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 A cold snap descended on Rapid City overnight Thursday, Jan. 1, into Friday, Jan. 2, leaving beautiful scenes of hoar frost on trees across town, including along Rapid Creek. **LOOK:** To see additional photos, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link. [NEWSVU](#)



Hope Center dissolving

Nonprofit giving its remaining funds to support other local organizations' work

TANYA MANUS
Journal staff

The Hope Center nonprofit organization in Rapid City is dissolving. The board of directors announced the decision Dec. 29 on Facebook.

The Hope Center had a physical location in downtown Rapid City for 12 years before losing its lease and closing its building on Dec. 8, 2023.

The closure came after the Rapid City Council denied the charity a permit to move into 630 East Boulevard North, a commercial building it purchased in February 2023 for nearly \$189,000 and sold in January 2024 for \$215,000.

For the past two years since the closure, the organization's board met weekly and hoped to find a way to reopen a physical location.

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Renewed worries about interference

Midterm elections sure to be contentious

NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

If history is a guide, Republicans stand a good chance of losing control of the House of Representatives in 2026. They have just a slim majority in the chamber, and the incumbent party usually gives up seats in midterm elections.

President Donald Trump, whose loss of the House halfway through his first term led to two impeachments, is trying to keep history from repeating — and doing so in ways his opponents say are intended to manipulate next year's election landscape.

He has rallied his party to remake congressional maps across the country to create more conservative-leaning House seats, an effort that could end up backfiring on him. He's directed his administration to target Democratic politicians, activists and donors.

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