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Teacher Pay Leads State Budget Battle

Teacher salary funding moves to the head of the class in 2020 Legislative session.

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BELLE FOURCHE - Belle Fourche School District Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard told the school board that unless things change, meeting the obligation to increase teacher pay is “going to get real interesting.”

In 2016 school funding formulas were revised and a half-cent increase in the State sales tax went into effect with the goal of lifting South Dakota teacher salaries which were last in the nation. The change also included a law requiring the State to provide annual funding increases to schools at a rate of 3% or inflation, whichever is less.

In the first year salaries increased 8.8 percent and South Dakota, for the first time in three decades, moved up the ladder. Since that time the state has not been fully keeping its end of the arrangement while still mandating that schools increase salaries, in effect putting fiscal handcuffs on several districts, according to the South Dakota School Superintendents Association (SDSSA).

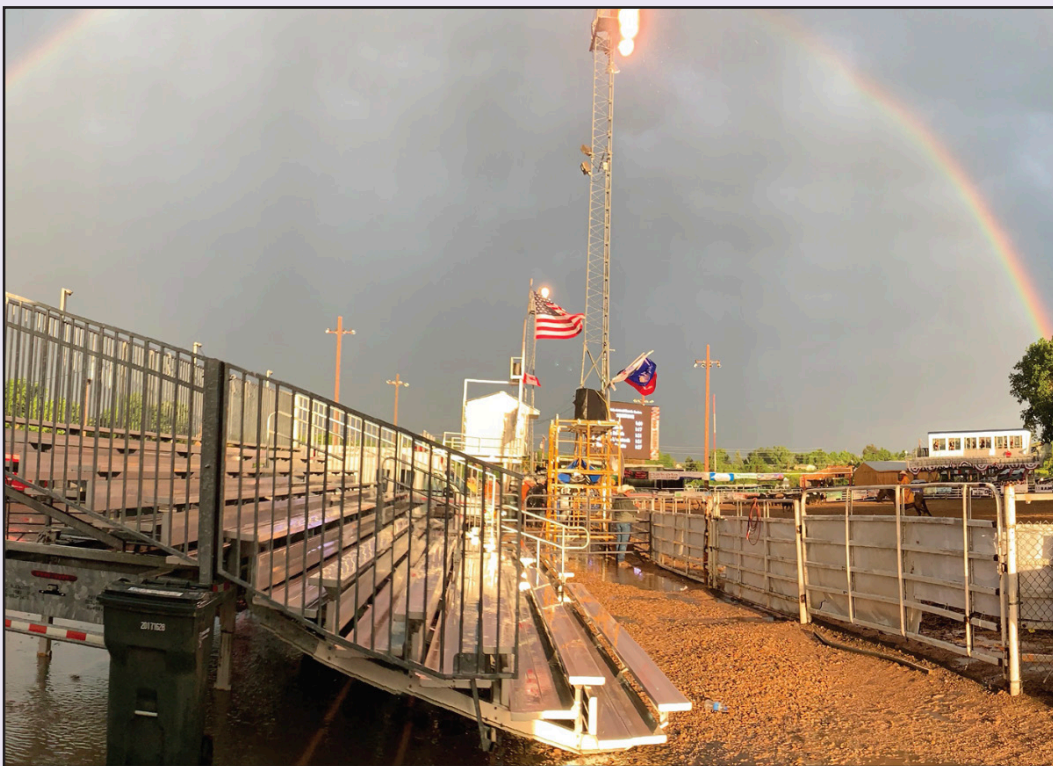
In Governor Noem’s proposed 2021 budget outline delivered last month there was a 0.0% increase in funding to help districts meet the teacher salary accountability standard.

In a letter responding to the Governor’s budget address, Huron’s Terry Nebelsick, SDSSA President, said the 2018 legislature failed to meet the statute in just the second year of existence, reducing the increase to one percent when the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 1.7 percent. He said Governor Noem’s budget proposal calls for the 2020 legislature to not follow the (2016) statute for the second time in three years, as the CPI is at 2 percent and the proposal calls for no increase in the teacher target salary. Some reports say the state’s failure to meet its obligation to fund the teacher pay increases is due to cash flow issues.

“If we don’t receive some type of increase in our public school funding, per what’s mandated by the constitution, which is 3 percent or the CPI, whichever is less, we won’t be able to continue to meet our

TEACHER PAY A6

Top Stories of 2019:100th Black Hills Roundup and Sawyer Clarkson Class A Cross Country Champion



OUTSTANDING IN THE RAIN - Even with the daily rains that were an unscheduled part of the 100th BHRU Celebration, the event still garnered national rodeo of the year honors. - *Courtesy Photo: Branding Iron*



PACESETTER - Bronc runner Sawyer Clarkson took the 2019 state cross country title.

Black Hills Roundup Achieves 100th Celebration Milestone

The Beacon’s “Top Story of 2019” goes to the 100th Black Hills Roundup. The annual event achieved the milestone, along with winning the PRCA’s Medium Rodeo of the Year Award two years running.

The Roundup started in 1918 and has run continuously, save two years during WWII, and marked the books with its 100th this past year.

Another accomplishment of note, and our other top story for 2019 is Bronc Freshman Sawyer Clarkson winning the Class State A Cross Country Championship. The dedicated hard working athlete will no doubt achieve other winning accomplishments before his career at BFHS is complete.

You will find listed headlines

of note from each weekly edition of the Beacon this past year to follow. You may go online to www.bellefourchebeacon.com to view and read the respective weeks papers.

1- 3 Bronc Girls BB team 7-0 at end of 2018.

1- 9 Nisland Fire Claims 320 head of sheep.

1-16 James Ager sworn in as newly elected District One Commissioner.

1-23 Roosevelt School a step closer to National Register designation.

1-30 Belle Fourche Shopko avoids round one closer; Prairie Auto parts has new location; Belle Fourche Rail park to receive upgrade.

2-6 Sad day for Belle Fourche as all the archives of the Post

& Bee are removed from City. 8th Avenue Road construction causes Revised July 4th parade route.

2-13 Cold weather delays 8th Avenue project; Sacred Mountain Retreat dedicated.

2-20 Military Munitions spill from wreck on Hwy 212 west of Belle.

2-27 Designs by Daphne coming to Belle- owner and occupant/ former Post & Bee bldg.

3-6 Second coldest February on record; Sawyer Gilbert makes “the American” top 8; South Dakota Kids Belong Holds Gala event.

3-13 Jesika and Chason Floyd open Heartland Home Health: Work is underway on new Roundup Grounds Metal Grandstands

3-20 Wells Plumbing under new ownership; Butte County employees move mountains of snow.

3-27 Nationwide Adidas Product release begins in Belle; Lockhard and Routier go 1-2 in PRCA Circuit Finals.

4-3 Ross Rental has new owner; Egyptian company plans local production; Wayne Lindstad Honored with Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award

4-10 Blair and Hefner Ranches Nominated for Leopold Award; The Mayor honored three City employees with Lifesaving Awards were Officer Tony Garcia, Police Chief Marlyn Pomrenke and City Code Enforcement Officer Clint Haffner. 4-17 Annie Reich and Bob

2019 IN REVIEW A6

County Commissioners

Semi Repair, Mono-fill Tire Disposal

COLLEEN BRUNNER

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BELLE FOURCHE – Many items on the Tuesday, December 17 Butte County Commission meeting were just normal activity, but one item garnered more discussion and questions as to why additional information was not available.

The debate came about during County Highway Superinten-

dent Dwayne Heidrichs report and a proposal from Bickle’s Truck and Diesel Service on the repair of a semi truck that is used to haul gravel for the County.

According to Heidrich, the truck has been having more and more issues and he took the project to this company. The determination was made to completely tear down and rebuild the motor at a cost of

\$29,429.

Commissioner James Ager asked why, with all the technology available today, the company could not tell them what was actually wrong with the 2005 Peterbilt semi.

“Why don’t they know what the problem is before we jump in and decide that spending all this (money) is necessary?” questioned Ager.

Commissioner Frank Walton said that in his experience many times it was difficult to tell until you got into this type of project just what was causing the issue. He also said that tackling such a project to spend a potential \$3500 on a new crankshaft was difficult to assess.

The truck in question had an excess of one million miles on it and the commissioners discussed the topic at length, trying to determine whether it was money well-spent.

“I think we just have to bite the bullet,” said Walton. Heidrich said, “To make it bullet proof (completely refurbished) you have to rebuild the whole motor.”

In a voice vote, all voted in favor of the expenditure except for Ager, who voted nay.

Also on the agenda was another visit with Steve Clooten and the potential Mono-fill Tire Disposal site east of Fruitdale. Clooten had changed his tactics since the last time he met with the commissioners and has now determined it might be best to just have the site as a disposal site for “baled” tires. He said that way the county would not have to stand the exorbitant cost of bringing in electricity to the site and there would also not be as much traffic on the road past residential homes. Clooten had already promised in a previous meeting to maintain the road. He had also

said he would share information about contacts at the state level that would approve as well as monitor the site.

“There’s also potential for these (baled) tires to be of use at some future point,” said Clooten.

Chairman Kim Richards told Clooten that they had appointed Commissioners Karrol Herman and James Ager as a committee to further investigate the project and to meet with state officials to discuss it and make a recommendation to the commission.

“That way we can get something figured out without spending a lot of time discussing the project during a regular commission meeting,” said Richards.

The Global Information System (GIS) project was discussed again with Director of Equalization Lisa Nelson.

GIS is a system architecture design, a process developed by Esri to promote successful GIS enterprise operations. This process builds on existing information technology (IT) infrastructure and provides specific recommendations for hardware and network solutions based on existing and projected business (user) needs.

The system is needed, according to the County, to enhance the information available to County offices and other businesses like title companies, to help identify everything from land plots, to election voting districts. However, it is quite a costly system and there’s difficulty determining which company would be supplying the needs of Butte County.

Nelson is to bring more information to the Commission at the next meeting, which will be held in at the Courthouse on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Deputy Sheriff Serving Butte County

NANCY HENDERSON

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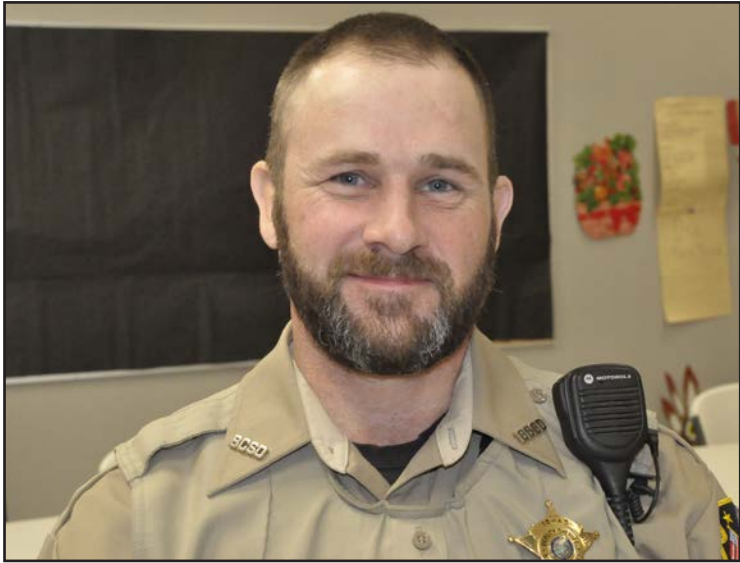
If you’ve ever had the experience of seeing flashing lights in your rear view mirror, you’ve either had



the stomach-sinking feeling of being caught doing something wrong or the euphoric feeling that someone has come to your rescue. In either instance, the person behind the wheel behind you, if you’re driving on a Butte County road, could very well be Deputy Sheriff Miles Burhenn.

A 4 ½ year veteran of the Butte County Sheriff’s Office, Miles is one of four deputy sheriffs patrolling the county’s roads and responding to calls that come through the county’s dispatch center. And for every patrol action or call response, there’s the requisite report to fill out.

Stresses Miles, “With the call volume nearly doubling since I first came on the job, there’s quite honestly not the time to simply patrol the county’s roads.” When not answering a specific call or dealing with



Miles Burhenn- Butte County Deputy Sheriff

traffic violations, Miles and his fellow-deputies are in the office filing reports.

Born and raised in southeastern Colorado where his family had a cattle ranching/farming operation, Miles was attracted to law enforcement at an early age. Once out of high school, he helped run a youth camp for three years. Then it was on to Montana, this time as a married man with wife Jessica, running a youth camp for four years. South Dakota beckoned with a job with Charles Mix County,

first as jailer then as a deputy. Putting family first, Miles left that job one-and-a-half-years later to take on his current position with the Butte County Sheriff’s Office. Today the Burhenn family numbers seven with two girls and three boys, ranging in age from 11 to 4, all home-schooled by Jessica once they’ve completed kindergarten and first grade in Belle Fourche. As if that weren’t enough, Jessica is also an EMT with the Belle Fourche ambulance

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- ISAIAH 40: 23-29

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Obituaries

Frances Eichenlaub 92

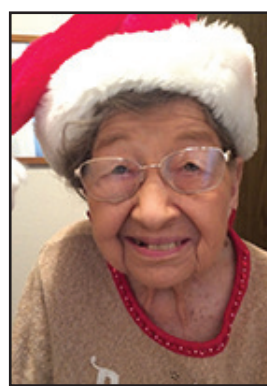
Frances Eichenlaub, age 92, of Belle Fourche passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 24, 2019 at Rolling Hills Healthcare in Belle Fourche. A special thank you to Delana at Rapid City Regional Hospice for making her last days comfortable and Rolling Hills Healthcare.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, December 31 at 11:00 AM at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Burial will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Frances was born May 19, 1927 at Gann Valley, SD to James and Anna (Jilek) Tusa. The family moved to the Aladdin, WY area in 1931, where she attended country school. In 1940 Frances and her Mom moved to Belle Fourche, where she attended High School. After graduating High School, she attended the Sheridan Wyoming Beauty School.

Frances was married to Michael Eichenlaub in July of 1964. She was always proud of his service in WWII and Korea. They gave birth to one daughter, Michela. Frances worked at Charlie Fundinger's Ice Cream Shop, a photography studio, JC Penny's and was bookkeeper for her husband's construction company Mike Eichenlaub Dirt Work all in Belle Fourche.

Frances loved gardening, canning, embroidery, crocheting, shopping and cooking. She enjoyed going on trips to the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas,



Mesa Verde and Denver with her daughter and son-in-law. She enjoyed visiting with her friends and playing cards. She loved having her old school mates Wilda and Ken visit her from California. Always grateful for her nephew, Martin and family for taking her and her daughter, Michela on trips through the Black Hills and always coming to visit. Always grateful for her niece, Antonette and family for visiting on the phone and stopping by to visit. Thankful for the friendship of Joe and Jean Selzer (Mike's first cousin

and wife) and all the help Joe provided for fixing things. She always enjoyed playing cards with Don and Alice (her son-in-law's parents). She enjoyed the numerous visits and phone calls from friends and relatives. In the later years, the highlight of her life was watching her only granddaughter, Tricia. She also loved seeing Tricia's dog Hershey. Always grateful for all the efforts and great care her daughter, Michela provided for her in her last years.

Survivors include her daughter, Michela (William) Olson; granddaughter, Tricia Olson and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Michael and 7 brothers and 6 sisters.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com



David Wagner 53

David Wagner, age 53 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, December 28, 2019 at the Hospice House in Rapid City.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

David is survived by his mother and step-father, Margie and Bill Kealy of Edmonds WA; and good friend of many years, Richard Gerhardt of Belle Fourche.

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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Rev. Sheri Fadley, BF United Methodist Church

Are you the one who is to come?

In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 11, John the Baptist's world had shrunk. The one who was preparing the way for the Messiah in the wide-open wilderness is held captive in a prison cell. The one who baptized the Son of God in the Jordan River is dependent on his jailer to bring him a cup of water to drink. The one who was so sure of who Jesus was, now wonders, "Are you the one who is to come?"

John had told people the axe was laying at the root, ready to chop down the unworthy trees. He had promised the chaff would burn with unquenchable fire. But Jesus didn't seem to be pointing the finger of judgment. There was no smoldering wood-pile of sinners, which came as a huge disappointment for John. He was at that very moment awaiting his own beheading because he had dared to stand up and challenge King Herod—getting reports about the work of Jesus, that struck him as being not nearly as dramatic as what he had hoped for. After having proclaimed Jesus as the



Messiah, John begins to wonder if he had made a huge mistake. Therefore, he sends a delegation of his own followers to ask Jesus an explosive question borne of doubt, "Are you the one who is to come or should we

wait for another?"

When Jesus answered John's doubtful query, he pointed to what he had already been doing. It was not quite the action packed drama John has expected, but at the deepest levels of all that is important in life and in the world, Jesus was doing what was right.

Maybe preaching hope to poor and marginalized people did not seem like much, but who needs hope in this world more than the ignored, the invisible, the "little ones." If not every blind person in Palestine could now see, some could as a sign of what was yet to come. Not every disease had been cured, but some had and the kingdom that would come would bring more of the same.

During this Advent season, Matthew 11 reminds Christians

of what we are really all about, and sometimes it is not the things that we in the church try to convey. Too often today the church wants to make a splash, shake up Washington, engage in politics and headline-grabbing behavior. But Jesus leads us another way. He calls us to living in a discipleship that needs to anticipate resistance and even outright persecution.

Jesus uses John's doubts as a teaching moment to remind us of what is truly important, and that is simple faithfulness to the example that He left for us. Advent and Christmas in the church is reaching out to the poor and the marginalized and the disease-ridden in ways that may be quiet but that are nonetheless the business of grace with which we are called to be preoccupied at all times and in all places.

Maybe Jesus wasn't exactly what John was expecting: He brought fire – but it was the fire of the Holy Spirit. He sought out sinners – and forgave them. He really let the unworthy have it – but what he let them have was grace.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Remembering those people who are known in the Tri-State area who have gone before us:

January: Eva Brams 94, Julie Ann Burkhart 60, Sylvia Wetz 93, Herbert Johnson 80, Linda Vopat 71, Arthur "Arty" Bach 62, Carl "Bud" Anderson 92, Ronald Dean Pershbacher 59, Greg Pauley 66, Eunice K. Fox 92

February Lyman Cramer 80, Emma O'Dea 94, Gary Lee Ager 75, Barbara Storm 86

March James Rippe 73, Beverly Hoffman 73, Dennis Cockrell 77, Randy Russell Curtis 61, Lawrence "Larry" Wier 81, Mary Jane Caffisch 81

April Carleen Yvonne Liggett 63, David H. Meyer 87, Bonnie LaVay Pierce 79, Roger Keith McQueen 70, Anthony "Tony" Milos 50, Pauline Smith 92, Darin Dale Noyce 55, Fredrick Sulzbach 79

May Marilyn Sherril Denzin 88, Marilyn Kurtz Geiger 91, George Douglas "Doug" Johnson 83, Kenneth Michael Schmitzer 45, Linda M. Kasper 80, Marilyn E. Torgrude 85, Peggy Larrabee Moore 87, James "Jimmy L. Bach 67, Freeda Katherine Schaub 95, Mary Lou Tripp 75, Dr. Melvin A. Marousek 94, Albertine Jensen 92, David Harold Daniels

63, Jim Lee Miller 79, Chris Flaigg 31

June James Dean Green 88, Ernest R. Streeter 69, Frances Leona Meyers 89, Doris Vore 97, Ryan Ribordy 20, James Barry Ross 89, Marilyn Yvonne Liming 91, Houghton "H.B." Burch 99, Katherine M. Schlosser 79, Homer Faeller 82, Esther Irene Carstensen 89, Michelle Lynn (Black) DeLaTorre 39, Doug Hurm 66, Kalin Taylor Fox 17, Dan VanSickle 65, Myrna Welsh/Farrar 93, David Gleason Rathbun 84, Wanda Trimble 62, Judy Crim 72, Helen (Miller) Pilster 99

July Richard "Rich" Lee Vavra 72, Rudy Delano Wintermute 81, Elton Prouty 71, William Bruggman 84, David P. Leber 56, Gussie Ribordy 103, Cornelius Luke O'Rourke 93, Chrisann Lucile Mateer 68, Faye A. Foster 81, Margaret Leopold 84, Eleanor Mae Simmons 82, Lynn Alexander Stuen 46, Theodore "Ted" Baird 90, Kenneth Floyd Williams 91, Bernita Gail Grohmann 72

August Gragg B. Allen 70, Thomas Flannery 72, Mike Kornemann 70, Allen Leroy Oedekoven 94, Dale Lex Gillette 88, Richard E. Conley 69, Elmer Issac Alan 92, James Sydney Lang 95, Sandra L. Minkel 51, Jerry Lee Mitchell 79, James Barry Ross

89, James E. Jensen 86, Donna Ericsson Freemole 85, Glenn H. Allcott 87

September Donna Jensen 88, Henry Nore 83, Donald "Don" Hafner 101, Minnie E. Reed 89, Rosa Lee Riley 93, Judy A. Wise 74, Bernice Fern Scott 87, Lawrence Giacometto 74

October Trevor Ricketts 50, William Vroman 93, Carla LaRue Virtue 71, Georgia Ann (Herrick) McFarland 85, William "Bill" Fricke 73, Clarence "Jeff" Thurston 89

November Virginia Mae Gillette 86, Ruth Mary (Skogen) Michels 72, Joseph "Boggie" Frank Dell, Marvin Warrick 51, David Sturgeon 85, Ruth Marie "Didier" DeKnicker 81, Pauline O. Bucher 97, Hollye Gene Pope 55, Francis "Keith" McDonald 92, Elsa Loken Hayes 88, Joette Vancas 63, John Kuerth 58, Dianna Butts 77, Renada M. Wendland 76

December Virginia "Ginger" Massie 71, Josephine E. Buckmaster 88, Bonnie Jean Ginsbach 89, Lois (nee Wennberg) Anderfuren 93, Brian Curtis 39, Charles "Chuck" Edward Delzer 60, Ted Elenberger 78, Helen Tabke 90, Neil Collins 82, Loren E. Smith 74, Dale Morgan 84, Mark T. Reich 52, Don G. Dreiske 75, Nancy Carter 77



No words can adequately express our thanks to each and every one of you who were there in love and comfort during the illness and passing of our Mom, Grandma and beautiful friend. An extra special Thank You to the doctors, nurses and the entire staff at Crook County Memorial Hospital. You love, caring and attention made her final days very comfortable and for that we are most grateful. Thank You to Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel and to Pastor Scott McKirdy for a lovely Service of Remembrance. Tori and Laney, your music and tribute would have made grandma proud! Special thanks to all who came to support us, contributed to the memorial or were there with us in spirit. We are so fortunate to have had this lady in all of our lives

-The Family of Ginger Massie

FDA Says Tobacco Age is Now 21

PIERRE (SD) – The U.S. Food & Drug Administration says that the federal minimum age of sale for tobacco products is now 21 years of age, effective immediately. Last week President Trump signed legislation that raised the federal minimum age for purchase of tobacco products from 18 to 21. Although provisions in the law allow for a rulemaking period, a statement on the

FDA website declares the law in immediate effect.



Here is the full statement: "On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and raise the

federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years. It is now illegal for a retailer to sell any tobacco product – including cigarettes, cigars and e-cigarettes – to anyone under 21. FDA will provide additional details on this issue as they become available." Although South Dakota state law has not been updated to align with the federal law, retailers should heed FDA guidance.

Ft. Robinson Run to Overnight in Belle

Ft Robinson runners once again to overnight in Belle Fourche; 10th year for the stop-over in Belle.

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BELLE FOURCHE - The annual Ft. Robinson Outbreak Spiritual Run will again be overnighing in Belle Fourche, as close to 100 young people make the 400-mile annual trek on foot from Ft. Robinson, Nebraska to Busby, Montana.

The Butte County Historical Society, the AmericInn and many volunteers will once again be supporting the effort as they accommodate their guests overnight. This is the 10th year the runners will make the Belle Fourche stopover. They will begin filtering into town at around 5pm and gather for a brief welcome presentation in the lobby of the hotel to which the public is invited to attend.

That will be followed by a spaghetti dinner for the runners served by members of the Belle Fourche High School Purple Pride. Most runners will stay the night in Belle Fourche before continuing on the journey's final two days to the Northern Cheyenne Ancestral Burial site at Busby, Montana.

The Breakout Run is held each year from January 9-14th. The runners, aged from grade school through high school, most from Lane Deer and Ashland, Montana, participate in the relay run to commemorate the Northern Cheyenne breakout from their captivity at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, 140 years ago in 1879. The 400-mile run begins on the actual date and time of the breakout, January 9th, at 10:30pm.

The run is preparing for its 24th year. According to Phillip Whiteman Jr., founder of the event, it started with just 14 runners in 1996 and has grown to between 80-and-100 youth completing the journey from Nebraska to Montana, often in subzero temperatures.

The run originally began as



Lynette Two-Bulls (left) organizes the Ft. Robinson run with her husband Philip Whiteman, Jr. Eleanor Marousek (right) of the Butte County Historical Society helps to organize the event with several volunteers including many from Belle Fourche High School's Purple Pride. The two are seen here reuniting during last year's welcome ceremony at the AmericInn on the city's south side. -Beacon Photo

a tribute to the participants' Northern Cheyenne ancestors who were trying to return back to their native land in SE Montana after being held by the US Army at Ft. Robinson. The Army had planned on returning them to the recently established southern Cheyenne Reservation in Oklahoma from which they had escaped months earlier. Most who broke out of the barracks on that January night never made it home to Montana. Those who died had their remains taken to Washington D.C. for analysis on the effects of close-range powder burns on human bones. They remained there until 1993 when they were finally returned to the burial site in Busby.

Today, the youth, many of whom are descendants, make the relay run to honor their ancestors. The run ends where those remains are buried today just off Warrior Trail (Hwy 212) on the southern edge of Busby.

The Fort Robinson Breakout Run begins with an education day in Crawford, NE, which has become a forum for healing and wellness, youth leadership and empowerment, cultural and language preservation, and

creating positive social change between communities.

According to the Yellowbird Foundation, which organizes the event, the youth gain a strong connection to the sacrifice of their ancestors. The run instills in them a sense of pride, greater self-esteem, a deeper respect for their identity, sincere appreciation and connection to their homeland, and teaches them to value life.

Runners are expected to arrive in Belle Fourche in the early evening between 4 and 6pm. They are coming in from Deadwood where they are to begin their run on the morning of Jan 12th. The Belle Fourche stopover is organized by the Butte County Historical Society with help from many volunteers and the staff at the AmericInn.

"The public is certainly invited to come out and welcome the runners to Belle Fourche and show their support for this historic run," said Eleanor Marousek, organizer for the Belle Fourche stopover. "We really want to make folks aware of the courage and determination of these young runners and to encourage them on their run."

Paul Higbee, who will present on his newest book, "First Strike," about Doolittle Raider – and Belle Fourche native – Don Smith.

Copies of "First Strike" will be available in the Tri-State Museum Gift Shop. Brunch is served at 10 a.m.

and is \$5 per person or free with membership. The presentation at 10:30 a.m. is free to all.

For more information about this and other programs at the Tri-State Museum, call 605-723-1200. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

The family of Brian Curtis would like to thank everyone for your cards, memorial gifts, food, flowers and most of all your thoughts and prayers. It helps to know you are all here for us during this time.

Thank you so much,
Billie Curtis and family.

The Family of Dale Morgan would like to thank all the wonderful people who came out to visit Dale during his illness and the ones who helped him in his final days, we so appreciated it. Also, it was nice to see all his friends at the Masonic services and at his Celebration of Life.

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"First Strike" First Saturday Brunch

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will begin its 2020 First Saturday Brunches with an appearance on January 4th by

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First Saturday Brunch

JANUARY 4, 2020

Paul Higbee talks about Don Smith, Belle Fourche native and Doolittle Raider.

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Matthews Opera House & Arts Center Upcoming Events (Jan-Feb 2020)

January 8: Bellman Brown Bag Series: Chip Away Pottery by William Lopez

Join local artist William Lopez at the Matthews as he breaks down the story behind his one-of-a-kind "chip away" pottery. This will be an artist talk on the themes found in his work, his technique, and a display of some of his favorite pieces. Wednesday, January 8 at noon. This is a free event. We'll have the coffee on! More information can be found on our website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/event/chip-away-pottery-by-william-lopez/>

January 14: Chinook Art Show Submissions Due

In honor of the upcoming Chinook Days, the Matthews is asking the public to submit works of art inspired by the frigid temperatures of winter. It might be an image of a wintery scene, a sculpture highlighting the effects of extreme temperature on materials, or anything else the idea of the chinook temperature change inspires. Submissions are due January 14. For full submission information, please visit our website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/blog/chinook-art/>

January 17: Supaman - Native American Hip Hop
The Matthews presents Supaman at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17. "Supaman" is Christian Takes Gun

Parrish, a Native American dancer and innovative hip hop artist who has dedicated his life to empowering and spreading a message of hope, pride and resilience through his original art form. This is a subscription series event, but single tickets are available for \$25 adults, \$10 youth & BHSU students at the Matthews' art gallery during business hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by phone at 605-642-7973. For more information, please contact The Matthews, 612 Main Street, at 605-642-7973 or check the website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/event/supaman/>

January 17: Chinook Art Show Opening and Reception
Artwork inspired by the chinook temperature change of 1943 and created by community members will be on display in the gallery from January 17 - February 15. We will have an artist reception celebrating their work on Fri-

day, January 17 from 5 - 6 pm in the gallery. Select pieces will be on sale.

January 21: Winter Film Screening
Join us at the Matthews on January 21 at 7:00 pm for our Winter Film Screening, part of Chinook Days. We will be showing a special winter film and we'll bring the popcorn! Film will be announced at a later date. This event is free to the public. For more information please visit our website.

February 7-9 & 14-16: Dearly Beloved - Community Theater Comedy
Hilarity, Texas style! An over-the-top wedding, three feuding sisters and a church full of small town eccentrics. What could possibly go wrong? The Matthews presents the hilarious community theater comedy "Dearly Beloved" directed by Max G. Merchen. Performances are February 7 - 8 & 14 - 15 at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees on February 9 & 16 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$15 adults, \$10 subscribers, and \$5 Youth & BHSU students at the Matthews' art gallery during business hours, Tuesday-Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by phone at 605-642-7973. For more information, please contact The Matthews or check the website: <https://www.matthewsopera.com/event/dearly-beloved/2020-02-07/>

February 21 - 23: Bright Star - Community Theater Musical
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Are You a New Year's Resolution Newbie, Master or Flunkee?

Turning the page on the new year is a chance to wipe the slate clean—and to be better versions of ourselves. And when it comes to what we want to improve, goals that fall in the health and wellness arena top all other New Year's resolutions. In fact, three of the top four resolutions in a 2018 YouGov poll were health-related: eat healthier (1), get more exercise (2) and focus on self-care, e.g., get more sleep (4). There are three types of people who choose a goal from the health and wellness category as a New Year's resolution: the resolution newbie, the resolution master and the resolution flunkee. Let's see which category you most identify with—and how focusing on the right strategy can help you get healthier in the new year.

Resolution Newbie
Maybe this is your first time making a commitment to your health and wellness. Good for you! Did a recent event like a health scare or loss of a loved one make you see the light? Or perhaps you want to be more active to enjoy activities with your grandchildren or to carry your own bag on the golf course. Whatever your goals are, taking that first step is a big one so you'll want to be sure that you're prepared for the challenge. Particularly when exercising for the first time or returning to an active lifestyle after a long hiatus, it's important to have the proper information and tools to be successful.

And that means tapping the healthcare resources available to you: Clinicians like nutritionists and physical therapists can make sure that your body is prepared to take on new challenges and work with you to a design a program that will help you achieve your goals.

Resolution Master
Perhaps you fall into a different camp: You vowed to get healthy in 2018 and you achieved it! For 2019, your resolution is to continue the work you've begun. After all, living a healthy lifestyle is a lifelong commitment; it's not something you do for a while and then revert back to your former habits. As you prepare to embrace the new year, are there any small tweaks you can make to advance your goals? Maybe you're thinking about training for and running a half marathon, but don't know where to begin. A physical therapy evaluation is a great place to start—PTs are trained to assess your movement patterns and identify any limitations or weaknesses. Based on that information, the PT can design a personalized exercise program to help you safely and effectively prepare for the grueling half marathon course.

Resolution Flunkee.

Let's say your plan for 2019 is to get in better shape and improve your overall health (we support that resolution!), but this isn't your first rodeo. Your 2018 resolution was pretty similar but it's one year later, and you're in the same place you were on New Year's Eve 2017. What stood in your way—was it time? Affordable options? Access to healthy choices and activities? If any of these barriers sound familiar, then along with your resolution, you need an action plan. Without planning ahead, you'll find yourself staring down the year 2020 with the same goal in mind. But let's not focus only on the negative—what went right last year? Maybe you made sleep a priority, which in turn helped you to make better food choices at breakfast but by afternoon, you found yourself choosing to energize with a soda and candy bar when all you probably needed was an apple and a 15-minute walk. Take some time to think about the previous year—good and bad—and take with you what you need, and leave the rest behind. After all, you can't plan where you're going without understanding where you've been.

Which resolution type are you?



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| Jan 09 | 4:00 p.m. MT | Spearfish | Belle Fourche |
| Jan 09 | 4:00 p.m. MT | St. Thomas More | Belle Fourche |
| Jan 10 | 11:00 a.m. CT | Lyman Monster Trny | Presho |
| Jan 11 | 10:00 a.m. CT | Lyman Monster Trny | Presho |
| Jan 18 | 10:00 a.m. MT | Black Hills Conference | Spearfish |
| Jan 24 | 5:30 p.m. CT | Chamberlain | Chamberlain |
| Jan 25 | 10:00 a.m. CT | Chamberlain Invite | Chamberlain |
| Jan 30 | 5:00 p.m. MT | Hot Springs | Belle Fourche |
| Jan 31 | 12:00 p.m. MT | Belle Fourche Invite | Belle Fourche |
| Feb 01 | 9:00 a.m. MT | Belle Fourche Invite | Belle Fourche |
| Feb 08 | 8:30 a.m. MT | Hill City Invite | Hill City |
| Feb 13 | 5:30 p.m. MT | Douglas | Belle Fourche |

| BFHS Girls Varsity BB Schedule 2019-2020 | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------|---------|-------------------------------|----------------|------|---------|
| 1/4 | Wall | Away | 3:30 PM | 2/4 | St. Ths. More* | Home | 7:30 PM |
| 1/11 | Red Cloud* | Home | 3:00 PM | 2/7 | Douglas* | Away | 6:30 PM |
| 1/14 | Spearfish* | Away | 5:30 PM | 2/11 | R.C. Christian | Home | 5:30 PM |
| 1/18 | Wright | Away | 2:30 PM | 2/14 | Custer* | Home | 4:30 PM |
| 1/23 | Douglas | Home | 7:30 PM | 2/18 | Sturgis* | Away | 6:30 PM |
| 1/24 | Hot Springs* | Away | 5:00 PM | 2/20 | New Underwood | Away | 7:00 PM |
| 1/25 | Bowman, ND | Home | 1:00 PM | 2/21 | Faith | Home | 7:00 PM |
| 1/28 | Lead/Dwd* | Home | 5:30 PM | * Black Hills Conference Game | | | |

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|---|----------------|------|---------|-------------------------------|----------------|------|---------|
| 1/3 | N. Underwood | Home | 7:00 PM | 1/28 | Lead/Ddwood* | Home | 7:00 PM |
| 1/4 | Lemmon | Home | 4:00 PM | 1/30 | Harding Cnty. | Away | 7:00 PM |
| 1/7 | St. Tmas. More | Away | 7:30 PM | 2/7 | Douglas* | Away | 8:00 PM |
| 1/11 | Red Cloud* | Home | 4:30 PM | 2/11 | R.C. Christian | Home | 7:00 PM |
| 1/14 | Spearfish* | Away | 7:00 PM | 2/14 | Custer* | Home | 6:00 PM |
| 1/18 | Wright | Away | 4:00 PM | 2/18 | Sturgis* | Away | 8:00 PM |
| 1/24 | Hot Springs* | Away | 6:30 PM | 2/25 | St.Tmas. More* | Home | 7:30 PM |
| 1/25 | Bowman, ND | Home | 2:30 PM | * Black Hills Conference Game | | | |

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Lady Broncos 2020 Season Start

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It was 5:45 am on a cold and dark Monday morning, as the Lady Broncos hit the court for the first time as a team for official practices beginning the start of the 2019/2020 basketball season. The varsity team, coached by Bill Burr brought back two returning starters; senior, Harley Fischer and junior, Bella Jensen. As far as the rest of the starters go, sophomore, Kaylin Garza, senior, Bree Pierce and either seniors, Savannah Rosales or Taryn Stedillie have seen the starting line-up introduction these first five games. Though not all six of these players are returning starters, they all have varsity playing experience, which has proven to help early in the season.

Looking down the bench for the Broncos to represent are juniors, Jasmyn Jensen, Hayley Wilbur and Elainna Brill, sophomores, Dru Keegan and McKenzie Lyons and a strong freshman group with Dylan Stedillie, Tia Williamson and Chloe Crago. This bench has already seen a great deal of playing time as the Broncos coaches are trying to figure out what player combination is strongest.

As great teams do, the Broncos have placed defense as a priority showing it provides stops, turning into fastbreak points. They run the floor well so far but have missed capitalizing on easy baskets or pushing it when they should pull the ball back and setup the offense. This will all come with time and practice as they are a young team, experience speaking.

A strong showing from the bench has helped, especially from freshman Dylan Stedillie and Tia Williamson bringing an eager presence to the court. Seeing freshman come on the court and play the way they

have, shows us that the team has a competitive atmosphere. The bench came through big in the last win against Sundance and it didn't go unnoticed by Coach Burr, "the starters came out sluggish and the bench played well for us".

The Lady Broncos were able to head into Christmas break above .500, a record of 3-2. Their two losses came from two of the three strongest teams in their region. Coach Burr stated, "Hill City and St. Thomas Moore (STM)

are the strong teams in the region and we hope to play Hill City again in the playoffs".

The Broncos opened their season against Hill City and STM, losing both games but have STM on their schedule for a rematch at home on February 4th.

Coming out of Christmas break the Bronc Varsity & JV girls are heading to Wall on Saturday, January 4th. Junior Varsity tips off at 2:00 p.m. with Varsity hitting the court at 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Girls Roster

Coached: Bill Burr

| Name | Ht. | Pos. | Grade |
|------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Taryn Stedillie | 5'5" | G | 12 |
| Bree Pierce | 5'7" | G/F | 12 |
| Savannah Rosales | 5'4" | G | 12 |
| Harley Fischer | 5'3" | G | 12 |
| Jasmyn Jensen | 5'3" | G | 11 |
| Hayley Wilbur | 5'11" | F/C | 11 |
| Dru Keegan | 5'4" | G | 10 |
| Kaylin Garza | 5'11" | F/C | 10 |
| Dylan Stedillie | 5'6" | G/F | 9 |
| McKenzie Lyons | 5'5" | G | 9 |
| Elainna Brill | 5'6" | G/F | 11 |
| Bella Jensen | 5'10 | G/F | 11 |
| Tia Williamson | 5'9" | F/C | 9 |
| Chloe Crago | 5'5" | G | 9 |

JV Girls Roster

Coach: Scott Slotten

| Name | Ht. | Pos. | Grade |
|-----------------|-------|------|-------|
| Halle Eaton | 5'5" | G/F | 9 |
| Amity Middleton | 5'7" | G/F | 11 |
| Reese McKenna | 5'5" | F | 10 |
| Kylee Crago | 5'6" | G/F | 11 |
| Jasmyn Jensen | 5'3" | G | 11 |
| Acelyn Brink | 5'8" | F | 10 |
| Hayley Wilbur | 5'11 | F/C | 11 |
| Charlie Henwood | 5'5" | G | 9 |
| Dru Keegan | 5'4" | G | 10 |
| Grace Clooten | 5'10" | C | 9 |
| Dylan Stedillie | 5'6" | G/F | 9 |
| McKenzie Lyons | 5'5" | G | 10 |

C Girls Roster

Coached: Angie Garza-Hunsely

| Name | Ht. | Pos. | Grade |
|-----------------|-------|------|-------|
| Halle Eaton | 5'5" | G/F | 9 |
| Amity Middleton | 5'7" | G/F | 11 |
| Reese McKenna | 5'5" | F | 10 |
| Kylee Crago | 5'6" | G/F | 11 |
| Acelyn Brink | 5'8" | F | 10 |
| Charlie Henwood | 5'5" | G | 9 |
| Dru Keegan | 5'4" | G | 10 |
| Grace Clooten | 5'10" | C | 9 |
| McKenzie Lyons | 5'5" | G | 10 |
| Chloe Crago | 5'5" | G | 9 |

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accountability set up by the state,” Willard told the Beacon. “No school district will be able to do that.”

Willard told the school board that is wouldn’t take much to see South Dakota fall back to the bottom if the funding issue is not resolved. “Zero percent won’t cut it. If we don’t get the increase we’ll be falling back on teacher salaries. We’re 48th right now, we’ll fall right back.”

When asked if this would mean no raises for teachers in 2021 he said “that’s what it’s looking like right now.”

The 2016 reforms were seen as a way to cool tax increase pressure on local citizens while also helping to increase teacher pay. Willard says that much of the public may not realize that of the half-percent sales tax increase three years ago only 60 percent goes to education while 40 percent was meant for property tax relief.

Additionally the 2016 reforms also placed a cap on districts’ capitol outlay levy capacity. Prior to that time schools could use their capitol outlay funds to supplement their general fund expenditures. “School district can transfer up to 40% of their general fund expenditures into capitol outlay,” Willard said. “But the legislature has also put a cap on capitol outlay funds, which is a local tax, it’s your property tax, so you cannot ask for any more without a bond or an opt-out from the taxpayers.”

The SDSSA says it was concerned about statements Governor Noem made leading up to the budget address, criticizing schools for their state test scores. The SDSSA did not directly link those statements and the zero funding in the proposed 2021 budget but it did take note of the timing.

“The test that every school in South Dakota has to take is the Smarter Balanced Test,” Willard said. “It is a one-day test taken on a computer. Having a one-time test to measure how good a grade level or school is doing, isn’t a very accurate measurement.”

“Every school district was down somewhat, which is unfortunate because we have good schools. I’m a little upset about giving school districts a black eye over a one-time one-day test,” he said. “We should be using some type of a growth model, but that’s the way it is. I think this was one of the criticisms from the governor’s office, that our test scores need to improve a lot. But there’s no proven correlation between that and her budget not giving any more money to schools, but I guess a person can draw an assumption there.”

According to Susan Proefrock, Business Manager, the Belle Fourche School District was able to give teacher pay increases last year to meet the state’s accountability standard. “We have to meet teacher salary accountability standard and

we’re above that, but I don’t think you want to start sliding back,” she said. “We gave nice raises of about \$1,000 last year and about \$400-\$500 the year before that. So we’re ahead of 2017 and that’s a good thing. But that’s part of law. We have to meet that teacher compensation accountability and cash flow balances which we don’t have a problem with since we were only at 12% and we’re allowed 25%.”

Willard says that for 2021 the district would need about \$100,000 to meet the obligation for the teacher target salary. The state had set the target salary for 2019 at \$50,360.26. And with a zero increase in the state’s mandated side of the funding he sees the vast majority of districts not able to meet the mandated requirement for next year.

Wyoming leads adjacent states with a \$58,352 annual salary as of 2018. Minnesota is next at \$57,782 followed by Iowa, North Dakota, Nebraska and Montana which is at \$53,776. South Dakota’s annual teacher pay in 2018 was \$47,631, 47th in the nation.

Willard will be meeting with legislators toward the end of this month. In the meantime he urged concerned citizens to attend cracker barrels, be polite, and let them know “guys, we need this money.”

From A1 DEPUTY

crew and manages the county’s websites.

Miles honestly acknowledges that the job takes him and his fellow deputies into the worst of the community, drugs and alcohol being the main instigators of much of the crime. “I’d like to spend more time with the good people in this county,” he acknowledges. That said, Miles spends a majority of his time with those on the other side of the law. But that doesn’t mean he’s any less respectful of them, stressing he “treats them fairly, like human beings. Then if, unfortunately, I have to deal with them again, they’ll remember how they were treated and react accordingly.”

In a recent presentation at a town hall meeting in Newell, Miles reiterated the importance of dedicated parental involvement in educating their children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

“When I was a kid, my father took the time to explain these dangers to me,” he says. “I knew enough then not to experiment and become a statistic like many kids have become today.” And while budgetary limits have restricted the number of deputies in the sheriff’s office, the services provided by Miles and the other deputies are limited only by the time it takes to respond to a call or pull over a vehicle, which more often than not results in a drug bust, Highways 85 and 79 having become corridors for transporting drugs through this area.

The Belle Fourche Police Department and the South Dakota

From A1 YEAR IN REVIEW

Somervold elected to City Council seats: BFHS Spring Musical a “Disaster!”

4-24 Adam Nowojejski new Belle Fourche School Activities Director;

5-1 Work on new metal grandstands at Roundup groups nearing completion; Post office announces Commemorative Cancellation Stamp for Round-up Celebration;

5-8 Belle Envirothon Team Wins State-made up of Laney Mackaben, Emma Singer, Hannah Satterfield, Destanie Lugmao. Robert (Guy) Davis and Tate Larson; Hundreds of exuberant students and parents took part in the PTO “Spring Carnival” Fundraiser held at South Park School;

5-15 James Deranleau is the new manager of the Belle Fourche Airport and owner of the Belle Fourche Flight Center; Local mail carriers took part in a nationwide effort Saturday to “Stamp Out Hunger”

5-22 Belle Fourche teacher Penny Louks has been named recipient of the 2019 Region 5 South Dakota Teacher of the Year award; Beacon job shadower Sawyer Clarkson and Lucy Ronfeldt, Lynn’s Dakotamart took part in the Middle School project;

5-30 Major (Ret) Mike Reade’ delivered the address and served as Master of Ceremonies at the Pine Slope Cemetery Memorial Day services; The work of long time Belle Fourche citizen and photographer Jim Ross is honored;

6-5 Butte County Implement, 11363 US Hwy 212 east of Belle Fourche is our area’s newest Kubota Dealer; The Black Hills Roundup has hired Steve Goedert to be the rodeo announcer for the 100th

6-12 Payson Birkeland Wins 2nd Straight Class A State Golf Title; A great crowd was on hand in downtown Belle Fourche for the Hometown Thursdays kick-off event;

6-19 Cain Birkeland earned first place honors in Cattle Cutting at the South Dakota High School Rodeo State Finals; The Belle Fourche School District proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$15,719,963;

6-26 The Belle Fourche FFA chapter in conjunction with the State Street cattle drive hosted a “Burger Bash” in Rail Park; The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce has initiated an “Independence Days” calendar. It notes, promotes, and encourages support and enjoyment of the 100th Black Hills Roundup, but also highlights all of the activities scheduled on both

Highway Patrol have their respective jurisdictions, with the Butte County Sheriff’s Office having jurisdiction over everything within Butte County. All three law enforcement agencies often interact with each other, the common denominator being public safety.

ends of, and during the week of the Roundup.

7-3 The much-anticipated 100th Black Hills Roundup is finally underway; The Belle Fourche United Methodist Church (BFUMC) is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

7-10 Mother Nature Christens 100th Roundup with a rain filled week; The Black Hills Roundup, under the coordination of past Roundup Chairman Duane “Gabby” Bush (2008-2009) put together a literal Who’s Who of Rodeo;

7-17 Pioneer Bank Project Nearing Completion; County has Win-Win Opportunity To Provide Shred Landfill; Kling Road and Bridge Still an Issue;

7-24 Susan Proefrock, Belle Fourche School District Business Manager, swore in two members of the school board who began their 3-year terms on July 15th, during the board’s annual corporate meeting. Mike Tyndall ran unopposed and begins another term. Wayne Gilbert was elected last April and fills the seat vacated by Kim Brill. Tammy Clem re-elected as School Board President, Scott Mikkelsen elected Vice President;

7-31 Local Old Hickory Plant to Provide Storage Sheds To Four State Region; Belle Fourche’s Jim Kallas named Riverfront Broadcasting-Spearfish General Manager;

8-7 Award Winning Artist, Kenzee Schafer Adorns Lueders with Murals; 8th Ave project now substantially complete;

8-14 Hwy 34, Stone House On Main Road of Rally; Proposed Changes in Response Time Policy Sparks Debate; 4th Annual Camp Crook Bronc Match to be held Friday;

8-21 Belle Fourche hosting PRCA Steer Roping; The Belle Fourche Broncos football team has begun practice in full pads this week and was taking advantage of recent cool evenings for a little workout under the lights at Lou Graslie Field;

8-28 Community Tailgate Party to Kickoff HS Football Season Friday; Sheriff Fred Lamphere took the opportunity at the recent County Commission meeting to recognize First Responders who assisted during the recent flooding event on July 17 north of Newell on Highway 79 near Hoover;

9-4 George Wilson, owner of Cowboy’s Too! in Belle Fourche takes historic ride in the bombardier’s seat of ‘FiFi’, a B-29 Superfortress; The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded Butte County \$700,000 to go toward replacement of the Horse Creek bridge on Orman Road west of Newell;

9-11 Tri-State Old Iron Tractors Tour Area; Total City Subsidy Allocations Cut by \$42,000; Work to Begin on Winkler Road Bridge;

9-18 Winner, SD’s Grossenburg Imp. Buys Bentz & Sundance Equipment; Bobbi Rae Thuen Belle Fourche’s New Doctor; Belle Fourche Hosts Nation’s First NSA Criminal Interdiction Training;

9-25 Contractor to Pay \$180k Penalty on 8th Avenue Project; Local Fly-in Draws Good Crowd; City Council Passes \$18M 2020 Budget;

10-2 Pete and Alberta Krush of Pete’s Clothing have sold their business to Lee and Sheila Hodge; Clint Englehart is man-

ager of Grossenburg Implement in Belle; The 35th Annual Agri-Business Appreciation Banquet packed the Community Hall;

10-9 IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals Breaks Ground on Plant Addition; Stereos ‘N Stuff Continues On Under New Ownership, Oz has sold the business to Keynen Merrell; Jerry Conner was one of 80 honorees on the September 24th Midwest Honor Flight to Washington, DC;

10-16 Century Old Roosevelt School Building Receives Condemnation Notice; Dora Estrada Chutes for Charity Progressive Bingo Winner;

10-23 Jim Thompson Named Announcer for 2020 PRCA National Circuit Finals; Laney Mackaben Awarded Two-Year Full Scholarship to Eastern Wyoming College; Butte - Meade Commissioners Mull Combined Dispatch Center;

10-30 Sawyer Clarkson Wins Class A State HS Cross Country Championship; World Champion Livestock Auctioneer at Area Sale Barns; City Council Reverses Decision on Employee Residency;

11-6 Purple Pride’s “Roosevelt Runs Red” Scares up Halloween Success at Venue 519; Jackson Dental Clinic Hosts Veterans & Military Members Event; BF Development Corporation Outlines Goals for 2020;

11-13 Belle Fourche Chamber Names Mark Rambow New Director; Rail Park Siding Improvements Ready for Business; Joint Committee on Appropriations West River tour visits Spyglass Wells;

11-20 Regional Health Will Become Monument Health; School District Enrollment Up; Hay Creek Crossing, Police Parking Lot Completed;

11-27 South Dakota chapter of America’s Kids Belong. The organization was one of 12 recognized nationally by Vice President Mike Pence at the 2019 Adoption Excellence Awards; The 2019 Belle Fourche High School football awards banquet saw nine Bronc football players honored for their excellence and leadership on and off the field;

12-4 Scott Reder has joined Pioneer Bank & Trust, Belle Fourche as a Commercial/Ag Loan officer; Buffalo SD’s Jessica Routier Readies for her Second WNFR; Winter Storm Ezekiel Leaves His Mark on Western SD;

12-11 Day Street Lift Station Bid Will Move Forward; Black Hills Roundup Named PRCA Rodeo of the Year; First Interstate Bank annual Festival’s fundraising initial tally for the tree auction came to \$41,325;

12-18 Community Readies to Light up the Night - Finally; A large crowd gathered in the Pioneer Bank lobby for the December 12 Grand Opening Gala; Dual-Credit Scholarship Fund Receives First Donations; 12-26 Council OK’s Emergency Repairs to BFACC; The City of Belle Fourche concluded a six-month search and has hired Nathan Velder to be the new Director of the Belle Fourche Area Community Center; The annual Kids and Cops program took place Saturday, December 13, at Runnings.

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

Making New Years predictions is a bit chancy. Will play it as safe as we proceed: Minnesota Vikings will not win this years Super Bowl.

January through the middle of February many well intended health nuts will purchase the latest in exercise bikes. By the end of February several of these exercise bikes with very low mileage will be for sale.

Some people gain weight over the holidays just thinking about the extra caloric intake. It weighs heavy on their minds.

Many New Years resolutions are the wish for a fat bank account to go with a thin body. Not the other way around.

Conversation at a New years Eve party: I resolve to lose weight. I'm going to resist food temptations I'm going to exercise. I'm going on a diet and sticking to it. Is that cake we're having?

Youth is when you're allowed to

stay up for New Years-Middle age is when you're forced to.

Congress's resolution: The complete lack of evidence is the surest proof that the conspiracy is working.

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US Representative was asked if their intuition makes up for their lack of wisdom and judgment. They responded, "No, but my high pay, retirement benefits, free insurance, and expense account seems to be helping.

"New Year's Day now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paying hell with them as usual." Mark Twain

In the coming year the Beacon



By: Doug Cole

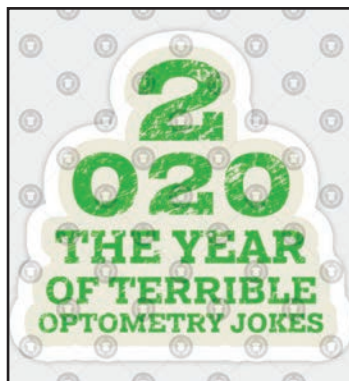
shall be resolved to see clearer. Nothing should outdo our "2020" vision.

We will strive to do a better job of writing. Implementation to begin following completion of this week's column.

A Beacon reader in San Antonio, Texas submitted this to us: My favorite cattle market story from my Dad to a guy complaining about prices.

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 JV/V Boys BB vs New Underwood, 5:30pm@H
Jan. 4: First Saturday Brunch, 10am, Tri-State Museum
 JV/V Boys BB vs Lemmon, 4pm@H
Jan. 6: City Council Meeting, 6pm, City Hall
Jan. 8: Chamber Luncheon, 12pm, American West
Jan. 9: JV/V Wrestling Quad, 4pm@H
 Downtown Revitalization Meeting, 5:30pm, City Hall
Jan. 10: Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining

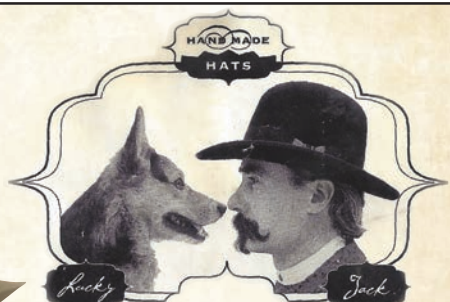
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Jan. 11: Saturday on State Market, 9am-3pm, 1401 5th Ave
 Le Belle Marché Indoor Market, 10am-3pm, Venue 519
 C/JV/V Girls/Boys BB vs Red Cloud, 12pm
Jan. 15: BFDC Annual Meeting, 5th & Grant Plaza, 6pm
Jan. 16: Chamber Mixer, 5pm, Branding Iron
Jan. 17: Caramel Rolls & Coffee, 8:30am, Belle Silver Lining
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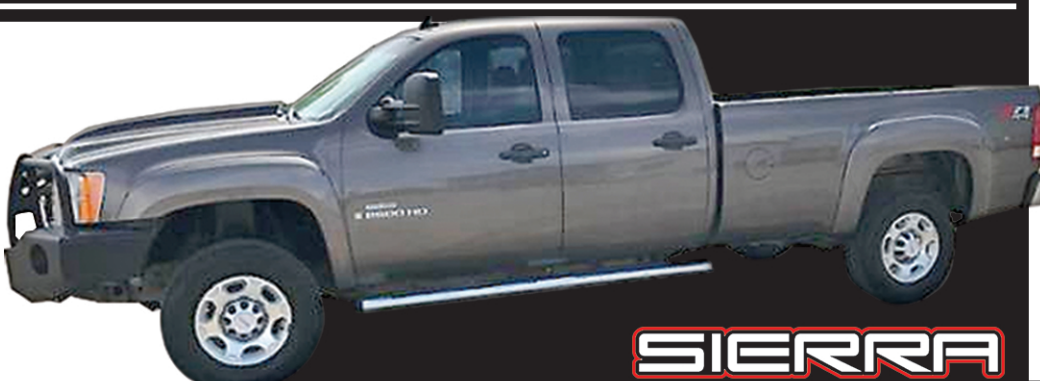


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“The modest increases for individuals would potentially mean an additional \$3 million in revenue for Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) to maintain and repair park amenities and necessities, like roads and bridges,” said GFP deputy secretary Kevin Robling. “We need to make sure our parks are meeting the high standards of excellence that all our park visitors expect,

now and for generations to come.”

Annual licenses to state parks will be \$36 with a daily fee of \$8. A 7-day motorcycle pass to Custer State Park will be \$20. In campgrounds, prime campsites will increase to \$26, preferred sites to \$23 and modern to \$20. Fees for non-electric, tent-only sites will be going down in some cases. These sites will now be consistently \$15 statewide.

This is the first park entrance fee increase since 2014. The changes are in line with the rate of inflation and with fees in surrounding states.



PAY TO PARK - Accessing entrance and camping fees will increase at Rocky Point Recreation area and state parks starting this year. - *Beacon photo*

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There still may be a late holiday party or two that you will attend...so here are some thoughts:

Dieting Rules and Calorie Counting

1. If you eat something and no one sees you, it has no calories.
2. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you don't eat more than they do.
3. Cookie pieces contain no calories (the process of breaking allows calorie leakage).
4. Simply saying to yourself "I'm on a diet," reduces calories in foods by 50%. Telling others you are on diet increases calories by 100%.
5. If you can make others around you fatter, it is automatic that you become thinner.
6. If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
7. If you drink a diet soda and a candy bar, these two items will automatically cancel each other out.
8. Movie related foods do not contain calories (ie Buttered Popcorn... Milk Duds, Junior Mints, Red Hots, Smarties etc. These are considered as part of the entire Entertainment Package, not part of the diet....
9. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER count (ie hot chocolate brandy, toast, Sara Lee cheesecake etc.
10. And finally: Nobody ever sees you eat a tuna fish sandwich.

Now go out and have a good time... and vow to do better in 2020!
(Tongue in cheek of course.)

Pair of Montana Cowboys Take Home World Titles from the 2019 WNFR

LAS VEGAS – When the 2019 Wrangler NFR began, rookie tie-down roper Haven Meged wasn't in the title talk.

Well, on the final Saturday night of the WNFR, the Miles City, Mont., cowboy was holding the gold buckle with \$246,013. He also won the average with an 85.7-second time on 10 head.

The 21-year-old Meged narrowly defeated Shane Hanchey, the 2013 tie-down roping world champ, by \$1,181 for the world championship.

Meged, the 2019 PRCA | Resistol Rookie of the Year, is the first rookie to win a tie-down roping gold buckle since Joe Beaver in 1985. Meged also became just the fourth person in ProRodeo history to win a college championship and a world championship in the same year, following in the footsteps of Ty Murray (all-around, 1988); Matt Austin (bull riding, 2005); and Taos Muncy (saddle bronc riding, 2007).

"It's a dream come true," Meged said. "I hurt myself three weeks before here and have just had faith in God that it would be alright, and this is his plan. To come together, to win Rookie of the Year, the average saddle and this (a gold buckle), it's unbelievable."

Meged didn't have any complex approach to his first Wrangler NFR.

"Honestly, just keeping it simple," Meged said. "Coming in here, everybody talks about how cool it is talking to guys who have roped here. To be in the Top 15 in tie-down roping and now the world champion at such a young age is unbelievable."

"I kind of kick myself for not placing better. I let a couple calves get away from me. I went out (Saturday) morning and practiced to slow down, think about why I'm here, and to not overdo anything. To do what we do, focus on why and how we got here, just try not to

make it complicated."

Bulldogger Ty Erickson came into the 2019 Wrangler NFR as the regular-season leader for the third time in four years. Each previous time he came up short of winning a gold buckle.

That's not the case anymore.

The Helena, Mont., cowboy earned \$234,491 to win the world championship. Matt Reeves won the average with a 48.4-second time on 10 head.

Erickson finished fifth in the average with a 62.7-second time on 10 head. He earned \$22,846, which helped him secure the world championship by \$17,129 over second-place finisher Bridger Chambers.

"Oh, man, that's better than I expected," Erickson said about the sound of him being the world champion. "This is a dream come true. I've been dreaming of this since I was a little kid. Now that it's happened, it's pretty surreal."

Erickson tried to keep his emotions in check before Round 10.

"Today, I was just focused on my job and what I wanted to do," Erickson said. "I wanted to get a good start and just go make a good run. After I saw what I had drawn, I knew I had a good, honest steer tonight and would be able to do what I wanted. I was just outside (the money) in the round, but that's OK because I made the run I wanted tonight, and everything worked out."

"I slept pretty well last night, because I was just trying to stay focused and do my job. I tried as best as I could to not let the outside noise affect me too much."

Erickson was the last steer wrestler out in Round 10 which added to his stress.

"When you have to wait for 14 bulldoggers to go, then you get to go and you know all you have to do is throw one down, that's pretty

hard," Erickson said. "I think it's harder to just go throw one down than if you have to go and be 4-flat. That was nerve-racking going last, but it all worked out."

Erickson acknowledged his world title was a group effort. He was handed the gold buckle by his aunt Judy Wagner, of Montana Silver-smiths.

"This means everything," Erickson said. "This is all we've been working for the last seven years. Every morning, this is what we get up and work toward, so now that it's actually come true and we've accomplished that, it couldn't mean any more to me. My aunt being the one to hand me the buckle made it even more special."

"This makes all the all-night drives, not doing well at a rodeo, all the tears, sweat and blood all worth it now."

For the second consecutive year, barrel racer Hailey Kinsel finished the season as a world champion.

Kinsel, of Cotulla, Texas, earned \$290,020 to finish atop the world standings. Ivy Conrado-Saebens was second with \$264,673. Conrado-Saebens also won the average with a 138.44-second time on 10 head.

"Definitely not," said Kinsel when asked if winning her second world title had sunk in. "I wish I'd have finished stronger, and I think that's still on my brain a little bit. Other than that, I've dreamed of this, and it's awesome. I'm floored, and it's very emotional."

Kinsel was quick to praise her horse, Sister, whom she rode for both world championships.

"She's incredible. I can see how incredible she is, and I hope others can, too," Kinsel said. "She's just done things that I don't know how many other horses can do. It's incredible, and I'm thankful because I hardly have to ask for anything



FASTEST RUN - Montana's Ty Erickson completes a Round 9 winning run in 3.6 seconds on his way to his first world title. - *PRCA Pro Rodeo Photo by James Phifer*

from her to give me her best effort. She just does it."

Sage Kimzey is still the king of PRCA bull riders.

The Strong City, Okla., cowboy won his sixth consecutive world championship at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo before 16,904 fans at the Thomas & Mack Center, Saturday night.

Kimzey finished the season with a PRCA bull riding record \$480,797, breaking his record of \$436,479 set in 2017. Kimzey also won the average with 709 points on eight head.

"It was just a grind," Kimzey said. "I had a lot of bumps and bruises, but I put my best foot forward, and every bull matters – that made the difference. There are times we are sore and tired and question why we do this, but the guys with the gold buckles can block that out, and that is what I really excel at."

Kimzey tied Jim Shoulders' PRCA record for consecutive bull riding world championships at six. Shoulders won seven career bull

riding titles and six in a row from 1954-59.

Don Gay holds the PRCA record for most bull riding world titles with eight.

Bareback rider Clayton Biglow had a Wrangler NFR for the ages to claim his first career gold buckle.

The Clements, Calif., cowboy won five rounds at the Wrangler NFR, including winning Round 10 with an NFR record-tying ride of 93 points on Northcott Macza's Stevie Knicks. He also won the average with 886.5 points on 10 head and earned \$243,891 at the Wrangler NFR – not counting ground money. That total was the most money earned of any contestant at the Wrangler NFR and won him the RAM Top Gun Award.

Biglow also set a bareback riding record for most money won in a regular season counting the Wrangler NFR at \$425,843. The record was \$374,272 by Tim O'Connell in 2016.

By winning the Top Gun Award, Biglow earned a 2020 RAM 3500 Heavy Duty Truck.

A group of approximately ten people are standing in a line, facing right, in a room with a large screen and a Christmas tree. The man on the far left is wearing a brown jacket with a 'WILSON' patch. The room has a large screen displaying a presentation, a Christmas tree, and a table with a red cloth.

Karrol Herman, representing Butte County Auditor Elaine Jensen, shared some facts from Butte County about costs relating to drug-related crime. Reading a letter from Jensen, which stated, "We (Butte County) are reeling from the shock of the costs." She said that per night cost of incarceration in Meade County jail had risen to \$80 per night and that most incarceration is related to drug and alcohol use.

"It was a great day," said organizer Holly Ollila. Follow-

ing the end of the Santa Claus day festivities there were two sessions of roller skating, with proceeds going to the Newell ambulance.

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Community Calendar

Each Wednesday evening: The B.A.S.H. Christian Youth Group is every Wednesday night at Newell Christian Fellowship Church from 6 to 8 p.m. Ages 13-18 A meal is provided. For more information call Holly at 456-2544.

Butte County Commission has for sale, 6000+ recycled steel posts. \$5 each at the county shop in Belle Fourche. Please make payment at 117 5th Ave, Belle Fourche.

Jan. 6-9: Delta Dental at Newell

School. Check with middle school office for details.

Jan. 7: Butte County Commission Meeting at courthouse. 9:30 a.m. GBB at Austin Auditorium-5:30 p.m. Newell Improvement Corporation Meeting. 6 p.m. at Butte Electric hospitality room.

Jan. 9: BBB in Austin Auditorium-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 13: Newell city commission meeting at city administrative offices, 6 p.m. Newell school board at school multipurpose room, 6 p.m.

ABC Coalition Speaker



Kara Graveman, representing ABC Coalition, talks statistics when she spoke at the town hall meeting on addition in Newell on December 18. (Story B3) - Brunner photo

Santa Clause Day Winners



Winner of the Newell Improvement 50/50 drawing was Raeen King (far right) during Santa Claus day. She had some family present to help her celebrate. From left: Annie King, McKenna Cuestos, Rhonda Johnson, and Dominyk Smith. (Story B3) -Brunner photo

From B3 NVN ROUNDUP

(Newell) 9-11 won by decision over Robert Hewitt (Custer) 2-5 (Dec 4-2), Cons. Round 3 - Hunter Brueggeman (Miller/Highmore-Harrod) 8-7 won by fall over Mick King (Newell) 9-11 (Fall 3:27) ,7th Place Match - Cord Beer (Lemmon/McIntosh) 2-2 won by major decision over Mick King (Newell) 9-11 (MD 13-2).

182-Caleb McGregor (18-0) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points. Championship. Round

1 - Caleb McGregor (Newell) 18-0 received a bye () (Bye), Quarterfinal - Caleb McGregor (Newell) 18-0 won by fall over Elijah Johnson (Bennett County High School) 4-9 (Fall 2:48), Semifinal - Caleb McGregor (Newell) 18-0 won by fall over Cody Rakow (Lead Deadwood) 3-1 (Fall 1:57)

1st Place Match - Caleb McGregor (Newell) 18-0 won by fall over Victor Dennis (Philip Area) 2-1 (Fall 1:26).

In other news around the area, the Newell kindergarten through second grade classes caroled

recently for the Green and Grand Valley apartments. The students had fun and the residents enjoy listening to them sing.

Many churches in the local area held Christmas eve services and the Vale Community Country Church held a Christmas day service at 10 a.m. The Newell Evangelical Church held their annual Christmas eve cantata. Even though the choir was a bit smaller and the attendance was a bit less, the group, under the direction of Tom Martin, made some beautiful Christmas music.



BUNDLES OF JOY - To the delight of residents in the Green and Grand Valley apartments in Newell, the kindergarten, first and second grade classes came to carol for them just prior to the Christmas break. -*Courtesy photo*



CHRISTMAS CANTATA - A smaller than normal choir and crowd still meant a beautiful cantata shared by community members at Newell Evangelical Church on December 22. - *Courtesy photo*

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Then and Now *in Newell*

Jan. 6, 1910

According to his usual annual custom about this time of the year, Charley Small, the clothier, gave an oyster super Christmas eve to as many of his friends as he could round up for the occasion. The supper was served at the Merchant’s Café and in the most attractive style both as to culinary merit and appetizing appearance. Oysters stewed, raw and fried to suit each individual taste and an abundance of other delicacies as a compliment, constituted a banquet fit for the most fastidious epicure. Twenty-five guests enjoyed the host’s hospitality and all were entirely satisfied with the Christmas banquet.

A rumor was about the first of the week to the effect that 3 young lady homesteaders had frozen to death out near Fairpoint, but nothing definite can be learned and no doubt it is nothing more that a rumor.

Jan. 1, 1920

A new bell has been added to the list of needed equipment for the local schools.

Heavy immigration is so taxing the facilities of Ellis Island during the last 48 hours, some 8,000 immigrants have arrived in port and today 1,168 were detained at the island for examination as to their fitness for admission to this country. Officials expressed doubt whether there would be another concentration of anarchists there in the near future for deportation. Anarchists and deportation will remain in certain cities for sometime. There are now only about 2 dozen anarchists’ cases at Ellis Island from the “Soviet Ark”.

Wednesday evening Newell’s municipal Christmas tree was connected and to say that it was enjoyable is putting it all too mildly, in fact our big kick is that it was all too short. At the close of the program the awaiting crowd heard the ringing of sleigh bells and witnessed the arrival of Santa Claus, not with his reindeer equipage, however we are informed that he was stuck in the gumbo just inside our city limits, but he arrived nevertheless and set about distributing presents and good things. The country people were served at the tree while the towns people house-to-house.

Jan. 2, 1930

Mrs. Sophisticated Newellite asked; “Hubby how do you like my new gown? Does it fit alright?” Mr. Unsophisticated Newellite replied; “Not so bad, but can’t you get into it a little further.” He has been spotted around town sporting a grand shiner.

It seems to the sheep owners here that dogs are as much a menace to flocks this winter as coyotes. They even raise havoc in the daytime. Monday afternoon George Day saw dogs chasing his sheep, which piled up in a draw and 8 were smothered and some had been torn by the time he reached them. Last week he killed 4 dogs in his corral. Some men are getting a supply of lead and are watching during day and night for the canine invaders.

Several citizens of the Castle Rock vicinity have arranged with Henry Jacobsen to do additional breaking sod for them in the spring. This means more acreage farmed for future years

and more feed raised and less shipped in.

Jan. 4, 1940

A Newell baby takes the 1940 crown for New Year Baby, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Aschenbrenner, have a 5 lb son born at their home January 1 at 2:00 AM, just 2 hours after the clock struck. Dr. O.H. Clark reported the birth making the first reported thus far in this territory. The young man is expected to cop a number of prizes both for himself and his parents. This is an annual contest sponsored by County Seat merchants.

The youngsters of this community are looking forward to a very happy winter. Plans have been going forward for an ice skating rink. The local fire department will pump the water onto the desired spot with their fire engine when plans are completed as to the location and also when the weather conditions permit.

Jan 5. 1950

Unless we are but idealists, Newell may be facing the greatest improvement in the city water supply in many years. That improvement is the reclamation of water well drilled

by the city 8 years ago. Don Hafner recently brought this virtually abandoned well into as a valuable and plentiful source of soft water. It will produce more from a deeper depth, possible over 20,000 gallons from a depth of 2,000’ in the 2,400’ plus hole.

Plans for securing a doctor for Newell, were discussed at the regular meeting of the Community Club at Stockmen’s Café Tuesday evening. The club voted to approve the first step for securing such person. It was pointed out that a number of DP doctors taking internship in South Dakota hospitals might be interested in the community, but that the application must outline such support as would be given. It could take some time to provide necessary equipment and providing suitable housing and office space.

Jan. 7, 1960

Plans are being made for a celebration of Newell’s Golden Anniversary this year. Community Club President Arthur Noste assigned R.D. Long as chairman of the celebration with Sam Bober, Lyn Gladstone, M.N. Holmes, R. C. Johnson,

Mabel Kenaston, Mrs. O.E. Milberg, Rev. Wm Reitmeier and David Richards as members of the committee.

Closing the US Newell Field Station would be a blow to the State and our community. Once again more forces are at work to move the Newell Field Station. Where? Of all places Rapid City, SD or Sidney, Montana. Why? “To better serve the purposes of research for the Region!” this is still in the proposal stage. A proposal should be made from this area to keep it here where it belongs.

Lyman Bruce, Newell Scoutmaster, has been appointed as Scoutmaster of the Jamboree Troop “C” of the Black Hills Council Contingent to the National Boy Scout Conclave was announced this week. Named as assistants to Bruce were Delmar Green, Whitewood and Jalmer “Jolly” Kuronen, Sturgis. Currently registered for the Jamboree from Black Hills Council are 11 scouts, 9 leaders and 5 sectional staff members. The National Jamboree will be in Colorado Springs, CO July 20-30.



New Year Greeting: Sent December 10, 1910 to: Mrs. Louise Rich, Zeal, SD From: Grand daughter Agnes, Eagle Butte, SD



January 1 Greeting, sent in 1911 To: Harry, From: Manual



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Rapid City Physician Creates Scholarship for Future

RAPID CITY, S.D. (Dec. 24, 2019) – Mark Harlow, M.D., remembers the mentors, teachers and inspirational professionals who helped him during his medical training and his career as a physician. That’s why the longtime Rapid City doctor has established the medical school student and nursing student scholarship fund.

Dr. Harlow has been an orthopedic surgeon for more than 20 years in Rapid City. He is also a faculty member at Sanford School of Medicine and his alma mater, the Medical College of Wisconsin. He enjoys working with students.

“I love their enthusiasm, their idealism and their altruism, and it reminds me of why I raised my hand and took the oath,” he said. “If I can help them get a start, then I will have met my obligation to the people who helped me get a start.”

The scholarship will be stewarded by the Regional Health Foundation, and information on the application process will be available in the future. Dr. Harlow encourages his colleagues to help future generations of medical professionals by offering their time, their expertise and scholarship funds.

Dr. Harlow was recently named Chief Medical Officer for the new Oyate Health Center in Rapid City. The center, located at the Sioux San Hospital Campus in Rapid City, is operated by Great Plains on behalf of the Oglala and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes.

He is also involved in a number of community and professional organizations. He serves as president of the board of directors for the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, medical director for the Special Olympics of South Dakota, and on the board of directors for the South Dakota State Medical Association.

In recognition of his philanthropy, Dr. Harlow received the Regional Health Foundation Award of Distinction in August. Headquartered in Rapid City, S.D., Regional Health is a community-based health care system with a mission to make a difference, every day. In January 2020, Regional Health will be renamed Monument Health, and it will become a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. The system offers care in 33 medical specialties and serves 20 communities across western South Dakota and in eastern Wyoming. With over 4,500 physicians and caregivers, Regional Health is comprised of 5 hospitals, 8 specialty and surgical centers and more than 40 medical clinics and health care service centers.



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People have always lined up several deep on State Street for the Annual July 4th parade circa 1950s *Courtesy photo Jim Ross Collection*



Beta Sigma Phi ladies on Roundup Parade float circa 1950s *Courtesy photo Jim Ross Collection*



Historical Photo Belle Theatre Building on State Street. Building is now currently occupied owned by Ellis Tripp and is the location of Budget Appliance *Courtesy photo*

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.

123 years ago
Belle Fourche Times
January 4, 1897
Registration

The demand for a registration law applicable to every precinct in the state seems to be quite general among the people. The wholesale charges of “colonization” and “fraud” relating to the late election, which have been made and sent out to the press of the entire Union are none the less injurious to the good name of the state because ridiculously false. In this connection I also suggest that our present election law be so modified as to require the voter to designate, singly, the name of every person for whom he wishes to vote; that it be made compulsory for boards of county commissioners to appoint one election judge from each of the three political parties having the largest vote at the election of 1894, and all political committees and candidates should be required, under heavy penalties for violation of the law, to file a verified account of all moneys expended by them, and to whom and for what purpose every dollar of money was paid.

Commissioners’ Proceedings
Jan. 4th, 1897 Commissioners met in regular session; board organized by electing F. P. Stearns as chairman for the ensuing year. The following bonds were approved: S. W. P. Sellers, bond as county auditor in the sum of \$2,000, with J. S. Brion, C. Cardinal, and A. Giles as sureties, was approved. T. W. LaFleiche, state’s attorney, in the sum of \$1000 with A. Giles and J. M. Eaton as sureties was approved. W. S. Hamilton, county assessor, with W. B. Hamilton, James

Tason and Julius M Shaykett as sureties in the sum of \$1000.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Post
January 1, 1920
Town And Country

John Hoover of the Hoover country was in from his sheep ranches Monday. Shelby Ball of Albion, Mont., was in from his stock ranches the first of the week. Native lumber for barns and sheds. See W. W. Wood, he makes it.

Anti-Trust Proceedings Satisfactory
Washington, Dec. 30 – White house officials denied that any communication protesting against the manner of the settlement of the meat packer anti-trust proceedings had been presented here as announced by John Miller, a cattle raiser of Fort Stockton, Texas. Statement of Miller that the compromise effected by Attorney General Palmer in prosecution of the packers was not satisfactory to cattle growers, met with rebuttal at the department of justice officials.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post
Jan.6, 1945
Our Servicemen News
Lieut. Howard Ice
Is Stationed In Texas

A news release states that Lieut. Howard Ice, son of Clyde Ice, has arrived at Pecos Army Air field, Pecos, Texas, and has been assigned as flying instructor. He was assigned to Pecos Field from Yuma Army Air Filed, Yuma, Ariz., where he was twin engine instructor. Lieut. Ice, who entered the service in May, 1942, is a graduate of Rapid City high

school and a former student of Black Hills Teachers college. Before enlisting he was a pilot at the Black Hills airport and assistant to the airport manager. Mrs. Ice is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClung of Spearfish. Mr. and Mrs. Ice have a eight months old son, Charles Howard.

Pfc. Connie Moore Arrived Wednesday
Pfc. Connie Moore, WAC, arrived Wednesday from Ft. Devens, Mass., for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Moore. This is her first visit home in two years, and she has been a member of the WACs since October, 1942.

Belle Fourche Continued to Move Forward in 1943 Freight Shipments Reach New High Of 5,636 Cars By Rail Major Increase Marked Up By Bentonite – Goods by Truck Increased
The outgoing carload shipments by rail from Belle Fourche took a decided climb in 1943, topping the previous year mark by over six hundred carloads. Last year’s carload shipments out of Belle Fourche, as compiled by L. W. Hamblin, local Chicago & Northwestern agent, reached a total of 5,636 carloads for the past twelve-month period, which in 1942, the total was 5,030. Most of the past year’s increase came from the local bentonite industry, shipping out 2,809 carloads of their product, as compared to 2,262 for the previous year, and 1,613 two years ago. Livestock shipments were the next big item with a total of 2,047 carloads as compared to 1,778 for the previous year. Sugar shipments totaled 170 cars, molasses 33

carloads, three alfalfa seed, 92 carloads of wool; 32 carloads of scrap iron; 65 brick and tile; 217 lumber and 168 carloads of wheat and grains. Besides outgoing freight by rail, there was considerable shipment by truck. Hugh Kissick reports that his trucking firm handled 471 truck loads of livestock. W. G. McVicker reports 1,295 trucks loads.

Tri-State Fair & Sales Group Meets on Tuesday The annual meeting of the Tri-States Fair & Sales Association, parent organization of the Black Hills Round-Up, will be held next Tuesday night, January 11, at the Commercial Club rooms, it was announced yesterday by R. A. Smiley, secretary and treasurer of the group. The principal business will comprise the election of two directors to the board, terms of J. F. Kollar and William Yahn expiring this year. The other members of the board are: C. S Small, R. A. Smiley, E. F. Evans, R. F. Voyles and W. F. Thomas.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post
January 9, 1970
We’re a Little Short

We’re a little short this week but things are looking up. As you know, Northwest Publishers, Inc. publishers of the Belle Fourche Bee and The Daily Post, have moved to a new location at 1004 Fifth Avenue, about two blocks south of their former office. Along with the move, the firm is changing its method of printing to the offset process, which means we have been breaking in new and unfamiliar machinery – and it has been murder. You can teach an old dog new tricks, but it is a painful process, we have discovered. At any rate, we are slowly discovering right from wrong in the new process and hope that by next week, if we can get all of our equipment moving at the same time, things will slowly return to

normal.

Four Generation at 100th Birthday
M. C. “Pop” Morgan and four generations celebrated his 100th birthday which was held Dec.23 at the Don Pratt Manor where he resides. The other members are his son M. G. Morgan of Alzada, his grandson, Dale Morgan, Alzada making up the third generation, and Dale’s son the fourth generation. The senior Morgan moved to the Alzada area in 1917. The Morgans raised four children, two boy and two girls. Three of the children are living, and he has three grandchildren, Dale Morgan, Merton Fowler and Mrs. Evelyn Shuttfield, all of Alzada, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Range Management Problems to Be Discussed Here
How do you determine range condition? What’s the best management program for this area? If my range is poor what is the quickest and best way for making it productive again. Answers to questions such as these, plus other practical tips, will be provided during three sessions on range management scheduled for this area during January, according to County Kenneth Leslie. The purpose of the series is to help ranchers learn more about their range land and how to make it more productive. First session is designed to help the rancher understand the productive capability of his own range based on the soils and moisture available. The second session pertains to a balanced grazing program. The third session revolves around the theme of range improvement. It will include information on range renovation such as seeding, ripping and fertilization; grazing systems and seasonal deferment. Part of this session will also be devoted to pasture weed control.



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Capitol News

KAREN ODELL

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The years are flying by at Capitol and on Tie Creek, and the world seems to be changing as we go. Charlie and I want to thank everyone at Capitol and on Tie Creek who share their lives with you. We truly get 'thank you' from all over the country, from people who love to read about our unique lives. They may know someone



in our area, or they may have lived here, but many just enjoy knowing us through the news. So many of them wish they could live as we do, but of course it is not an easy way of life. It seems that things begin to attack us all at one time, like our sewer problems, worn out electrical wires to the house, dead trees to get rid of so they don't fall on the roof, and vehicles that won't start. Of course we don't have services

for fixing these things within a couple of hundred miles, so life can get hazardous when you get over 70. Our daughter threatened her 75-year-old mother, not to get on the roof. But if you look at it, our hazards are not really worse; they are just different from those that other people have. Karen wanted to play her harp for Candle-Lighting service, but with both our bad backs, taking a harp to church is not an easy thing. She chose the violin instead, she recorded her own back ground music of bass, keyboard, guitar and drums. She can layer them together on her computer and take a laptop to play the music as her band. Still there is the speaker, mixer, stand, computer, violin, music and microphone to transport. Thanks, Alvin for helping us load-up after church.

Karen's dad, Fred Evans, had many quotes and sayings for his kids to remember. He always

said, "As for me and my house; we will serve the Lord." And "Everyone has talents. A talent is a wonderful gift, but if you don't use it; you lose it." Karen hasn't forgotten those things, Dad. She is still trying to learn and improve new and old talents, and she knows that the work expended is much more valuable and enjoyable than the finished product ever could be. Her brother, Bob Evans, is noted for this quote; "Let's leave the wood pile higher than we found it."

I believe children today need more repeated quotes that promote integrity. I think I will start in on my grandchildren. They say that you will remember something that is repeated seven times.

Thank you again Tie Creek and Capitol for sharing your lives with us. Sharing is a wonderful gift, and you have selflessly and generously shared that gift with us.

Happy New Year from Karen and Charlie

Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I went to Dickinson Monday morning to finish my Christmas shopping and visit Lanie and the kids at their house in Dickinson. Monday afternoon at the Reva Store Arvera Nash received an award for wearing her seatbelt when she had her car wreck. On November 7th she was traveling north on SD 75 in South Dakota about 10 miles south of Hettinger when she lost control of her vehicle. She attempted to regain control but went off the road and rolled into the east ditch where the vehicle came to rest. Through the course of the investigation it is believed that because she was wearing her seat belt, Arvera was not ejected which could have caused incapacitating injuries or even death. On December 23rd Trooper Ostenson was able to present a Saved by the Belt Award to Arvera!

Ken Amor is still fishing in Texas and he called me on Tuesday, Christmas Eve morning, to tell me that he was sending me one of his I-Phones for Christmas! I've just got a flip phone and had been thinking about getting something smarter, but I'm too dumb to know what I need, so Ken is sending me one of his and told me to get my grandkids to show me how to run it.

Casey, Missy, Trig and Taz and Amanda and the kids went to down to spend Christmas Eve at Rick and Cindy Engleis in Sturgis. Bryce and Braxton drove over from Wyoming to join them and then they came back to the ranch that night in heavy fog. Reub and I went to the Christmas Eve candlelight service at Slim Buttes Lutheran that evening and could hardly see the road coming home in the dark. Matt and Lanie and the kids came down from Dickinson late that evening and had to drive in heavy fog too.

It was just cloudy when Reub

and I went up to have Christmas dinner with Sage and Alainais family in their new house west of Hettinger. They moved into the house last week and the kids were tickled to take us on a tour of their new house. Polly Markegard, Larry Stadheim, and Nathan and Kylee Stadheim and their girls joined us for a delicious prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. Polly made lefsa that morning and brought a bunch for us! In the middle of the afternoon it started to rain and freeze. We had to scrape the ice off the windshield to drive home and the highway was so icy that we drove on gravel backroads all the way home.

Christmas evening we were invited to Casey and Missy's house for another great feed of prime rib and lots of goodies. All of their kids and grandkids were there: Lanie, Matt, and Trace and Chantry; Taz, Amanda and their three kids; Bryce and Braxton; and Trig. We ate too much again and then the guys played Pitch for quite a while. It was late enough when we came home that we even missed the evening news.

The day after Christmas is Boxing Day in Canada, so I wished my Canadian brother-in-law, Ken Amor, Happy Boxing Day where he is hanging out near Laredo, Texas. Ken has mailed me his I-Phone. Thanks Ken! All these guys and Miss Bryce got the fence finished on Boxing Day, so they felt like celebrating too.

Dr. Beck came from Baker to Bangs vaccinate the heifer calves on Friday morning. Louise Jensen stopped to visit Amanda and the kids that morning on her way to the Hills. Amanda went to town that afternoon and Bryce had fun taking care of Copper and Knox over at Grandma Missy's. Teri Dee and her family drove out from Buffalo, Minnesota on Friday for the Olson family Christmas at the Reva Hall on Saturday. They stopped in Bismarck to have supper with Lark and Chad

Shon and stayed in Dickinson that night.

All six of our kids, most of our grandkids, and half of our great grand kids were able to be at the Reva Hall to celebrate a belated Christmas with the family. Teri and Mike and their boys and Guy and Megan and their boys planned to spend the night here and go to church with us Sunday morning before heading home, but the nasty weather moving in changed those plans. Teri's family left right after breakfast to head back to Buffalo, Minnesota, but only made it as far as Aberdeen. I-94 was closed, so they had to put their vehicle in 4 wheel and busted through some awfully big drifts on Highway 12 just to make it to Aberdeen to spend the night at a hotel. Guy and Megan's youngest son Cass wanted to help Grandpa Reub feed the cows before they went back to Wyoming. They got the cows fed and then headed for home. Bryce and Braxton left for Wyoming after having lunch at Casey and Missy's.

Hope you all had a happy and safe New Year. I'll leave you with this:

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To leave the old with a burst of song

To recall the rights and forgive the wrong;

To forgive the thing that binds you fast

To the vain regrets of the year that's past;

The strength to let go your hold Of the non-worthwhile of the days grown old;

To dare to go forth with a purpose true;

To the unknown task of the year that's new;

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The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Belle Fourche Reservoir (BFR). Reclamation is the lead federal agency responsible for ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and related federal environmental and cultural resource laws. To ensure that all social, economic, and environmental effects are considered in the development of this plan, Reclamation is seeking your input pursuant to Section 102 (2) (D) (IV) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The EA presents the Proposed Action Alternative and evaluates the potential impacts to the human and natural environment associated with the Proposed Action Alternative in comparison with the No Action Alternative.

Reclamation will use this draft EA and any review comments to determine whether the project will have any significant impacts on the human and natural environment. If no significant issues are identified, Reclamation would issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and final EA. If any significant issues are identified, we may consider the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Reclamation defines significance in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.27.

A copy of the draft EA is located at <https://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao/index.html>. Hardcopies of the draft EA may be obtained by calling Andrea Gue, Natural Resource Specialist, at 701-221-1223 or by requesting in writing from Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 1017, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58502.

We would appreciate your review and comments on the draft EA and draft RMP. The review period will be open until January 23, 2020. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Andrea Gue, Dakotas Area Office, 304 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND 58502, email ague@us-br.gov or by calling 701-221-1223.

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Year in Review

Famous Faces We Lost in 2019

Doris Day
An indisputable icon of the big screen, the actress, singer and animal welfare activist rose to prominence in the golden age of Hollywood, best known for pictures made with co-star Rock Hudson. She sang in many movies, but most memorable may be her haunting rendition of “Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be)” in the Alfred Hitchcock movie The Man Who Knew Too Much. Day was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004 and was 97 when she died May 13.

Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca)
The 7-foot-3-inch English-American actor played Chewbacca in all of the character’s Star Wars appearances from 1977 through 2015’s The Force Awakens. (Finnish actor and basketball star Joonas Suotamo filled out the costume of everyone’s favorite Wookiee starting with The Last Jedi in 2017). This year’s The Rise of Skywalker is dedicated to the memory of Mayhew, who died April 30 at age 74.

Peggy Lipton
The actress and model was best known for her Golden Globe-winning role as Julie Barnes on TV’s The Mod Squad (1968–73) and Norma Jennings on Twin Peaks (1990s and 2017). Lipton had two children with former husband Quincy Jones: fashion designer Kidada Jones and actress Rashida Jones. She died at age 72 on May 11.

Bart Starr
Playing for the mighty Green Bay Packers from 1956 to 1971 (after which he coached for over a decade), Starr was the only quarterback in NFL history to win three consecutive league championships. He also led his team to victories in the first two Super Bowls. The Packers and Starr’s family announced his death at age 85 on May 26. He had suffered a stroke in 2014.

Carol Channing
An American Theater Hall of Fame inductee, Channing made her Broadway debut with a small part in Proof Thro’ the Night and broke through as Lorelei Lee in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes in 1949. She won a Tony for Hello, Dolly! in 1964, then continued performing well into her 90s. She died on Jan. 15 at 97.

Tim Conway
The co-star of Carol Burnett’s iconic variety show (for which he won four Emmys) passed away May 14 at the age of 85. The performer had exceptional talents for creating characters, wordplay and pure, glorious slapstick. Among Conway’s most unforgettable Carol Burnett Show sketches: “The Dentist” opposite Harvey Korman. Look it up on YouTube; you’ll laugh ’til it hurts.

Rip Torn
Born Elmore Rual Torn Jr. in Temple, Texas, the actor’s career spanned over six decades. He won an Emmy for his work on The Larry Sanders Show and was Oscar-nominated for Cross Creek. We can remember him fondly every time we laugh ourselves silly watching him play the crazy coach in Dodgeball. He died July 9, at 88.

Ross Perot
One of the richest men in the United States at the time, he ran for president in 1992 as an independent candidate (winning 19 percent of the popular vote) and as a Reform Party candidate in 1996 (winning more than 8 percent of the popular vote). The billionaire business magnate and philanthropist passed away at age 89 on the same day as Rip Torn, July 9.

Luke Perry
The Beverly Hills, 90210 and Riverdale actor passed away March 4 in Burbank; he was 52. A Mansfield, Ohio, native, Perry moved to Hollywood to pursue acting shortly after high school. He auditioned for more than 250 roles before landing his first gig. His final feature performance was a supporting role in Quentin Tarantino’s Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, a funny and beautifully performed scene opposite Leonardo DiCaprio.

Lee Iacocca
Best known for the development of the Ford Mustang and Pinto, the auto exec also co-authored several books, including an autobiography and Where Have All the Leaders Gone? He died July 2 at age 94.

Valerie Harper
Rhoda Morgenstern herself, the brilliant New York-born comic actress won three Emmys for The Mary Tyler Moore Show and one more for its spinoff Rhoda. Harper passed away Aug. 30, a week after her 80th birthday in Los Angeles. She was laid to rest at Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

Diahann Carroll
The actress, singer, model and activist broke down walls by starring in some of the earliest Hollywood studio films to feature black casts, and as the headline star of the 1968–71 TV series Julia. Carroll was the first black recipient of the Tony award for Best Actress. She also won a Golden Globe and was Oscar-nominated for the 1974 film Claudine. She died Oct. 4; she was 84.

Georgia Engel
She’s was forever known as the ditzy, funny and lovable Georgette Franklin Baxter on The Mary Tyler Moore Show. But decades later, Engel returned to prime time as Brad Garrett’s character’s scene-stealing mother-in-law, Pat MacDougall, on Everybody Loves Raymond, for which she earned three consecutive Emmy nods. She died at age 70 on April 12.

Cokie Roberts
The TV journalist and best-selling author’s decades-spanning career as political reporter included prominent spots with NPR and ABC. Roberts died Sept. 17 at age 75, survived by husband and fellow journalist Steven V. Roberts.

Jim Bouton
In addition to a celebrated career pitching for the Yankees, the Pilots, the Astros and the Braves, Newark, New Jersey-born Bouton was a best-selling author, actor, activist and co-creator of Big League Chew bubble gum. He died at age 80 on July 10.

Gloria Vanderbilt



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BHSU Counts Down Top 10 Moments of 2019

SPEARFISH, S.D. ... Black Hills State University is closing out the decade by celebrating the successes of 2019 and ushering in a bright future with a new President at the helm. Here are the Top 10 BHSU Moments of 2019:

1. Nichols named the 11th President of BHSU

It was announced Dec. 20 that Dr. Laurie Stenberg Nichols would become the permanent President of BHSU, the 11th person in history to fill the university’s top role. President Nichols is known across campus as an open and decisive leader focused on enrollment stabilization and growth. She was named BHSU Interim President this summer and went to work July 1 meeting with campus and community groups to align programs to tomorrow’s regional workforce needs. Nichols said, “I was delighted to return to my home state of South Dakota last July and have enjoyed these six months as interim president of BHSU. During this time, I have come to appreciate the vital role that BHSU plays in western South Dakota in providing access to higher education and serving as an economic engine for the region.”

2. Nearly 600 earned degrees from BHSU this year

Black Hills State University awarded 576 degrees in 2019. The fall graduation ceremony included the presentation of an honorary doctorate to BHSU alum Dr. Brett Theeler, deputy chief of the Department of Neurology at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Theeler delivered a memorable speech to graduates. Yellow Jacket pride was heard throughout the fall graduation ceremony with one university official commenting that the crowd was the most enthusiastic he had heard in his 40 years of attending BHSU commencement ceremonies.

3. Record-breaking Capital Campaign positively impacts student scholarships

2019 marked the conclusion of the largest fundraising campaign in the university’s 136-year history. Earlier this month it was announced that BHSU raised over \$45 million during the “Because of You, Anything is Possible” Capital Campaign. The majority of funds raised will benefit BHSU student scholarships. The \$45 million total was nearly double the initial goal for the campaign, showing overwhelming commitment and support for the university.

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This year BHSU received two important confirmations of the university’s academic quality. In January, BHSU was the first institution in South Dakota to receive accreditation by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). This means BHSU has met rigorous, internationally recognized standards to ensure excellence in the University’s teacher preparation programs. That announcement was followed in February by the announcement of an earned extension of AACSB accreditation (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), earned by only five percent of the world’s business schools.

5. Student Success

BHSU provides many services to assist students in successfully achieving their degree. In 2019, BHSU expanded career development outreach to students and regional employers. Student Support Services, which focuses on supporting first-generation students, students with a disability, and/or low income students exceeded their goals in retaining students and helping them reach graduation.

6. Growth at the BHSU Underground Campus at Sanford Lab

This year, BHSU doubled the number of local middle schools involved in the 4th annual Underground Robotics Competition at Sanford Lab. BHSU students also worked with engineers and scientists from around the world on the cutting-edge LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) Dark Matter Experiment.

7. New academic programs

BHSU debuted three new academic offerings in 2019, including:

- Certificate in Adventure Education geared toward employees at area programs and camps or in corporate team-building, along with students

enrolled in tourism and hospitality, psychology, sociology, human services, and exercise sciences programs,

- Master’s in Special Education for individuals who have a bachelor’s degree in a field other than education and who want to teach special education,
- and the Corporate Communication degree is now also offered online.

8. Electric car and Bee Campus USA further sustainability commitment

2019 saw the unveiling of the BHSU Electric Car showcasing the ease, efficiency, and savings of electric vehicles. BHSU was also named a Bee Campus USA 2019 and continues to offer an online master’s in sustainability.

9. New collaboration brings international students to BHSU

Students from Pakistan and Tunisia attended BHSU this year thanks to a new collaboration with the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Pakistan and the Tunisia Undergraduate Scholarship Program. The programs promote a better understanding of the U.S. abroad, particularly among future world leaders.

10. BHSU athletics ranked nationally

The BHSU Women’s Rodeo Team is currently ranked first in the nation. The Women and Men’s Rodeo Teams competed at the College National Finals Rodeo this summer, with Carlee Johnston placing third in the All-Around competition. Cross Country Coach Scott Walkinshaw was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame. Jonah Theisen placed second in the steeplechase at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships and earned the first NCAA post-graduate scholarship in BHSU history. Triathlon placed third at the Women’s Collegiate National Championship.

The heiress, artist, author, actress and fashion designer was eulogized by her son, newscaster Anderson Cooper, in a CNN broadcast following her death on June 17. She was 95.

Peter Fonda
Son of Henry, brother of Jane and father of Bridget, the New York City-born actor cut his teeth in theater and established himself as a key figure in the counterculture movement of the 1960s before breaking through as a major star in the 1969 movie Easy Rider, which he produced, co-wrote .



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Tom Miller National Cowboy Hall of Fame Cowboy

This story is a reprint of a Tri-State Livestock News story written by Savanna Simmons. A debt of thanks to Savanna and the TSLN fir allowing the Beacon to reprint the article for our readers:

Red Owl, South Dakota, rodeo legend Tom C. Miller traversed his rodeo career wearing “many hats.” But each one was and will always be cowboy hat.

From high school and college rodeo to PRCA rodeos, to a judge and coach, Miller has left his mark on the rodeo industry garnering him induction into the Rodeo Hall of Fame Nov. 10-11 at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Tom was nominated for this honor by friend and 1974 world champion saddle bronc rider John McBeth.

Miller’s saddle bronc riding career began by way of college rodeo like many rodeo athletes. He claimed National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association all-around champion titles in 1970 and 1971.

“The college deal was easy. I worked every event then. My dad was a cowboy and he said I could only haul one horse,” Tom said. “You did as much as you could on one horse. It was a little different then. During college, I got to trading horses that were specialized for events.”

From college, Tom naturally

went on to compete at the professional level and was the the Badlands Circuit Saddle Bronc champion from 1977 to 1980. He qualified for the National Finals Rodeos six times, and won the average in 1975, 1979 and 1981, coming up short of winning the world title in 1981 by \$5.28.

“At the finals in 1981, they announced that Monty Henson had won, but then they called us at the hotel room and told us Tom had won,” Vivian said. “They told us to come back to the coliseum, and actually gave Tom the world championship buckle, but then they said Bobby Berger had won it by \$5.28.”

He wasn’t in rodeo just for the money or fame. There were very few aspects of sliding into his saddle cinched down on a bucking horse that Tom didn’t care for.

“I just like everything about it. I like competitions; I like to travel; I like the people; I like the bucking horses; there wasn’t much for a long, long time I didn’t like,” Tom said. “I just liked to see if I could get to the next rodeo, sometimes we did three a day. I liked the challenge from getting there to getting on for a long, long time. I never got tired of it. I love a challenge.”

Tom could often travel to several rodeos in one day largely

to judge the first NFR in Las Vegas.”

Tom judged many bronc rides after his retirement from rodeo and also coached many bronc-riding clinics, some for a few years with Holloway in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, roughly 35 years ago, as well as some for more than 25 years with Korkow Rodeo in Pierre, South Dakota, and some more with Burch Rodeo Company in Gillette, Wyoming.

“It got to be too much going on. They were fun. I like kids and I like the young horses. It was kind of fun to do, but when you’re getting as many kids as we were getting — 25 to 30 people — it was hard to spread myself that thin. I would get help sometimes, but some of them needed a lot of individual attention.”

Tom noticed changes to the rodeo industry, some good, others less so. The largest change was the money and horses.

“The money is a lot better, and the horses are way, way better. We had good horses then, but they weren’t in abundance. The day money paid about \$400 at the first NFR I went to. Now it’s an ungodly amount of money, which is great,” he said. “They’re making horses way, way better, and the bulls are way better. I think change sometimes is good. Some changes I’m not in favor of, and that’s the way it is. When I started, once you left the amateurs, you couldn’t go back. That gives young guys a chance to get better and get confidence. Now, where they can go both sides of the fence, the pros can

take the young guys’ money all the time. Once you make that step you should stay there or go back to amateurs full time.”

As the third generation, Tom has turned most of his focus to managing his family’s ranch forty miles from Faith.

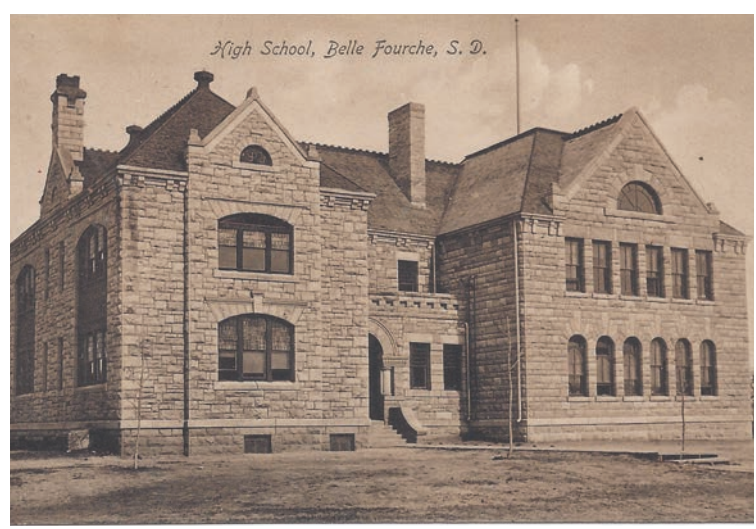
“When I was in rodeo, I was 110 percent. Now that I’m ranching, I’m 110 percent. I’ve never done anything I didn’t want to do. There are some things here that aren’t the most enjoyable, but I still enjoy it,” he said. “What a blessing I don’t have to do something I don’t like to do. I think that as long as you’re happy doing what you do, you’ll do a good job. If you’re not happy doing what you’re doing, find something else; you’ll do a lot better job of it.”

Tom and Vivian have two sons, Jeff and Ryan and three granddaughters, all of which are in Texas, Vivian’s home state.

“Jeff is in Texas taking over the ranch that his dad was on, Ryan is in the oil business,” Tom said. “No more money than there is here, if Ryan wants to come back he’s welcome to it and if he doesn’t, he doesn’t.”

Jim Hunt, who ranches in the same vicinity as Miller, traveled the rodeo road at the end of Tom’s career.

“He was devoted to his family, and anywhere we went traveling, bronc riders and cowboys had the highest regard for Tom Miller,” Hunt said. “Hats off to Tom Miller; he deserves all the credit in the world. It’s not just for Tom, it’s for South Dakota as well. We’re proud of him.”



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