to 1,500 calls per year from dispatch, related to his duties. There's a great deal of physical labor to his position and the workload is considerable for a community this size.

He not only interacts with the public and assists other departments – particularly the Police Department and Public Works – but also handles his own paperwork, including notices of violation, abatements and documentation.

A chief portion of his work involves monitoring the properties in town while addressing nuisance issues. He monitors for violations of snow ordinances in winter and grass and weed ordinances in summer. He also monitors for junk in yards, such as abandoned vehicles, and deals with dilapidated homes at times. Haffner's work involves private property only: as city property and buildings are overseen by Public Works.

Animal control is a part of his daily duties. Haffner handles issues with wild animals such as skunks, raccoons, mink, foxes, badgers, and coyotes. He also deals with pet dogs and

cats of the community, including animals at large, and animal bites. There are approximately 5-10 dog bites in the city yearly, and Haffner himself was once badly bitten when serving notice about a dangerous animal. But abandoned pets are those that concern him the most.

"Many renters who move out of town, leave their pets behind," says Haffner. "There are also pets given as Christmas gifts to people who don't know how to care of them or can't afford to do so." Some winter days, he's found animals out in bitter cold with frostbitten paws.

An animal lover himself, Haffner has two cats and a dog but often fosters animals in need – especially in May when litters are born. If a mother cat is missing or dead, he has taken in kittens to bottle feed them, as well as injured dogs.

"It's rewarding to help animals; when you can get suffering dogs and cats out of the cold and hopefully, to new homes. I'm grateful to the people who help me do it." We have been fortunate to develop a great group of citizens who help foster animals in need.

But he is also anxious to stress the importance of pet education. "You really need to keep animals on a leash or within a property fence if they are outside. And getting and maintaining rabies shots is critical."



Clint Haffner and Louie. Louie and is **Mardi Reeves'** (Police Department) dog, She just adopted him and is going to give him a good home. *Courtesy Photo*

Approval for Final Plat of Modesto Ranch Village Given

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BELLE FOURCHE – Final approval of the plat for the new Modesto Ranch Village housing development was granted by the Belle Fourche City Council during its regular meeting on Jan. 17. The approval follows the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning committee that gave the project at green light. With the land purchased, the survey work completed and now the plat approval developers hope to begin moving dirt as soon as the weather breaks.

"We're shooting for this spring," Dennis Egge, Construction Consultant, told the Beacon. "And we would like to be ready for as many as six homes to be built right away."

The property is located along Zeibach Street and encompasses two tracts totaling a little more than 37 acres. It is owned by Black Hills Gospel Assembly, the applicant on the approval request. According to city documents the land is currently adjacent to the city limits but plans are moving forward for annexation into the city so that the project can connect to city water and infrastructure.

Egge says the total number

of new homes to be built hasn't been finalized just yet but will be known as soon as lot lines are drawn.

"It's a big process not only with the contours of the land but the size of lots we need to accommodate the houses we are looking at," Egge said.

The developers on the project are Mark and Jade McGrane from Lead, SD. They credit Mike Walker with Neighborworks Dakota Home Resources for helping them locate the land in Belle Fourche to build the project. Their goal is to create affordable housing.

"This won't be Section 8 or subsidized housing, it will be affordable housing for working people with 40-hour a week jobs and retired citizens," Jade Magrane said. "Our goal for the project is to provide modest, efficient, and affordable new homes for young families to senior citizens."

The development will be built out in three phases with possibly 70-to-80 homes. They will range from smaller 700-square foot single bedroom homes up to 1,400 square foot homes with some basements and even walk-outs.

"We are hoping to keep the

homes starting at \$200,000," Egge said. "But with construction materials it's very hard to determine what the costs will be even two weeks or six months from now."

"But we really want to do everything we can to pass the cost-savings on to the home buyer," Magrane said. "We are keeping our profit margins purposely at 10% or less."

The Magranes chose the name Modesto to reflect the mission of the project since "modesto" is the Spanish word for modest. McGrane says the homes will be well built but without the frills of high-dollar homes. The neighborhood will be HOA controlled to maintain a well-kept environment. "In fact, we will have a lot of different green space areas incorporated into the community with places for dogs and open spaces for kids to play soccer," Magrane said.

One process that will speed construction will be the use of component manufacturing. Developer Scott Creed is building a home component manufacturing facility on the south side of town. Here they can stick-build entire walls

Modesto B6



The Modesto Ranch Village will be located south of Ziebach and east of the Black Hills Gospel Assembly. *Beacon Photo*

Year-end Tax Receipts Set Record

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BELLE FOURCHE – Sales tax collections within the city of Belle Fourche closed out the year with a strong December setting an all-time single-year high. According to the city finance office a total of \$4.2 million was collected marking the first time the city has exceeded the \$4 million level.

The 2022 figure represented a 14% increase over 2021, which was the previous all-time record. The increase even outperformed inflation by a little more than 6% over last year. Belle Fourche also exceeded the statewide sales tax growth rate of 10% over 2021. In real dollars the city's tax revenue increased \$521,960 which was the largest jump Belle Fourche

has ever seen year-to-year. The 2022 total is 64% more than where the city was just five years ago in 2017.

In December the city recorded \$346,995.04 in sales tax revenue which was 10% more than last December and the highest December total in city history. The monthly sales tax average was \$346,995, also setting a high-water mark. However the percentage increase in monthly average year-over-year was less than the 2020 to 2021 increase by about \$26,000. For perspective, the city did not even have a \$300,000 month until July of 2019. By 2022 it was the norm.

The monthly high-water mark for the year was August when the city collected \$507,700, the first time Belle

Sales Tax B6



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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Stephen Carson, Belle Fourche Connection Church



"Luke's account of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount"

"Why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say? Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

There are several things that we learn from Jesus' teaching in these verses. First, we learn that not everyone who professes faith in Jesus actually possesses faith. Jesus said, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say?" In other words, if a person says that Jesus is their Lord, yet they habitually do not do what Jesus has commanded, then that is evidence of a professed, but not possessed faith in Jesus. If a person claims that Jesus is their boss and Lord, yet he continually lives as if he is his own boss, that is a good indicator that his "faith" isn't actually faith at all.

Second, we know that trials affect everyone indiscriminately. No person is sheltered from difficulties in life. In James 1:2, James wrote: "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds." Notice that James wrote, "WHEN you meet various trials," not IF you meet various trials. Simply put, trials are a part of living in a broken, fallen

world. No one is immune to the storms of life, regardless of how much money they have, their nationality, their family, their religious beliefs, etc.

Third, trials in life either wreck false faith or they reveal true faith. The test of faith is not found in ease, but in trial. I heard one person say this, "The same water that hardens the egg also softens the potato." Trials will often harden a person, leading them to bitterness, resentment, and anger. Or, for the person whose life is built on the foundation of the rock of Christ, trials can be a means to soften them and grow them as they pursue the Lord in the midst of trials. There is a book that I read a couple of years ago called, "The Way of the Dragon or the Way of the Lamb." Listen to this quote from that book, "God invites us into the valley.

The question is whether we will accept the invitation. The valley will always be in the shadow of the mountains. The mountains, with their dramatic peaks and pillars to the clouds, will always appear more special to the world around you.

Becoming a valley is truly humbling. And yet this is the place where the rain soaks deep and fruit is truly produced. The valley is the place of life. It is the place of kingdom power." Trials can produce deep fellowship with God in our lives if, in humility, we will run to Him during trials.

What is the foundation of your life built on? The Lordship of Jesus or something else? What do you cling to during the storms of life? May it be on Jesus Christ, the Solid Rock! As the hymn writer wrote, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."



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Phillippians 1:6
"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. □"

Colossians 3:1-2
"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. □"

Zephaniah 3:17
"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. □"

Another Perspective This Another Perspective is from the archives of Foursquare pastor Dr. Jack Hayford

"A Prayer"



Lord God, Creator of all, Maker of my heart ... I bring it to You this morning.

My heart ... which at various times has been lifted in praise to You, rejoices over Your goodness and giving to me.

My heart which also sometimes covers in fear before people and problems when I forget You are bigger than them all has been stained by medications unworthy of a child made in Your image.

It has been lifted up in pride over attainments accomplished by Your hand alone.

And, Lord, my heart is often hardened as well. I bring my heart to You this day for softening like a child's, softened to forgive quickly, easily, without judgment, prejudice, bitterness, or resentment; like a field, softened to receive seeds of Your truth, that the fruit of Your Holy Spirit might be produced through my life; like clay, softened, that I might be shaped today more completely into the man or the woman You want me to become.

Forgive my hardness of heart when it results from my own disobedience, neglect, or outright resistance to Your ways.

Deliver me, lest my heart shrink by reason of this dryness and hardening. Flow the rivers of Your life over my heart, and bring it to renewal, O Lord.

And where my heart is hardened simply by the heat of duty, the weariness of work, the attack of enemies, the slings and arrows of the inconsiderate or crude at those points, give me a vision of Your heart today, Lord. For although I have wounded Your love by my failures, You have never hardened Your heart against me.

So, dear God, let my heart be softened today in the same way as Yours toward any who have done to me as I have to You. Deliver me from all temptation to smallness or hardness of heart, and fill my life this morning with Your will and Your Word.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer (Psalm 19:14).

Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Jeremiah 17:7
□Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. □

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Family Fun Day Launches 2023 Series with "Out of this World Planets"

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Tri-State Museum began the new year with a Family Fun Day that was out of this world.

Approximately 35 children, parents, and other family members came together Sunday, January 15 to learn about the planets of our solar system. After showing a short Bill Nye the Science Guy special about outer space, Tri-State Museum's Kristi Thielen gave a presentation, which offered further detail about each planet.

Attendees of all ages learned about the size of each planet, its distance from the sun, and how each planet got its name. Thielen also offered an explanation on how the dwarf planet, Pluto, lost its status, and hypothesized that it could regain it, due to the ever-changing nature of science. For that to happen, however,

there are other dwarf planets that would also be likely to gain planetary status at that time, according to Thielen.

After the presentation, children crafted their own mnemonic device lift-the-flap sheets to help them remember the order and names of the planets, along with solar system bracelets, with colored beads representing the sun and each planet and black or dark blue beads to represent the space in between.

Fun seekers from as far as Rapid City enjoyed exploring the museum exhibits and Center of the Nation monument following the Family Fun Day experience.

Family Fun Day is held on the third Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. at a cost of \$2 per attendee or free with museum membership. The theme for February's Family Fun Day is Crafty Cats!



"Tri-State Museum's Kristi Thielen presents "Out of this World Planets" at Family Fun Day" *Beacon Photo*



(left) Owen Jeitz and Casey Kokinos work hard on their Family Fun Day crafts; (right) Lydia Rotert of Spearfish carefully assembles her solar system bracelet. *Beacon Photos*

Health Service Advisory Committee

Badlands Head Start held a 1 hour Health Service Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday January 18th at their Admin Office in Belle Fourche.

With professionals, community members, and parents in the program attending a variety of topics were covered including a brief overview of the programs health statistics.

The Program Dietitian provided a handout and presented on

ways to cook with your children giving ideas and age appropriate tasks.

Misty West, Health Nutrition & Safety Specialist is in contact with a state program to bring "Tommy the Turtle" to the center and home based children in the next few months for a presentation.

"Tommy" covers different areas of safety in a fun way for children to understand and learn

about each safety topic.

Jackson Dental continues their community partnership with the program by providing a free dental screening enrolled children. Badlands Head Start is a Car Seat Distribution center for qualifying individuals/families.

If you have any questions to the qualifications contact Misty at 605-723-8837. For program questions and enrollment contact Wanda at 605-723-8837.



Badlands Head Start Prenatal to Five

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Bytes

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Reminder for those who registered, Club Officer Training will be held Friday, January 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the St. James Lutheran Church.

For questions, please contact Wyatt Lesmeister, 605-580-1722.

The 4H/FFA Youth Wool Judging Contest will be held January 31 in the Fine Arts Building at the Central States Fairgrounds with a banquet the following morning, February 1.

To register your team or as

an individual contestant, contact Jaelyn Whaley, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist Jaelyn.Whaley@sdstate.edu or 605-394-1722.

Youth Day at the Black



Hills Stock Show will be held February 4. Livestock Judging check-in will take place in the Barnett Arena from 7:00-7:45 a.m. Hippology (Senior) check-in will take place in Conference Room 205 at 8:00 a.m. Hippology (Junior) check-in will take place in Conference Room 206 at 10:30 a.m.

Horse Quiz Bowl and Livestockology (Senior) check-in will begin at noon in Conference Room 206 with Livestockology Contest beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 205.

For full list of Youth Day events, please visit <https://www.blackhillsstockshow.com/events/2023/4hyouthday17>

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An entry fee of \$20 is required for up to four photos. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded at a February 11th from 5-7 reception at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center. The public is invited to attend free of charge. Get full information about submissions, prizes, judges and more at the Belle Fourche Arts Council website or at its Facebook page or visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

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First Saturday Brunch February 4th

The History of Valentine's Day

Kristi Thielen presents on the origins and growth of the holiday, the birth of valentine cards and how "vinegar valentines" almost killed this celebration.

Take a quiz on famous romantic couples!



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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 attain 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!**

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Chamberlain / River City Rumble

Kandi Tonsager
Special to the Beacon

On Friday January 20th, the Broncos traveled to Chamberlain where they competed in duals against Todd County and Chamberlain Friday evening. They came out ahead of Todd County and fell short to Chamberlain.

Saturday January 21st, the Broncos competed in the River City Rumble tournament, again in Chamberlain. There were ten teams in the ladies' division and twelve teams in the men's. The Lady Broncos placed first in team points earning the championship plaque. The Bronc men placed fifth in team standings.

The Lady Broncos had six wrestlers this weekend. Kyra Vandenberg went 3-0 and placed first at 106lbs, Fiona Krug was beat out at 120lbs, Hailey Rodriguez went 3-0 and placed first at 120lbs, Alexa Swaney went 2-1 and placed third at 126lbs, Olivia Nehl went 1-1 and placed second at 142lbs, and Izzabella Ramos went 1-1 and placed third at 142lbs.

The Bronc men had twelve wrestlers in this tournament. Logan Tyndall went 3-1 and placed second at 106lbs, Garett Huston went 1-2 at 113lbs, Toarin Humble went 3-1 and placed third at 113lbs, Alex Norlin went 1-2 at

120lbs, Jory Olson was beat out at 132lbs, Riley Dighton went 4-1 and placed first at 138lbs, Thomas McCoy went 3-1 and placed second at 152lbs, Andrew Tonsager was beat out at 170lbs, Lucas Green went 2-2 at 182lbs, Mason Nehl was beat out at 195lbs, Gunner Geib went 2-1 and placed third at 195lbs, and Luke Tonsager went 3-1 and placed third at 220lbs.

The Bronc wrestlers compete next at the Lead/Deadwood Triangular on Tuesday January 24th, followed by their home tournament on Friday and Saturday January 27th and 28th in Belle Fourche.



Mason Nehl



Jory Olson



Andrew Tonsager



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- Thurs, Jan 26th
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Juice/Fruit/Milk
- Lunch:** Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
or Popcorn Chicken
Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Mon, Jan 30th
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- Lunch:** Chicken Sandwich or Mini Corn Dogs
Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Tue, Jan 31st
- BRONC Breakfast:** Biscuit & Gravy
*K-4 Breakfast Burrito
Juice/Fruit/Milk
- Lunch:** Chicken & Noodles or Country Fried Steak
Fruit/Veggie/Milk
- Wed, Feb 1st
- BRONC Breakfast:** French Toast
Juice/Fruit/Milk
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Team singing national anthem to start Hot Springs game.
Laurie Ward Photo



Lady Broncos execute solid zone defense against Hot Springs.
Laurie Ward Photo



(left) Grace Clooten up for the block vs. Bowman County.
(right) Mataya Ward up and over the Bowman defender for 2 of her team leading 15 for the Broncos. Laurie Ward Photos

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Broncs Girls Basketball Win Two of Three

JIM TRIMBLE
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The Belle Fourche Lady Broncos had a very busy week last week. They hosted Hot Springs on Monday evening and Hill

City Tuesday before traveling to Bowman, ND to take on a tough Bulldog squad.

A home game against Winner on Thursday was postponed due to travel weather for the Warriors.

Against Hot Springs the Broncos raced out to an 18-6 first quarter advantage and increased the lead to 32-10 at halftime. Good Broncos defense and timely offense in the second half propelled the Ladies to a 58-28 victory.

Senior Chloe Crago had a great night for the Broncos roping in 18 points with Lily McCarty and Mataya Ward posting 9 each.

The Lady Bison were led by Maggie Pruess who scored 12. "I thought our defense played well and we had great hustle but we didn't rebound and seemed a step slower tonight," commented Belle head coach Bill Burr.

In the JV game Belle handled Hot Springs easily by a 45-13 score. Lily Nore led the way for the Broncos with 20 points and Sloan Young chipped in

with 8. There were no C games.

The Hill City Rangers came to town on Tuesday where the Lady Broncos pulled away in the second half to secure a 49-26 victory.

Both teams struggled from the floor in the first quarter and the Rangers battled the Broncos to a 9-9 tie after one.

Sloan Young made a nifty pass to Chloe Crago to give Belle the lead for good at 11-9. Crago would hit Mataya Ward with a nice assist and the Broncos led 15-9.

Dylan Stedille then lofted a turn around jumper through the hoop in the lane followed by a steal and lay up and the Broncos were in control 19-12 at halftime.

The Broncos offense got rolling in the third quarter as Lily McCarty and Stedille both rained in treys while Ward and Tia Williamson were scoring in the paint to extend the lead to 35-21.

Hill City mounted a small rally at the beginning of the fourth stanza before Stedille nailed a three to quell the Rangers. Grace Clooten fed Ward inside for a hoop followed by a long shot from downtown by Crago and Belle cruised to the 49-26 victory.

Ward tallied 13 to lead the Broncos while Stedille had 12 and Crago and Clooten scored 9 and 8 points respectively. "Our shot selection wasn't good and I think we rushed some shots that first half," said coach Burr. "We settled down in the second half

with better shooting and good defense," he added.

In the JV contest Belle prevailed over Hill City 47-20.

Sloan Young led the charge dropping in 13 points. Reese Larson added 12 points and Lily Nore 9.

Belle traveled to Bowman, ND to take on the 9-1 Lady Bulldogs on Saturday afternoon and came up on the short end of a 65-50 loss to Bowman.

The first quarter was tight with the Broncos Crago and Ward leading the way, but Bowman led 15-14 at the buzzer. The Bulldogs started to pull away in the second quarter and it was 40-27 at intermission.

Belle settled down in the second half playing nearly even with Bowman for the remainder of the game.

Mataya Ward notched 15 points to lead the Lady Broncos and Dylan Stedille chipped in with 11. The Bulldogs got to the line 21 times in the game making 16, while Belle only got to the stripe 8 times making 6.

"The second quarter hurt us as we had 14 fouls against us in the first half," said coach Burr. "We had three girls with three fouls at halftime and that made it hard," he added.

In the JV game the Broncos edged the Bulldogs 61-54. Lily Nore had a great night pouring in 26 points while Sloan Young netted 12.

Belle also won the C game besting Bowman 48-29. Lily Nore led the way with 18 and Reagan Hatling dropped in 10.

Broncs Boys BB Drop Three Contests

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The Belle Fourche Broncos Boys Basketball team had three games this past week. On Monday and Tuesday, they hosted Hot Springs and Hill City before traveling to Bowman, ND on Saturday.

The Hot Springs Bison came in undefeated at 8-0 but the Broncos took it to them in the first period as the Bison were cold from the field and the Broncos bucked out to an 11-1 lead after one period. Hot Springs found their shooting touch, but the Broncos still held a 25-21 lead heading to the locker room.

The Bison kept picking away at the lead and held a 37-36 advantage after three quarters and held on to defeat the Broncos 55-51.

Senior forward Anthony Staley led the Broncos with 17 points and sophomore guard Jet Jensen added 16 including two from behind the arc. Anthony Budmayr and Nolan Wahlfeldt chipped in with 7 each for Belle.

Hot Springs junior Camron Maciejewski led all scorers with 21. "Hot Springs is a very quick team and that gave us some troubles," said Broncos head coach Clay Pottorff. In the JV game Hot Springs came out on top 61-50. Sern Weishaar topped Belle scorers with 13 and Peyton Dvorak and Carter McKenna netted 10 and 9

respectively.

The next evening the Broncos hosted the Rangers from Hill City. Hill City jumped out to a 18-11 first quarter advantage, but a poor shooting second quarter by Belle left the Broncos down 36-15 at intermission.

The Broncos found motivation and hustle after the half time talk as they came out blazing. Jet Jensen hit two nice driving layups followed by a Nolan Wahlfeldt spin move and it was 36-21. Wahlfeldt then hit a three and Tatin Yackley banked in a put back offensive rebound, and the Broncos only trailed by 10. Two more driving baskets by Wahlfeldt and another by Yackley and it was 36-32 with a minute to play in the third. Hill City managed a free throw and hit a driving bucket at the buzzer to go up 39-32. Belle stayed hot for the first part of the fourth quarter as Peyton Dvorak hit a nice reverse layup followed by a Jensen bomb from deep and it was 39-37. Staley canned a shot in the lane and was fouled and hit the free toss giving the Broncos their first lead 40-39. Hill City regained the lead 44-40 but Wahlfeldt hit a three closing the gap 44-43. Hill City put some distance on the Broncos including a long three pointer in the last two minutes to come away with a hard fought 50-44 win over the Broncos.

Wahlfeldt who played a great game on both ends of the court for the Broncos ended up with

16 points. Staley tallied 9 and Jensen 8 for Belle. In the JV game Hill City nipped Belle 47-44. Carter McKenna paced the Broncos with 17 points with Peyton Dvorak adding 10 and Jordan Sandoval 7. In the C game the little Broncos tripped Hill City 47-45. Sern Weishaar poured in 22 points for the Broncos and Josh Rasmussen netted 6 points.

The Broncos traveled to Bowman, ND to take on the Bulldogs on Saturday afternoon. The Bulldogs had two players combine for 60 points to hand Belle a 72-52 defeat.

Bowman raced out to a 20-6 lead after one quarter and extended the margin to thirty points as it was 46-16 at halftime. Belle settled down in the second half and outscored the Bulldogs 36-26 but the lead was too much to overcome.

Bronc senior Anthony Budmayr netted 20 points including 4 from deep. Anthony Staley added 9 points and Nolan Wahlfeldt and Jet Jensen each scored 7. Bohden Duffield bombed in 31 for Bowman and brother Bishop hammered in 29. In the JV game Bowman came out on top 61-53. Peyton Dvorak had 20 points including 6 from behind the arc and Carter McKenna added 15 for the Broncos. In the C game, the Broncos lost a close one 55-53 to the Bulldogs. Sern Weishaar poured in 30 for Belle while Gavin Pearson had 8 and Corbin Rowe 7.



Dylan Stedille



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By: Doug Cole

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From A1 **Cattle Guards** ments, etc. required by the County Ordinance could be a great expense.

Commissioner Chad Erk questioned the area of liability. "Liability is a big concern," he said. "How much liability can you afford to have?"

Another rancher from the crowd voiced the same concern and said the liability should not be the ranchers' liability. "We don't have drew enough to fix the county's cattle guards," said Commissioner Frank Walton.

Commissioner Erk moved to send back the ordinance to be reworked, but the motion died for lack of second.

Discussion continued when Commissioner James Ager asked if all the cattle guards in the county had to be replaced now. Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich explained that if the landowner decided the cattle guard needed replaced, it should be done according to the Ordinance with concrete abutments, etc.

"It's the rancher's discretion that if the cattle guard needs replaced and is not repairable," Heidrich said. But, he continued, the rancher needs to keep the road safe.

A member of the audience asked his reasoning of why it should be the rancher's responsibility to keep a county road safe. The commissioners answered that it should be a give and take between landowner and County.

Commissioner Ager suggested that area ranchers talk to Superintendent Heidrich or Administrative Assistant Lori Johnston with their concerns. Those concerns could be discussed and brought to the commission. Commissioner Karrol Herman moved to delay the first reading of Ordinance 2023-01, the Cattle Guard Policy, until there is more discussion and review. Auditor Annie Capp will repost the Ordinance for Public Comment during the next commission meeting.

During Public Comments, Travis Ismay questioned the commissioners on the opportunity to make comments. He asked when was the correct

time to ask questions.

Commissioner Stan Harms told him to call his district representative at any time. He could also call any commissioner he wanted to call to get an answer.

Ismay also questioned Harms if he was violating the commission rule that commissioners would not answer or respond to any public comments. Harms affirmed that he had done that, but it was necessary.

Director of Belle Fourche Development Corporation Hollie Stalder presented an annual activity report showing housing issues, grant applications, and planning sessions. She plans to provide a link to share with the commissioners on BFDC projects. Jim Smeenk was appointed as an interim Butte County Planning Board member for January and February. An opening will be advertised to decide on the opening on February 21, 2023 meeting.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere gave an update on the active shooter equipment project he needs for the Sheriff's Department.

"There's some equipment needed," he said. We are probably under-gunned he continued.

He told the commissioners that there would be some purchases in 2023, but his plan is to surplus present equipment as it is replaced.

"I would like to have it and not need it, rather than need it and not have it," he said.

Sheriff Lamphere later went on to suggest that a building study be done on the Courthouse prior to the Court House Security Grant project and HVAC updates.

There are some assessment considerations that need to be given to air study in the jail, courthouse structure, and meeting and office space needs. Lamphere will research firms that will come and assess the buildings.

There will be discussion about audio/video needs for commission meetings next month. Brett Penning will be asked to attend the February 7 meeting. Website updates were also discussed.

The next regular meeting will be February 7, at 9:30 a.m.



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Temporary is defined as a business operating for fewer than 90 days within a 12-month period. The ordinance does not include a door-to-door salesperson.

Food and beverage trucks are the most common example of a transient merchant. But

they can also include a variety of merchants who sell specialty products, or seasonal produce.

The new ordinance says transient merchants must purchase their permits from the City Finance Office rather than the Police Department. Merchants will also file with the City Finance Office instead of the Police Department to secure a \$1,000 bond.

Permits will now be issued on an annual basis for each calendar year, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, instead of for a 30-day period. And transient merchants will only be allowed to operate

between the hours of 5am and 10pm.

Another area of change is defining the public locations where transient merchants can set up.

Approved public spaces under the proposed ordinance would include the Tri-State Museum parking lot, Herrmann Park parking lot and the Roundup Grounds paved parking lot, on public streets in zoned industrial districts or commercial district, and any location of an Approved Event. Public school parking lots would be left to the school district's discretion.

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Shorb, Lary, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Cow	1220	\$68.50
Shorb, Lary, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Cow	1880	\$68.00
Shorb, Matt, Hermosa SD	2	Bld	Hfr	1077	\$116.00
Shorb, Matt, Hermosa SD	2	Bld	Cowette	1082	\$85.00
Shorb, Matt, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Cow	1225	\$71.00
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Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD	1	Bld	Cow	1290	\$73.50
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Smith Cattle Co, Olive MT	1	Bld	Cow	1555	\$70.50
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Swan, Tom Or Karen, Newell SD	1	Bld	Cow	1295	\$68.00
Swan, Tom Or Karen, Newell SD	8	Bld	Cow	1496	\$67.50
Trigg, Tom, Sturgis SD	1	Red	Cowette	1605	\$75.50
Tuggle, Tim, Hermosa SD	1	Red	Cow	1395	\$72.00
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	2	Bld	Cow	1417	\$73.00
Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	1	Xbrd	Cow	1355	\$68.00
Ward, Vern Or Laurie, Fruitdale SD	1	Bld	Cow	800	\$71.00
Wheatcroft, JB, Miles City MT	1	Bld	Cow	1480	\$70.00

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Broken Bridge Livestock, Sturgis SD	1	Bld	Bull	2015	\$96.00
Broken Bridge Livestock, Sturgis SD	1	Bld	Bull	1990	\$102.50
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Cassens, Kenneth, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	Bull	1555	\$97.50
Grubbs III, Dallas, Gillette WY	1	Herf	Bull	1630	\$94.50
Grubbs III, Dallas, Gillette WY	1	Red	Bull	1365	\$91.00
Lindsey, Denna, Newell SD	1	Bld	Bull	1875	\$90.50
Lindsey, Denna, Newell SD	1	Bld	Bull	1705	\$101.00
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	Bull	1845	\$90.00
McPherson, Ross H, Sturgis SD	1	Herf	Bull	1935	\$92.00
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Vore, Tom & Susan, Newcastle WY	1	Bld	Bull	1835	\$102.50
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Wheatcroft, JB, Miles City MT	1	Bld	Bull	1625	\$97.50

2023 CATTLE SALES

- 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
- March 31st - Bred Heifer & Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes
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Sheep Report - Thursday, January 19, 2023

Not many lambs today - they sold lower
Good demand on the bred ewes
Slaughter ewes sold \$10 lower

Next Sale - January 26th - Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM
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Bred Ewes - sold by the head

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Capp Brothers, Nisland SD	16	S-Bk	179	\$195.00

Feeder Lambs

Brown, Tim, Buffalo SD	74	Lamb	72	\$165.00
Capp Brothers, Nisland SD	11	Lamb	91	\$127.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD	23	Lamb	87	\$135.00
Lancaster, Bill, Volborg MT	10	Lamb	95	\$128.00

Slaughter Ewes

Clear Creek Farms, Arcadia NE	86	K Ewe	169	\$68.00
Clear Creek Farms, Arcadia NE	200	K Ewe	152	\$66.00
Lazy VC Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	20	K Ewe	149	\$66.00
Lazy VC Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	42	K Ewe	129	\$66.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS Thursday, January 26, 2023

Feeder Lamb Special 1:00 PM

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2023 SHEEP SALES

- February 2nd - No Sale - Check Out The Black Hills Stock Show
 - February 9th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
 - February 16th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
 - February 23rd - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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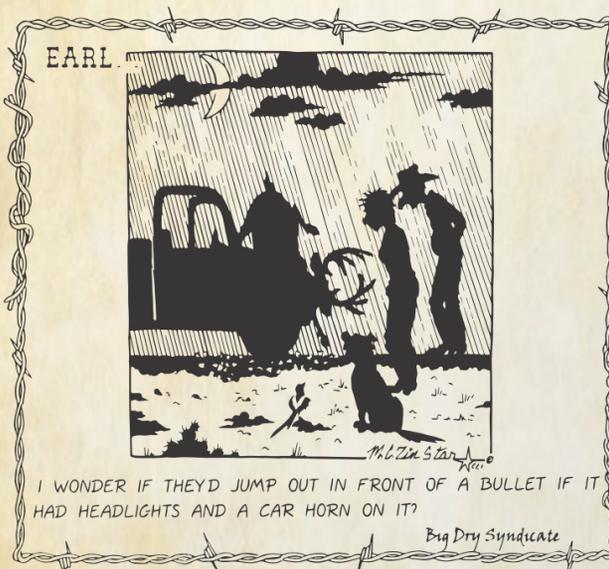
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She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow... if you must.

Letting my glass of water rest overnight, I'm Jim Thompson

Shawn Bennett Jr. Overcomes Odds to Win Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo

The story of Shawn Bennett Jr.'s rebound writes itself. But start going through his injuries and setbacks and it's hard to not marvel at the 23-year-old's resilience. In 2019, a bull stepped on him, collapsing his lung, breaking four ribs, his shoulder and tearing countless ligaments. When he reached the hospital, "they were surprised I was alive," Bennett said.

Then in 2021, he underwent hip surgery. And last season he tore up his knee.

So, when Bennett has nights like Oct. 14 at the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa, Texas, he relishes in the present and what it could mean for his future. The Oklahoma native won the bull riding event with an 88.5 score on Beutler & Son Rodeo's Overpass.

ing. He has no problem rolling up his sleeves and putting in a 15-hour day. The idea of leaving rodeo just never made sense.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I made a promise to myself to do whatever I could to get to those yellow chutes. Even with everything I have been through, I love the challenge of riding bulls," Bennett said. "You have to be your best version of yourself not just when you show up at the rodeo, but at the house and in your practice."



A new season represents a fresh start, a rebirth for

Bennett. He has a habit of drawing well at big rodeos - he won the World's Oldest Rodeo in Prescott, Ariz., in 2021 -- so he hopes that streak continues this month.

"I saw a few videos of him. I knew he would give me a pretty good ride. He stacked me in the box. I felt I was pretty behind the whole ride, but I was able to finish him off," Bennett said. "It feels good."

Through his injuries, Bennett leaned on his faith and his wife Calli for support. He prided himself on never giving up, but the tests were relentless.

"I have built a lot of character and perseverance based on all the things I have been through in my life. I knew I could come back. My wife's been my biggest cheerleader, keeping me believing, and coming back from all I have," Bennett said. "And I get 98 percent of my confidence from God."

While sidelined, Bennett grew stronger in rehab, learned how to take care of his body better and added more specific train-

"I have a lot of great support behind me. I have an awesome set of sponsors and people who believe in me," Bennett said. "I feel like my ability is catching up to my work ethic. Everything is lining up for me to have a great year and great rest of my career."

Other winners at the \$247,508 rodeo were all-around cowboy Chet Weitz (\$6,305, tie-down roping and team roping); bareback rider Kade Sonnier (87 points on Beutler & Son Rodeo's Boomerang); steer wrestler Stan Branco (9.3 seconds on two head); team ropers Clay Smith/Jake Long (9.8 seconds on two head); saddle bronc rider Brody Cress (88 points on Beutler & Son Rodeo's Red Wings); tie-down roper Bryson Sechrist (8.1 seconds); barrel racer Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi (13.53 seconds); and steer roper Jess Tierney (50.7 seconds on four head).

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH

10:00 am CMSA Rodeo Rapid City Shoot Out (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

10:00 am CMSA Rodeo Rapid City Shoot Out (Free Admission)
12:00 pm Monument Health's Special Rodeo Event - Ends at 3:00 PM - To participate or volunteer, click here.
1:00 am Rodney Yost Horsemanship Clinic (Free Admission)
7:30 pm PRCA Xtreme Bronc Match

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH

9:30-11:30 am High School Rodeo College Fair (Free Admission)
1:00 pm 20X High School Showcase Rodeo

MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH

10:00 am PRCA Steer Wrestling Slack (Free Adm)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

10:00 am PRCA Tie Down Roping Slack (Free Admission)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

10:00 am WPROA Barrel Racing Slack (Free Admission)
3:30-6:00 pm Girls in Spurs "Ladies Night"-Rodeo Zone

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

10:00 am PRCA Team Roping Slack (Free Admission)
7:30 pm PRCA Rodeo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

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

World Champ Jesse Kruse Adds Montana Circuit Finals Win to His Name

The rodeo lifestyle is all encompassing, taking families on a zig-zag pattern across the country. It provides unique memories, watching children grow up in the backdrop of their parents' careers.

Saddle bronc rider Jesse Kruse, father of three, knows all too well. On a night he clinched his seventh RAM Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo win, the spotlight was on his son, Kree. His son took part in rodeo clown JJ Harrison's act, bringing a smile to his parents' face. His wife, Lindsay, and Kruse chuckled saying, "it was the highlight of the rodeo for my wife and I."

Inside the chutes, it was quite a weekend for the hometown cowboy. Kruse captured the win with 235 points on three

head, bringing home the title with an 83-point trip on J Bar J's Stacked Deck. He earned \$9,455 in the three-day span. The saddle bronc rider admitted it wasn't his best showing. But in rodeo, you need not apologize for winning.

"I definitely drew good. I thought I could have ridden better on all three of them, but it ended up working out," said Kruse. "So, a guy can't complain."

The three-time NFR qualifier is proud of his hometown, Great Falls. The passionate fan base gives Kruse an electric roar, motivating the cowboy to deliv-

er some of the best performances of his career.

"The Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals is pretty special in my opinion. I'm a home-towner and I definitely can feel the energy in the crowd for me," Kruse admitted. "Even the other guys, they know a good ride and it's pretty cool to hear them let loose, no matter what."



The win provides the 2009 PRCA Saddle Bronc Riding World Champion a chance to compete in the NFR Open this summer. Kruse believes it's the opportunity he needs to reach the NFR for the first time since 2011.

"It's always good to be riding well and get the chance to ride at these big rodeos. Hopefully it helps me get a better chance of reaching the finals," said the 36-year-old. "I hope to stay healthy and keep it going."

Kruse plans to attack rodeo full-time in 2023. As he continues his trek back to Las Vegas, the cowboy hopes to enter as many rodeos as they'll let him in.

"If I can get in them, I will dang-sure be in them."

Other winners at the \$219,571 rodeo were all-around cowboy Caleb Berquist (\$4,574, tie-down roping and team roping); bareback rider Caleb Bennett (253 points on three head); steer wrestler Ty Erickson

(12.7 seconds on three head); team ropers Dustin Bird/Ike Folsom (18.3 seconds on three head); tie-down roper Dillon Hahnkamp (27.3 seconds on three head); barrel racer Abigail Knight (38.95 seconds on three runs); and bull rider Hawk Whitt (174.5 points on two head).

News & Notes
From The Rodeo Trail

The 65th National Finals Rodeo will return to the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Dec. 7-16, 2023. The 10 nights of competition will feature the top 120 contestants in the world vying for a coveted PRCA World Championship. They will also be competing for their share of the \$10.9 million purse, which set a record in 2022.

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Olin Ellsworth Claims RAM First Frontier Circuit Title

Olin Ellsworth was on his own during the 2023 RAM First Frontier Circuit Finals Rodeo held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, Jan. 12-14. The steer wrestler is part of a dynasty in the circuit comprised of the states in the northeastern part of the country; a family that boasts more than three dozen circuit championships.

"Typically, I would have family there competing in multiple events," Ellsworth, 41, said. "But this year for some reason I was a lone ranger."

The isolation did not impair Ellsworth at all as the Warrensburg, New York cowboy captured his first ever FFCFR average championship after turfing three steers in 12.7 seconds. Ellsworth placed in all three go rounds to earn \$7,978.

"I'm glad to finally get it done," Ellsworth said. He's been competing at the FFCFR for nearly a decade, ever since he returned to his home state after attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, where he competed on the rodeo team.

Thanks to the outstanding effort over three days in Harrisburg, Ellsworth captured his second-year end title and will compete once again at the NFR Open powered by RAM next July. The NFR Open is the national championship of the circuit system and only invites

the circuit year end champions and the circuit finals rodeo winners.

Ellsworth competed at the inaugural NFR Open in 2022, picking up some good checks.

"I went there when it was a regular season rodeo and I was out there last year and placed," Ellsworth said. "It's nice to go out there in the summer, take a little break. It's a fun rodeo and a nice arena."

In Harrisburg, Ellsworth was happy to have Burgess Ovitt's horse Smoke under him.

"My horse doesn't like that building in Harrisburg for three straight nights," Ellsworth said. "My friend and hauling partner, Burgess Ovitt, who is actually a school superintendent, and his horse is very solid."

Smoke suffered a bad cut on his knee on Thanksgiving, an injury which threatened the horse's chance to be ready to compete at the FFCFR. Ellsworth, who works as a farrier when not on the rodeo road, was able to call upon his veterinary connections in Saratoga, New York to treat the injury.

"We had a lot of good vet care, and they were able to put him back together," Ellsworth said. Ellsworth tapped veteran Carmine Natri for hazing duties. "He's hazed a lot for me over the years and is very experienced."

Ellsworth was the picture of consistency over three rounds, posting runs of 4.5, 4.1 and 4.1 seconds, which placed him third, second and first in the three rounds.

"We had a game plan and we stuck to it every night," Ellsworth said.

He loves competing in Harrisburg.

"I was on Wikipedia the other day and read that it's like the largest indoor agricultural event. It's like an old school state fair," Ellsworth said. "The rodeo is the last three days and it's just electric in that building. It's always sold out on Friday and Saturday and it's just so loud and fun."

Other winners at the \$188,393 rodeo were all-around cowboy Zane Kilgus (\$16,79, tie-down roping, steer wrestling and team roping); bareback rider Tim Kent (230 points on three head); team ropers Zane Kilgus and Drew Carnes (16.8 seconds on three head); saddle bronc rider Clovis Crane (224 points on two head); tie-down roper Zane Kilgus (32.1 seconds on three head); barrel racer Christina Mulford (41.88 seconds on three runs); breakaway roper Cheyenne Chamberlain (5.5 seconds on two head); and bull rider Grayson Cole (250.5 points on three head).

Shorty Garrett Takes Lead in Saddle Bronc Standings



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Tri-State Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet Feb. 4th BF Community Hall

Feb. 4: Tri-State Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet February 4, 5:30 PM at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, 512 6th Avenue. Join us for a great dinner, games, raffles, silent and live auctions. Come and help conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl and other wildlife. Contact Ben Dempsey 406-670-6936. Tickets available online at <https://www.ducks.org/events> or at the door.

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The Opinions of Robert Dennis.

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Count Your Blessings

I have a son who used to do carpentry work. Seeing as there are so few cows around here in the winter, now that the drought forced us to sell most of the cows, he decided to go back to doing carpentry work. Found a job with a good guy and he has been building a house most of the winter and enjoying the work. The other day, while standing on some scaffolding, he had to step on to a ladder. One of the other workers had set it there and he watched as the guy got it stomped into the ground. He stepped out and tested it with his foot a couple times, decided it was set and put his full weight on it and it immediately went down, with him going head first to the ground from about 9 feet in the air.

First we heard of it was when he called and told us to meet him at the emergency room. We headed out and on the way got a call from his boss, and he had sent us to the wrong town. Took a bit longer but we got there. He had had x rays but nothing done. They would only allow one of us to go to the room with him, so seeing as Gramma had two little urchins who stay with us most week days, I went back. Yup, I am a coward. Urchins scare me. Especially little girl urchins!

Doctor came in and told us he had broken both wrists, an elbow and had a crack in his skull. Wow!

Took a bit but a real nice Paramedic trained guy who was working in the ER put splints on and we finally got to head out.

So we moved him in with us

as he has no one at his house to help during the week. I get to be a nurse and chauffeur for all his appointments. Gramma don't like to drive and especially my pickup. Her car is in the shop getting fixed after an incident with a deer last summer. And then there are the two previously mentioned urchins. Yeeesh!

He had to go back and see a specialist where it was determined he will need surgery on both wrist, they aren't worried about the elbow, just a small crack, head injury is no big deal. Thank goodness for hardheaded ancestors!

So I have had to deal with all kinds of people, plus do it in small towns and cities. I love people. But in small quantities!

At first he was pretty grateful he was still alive, but after the past few days with splints on both arms and not being able to do anything for himself, he is seeing the appeal of heaven! I don't blame him but keep telling him to be thankful for small favors. It can always be worse. Could have broken his back or both legs...etc.

So I am just here to say, appreciate your good health and when you have to deal with people who deal with people all day, every day.. take your patience along. I am sure they are doing the best they can! We ought to try to do our best and be thankful for people who work in doctors offices and hospitals.

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2023 Pro Rodeo Badlands Circuit Standings

WPRA (last updated 2023-01-16)

Rank	Name	Hometown	Money Won	Rodeos Attended
1	Nikki Hansen	Dickinson, ND	\$1,577.27	2
2	Molly Otto	Grand Forks, ND	\$1,117.28	2
3	Fonda Melby	Backus, MN	\$885.62	1
4	Bobbie Jo Miller	Manoken, ND	\$616.06	2
5	Taylor Hanson	St Onge, SD	\$532.04	2
6	Cindy Baltazore (G)	Bersford, SD	\$483.06	1
7	Jessica Routier	Buffalo, SD	\$319.22	2
8	Summer Kosel	Glenham, SD	\$265.37	1
9	Cydney Peterson	Minot, ND	\$181.02	2

Greeley Stampede Foundation Scholarships

Since 2001, the Greeley Stampede Foundation has given academic scholarships to graduating Weld County high school seniors to support the events mission to strengthen our community. Overall the Foundation has funded \$735,540 to 642 well deserving students since its inception.

The Foundation has grown over the years from their first scholarship given for \$500 to the recent \$50,000 awarded annually. For 2023, the Foundation is again increasing the high school scholarship fund to \$62,500 to award twenty-five \$2,500 scholarships.

"We are really pushing to increase our impact on the community to show support for our students and their pursuit of higher education," said Nyla Bristow, Greeley Stam-

pede Foundation Chairman in a press release. "Our students work hard. Offering some financial relief to help them achieve their goals is why we created the Foundation."

The 2023 scholarships will be awarded to graduating Weld County high school seniors based on the student's academics, volunteer or work experience, extracurricular activities, and leadership. Recipients may use the scholarship at any accredited trade school, community college, university, or college.

Applications and more information on each scholarship is available at www.greeley-stampede.org/p/scholarships. The completed online scholarship must be submitted by midnight on Feb. 28, 2023.

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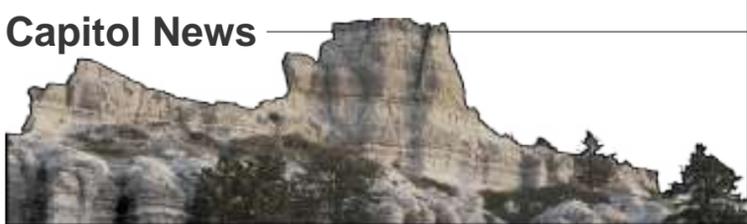
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Capitol News



KAREN ODELL

This week, Erma Albert had a chiropractor's appointment, making her feel much better. She and Dick went to the Air Base, in Rapid City, on Thursday, and stopped in Spearfish and Belle Fourche to do some shopping. They went to the Senior Citizen Dinner on Friday. Erma stayed to play cards afterward. Sunday was confirmation day at the Catholic Church in Buffalo, and there were seven students being honored. The bishop from Rapid City came to conduct the Confirmation. After church everyone stayed for a pot luck dinner, and the new confirmation students were honored with a special cake.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson spent the last two weeks in Alabama. They drove down, and got to visit Lynn's step-daughter in Tennessee, also. The weather was in the fifties and sixties, but there were tornado warnings while they were there, and one destructive and dangerous tornado had gone through Alabama. They were glad to get home on Friday, and are getting rested up from their trip. They went to church at Little Missouri on Sunday. Dixie Garr and Pete Anderson came down to visit them, and had dinner with Bruce and Lynn, that day.

Julia Davis went to Buffalo for physical therapy on Tuesday. Then, on Wednesday, Jim Meyer from the Belle Vet Clinic, came to their place to Bangs vaccinate. Bobby Cordell, and McKenzie, Mattie and Morgan Buck came to help. When they were finished, Doug and Jim Meyer went to Bobby's and did the bangs vaccinating for Bobby and George Davis there, too. Doug and Julia invited McKenzie, Mattie, and Morgan to supper at the Over The Edge in Camp Crook on Thursday. Lori was not up to going out, so had peace and quiet at home for

a while. Alvin and Marlee Cordell went to the boys' high school basketball game in Buffalo, on Tuesday, against Bowman. They both went to the Methodist Church Soup Supper in Camp Crook on Wednesday. Later in the evening, Alvin played in the pool league at the Corner Bar. Alvin took his loader up to Ronda Cordell's on Friday, where he and Clint Zolnoski cleaned corrals. On Saturday, Marlee went to Bowman to watch the high school play against Belle Fourche. Their grandson, Gavin Pearson, was playing on the freshman basketball team for Belle Fourche, and it was an exciting, close game. Wade Pearson had come to Bowman for the game, too, and he came back to the ranch on Saturday night to stay until Sunday. Later in the day, they stopped at the retirement and graduation celebration at the Community Center in Camp Crook. It was to celebrate Richey Cordell's retirement, and Brandon Cordell's college graduation.

Donna Lewis went to Miles City on Wednesday to have a check-up and some tests done. She had talked to her daughter, Wanda, in Worland, Wyoming. Her weather down there had been pretty good. Donna didn't go bowling this week, but is still using up her cream to make caramels. Sounds like a good hobby. Junior and Shirley Melum made a trip to Baker on Tuesday. They got to stop and visit with Shirley Moseley, who is now at the nursing home, there. Many of the days have been foggy, so there is moisture somewhere in our future.

Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to Buffalo, on Tuesday, to see the boy's basketball game against Bowman.

Dorothy went in to the Camp Crook Methodist Church, on Wednesday, for their Soup Supper. She drove to the community center, but when she heard the church bell ringing, she guessed that it was at the church, and she was right. On Thursday evening, Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went to Buffalo again for the girls' basketball game. It was the Little Moreau Conference game. Dorothy went in to Camp Crook, on Saturday, for the Cordell graduation and retirement party at the Community Center. Bryce and Dawn came in to the gathering a little later, and then went to the Corner Bar to watch the Buffalo girls basketball game on the internet, but the reception was not very good. On Sunday, Bryce took Dawn along to have some quality time together moving cows. Dawn ended up getting some quality exercise, when she finally said, "Let me out and I'll walk." She knew it would be easier than driving back and forth trying to keep them going toward home, and to stop and open gates. It's nice that she got some extra exercise on a pleasant Sunday afternoon, and if she wanted to, she could run ahead to let them know at home that Bryce was coming.

Karen Odell published a couple more of her books this week, and they are available in print. She will soon have them formatted as ebooks, too. She spent some time doing research for her next novel, practicing the violin and piano, cooking and regular chores. She got to see granddaughter, Kyia Smith on her new snowshoes. Minnesota has had so much snow, that snowshoes are handy to have. Charlie inspected cattle for Ronda Cordell and Padden's, Tim Schell, and Murray Rolph this week. He went to Buffalo for supplies, and cattle cake, on

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Saturday. He has been feeding hay and cattle cake each day, and he cooked ribs for Sunday supper. They went to church at the Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia on YouTube. We have learned a few things

in the past year or two. One is that a skunk may disguise himself as a loving lap dog, but somehow most people intuitively seem to know that he is a skunk.

Central Meade County News



By Sandy Rhoden

Something Meade County has dealt with this week, but not as much as east of the river, was fog. Thick fogs came and went through the week while temps were fairly normal for this time of year. The warmer days with sunshine accomplished some melting, but a lot more of those kinds of days are needed to get rid of the snow that is hanging around this winter.

On Saturday, February 11 there will be a 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center for Darrel & Monica Wilcox. This will be a soup supper and dance from 4:00 - 10:00 PM. Mark your calendars for a great community event!

The host committee at the Red Owl Hall will be holding their 2nd Annual Valentines Date Night. Their Maitre'Ds are dusting off their shirts and vests and are looking forward to being servers to the guests attending the evening of Friday, Feb. 18. It will be from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. They will be serving a roast beef dinner and special Valentines dessert. Call Geo. Ann Cobb at 605-985-5914 to set up your reservations for a night out on the

prairie.

For those who would like to have fresh flowers delivered for that special Valentine, Keffeler Kreations is taking orders with a \$5.00 extended flat delivery rate. They will deliver to the communities of Faith, Dupree, Eagle Butte, Howes, Marcus, Opal, White Owl, Red Owl, Enning and Union Center. One must have their order in by Feb.6 at noon. Call 605-967-2330 to put in your order or talk to Dana Keffeler.

The senior class from Faith will make their annual trip to Pierre this Wednesday along with their Government teacher, Deanna Fischbach. This class is special because when they were 5th graders, their teacher, Sandy Rhoden, took them to Pierre which was a

memorable time for both students and teacher. The class did a unit on the Legislative process for Social Studies and they loved the discussion, testimonies, writing the bills and voting on them. One of the most important bills that was passed was to have a class pet. The initial bill to have a class pet failed as the boys were not keen on cleaning the cage until the rest of the year. After some tears and disappointment, the boys showed mercy and the bill was amended to having a class pet for one month and all were happy. However, the boys were correct in how much work it took to be responsible for the two rabbits during the week and over the weekend. And the clean up was huge but we all did love the two bunnies. They were all voted, and had the bill signed by the Principle, to have dessert for school lunch once a week.

Doug Shauer testified against a bill that allowed 5th graders to do weight training. After many good reasons about safety and body structure he presented, the bill failed. These 5th graders made very good legislators. Weather permitting I am hopeful that I can meet up with them during the day in Pierre this week.

The Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo events kick off this Friday, Jan.27 and go to Saturday Feb.4 at the Monument in Rapid City. There will be a lot of coming and going along Hy.34 as they head to the Stock Show to sell items as vendors, participants, buyers, sellers, observers and more. This is the highlight of the year for ranchers and many families from Central Meade County. Hopefully, we will have good weather throughout this big event.

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SDSU Extension offers training on updated Cottage Food Laws

BROOKINGS, S.D. – SDSU Extension is providing training for food processors who would like to sell food products from their homes following updates to the state's cottage food laws earlier this year.

The South Dakota Cottage Home Processing Food Safety online course includes information on proper food labeling, licensing fees, food testing, and other things processors need to know before they can begin selling food items.

Curtis Braun, SDSU Extension Food Safety Field Specialist said the state Department of Health-approved training will highlight food safety risks of several different food types. Braun said a food safety expert will also be available to answer questions.

"SDSU Extension strives to provide relevant food safety

material for the South Dakota population that allows them to make food safely and supporting the ideas of new foods coming to market," Braun said.

This training is only available online. To register, visit the South Dakota Cottage Home Processing Food Safety page. It is \$40 per person and is good for five years.

Processors selling only non-temperature-controlled goods do not have to take the course.

The updates to South Dakota House Bill 1322 broaden the foods and food products that processors can sell from home, including certain non-temperature-controlled, canned, baked and frozen goods.

The bill's aim is to expand the opportunities for food entrepreneurs in South Dakota through lessened regulations and more

options, which Braun said was successfully achieved.

"SD HB1322 allows home processors to sell a wider variety of foods from their home with much less regulatory burden," said Braun.

"I'm excited about SDSU Extension continuing to support the expansion of opportunities for food entrepreneurs through building a foundation of food safety knowledge."

Some products, like meat jerky and honey, are regulated by different agencies. If you aren't sure which agency regulates an item, please reach out to SDSU Extension Food Safety or the South Dakota Department of Health.

For more information, contact Curtis Braun, SDSU Extension Food Safety Field Specialist.

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Yield: About 7 or 8 half-pint jars



Ingredients
4 cups thinly sliced orange peel with albedo (about 2.5 to 3 lbs. oranges as purchased)
Albedo is the white pith of the peel and is needed in this recipe because it provides the pectin needed for the marmalade to gel.
4 cups orange pulp, cut up
1 cup thinly sliced lemon (about 1 large lemon as purchased)
6 cups of water
6 cups of sugar

Procedure
Wash and rinse half-pint canning jars; sterilize the jars and keep hot until ready to fill. Prepare lids and ring bands according to manufacturer's directions.
Rinse oranges and lemons well in clean water.
Peel oranges and slice orange peel with albedo attached into 1/8" strips. Measure 4 cups. Remove seeds and membrane from orange pulp. Cut sections into smaller pieces; measure 4 cups.
Slice lemon(s) into 1/8" slices

and remove seeds. If desired, cut slices into halves or quarters. Measure 1 cup.
Add water to fruit in a 10-quart stock pot. Bring to a boil and cook over medium heat until peel is tender, about 1 hour. Add sugar and bring slowly to a boil; stirring until sugar dissolves. Cook rapidly to the jelling point, about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Be careful not to get burned with spattering marmalade. Quickly skim foam, if any, from top of mixture.
Fill hot marmalade into hot pre-sterilized jars, leaving 1/4" headspace. Wipe rims of jars

with a dampened, clean paper towel. Apply and adjust prepared canning lids.
Process filled jars in a boiling water canner according to the directions in the table below. Let processed jars cool, undisturbed, 12 to 24 hours and check for seals.
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Edge, who has expertise in this type of construction after working in Colorado, says the community needs this.

“I moved up here to Belle Fourche after retiring from the construction consulting business, but it didn’t work,” he says with a chuckle. “We’ve got some good things going now and there’s just such a need up here that I’ve jumped back in to do what I can to get projects going.”

Portions of the development’s design will be tailored toward the retired citizen’s market as no-step entry ADA-compliant homes will be built on cul-de-sacs to give a “community within the community” type feel according to Magrane.

Neighborworks Dakota Home Resources is also partnering on the project to provide a few Governor’s homes to be placed in the development as supply chain issues resolve. They will also provide financial aid programs to help homebuy-

ers with down payment assistance and low-interest loans. Owners who take advantage of federally backed homebuyer assistance programs, such as 0% interest loans and low-down payment programs, will be required to live in their homes for two years. Any money made on the sale of the home is subject to return to Neighborworks on a declining scale until year five when the requirement goes away. This is meant to prevent people from “flipping” houses and to discourage large investors from acquiring homes for rental purposes.

“So we’re really protecting the middle class folks and making sure they can get in and not the wealthy investor class,” McGrane said. “We’re trying to keep it a protected community for our work force. And we’re really excited about that.”



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There are three major factors that feed into the increase in revenue. The first is inflation. As the cost of goods increases so does the sales tax charged on those goods. At some point Belle Fourche consumers will cut back on purchases which eventually could put some resistance to continued strong numbers.

Secondly, after the Wayfair v. state of South Dakota decision, more latitude was given for sales tax to be charged on internet purchases. In Wayfair, where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that cities and municipalities may charge sales tax for online purchases from out-of-state retailers, states could extend the concept of nexus (a term that applies to the connection between a state taxing authority and a business) into the online sales of remote sellers.

A remote seller is a business that typically doesn't have a physical nexus in a state but that sells products or services for delivery into that state, or a city within that state, such as Belle Fourche.

Third, the city has seen an increase in economic activity over the past 12 months. According to the Belle Fourche Development Corporation job creation numbers were strong in 2022, largely attributed to Alba-

ny Farms' new Twisted Noodle ramen production plant which now employs more than 100 team members and is planning to add more in 2023.

Another indicator of economic activity is the third-penny sales tax. This is collected on restaurant, hotel and liquor purchases. It is often used as an indicator of visitor activity and tourism. In 2022 the city saw a 3% increase in third-penny collections. The \$227,928 collected was also an all-time high for the city and represented a 28% increase since the onset of the COVID economy in 2020.

December's third-penny numbers were 2% better than 2021 and the 2022 monthly average for the visitor tax was \$16,947, the highest monthly average ever. However, the 2% increase is slower than the five-year average growth of 6.5%. Part of the reason for that was the 24% jump in revenue between 2020 and 2021 as the nationwide lockdowns eased and travel became easier. The high cost of fuel has contributed to a general slowdown in discretionary travel spending as well.

The highest monthly total for third-penny receipts was August with \$29,675 collected, slightly less than the August of 2021 total by about \$413. This past year saw the city exceed the \$20,000 mark in receipts for in four months for the first time. Those months were July, August, September and October. The slowest month was March as is typically the case.

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Weather History Made 80 Years Ago in the Black Hills

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It was eighty years ago this past week that weather history was made in the Black Hills region as a world record was set for fastest temperature change.

Residents of Belle Fourche and Butte County were spared the most dramatic fluctuations of temperature which further south ranged from below zero to 50-degrees above zero.

The Beacon examined a March 1943 report of the weather event, written by Roland Hamann of the US Weather Bureau in Rapid City. It indicates that there are no documented temperature records for Belle Fourche that day but anecdotal accounts indicate that the temperature fluctuation occurred somewhere between Belle Fourche and Spearfish and along a line from Spearfish to Sturgis to Rapid City.

The following is an excerpt from a document written on January 22, 1943 by Cedric A. Barnes, Chief Airway Communicator at the Black Hills Airport and a resident of St.

Onge.

I live at St. Onge, about 5 miles north and 3 miles east of the station. When I left, the temperature was between 5-degrees and 10-degrees below zero F which was expected.

About half way south, the windshield on the car frosted so suddenly and so heavily that I was well toward the ditch before I could get stopped.

When I got out to clean the windshield of the car, it felt like a warm spring day with about 15 miles of wind from the SW.

When I reached the station, about 8:15am the temperature was 45-degrees F, with a WSW 44-mile wind, and rain showers.

The most notable temperature fluctuations occurred on January 22, 1943 when temperatures rose and fell almost 50 degrees in a few minutes. This phenomenon was caused when a frontal boundary separating extremely cold Arctic air from warmer Pacific air rolled like an ocean tide along the northern and eastern slopes of the Black Hills.

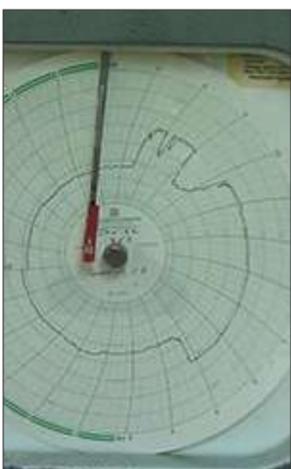
In mid-January 1943, Arctic air pushed southward from Canada, bringing extremely cold temperatures across the central United States. By the morning of January 19, temperatures were well below zero as far south as Kansas and in the single digits to teens across Texas. On January 20, warmer air started to spread eastward from the Pacific over the Rockies while lows ranged from -20 to -30 degrees across the Dakotas (see map below). The boundary separating this warmer air from the frigid air was near the front range of the Rocky Mountains and through Nebraska, with Casper WY at 22 degrees while Rapid City was -20 degrees. During the day, the warm air aloft reached the higher elevations of the Black Hills.

Temperatures warmed into the 30s at Custer and Lead while highs remained below zero in downtown Rapid City, the Rapid City Airport (now Ellsworth Air Force Base), and Spearfish. The following day, temperatures reached the 40s in the Hills but struggled to get into the single digits above zero on the plains as the front advanced to the northeast.

Early morning temperatures on January 22 were already above freezing in the higher elevations of the Black Hills but still below zero along the foothills. Shortly after daybreak, the front moved northeast—down the slopes of the Black Hills—and temperatures warmed rapidly. Later in the morning, the front retreated to the southwest and temperatures plummeted just as quickly. The oscillations occurred several times during the morning; the front pushed east of Rapid City during the afternoon, allowing the airport to reach 50 degrees. It finally shifted south again during the late afternoon, and the cold air returned to the foothills.

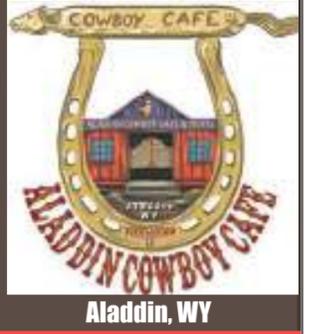
In Spearfish, the temperature rose from -4 at 7:32 a.m. to 45 degrees—a rise of 49 degrees—in just two minutes. A couple of hours later, it plunged from 54 back to -4 degrees—a change of 58 degrees in 27 minutes. In downtown Rapid City, the temperature had warmed to +5 degrees by 9:20 a.m., then it quickly warmed to 54 degrees by 9:40 am—a difference of 49 degrees in 20 minutes.

The drastic temperature changes were logged on recording thermometers at the Montana-Dakota Utilities Company offices in both downtown Rapid City (then at 725 St. Joseph Street) and Spearfish. A picture of the instrument with a replica of the January 22, 1943 chart is shown below along with a picture of the actual temperature



A Spearfish thermograph showing the temperature changes (black line).

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recording chart.

The change in temperature was noticeable as people rounded street corners. Motorists were unable to see out their windshields when thick frost forms as they encountered the front and plate glass windows cracked.

This event, which the Rapid City Daily Journal described as "crazily deviating temperatures" and "freakish warmth", received national media coverage. It was featured in "Ripley's Believe it or Not" and "Strange as it Seems" cartoons printed in newspapers across the country.

Kindergarten Student of the Month



Standing at the orange door is **Rosalie Kuenzel**, Kindergarten winner of Student of the Month for December. *Courtesy Photo*



Canning Homemade Soups

The winter season means soup season! Enjoying a warm bowl of homemade canned soup is a great way to stay warm and cozy in these cold months. The key to canning a safe, high-quality soup is to follow directions provided by a reliable science-based source such as USDA, the National Center for Home Food Preservation (NCHFP), or a state Extension service.

Vegetable-based soups are mixtures of low-acid ingredients, and they **MUST BE** pressure canned to control for botulism food poisoning. There are no recommendations to can a vegetable or vegetable-meat soup in a boiling water bath canner. There is only one version of pressure canning directions for home canned soups available on the National Center for Home Food Preservation website. Consumers should follow these directions exactly as written: https://nchfp.uga.edu/how/can_04/soups.html. If additional ingredients or thickening is desired, the soup should be canned as described in the recipe, and those additional ingredients should be added when the jar is opened for serving.

The NCHFP procedure is not an exact recipe; it allows you to have some choice of vegetables, dried beans or peas, meat, poultry, or seafood. It does **NOT** allow you to include noodles or other pasta, rice, flour, cream, milk or other thickening or dairy ingredients.

If dried beans or peas are used, they must first be fully rehydrated. To rehydrate each cup of dried beans or peas add 3 cups of water, boil 2 minutes, remove from heat, soak 1 hour, heat to boiling, and drain. Each vegetable should be prepared using the 'hot pack' method according to USDA directions. To find directions for preparing the vegetables in your soup, visit the NCHFP website and search for the vegetable you wish to use in your soup. If there is not a separate canning recommendation for a vegetable, then do not include it.

Meats recommended for canning should be covered with water and cooked until tender, then cooled and the bones removed. Next, all the prepared ingredients should be cooked together with hot water, broth or tomatoes, and boiled for 5 minutes. Salt can be added to taste, if desired. Do not fully cook the soup before filling jars; the canning process completes the cooking at the same time it eliminates harmful microorganisms.

A very important step in these procedures is that jars should only be filled halfway with the mixture of solids. The rest of the jar is filled with the hot liquid, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Process the jars in a pressure canner according to instructions provided in the recipe and based on your altitude and type of pressure canner. Source: National Center for Home Food Preservation



Belle Fourche School District's Community Early Childhood Developmental Screening For children ages 0-5

Date: Friday February 24, 2023
Time: 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
Where: North Park Elementary Early Intervention Classroom
Please call for an appointment 605-723-9139

Belle Fourche School District
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Belle Fourche Kindergarten Screening

Date: Monday, March 13th
Time: 8:00–3:00 pm
Location: North Park Elementary

- You **MUST** bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records.
- Children must be five years old on or before **September 1st 2023**.
- **Appointments required—call North Park @ 723-3379 to schedule an appointment ASAP.**
- **Appointments generally last one hour.**
- **Current Kindergarten students will not have school this day.**



Hot Shots owner Greg Mandillo had some able assistance as the BF Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at **Hot Shots** at the corner of 5th and Grant Streets last Thursday. They are a local ice cream shop, with coffee, homemade fudge, and ice cream, made here in Belle Fourche.

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CALVES	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD	
Dave & Chase Hayden, Baker MT	112	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	521	238.50	1,242.11 \$
133	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	470	249.50	1,173.21 \$	
91	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	434	219.50	952.41 \$	
Paul Palczewski, Ludlow SD	99	Black-Str Pc Ni, An	505	240.00	1,210.90 \$
51	Black-Str Pc Ni, An	427	242.00	1,033.00 \$	
Stanley Steber, Hardin MT	89	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	686	199.50	1,367.69 \$
George & Jean Etchemendy, Douglas WY	49	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	552	228.50	1,260.48 \$
73	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	521	200.50	1,045.48 \$	
Ellsbury Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	53	Black-Hfr Pc	666	163.00	1,068.88 \$
22	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc	541	191.50	1,035.84 \$	
32	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	585	214.50	1,255.83 \$	
Cottonwood Cattle, Forsyth MT	41	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	583	221.00	1,288.26 \$
23	Black-Hfr Bt	464	194.00	900.41 \$	
Frank J Nies, Ekalaka MT	16	Black-Str Pc Ni	617	215.00	1,325.60 \$
46	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	593	193.00	1,144.99 \$	
Henry Lambright, Hulett WY	40	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	635	201.00	1,276.09 \$
10	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	526	219.00	1,150.84 \$	
17	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	572	179.00	1,023.98 \$	
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	50	Black-Hfr Pc Ni, Bv	586	194.50	1,138.99 \$
Mackey & Fiedor, Gillette WY	38	Red-Str Pc Bqa	600	198.00	1,187.47 \$
Center Of The Nation, Newell SD	28	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	708	150.00	1,062.58 \$
17	Bwf-Hfr Pc	668	157.50	1,052.00 \$	
Rustad Bros., Wibaux MT	52	Black-Hfr Ni, Pc	613	177.00	1,085.65 \$
18	Black-Str	639	208.00	1,330.04 \$	
Willy & Anne Gergen, Broadus MT	38	Black-Str Pc Ni, Df	617	215.00	1,327.05 \$
8	Black-Str Pc Ni, Df	532	231.00	1,228.63 \$	
Ronda Cordell, Camp Crook SD	107	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	522	195.50	1,019.98 \$
8	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	463	204.50	945.81 \$	
Travis Hurst, Buffalo SD	6	Black-Str Pc Ni	479	243.00	1,164.37 \$
4	Black-Str Pc Ni	575	212.00	1,219.00 \$	
34	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	493	203.00	1,000.07 \$	
Monte & Tanja Miller, Sundance WY	32	Black-Hfr Pc Bv, Ni	542	187.00	1,012.72 \$
Evan & Mae Stimpson, Lodge Grass MT	36	Bk/Rd/Ch-Str Bt	802	167.75	1,345.96 \$
18	Black-Str Bt	593	208.00	1,233.55 \$	
16	Bk/Rd/Ch-Str Bulls	613	170.00	1,042.31 \$	
45	Char/Red-Hfr Bt	678	162.50	1,102.29 \$	
37	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	597	178.00	1,062.46 \$	
Wes & Lisa Stepler, Culbertson MT	39	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	471	185.00	870.68 \$
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	22	Black-Str Pc Ni	623	199.00	1,240.58 \$
6	Black-Str Pc Ni	528	219.00	1,155.22 \$	
14	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	886	159.00	1,408.28 \$	
K & D Livestock Inc, Volborg MT	45	Black-Str Pc Ni, An	643	190.00	1,221.27 \$
6	Black-Str Pc Ni, An	530	213.00	1,128.90 \$	
Deer Track Ranch Llc, Gillette WY	16	Black-Str Pc Ni	631	207.00	1,305.39 \$
14	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	597	177.00	1,056.31 \$	
Gene Loder, Scranton Nd	11	Black-Str Pc Ni, Df	547	206.00	1,126.44 \$
10	Black-Str Pc Ni, Df	486	213.00	1,035.18 \$	
12	Black-Hfr Pc Ni, Df	503	197.00	989.92 \$	
Greg & Susan Herden, Brockway MT	9	Red-Str Ni	606	197.00	1,194.03 \$
13	Red-Str Ni	479	221.00	1,059.10 \$	
13	Red-Hfr Ni	439	196.00	860.13 \$	
7	Black-Hfr Ni	433	196.00	848.40 \$	
Lucy & Brandon Ruby, Belle Fourche SD	14	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	663	172.50	1,142.81 \$
16	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Ni	643	156.00	1,003.27 \$	
Y Y Cattle Inc, Volborg MT	7	Black-Str	750	171.50	1,286.25 \$
Timothy Brown, Buffalo SD	19	Black-Str Pc	472	228.00	1,075.80 \$
12	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc	408	194.50	794.20 \$	
Cort Cundy, Sundance WY	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	704	180.00	1,266.54 \$
John Bruch, Sturgis SD	49	Red-Hfr Pc Ni	555	181.00	1,004.73 \$
23	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	603	169.00	1,019.87 \$	
11	Rd/Blk-Hfr Pc Ni	420	191.00	801.33 \$	
Ken Bird, Volborg MT	15	Black-Str Pc	571	221.50	1,264.02 \$
11	Black-Hfr Pc	524	196.00	1,026.32 \$	
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	44	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt, Ni	675	182.00	1,229.32 \$
Consignment From WY	5	Black-Hfr	493	181.00	892.33 \$
Scott Sanburn, Biddle MT	14	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Ni	636	209.50	1,332.56 \$
Jack Terhune, Alzada MT	10	Black-Hfr	535	192.50	1,028.91 \$
4	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	443	187.50	829.68 \$	
Johnson Ranch Llp, Buffalo SD	14	Black-Hfr	457	200.00	913.57 \$
Fickbohm Farms, Newell SD	12	Red-Hfr	546	170.50	931.35 \$
Diamond W Ranch Llc, Ludlow SD	7	Char/Blk-Str	626	189.00	1,182.60 \$
Arthur Meccage, Baker MT	10	Black-Str Pc Ni	680	188.00	1,278.40 \$
10	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	585	188.50	1,102.72 \$	
Bill Schmele, Newell SD	34	Blk/Bwf-Str	579	202.00	1,169.52 \$
10	Blk/Bwf-Str	460	224.00	1,029.28 \$	
36	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	543	188.00	1,021.46 \$	
YEARLINGS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD	
Paul Hinkhouse, Nisland SD	64	Blk/Bwf-Yring Str	817	172.00	1,405.56 \$
65	Bk/Rd/Ch-Yring Str	796	170.00	1,352.67 \$	
Ritthaler Cattle, Upton WY	11	Black-Yring Str	915	165.00	1,510.50 \$
Consignment From MT	76	Black-Yring Hfr	831	162.50	1,350.78 \$
39	Black-Yring Hfr	848	162.50	1,378.54 \$	
Wade Helkenn, Sundance WY	14	Blk/Bwf-Yring Hfr	730	156.00	1,138.24 \$
Sorenson Farms, Forsyth MT	7	Black-Yring Hfr	811	160.00	1,298.28 \$
1	Bwf-Yring Hfr	880	145.00	1,276.00 \$	
8	Black-Yring Hfr	905	159.00	1,438.95 \$	
COWS	HD	WT	BID	\$/HD	
Paden Land, Camp Crook SD	40	Black-Hfr	901	114.00	1,026.71 \$
10	Black-Cowette	1028	85.00	873.37 \$	

10	Black-Cow	1280	68.50	876.45 \$	
Historic Gunn Ranch, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1250	74.00	925.00 \$
Paden Land, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1685	71.00	1,196.35 \$
1	Black-Cow	1455	70.50	1,025.77 \$	
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	4	Blk/Bwf-Cowette	1205	97.00	1,168.85 \$
Thar Angus Llc, Rozet WY	1	Red-Cow	1160	71.50	829.40 \$
1	Red-Cow	1110	73.00	810.30 \$	
1	Bwf-Cow	845	83.00	701.35 \$	
7	Black-Cow	1183	75.00	887.14 \$	
Consignment From MT	60	Black-Hfr	859	113.50	974.77 \$
62	Black-Hfr	827	117.50	971.36 \$	
42	Black-Cowette	983	107.00	1,051.65 \$	
41	Black-Cow	1295	72.00	932.22 \$	
1	Black-Cow	920	71.00	653.20 \$	
1	Black-Cowette	815	81.00	660.15 \$	
1	Black-Cowette	635	82.50	523.87 \$	
Sorenson Farms, Forsyth MT	10	Rd/Blk-Hfr	1006	108.50	1,090.96 \$
9	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1412	72.50	1,023.86 \$	
1	Black-Hfr	985	108.00	1,063.80 \$	
1	Black-Hfr	995	70.00	696.50 \$	
Dale & Carmel Hansen, Banner WY	1	Black-Cowette	1045	98.00	1,024.10 \$
Monte Snook, Sundance WY	2	Red-Cow	1393	70.50	981.71 \$
7	Rd/Blk-Cowette	1095	96.00	1,051.20 \$	
5	Rd/Blk-Cow	1247	72.00	897.84 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1545	71.00	1,096.95 \$	
1	Red-Cow	1130	74.00	836.20 \$	
1	Red-Cow	1560	67.00	1,045.20 \$	
1	Red-Cow	1330	71.00	944.30 \$	
2	Rd/Blk-Cow	1325	71.00	940.75 \$	
1	Bwf-Cow	1575	68.00	1,071.00 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1555	70.50	1,086.27 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1280	70.00	896.00 \$	
Neil Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT	1	Bwf-Cow	1380	70.50	972.90 \$
Stanley Steber, Hardin MT	1	Rwf-Cow	1185	70.00	829.50 \$
1	Bwf-Cow	1065	75.00	791.25 \$	
Wes & Lisa Stepler, Culbertson MT	1	Black-Cow	1295	71.50	925.92 \$
1	Black-Cow	1585	70.00	1,109.50 \$	
1	Black-Cowette	1045	103.00	1,076.35 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1445	68.00	982.60 \$	
1	Black-Cowette	1145	106.50	1,219.42 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1420	70.00	994.00 \$	
Layton Steele, Newell SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1325	70.00	927.50 \$
Thomas Kalsiak, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Hfr	805	105.00	845.25 \$
3	Black-Hfr	890	103.00	916.70 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1280	68.00	870.40 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1235	68.00	839.80 \$	
1	Red-Cow	1530	65.00	994.50 \$	
Shawn Patton, Bozeman MT	1	Bwf-Cow	1390	66.00	917.40 \$
Wes & Lisa Stepler, Culbertson MT	1	Black-Cow	1300	65.50	851.50 \$
1	Black-Cow	1445	68.50	989.82 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1185	69.50	823.57 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1555	66.00	1,026.30 \$	
Lance Marshall, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1355	69.50	941.72 \$
Stanley Steber, Hardin MT	1	Herf-Cow	1265	67.00	847.55 \$
1	Black-Cow	1190	68.00	809.20 \$	
Neil Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1180	66.00	778.80 \$
1	Black-Cow	1475	68.00	1,003.00 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1330	67.00	891.10 \$	
Tenadore Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT	10	Black-Cow	1211	67.00	811.03 \$
7	Black-Cow	1231	68.00	837.37 \$	
1	Black-Cowette	1040	65.00	676.00 \$	
Thar Angus Llc, Rozet WY	27	Black-Cow	1174	68.00	798.24 \$
1	Black-Cow	1330	69.00	917.70 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1445	68.50	989.82 \$	
Wade Helkenn, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1355	67.00	907.85 \$
1	Black-Cow	1265	62.00	784.30 \$	
Jerry Hammerquist, Caputa SD	1	Black-Cow	1750	68.50	1,198.75 \$
1	Black-Cow	1600	66.00	1,056.00 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1985	65.50	1,300.17 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1555	63.50	987.42 \$	
Lynn Jespersen, Upton WY	3	Rd/Blk-Cow	1333	67.50	900.00 \$
2	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1285	69.50	893.07 \$	
Paden Land, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1625	68.00	1,105.00 \$
1	Black-Cow	1320	67.00	884.40 \$	
1	Black-Cow	1395	64.00	892.80 \$	

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125 years ago
Belle TIMES
January 28, 1898
National Soldier's Home
A special dispatch from Huron, S. D., to the World Herald says: Black Hills parties in the city a day or two since say sentiment in favor of locating a branch of the national soldiers' home at Hot Springs is rapidly growing. Eastern senators and representatives in congress are more favorably impressed with Hot Springs as the place for such an institution than ever and Senators Pettigrew and Kyle, with Representatives Kelly and Knowles of this state, are securing support of eastern congressmen in inducing the committee to name Hot Springs as the place. A circular sent out by Dr. E. E. Clough, chairman of the board of commissioners of the South Dakota soldiers' home, setting forth the advantages that will accrue, and the benefits to the newly arrived ex-soldiers, sighting the fact that forty or more men affected with rheumatic and nervous ailments, sent from the national home in Leavenworth, Kansas, to the Hot Springs home, were all very greatly benefited by the use of the springs' water, climatic conditions, etc. Some of the cured were indeed remarkable – almost miraculous. The state home halls only admit soldiers resident in South Dakota, and, therefore, the many applicants for admission to it from homes in eastern states are refused. This fact is stimulating sentiment in favor of building the proposed new home at Hot Springs. The senate committee on military affairs has reported in favor of the appropriation for the new home, and if the efforts now being made in behalf of its location in Hot Springs are successful, it will not be long till hundreds of ex-union soldiers from all parts of the country will be comfortably cared for in one of the most attractive and healthful sections of country in America.

Talk of the Town
The Belle Fourche smelter seems to be a sure go. The Bullock farm near Belle Fourche and other valuable property has been transferred to the Belle Fourche Smelting and Refining Company as a part of the contract into which that company has entered to build a 500-ton smelter at that point-Ragged Top Shaft.
Mable Noland, one of the inhabitants of the "bad lands" took a dose of morphine Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock and when found in her room at 10 a.m. the circulation had stopped and her heart had almost ceased beating. Dr. Campbell was summoned and applied the electric battery, which soon started the circulation and brought the patient around. All OK.
A very enjoyable dance was held at the Ingersoll school house last Friday evening. A few Belle Fourche young peo-

ple attended and they report a very glorious time.

100 years ago
Northwest Post
January 28, 1923
Quick Action

As a direct result of Saturday night's meeting, the work of construction a first-class federal highway from Redwater into Spearfish will be commenced early this spring. In accordance with the resolution adopted at the Deadwood meeting, on Tuesday of this week County Commissioners Moore, Burchett and Hansen of Lawrence county; State Highway Commissioner Leedom, Highway Superintendents Peck of Lawrence county and Olds of Butte county; State Highway Engineers Berry and Smith, County Commissioners Fowler of Butte county, State Representative Warren, State Senator Cock and a number of Spearfish and Belle Fourche business men made a trip over the proposed new road and the route has been chosen and will be recommended by the highway officials. The new road will connect at Redwater with the federal highway now under construction from Belle Fourche, going west a short distance at the foot of Redwater hill, thence directly south past the Pete Aspin ranch. The road will shorten the distance between Belle Fourche and Spearfish two miles, and will be a high bench roadway.
Contracts will be let in the very near future and it is expected to complete the work next spring, and the road will be graveled and hard surfaced in the fall.

A Change at the Golden Rule Store
On Wednesday of last week W. J. Lindsey of Casper, Wyo., principal owner of the Golden Rule store in this city, purchased the interest of Charles L. Lott in that establishment and is now sole owner. F. A. Lindsay, a nephew of the owner, who has been connected with the store in this city for the past year, will have the active management of the Belle Fourche store. He is a capable and accommodating young man and will doubtless get his share of business. Mr. Lott has been in charge of the Golden Rule store in this city since its establishment several years ago, and during his residence here has made a host of warm friends. While he has no definite plans for the future, it is hoped that he will not sever his business relations in the city. Prior to coming to Belle Fourche he was a traveling salesman, and it is possible that he may again take up that work.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
January 27, 1948
Mercury Hits -23 at Diversion Dam; Better Days Are Coming
A cold wave, which sent the mercury to 23 degrees below zero at the diversion dam northeast of town, gripped the



by Mary Buchholz

Tri-State area Tuesday, but the weatherman sees hope for rising temperatures today and tomorrow. Although the official thermometer at the diversion dam plunged to -23, Belle Fourche residents generally conceded the weather was somewhat milder in town. Estimates ranged from -20 to -15 here Tuesday morning with the thermometer at the Montana Dakota Utilities Company office clocking a low of -15. A bright January sun tried hard yesterday to warm things up, but its best was good enough to boost the mercury only to a high of 20 degrees. In protected spots, however, the sun did manage to melt some snow. Meanwhile, with the cold weather making a heavy demand on the natural gas supply, the local office of Montana Dakota Utilities Company was compelled to curtail services to industrial users. Gas service to bentonite plants was reported almost entirely cut off, while other establishments were asked to cut their consumption. Low temperature reading in the state Tuesday morning was at Lemmon, which recorded -29.

President Signs Information Bill
Washington, Jan 27 – President Truman has signed the so-called "Voice of America" bill. The bill was introduced last year and had a stormy journey until its final passage in amended form. Its author is Republican Representative Karl Mundt of South Dakota. The measure authorizes foreign informational activities, including radio broadcasts to Russia and other countries. The state department began the program with only the grudging consent of congress. The program would cost about 50 million dollars in the next fiscal year, more than double this year's cost.

Orville Wright Collapsed Again
Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 27 – One of the inventors of the airplane is ill again. Orville Wright collapsed in Dayton, Ohio, today for the second time in four months. He was taken to a hospital. His physician, Dr. A. B. Brower, says Wright suffered an attack similar to the one he had last October. However, the doctor says he doesn't believe the attack is as serious as the first one. In October the 76 year-old co-inventor of the airplane collapsed on the steps of an office building. His physicians at that time refused to call it a heart attack, but they admitted that an electro-cardiograph test had shown that they described as "minor difficulty." (Editor note: Orville Wright died three days later on Jan. 30, 1948.)

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The Voice of America began broadcasting to communist countries to combat propoganda with accurate and unbiased news and information. The congressional bill creating it was authored by Republican Representative Karl Mundt of South Dakota. - Getty Images



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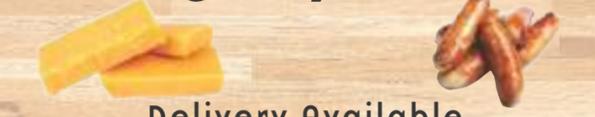


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Committee Wants Long Range Look at Buildings
Before going much farther in their planning, the Washington building committee feels a committee should be named to check out the Roosevelt and Lincoln building so that more accurate long range plans can be defined while making a decision on a replacement for the Washington building. In a report to the Belle Fourche school board Tuesday night, the building committee said they had studied educational priorities in relation to the building situation. The committee feels that the grade system as it now exists should be maintained – elementary (kindergarten thru fourth grade), middle school (5 thru 8) and high school (9 thru 12). The committee, though not making specific recommendations, listed advantages in consolidation of school sites – coordination of teachers within departments and between departments, library resources can be better utilized and enlarged by elimination of duplication, audio-visual equipment be better utilized, better utilization of music and physical education teachers. In addition there would be savings in furnace and heating costs, playground equipment, custo-

dial services, hot lunch services and administrative services. The Washington committee then recommended to the board that a study of the Roosevelt and Lincoln buildings be made by the same group which conducted a structural study of the Washington building, Dale Gillette (chairman), William Coyle, Tony Schmaltz, Charles Livingston, and Charles Bruggeman.
Post Office Closed
Today has been declared a national day of mourning for former president, Lyndon B. Johnson, and all post offices will be closed, it was announced here yesterday by the local post office. At the local office, according to Marion Hesse, assistant postmaster, there will be no city or rural delivery or star route, box delivery and no window service. The post office lobby will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
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Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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John Allred, Bishop
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Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
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10 a.m. Worship

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

"Business of Building Dreams"

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." While traveling a while back, we noticed a sign in a small local retail establishment conveying what I believe captures the essence of a small local community.



feel that way. When working with vibrant and transformative communities, there is always a common element permeating through the community. That element is confidence and self-belief.

The sign read, "When you support a local small business, you're supporting a local dream". Local businesses can have capability and motivation, but it really takes a community with local dream-supporting attitude to assist these local dreams in becoming true.

I once had a college professor ask, "What is the difference between creative people and non-creative people?" There were several responses, all of which may have had an element of truth. But he went on to state the difference is that creative people believe they are creative while non-creative people don't

They have winning attitudes. They expect to experience success. They believe they are creative and will overcome any obstacle to win and succeed. Likewise, when I work with communities still trying to find their way, they tend to view obstacles as unclimbable mountains and have little confidence in their abilities to overcome adversity. I find this not only in the various communities leadership teams, but in their business base as well.

This brings us back to the sign we noticed in the local shop. No matter how hard they work and are motivated, their success largely remains in the hands of the local community

and what they believe they can accomplish. Thus, the importance of a local community having a winning attitude and a belief they will win. Thus, the importance of community leadership instilling confidence and winning attitudes not just at the leadership level, but throughout the entire community. Great leaders understand the power of the mind, they know great things can be achieved with the right attitude. They know the sum of the individual parts is always exceeded by the total accomplishments of the entire team.

When we discuss leadership, we must not assume all is well if we have a great leader. While a great leader is a great start, it takes a leader with the willingness and capability of spreading a winning vision to all levels of government and community. It takes those second line leaders pushing the mission to all the organizations and groups within the community. It then is followed by the entire community catching the vision of what can be. When the community truly catches the vision of transformation and what is needed to accomplish transformation, they

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Puzzle Answers on D4

have the power to make dreams of local businesses and entrepreneurs come true. We have discussed the need for the local community to help these dreams come true. But, make no mistake, for this to happen, local business owners must have more than ability, work ethic and motivation. Businesses must still provide what consumers want at times convenient to the local consumer. The success of local businesses depends not just on the consumer, but the willingness for both to meet at a point fitting the business and the consumer. A great example would be store hours. As I was walking through a community full of hungry shoppers, I couldn't help but notice many of the local businesses closed by 5:30PM. When statistically nearly 70% of all business transactions take place after 5:00PM, closed by 5:30PM on a busy day isn't meeting the consumer halfway. I love the branding slogan for Michigan, it is very simple and concise, it is known as "Pure Michigan." While not suggesting you steal Michigan's idea, I am advocating you adopt the internal mindset of a "Pure Local" attitude towards your community and local businesses. The power of a community working together is far greater than the sum of each individual entity trying to succeed on their own, which never ends well. 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

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Check out all the upcoming fine arts events these next few months. There are plenty of opportunities to be in the audience. And maybe, dear readers, will see YOU on stage! I promise to keep you up-to-date with audition dates and times. Speaking of being on stage, the Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters have announced a new date for their **2023 Community Variety Show: Sunday, April 30th**, at the Community Hall. This show benefits the fine arts students in our schools with fine arts opportunities including camp scholarships, travel to events, and activity support. Acts of all kinds are needed for the show: singers, instrumentalists, bands, comedy acts, and other performance artists! So get your act together and contact Belle Fourche FAB at bfhsfab@gmail.com to be part of a FUN community



Time to plan your THEATER NIGHTS OUT!!

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT) 2023 SEASON was announced on Saturday. Looks like there will be a show for everyone! The BFACT Lineup includes: *Pride and Prejudice*, May 12, 13, 14; *Mama Mia!*, July 27, 28, 29, 30; *The Northern Hills Theaters Getting Our Acts Together* in late August; and a spooky Halloween show in October! Audition dates will be announced soon! The BFACT Board saw a few changes also. Contact these folks to volunteer, to donate, or to find out more about local theater: President- Nathan Schreier, Vice President- Nathan Thompson, Secretary- Heather Pittman, Treasurer- Kelsey Gronlund, Members at Large- Angela Hastings, Allie Juso Verry, and Sharon Thompson.

CHECK OUT WE ARE THE SEA - the Belle Fourche High School Theater ONE ACT PRODUCTION, Monday, January 23rd. The cast includes Carlie Reeves, Hunter Brown, Wyatt Lesmeister, Alejah Carbajal, Tyce Hostetter, Joselyn Shockey, Sophia Thompson, Carston Sechser, Nyomi Wolkamp, Maggie McCord, Elizabeth Ann McCord, and Brodie McNeese. These young actors and their director, Michael Kane, have been practicing with focus for the Regional Competition on January 25th. So please be their audience and their supporters at the public performance, Monday, January 23rd, at 7 PM in the Belle Fourche Rec Center Theater.

DO YOU HAVE AN EYE FOR GREAT PHOTOS? Belle Fourche Arts Council is holding their first annual photography contest and is now taking submissions until February 4th. The contest theme is "Rural Life Expressions." You may enter your photos under multiple categories: landscape, people, and wildlife. There are two levels of competition – 18 and under and adult. There is a \$20 entrance fee that covers four submissions, with a maximum of two entries per category. The winner of each category will receive \$175, with second place receiving \$100 and 3rd place \$50. There will also be an award for people's choice. Submissions can be brought in person to the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center or mailed (415 Fifth Avenue). The Tri-State Museum is open from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday-Saturday. All photos must have been taken in the Black Hills. Each should be submitted as a matted 9 x 10 photo, and include a complete entry form, signed release form, and the entry fee to cover all submissions. Entry forms can be downloaded from the Belle Fourche Arts Council Facebook page, the website <https://bfartsphotocontest.weebly.com>, or obtained from the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center. Please call Charlotte Dougherty at 568-0179 if you would like to be a sponsor! Can't wait to enter all my best Black Hills vacation selfies in the "people" category. #livingmybestlife

MARK YOUR 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!



2023 Officers: President, **Nathan Thompon**; Treasurer, **Kelsey Gronlund**, Secretary, **Heather Pittman**; Member-at-Large, **Angela Hastings**; Member-at-Large, **Allie Juso Verry**; and Member-at-Large, **Sharon Thompson**. *BFACT Courtesy Photo*

Rural Life Expressions
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Texas Company Suing over Pilfered Triceratops Skull Found in Harding County

Company blames contractor hired to find fossils in South Dakota

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A Texas company that hired a contractor to search for dinosaur fossils in South Dakota is suing the contractor, alleging that he pilfered a

Triceratops skull. Theropoda Exp of Allen, Texas hired Forrest A. Rush of Montana to search for fossils in Harding County. Theropoda had an exclusive fossil rights agreement to search the land from July 14, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The company paid Rush a daily fee to search the site. Rush reported findings to the company.

In the fall of 2018, Rush reported finding a Triceratops fossil. On

Sept. 29, 2018, a company representative visited the site to observe the condition of the fossil. The company returned a month later to winterize the site, covering exposed bones with foil, soil and a tarp.

The company returned on June 19, 2019.

“Upon arriving at the site of the triceratops, Theropoda discovered that the site had been ransacked,” the lawsuit says. “The soil had been removed; the tarp had been removed; there was a hole where certain excavation had been performed; pieces of foil were strewn about; and fragments of plaster (which is used by those familiar with fossil collection process to protect (‘jacket’) fossil material) were observed.”

The lawsuit blames Rush, but doesn’t offer a reason why. Rush did respond to a request for comment from The Dakota Scout.

The company is seeking the return of its property and has sued Rush for conversion and breach of contract.

“Defendant Rush’s conduct was oppressive, fraudulent, malicious, and/or willful and wanton, thereby entitling Theropoda to punitive damages to punish, and make an example of, defendant Rush,” the lawsuit says.

The action was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota.



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Names of Legislators Who Traveled to Hawaii Released

Public still in the dark about costs associated with taxpayer-funded trip

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The list of South Dakota representatives who traveled to Hawaii in December for a legislative outing has been released by the Speaker of

the House. The Dakota Scout in December reported at least a dozen state legislators flew to the Pacific island of Oahu where the national conference of the Council of State Governments took place from Dec. 7-10, including now former Reps. Spencer Gosch and Jamie Smith.

At the time, Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck

released the names of the four members from his chamber who attended the conference: Rep. Gary Cammack (the Senate majority leader at the time) and Sens. Red Dawn Foster, Michael Rohl and Erin Tobin.

Legislative Research Council director Reed Holwegner responded to a request for House member travel records by The Dakota Scout on Dec. 9 by saying he’d fulfill the request by April 24.

While expenses related to legislative travel still have not been provided, newly-elected House Speaker Hugh Bartels — Gosch’s successor — provided the names to The Dakota Scout Thursday.

• Sen. Shawn Bordeaux (a representative at the time)

- Rep. Linda Duba
- Rep. Chris Karr
- Rep. Marty Overweg
- Rep. Oren Lesmeister
- Former Rep. Spencer Gosch
- Former Rep. Jamie Smith
- Sen. Tom Pischke (a representative at the time)
- Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt had also been approved for the travel but did not attend the conference due to illness.

Austin Goss of Dakota News Now also requested the travel records and was provided the same timeline by Holwegner. The news outlet appealed the response in hopes of expediting the release of the records. The matter is now in the hands of the South Dakota Board of Hearing Examiners.

Governor’s \$200M Housing Initiative Again Sparks Debate in the House

Lawmakers last year spent days discussing same spending program

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PIERRE — It’s as if Ground Hog Day came early in the South Dakota Legislature.

Divisions within the caucus of Republicans in the state House over a \$200 million spending package revealed last year were on full display again Friday when lawmakers were again at odds over those same dollars.

During last year’s legislative session, House members spent days playing politics over Gov. Kristi Noem’s initiative to use a combination of state and federal dollars to create a housing infrastructure program. But an error in the final legislation that narrowly passed at the time has kept those dollars from being dispersed.

So this time around, the governor’s office and leadership in both chambers have aggressively pushed to get the fix — Senate Bill 41 — to Noem’s desk as quickly as possible. And after clearing the Senate last week and the House State Affairs Committee Wednesday, a contingent of House Republicans who identify as members of the Freedom Caucus put a snag in those plans.

After an amendment supported by the Freedom Caucus proposed ditching the housing infrastruc-

ture program entirely and instead send the \$200 million directly to counties was rejected, those same lawmakers invoked an obscure procedural maneuver known as Rule 517 to delay a final vote until next week.

“It gives us an opportunity to be able to get together as a group, not on the House floor, so we can discuss the issues,” Rep. Tina Mullally told reporters after her motion to invoke Rule 517 was supported by more than one-fifth of House lawmakers.

SB-41 was scheduled to be taken up this past Monday in the House, as well as another proposed amendment to remove an emergency clause from the bill. The emergency clause requires a two-thirds majority for passage and would make the measure effective immediately.

The bill includes \$100 million in state dollars to provide a low-interest revolving loan fund to help builders with housing infrastructure costs. Another \$50 million of state money and \$50 million in federal stimulus money would be used to provide grants.

Proponents of SB-41 say delaying the vote only holds hostage developers and communities, such as Belle Fourche, with bid-ready projects that have been in queue since last summer.



Northeast view of Capitol building with reflection in Capitol Lake Photo from Dakota Scout

Former Noem Staffer Taking Over South Dakota GOP Operations

Madison Sheahan hire follows victory for governor’s preferred party office candidates

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PIERRE — Madison Sheahan, a former Noem staffer — both in the governor’s office and on the campaign trail — has been tapped to be the executive director of the state GOP by the party’s executive

committee and newly-elected chairman John Wiik.

Wiik, along with GOP vice chair Mary Fitzgerald, were the governor’s preferred choices in the lead-up to last week’s party elections that took place in the Capitol city.

In her new role, Sheahan will handle day-to-day operation of the party.

“I am excited for Madison to join our leadership team at the State Party,” Wiik said. “She played an instrumental role in the 2022 election cycle on Governor Kristi Noem’s team and will bring a new perspective as we begin to rebuild the party.”

Sheahan worked in the governor’s office prior to jumping to the campaign ahead of Noem’s 2022 re-election run. She replaces former executive director Terin Lucero.

“It is an honor to be selected as the executive director of the South Dakota Republican Party,” she said. “I look forward to building a party that sets an example to the nation.”

Sheahan is an Ohio native, previously working as a state director for the Trump 2020 campaign.



Madison Sheahan

Legislative Travel Reform Pushes Forward After ‘Abuse of Power’ Trips to Hawaii

Former House speaker defends travel, says bill is political posturing

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Junkets for lame-duck lawmakers will face more scrutiny going forward, if a measure that inched forward in the South Dakota Legislature this week earns passage.

The Senate State Affairs Committee last Friday morning unanimously recommended approval of Senate Bill 68, which seeks to take away unilateral authority of the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore to approve legislative travel for members of their chambers who will not be returning to the State Capitol for another term.

The legislation comes in response to former House Speaker Spencer Gosch and former House Minority Leader and Democratic candidate for governor Jamie Smith traveling to Hawaii in December for a legislative convention less than a month before they’d be out of the state Legislature.

“It grows out of an abuse of power by the former speaker of the House approving a trip to Hawaii for he and Democrat leader last December, a few weeks before they were leaving office,” Sen. Lee Schoenbeck said.

As the presiding officer in the Senate, Schoenbeck approved four of his fellow senators traveling to a national legislative conference in Honolulu, all of whom returned to the Legislature this year.

SB-68, co-sponsored by the Watertown Republican and current House Speaker Hugh Bartels, takes the power of legislative travel approval for outgoing lawmakers out of their hands. Instead, the 15-member Executive Board of the Legislature would decide.

Both Smith, Gosch and their allies have defended the pair’s decision to take the trip to Hawaii a month before leaving office, saying the travel was approved in late spring 2022. While Gosch lost his

primary in June, Smith announced in February 2022 he’d not seek re-election and instead pursue the governor’s mansion.

Gosch told The Dakota Scout following the morning’s vote that it’s in the interest of South Dakota to have members of its legislative leadership team at the Council of State Governments.

“These meetings often have national policy implications as other elected leaders from around the country are in attendance,” he said. “If we are going to continue to be part of these organizations, we need experience and leadership at these meetings to represent South Dakota on a national scale.”

Executive review Under the Schoenbeck-Bartels measure, travel approval for a legislator who later loses a re-election bid or chooses not to seek re-election would be reviewed by the Executive Board. The Board would determine if the previously approved trip was still in the interest of the taxpayer, Schoenbeck said.

While SB-68 earned unanimous approval, some question whether it’s necessary.

Sen. Reynold Nesiba, who serves on State Affairs and supported the bill Friday, said often times outgoing legislators end up back at the state Capitol later in life. It’s his hope, he said, that both Speaker Gosch and Rep. Smith run for office again and come back and bring their expertise back to the Legislature.

Gosch said the bill is merely political theater because the Executive Board could implement the policy proposed in SB-68 without formal legislation.

“Even then, the presiding officers would still be able to use discretion,” he said.



Senator Lee Schoenbeck testifies on Senate Bill 68 in House State Affairs Committee. Dakota Scout Photo

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First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the House of Representatives. If you have any concerns that you would like to share with me, please contact me at neal.pinnow@sdlegislature.gov and please put 28B in the subject line. By doing placing 28B in the subject line, this will draw my attention to your email and I will make sure those are priority over the hundreds of other emails that we receive on a daily basis.

By the time you read this, the legislature will be in there third week of session and the bill load is ramped up.

As of Monday, January 16th, there were 136 bills introduced between the Senate and the House.

You can find those bills along with the committee that the bill was referred to at sdlegislature.gov. At the time of this article, there have been several bills introduced regarding the food sales tax reduction. These bills vary from a full reduction of the 4.5% to a 1% or 2% reduction. There has also been a bill introduced for a property tax reduction that will mostly affect schools.

Going forward with the session, some of the big issues the legislature is going to be facing will be eminent domain rights, medical marijuana, transgender surgeries, property rights protection and I am assuming at some point there will be bills brought forward but as of today those have not arrived. The legislature committee's are working hard to protect the citizens of South Dakota.

I am currently working on a bill to help resolve property issues in which the owner is deceased but does not have a will or any living heirs. I am also working with the EMS Association and I believe we will have a bill coming forward in the next week. I am working on a couple other bills that hopefully I will have more information on in the coming future.

On a good note! HB1011, an act to revise the reemployment

assistance (formerly known as unemployment insurance, was passed by the House of Representatives and will now move over to the Senate for their review. If this is passed in to law, starting in the year 2024, this will save South Dakota businesses approximately \$18 million combined. This is the first tax cut to pass the House, albeit small, this is a good way to start the 2023 session.

Thank you and please feel free to reach out to me at the email above. If you make it to the Capitol, please send me an email and we will set up a time to visit.



Rep. Neal Pinnow



Joe Kirby is a 4th generation South Dakotan.

"I am a fourth generation Sioux Falls resident. I live downtown with my wife Jenny and my two dogs. I have kids and grandkids in town and in California. I attended Augie and USD law school and became a CPA and lawyer. I then led Western Surety Company, our multigenerational family business, until we sold it."

Since then, I have stayed busy golfing, traveling, volunteering and giving. I also enjoy facilitating planning sessions for nonprofits lacking strategic plans. But mostly, I am a government reform advocate. As one of the leaders of a successful 1990s effort to modernize our city government, I witnessed firsthand the remarkable benefits resulting from the change. Our community is thriving due in no small way to the change. So now I'm hooked.

In my experience, government tends to resist the sort of continuous improvement needed for survival in business and non-profits. That's why I am a fan of consolidation, open primaries, ranked choice voting, local control, home rule and government modernization. I encourage the adoption of better approaches and systems for government, both election systems and structural improvements. It's a slow, upstream process.

Election Reform Makes Sense

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The powers that be in sports do a good job of keeping their games up to date and entertaining. Professional baseball periodically tweaks the rules to improve the game. So do NFL team owners. And tennis and golf rules officials. The games are better for it.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said about our election system. Election processes have been largely unchanged for decades. Over time, they have become out of date and unfair, but those in power don't seem inclined to do anything about it. Meanwhile there are better alternatives readily available.

Sports Change to Stay Relevant

The governing bodies of sports have made countless major changes in the last few decades. The NFL has modified rules to protect quarterbacks, to deal with concussions, to encourage big plays and more. College football created a playoff system and is now adding more teams to it. The NBA added a shot clock and a three-point circle. Baseball added wild card teams. The number of teams in March Madness has grown. Tennis automated line calls. These changes kept each of these sports more relevant.

Our Grandparent's Election System No Longer Works Well

While the world has changed dramatically over the past 50 years, our nation's election laws have remained largely the same. They are out of date.

Today's election system isn't written into our constitution. It wasn't contemplated by the founding fathers. Instead, it evolved over decades in very different times and presumably worked okay up through the 1970s when the world started to experience multiple seismic shifts.

Since then, the internet, social media and 24/7 news have increased public focus on politics and politicians. Exaggeration and hysteria flood the airwaves. We now suffer unprecedented levels of partisanship and a worrisome lack of leadership both nationally and locally. Here in South Dakota, our grandparents' election system isn't working well anymore.

Our Election System is Unfair to Independent Voters

To start with, let's acknowledge that our state's election laws aren't fair to independent voters. The number of independent voters, those unwilling to sign up with either of the top two parties, is growing. Nationally over 40% of voters self-identify as independent. Our party-controlled election system prohibits them from voting in the Republican primary, which is the only election that really matters in our state over 90% of the time. As a result, half of the electorate has absolute control of our politics and our state government.

That is not fair or democratic.

Our Election Laws Encourage Hyper Partisanship

And because our election system encourages and rewards partisanship, our elected officials often express views well to the right of South Dakota norms. Turns out that even with absolute power, Republican elected officials must be careful to act 100% Republican all the time lest they get taken out at the next party convention or primary.

Unfortunately, this systemic problem is not unique to South Dakota.

Nationally, the hyper partisanship bred by party-run election systems prevents consensus solutions on big problems like the immigration mess, gun violence, abortion and homelessness.

It is time to take a fresh look at how we choose our representatives and leaders. There are alternative election systems available that are more inclusive. They can produce popular winners who better reflect the will of the voters. They promise to elect more independently minded people who won't be dictated to by their party. Let's start with the primary election system

Open Primaries Let All Voters Vote

In a top-two, open primary system, all candidates for an office compete against each other in a wide-open primary election. The two candidates who get the most votes advance to the general election. With open primaries all voters get to vote. Everyone gets an equal chance to participate. It is a more democratic electoral system.

Candidates in an open primary quickly learn that to do well they must appeal to a broad range of voters. They can no longer thrive by focusing on the most partisan voters in their party. In fact, politicians with broad public appeal will no longer need to worry what the extremists in their party think of them. They will have the freedom to follow their own moral compass and do the right thing from time to time. Wouldn't that be shocking!

Another type of election reform I like entails giving voters the chance to express their preferences more fully.

Ranked Choice Voting and Approval Voting Give Voters More Input

Ranked choice voting and approval voting give voters the opportunity to respond to each candidate when there are several running. Voters can rank the candidates or indicate which candidates they approve of, depending on which system is used. Either approach more accurately reflects voter intent than plurality voting which forces them to pick one, and only one favorite in sometimes crowded fields of candidates.

Both systems eliminate the spoiler effect, avoid the need for expensive runoff elections and promise to produce winners who reflect the will of the people.

Election reforms like open primaries and ranked choice voting don't necessarily change who runs or who gets elected. But they improve candidate messaging and motivation.

Who Resists Election Reform?

Just like the rules in sports, election systems would benefit from periodic updating. But not everyone is open to it.

Most of those who oppose election reform proposals fall into one or more of three categories. The first, and perhaps the most obvious, is people who have used the current system to acquire positions of power. The second is hyper partisans from both political parties who put party ahead of state and of voters. The third, and it is not an insignificant group, is unimaginative traditionalists. I hope we can somehow work around those folks and eventually bring about necessary change.

The Promise of Election Reform

Sports stay current by regularly reviewing and improving their rules. Our election systems deserve the same attention.

The promise of election reforms like open primaries and ranked choice voting is results more in sync with the wishes of voters. All voters get to vote. Candidates are motivated to appeal to a broad group of voters. Those with broad appeal no longer need to compromise their principles to please partisans. Issues will matter more, and party will matter less. Government has a chance to function properly.

told The Dakota Scout last month that she'd likely oppose a food tax cut given the funding needs of state government and gaps in services it provides.

The Noem administration, though, is working hard to bring legislators along.

According to the Bureau of Finance and Management, ongoing general fund collections are up \$146 million over what was anticipated in the current year's budget and revenue projections.

And future budget projections

have that figure increasing to \$203 million by the end of fiscal year 2023.

"Even with conservative projections for future revenue growth, we can afford this tax cut," said Jim Terwilliger, commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management. "The governor has consistently provided large funding increases to schools, medical providers, state employees, and other groups. This proposal adds a group that is too often ignored - South Dakota taxpayers."

SD Freedom Caucus Challenging Legislative Process as Unconstitutional

Lawmakers argue governor is intruding on their constitutional powers

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PIERRE – A group of conservative House members is challenging the process by which state agencies introduce legislation, arguing that process violates the state Constitution.

The legislation in question are known as agency bills, and they are introduced in committees on behalf of state agencies seeking changes to South Dakota laws. As written, they do not have the name of a lawmaker as a sponsor.

Members of the conservative Freedom Caucus argue that agencies, which fall under the executive

branch headed by the governor, are an intrusion on the Legislature's rights under the Constitution. The Constitution establishes the three branches of government, the executive, legislative and judicial.

In the opening days of the session, Rep. Tina Mulally, a member of the Freedom Caucus, challenged the introduction of two agency bills in the House Commerce and Energy Committee. Mulally, a Rapid City Republican, pointed out that the two bills did not have the name of a lawmaker as a sponsor. Ultimately, committee Chairman Rep. Mike Weisgram told Mulally that the bills were being introduced under his authority.

In a statement issued Friday, one week after the incident, Mulally criticized the use of agency bills.

"The governor and the executive agencies seem to conveniently

forget we have three branches of government, not one," she said. "It's the difference between a Republic and a despotism."

Others argue that the practice has been common for years.

Former Attorney General Roger Tellinghuisen, who served as the state's top prosecutor from 1987-1991 and who has stayed involved in legislative affairs as a lobbyist, said committee bills have been used in the 35 years he's been involved.

"Frankly, I think it's bad practice to not allow it," he said. "Agencies tend to be repositories for the history and the information that give rise to good legislation. To outlaw agency bills that way, I think is short sighted."

Tellinghuisen noted that the title of an agency bill is just the introduction. A legislative member of a committee must still introduce a bill, and all lawmakers on a committee consider the such legislation.

Last year an agency bill sponsored by Gov. Kristi Noem that would have banned abortion at the detection of a fetus heartbeat, died when no lawmaker introduced it in committee.

But Freedom Caucus lawmakers say they will introduce legislation to stop the process.

"This is a constitutional issue, and it should be an easy fix," Freedom Caucus Chairman Aaron Aylward said. "We need to make sure that the people's elected representatives are the ones leading this process and not unelected bureaucrats."



SD House of Representatives. Dakota Scout Photo

Noem wants board to vet foreign land purchases, but lawmakers could go further

House Bill would prohibit any ownership of ag land by foreign governments

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Gov. Kristi Noem wants a board to vet agricultural land transfers involving foreign governments.

But there's a growing appetite among some lawmakers to outright ban foreign ownership of farm and ranch ground in South Dakota, the latest development in ongoing efforts to reform America's food supply chain and reduce its reliance on China.

House Bill 1069, being carried by Rep. Carl Perry and Sen. Tom Pischke, stipulates: "A foreign government may not purchase, acquire, lease, or hold any interest in agricultural land in this state."

The bill would not be retroactive and, if adopted, would govern land transfers beginning July 1.

"I'm not in competition with the governor," Perry told The Dakota Scout Monday. "What I'm in competition with is whether or not we can get to the point where we have some control of the entities who are getting the land in South Dakota."

Since 1979, South Dakota law has prohibited residents of foreign countries from owning more than 160 acres of agricultural land. However, foreign governments and foreign-owned corporations are not covered under that law.

And today, more than 350,000 acres of South Dakota ground is owned by non-American entities.

Measures similar to HB-1069 have come before the Legislature in prior years but failed to earn support. In 2020, a bill brought by former Sen. Jordan Youngberg that sought to ban foreign ownership of agriculture land in South Dakota died in committee. And a resolution seeking to establish a summer study on foreign-owned land in South Dakota suffered the same fate in 2021.

Both those measures were opposed by the Noem administration. But concerns over China-involved agriculture taking place in South Dakota and across America have heightened since.

And in December, Noem announced that with the assistance

of Rep. Gary Cammack and Sen. Erin Tobin, she'd be introducing a policy proposal to establish a Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States — South Dakota. The committee would investigate ag land purchases by foreign entities and recommend approval or denial to the governor.

Cammack, who had a hand in killing the 2020 and 2021 measures, said Noem's proposal is a more thoughtful approach to protecting American interests than a total prohibition on foreign-owned land.

"I've always been concerned about foreign ownership of ag land in the U.S. and in South Dakota," he said. "But I also am concerned about not hurting our good friends and our neighbors, especially from Canada."

Perry said he also supports the governor's proposal, but opted to file HB-1069 at the urging of his constituents. And should Noem's measure earn the support of the Legislature, he said he'd likely withdraw his bill.

Noem's food tax cut bill filed in legislature

Governor working behind the scenes to get lawmakers on board

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PIERRE — The food tax cut Gov. Kristi Noem has been championing since September is moving into legislative form.

The governor's office along with a pair of legislators — Rep. Mary Fitzgerald and Sen. John Wiik — announced the filing of House Bill 1075, which proposes to repeal the 4.5 percent state sales tax that right now is collected on grocery purchases in South Dakota.

Noem touts the legislation as the largest tax cut in South Dakota history, which, if adopted, is estimated

to save taxpayers \$102 million each year.

"I've visited dozens of grocery stores across South Dakota in recent months, and every time, I meet South Dakotans who are shocked by the rising cost of food," Noem said in a statement. "They need relief — and we can afford to give it to them."

Wiik and Fitzgerald, elected chair and vice chair, respectively, of the South Dakota Republican Party last week, are the prime sponsors of HB-1075.

South Dakota is among just three states that apply its full rate of

sales tax on groceries.

While Noem has newfound support of the food tax — her administration fought a food tax cut last year — not everyone is on board. Senate Republicans have continued to voice apprehension to doing away with a consistent revenue source in a time of economic uncertainty.

And even some members of the Democratic Party, which in South Dakota has pushed to eliminate taxes on food for years, aren't convinced it's the right thing to do.

Sioux Falls Rep. Linda Duba, a Democrat representing District 15,

S. Dakota Cattlemen's Association Legislative Update

New legislators are learning the ropes, committees are in full swing hearing agency updates and bills, and the floor debates are getting more interesting. Early in the session new bills are still being filed each day. Last year, we saw a record number of bills filed and this year we are just slightly behind the number we saw at the end of week two.

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks presented to both the Senate and House Ag Commit-

tees. A similar presentation will be made with more detailed budget information to the Joint Appropriates Committee in the coming days.

The SDCA Board and Policy Chairs will be headed to Pierre for SDCA day at the Capitol on Thursday.

They will be attending committee and general sessions and meeting with key state and legislative leaders. Please reach out to your regional representatives with any questions or concerns that you would like brought to the discussion.

Bills SDCA is Monitoring

SDCA leadership and staff reviews bills regularly during session and determines whether the organization should take a position based on SDCA organization's policy. At the end of the second week, 199 bills and resolutions along with a few commemorations were filed. Here are a few that we have been tracking:

HB 1029- An act to revise certain provisions regarding the county zoning and appeals process. This bill removes legislative amendments that were added to SB 157 in 2020. HB 1029 amends the majority vote needed to approve a permit from majority of members to majority of members present, and clarifies a few other provisions of the law.

SDCA will be monitoring this bill as we learn more about how county zoning and appeals have been working since SB 157 took effect. Proponents testified that the bill provided needed flexibility and uniformity between county and municipal. There was limited opposition to the bill, however the committee members had concerns about changing the majority vote. The bill passed out of the House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee 7-6. It will be up for consideration of the House next week.

HB 1075, 1095, and 1096- Grocery sales tax relief. These bills propose to reduce grocery sales tax to 0%, 1.5%, or 3.5%. We will continue to review these bills to determine the long term impact and how any proposed tax reduction will be

funder in the years to come.

HB 1090- An act to modify protections for agricultural operations from nuisance claims. This bill seeks to limit nuisance actions against agricultural operators and limit compensatory damages. This bill will be heard in committee next week.

SB 21- An act to make an appropriation for costs related to the Black Hills National Forest (BHNF) Land and Resource Management Plan revision process and to declare an emergency.

This bill calls for funding to support 1:1 cost share programs for counties in the BHNF and funding to support the staff needed for the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to remain engaged in the revision process. Many of our producer members operate in and around the Black Hills National Forest and are directly impacted by the plan and SDCA has been actively participating in the plan revision process and supports this legislation. This bill is expected to be heard in committee next week.

SB 30- revise the criteria for remote sellers who must remit sales tax. This bill clarifies the requirements which remote sellers must collect and remit sales tax. This includes sale tax on farm equipment to South Dakota. This bill passed Senate Taxation committee 7-0. In the full Senate, the bill passed 30-3 and will now move to the House for consideration.

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State GOP Leadership



Leadership of the state Republican Party recently elected to the SDGOP Executive Board were: Treasurer **Brett Koennecke**, Secretary **Marilyn Oakes**, Vice-Chair **Mary Fitzgerald** and Chairman **John Wiik**. *Courtesy Photo*

National Champion Jackrabbits honored at Capitol

Jackrabbits head coach John Stiegelmeier likens lawmaking to football

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PIERRE — The South Dakota State University Jackrabbits football team Wednesday received a legislative commemoration for their recent NCAA National Championship.

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Coach John Stiegelmeier

ture of the State of South Dakota, that Coach John Stiegelmeier and the South Dakota State University Jackrabbit football team displayed exemplary teamwork, leadership, and commitment in winning the NCAA Division I FCS National Championship. GO BIG! GO BLUE! GO JACKS!" reads Senate Commemoration 802, read on the Senate floor with the team in attendance at the Capitol.

Jackrabbits head coach John Stiegelmeier told senators that the response since winning the title over the Bison of North Dakota State University has been overwhelming.

Stiegelmeier thanked legislators for their service and likened their work to that of a football team.

"You have some battles and you win some and you lose some. But I would challenge you that when you are done with this session that you are national champions," he said.

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Noem wants board to vet foreign land purchases, but lawmakers could go further

House Bill 1069 would prohibit any ownership of agricultural land by foreign governments

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Gov. Kristi Noem wants a board to vet agricultural land transfers involving foreign governments.

But there's a growing appetite among some lawmakers to outright ban foreign ownership of farm and ranch ground in South Dakota, the latest development in ongoing efforts to reform America's food supply chain and reduce its reliance on China.

House Bill 1069, being carried by Rep. Carl Perry and Sen. Tom Pischke, stipulates: "A foreign government may not purchase, acquire, lease, or hold any interest in agricultural land in this state."

The bill would not be retroactive and, if adopted, would govern land transfers beginning July 1.

"I'm not in competition with the governor," Perry told The Dakota Scout Monday. "What I'm in competition with is whether or not we can get to the point where we have some

control of the entities who are getting the land in South Dakota."

Since 1979, South Dakota law has prohibited residents of foreign countries from owning more than 160 acres of agricultural land. However, foreign governments and foreign-owned corporations are not covered under that law.

And today, more than 350,000 acres of South Dakota ground is owned by non-American entities.

Measures similar to HB-1069 have come before the Legislature in prior years but failed to earn support. In 2020, a bill brought by former Sen. Jordan Youngberg that sought to ban foreign ownership of agricultural land in South Dakota died in committee. And a resolution seeking to establish a summer study on foreign-owned land in South Dakota suffered the same fate in 2021.

Both those measures were opposed by the Noem administration. But concerns over China-involved agriculture taking place in South Dakota and

across America have heightened since.

And in December, Noem announced that with the assistance of Rep. Gary Cammack and Sen. Erin Tobin, she'd be introducing a policy proposal to establish a Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States — South Dakota. The committee would investigate agricultural land purchases by foreign entities and recommend approval or denial to the governor.

Cammack, who had a hand in killing the 2020 and 2021 measures, said Noem's proposal is a more thoughtful approach to protecting American interests than a total prohibition on foreign-owned land.

"I've always been concerned about foreign ownership of agricultural land in the U.S. and in South Dakota," he said. "But I also am concerned about not hurting our good friends and our neighbors, especially from Canada."

Perry said he also supports the governor's proposal, but opted to file HB-1069 at the urging of his constituents. And should Noem's measure earn the support of the Legislature, he said he'd likely withdraw his bill.



The Valley Irrigator

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First of the Year Decisions

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NISLAND – The Nisland/Arpan Fire Department Auxiliary hosted their 6th annual soup and dessert supper fundraiser for their support of the local fire-fighters. And the folks packed out the fire hall to bring their support.

Around 60 people were able to be seated at one time in the hall with all the trucks moved outside. Twelve different soups lined the serving window, making it a very difficult task to choose which one you wanted. There were soups ranging from chili, taco to Portuguese Bean and Loaded Baked Potato and everything in between.

A can at the head of the line collected donations and desserts were displayed on another table, along with drinks and water.

There was also a silent auction with many different offerings, including Christmas decorations, candles and even a plush blanket throw.

If you didn't get the chance to attend the soup supper you can still make a donation to the support of the fire department by sending your check made out to Nisland/Arpan Fire Department to PO Box 169, Nisland, SD 57762.

New Set of Tracks



(Left) Mark Peterson, sales rep for Action Trackchair, unloads a chair for Austin Dirk of Vale. (Right) Austin Dirk, 23-year-old son of Shannon and Scott Dirk of Vale, is excited about the freedom he will have with his new Action Trackchair. - Brunner photos



The NAVFR Auxiliary hosted their sixth-annual soup and dessert supper fundraiser and silent auction. Ladies in the kitchen included: Judy Dague, Addison Wich, Lisa Noziska, Amber Wich, Sherry Wells, Sandy Heidrich and Rhonda Vallery, served up the soup. - Brunner photo



John and Connie Maxwell make it a point to attend all volunteer organization fundraisers and this was no different. They enjoyed visiting as well. - Brunner photo

Dirk Receives New Action Trackchair

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VALE – Just like the November weekend when an idea materialized in the brain of a father in Minnesota, a Vale father watched as his son received the culmination of that idea in the form of an Action Trackchair. Austin Dirk, local 23-year-old son of Scott and Shannon Dirk of Vale, was the recipient of one of the most recent motorized wheelchairs that have special all-terrain tracks that will allow him to do many of the things he has always loved; traveling to the barn to see his horse and travel out to hunt. The Action Trackchair comes complete with gun carry mount and gun rest mount for ease of shooting his rifle.

The whole process started when Dirk ran into Mari and Gary Linfoot of the American Mobility Project (Bountiful American Foundation, INC.) at a family gathering. The couple heard about Austin's health issues as he suffers from Cerebral Palsy (CP), a disorder that affects his movement and muscle coordination. Dirk has been partially confined to a wheelchair for some time now, and even though he can get himself from chair to bed and lives with others from the

Northern Hills Training Center in Spearfish, he needs assistance for many things.

"I can't tell you the number of times he's called telling me he's stuck," laughed his mother, Shannon, of her son's efforts to travel to the barn.

The AMP foundation's purpose is to provide mobility and adaptive equipment and resources to those living with

disabilities. Gary Linfoot was injured in a helicopter crash while serving in the Army in Iraq and has been the recipient of state-of-the-art mobility equipment himself. The couple travels the country speaking about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) resources to help meet the needs of people living with disabili-

Trackchair D2



The Action Trackchair treads allow the user to have mobility on nearly any terrain. - Brunner photo

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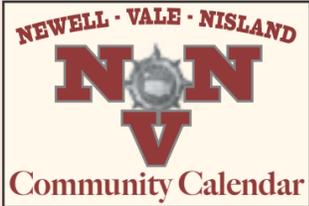


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If you have events for the NVN calendar, please contact Colleen Brunner at colleenkbrunner@gmail.com

Jan. 27: GBB/BBB at Faith, 3 p.m.

Jan. 30: Newell Community Blood Drive, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Austin Auditorium. Call 605-210-2586 to schedule an appointment.

Jan. 31-HSWR Newell Round Robin, 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 2: GBB/BBB at Newell vs. Hill City, 3 p.m.

Feb. 4: Butte County Fire Protection Meat Raffle Event at Outlaw, 615 5th Ave., Belle Fourche, 2-4 p.m. Please join us at The Outlaw for our Fundraising Meat Raffle, this year's benefactor is the Butte County Fire Protection Association Organized & hosted by Fire & Iron Station 118
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Feb. 4: GBB/BBB at Newell vs Lead 1 p.m.

Feb. 4: Tri-State Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet February 4, 5:30 PM at the Belle Fourche Community Hall, 512 6th Avenue. Join us for a great dinner, games, raffles, silent and live auctions. Come and help conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl and other wildlife. Contact Ben Dempsey 406-670-6936. Tickets available online at <https://www.ducks.org/events> or at the door.

Feb. 7: GBB/BBB at Newell vs. Oelrichs, 4 p.m.

Feb. 10: BBB/BBB at Newell vs Timberlake, 3 p.m.

Feb. 11: Shaykett/Caruso Benefit at High Plains Restaurant-105 Dartmouth, Newell, 2-6 p.m. Live auction 3 p.m., Silent Auction closes at 5:30. If you have items for the silent or live auction they can be dropped off at Belle Fourche Irrigation District, or call Judy at 605-210-2586 for pickup.

Feb. 13: Newell Commissioner meeting, 5 p.m. at city admin offices; Newell school board 6 p.m. at MPR.

Feb. 14: Nisland/Arpan FD meeting, 7 p.m. at the fire hall.

Feb. 16: BBB/BBB vs Dupree at Newell, 3 p.m.

Feb. 25: Legislative Crackerbarrel, 9:30 a.m. at Newell city hall, 108 3rd.

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Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Goulash, Corn Bread, Broccoli, Tropical Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY, FEB 2

Breakfast: Egg/Sausage Croissant, Cereal, Juice, Fresh Fruit, Milk

Lunch: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Carrots, Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

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From D1 Trackchair

ties. As a result of this chance meeting, Dirk applied and was awarded the grant for the chair.

The Action Trackchair company has a similar background as an accident caused the father to configure a broken boat seat (see photo that accompanies this article-courtesy ATC), some electrical work and two tracks to create the first Action Trackchair. Later, another family member was paralyzed in another accident and also needed this type of assistance. So the Action Trackchair family understands the needs of Dirk and his family.

"We have come a long way since that first cold weekend," said Mark Peterson, the employee that delivered the chair to the Dirk's rural home just east of Vale on a chilly and snowy January 18 morning.

Austin and his family were notified that he was selected to receive the chair.

"He was shocked and excited when he got the news," said Shannon. "Having the chair will give him much more freedom and the opportunity to participate in more activities. He is especially excited to use his chair to get around more outside and go to the barn to catch his horse whenever he wants."

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"We have around 6200 chairs out there," said Peterson, who

was on his way to Chamberlain after he finished his delivery at the Dirk farm.

After borrowing a trackchair from the SD Game Fish &

Parks for a bit, Dirk knew it would be great to have his own. He looks forward to the mobility and freedom he will have.



Action Trackchair rep Mark Peterson explains the operation of the chair to Shannon, Scott and Austin Dirk in their garage at Vale. - Brunner photo

Grand River Roundup

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Little Knox and River Lu were throwing up on Monday so Amanda kept Copper home from school that day just in case she might get sick too, but everyone was healed up Tuesday morning so Copper went back to school.

Taz and Trig were working on a carpenter job up west of Reeder on Tuesday and Knox and River Lu came up to play at our house that afternoon when Amanda went to Reva to pick up Copper off the school bus. Having the little people visit us is really entertaining.

I went down to the church Wednesday morning to quilt with Patsy Wilkinson, Margaretta Hanson, Connie Weishaar and Lori Besler. Linda Mohagen was going to quilt with us, but Pastor Henry came to the church to let us know that she had been called in to substitute teach in Buffalo that day.

Taz and Amanda went to Rapid City Thursday morning. Trig went to Buffalo to get a haircut

that afternoon and picked up Copper at the schoolhouse to bring her home. Thursday was a really nice, warm day so I got several loads of clothes washed. The weather was nice and warm every day this week.

Reub and I went to Hettinger Friday afternoon to get stuff from Runnings and White Drug. Mel Eggebo was in Runnings and we had a good visit with him. He was waiting for the fur buyer to come so he could sell a bunch of furs for his grandson, who couldn't be there because he had a ball game. We ran into Tucker Ellingson and Travis Finck as we were leaving Runnings and Travis called meeting up with us a family reunion because both Travis and Tucker are related to Reub.

Saturday was a busy day. Reub and I went to Hettinger for a potluck dinner at noon for the "Tired of Winter" and the "Mega Birthday Party"

celebrating the 70th birthdays of lots of our friends at the Senior Center. After the party with lots of friends to visit with, we left for a funeral in Reeder that afternoon. When we

went through Reeder on the way to Hettinger that morning there was a funeral for Ivadelle Salmon, age 89, of Reeder at 11:00 and the funeral for Emily Stadheim was at 3:00 that afternoon.

Emily (Peterson) Stadheim, 95, of New Rockford, ND, formerly of Reeder, passed away on Tuesday, January 17, at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in New Rockford. Funeral Services for Emily were Saturday, at the Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Reeder with burial in the Reeder Cemetery next to her husband Orval Stadheim. We got to visit with lots of friends and family as we said goodbye to our old friend. Another old friend Dorothy



your birthday? Another year older!

*Age is a relative thing. All my relatives keep reminding me how old I am.

*What goes up and never comes down? Your age!

*Statistics show that those who have the most birthdays live the longest!

*Birthdays are nice and all, but I think too many can kill you!

*Why do candles love birthdays so much? They just wanna get lit!

*I used to be a boy trapped in a woman's body. But after 9 long months, I was finally born!

*The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

*You know you're getting old when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

*What is the meaning of a true friend? One who remembers your birthday but not your age!

*What did the ice-cream say to the unhappy birthday cake?

"What's eating you?"

Grand River D4



Grand River - C. Begeman photo

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

January 16, 1913

Louis Mailoux, who resides near the South 9-Mile School, brought the news that a fire caused the loss of school house on Wednesday morning. The school was located on the Jos Mailoux ranch. After Miss Maude Vrooman, the teacher had lit the fire in the stove and with all the children present that the fire was discovered in the ceiling of the building. And the fire was started from a defect in the pipe from the stove between the ceiling and roof. Mr. Mailoux was the first man on the scene and with other help did all in their power to save the building and contents. In an adjoining room to the school about 200 bushels of wheat was stored, of which between 60 to 70 bushels were totally destroyed and the balance badly damaged. The loss is estimated at approximately \$400.

William Quinn and a large force of men have been busy the past week filling the Smith ice house which he will manage this season. Oscar Blake and James Odell have started to put up ice so as to be able to serve ice cream next 4th of July and as often as desired.

It is found in the Army that it will not do to let officers act as umpires in ballgames and orders have been issued to forbid it. It seems that the players take advantage of the great American baseball players' right to abuse the umpire and it is found that it destroys the Army discipline, when the umpire is an

officer, to have privates call him such names as "mutt", "bone head" "blind", etc.

January 18, 1923

Sam Hathaway and O.H. Kranvig left Sunday for Crawford, Nebraska for the purpose of bringing back the latter's car which he was compelled to leave there on a trip last fall. On their return they got as far as Oral on the Cheyenne River where they were unable to negotiate the crossing and were forced again to abandon the car and returned here by train yesterday.

John Barry sold his horses to Frank Votava and will work in Newell this winter. Mr. Votava recently returned from Chicago, where he had an operation for appendicitis and is feeling much better now.

The Newell High School basketball team took the Horse Creek team into camp at the Liberty Hall Friday night, emerging from the fray on the long end of a 36-6 score. The game was rather slow and ragged playing by both teams. The local boys seemed unable to locate the basket in the first few minutes of play, but a close shot by Lyle Rich broke the ice and while Schipke of Horse Creek's aggregation was their shining light. Newell team: Lyle Rich, Stacey Cummings, Rudolph Lee, W. Fairbanks, Albert Fredlund, Darrell Mitchell and Elmer Milberg; for the Horse Creek line-up were Piekkola, Ranta, Viken, Staiger and

Schipke and Rev. Father Klein ably refereed.

January 19, 1933

Little Jimmy Holtry, Vale lad, had the misfortune to fall Friday, striking his head on a stone and busting a blood vessel on his scalp. He was brought to Dr. Clark and it was necessary to put in a drain tube. He is still in a serious condition.

The J.C. Brodsky Meat Market has put customers on notice that in the future they will be compelled to ask customers where credit is given to settle their accounts every 30 days. Business conditions make it necessary that this rule be put into effect immediately and he will appreciate it if everyone will adhere strictly to this policy.

G.W. Austin, Commander of the American Legion Post, announces a meeting this evening at 8 o'clock in Judge Goff's office for all ex-servicemen in this vicinity. Matters of interest to ex-servicemen are to be discussed.

January 21, 1943

Robert Getty took Mrs. Getty, their baby daughter and youngest son, David, to the Belle Hospital last Thursday. All were suffering with bad colds and little David had slight touch of pneumonia. They were to have been dismissed yesterday. Also, their neighbor, Mrs. L.L. Boe has been seriously ill. We regret that we have no recent reports on her condition.

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Old man winter lashed at us this week in all his frigid fury, bringing a low temperature of 29 minus below on Monday morning to 25 degrees below until Wednesday after noon. Sunday was the coldest day with a record high of minus 12 for the day; the mercury has scarcely reached up to the zero mark at any time since Sunday. Stockmen are fortified with plenty of feed this winter, but such prolonged severe cold is bound to be tough on all livestock on the range and also gives a backset to feeding operations here on the project.

Governor M.Q. Sharpe announced today that he intends to sign an authorization for the relocation of 300 Japanese in the sugar beet area of western South Dakota. Sharpe said he did not see where it would be necessary for special guards for such a colony but that local authorities could properly police them. Importation of the American-Japanese laborers was refused by Collins T. Cannon, Manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company of Belle Fourche. All other neighboring states have colonies of workers and have no trouble at all.

January 15, 1953

The Butte County 4-H livestock judging team will compete at the 47th Annual National Western Stock Show in the Jr. Division January 17. The group is leaving for Denver with Kenneth Leslie County Agent today. Members of the team making the trip are Arlene Hansen Fruitdale, Arthur Per-

sche and Craig Van derBoom Newell, Donald Lungren Vale and Alternate Ralph Tysdal Jr Vale make up top county judging and state 3rd place winners. Should one of the team be unable to make the trip, Tysdal will take his place at Denver. The Butte County team won the right to represent South Dakota by placing 1st at the Western Calf Show in Rapid City.

All "name brand" dance bands scheduled to be sponsored this year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce were cancelled, according to action taken at the regular meeting of the Jaycees at the VFW Hall Friday evening. The action was taken due to a report showing financial losses on most such events during the past year; however the organization will sponsor other dances at various times during the year. Secretary Neil Martin reported that permission has been secured from the city to flood a skating rink in the city park and members will be notified to help on the work as soon as grass can be scraped from the area.

Friends of Mrs. Carl Spencer, who suffered fractured vertebrae in an automobile accident near Faith about 4 weeks ago, are pleased to note she was able to leave the Belle Fourche Hospital and return home Saturday, although it is necessary that she will wear a brace for about 6 more weeks.

January 17, 1963



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Then and Now D4

Solutions to Puzzles on C3



January 25th

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From D3 Grand River

- *Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.
- *What does every birthday end with? The letter Y!
- *What did the pirate day on this 80th birthday? Aye-matey!
- *Today is your birthday, so congratulate yourself—especially if you're still young enough to remember it!
- *Birthdays are a great time to stop and appreciate gravity. Sure, it makes things sag as

- you get older, but it also keeps your cake from flying all over the room so you don't have to chase it.
- *What did one candle say to the other? "Don't birthdays just burn you up?"
- *Don't get weird about getting older! Age is simply the number of years the world has been enjoying us!
- *What happens when no one comes to your birthday party? You can have your cake and eat it too.

Gators Fall to Wildcats

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NEWELL -- The Newell Lady Irrigators struggled in the last home game in Austin Auditorium with the Custer Wildcats as they fell by a wide margin to the visitors.

With Allyson Cass, Alice Sedlacek, Cass and Jordyn Larsen teaming up for 56 combined points, the hometown team had a tough time from the first quarter. Custer outscored Newell 25-11 in the first quarter as the Wildcats pounded away and the Lady Irrigators struggled with their passing game. Junior Mary Mahaffy and eighth-grader Macey Wendt both tossed in one from beyond the arc. A field goal by Kim Johnson and a few free throws finished the points for Newell but it was a rough start.

The second quarter was dismal as well, as Newell managed only six points on the boards, a field goal each from Taylor Gaer and Braylee Freytag and two at the charity stripe from Mahaffy. At the half-time buzzer Newell was down by 20, 37-17.

The Irrigators were outscored 20-9 in the second period as Coach Scott Wince worked on different combinations. They were missing their inside talent, Jaelyn Wendt who did not dress due to injury. Sophomore Hailey McCann worked hard to make up for the inside the paint work and put up a good field goal, but was overmanned each time she tried to get inside. Another trey from Wendt and

the rest of the points came on free throws. At the end of three, Newell was down 57-26.

Mahaffy hit from the arc once more, as did Wendt in the fourth quarter. Kendra Johnson, another eighth-grader hit two inside the paint and went to the line for two of three. Freytag scored two of two at the charity stripe and McCann, Rachel Stranberg and Wendt all tossed in one each at the line for 17 points.

With all subs in the game for both teams, the Wildcats put 10 points on the boards for a 67-43 victory.

Quarters-Newell: 11, 17, 26, 43. Custer: 25, 37, 57, 67. Freytag 1 0 2/2 4; McCann 1 0 3/4 5; Stranberg 0 0 2/6 2; M. Mahaffy 0 2 2/2 8; Kim Johnson 1 9 2/4 4; Kendra Johnson 2 0 4/5 8; Gaer 1 0 0/3 2; Macey Wendt 0 3 1/2 10.



Rachel Stranberg shows her strong skill in bringing the ball up the court. - Brunner photo



(Left) Braylee Freytag shoots from just inside the arc for two points against Custer.



(Right) Macey Wendt hits for one of her three treys during the game. - Brunner photo

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Election of officers was held at the January 9th meeting of the Arpan Ladies Aid held at the

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Rev John Schnackenberg of the Newell and Nisland Congregational Churches, spent Monday in Huron attending a meeting of the deans of youth camps at Placerville. The day was spent in program planning and completing the staff for the coming year. Pastor John Hopp, of the Newell and Vale Lutheran Churches will conduct the morning devotions on Radio Station KBFS at 9:05 from January 17th through 19th, according to an announcement this week.

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However, our beers were still being brewed on our 5-barrel system while we were waiting for our new 30-barrel brew house – three 60-barrel fermentation vessels and 60-barrel bright beer tank to arrive and be installed. Installation of the new equipment, plumbing, wiring and boiler system was completed in June of 2010. In addition to the larger brewing system, a Cask automated canning line was brought online in the fall of 2010, allowing us to distribute our product in both draft and packaged form.

By the end of 2015, Crow Peak Brewing Company was producing 2,000 barrels of beer annually and was distributing its products in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Minnesota. We were finding it hard to keep up with demand, especially in the summer months so we underwent a second expansion in 2018. With two additional fermentation vessels and one additional bright beer tank, we are now able to produce approximately 5,000 barrels annually.



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