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## Parade of Lights

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BELLE FOURCHE—The day after Thanksgiving can only mean one thing—Christmas is right around the corner!

The Parade of Lights was part of the activity packed day to celebrate the kick off to the holiday season.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. the line of floats covered in bright Christmas lights began the slow and steady progression from the staging area at the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department. The route moved along 8th Avenue all the way to State Street where the floats turned left and continued down State Street.

The theme this year was Unlocking the Holiday Spirit.

There was music, festive lights, the Grinch, and more! Many community members and business owners were represented, and bringing up the end of the parade was the Cowboys TOO float carrying a special visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

It is a common tradition to throw candy from floats during parades, but with the cold and dark conditions, it makes kids running into the parade route to grab candy a bit dangerous.

To combat this, the Parade of Lights had the floats that wanted to hand out candy, flyers or any promotional items pull over at the end of State Street and form a line on each side of the street. Then the kids and adults could walk along the parked floats and collect the candy and items in a safe way.

If any float participants didn't want to pass out items, they could continue down State Street and exit the route.

The Parade of Lights was broadcast live on Dirt Road Radio 103.1 FM KYDT and 1450 AM KBFS.

## Chili and Music Warm the Holiday Hearts



Your picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the tradition of warm chili on a cold evening from *Belle Silver Lining* plus the entertaining sounds of the *Belle Fourche Cowboy Band* were the perfect combination to satisfy community member appetites.

This year Belle Fourche partnered with three other towns, Sturgis, Spearfish and Rapid City to promote the holiday Parade of Lights tour. Participants are encouraged to enter all four parades and show off all the hard work that went into decorating their float as well as promote their business. Those who enter all four Parade of Lights are eligible for a grand prize. Parade of Lights kicked off with Belle Fourche on Nov 29, followed by Rapid City on November 30, Sturgis on December 6 and finishing off the four city partnership is Spearfish on December 7.

The fun moved to the park following the Parade to watch the City of Belle Fourche light up the city Christmas tree.

## An Exciting Ride Through Sleepy Hollow

Toi Lyn Flick  
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche theatre department took audiences for an exciting and humorous ride through *Sleepy Hollow* November 21st – 23rd. The characters were vividly portrayed, aided by period costuming, efficient sets, and effective sound effects.

Audiences seemed a bit surprised when the curtain opened to a dimly lit graveyard while the sounds of a horse galloping and creepy laughter filled the theatre. Despite this ghostly start, the show worked in plenty of comedy as well. Adam Nowowiejski, BFHS activities director, felt that, “..the

directors and the kids did a great job with the humor component.” Karen Schlekeway, who watched the Friday night performance, believes that Trevor Welles, who portrayed Brom Bones’ buddy, Yost, did an amazing job providing the perfect amount of comedic relief.

Principal Mathew Raba, Nowowiejski and Schlekeway all commented on the acting of the cast as a whole, calling the performances “outstanding” and “amazing.”

Junior actor, Logan Willert who portrayed Brom Bones, felt that it was “...difficult to play the iconic character due to the problem of making the character

your own.”

Senior, Joselyn Shockey played Katrina Van Tassel. “Playing the part of a love interest to two different people was fun to do, but also difficult,” stated Shockey. She added that the biggest challenge was selling that she was in love. “I think there’s a lot more behind every character in that show, big and small, and I just hope people realized how deep they go.”

Clearly, much time was spent developing and creating the *Sleepy Hollow* characters, and it is truly a testament to the talent and dedication of each cast member, that audiences were

*Sleepy Hollow* Contd.A8

## Center of the Nation Business Association Hosts Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides

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BELLE FOURCHE—Nothing says holiday season like a horse-drawn carriage giving rides to excited participants.

Horses trotting down the snow lined street made for a picturesque evening, however an extremely cold night put a damper on the fun festivities that were planned for the opening evening to the holiday kick-off on November 29. According to Stacey Raisanen with Center of the Nation Business Association, “The numbers were way down, we think it’s because of the

cold.”

There were two horse-drawn carriages giving rides throughout the evening. This kept the wait time to a minimum. There were two families that volunteered their animals and equipment for the night, they were the Dacar Family and the Fosheim Family.

To thank them for all the effort CONBA gave them a thank you gift. “We gave them a \$100 gift card to Runnings, so they know we appreciate it,” said Raisanen.

The parking lot of the Tri-Carriage Rides contd. A3



The cast and crew of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, directed by Toi Lyn Flick and Allie Juso Verry. Back, L to R: Avery Mastin, Wyatt Lesmeister, Derek Scott, John Hale, Trevor Welles, Logan Willert, Kaeli Thompson, Joselyn Shockey, Timothy Thompson, Trinity Hostetter; Front L to R: Trey Shannon, Ember Shannon, Sonja Cropper, Madisyn Carson, Tace Hartman, & Kaydance Gallagher. Courtesy Photo



Even though the cold weather put a damper on the Horse-Drawn Carriage event, hosted by *Center of the Nation Business Association*, those who did participate had a good time. Heitz photo

## Domino's Pizza Opening Soon

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BELLE FOURCHE—The home of the old bowling alley, South Park Lanes is making way for a new Domino's Pizza location with plans to open in the near future. “We are hoping to be open before the first of the year—after Christmas, before the New Year is the hope,” explained Bill Leiker, Vice President of Happy People Pizza. “It’s gonna be awesome, we are excited to come into town.”



The Happy People Pizza Group out of Sheridan, Wyoming has been eyeing Belle Fourche as a location to bring a Domino's Pizza to for quite a while. “We’ve been looking at Belle Fourche for 10 years, it was just trying to find a spot that would work

for us. Trying to find a place that had parking has been really hard,” said Leiker.

At one point the Group considered buying the entire bowling alley when it came up for sale, but soon realized it was a lot of Domino's contd. A3

## Paleo Adventures to open “The Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum”..

Meg English

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Walter Stein is as comfortable in a museum as he is exploring and extracting fossils on the Hell Creek Tooth Formation in North-east Butte County. In fact, he has quite a lot of experience in both museum and field work.

Prior to coming to Belle Fourche, Walter Stein helped design the Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center in Woodland Park, Colorado <https://www.rmdrc.com> At this celebrated museum, Walter served as

a museum curator, responsible for collecting and cataloguing fossils, and deciding what is the best use for the fossils.

Walter was also the collections manager for the Wyoming Dinosaur Center. He helped establish the popular dinosaur exhibit at the Tri-State Museum in Belle Fourche.

Walter, a bonified (no pun intended) paleontologist, and his wife Heather are the owners of PaleoAdventures in Belle Fourche. [www.PaleoAdventures.com](http://www.PaleoAdventures.com)

Walter is an expert on the Hell Creek Formation where he offers people from all over the world opportunities to participate in real dinosaur excavations and to learn about dinosaurs and what may have caused their extinction.

Originally from New Jersey, Walter and Heather were drawn to the Belle Fourche area.

“The whole tri-state area: Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota is really one of the best places in the world to find

Paeo Contd. A8



The soon to be “*Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum*” located at 11324 US Highway 212 just east of Belle Fourche. English Photo



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**Ronald Bierman 93**

Funeral services for Ronald Bierman, 93, of Isabel will be at 11 AM, MT, Saturday, November 30, 2024, at the Isabel Community Center. Burial will be at Hillsideview Cemetery under the direction of Kesling Funeral Home of Mobridge. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Ronald passed away Friday, November 22, 2024, at Five Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon.



life and if he had a listening ear he would take advantage.

Ronald enjoyed doing business with Fort Pierre and Faith Livestock. He is forever grateful to Oliver Jewett for believing in him. Ronald also loved horses- whether it was driving his team, breaking a horse or just riding. Evelyn often wondered if horses weren't his first love.

Ronald Wayne Bierman was born on November 12th, 1931, on the homestead filed by Fred Bierman over 100 years ago, which continued to be his home his entire life. Ronald along with his sisters and mother ran the operation after their father was crippled by arthritis. Ronald attended rural schools in Isabel, Elmgrove and Bloom School, where he was taught by his sisters. Growing up, Ronald always enjoyed the ranch life to the fullest with his cattle, sheep and horses. Ronald also enjoyed times with his best friends Clifford Anderson and Blaine Dragest. They often found themselves always busy with some project.

On June 24th, 1954 Ronald married Evelyn Anderson and built the house they live in today. To this union, three children were born: Gene, Bart and Sue.

Ronald was a perfectionist, and he could build or design just about anything! In his later years, he became a competitive and avid gardener, often letting everyone know that his cucumbers always outgrew Evelyn's. Ronald had an incredible memory and could recall detailed moments from throughout his

Ronald devoted his life to the Lord and was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church. Ronald also served on many boards at different times in his life. He was a County Commissioner for 20+ years, on the Civil Defense Board, a Black Hills County Commissioner and on the War Hawk Civil Defense.

Ronald will always be remembered for his sense of humor, his ability to never meet a stranger and for how much he loved life!

Thankful for being a part of his life is Evelyn, his loving wife of 70 years, sons Gene (Becky) Bierman, Bart (Lavon) Bierman, daughter Sue (Dan) Kokesh; Grandchildren: Rory Bierman, Lisa (Robert) Martin, Samantha (Blake) Hunter, Serena (Ty) Lorenz, Natalie (Shawn) Hayes and 14 Great-Grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 4 sisters, Viola, Leora, Neoma, Paula, 1 brother, Robert and 1 grandson, Bruce.



**Pamela Kay (Sloan) Pirkey 67**

Pamela Kay (Sloan) Pirkey was born on January 27, 1956 in Belle Fourche, SD to her parents Charles George & Arlyce Sloan. She was the 1st granddaughter on her Mom's side of the family. Pam was the oldest of 5 siblings. When Pam was 10 years old her youngest brother Dan was born. She loved helping with him & was like a 2nd mom to him. When he was young he loved having her read to him with different voices for each character.



in-home companion/caregiver in the Edgewood area until 2011. She attended Valley View Christian Church while her health was better. She was a part of an evening Bible Study with friends Darla, Kathy & Joyce. They called themselves the "Core Four" & became Pam's dearest friends. They met for at least 7 years & Pam's faith really grew during this time. They were such an encouragement & support to Pam.

When Pam was in grade school she interacted well with teachers & often was the teacher's pet. She was always very good with younger children & in her early teen years Pam started doing a lot of babysitting. She would bring a kit with her that had books to read & craft supplies that she used with the kids that she babysat. As Pam entered high school her love for purple became very strong since the school colors were purple & white and she loved to show her school spirit by wearing purple. Her love for "everything" purple continued for the rest of her life. Friends & family always thought of Pam when they saw something purple and still do. Pam graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1974. In the summer of 1976 Pam left Belle Fourche to attend Denver Technical Institute to become a motorcycle mechanic. Pam met the one & only love of her life, Herb Pirkey within a month after she arrived in Denver. They started dating right away & were married on Dec. 27, 1980 in Golden, CO. They chose not to have children but Pam's different dogs over the years became her "kids" & she loved them very much as she did all animals. Pam also enjoyed all her nieces, nephews & her friends' kids and took interest in what they were doing. Pam worked for many years at Stearns-Roger engineering company in the copy room & had a few other jobs over the years in Denver. Pam & Herb enjoyed camping/fishing trips in the mountains over the years while they lived in Colorado.

In 2000 they moved to Edgewood, NM to be near Herb's family members. Pam enjoyed working as an

Pam developed COPD which limited her mobility. She enjoyed reading devotionals, talking on the phone with her Mom, sisters or friends to help pass the time. During this time, Herb was very dedicated to do all of the shopping & cooking. In Oct. of 2023, Pam needed in-home hospice care due to complications with her COPD & an ongoing infection. She had a fall in May 2024 which severely injured her knee so she was transferred to a long term care facility in June. Pam went home to be with her Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ on July 12, 2024.

Over the years, Pam received purple gifts of all kinds which made her very happy. At one point she even drove a purple minivan. She became known for her love of purple clothing & wearing "toe socks" with flip flops. She was definitely a one-of-a-kind person and someone not easily forgotten. Pam was also a very generous person. She was very outgoing & was able to strike up conversations with people of all ages so she made friends very easily. She was always very interested in people & what they were doing.

Pam is survived by her husband Herbert Pirkey of Edgewood, NM; her sisters Ferne (Harvey) Tellinghuisen of Farmington Hills, MI; Charlotte (Duane) Engelstad of Fairfield, ID; her brothers Charles (Nancy) Sloan of Piedmont, SD; Daniel (Rose) Sloan of Beaverton, OR and her nieces & nephews. Pam was preceded in death by her maternal & paternal grandparents & also her parents.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 5, 2024 at Valley View Christian Church in Edgewood, NM.

**Pastor's Perspective**

*This Another Perspective is from the archives of Foursquare Pastor, the late Dr. Jack Hayford*

**"Spirit Prayer"**

For one who speaks in an unknown tongue does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands him or catches his meaning, but by the Spirit he speaks mysteries [secret truths, hidden things]" (1 Cor 14:2, AMP).



the Father" and be "baptized in the Holy Spirit." They should expect to speak with tongues as a commencement, marking the beginning of their "walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16, 25). This experience launches a pathway of continually being "filled with the Holy Spirit" and offering thanks always to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph. 5:18-20).

When faced with a situation we don't comprehend or know the details of, and when we don't know how to pray, that is the time to speak to God in our heavenly language.

The Holy Spirit gives us language and prays through us directly to God. "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful" (1 Cor 14:14).

We are called to join the Holy Spirit in praying to God about a situation we don't understand, using a language we don't comprehend. If we don't know the right thing to pray, we can let the Holy Spirit pray through you.

Every believer is called to "receive the promise of

Be encouraged, dear one, to receive the blessing of speaking with tongues. Through this Holy Spirit-enabled resource, you will experience the manifold benefits that will edify your daily life. By prayerfully drawing on the Spirit's power, you will witness the continuous flow of Jesus' promised "rivers of living water" in your life.

Embrace a life filled with supernatural ability as you pray, serve, and bear witness (John 7:37-39).

**□Majesty□**

□Majesty, worship His Majesty!

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise. Majesty, Kingdom authority, Flows from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His Majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified,

King of all kings. □

**Romans 10:17**

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

**Hebrews 11:6**

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

**Galatians 2:20**

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

**1 John 5:4**

"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."



### Wareing Motors Launches Annual Food Drive

Belle Fourche and Sturgis, SD – Wareing Motors is excited to announce its annual Food Drive, a community initiative designed to support local families in need this holiday season and beyond.

This year, Wareing Motors is taking a slightly different approach to their traditional food drive by collecting monetary donations instead of food items. Customers can round up their purchases at the parts and service departments, and Wareing Motors will match these donations up to \$10.

Additionally, the dealership will donate \$100 from every vehicle sold between Black Friday and New Year's Day towards

their goal of \$5,000 per store.

The funds raised from the Sturgis location will be donated to the Kiwanis Food Pantry, while the funds from the Belle Fourche location will go to the Belle Fourche Ministerial Association's Compassion Cupboard.

"We believe that by collecting monetary donations, we can provide maximum flexibility for the Compassion Cupboard to meet the specific needs in our community," said Jim O'Byrne, GM at Wareing Motors Belle Fourche.

"This approach allows them to purchase the most needed items and efficiently distribute them to those in need."

Wareing Motors encourages everyone to participate in this year's Food Drive. By donating, you can make a significant impact on the lives of local families right here in our own communities.

"Every dollar counts." Said Tim Kugler, GM at Wareing Motors Sturgis. "Your contribution, no matter the size, will help the Kiwanis Food Pantry stock their shelves and provide meals for those who rely on the food bank to feed their families and themselves."

To learn more about Wareing Motors and their Annual Food Drive, please visit Wareingmotors.com

### Volunteers Coaches and Referees Needed

Volunteerism is emotionally and psychologically rewarding.

Volunteerism benefits kids in Belle Fourche.

Fortunately, ample volunteer opportunities are available at the **Belle Fourche Rec Center**. Registration for the 1st through 6th grade boys' basketball program is now open. The Rec Center needs coaches and referees. If interested in a coaching or referee position, please contact Tessa for details. Her number is **605.892.2467**.

### Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 25 "Individual Education Plan (IEP) John Wayne Style"



**Meg English**

John Wayne, or "The Duke" was a consummate actor whose work often made real life problems look a little simpler than they are. In one of his more popular films, *The Cowboys* (1972) he is teacher, surrogate parent, speech therapist, counselor, and rancher.

In the old west cowboys had to wear a lot of hats. Wayne wears most of them convincingly in this entertaining, fictional story about a group of boys who are transformed into responsible good young men under the tutelage of John Wayne's character, Wil Anderson.

The story begins when Wil Anderson is forced to hire a group of schoolboys to make a 400-mile cattle drive to Belle Fourche. The regular ranch hands have gone to join a gold rush. The boys range in age from about 10 to 15 and naturally, Wil Anderson is skeptical about their ability to perform a man's job.

As a test, each boy is asked to ride an untamed bucking horse. The boys are eager to prove themselves, so each one rides with confidence, and no one gets hurt, not even the horses.

The boys learn many lessons on their journey. At one point in the story, they steal some whiskey from the camp cook and get drunk. There are no sanctions other than the ill effects of hangovers the following day. The experience is treated like any other rites of passage event, despite the fact that some of the boys are as young as 10. It's not a big deal and they learn their lesson.

Anderson turns out turns out to be a pretty effective special education teacher. In one scene he cruelly berates one of the boys for stuttering when the boy's disability nearly results in another boy's drowning. The stuttering boy is so angry, he curses furiously at Anderson and is shocked when his stutter disappears. Anderson is not surprised. Apparently, he knew all along that the boy was capable of curing his own speech impediment with a little "tough love".

Some of the lessons are learned through violence. One of the boys is tragically killed in a stampede. The group is followed by some bad men

who eventually wound and kill Anderson. Before he dies, he tells the boys that he is proud of all of them.

After Anderson's death, the boys conspire to kill the rustlers and finish the cattle drive themselves. They succeed and with the money they earn have a monument made to honor Anderson.

The boys transition into manhood through lessons not typically duplicated in traditional classrooms. Popular culture often conveys subtle messages about the values of a given society. Perhaps the message to be extracted from *The Cowboys* is that contemporary American society distinctly recognizes the value of informal education. Apparently, the lessons these boys earned outside of formal school appear to be of greater value than the academic lessons they may have learned from sitting dutifully at their school desks.

Maybe this film also suggests that young people today need role models outside of school, and meaningful work where they are given real responsibility. I would have to agree.

Sometimes schools try to duplicate such experiences in an intentionally informal setting, but ultimately quite formal school setting. In this sense such schools might be labeled "alternative".

One that comes to mind is the Sky Ranch for Boys coincidentally located within fifty miles of Belle Fourche.

The Sky Ranch for Boys was founded in the 1950s by Don Murray, a Catholic priest whose mission was to serve the needs of troubled boys throughout the nation.

The facility was residential. Father Murray was a pilot, and like Wil Anderson, he discovered that boys in real life responded well when given responsibility. So, he began teaching them to fly.

Sky Ranch also emphasized horsemanship, computer training, and other meaningful skills. In the 1960s Sky Ranch Inc. acquired 3,000 acres and added more than 12 permanent buildings. Along with horsemanship, flight training, and other technical and vocational skills, the boys also learned self-respect, responsibility, and myriad other growing up lessons.

During its 60-year lifespan, thousands of boys lived, worked, and learned at Sky Ranch.

In January of 2011, the Sky Ranch for Boys closed. Residential treatment centers are expensive, and it stands to reason that sooner or later more cost-effective interventions would replace something that was probably working very well.

Few things in life are all good or all bad. However, both The Sky Ranch and The Cowboys make one wonder about the value of a John Wayne-style education.

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**Dec 4 - 5:30 Grossenburg Ladies Night**  
**Dec 5 - Block Party Open Houses (Grant St) 5PM**  
**Prairie Hills Pharmacy Open House**  
**Dec 6 - Caramel Rolls and Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining**  
**7:30AM, Pioneer Bank Open House 2PM**  
**Dec 7 - Breakfast with Santa @ Rec Center 9AM,**  
**Newell Festival of Trees - All Day**  
**Nutcracker Ballot 6PM**

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### Domino's Pizza Opening Soon

**Domino's** Contd from A1 of extra space for the little room they actually needed for their location.

Eventually they came up with better option for all involved. "We worked it out to where we are going to lease this spot from the guy who owns the building, we got 2000 square feet here, the whole Bowling Alley was a little bit bigger than we needed to have," explained Leiker.

It will be a standard Domino's store with a pickup window and the store will, of course, offer delivery.

The new location will provide no inside seating but will accept orders in a variety of ways including online ordering. Leiker said, "We will do delivery up to, I think it's nine minutes away."

Domino's determines its delivery area by time it takes

to drive, not by miles it has to drive, to deliver a pizza.

The new location plans on offering all of the advertised national deals right here in Belle. "\$6.99 pizzas, buy two or more, we'll be the best deal in town," said Leiker.

The opening of the new eatery will bring at least 20 new jobs to the area. The hiring is already underway and anyone interested in a future with the company is invited to go online and fill out an application. Leiker explained, "We'll be hiring at jobs.dominos.com, just go online, I think those ads are already set up.

We'll need a couple more shift runners and we'll need as many delivery drivers as we can put hands on, especially when we first open, it'll be crazy busy and then it'll slow down."

The top management of the new store is already in place

and ready to be up and running as soon as the new store is finished.

"We have a couple that is going to run this store for us. They currently run our Box Elder store," said Leiker. "They are super excited. We're basically giving them an opportunity to one day own the store themselves. It's an option."

The Happy People Pizza Group is from Wyoming and started with one Domino's Pizza restaurant 26 years ago. "We slowly bought and built a few over the years, we bought Sheridan, the two stores in Gillette and the one in Spearfish back in 2001," explained Leiker.

"This is store number 29 for us, we have Domino's in Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, and in Montana. We are spread out but any of them that are within a stone's throw of here, we probably own."

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### From A1 Carriage Rides

State Museum was the staging area, where the rides began and ended. The price of riding in the carriage was either 2 canned goods or a free will donation. Elsie Hix, Dirt Road Radio and Stacey Raisanen,

AmericInn collected the donated items for CONBA. "We got a (car) trunk full of canned goods and less than \$100 in donations, but the cold kept turn out low," said Raisanen. All of the donations will be given to Belle Fourche Compassion Cupboard.

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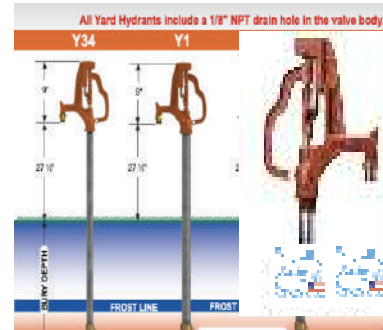
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## The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical!



Musical director, **Sharon Thompson**, keeps the cast moving in the BFACT production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical!*



Director **Rachel Munce** is leading her cast of many ages through the final weeks of practice for the BFACT production, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical!* to be performed at the **Belle Fourche Area Community Theater** December 13-15.

## North Park and South Park's Students of the Month for Oct. 2024

**South Park winners. left to right: Douglas Daniels, Abygail McKinney, Clara Schmeusser, Bridger Lynch, Brayden Dunn and Jaxson Brown.**



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# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



It is finally December - and a little bit of snow is on the ground - and we have many opportunities to enjoy the holidays together in our community! Be sure to check out upcoming school Christmas programs listed below. And in just a few days, the La Belle Ballet & More Dance Studio will present The Nutcracker Ballet Performance on December 7th at 6 PM.

The cast of **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical!** is preparing for an entertaining show on December 13-15. The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has shared photos of practices, and if the entertaining practices are an indication, it looks like it's going to be a very entertaining show!

And don't forget to add all the upcoming fine arts events to your calendars!

**December 7:** The Nutcracker Ballet Performance from LLB+ Dance Studio at 6 PM @ the BF Rec Center Theater

**December 9:** BFHS/MS Jazz Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

**December 13-15:** BFACT holiday production: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical.

**December 16:** BFMS (6-8th) Chorus Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

**December 20:** Belle Fourche K-4th Grade Concert, BF Rec Center Theater, times TBA

**January 20:** BFMS Band Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

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

## VIEWPOINT | Recess appointments talks bring Constitution, Senate's role into focus

Guest column by David Adler, The Alturas Institute

The Recess Appointment power, seldom at the forefront of national discussion, has resurfaced as a headline topic when President-elect Donald Trump declared that those Republicans seeking the title of Senate Majority Leader "must" agree that his nominations for the U.S. Cabinet should be installed as recess appointments, a move that would bypass approval by the U.S. Senate.

The unprecedented command from a president-in-waiting to an independent, co-equal branch of government raised the specter of the Senate surrendering a fundamental power that the Framers of the Constitution believed marked an essential distinction between a monarchy and a republic, to do the bidding of Trump, while ditching its supervisory constitutional role to grant advice and consent on cabinet nominations. Essentially, Trump has asked the GOP-controlled Senate to adjourn as soon as it convenes in January to enable him to fill cabinet posts without the constitutionally prescribed

process of "advice and consent," which involves scrutiny of the nominees' credentials and qualifications, including rigorous confirmation hearings that reflect penetrating questions and testimony from friendly and opposition witnesses.

Article 2, section 2 of the Constitution creates a joint appointment power, shared equally between the president and the Senate. The Framers of the Constitution rejected the English model, which placed in the monarchy the unilateral power both to create offices and make appointments to fill them.

The Framers were familiar with the King's incautious and corrupt exercise of the twin powers and took measures to divide the appointment authority. Accordingly, the creation of an office, including a cabinet post, requires statutory enactment. The authority to fill the posts is a two-step process. The president nominates and the Senate exercises its advice and consent power, the authority, as the Supreme Court has said, to



grant or withhold its approval.

The Framers' decision to create a shared appointment power reflected their commitment to collective decision-making, what they regarded as the cardinal principle of republicanism — the belief that the collective wisdom of the many is superior to the judgment of a single person. Delegates to the Constitutional Convention applied the same reasoning to the treaty-making power, acknowledging their deep-seated fear of unilateral executive power and confidence in collective decision-making, an approach that promotes the merits of discussion and debate and the

doctrine of checks and balances. No delegate believed in the infallibility of a president.

The Framers knew the Senate would not always be in session and that vacancies in office might happen, which could not await the Senate's return, thus necessitating a recess appointment. The Constitution provides that the president may fill those vacancies by granting commissions which will expire at the end of the next session of Congress. President-elect Trump's directive, if followed, would mean his nominees would serve for two years, at which point the Senate would have to assess their qualifications as part of their advice and consent role unless, of course, the Senate was asked again to acquiesce to another round of recess appointments.

In the nation's early history, congressional sessions lasted only a few months, and presidents often made recess appointments during the long periods when Congress was in recess or adjournment. Historically, controversy has erupted when the two branches, not in sync on nominations, have played a cat and mouse game to control the vacancy. A president, for example, facing the possibility that the Senate might reject his nominee, could wait for the Senate to take a recess and then fill the vacant

office to circumvent the Senate. And the Senate, realizing that a president would resort to such tactics, might avoid taking recess altogether by holding pro forma sessions that might last just three days, thus frustrating a presidential recess appointment. This ploy involves calling the Senate into session and adjourning a minute later.

Aside from those ploys, in which both Republicans and Democrats have engaged, what distinguishes President Trump's plan is that no President-elect has ever asked the Senate, upon assuming office, to lay down its constitutional power to advise and consent and stand aside while the cabinet is installed without any vetting of the nominees' credentials. The Constitution was not written for the government, but rather for the people. A Senate that stands aside is transforming the jointly held appointment power into a unilateral presidential power, precisely what the Framers of the Constitution feared and rejected.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota NewsMedia Association and The Dakota

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The outpouring of thanks and appreciation for the paper was overwhelming.

Sliders, cupcakes, and ice cream were excellent and the sounds of the Wilt Brothers Band made for a perfect pleasant evening.

Secondary to the Thank you part for the support the Beacon has received, it also commemorated this Editor's 70th Birthday.

Friends and family made it the most memorable of evenings.

As many of you know having a birthday around a Holiday can create some inconvenient timing. People traveling and busy with their holiday activities

I commented that so far 70 is feeling a lot like 69 did a few days ago.

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Friend, Bill Thorson, stated to me this summer, "we are at the place in life where the 'check engine' light comes on in life; and no trade in value left."

Only thing that seemed wrong with the celebration was friends Jim & Lisa Grapentine, owners of the host establishment were working away while the rest of were relaxing & enjoying the evening.

Their work made sure the eve-

ning was perfect. Thank you very much Jim & Lisa and the staff of Graps Burgers and Brews for a job well done!

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Walter Stein, paleontologist and teacher, explains some fine points of fossil identification during a guest presentation at a **Tri-State Museum Saturday brunch**. *Meg English Photos*



Specimens from the **Tooth Draw Formation** in Butte County.



Not all fossil specimens will fit in your pocket! Forty-four people attended the brunch, and many stayed to visit with Walter and Heather.



Walter and Heather Stein make space for “**Anzu**” (short for *Anzu wyliei*). Apparently, *Anzu wyliei* resembled a giant chicken and is sometimes jokingly referred to as “the chicken from hell”. *Anzu* is a skeletal cast taken from four fossils found at the **Hell Creek Tooth Formation** in the early 2000s. These discoveries represent a significant discovery in the world of paleontology.

From A1 **Paleo** sils,” said Walter who has been excavating, studying, and writing about vertebrate fossils, including dinosaurs, since 1996. “My favorite part is when we’re out there digging under the blazing sun, and here’s a kid who reminds me of me at that age.

They’re out there digging, and they’re focused and bam, they find something. You can see the light in their eyes, the realization that ‘this was buried for 66 million years, and I’m the first person to see it?’ It’s

From A1 **Sleepy Hollow** mersed in the lives being lived on stage. Seats were silent, phones were off (unless photos were being taken), and each audience member seemed truly entranced by Washington Irving’s classic tale as it unraveled before them.

Aiding with the creation of the characters, were the costumes each wore. Many of the costumes belong to BFHS and Belle Fourche Area Community Theatre.

The production also rented a few from Black Hills Community Theatre to help make the transition from 2024 to 1790 America more complete. The simplicity of the set emphasized the beautiful gowns, dapper knee britches, and ruffled shirts, as well as kept the show moving

that sense of discovery. It’s wonderful.” Stein said.

For many years, Walter and Heather have planned to build a museum dedicated to dinosaur fossils excavated from the Hell Creek Formation.

Last month, Walter and Heather purchased a building to house the museum to be called “The Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum”.

The structure sits on nearly 7 acres located at 11324 US Highway 212 and is a short drive from Belle Fourche. There’s work to be done.

“We are going to shoot for a May opening.

I have less than 6 months to do renovations and install exhibit. It is going to be close. Hope for nice weather this winter.” Walter said.

There are many ways to check in on the museum progress or to schedule a paleoadventure for the next season. Here is a link to the website: <https://www.dinosaursofthehellcreekmuseum.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PALEO-ADVENTURES-DINO->

at a lively pace. The beautifully painted walls were easily turned to transport audiences from graveyard to town square; from school house to house party.

The mobile set emphasized the essentials for the scene and allowed for transitions at a quick pace that kept the story moving.

The one set piece that was not simple was the Headless Horseman’s horse. This imposing piece, built by Nathan Schreier, Terry Hoscheid, and members of the cast, stood well over 6ft tall, topped with an impressive and ghastly head. The remarkable head was created for this show by Chad and Jessica Carr of Carr Coatings and was what really sold the creation as a devilish beast! Its red eyes and hooves glittered in the magenta

light, and its flaming nostrils seemed to be breathing down Ichabod’s terrified neck as he tried to outrun the frightening specter. Schlekeway identified the Headless Horseman as, “... amazing, and the sound of his guttural laugh left the audience shuddering.”

Belle Fourche High School’s The Legend of Sleepy Hollow seemed to be a hit with its cast and its audiences. Willert thought the show was fantastic, and Shockey found it new, fun and entertaining. Principal Raba stated that, “The casting was perfect, and the lighting and sound effects really brought the show together!” It would appear that Belle Fourche High School theater has once again staged an enjoyable and entertaining production!



Spooky special effects set the stage for the show as **Sleepy Hollow** revealed its ghosts to its visitors (Tace Hartman).



Tim Thompson as **Ichabod Crane** was a standout with his physical humor and interactions with the residents of **Sleepy Hollow**.

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# Chili Feed & Parade of Lights Mainstays of Belle Fourche Holiday Season

## Ryder Heitz

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BELLE FOURCHE—The holiday spirit was alive and well in Belle Fourche on Friday, November 29, as the community gathered for the annual chili feed ahead of the beloved Parade of Lights.

The chili feed served as the perfect prelude to the parade. Hosted by Belle Silver Lining, the event has become a festive tradition, drawing hundreds of residents to share food, music, and holiday cheer.

Attendees were treated to more than just warm bowls of delicious chili.

Live music by the Cowboy Band filled the air, and Santa and Mrs. Claus were available for photos at 3 o'clock.

"We had people here at 2:30 waiting for pictures with Santa," said Rita Bollwitt, Vice President of Belle Silver Lining Board of Directors.

Held at the Community Hall,

the event featured eight roasters of homemade chili, with six already emptied by 5 p.m.

Bollwitt estimated that she had served 300 people.

Although the event is a fundraiser, they will serve anyone food regardless of ability to pay. "We have a donation box. You can make a donation if you want, we don't make anybody pay," explained Bollwitt. "Just walk through.

They serve you, get crackers, chili, coffee, water, and just have a seat."

Belle Silver Lining has been organizing the chili feed for approximately five years, with all proceeds going to support the organization. "Thank you to everybody that's donated, whether it's food, time, money—it's just been a great turnout," Bollwitt said. "We're just really pleased with everybody coming."



Volunteers serve chili to eager attendees. Heitz photo



Seats were full at the Community Hall on Friday evening at the annual chili feed, kicking off the holiday season in Belle Fourche. Heitz photo

## Belle Police Department Makes Holidays Merrier

### Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—Belle Fourche Police Department is in a festive mood this holiday season, giving back to the community it serves. The department is taking on a variety of programs to help out those in need. From collecting warm winter items, and taking kids shopping for Christmas gifts to providing meals to those in need, the Police Department is getting involved this holiday season. All of the programs they are involved in are aimed at helping the local community needs. This is the third year that they are actively accepting donations of new or gently used coats for children and adults. This includes new hats, mittens, gloves and scarfs all to be distributed locally.

For the past 15 years the Belle Fourche Police Department has been involved in Kids and Cops program but only the past few years has the community really

started to support this effort. According to Police Chief Ryan Cherveney, "It was real slow going for a while, we have really started to be able to make a real difference and an impact in the community with donations in probably the last six or seven years."

The Kids and Cops program aims to work with students in the 5th grade. "We work with the school and any partners we have, like with DSS, to identify families that we've interacted with, or if the school is aware of anybody that may need assistance. We try to stay around that fifth grade mark, that way we're not getting the same family two years in a row or missing out on anyone," said Cherveney. Police Officers then partner with the 5th graders to go out shopping for Christmas gifts. "We take about 15 kids out shopping, and then they shop for everybody in their family, including themselves," ex-

plained Cherveney. One example of the thoughtfulness that the kids use in shopping for their families was when a 5th grader spent time and effort picking out a popcorn popper, popcorn, some different butters and different cheese and salt toppings to go with it. When the shopper was at the cash register checking out, he/she shared that the specific reason for buying these items was that he/she never got to see a movie in a movie theater so "this was their opportunity to have a family movie for the first time," shared Cherveney. This program and the donations from the community made this dream possible for this child.

In addition to doing something special for kids in need, the Kids and Cops programs gives the participants an opportunity to interact with police in a positive atmosphere. Cherveney said, "it helps build recognition with these kids that law enforcement is not scary and it's an opportunity for them to interact with us in a positive light. By the fifth grade a lot of them are already starting to

be influenced by different things they see on TV, movies, and oftentimes it's families we have interacted with in a not so positive light due to circumstances. So it's good they see that we're not out just to arrest people all the time, that we are also there

for other things—to help them, to be there for them, to be people they can talk to. It's made quite a difference."

The amount of families that the program can help is based on the amount of donations received.

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Kids and Cops Program pairs Police Officers with local 5th graders to go shopping together and buy gifts for everyone in their families, including themselves. Courtesy photo



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### Belle Fourche Writers Launch "Life's Landscapes"

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On December 14 from 11:30 to 1:30 the Belle Fourche Writers will launch their second anthology, "Life's Landscapes" at the Belle Fourche Public Library. "Life's Landscapes" is the product of several years of writing and editing together.

It follows the first Belle Fourche Writers anthology "Roots Grow Deep and Strong" published in 2012.

Authors will read from their work. There will be door prizes, treats and best of all books for sale for \$20.

Life's Landscapes is a very "Belle Fourche" book.

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**Looking Back in Belle**

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

125 years ago  
Belle TIMES,  
December 7, 1899

**InTalk of the Town** The orchestra, together with a number of our young people, attended the dance at Beulah Thanksgiving night and were royally entertained by the Beulah people. A large crowd was in attendance and orchestra received many compliments on its music. A meeting of the brand commission is called to meet in Pierre on Dec. 2. Those desiring to have brands recorded should send them in at once. The fee of \$1.50 must accompany the application for brand, and if brand is not allowed the fee is returned.

Dick C. Cooper and Miss Anna Edwards, formerly Mrs. Kilgore, were married Friday afternoon at St. John's Rectory, Archdeacon Geo. C. Ware, performing the ceremony. Both parties are well known here, and the TIMES joins their friends in wishing them success and happiness.

The county commissioners have authorized the county treasurer to appoint tax collectors for the purpose of collecting back taxes. There is a large amount of back taxes, which, if paid, would place our county on an excellent financial basis, and the commissioners will make an effort to collect same. A number have paid this year's taxes, although they are not due until December 1.

100 years  
Belle Fourche Bee  
December 4, 1924

**POISON LIQUOR TAKES ITS TOLL** During the month of November seventeen have died in Minneapolis alone from the effects of bad liquor. The following article from Minneapolis, Minn., is self explanatory: "Poison liquor has taken the lives of 17 men in Minneapolis since November 1, according to Dr. G. W. Callstrom, deputy coroner, who completed an examination of death records disclosing what he termed the worst period in the city's history for deaths from this cause. Supplementing Dr. Callstrom's observations, John Anderson, morgue-keeper, said every month has from one to five deaths from poison liquor. The seventeen deaths are linked directly with drinking of either moonshine or spurious liquor, all of this containing poison. In addition, there have been accidents, traceable directly to drink, such as automobile accidents involving drunken drivers.

**DEATH OF S. M. HALL** THALL S. M. Hall died early Wednesday morning of this week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Tope, in Belle Fourche. Funeral service will be held this afternoon at 1:30

at the Episcopal church. Rev. I. C. Wolcott will conduct the service, and burial will be at Pine Slope cemetery. Sinett M. Hall was born February 12, 1855, at Clay Court House, West Virginia, being in his sixth-ninth year at the time of his death. In 1877 he was united in marriage to Miss Delilah Barr at Trenton, Mo. To this union six children were born, three of whom are living, Mrs. Jack Nangle of Ridgeway, Mont., Mrs. Antone Rail of Belle Fourche; Mrs. Herbert Tope of Belle Fourche. In 1900 the family moved to Council Bluffs, Ia., where they remained for three years, and twenty years ago came to Belle Fourche. Mr. Hall started a lumber yard here which he conducted for a few years. Of recent years he has resided on a ranch in Wyoming, fifteen miles west of Belle Fourche. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

75 years ago  
Belle Fourche Bee  
December 3, 1949

**PERMANENT CARE CEMETERY PLAN IS SET BY ORDINANCE** An ordinance setting up a permanent care plan for Pineslope cemetery, provision for added safety precautions at the end of Elkhorn street and the purchase of a street sweeper were principal stems of business taken up at Monday's regular monthly meeting of the Belle Fourche city council.

Given first reading, the ordinance sets up regulations governing operation of the cemetery, which was taken over by the city last January 1. It provides that lots may be sold either with or without permanent care provisions. Charges to be made will be \$10 a grave without permanent care and \$40 for a grave is to be watered, mowed, and maintained. A sexton will be employed to dig graves, properly care for irrigate all trees, shrubbery, flowers and grass; keep the driveways, walks and fences in good condition, and protect the markers and monuments against defacing or destruction. Besides the permanent care provisions, the new ordinance also provides for a permanent fund from bequests for cemetery improvements and a flower fund as desired by survivors of deceased persons. **W. F. NEWLAND, LONG TIME RESIDENT, DIES** W. F. Newland, long-time resident of the tri-state area, died Sunday in Belle Fourche and funeral rites were held yesterday afternoon at the Frost and Son Funeral home. Rev. L. A. Johnson officiated and burial was in Pine Slope cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert L. Pugh, Colony, Wyo.; Willet Keyser and Roger Thomas, Sundance, Wyo.; John Durr, Harold Sloan and



by Mary Buchholz

Fred Pattalochi, Belle Fourche. Honorary escorts included Henry Davenport, Al Challis, Denis Stack, Mert Fowler, Dan Owens and Earl Davis, Belle Fourche; Charles H. Branum and Cola W. Sheard, Colony, Wyo. Wilbur F. Newland was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa Nov. 6, 1875, the son of James and Sarah Newland. He came to the Black Hills when a young boy of ten with his parents. His boyhood was spent on what is now known as the Smiley Ranch which he helped his father develop into on the fine irrigated ranches of this locality. When a young man in 1906 he located on a homestead in the Colony vicinity and from that as a nucleus he built one of the largest stock ranches in the tri-state area. He was a charter member of the DeMores Lodge, Knight of Pythias and was always civic minded and progressive. He was affiliated with the Federal Land Bank of Omaha for a time, and from a period of years from 1933 to 1943 he held a position with the Farm Security Administration. He was married in September 1908 to Lucille C. King and to them two sons were born, James I. Newland of Colony, Wyoming, and T. A. Newland of Deer Lodge, Montana. Other members of his immediate family surviving are Mrs. Sarah A. Brown, sister, Mrs. Hazel Durr, niece, and Robert James Newland, grandson.

50 years ago  
Belle Fourche Bee, November 30, 1974

**BKBFS Building Damaged in Freak Accident** Gene F. Anderson, 25, Sioux Falls, was hospitalized but apparently escaped serious injury in a freak mishap here Tuesday afternoon. Anderson is a truck-driver for Nye Electronics of Sioux Falls and was driving a mobile home tractor. He was having trouble starting the unit so he pulled into Ken's Mobil Service on State Street to check the problem. He flipped the cab up on the c ob-over unit, then crawled under the truck to check the starter. Somehow the starter was activated and the truck took off across the street dragging Anderson with it. Anderson slipped out about half-way across the street and the truck went on to crash into a parking meter and into the south wall of KBFS radio station, damaging the wall of the station and the truck cab. Anderson was taken to the hospital here suffering from back abrasions and a possible knee injury, according to the city police, who investigated.

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**CANDLES AND MIRRORS #7**

By DeAnn Kruempel

"A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever!"

I knelt on the carpet next to her easy chair. She held the round frame in her hands and guided me as I pushed the needle through the white fabric.

"You can do it. You just need to keep trying." Mom had demonstrated the basic embroidery stitches on the flour sack dish towel. She had ironed on a simple design, a rose with leaves.

Her metal hoop circled the image and held it tight. My learning stitches were crooked and uneven, but the red flower began to stand out, a pretty decoration on the bottom of the towel.

She called it her "fancy work." Embroidery and crochet. There was always a project waiting for our mother when she sat in her chair at the end of the day.

The dime store carried plenty of plain cotton towels and iron-on patterns. Mom embroidered days-of-the-week dish towels with puppies, birds or fruit. It didn't take long for a set of seven to be ready for an upcoming shower gift.

Lee Wards and Herrschners catalogs were like Wish Books for Mom. She would page through and mark her favorites. Ultimately, the finished projects became gifts for family and friends.

Embroidered pillow cases made a special wedding gift, especially if a lovely crocheted edging fanned out next to the floral bouquet or sleeping kittens that sparkled on the starched, ironed cases. Fabric scraps sewn into squares made handy potholders, but they needed something pretty stitched on.

Mother's sisters also loved their crafts. Every year Aunt Julia tucked a pretty hanky in my birthday card. One was a sheer white linen on which she had embroidered tiny white flowers. A half-inch edge of crocheted turquoise lace surrounded the delicate square.

Aprons were everyday necessities. Of course, women sewed their own, but they also made them to give away. Mom



would scan through issues of Work Basket magazine for cross-stitch patterns to add a charming trim to the hems and pockets of gingham aprons.

Most of these homemade items were basic garments or household necessities. Almost all were doomed for stains, sweat, grime, cooking burns and fading from many washings. But for some reason, it was important to those women to make things pretty. Why? Was it because they had lived through the Great Depression and World War II? The rationing, the sadness, the worry? That somehow creating something beautiful made a lasting, tangible symbol of love and joy?

For decades, Mom continued to embroider, crochet and give. Then one day, more than 40 years after she had patiently taught me those first embroidery stitches, my daughter and I stood next to her hospital bed. Her speech was impaired and her right hand no longer worked.

"I wonder if I can still do my fancy work." She tried to turn her head to the white bundle of fabric on the bedside table. I reached for the flour sack dish towel, bound in the familiar round hoop. A little hen, surrounded by baby chicks waited to be filled with color. I held the hoop so she could reach the threaded needle. I prayed. With one shaking hand she took a stitch.

"You can do it, Mom. You just have to keep trying."

She did. She recovered from the stroke and her loving hands went on to create more beautiful things. I wonder if she knew how much joy they would bring her family. I wonder if she knew we will treasure them forever.

**More Beautiful Memories**  
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**CANDLES AND MIRRORS #8**

By DeAnn Kruempel

"White Riders in the Sky"

Make sure you get them all out of the trees." The final glow of the South Dakota sunset peeked under the windmill as I headed to what we called the brooder house—the home of 50 Plymouth Rock and leghorn pullets since their chick-hood.

Mom loved her chickens and did not want to lose any to raccoons or other nighttime predators.

For some reason a few of the white leghorns felt the need to spend their nights under the stars. It was often my job to gently persuade them out of the trees and into the coop.

I scanned the nearly-bare branches and counted seven feathered freedom fighters hunkered down on various branches throughout the gnarled boxelder.

Hope springs eternal, especially in the heart of a nine-year-old. Maybe those girls would cooperate tonight and fly out with a little branch shaking. Two glided to the ground, then scurried to the small coop door. The others lifted their wings slightly, but remained in place, as if riding a ship at sea.

Plan B: the six-foot branch we kept next to the pasture fence, just beyond the trees. I

grabbed that stick and quietly sneaked under the branches. I would take them by surprise! A few slight prods ended in rather noisy flights, wild cackling and three more white feather balls rolling home.

The last lingering loafers flashed evil, beady eyes, daring me to disturb their plan for a treetop slumber party. I yelled at them. "Stupid chickens! Do you want to die?" The two prattled quietly, likely figuring I would give up.

All remnants of daylight were quickly fading, along with my chances of getting those girls safely inside. The situation called for desperate measures.

A short section of two-by-four waited next to the tree trunk. I figured it was there for a reason. I grabbed that chunk of wood and hurled it up at those ornery critters! They seemed to chuckle as the missile soared over their heads. The next throw I connected with one. "Ha! So there!" She seemed confused at first as she hit the ground, but eventually dashed for the door.

One tenacious teen remained on a limb fifteen feet above. Darkness quickly took over, as did my imagi-

nation of scary things in the night. My heart pounded as I retrieved the piece of wood. I sucked in a deep breath and I threw that wooden weapon with all my might, right up at that chicken. Miracles happen!

Suddenly, a squawking, wing-flailing bundle hurtled down wildly, crash-landing only a few yards away.

I stared at that downed chicken as she laid there, her feet sprawled out behind her. My tummy started to hurt; I envisioned carrying the broken creature to Mom and repenting for my impatience. I slowly stepped forward and bent to pick her up. That faking fowl jumped up and raced inside!

I heaved a sigh of relief that all the pullets were finally safe. I was also very thankful that this chore was done.

Tomorrow night the family would carry the young pullets up to the henhouse, where fresh clean straw awaited them. My tree-shaking, chicken-crashing days were over for the year. Life was good.

But as I strode back to the house, a horrible thought struck me, like a rotten egg to the solar plexus. Soon those young pullets would morph into cranky old clucks—clucks who squawked and pecked small hands searching for eggs.

Visions of a short piece of two-by-four danced in my head!





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	20	Black-Brd Hfr	1017	2875	\$2,875.00
	50	Black-Brd Hfr	1042	2735	\$2,735.00
	59	Black-Brd Hfr	1009	2725	\$2,725.00
Thomas Simons, Howes SD	26	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 5/6	1287	2350	\$2,350.00
	42	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1370	2300	\$2,300.00
	47	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1330	1885	\$1,885.00
Rosalee & Ty Linger, Miles City MT	10	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1191	2800	\$2,800.00
	12	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1197	2875	\$2,875.00
	20	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1185	2850	\$2,850.00
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	42	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1343	2100	\$2,100.00
	20	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1317	2400	\$2,400.00
	30	Black-Brd Hfr	913	2735	\$2,735.00
Shawn Donahay, Newell SD	20	Black-Brd Hfr	1034	2675	\$2,675.00
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	7	Black-Brd Hfr	1114	2700	\$2,700.00
	7	Black-Brd Hfr	1146	2675	\$2,675.00
	2	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1180	2550	\$2,550.00
Riley Lesh, Ekalaka MT	14	Black-Brd Hfr	1096	2710	\$2,710.00
Flying A Ranch, Buffalo WY	17	Black-Brd Hfr	1104	2660	\$2,660.00
	4	Black-Brd Hfr	991	2625	\$2,625.00
Henry & Viola Lambright, Hulett WY	19	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	956	2600	\$2,600.00
Statham Real Estate Lic, Battle Ground WA	17	Bk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	964	2575	\$2,575.00
Jesse Blankenship, Miles City MT	70	Black-Brd Hfr	785	2400	\$2,400.00
	52	Bk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	757	2450	\$2,450.00
Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	12	Bk/Bwf-Brd Hfr	1027	2585	\$2,585.00
Diamond Hook Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	12	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1049	2550	\$2,550.00
	12	Black-Brd Cow Sm/B	1385	1950	\$1,950.00
	6	Black-Brd Cow L	1123	2100	\$2,100.00
Rod Schaffer, Broadus MT	9	Red-Brd Cow 4/5	1097	2550	\$2,550.00
Baxter Or Skyler Anders, Rapid City SD	9	Red/Rwf-Brd Cow 3	1123	2525	\$2,525.00
Wolff Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	30	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1402	2575	\$2,575.00
	50	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1361	1935	\$1,935.00
	28	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1342	1875	\$1,875.00
	12	Black-Brd Cow	1177	2100	\$2,100.00
	10	Black-Brd Cow	1307	1460	\$1,460.00
P Sean Or Tucker Carroll, Ranchoester WY	40	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1320	1800	\$1,800.00
Riley Lesh, Ekalaka MT	21	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow Bm	1344	1810	\$1,810.00
	12	Red/Rwf-Brd Cow Sm	1345	1775	\$1,775.00
Statham Real Estate Lic, Battle Ground WA	24	Bk/Bwf-Brd Cow 3/4	992	2550	\$2,550.00

Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	4	Rwf/Bwf-Brd Cow 4/5	1311	1850	\$1,850.00
	11	Rwf/Bwf-Brd Cow Sm	1282	1675	\$1,675.00
	11	Herf-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1247	1400	\$1,400.00
Justa Witt, Buffalo SD	4	Black-Brd Cow 3-6s	1293	2550	\$2,550.00
Ray Henry II, Edgemont SD	3	Rd/Blk-Brd Cow Sm	1470	1650	\$1,650.00
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	29	Black-Brd Cow 3/4	1118	2700	\$2,700.00
	25	Black-Brd Cow 5/6	1124	2475	\$2,475.00
	86	Black-Brd Cow Sm	1286	2185	\$2,185.00
	131	Black-Brd Cow Bm	1227	1750	\$1,750.00
	13	Red-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1113	1550	\$1,550.00
Tim Tooke, Ekalaka MT	4	Black-Brd Cow 3/6s	1063	2440	\$2,440.00
	4	Black-Brd Cow Sm/Bm	1371	1875	\$1,875.00
	1	Black-Brd Hfr	955	2600	\$2,600.00
<b>WEIGH-UPS</b>					
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	10	Black-Cow	1034	150	\$1,550.25
Vernon Rice, Broadus MT	1	Black-Hfr	840	218	\$1,831.20
	4	Black-Yrfg Hfr	839	245.50	\$2,059.13
Warren & Greta Crawford, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	948	177.50	\$1,681.81
	3	Black-Cow	1057	142.50	\$1,505.75
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	3	Black-Cow	1025	145	\$1,486.25
Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	4	Rwf-Yrfg Hfr	961	231	\$2,220.48
	11	Bk/Bwf-Yrfg Hfr	970	230	\$2,235.85
Trask Ranch Partnership, Wasta SD	1	Black-Yrfg Hfr	1015	100	\$1,015.00
Jesse Blankenship, Miles City MT	3	Black-Yrfg Hfr	795	238	\$1,892.10
Statham Real Estate Lic, Battle Ground WA	1	Black-Hfr	1140	155	\$1,767.00
Henry & Viola Lambright, Hulett WY	3	Black-Hfr	947	189	\$1,789.20
Rod Schaffer, Broadus MT	3	Red-Cow	1022	165	\$1,685.75
	21	Red-Cow	1072	151	\$1,618.21
Ross J & Pamela Garman, Sundance WY	6	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	1030	190	\$1,957.00
Dave E Edwards, Gillette WY	10	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	957	222	\$2,124.54
Neil Kittelmann, Ekalaka MT	1	Black-Cow	1200	115	\$1,380.00
Ross J & Pamela Garman, Sundance WY	2	Black-Cow	1375	117	\$1,608.75
	1	Black-Cow	1285	119.50	\$1,535.57
	1	Black-Cow	1315	117.50	\$1,545.12
Victor Jones, Sundance WY	43	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1149	113.50	\$1,304.59
	46	Rd/Blk-Cow	1183	113.50	\$1,342.13
	46	Rd/Blk-Cow	1147	117	\$1,342.06
Martin Masters, Dayton WY	4	Red-Cow	1435	120	\$1,722.00
	1	Red-Cow	1165	104	\$1,211.60
Lyle Or Angela Wetz, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1690	113	\$1,909.70
	1	Black-Cow	1530	121.50	\$1,858.95
Statham Real Estate Lic, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1295	125	\$1,618.75
Ray Henry II, Edgemont SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1555	119.50	\$1,858.22
Inwin Livestock Co, Douglas WY	1	Rwf-Cow	1155	114	\$1,316.70
Jesse Or Nastel Dean, Upton WY	1	Black-Cow	1205	116	\$1,397.80
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	17	Black-Cow	1376	121.50	\$1,672.05
	14	Black-Cow	1240	112.50	\$1,395.40
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka MT	14	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1315	118.50	\$1,558.27
	15	Black-Cow	1159	112	\$1,298.08
	1	Black-Cow	935	105	\$981.75
	1	Black-Cow	1110	110	\$1,221.00
Mark Fix, Miles City MT	1	Black-Cow	1315	118	\$1,551.70
	8	Black-Cow	1132	111	\$1,256.38
Thomas Simons, Howes SD	1	Black-Cow	1440	120	\$1,728.00
	1	Black-Cow	1575	120	\$1,890.00
	1	Black-Hfr	830	170	\$1,411.00

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150 BLK/BWF MXD CLVS 450-550#, PC, NI, POURED	<b>PILSTER RANCH-MT</b>	4 BLK STRS
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## Historical Artifacts Unearthed Beneath Belle Flowers & Co



The items that were discovered under Belle Flowers & Co. Ryder Heitz news@bellefourchebeacon.com

**BELLE FOURCHE**—Beneath the century-old floors of Belle Flowers & Co., a routine construction project has uncovered a fascinating assortment of historical artifacts, offering a glimpse into the everyday lives of those who lived and worked in the area long ago.

The items were discovered as part of foundation repairs at the downtown floral shop, owned by Brittany Wilkinson. Bill Schlosser, contractor, found the artifacts tucked away under the building's structure. Among the discoveries were a 1916 calendar, a glass perfume bottle likely from the 1940s, a vintage license plate from the 60s, several glass bottles and

aluminum cans, a toothpaste box, a fashion poster of an unknown year, and a pipe. "Our contractor found all of these items, and it was because we were doing foundation repairs," said Wilkinson. "So this whole side got lifted up."

The location of Belle Flowers & Co. is no stranger to history. Once home to a series of businesses over the decades, including a general store, the site has been part of Belle Fourche's downtown evolution since 1907. The unearthed artifacts reflect layers of history, offering clues to the lives of past residents and shopkeepers.

The 1916 calendar, with its faded pages, is particularly significant, marking a tumultuous time in history: World

## Let 'er Buck 4-H club wins 3rd consecutive Community service award for Butte County



Members include - L-R front row: Selah Wipf, Lainey O'Keeffe, Layce O'Keeffe (holding the certificate). 2nd row: Elise Dacar, Neacy Conry, Alyssa Ehnes, Laramee O'Keeffe, Delaney Brown, Addison McGrath, Mitzi Brown. 3rd row: Roy Henwood, Hadley Kudlock, Owen Dacar, Elias Wipf, Sadie Jackson, Ellie Dacar, Selah Ehnes, Laityn O'Keeffe, Tierney Kudlock, & Baze Negaard.

Back row: TJ Henwood, Payton Jackson, Jaylea Scoggin, Jory Olson, Presley Conry, Ella Ehnes, Brooke Garman, Cooper Conry, & Kaylor Kudlock.

Members absent/ not pictured: Sydney and Zane Baker, Koby Bowden, Brylee and Lainey Crago, Clancy Goebel, Copper Lange, and Jace Olson. Co-Leaders are Shanna Howell and Amy Clark. Courtesy Photo

War I. The perfume bottle, with its elegant glass design, hints at mid-century fashion and tastes—and even after all these years, you can still smell a scent of the perfume. Other items, such as the license plate and cans, offer further insight into the everyday habits of the past.

While the artifacts are still being evaluated for historical significance, Wilkinson is already looking forward to the next steps. "We're going to start renovating upstairs, so I'm eager to see if we'll find anything in the walls or anything else

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## DC Booth Hatchery Holidays Schedule

**In the Booth House & Hatchery grounds.**  
**Musicians:**  
**Thursday December 5**  
 12-1pm --*Ellen Plocek*/piano  
 1-2pm – *Tayla Bahr*/violin  
 2-3pm – *Rita Hicks*/piano  
 3-4pm – *Autumn Anderson*/violin  
**Friday December 6**  
 Noon- 1pm - *Morgan Moore*/piano

1-2pm - *Tayla Bahr*/  
*Saturday, December 7*  
 Noon- 1pm – *CON Brass*  
 on the Hatchery Grounds  
 1-3pm -Tours of Rail Car  
 1-3pm- S'mores & cocoa –  
 Fish Car brick walk patio  
 1-2pm - *Priscilla Romkema*/piano;  
 Santa Clause.  
 2-3pm - *Chris Davis, Rod Garnett, Katrina Garnett*  
 (guitar, flute)

3-4pm – Paul Peterson  
*Sunday, December 8*  
 Santa Claus  
 Noon -1pm *Chris Davis, Rod Garnett*/guitar/flute  
 1-2pm – *Lucy Cole*/piano  
 2-3pm – *Veronica Moore*/piano  
 3-4pm – *Erica Sowers*/  
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## Performing Arts in Belle Fourche

**Meg English**

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Over the years, Belle Fourche has generated a variety of non-profit organizations that promote performing arts. These organizations are the product of the efforts of area residents interested in fulfilling a need for more opportunities to enjoy performing arts, both for audiences and performers. As a result, live theater, audition tryouts, and concerts are recurring year-round Belle Fourche traditions.

These non-profit organizations have generally been inspired independently of one another, but may share funding resources as available, or on occasion they may collaborate.

Listed here, but not in any special order, are the non-profit organizations in Belle Fourche associated with performing arts.

- **The Center of the Nation Concert Association**
- **The Belle Fourche Arts Council**
- **Belle Fourche Area Community Theater**
- **The Tri-State Performers**
- **1903 Readers Theater**
- **The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters**
- **Belle Fourche Schools**

Perhaps the oldest of these organizations is the **Center of the Nation Concert Association (CNCA)**. <https://www.centerofthenationconcerts.org/p/about.html>

For the past 30 years the CNCA has arranged for a professional concert season in Belle Fourche. The CNCA Board of Directors, ticket sellers and members of the public meet annually to choose concerts. Generally, five concerts are presented during the season that typically extends from October to March. Making the choice is a challenge.

Currently, CNCA works with Allied Concert Services in Glenwood, Minnesota a professional service that supplies a list of

concerts for communities like Belle Fourche to choose from. The show choices include wide variety to appeal to the interests of the preferences of different audiences. The concerts may range from traditional country or bluegrass music to classical symphony. They may feature solo musicians, or an entourage of performers. The concerts have been well received by a loyal group of concert supporters in the area.

The primary source of revenue for the concert series is ticket sales and donations. Grants from First Interstate Foundation, the FL Clarkson Family Foundation, and the Pioneer bank have helped to make the concert season a success.

**The Belle Fourche Arts Council (BFAC)** <https://www.facebook.com/p/Belle-Fourche-Arts-Council-100057285955212/> is perhaps best known for sponsoring concerts at the band shell in Herrmann Park during July and August. These open-air concerts feature local musicians and bands such as the Cowboy Band and other regional groups and individual performers.

To begin the 2025 season, the community is invited to listen to the Air Force Academy Band on July 1st. All concerts in the park are free and begin at 7 PM. The BFAC also promotes other events. In February they will sponsor a regional photography contest.

**The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT)** <https://www.bellefourcheact.com>

The BFACT has created a thriving theatrical presence in Belle Fourche that continues to grow. BFACT presents several diverse, affordable theatrical productions annually, in keeping with their mission "to stimulate, promote, teach, and develop interest in the theater."

The cast and crew are all volunteers with eclectic interests

in theater. Participants from all backgrounds are invited to volunteer. The BFACT relies on several sources of revenue to bring quality theater to Belle Fourche.

**The Tri-State Performers and the 1903 Readers Theater** are both associated with inspiration initiated through the Tri-State Museum. The Tri-State Performers is made up of children who try out for age-appropriate museum theater with scripts that relate to the Tri-State Museum's contents or the history, science and culture of the area, as well as seasonal themes. In April, the Tri-State performers are planning to present an (educational) outer space comedy titled "No Pluto? No Problem!"

The 1903 Readers Theater company takes its name from the year 1903 when Belle Fourche officially became a town. Readers' theater is a variation of traditional theater. Actors read from scripts although they may or may not be dressed in costume. Settings may be elaborate or minimal. The next 1903 Readers Theater presentation is planned for February 2025. The title of the show is yet to be determined, but it will be set in the Don Pratt Hotel about 1930. The plot will involve mistaken identity among the guests, a switchboard, and the rumor of gambling going on in the basement. Additional productions are planned for both companies later in the year.

**The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters (BFFAB)** <https://www.facebook.com/belle-fourchefab>

The BFFAB was created when a group of parents decided to help raise money to support Belle Fourche Students, and fine arts activities in the schools. They have conducted fundraisers to this end.

Last April the BFFAB held a fine arts festival at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Stations for a fishing pond, sand art, sock puppets, May Day circle, glitter tattoos, face painting, balloon creations, ori-



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### Belle Fourche Schools

The Belle Fourche Public Schools schedules several performances throughout the school year. At the high school there are three drama productions each year including a fall play, the one act competition piece, and a spring musical. The one-act season runs from late November, through the end of January or early February.

This year's one-act show is called, *The Customer is Always Wrong* by Ian McWethy. The community showing will be Monday evening, January 20th, from 7-9 PM, in the BFRCA Auditorium.

The middle school presents

one show each year in March.

The Band and Choir at the high school four concerts each school year. These are the Fall, Winter, and Spring concerts and The Pop Concert.

This year the high school and middle school have started jazz bands and will have two combined concerts, Monday December 9th - HS/MS Jazz Band Concert at 7 PM. The second jazz band concert will be in May.

The Band and Choir also perform at graduation, as well as other events around the region such as Solo/Ensemble contest, Large-Group Contest, Northern Hills Marching Festival, Swarm Days Parade, Northern Hills Honor Band, BHSU Festival Choir, SD All State Chorus, and SD All State Band.

# Belle Fourche

## Arts Council

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210-1374  
Kenny Riley, pastor  
Sunday: 1 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**  
2020 Vista St  
892-4767  
Dan Carlson, Pastor  
Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule:  
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
1105 Todd St.  
John Allred, Bishop  
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1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
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10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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## Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden December 1, 2024



This past week was a rather calm week leading up to a December which will be full of activity. It will be less than 3 weeks

before Christmas programs take place in the rural schools and students will be out for Christmas break. The Hereford School's Christmas program will take place on Monday, December 9 at the Hereford Hall from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. On Thursday, December 12 from 6:00 - 7:00 Atall School will hold their Christmas program. These are always great ways for the community to gather and fellowship as we celebrate the holiday season.

The NFR in Las Vegas Nevada begins this weekend and Larry and Sandy Rhoden will be attending for the first time. There typically are several folks from Central Meade County who attend these rodeo finals every year. It will be interesting to see who all attends from Meade County.

Also this Tuesday, December 3 will be the State Budget Address given by Governor Noem. Legislators previously and newly elected, will travel to Pierre to attend their first legislative activity for the upcoming session. Both chambers, the Senate and the House, have chosen their leadership for the next

term and are assigned to their committees. Some are working on drafting bills and getting the right language included to be in bill form.

Lorie and Gary Hausmann hosted family for Thanksgiving Day at their home last Thursday. There were several Rhoden families in attendance as well as Sandy Rhoden's sisters, Deb Schnell and Trish Murphy and families. There was a white blanket of snow there where they live southeast of Buffalo Chip which made for a pretty day.

For years many from Central Meade County would stand in line starting at 5:00 am to shop on Black Friday in the Hills. While some continue the tradition, more and more people are staying home and shopping online. I stayed home for the first time in a couple of decades as it was quite cold that day, and I was able to save on some time and gas.

While our time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is shorter this year, December is providing us with 5 Sundays. The Community Baptist Church of Union Center has most of its finishing touches for Christmas complete. Gary Cammack put up, as he has for years, the outside Christmas lights. Donna Cammack's indoor nativity

### "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

## Building a Connected Community Information Network in the Digital Age

John Newby

In an era where information flows through countless digital channels, local communities often struggle to maintain cohesive communication networks. Yet the need for reliable local information sharing has never been greater. Research shows that 71% of Americans believe local news outlets are doing well financially, while the reality is that more than 2,500 local newspapers have closed since 2004. This void creates both challenges and opportunities for communities seeking to establish their own information networks.

The erosion of traditional local media has created what researchers call "news deserts" - areas where residents have limited access to crucial local information. According to a 2023 report by the Local News Initiative, about 70 million Americans live in counties with only one local newspaper or none at all. This gap in local coverage affects everything from voter turnout to municipal bond ratings, demonstrating the vital role of local information in community well-being.

Communities can address this challenge by creating multi-channel information networks that combine traditional methods with digital innovations. Here are a few potential avenues a community may take to fill the communication and information void.

Start with a community website serving as the central hub. Platforms like WordPress or Squarespace offer affordable solutions, with setup costs typically ranging from \$200-500 annually. The key is ensuring mobile accessibility, as 85% of Americans now access news via smartphones.

Create multiple information distribution channels. This can include email newsletters, studies show email newsletters have an average open rate of 22% for local content, significantly higher than commercial emails. Maintain active profiles on platforms where your community members gather. Facebook groups remain particularly effective, with 35% of Americans regularly using them for local information. Consider developing a simple community app. Basic app development can cost \$5,000-15,000, but grants and local business sponsorships can offset expenses.

Successful community networks typically employ a hybrid content model. This might include hiring a part-time coordinator (15-20 hours/week) to manage the network, engage community members as citizen journalists, collaborate with local institutions like schools, government offices, and civic organizations, and enable

community members to submit events, news, and updates

Research indicates successful community networks typically require \$30,000-50,000 annually to operate effectively. Funding can come from "Community Memberships" inviting citizens to pay for the local information, 25% of Americans say they would pay for local news. "Business Sponsorships" where local businesses often allocate 5-15% of marketing budgets to community initiatives. Look for grants through organizations like the Knight Foundation offer specific grants for local information projects. Some communities allocate funds from communication or economic development funds.

When implementing this network establish transparent guidelines up front a simple for a simple and effective editorial policy. Make sure the submission guidelines are clear. Assure that you have a vetting process to assure accuracy when possible, as well as a community feedback mechanism.

Communities that have implemented such networks report significant benefits. Those benefits range from a 45% increase in civic engagement, a 30% higher attendance at local events, a 25% improvement in emergency response awareness, and a 40% increase in local business visibility.

Creating a community information network requires careful planning, sustainable funding, and broad participation, but the benefits far outweigh the investment.

Success depends not on complex technology but on community buy-in and consistent management. By combining traditional community values with modern digital tools, local areas can build information networks that strengthen civic engagement, support local democracy, and foster community connection.

The key is starting small, building systematically, and growing with community needs. As traditional local media continues to decline, community-driven information networks will become increasingly vital for maintaining informed, connected, and resilient local communities.

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### "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

## Is AI a Catalyst for Small Community Transformation

Small local towns and communities are oftentimes left behind in the digital age. Does that need to be the case?

In an era of rapid technological advancement, artificial intelligence emerges as a powerful tool for breathing new life into struggling small communities.

Far from being a distant, abstract technology, AI offers concrete solutions that can address economic challenges, enhance local services, and create innovative pathways for growth and sustainability. Small communities often face significant economic hurdles: population decline, limited job opportunities, and difficulty attracting new businesses. AI presents a multifaceted approach to these challenges.

Machine learning algorithms can help local governments and businesses make data-driven decisions about economic development, identifying unique local strengths and potential growth areas.

For instance, predictive analytics can help small towns understand their economic potential by: analyzing demographic trends, mapping local skill sets, identifying emerging industry opportunities, and projecting potential business investments. Consider the example of Macon County, Missouri, a rural area with just 15,000 residents.

By implementing AI-driven economic planning, the county developed targeted strategies that attracted small tech companies and remote work opportunities, reversing a decade-long

population decline.

AI can dramatically improve the efficiency of local services, making small communities more attractive to current and potential residents. Smart infrastructure technologies can help municipalities: optimize resource allocation, reduce operational costs, improve public services, and enhance community safety. Predictive maintenance powered by AI can help communities with limited budgets maintain critical infrastructure more effectively. Sensors and machine learning algorithms can predict when roads need repair, when water systems require maintenance, and how to most efficiently manage limited municipal resources.

Perhaps most critically, AI can transform educational opportunities in small communities. Online learning platforms powered by artificial intelligence can provide residents access to: advanced skill training, professional development courses, specialized certifications, and global learning opportunities.

Rural students can now access high-quality educational resources previously available only in metropolitan areas. AI-powered personalized learning platforms can adapt to individual learning styles, helping students overcome traditional geographic and economic barriers.

For agricultural communities, AI offers transformative potential. Precision agriculture technologies enable farmers to: optimize crop yields, reduce re-

source consumption, implement sustainable farming practices, and increase economic efficiency.

Machine learning algorithms can analyze satellite imagery, weather patterns, and soil conditions to provide farmers with unprecedented insights, helping small agricultural communities compete in a global market. While AI offers immense potential, successful implementation requires thoughtful strategy.

Communities still must: invest in digital infrastructure, provide technology training, develop inclusive implementation strategies, protect data privacy, and ensure technological equity. Multiple small communities demonstrate AI's transformative potential.

In Opportunity Zones across the United States, AI-driven economic development strategies have helped attract investment, create jobs, and revitalize local economies. For example, Clarksdale, Mississippi, used AI-powered economic analysis to identify unique local strengths, leading to targeted business development that created new economic opportunities in a historically challenged region.

Like other new technologies, artificial intelligence is not a silver bullet, but it can be another powerful tool that can assist in community transformation.

By embracing intelligent technologies, small communities can create innovative solutions to long-standing challenges, turning potential limitations into opportunities for growth and renewal.

The future of small communities lies not in resisting technological change, but in strategically leveraging AI to unlock their unique potential.

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## Fentanyl in Butte County

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Fentanyl is a dangerous drug. At a recent presentation sponsored by the Butte County ABC Coalition a group of educators, mental health specialists, and law enforcement representatives met to learn about fentanyl.

With a background in law enforcement, addiction, and a strong sense of understatement, guest speaker William Elger from Youth and Family Services in Rapid City described the scope of the fentanyl epidemic.

The delicious comfort food lunch organized by the Butte County ABC Coalition provided needed fortification for some sobering reality.

Bill Elger began the presentation with a brief history of opioids. He moved on to convince the audience that Fentanyl is a very dangerous drug and that it is everywhere, even in Butte County.

Originally, opioid drugs were limited to substances derived from the poppy plant. All of that changed in the 1960s when researchers discovered the opium formula and were able to produce opioids in the laboratory.

As painkillers synthetic opioids are quite effective and apparently easy to manufacture. However, even in the 1960s there was a caveat. Opioids are highly addictive. Opioids are not meant to cure pain. They just mask it.

Opioids can cause euphoria, which is one of the main reasons have become popular recreational drugs. Opioids include heroin, morphine, codeine, fentanyl, methadone, tramadol, and others. Opioid overdoses are not uncommon. An overdose can lead to difficulty breathing and death.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid. The two types of fentanyl are pharmaceutical (prescribed) fentanyl and illicit fentanyl.

Most cases of fentanyl-related overdose are linked to illicit fentanyl, distributed illegally. Fentanyl produces a similar effect to heroin although it is 50 times stronger than Fentanyl and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is often added to other drugs because it is relatively cheap to produce illegally. The addition of fentanyl makes drugs more affordable, more powerful, more addictive, and more dangerous.

Fentanyl has now outpaced methamphetamine as the opioid drug most frequently involved in deaths by overdose.

The following are signs of an overdose:

- Loss of consciousness
- Unresponsive
- Awake, but unable to talk
- Breathing is very slow, shallow, erratic, or has stopped
- For lighter-skinned

people, the skin tone turns bluish purple, for darker skinned people, it turns grayish or ashen.

- Choking sounds, or a snore-like gurgling noise (sometimes called the "death rattle")
- Vomiting
- Body is very limp
- Face is very pale or clammy
- Fingernails and lips turn blue or purplish black
- Pulse (heartbeat) is slow, erratic, or undetectable

Death is preventable if the person receives basic life support and administration of naloxone. Naloxone is an antidote to opioids that will reverse the effects of an opioid overdose if administered in time. Naloxone is not harmful to someone who has not taken opioids.

Naloxone is used to reverse an opioid overdose, including heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioid medications. Naloxone can be quickly administered through nasal spray (Narcan®) or through an injection. Naloxone is safe, easy to use, and it works almost immediately. Naloxone is not addictive and has no effect if opioids are not in a person's system.

Here's the bad news: Opioid addiction is a problem in rural communities in SD including Belle Fourche. If there is an upside, it might be that awareness is on the rise. Organizations such as the Butte County ABC Coalition, Youth and Family Services, the South Dakota Department of Health and the South Dakota Department of Social Services are hard at work to educate the public and find solutions.

"Let's be Clear" is a joint initiative between the South Dakota Department of Health and the Department of Social Services. The resonating "Let's be Clear" message is that addiction and mental health are closely related. The fact that anyone can experience substance abuse disorder certainly rings true. The message that substance abuse disorder is treatable is quenching reassurance.

Although the information presented by Bill Elger was disturbing, the larger take-away is positive. Awareness of substance disorders, and the recognition of the disorder as a treatable mental health illness is a powerful step forward.

For more information on the extent of the problem information is available from several resources such as Let's Be Clear: <https://letsbeclearsd.com> The South Dakota Department of Health <https://doh.sd.gov/programs/lets-be-clear/prescription-opioid-abuse-prevention-initiative/> <https://doh.sd.gov/programs/lets-be-clear/> Butte County ABC Coalition <https://www.facebook.com/abcbutteco/>

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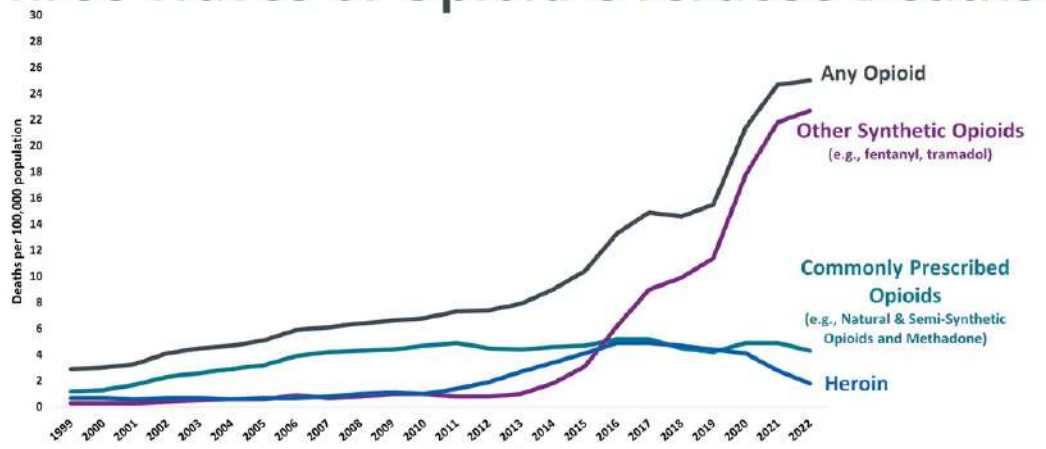
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Educators, Law Enforcement, Mental Health Professionals Front Line responders gather to learn more about fighting the war on opioid addiction. Meg English Photos

## Three Waves of Opioid Overdose Deaths



Wave 1: Rise in Prescription Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in the 1990s  
Wave 2: Rise in Heroin Overdose Deaths Started in 2010  
Wave 3: Rise in Synthetic Opioid Overdose Deaths Started in 2013  
SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality. CDC WONDER, Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2024. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/>

Graph that illustrates the three waves of Opioid addiction



Guest speaker William Elger from Youth and Family Services in Rapid City demonstrates the various products that are available to treat an opioid overdose.



The door has a place to Butte County ABC Coalition representatives prepare and serve lunch left to right, Holly Main, Kathy Jensen, and Kara Graveman.



ABC Coalition Logo







From C1 Artifacts

that'll be exciting," she said. The items will likely be preserved and displayed as part of the shop's commitment to honoring its roots in the Belle Fourche community.

From B1 Cops & Kids

"The more donations we get, the more kids we can help at a time. The last two years or three years have been kind of record years for us," explained Cherveney.

"As far as donations, the Festival of Trees is a huge help with that. They donate a portion of proceeds to the Kids and Cops program, which has helped immensely."

After the shopping trip the officers help the kids wrap the gifts and end the day with a pizza party. While this is a nationwide program, the local funds raised are spent in the community.

Yet another way the Police Department is helping out in the community is by providing holiday meals to those that may need some help during the holiday season.

Officers collect money to purchase items for gift cards if needed. "With the holiday

From C3 Meade County

week.

This is the time of year when we hear mama cows bellowing for their calves after weaning or separation for fall calf sales. Calf prices have been kind to our ranchers this year.

SDPB's Dakota Life entitled 'Greetings from Union Center' premieres on SDPB on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 pm MT. It can also be seen online at SDPB.org/watch.

Liz and Cody Rhoden spent some time at the Rhoden family ranch this past weekend. Larry, Cody and Reggie Rhoden hunted pheasants near Pierre.

in there and display them," said Wilkinson.

For now, the discovery has become a conversation piece for both locals and historians alike, sparking interest in what other secrets might be hidden beneath the town's historic structures.

meals we reach out to the different families that need food baskets.

They then put together the baskets and deliver them to families in need. They also help by providing gift baskets, gift cards for the grocery stores, and things like that," said Cherveney.

Through these programs the Police Department has been able to help over 100 people each holiday season. That impact can be felt in a number of ways. "That's been the last several years where we have been able to reach that many people, and sometimes it's just winter supplies, sometimes it's food, and then obviously the Christmas gifts," said Cherveney.

If you would like to support any of the Police Department's holiday efforts to provide for those in need in our community, you can reach out to the Department with cash or check, made out to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 12 or Venmo at @FOP-Lodge-12.

Rhoden. They enjoyed taking them to pot luck dinner after church on Sunday in Union Center.

Lorie and Gary Hausmann dropped by afterward to unload some fire-wood for the winter and they enjoyed a Sunday afternoon visit. Kassi Barry was home for a bit after spending 2 weeks on the road between Texas and Las Vegas for both work as well as 'rodeo mom'.

Larry Rhoden headed to Pierre this week as they begin work on this year's budget for the legislative session. He has been able to spend some time both in Pierre and in the shop catching up with some welding this last week.



Last Year's Capitol News December 6, 2023

It's been another week of nice weather at Capitol and on Tie Creek.

Ronda Cordell had just been doing a bunch of little odd jobs with cattle, this week. On Tuesday, a load of Muggli cake was delivered, while she was in Ekalaka going over water rights with Wayne Yost.

Clint Zolnoski trailed what wouldn't fit on the semi. On Saturday, Clint and Abby Zolnoski took Darby to Belle Fourche to play her last basketball game of the season. Denise was entertaining a flu bug, so she stayed home.

Erma Albert went to play cards at the Senior Center in Buffalo, on Tuesday. She and Dick went

to town on Thursday, to pick up a few things. Friday was the special Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center, and the place was packed, and more lunches sent to people

at home. Dick and Erma went to the Catholic Church, on Sunday, and then they had lunch at Saloon Number Three.

Alvin Cordell's hunters have all gone home. He has spent some time up at the Horton place, working on the new shed project.

They have calves in the corral for weaning, and one had an accident and somehow broke a leg. Hopefully it can heal.

On Friday, Marlee went to Belle Fourche for Kynlee's basketball games at the Rec Center. She stayed over,

person who built it. He apparently spent his pay on alcohol, and was arrested."

During Prohibition, Wolff writes that the Rapid Creek drainage was known as the "valley of a thousand smokes" because of the number of moonshiners who set up shop to avail themselves to the grains brought in by railroad, the water and the area's remoteness.

The book is available in paperback for \$19.95 from the Historical Society Press.

Capitol News

and Rhys had two games at Spearfish on Saturday. Then Alvin went down on Sunday to join Marlee, and they went to the Moose Lodge for Shirley Blake's 90th birthday party.

Lynn Gustafson and Linda Matthews made a trip to Bowman, on Monday. They went to the beauty parlor and did some shopping. Then, on Thursday, Lynn discovered that Jane Teigen needed to go to Bowman, so Lynn went back again with Jane.

Doug Davis and Morgan Buck have been working on corrals, this week. Julia got all her garden boxes emptied and has things ready for winter.

Douglas and Julia shipped cows, this week. On Friday, Clint Zolnoski, Shannon Secrest, Mattie, Morgan and Darren Buck, Jason Latham and Miles Cooper came to help with shipping.

Pete Tenold was the trucker. Geoff Stoltenberg, a friend, had been hunting, and he helped, too. With the shipping done, Morgan went in to Camp Crook for an early Thanksgiving with his family.

Shirley and Junior Melum had a quiet week, but were enjoying the good weather.

Dorothy Padden went shopping in Bowman on Wednesday. The

Paddens shipped heifer calves on Thursday, and Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy went down for the sale at Belle Fourche. Dorothy ran some errands in Ekalaka, on Friday. Bryce Dawn and Dorothy went to Belle Fourche again, on Sunday, to join in the party for Shirley Blake's 90th birthday.

Karen Odell has spent a few weeks trying to figure out where a water leak was coming from. Jack Ovitz came, on Monday, to help, but after much work ridding the basement of water, they still were not sure what was causing the problem that was bringing the water into her basement.

had difficulty with the mystery, without being able to see the problem. It was impossible to analyze at such a distance, but he had a suggestion or two. Mike Malenovski, also had a suggestion or two.

When Ernie Melum came, on Wednesday, he too, was baffled, until he finally dug up a water shut-off valve, just outside the house, that would not shut off. Ernie reattached the shut-off and turned it off.

Rachel even went home to bring lunch back to Karen's, and it was the most delicious meal Karen could remember (and that's a long string of meals). When morning came, Karen dared to peek downstairs, and saw that the basement was still dry.

Karen and Hywel yelled with joy and danced in celebration (well, Hywel did most of the dancing,

and a dog of that size dances where he wants, and Karen at least tried to dance). Now, at last, after weeks of searching, the problem was narrowed to the water line going to the corral.

When Karen thought back in time, she figured that line had to be over fifty years old. Ernie and Tommy came back the next day with equipment, and the group decided it was easiest

to put in a new line to the corral, rather than dig up the old one. The weather was holding, and everyone was hoping for good weather until the line was in.

Karen made a trip to Buffalo on Friday for pipe, connectors, and cat and dog food. Ernie, Tommy and Rachel were going to Ekalaka on Saturday, to help another friend who was in need of help.

That's what I call good neighbors. On Sunday, Karen thanked God, and went to church in Marietta, Georgia, on YouTube at home, while her Fuzzy cat watched with her (well, at least the cat was there, curled up in her lap to sleep). It's such a relief to know that the mystery has been solved, and if that mystery can finally be solved, it may actually be possible to move on to solving national problems.

Happy Thanksgiving, and thank God for friends.

SCOUTING REPORT I touring the Black Hills

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JONATHAN ELLIS

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For South Dakota history fans, the state Historical Society Press has dished up a treat with the publication of "The Gold Rush," a tour of the Black Hills.

The book is written by Black Hills State University Emeritus Professor David Wolff, who specializes in Black Hills history and leading tours of the area. It is the first of six books that Wolff is writing that will be organized so readers can do

self-guided tours.

"While I describe the guides as resembling 'full-fledged history narratives,' they certainly don't resemble traditional history books," Wolff writes in the introduction. "Most history books are organized either chronologically or topically, but the tours examine history based on location."

A sampling from the tour includes Custer, South Dakota's first jail: "A small stone structure labeled Custer's First Jail sits in front of the Community Center. An informational sign states that it originally sat across the street and that its first occupant was Wilber Todd, the

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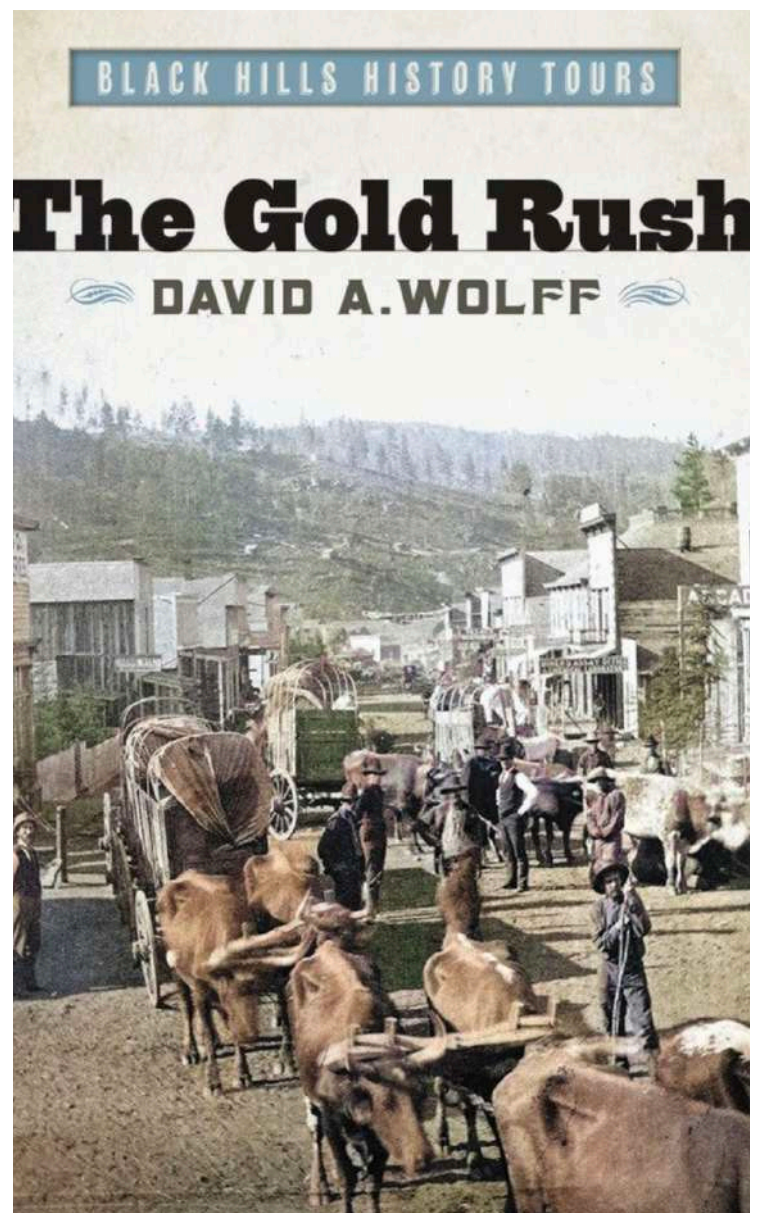


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### VIEWPOINT | Kids need freedom

Column by John Stossel



I often report on fake "crises" pushed by media.

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#### Kids are anxious.

In my new video, Lenore Skenazy, founder of the non-profit Let Grow, says it's because today's parents rarely allow their kids to experience the joys of independence.

Skenazy once let her 9-year-old ride the New York City subway on his own. For that, the media labeled her "America's worst mom." "Law and Order," the TV show, produced an episode where the child riding alone is kidnapped and murdered.

But in real life, what Skenazy allowed isn't so risky. Her son told me, "I know how to get around." Nothing bad happened to him, and he gained the confidence that comes with taking care of yourself.

Skenazy argues that not letting kids take care of themselves makes kids insecure. Anxiety and depression are "spiking off the charts," she says, citing the Journal of Pediatrics.

"How do you know the cause is lack of freedom?" I ask.

"Maybe it's social media." "Anxiety and depression were going up before cellphones," she replies. She says that the cause is the media's hyping of isolated examples of child kidnapping and "stranger danger."

"That actually points everyone in the wrong direction," she says. "The biggest threat to any child is somebody that they know, not a stranger."

Skenazy says parents should just teach kids to "recognize no one can touch you where your bathing suit covers. Resist, run, kick, scream. If somebody's bothering you, don't be nice. Resist. And then report."

"Those three R's," she says, "keep kids way safer than 'stranger danger' because most strangers do not present a danger."

Allowing kids to experience independence doesn't just help kids, she says; it helps parents.

"It's no fun to think that the second your kids go outside, they're going to be kidnapped ... and it's no fun to have to be with your kids every single second."

The U.S. Surgeon General issued an "advisory on the mental health and well-being of parents," writing, "Over the last decade, parents have been consistently more likely to report experiencing high levels of stress."

"It's miserable if you have to spend every second watching, supervising, entertaining," says Skenazy, "when there's so much that you could be doing with your life!" "Let Grow, the non-profit I run, has teachers give kids the homework assignment to go home and do something

new on your own ... just so parents have the experience of ... watching the kid go off to the store, the park, or if you're in a dangerous neighborhood, the kitchen to make pancakes without parents there to turn on the stove."

She says kids who do this "Let Grow Experience" feel better about themselves "because they're trusted and doing something new, and it's exciting."

Again, it's not just kids who benefit. "The parents are ecstatic," she says. "I used to think it was because they were so happy that their kid wasn't kidnaped ... But then I started thinking, you have kids so that they will live on when you're not around. Until you let your kid do something without you, you don't know that they're ever going to be OK without you. So, it is this ecstatic moment of realizing, 'Hey, I had a kid who is going to be all right.'"

She says Let Grow "is exposure therapy for parents" because they "have not been exposed to letting their kids go. They think that if I let my kid out, something bad will happen, or I'm a bad parent, or I could never forgive myself."

Kids need independence for the same reason adults do; it's how we grow.

Every Tuesday at JohnStossel.com, Stossel posts a new video about the battle between government and freedom. He is the author of "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media."

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Beacon Publisher, Doug Cole enjoys a lighter moment with Scott Porterfield and Lee Hodge at the Celebration



Kids in attendance at **Beacon 7th Anniversary Celebration** enjoy dancing to the rhythm of the **Wilt Brothers Band** at **Graps Burgers & Brews** November



Beacon Publisher, Doug Cole enjoys a mug of Ice tea as he sits and visits with wife Nancy and son Chauncey & family from Dell Rapids.



The turnout at the Beacon 7th Anniversary event was tremendous and a good time seemed to be had by all. *Hunter Anderson Photos*



**Sudoku**

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**

- Family member
- Food
- Botanist (abbr.)
- Dagger
- Fish sauce
- Abridged (abbr.)
- Malay title of respect
- P. l. dyewood tree
- River (Sp.)
- Under
- Brit. saint
- Join
- 24 12 (Rom. numeral)
- Spirit (Ger.)
- Musical instrument (percussion)
- Air-to-air missile (abbr.)
- Knot lace
- Inclined
- "Beowulf" monster

**DOWN**

- Mountain standard time (abbr.)
- S.A. herb
- Interim
- Virgil's hero
- Religion
- River in "Kubla Khan"

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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**ACROSS**

- Edging loop
- Belonging to (suf.)
- Ass
- Stoppage
- Zoroastrian
- Television channel
- This one (Lat.)
- Uncanny (Scot.)
- Half-boot
- Spiders' nests
- Eucalyptus secretion
- Donkey (Fr.)
- Lamb
- Ironwood

**DOWN**

- Portuguese coin
- King killed by Samuel
- Rip
- Totem pole
- Evil (Sp.)
- Great Lakes island
- Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (abbr.)
- Attorney (abbr.)
- Decimal unit
- New (Ger.)
- Laurel nymph
- For (Sp.)
- Rom. house
- Rom. province
- Mulberry-bark cloth
- Dayak people
- Behold! (Lat.)
- Foot (pref.)
- Trouble
- Rom. first day of the month
- Unclouse

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— URPSBP

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "One of the weaknesses of our age is our apparent inability to distinguish our need from our greed." — Author Unknown

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2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month

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16	Pork Roast Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Dinner Roll	Marry Me Chicken Ratatouille Dinner Roll	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans	Deluxe Chicken Sandwich Cowboy Beans Zucchini Fries
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## B's Buzz



**Betty Bruner**

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What a glorious way to start the holiday season! Friends, family, and food! We actually celebrated Thanksgiving for several days.

First there was the Newell Community Turkey Dinner on Sunday evening. A fabulous time with friends.

Then there was the great turkey feed at school. Sixty pounds of turkey, mashed potatoes (real ones!), dressing, sweet potatoes, gravy, and apple crisp. WOW! So much fun serving the grandparents, parents, and other family members besides all the great kids at school! Thanks for all those that helped, it was exhausting but worth every drop of sweat.

The same evening, Chuck and I helped at our church to serve nearly 200 people from the town of Spearfish. Of course, we took potatoes, but enjoyed pie along with all the fixins'. And we talked to lots of people and expanded our horizons!

Then there was the "real" day of Thanksgiving. We broke tradition by joining friends and family in Belle Fourche to relish all the relish (ha, get it?). Everyone brought something – there was a feast! If you left hungry, you didn't try hard enough.

You know what the very best part of the whole week was? Seeing the faces of folks we haven't seen for awhile and seeing how everyone joined together to make others happy and satisfied.

Makes my heart feel all warm and melty. I can't help but smile whenever a picture of the last week comes past my memories.

During this time of year, there are good times to remember and times that aren't so great. Too many times we are busy trying to make a wonderful holiday memory, we forget that memories are made while we aren't looking.

Our youngest granddaughter stayed with us for three days last week. She's five going on thirteen at times. So grown up, but still very much a little girl. Things that I don't think are important are very special to her. Like making cookies without all the right ingredients. They tasted ok, but looked kind of funny. She didn't care-just put on more frosting! And we didn't get the gingerbread house all done, but she said her mom could help finish it. We had a tea party that was mostly sugar and a little tea and milk. And we played games where she kept making up the rules.

And you know what the

## Gathering Around the Christmas Tree



Although it was cold, there were around 20 people who gathered to sing carols and to see the lighting of the tree in South Park. Photo by Betty Bruner

## The Christmas Season Sets Off in Newell

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NEWELL-It may have been bitter cold but a crowd of around 20 hardy people gathered in the South Park to light up the big tree that symbolizes the beginning of

best part was? When we laid down at night and she cuddled up to me and looked at me and said, "I love you." That makes the messy house fade into the background.

And it makes me think of when her mom was little and I was so busy trying to make the holiday special that I missed the opportunities that came along. It makes me sad, but it also reminds me that sometimes we are in the thick of the battle and can't see the end.

Battles are fought-win or lose. It's how we handle the battle itself that's important. Do we store up the score? I won this one, but lost that one. The next was a tie. In the end, it's not the rivalry, but the result.

Did the battle really resolve anything? What did the battle produce? If a new understanding didn't result, then it wasn't worth picking up the sword. Words hurt and are remembered. Actions can bring hurt or love.

This is the season to especially make every word and every action worth something to someone. Maybe I say this too often, but it's really important. Smile at those you meet, say a kind word, and give a hug to someone who needs it.

And now as we head full-on into the Christmas season make those cookies and have a tea party! 'Tis the season for sugar! (and maybe a little lemon)

the holiday season. The chilly wind and temps in the 20's couldn't stop the holiday spirit as carolers congregated around the hot chocolate supplied by Sabrina Harmon of the WIT (Whatever It Takes) Coalition.

Sabrina supplied the music, while nearly everyone joined in singing familiar songs of the season-"Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and "We Wish

You a Merry Christmas" were a few of the tried and true favorites.

After making a joyful noise the crowd waited for Mayor Tara Tennis to step to the huge tree growing in the midst of South Park and pulled the switch to light it up in the night. At first glance, only the top star shone, but soon the entire tree was enveloped with a multi-

colored array.

"Merry Christmas!" the crowd shouted.

Even with the bone-chilling wind, several folks stayed to enjoy more hot chocolate and cookies furnished by WIT.

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The Christmas season has begun!



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## Grand River Roundup



### Betty Olson

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This week started out pretty chilly and got colder as the week went on with temperatures in the 30s and 20s. Winter is officially here!

A lot of us went to Buffalo last Sunday evening for the Harding County Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving Service at the Gospel Tabernacle Church, which will be closed after this service. The welcome and opening prayer was given by Pastor David Douglas from the Gospel Tabernacle Church, Wally Stephens from the Grand River Lutheran and Pastor Mike Smith from the Short Grass Parish had the scripture readings, Fr. Bryan Sorenson from St. Anthony's Catholic Church gave the Thanksgiving message, Pastor Henry Mohagan from Slim Buttes Lutheran Church gave the financial report, and Pastor Cliff Claypool from the Community Bible Church gave the closing message and prayer before we went downstairs for

lunch. Pastor Milton and Karen Douglas and their daughter Ruth came for the service. Milton used to pastor this church and Milton and Karen are the parents of David and Ruth Douglas. It was so nice to see them again after missing them for so long.

There are more deaths to report: Blaux Harris, 29, of Central City, died on Saturday, November 16 at CHI Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha. A Celebration of Life service was held in Pierre at Lutheran Memorial Church on Monday, November 25. Devin and Richelle (Rook) Harris were Blaux's parents and they went to high school in Lemmon with Missy.

John Skogberg of Belle Fourche, age 83, passed away on Wednesday, November 20. The funeral service was held on Saturday, November 23, at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche with interment in the Pine Slope Cemetery. John is best known as a rodeo photographer that took pictures

at a lot of rodeos around here.

Lester James Tenold, 64, of Rapid City, passed away resting peacefully at home on Friday, November 22. Lester's funeral was Saturday, November 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rapid City. Lester grew up in Prairie City, went to grade school in Prairie City and high school in Bison.

Twylah Mae (Johnson) Luedtke passed away four hours shy of her 90th birthday on November 25th at Monument Health in Rapid City after a brief battle with cancer. Twylah is survived by her daughter, Marcia Webb of Rapid City; granddaughter, Alison Besler (husband Josh) of St. Onge; great grandchildren, Addison Rose, Treydon Joshua & Vivian Twylah Barbara Besler.

Missy left to ride down to Blaux Harris' funeral in Pierre with Sharon Longwood and Carrie Stadheim on Sunday. Lester Longwood and their other daughters Laura Lahr and Erin Stadheim also came to the funeral. Devin Harris is Duane

Harris' brother and Duane and Dawn also were there, along with a lot of other family members and friends. Missy got home late Monday evening.

Taz went up to work on Dalton Mellmer's house on Monday, Casey had wrestling practice in Buffalo that day and I got to go to Reva to get Copper, Knox and Beau Doll off the school bus and bring them home that afternoon.

Casey went up to help Jeremy Stadheim preg test Tuesday afternoon and then went into Buffalo for wrestling practice after they finished preg testing.

Reub had an appointment with Mary Eggebo in Hettinger Wednesday morning and I had to pick up a bunch of cat food and chicken food at Runnings before we left town. It was too early for coffee in Reeder with the Prairie Pioneers, so we had to miss that. As we came home, we met Taz and Amanda and the kids headed out for the Black Hills to spend Thanksgiving down there. Reub and I went to the Thanksgiving pie social and service at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening and had a nice enjoyable evening.

Thursday was Thanksgiving Day and the ground was covered with snow when we woke up but, thankfully, the wind wasn't blowing. Casey and Missy took us with them to celebrate Thanksgiving in Hettinger at Senior Citizens with a lot of Missy's relatives. Missy's Aunt Sylvia Engle hosts the

gathering and several members of her family cooked the turkey and ham and other goodies for us to eat while Sylvia makes a whole bunch of really delicious pies. Our granddaughter Lanie and Matt Klug and their kids came down from South Heart and Lanie brought a really delicious dessert that added a couple inches to my waist. It was nice to celebrate Thanksgiving with Lanie and her family.

Friday was a pretty nice day with no wind and just a little bit of snow in the night before. Taz and Amanda and the kids came home from their Thanksgiving celebration early Friday morning and Copper and River Lu told me that they really enjoyed swimming at the hotel.

We woke up Saturday morning to see a couple inches of snow on the ground and temperatures in the 20s. Winter doesn't officially start until December 21, but it sure feels and looks like winter has already arrived. Reub and I went into Buffalo that afternoon for a Coffee House meeting at Tom and Mary Lu Holt's house and we arrived pretty late, because I forgot about the meeting, although I had it written on the calendar. Thankfully Tom called us about the time we should have been there, to let us know about the meeting!

Sunday was the first day of December and Christmas will soon be here. Remember that Christ is The Reason for the Christmas Season!

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

#### December 3, 1914

On Thanksgiving Day union services were held at the M.R. Church, Rev Fred Smith of the Congregational Church occupying the pulpit. A collection of \$8 was contributed toward the Children's Home in Sioux Falls. After the service a community dinner was served at which 80 covers were served.

At a meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge, held on Tuesday evening, J. W. Clouser was initiated into the mysteries of that order. The annual election of officers' results are as follows: NG John Lewis; VGH

to Mary F. Jamison County Superintendent so she can come and get it. She will be glad to dispose of it for you to needy children in Butte County.

About a ton of good alfalfa seed disappeared from the Hafner & Company warehouse on the first of the week. Most of the seed belonged to Byer Aune and the balance to the firm. It is presumed that it went out by night by truck.

#### December 6, 1934

Newell Implement Company, our McCormick-Deering Service shop, of which O.H.

#### by Linda Velder

it was decided that a Municipal Saloon should be established as a means of producing more revenue.

#### November 23, 1944

The school lunch program has again proved very successful. The amount of food used for one meal in November figures quoted 80 pounds of potatoes; 7½ pounds of butter and 25 pounds hamburger. The average number served daily (1 meal) was 197 in October, has increased to 220 in November. Mrs. E. E. Youngberg, who



Picture of Lunch Room 1944, serving the High School students. The new Hot Lunch program was popular Newell Museum

Jesse JHI Lewis; Secretary H. Paulson; Treasurer Hugo Behrens and Trustee A. A. Farnham.

Win Cox has been laid up for several days with a sprained ankle. Mr. Ward and family from Tilford have been guests at the Cox home for the past week.

Nels Peterson came home Saturday after a weeks' stay in Sturgis. Mrs. Hart, who has been employed on the Peterson ranch, departed Monday for the Hills, where he will remain for a time.

#### November 27, 1924

Farmers in the Red Owl vicinity are becoming interested in hog raising and many are receiving good sized checks for their porkers. Most hogs are sent to our neighbors to the east.

State Highway Engineer S. G. Berry and County Commissioner Chas Wildon were around Tuesday visiting landowners affected by the proposed changes to Highway No 22. The new route will shorten the distance to Belle Fourche by more than a mile. Earl Wilson of Belle Fourche, contractor for the new Horse Creek Bridge on Highway No 22, is getting material on the ground and with favorable weather conditions will soon have the new structure underway.

Anyone having outgrown children's clothing, especially overshoes, shoes, stockings and underwear, please send a note

Garness (Andy) is in charge as Master Mechanic, is now ready to do your work on your trucks and tractors. When Andy has overhauled your motor, you can feel assured that it will run like new. Try Andy with your next overhauling job. A May Tag washing machine would be an ideal Christmas present for the Mrs. Remember, the Newell Implement Company is the dealer for this famous washer.

The Irrigator is publishing this week the Annual Delinquent Tax List because many are availing themselves of the 10-year contract plan and also because of better conditions, the list is considerably smaller than in former years.

With the question of liquor control uppermost today in public discussion, interest has been shown in the experience of the Municipal saloon in Sturgis as an investment of producing revenue for that city's coffers. In developing from the status of a mir shack town composed of Camp followers preying upon the nearby military garrison, up through the stages of Cow Town and a central point for immigrant trails, toward the end of the last century found itself heavily in debt. In 1916, a new administration came into office and the most pressing problem was the bankruptcy condition of the city treasury. After serious study by the mayor and councilmen, and also businessmen,

cooks the noon meal, is doing a very fine job. Supper and breakfast are also being served for the convenience of the teachers and also needy students. Mrs. Burns Taft plans and prepares both of these special meals.

Joe Baugas of Spearfish was arraigned last week before a US Court in Deadwood, charged with violation of the Dyer Act. The specific charge is purchase of a stolen car and knowing it to be stolen. He was released after furnishing bond of \$2500. Baugas is quite well known here, having made frequent visits to the Newell area as a hide and junk buyer.

New classes are now being taught in Newell High School: Home making I, II and III are again added to the curriculum. The courses are held on the 2nd floor of the grade building. The sewing room and kitchen were made larger by removing a partition. The I-year and II-year girls are busy with cooking, the III-year girls are learning how to knit. They have an Afghan for the Jr. Red Cross nearly completed and are all knitting mittens with exception of one who is knitting a sweater.

#### December 2, 1954

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The Castle Rock School entertained the Crow Butte School pupils and teacher Mrs. Irene Dahlberg on Tuesday with films being shown in their school. Other guests were Mrs. George Johnson and 2 small daughters, Mrs. Henry Jacobson, Mrs. Frank Wendt and

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wendt, W. H. Jacobsen, Mrs. Emelda Carrires and Roderick Carrires. John Erk and Jerry Goeringer sat in on part of the discussion. Lunch was served after the close of the meeting by participating members.

Plans were made for decorating the churches in Newell at a meeting of Newell Garden Club Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Esther Getty.



A model 1954 model professional Geiger Counter kit. Could be purchased at the Newell Airport and go out and make some "real money". Newell Museum

Mrs. Clem Bruggeman. Special refreshments were served at the end of the film program.

Oliver G. Rose, Nisland, received the highest honor given to Rural Electric Directors of the State, as he is named "Man of The Year" at the Annual Meeting of the SDREA. Rose has been active in all types of rural electric organizations, being director of BEC, Newell since its incorporation before WWII and President of the Board of Directors for the past 8 years.

#### November 26, 1964

A Township meeting was held at the Francis Jacobsen home last Tuesday evening for the purpose of voting or retaining the Castle Rock Township or to abolish same. The majority vote was to abolish same. Those present were Henry Carlsen,

Nine members were present and answered Roll Call with a holiday house plant suggestion. Mrs. Getty read an article on how to start the gloxinia. It was announced that the next meeting would be 2 weeks early, December 11 and members are reminded to bring greens and Christmas decorations to prepare the Church hangings. Lunch was served after the meeting.

A family dinner at the home of M r. & Mrs. Wm Smeek and family will be held Thanksgiving Day. Guests will be daughters Shirley of Rapid City and Joan of Spearfish, Jess Hoese Spearfish, Mr. & Mrs. Al McDonald from Rapid City, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Smeenk and family, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Smeenk and family both Deers Ears, Mrs. Della Smeenk, Mrs. Jesse Maass and others who might drop in.

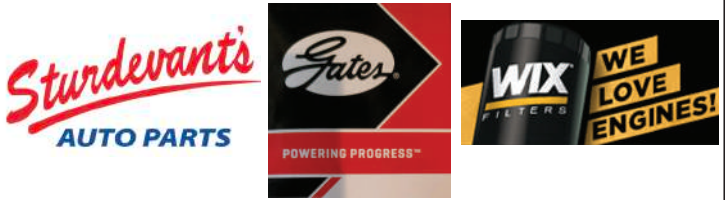


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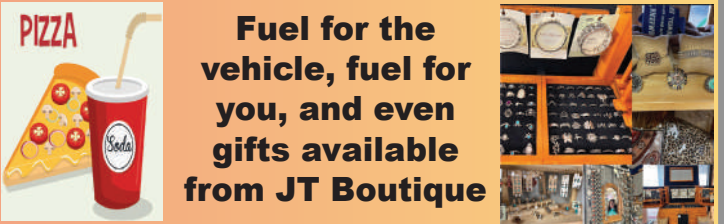
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## Insights From the Superintendent Dr. Pandi Pittman



Dear South Dakotans,  
We are writing to our friends and neighbors as representatives of education-focused organizations. Our organizations are comprised of South Dakotans who have served South Dakota communities and their children for decades. We express our strong concern and opposition to the introduction of school voucher programs in South Dakota. Voucher programs have many names, such as Education Savings Accounts, Tuition Tax Credits, Vouchers, Grants, Tax Credit Scholarships, or Debit Cards. These programs divert critical funding away from your public schools, which serve as the lifeblood of communities across our great state. Our public schools are the foundation of our community's future as schools in your community produce your next workforce and serve as the draw for our young people to come home and raise their South Dakota families.

Public schools are the cornerstone and pride of our communities, welcoming all children regardless of background, ability, or socioeconomic status. The divergence of South Dakota taxpayer dollars into private, alternative instruction (home school) or for-profit institutions undermines Article VIII of the South Dakota Constitution. Our communities have been built on our public schools' ability to provide equitable, high-quality education for all children regardless of their zip code. For generations, South Dakotans have respected individuals' school choices, whether through open enrollment, private schooling, or alternative instruction (homeschooling), while maintaining their communities' foundation through their public schools.

Research indicates that voucher programs consistently fail to improve academic outcomes. Most recently, research from the non-profit Economic Policy Institute reports how "Vouchers undermine efforts to provide an excellent public education for all." The research notably states, "Public education is worth preserving – it should be seen as one of the most important achievements in our country's history and crucial for the social and economic welfare of future generations." It also warns, "Paradoxically, even while they take resources away from public schools, many newly introduced voucher programs could result in more total state spending in coming years." As educators and South Dakotans, we ask that we not dismantle a system that is the bedrock of our communities as it provides all children with the opportunity to learn, be fed, be safe, and belong.

Instead of dismantling the system that educates the majority of our children, we urge policymakers to focus on strengthening public education. Monies intended to build "another education system" should be invested in our communities and our K12 system. Let us reaffirm our collective commitment to our communities through our pride in public schools, which are an investment in our children and the foundation of our democracy.

Submitted,  
School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD)  
Associated School Boards of South Dakota (ASBSD)  
South Dakota Education Association (SDEA)  
South Dakota United Schools Association (SDUSA)  
Large School Group  
Resource: <https://www.epi.org/blog/vouchers-undermine-efforts-to-provide-an-excellent-public-education-for-all/>



## Here's What's Happening in Newell!

### Beginning December 2

Tot-N-Twenty Extension Club Giving Tree set up in the Multi Purpose Room at Newell School. If you would also like to donate hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc please bring them to the school.

### Thursday, December 5

K-12 Christmas Program  
*Run Run Rudolph, 6:30 pm*

### Friday, December 13

Newell Parade of Lights, 6 pm

Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Cookies following at the Newell Christian Fellowship Church, Call Debbie Krcelic, 719-252-3716

### Saturday, December 7

Newell Festival of Trees, City Hall

### Mondays

Monday Night Bingo at the NVN Senior Center 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Wednesday

**Story Time with Patty**  
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 11 a.m. All ages welcome

### Whistle Stop Market

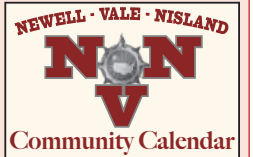
First Saturday of every month through April, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newell Senior Center

### Feeding South Dakota

Second Thursday every month, 1:30

### Newell Library Hours

Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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### Menu for Week of December 2-6

**SALAD BAR SERVED DAILY**

**A VARIETY OF SOUPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS-When it's colder**

NOVEMBER	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>MONDAY</b> 2	Pancakes & Sausage Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwiches Brussel Sprouts Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>TUESDAY</b> 3	Egg Bites Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Tangerine Chicken Rice Oriental Veggies Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4	French Toast Sticks Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Walking Tacos Refried Beans Fruit Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>THURSDAY</b> 5	Omelets Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Chicken Strips Corn Fruit Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

**MENU IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**





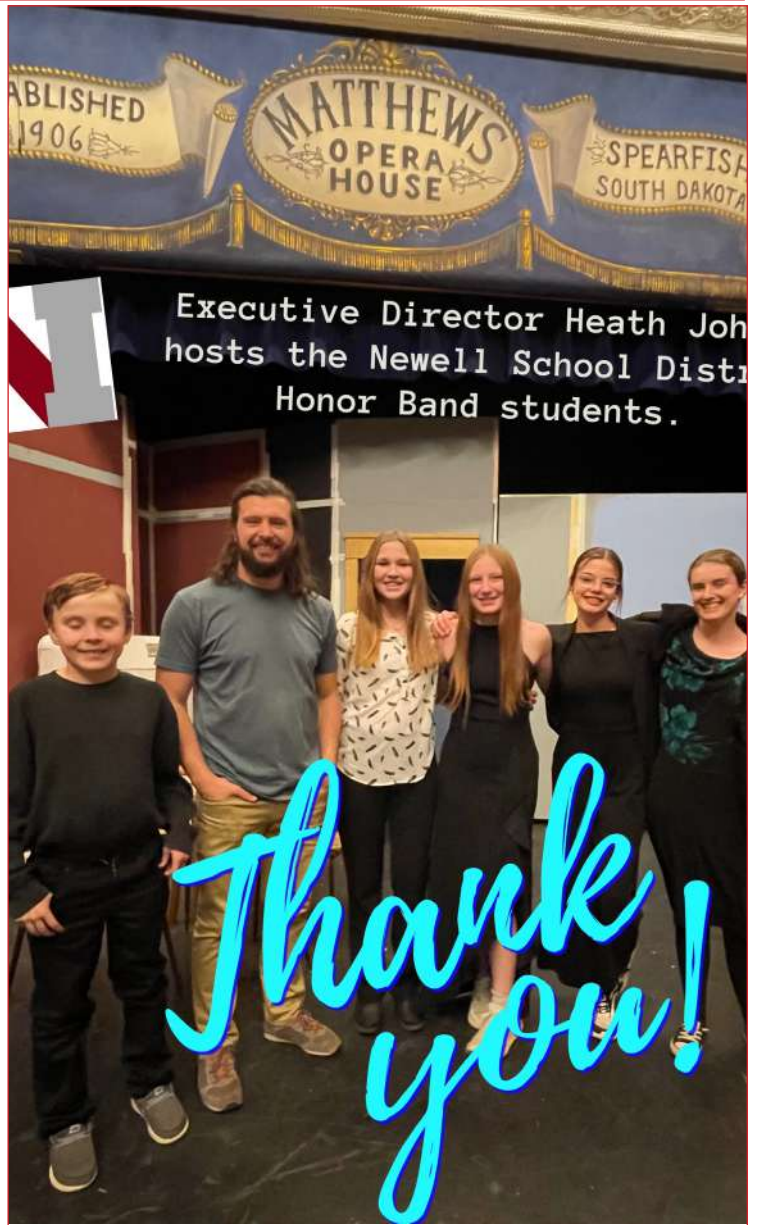


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**Newell School  
Honor Band**



Executive Director Heath Johnson hosts the Newell School District Honor Band students.



**Oh What A Night!  
Northern Hills Honor Band 2024**

We  
Are  
Newell

Student Names in attendance:  
McKenzie Rans  
Michael Van Dorn  
Bianca Bierman  
Jessi Bachman  
Jenna Yule



**Newell Festival of Trees  
December 7, 2024  
Newell City Hall**

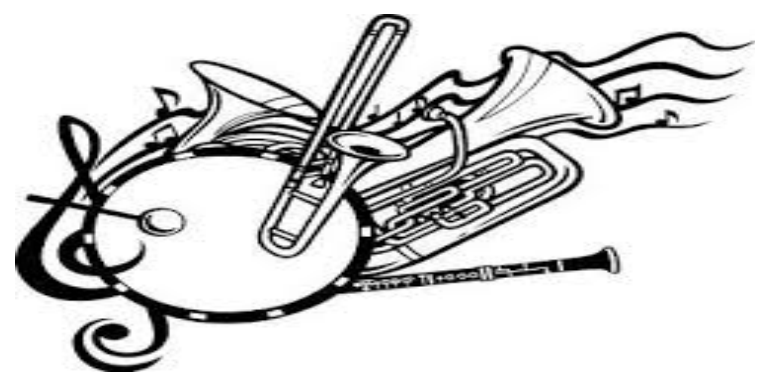
Admission: \$5 or 3 cans of non-perishable food items per person for the Newell Food Bank

- 9:00am - Doors open and Silent Auction open for viewing and bidding all day
- 10:00am-11:00am - Senior Citizen Christmas Tea with music provided by Vonda Mahaffy
- 11:30am - Community lunch
- 11:30am-1:30pm - Elementary, Middle and High School will perform Christmas Concert directed by Kim Bachman
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm - The Potter Family Christmas Show
- 2:30pm - Wine and Cheese Tasting
- 4:00pm - Live Auction - Trees, Wreaths, Hunts, Unique Items
  - Buffalo Hunt - Scott Petersen's Ranch, guided by Fred Lamphere
  - Fishing Excursion provided by Dan Nefsgger, choice of: Archery Carp, Archery Paddle Fish, open water Lake Poinsett
  - Fishing Excursion - Wild Walleye Outfitters - Kevin Vaughn
  - Whitetail Deer Hunt and Turkey Hunt provided and guided by Mike Disaril
  - Antelope Hunt guided by Smeenk Ranch
  - Extreme Taxidermy - Fred Lamphere
  - Coyote Hunt guided by J.C. Seaman
  - Linstad Trout Farm - 2 bags of 2" Trout
  - Pheasant Hunt provided by Kara Creek Ranch in partnership with Monte Snook

We plan to add more live auction items before December 7, 2024 - stay tuned. For more information or to donate call Judy Heisler at 605-210-2586 or mail donation to 12720 Schmele Road, Newell SD 57760.

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