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## Nisland Fire Claims 320 Head of Sheep

Mickelson family losses substantial as blaze also destroys two barns on Jan 3.

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NISLAND – Early Thursday morning, January 3, was not the best day in the life of the Jim Mickelson family of Nisland.

“I finished working on an engine and stopped to check them (the sheep) and then went to bed about midnight,” said Ben Mickelson. “Must have been about 30 to 45 minutes later that dad got a call from my brother saying the barn was on fire. When we got down there, there was nothing we could do.”

The first call went out the to Nisland Volunteer Fire and Rescue around 12:05. “They (the sheep) were already gone by the time we got the call,” said NVFR Chief Stan Lewis. In all, two units each, from Nisland and Newell, and one each from Vale and Belle Fourche responded to the scene.

The Mickelson’s also lost two sheds in the early morning blaze. One was a fairly new shed, just three to four years old. The other was a source of history for the family, aging in at around 100 years old.

“We had tin over the cedar shakes on the roof,” said Mickelson. “It didn’t take any time at all for it to go, just minutes.” The worst part was, the family had housed all 320 ewes and yearlings inside the buildings to protect them from cold as they were just starting the

lambling process. “We had three new ones (lambs),” said Mickelson. “We had just started lambling.”

Every animal perished in the blaze, and according to Lewis it is likely they all succumbed to smoke inhalation. The charred remains showed that the animals had not piled against a door trying to get out.

Mickelson said they had a stock trailer about 15 feet from the shed, loaded with straw bales. It melted the lights and charred the end gate, but the bales never caught fire.

As the smoke still billowed from the crumpled tin roofing and walls, Ben’s little brother Jesse dug through trying to find things that were still of use, like their branding irons and several handle-less pitch forks. It looked like there would be little to salvage.

The family has a big job ahead as they wait for information on possible insurance coverage and also the determination of the cause. Mickelson said it was likely some kind of electrical source, but it was too soon to say.

“I’ve been in contact with Josh Kitzan (another sheep owner in the area), and he has said he’ll help me try to get some ewes, and a place to lamb them,” said Mickelson. However, only time will tell how much the cost actually is to the family. With around 200 head of ewes ready to lamb, the cost will double due to the loss of life of unborn lambs.



**DEVASTATING FIRE** - (Top) An early morning blaze at the home of Jimmy Mickelson, Nisland, took two barns and around 320 head of ewes ready to lamb and some yearling lambs. - *Courtesy Photo* (Above) Jesse Mickelson, (see white arrow) right, digs through the rubble of what was once a large sheep shed on their home property. - *Brunner photo*

## Record New Year’s Eve Storm Belts Area

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BELLE FOURCHE - Residents in the area may have missed a white Christmas by one day but Mother Nature made certain we would not miss a white New Year’s Day.

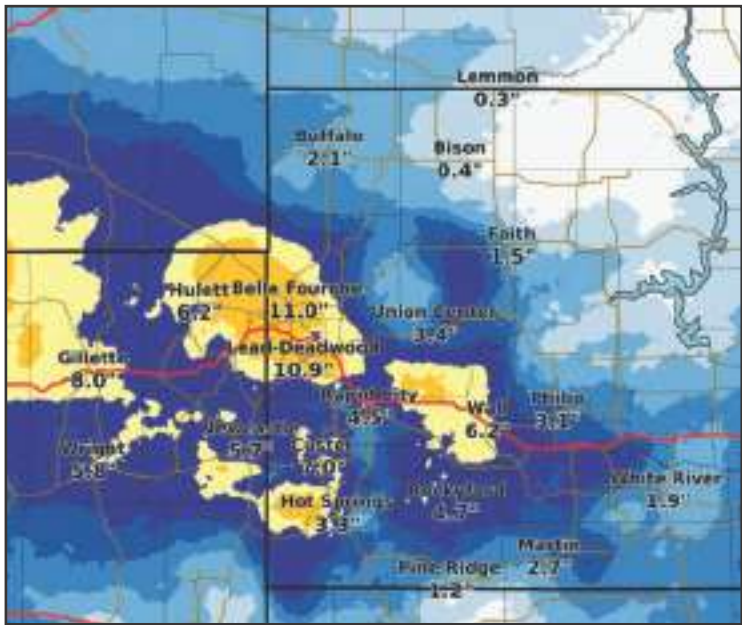
The year 2018 closed with a record snowfall for this date in several areas including Belle Fourche. The highest storm totals were roughly centered along a line from Deadwood, through Belle Fourche to Colony, WY.

Leading the way was 13 ½” of snow recorded by a weather observer 1 mile north of downtown Belle Fourche as of 12:30pm on December 31. This was unofficially the highest daily snowfall for a Dec. 31st in the Belle Fourche region.

Other amounts of a foot or more were recorded in Lead, Deadwood, St Onge and Beulah. Another observer just west of downtown Belle Fourche recorded an even 12” of snow. In the Newell, Vale and Nisland areas snow totals from 3-to-8 inches were common.



**PILED HIGH** - Snow was piled high on the back deck of this home just outside of Belle Fourche where the New Year’s Eve storm brought more than a foot of snow and blizzard conditions to the region. -*Courtesy Photo*



**BULLSEYE ON BELLE** - Areas in light orange signify snow totals of 8-12 inches. The heaviest were recorded just to the north and west of Belle Fourche with more than 1-foot. -*Courtesy National Weather Service Rapid City*

Snow began across northeastern WY on the afternoon of the 30th before gradually spreading across the entire area. Rain preceded the snow across portions of western SD, providing a glaze of ice beneath accumulating snow as temperatures plummeted through the night of the 30th into the morning of the 31st. Hazardous travel conditions caused by a combination

of slick roads, heavy snow, and wind gusts of 40 to 60 mph led to the closure of I-90 across portions of WY, and later, closure of both the Gillette-Campbell County Airport and Rapid City Regional Airport.

While residents of Belle Fourche experienced some gusty winds, blizzard conditions were observed further east out on the plains from Howes

Corner south through the Rapid City area and surrounding foothills for several hours on New Year’s Eve. According to the National Weather Service, downtown Rapid City set a new record daily snowfall for New Year’s Eve, with 2.5” of snow breaking the previous record of 2.4” in 1924.

## Unsportsmanlike Conduct

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Twenty-eight mallard ducks were collected in total at a pond located south of Fruitdale - just north of Snoma road. These ducks appear to have been killed by unethical shooters, not true hunters, whom like-

ly shot into a large flock of ducks. When flock shooting into a large roost of ducks with shotguns there will likely be more ducks killed or wounded than expected. Authorities believe these poachers went on their hunt on the evening of Thursday December 27, 2018. SD Game Fish and Parks

Wildlife Conservation Officer Bill Eastman would appreciate any information possible in locating the duck poachers. A TIPs reward will be offered. Please contact Bill at 605-391-1575 or call 1.888.OVERBAG (683.7224) with any information you may have.



**HOLIDAY POACHERS** - (Above) More than two-dozen mallards were illegally poached at a pond (left) a short distance SW of Fruitdale. SD Game Fish and Parks are asking for any information that may lead to the culprits. It was believed the event took place on December 27th. A TIPs reward will be offered to anyone with information to help solve the case. You may contact Wildlife Conservation Office Bill Eastman at (605) 391-7224 or call 1-888-OVERBAG (683-7224)





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1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche  
605-569-8380  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM  
Bob Davis, Pastor

**BLACK HILLS GOSPEL**

**ASSEMBLY**

1/2 Mile east on hwy 34 • 210-1374  
Kenny Riley, pastor  
Sunday: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER**

2020 Vista St • 892-4767  
Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule  
Long Term Care Service  
8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF  
LATTER DAY SAINTS**

1105 Todd St.  
Brad Buchholz, Bishop  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting  
Sunday School:  
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.  
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society,  
Young Men and Young Women:  
11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays  
**EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC)**  
902 Lawrence St. • 723-6899  
Andy Anderson, Pastor  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service  
**CONNECTION CHURCH (SBC)**  
613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche  
(605)-210-2150  
Pastor Stephen Carson  
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone  
Sunday: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship

**FIRST BAPTIST**

807 8th Ave. 892-4178  
Pastor Tim Smith  
Sunday:  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Wednesday:  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC**

717 Jackson St. • 892-3402  
Pastor Del Neumeister  
Sunday:  
9:35 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

PO Box 46, 200 Dartmouth Ave.  
Newell  
605-456-2767  
Worship: 9 a.m.  
Wednesday afternoon children's time  
during the school year, 3:45-5:15

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

901 Laurel St. Whitewood  
(605)-920-1959  
Reverend Jill Jennewein

**Sunday:**

9 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

**LANDMARK MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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723-1092

Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

**NEW COVENANT PCA**

1140 Ames St. Spearfish  
642-1122  
Luke Bluhm, Pastor  
Sunday:  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**

5 miles south of Belle Fourche on  
Hwy 85 • 642-7167  
Thomas Pruett - Minister  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

**NISLAND INDEPENDENT**

**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
On Hwy 212 in Nisland  
(605) 257-2356  
Pastor Doug Clark  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

**PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH**

1701 Hwy 212, Newell  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.

**RANGELAND MINISTRIES**

**CHURCH**  
Alzada, MT  
Sunday:  
Worship: 10:00am  
Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

**SALVATION ARMY OF THE**

**NORTHERN HILLS**  
120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish  
605-642-0924  
Envoys: Tim and Peggy North  
Sunday: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 11 a.m.  
Worship Nursery available

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL**

6th and Roundup • 892-2446  
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver  
The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests  
Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Learning and  
Discovery Study

**ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**

Del Neumeister, Pastor  
Sunday School and Worship at  
8:30 a.m.

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

834 6th Ave., Belle Fourche  
Msgr. Michael Woster, Pastor  
Fr. John Paul Trask, As.Pastor  
Mass Times  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30 a.m.  
Friday: 12:15 p.m. followed by Adora-  
tion with 2pm Benediction  
4th Friday of the month  
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Nursing Home: 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday confession 2-3 p.m.

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN**

110 Stanley • 723-3923  
Sunday: 9am Adult Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
Wed: iPraise - after school  
7th-8th grade confirmation 4 p.m.  
Thurs. Pray Without Ceasing 10am  
Friday: 7 a.m. Lutheran Men in  
Missions, Belle Inn  
Saturday: 5 p.m. Worship

**SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE**

**FELLOWSHIP**  
Seventh and Summit  
892-4630 or 892-4389  
Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship  
Kidz Church Immediately Following  
Wednesday: September - May  
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
Kidz Alive (Kindergarten - 6th Grade)

**UNITED METHODIST**

1804 Seventh Ave. • 892-2405  
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Bob Duemig, Pastor

Sunday:  
10:30 a.m. Worship Following  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Wednesday:  
10 a.m. & 7 p.m. - Bible Study  
**VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY  
CHURCH**  
Pastor Darla Dunn  
402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788  
Service Sunday: 10 a.m.

**Pastor's Perspective**

*This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Fay Hersey - St James Episcopal Church*

**“The Work is Just Beginning”**

The nativity story in The Gospel According to John is very short. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word became flesh and lived among us.”

John recognizes Jesus’ birth is only the beginning. So, He puts his emphasizes on the consequences of that birth.

No one has seen God but he wants to have a personal relationship with us. He sent his son as a messenger to teach us His true nature. We tend to think of the Old Testament God as a gruff, judgmental ruler. This just is not true. God sent his Son as a reminder of his great love for us.

God sent John the Baptist as a witness testifying to Jesus being “the light of all people

for all times. The light which shines in the darkness.” John prepares us to receive Jesus in our hearts.

“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.” For years I felt something was missing in my life.

When I received Jesus, my life became full. I was child of God. Being one of his children is the greatest Christmas gift.

I struggle for an understanding of God. Just has no one has seen God, no one can completely understand the creator of all. But, He knows, understands, and loves each of us.

A close relationship with God causes us to try and follow His footsteps by continuing his

work of loving all people.

Christmas day is over, but the work is just beginning. John was right to put so little emphasis on Jesus’s birth. The important part comes later. Howard Thurman’s poem is a beautiful explanation.

*The Work of Christmas  
When the song of the angels is  
stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are  
home,  
when the shepherds are back  
with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the  
people,  
to make music in the heart.  
Amen.*

**Obituaries**

**Linda Vopat 71**



Linda had a thirst for knowledge and when she became interested in a subject she would try to learn as much as possible about it. She found her true passion in quilting. She liked all aspects of quilting and even quilted professionally. Linda tried to help others in any way she could. Family was one of the most important things in her life and she was very close to her children and five grandsons.

Linda is survived by her husband, Edward of Spearfish SD; daughters, Fern (Tom) Tillman of Wittmann AZ, Korene Oates of Frisco, CO; son, Anthony (Chanda) Vopat of Spearfish; grandsons, Jason, Jordan, and Jared Oates of Aurora CO and Ethan and Hudson Vopat of Spearfish; sister, Shirley (JJ) Jones of Corvallis OR and brother, Bobby (Phyllis) Wendt of Atwood TN. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services were held Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel. Inurnment followed at the Whitewood Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Summer. A memorial has been established to the Shriner’s Children’s Hospitals.

Online condolences may be written at [www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com](http://www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com)

 Isburg Funeral Chapels  
& Crematory Service

**Arthur “Arty” Bach 62**

Arthur “Arty” Bach, age 62 of Belle Fourche, died Thursday, January 3, 2019 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Mass of Christian Burial took place 10:30 am Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche.

Visitation took place Monday the 7th at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, following, a Vigil Service took place at the church.

Interment was held in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to St. Paul Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

Arthur Bach was born January 17, 1956 in Belle Fourche. He was the son of Arthur and Ida (Thomas) Bach. Arty grew up in Belle Fourche, where he graduated from high school in 1974. He attended Western Dakota Tech in Sturgis, graduating in 1976. On May 26, 1979, Arty was united in marriage to Carol Dell at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Newell. Following their marriage they lived in Belle Fourche, where Arty worked for Rainbow Chevrolet. Since 1980, he has worked at American Colloid. He retired this past December due to health issues.

Arty enjoyed the outdoors, camping especially. In his younger years, he was a mem-



ber of the high school chess club, and competed in high school track and field, racing in the 100 and the 220. He enjoyed ice skating and roller skating as well. Arty was a good man, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and he will be greatly missed.

Arty is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, Jonathan of Belle Fourche, Josh (DeRae) of Belle Fourche, Justin (Ivy) of Dickinson ND; daughter, Jerrica (Jason) Jahner of Gillette WY; 15 grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Bernice (Les) Njos of Baker MT, Carol Geray of Mahnomen MN. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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The family of Soren Ostby wish to express our sincere gratitude for the thought and prayers you sent our way with the loss of our dad, grandfather, and great grandfather. The outpouring of love from Hulett and surrounding communities will always be cherished. The cards, beautiful flowers, delicious food, and donations to Sorens memorial. Your Support means more than words can say.

God Bless all of you.

Janis Mallory & Family  
Sandy Rauch & Family  
Gayleen Raber & Family  
Jolleen Knapp & Family  
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**5K  
RESOLUTION  
RUN**

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
1:30 PM  
HERRMAN PARK**

**We want to strengthen our community with a healthy start to 2019.**

The Belle Fourche Area Community Center is organizing this family event for all ages and fitness levels. The 3-mile event starts and finishes at Herrmann Park. It probably won't be warm, it may be cold, it may be snowing—who knows?! Bring a friend; get out, walk, jog, or run—JUST MOVE!

**Kids events** starting at 1:30 with 5K immediately following:  
Herrmann Park circle, • 8 & Under: One lap (1/4 mile) • 9-12 years: Two laps (1/2 mile).


**Cost:** \$25 with shirt, \$10 without shirt.

**Race Route** may change depending on 8th Avenue Project.

**Register** at BFACC or on race day at Herrmann Park.



**BFACC 1111 National Street, Belle Fourche, SD, 57717**

**Contact Tessa** for more info: (605) 892-2467



**Belle Fourche Community Calendar**

<b>Wednesday - 9</b>  Chamber Board Meeting 7am, Chamber of Commerce ▼ Chamber Luncheon 12pm, American West ▼ Belle Fourche Development Annual Meeting 5:30pm, Branding Iron Steakhouse Banquet Room  <b>Thursday - 10</b>  Downtown Revitalization Meeting 5:30pm, City Hall  <b>Fri.-Sat. - 11-12</b>  Saturday on State Occasional Markets Fri. Noon-7pm, Sat. 9am-4pm, 1401 5th Ave	<b>Saturday - 12</b>  Belle Fourche Flea Market 8am-2pm, Community Hall ▼ Le Belle Marche' 9am-4pm, Chamber of Commerce ▼ Ft Robinson Run Spaghetti Supper- AmericInn 6pm  <b>Sunday - 13</b>  BFACC Resolution Run 1:30pm, Herrmann Park  <b>Tuesday - 15</b>  Chamber Early Bird Networking and Coffee 8am, Chamber of Commerce ▼ CONBA Meeting 5:30pm, AmericInn	<b>Bingo</b> 6:30pm, Belle Fourche United Methodist Church  <b>Wednesday - 16</b>  Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp Meeting 7am, 5th & Grant Plaza  <b>Thursday - 17</b>  Belle Boutique & Salon Open House & Ribbon Cutting 5-7pm, Belle Boutique  <b>Sunday - 20</b>  Family Fun Day: All About Trees 2pm, Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center  If you would like to see a community event in the cal- endar, please email News@BelleFourcheBeacon.com.
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**Chamber Report**  
From Chamber Director Gary Wood

**Back In the Saddle**

We've all returned a little heavier from our holiday festivities and start the new year with a desire to slim down and get back to work. Hence the title "Back In the Saddle Again". My horse would be relieved if I lost a little of the holiday poundage!

Let's put our best foot forward now and go all out in 2019 to move ahead as individuals, organizations and businesses. Here are some suggestions.

Speak a good word for Belle Fourche.

Get out and exercise. We have private gyms and a city recreation center, as well as the River Walk/Bike Path on nicer days

Visit the library or take in a meal at the Senior Center and stay for bingo

Volunteer in a club, church or organization

Invite someone to Market Days here in Belle Fourche the second weekend of every month

Have someone over for dinner and a board game

Go to a Chamber Luncheon or Early Bird Coffee & Networking to learn something new and meet members of the business community

Phone someone and take them for coffee or a meal

**Belle Fourche  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

at one of our food service providers

Do what you wish someone else would do for you

Pay it forward at the grocery line or restaurant.

Try something new. How about Pickle Ball?

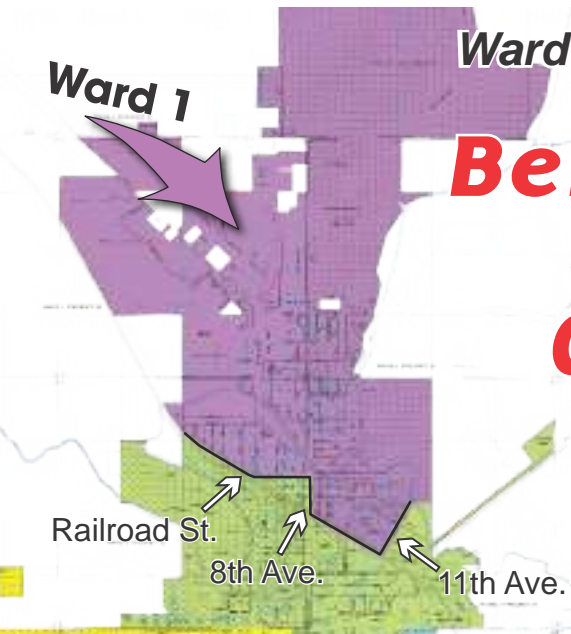
Try this as something new. If you can't say it in front of the person then let's not say it.

Encourage someone—thank someone for their service—call someone and ask if they need help.

The list could go on and on. The possibilities are endless. My daughter's coffee shop in Hettinger, ND encouraged her patrons to "Do Good" then to post their action anonymously on the chair rail in the shop. Let's do some good not for what we can get out of it—the praise of others—but just for the good of doing it. The old saying is, "Don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing". Let's just start the year and continue throughout doing good to one another in the community not caring if we get the credit.

Welcome to the New Year. Let's get into the "good saddle".

**Community Appreciation Weeks**



**Ward 1 residents – Jan. 20-26**  
**Belle Fourche Area Community Center**  
**Ward 2 residents – Feb. 17-23**  
**Ward 3 residents – March 17-23**  
**Ward 4 residents – April 14-20**  
**Outlying Residents – May 5-11**

Each week's activities include an open house with refreshments, free daily admission, activities, demonstrations, tours, and a membership special for new members.

Proof of residency required. Contact the BFACC with questions and for more information, 892-2467 or director.bfacc@midconetwork.com



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**Appreciation Weeks at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center**

Starting in January, the Belle Fourche Area Community Center will have Community Appreciation weeks. Each month through May we will feature a week of free admission, activities, demonstrations, tours, and a membership special for residents of a specific ward or area of Belle Fourche.

We will start each week with an open house on the Sunday that begins the week from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the BFACC with refreshments, tours, a schedule of activities for the week, and a chance for you to socialize and interact with BFACC staff, the board members, and city council members. Activities throughout the week will include volleyball, basketball, pickleball, racquetball, fitness classes, and swimming.

Community Appreciation Week for Ward 1 is January 20 through 26. The open house on January 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm will be hosted by Council Member Troy Shockey, Council Member and BFACC board member Monte Talkington, Executive Director Michelle Deyo-Amende, Program Coordinator Tessa Anderson-Voyles, Aquatics Manager Kathryn Bogner, Customer Service Supervisor Renee Collins, and BFACC board members Chuck Snoozy, Jean Helmer, and Dennis Simmons.

Schedule for Community Appreciation Weeks are as follows:

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Ward 2 residents – February 17 through 23

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Ward 4 residents – April 14 through 20

Outlying Belle Fourche residents – May 5 through 11

To participate in your week, you must provide proof of residency in your ward or area. You can do this by providing a utility bill, driver's license or other current form of identification with your name and physical address on it. You are only required to do this once for the entire week. The open house provides an excellent opportunity to do this. Otherwise, bring this documentation on your first visit of the week, we will verify, and you will be included on the list for access to all the amenities for the week. How do you know which ward you are in? Check out the Belle Fourche City web site at [www.bellefourche.org](http://www.bellefourche.org). There is a "maps" tab on the left side of the page.

Contact Michelle at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center with for more info at 892-2467 or via email at [directorbfacc@midconetwork.com](mailto:directorbfacc@midconetwork.com).



## A large group of people, mostly young adults, posing for a group photo in a large, dimly lit room with stone walls and a wooden railing in the foreground. The group is arranged in many rows, filling the room. They are dressed in casual winter clothing. The room has high ceilings and stone walls, with some lights visible in the background. A wooden railing is in the immediate foreground.



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Dec 11	Broncs-Sturgis Brown	51-48	Dec 11	Broncs-Sturgis	45-81
Dec 14	Broncs- Sundance, WY	69-23	Dec 14	Broncs-Sundance	68-55
Dec 15	Broncs-Newcastle, WY	63-25	Dec 15	Broncs-Newcastle	58-55
Dec 21	Broncs-Lemmon	65-40	Dec 18	Broncs- New Underwood	56-27
Dec 28	Broncs-Aberdeen Roncalli	59-55	Dec 21	Broncs- Lemmon	52-61
	@ Rapid City Cv. Ctr.		Dec 28	Broncs-Aberdeen Roncalli	34-63
Dec. 29	Broncs-Madison	51-40		@ RCity CvCntr	
	@ Rapid City Cv. Ctr.		Dec 29	Broncs-Madison	31-60
Jan 05	Broncs-Red Cloud	43-40		@ RCity CvCntr	
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## Belle Fourche District School Menu

**BREAKFAST - K-12**  
**Monday Jan. 14**

- Fresh Baked Ham, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit
- Cereal Choices with Toast

**Tuesday Jan. 15**

- Pancake Sausage Stick
- Cereal Choices with Toast

**Wednesday Jan. 16**

- Yogurt with Goldfish Grahams
- Cereal Choices with Toast

**Thursday Jan. 17**

- Fresh Baked Caramel Roll
- Cereal Choices with Toast

**LUNCH - K-4**  
**Monday Jan. 14**

- French Toast Sticks with Syrup Dipping Sauce

**Tuesday Jan. 15**

- Southwest Pulled Pork Nachos
- Ham, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich
- Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub
- Crispy Chicken Deli Wrap
- Ham & Cheese Snackable

**Wednesday Jan. 16**

- Traditional Beefy Lasagna
- Pork Fritter Sandwich
- Freshly Baked Egg Salad Sub
- Turkey Combo Deli Wrap
- Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips

**Thursday Jan. 17**

- Cheese Pizza
- Pepperoni Pizza
- Popcorn Chicken Bites
- Fresh Baked Combo Sub
- Oriental Salad with Roasted Flatbread
- Pizza Snackable

**LUNCH - MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Monday Jan. 14**

- French Toast Sticks & Sausage
- Baked Breaded Fish Sandwich
- Fresh Baked Turkey & Cheese Sub
- Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread
- Turkey & Cheddar Deli Wrap

**Tuesday Jan. 15**

- Southwest Pulled Pork Nachos
- Ham, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich
- Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub
- Crispy Chicken Deli Wrap
- Ham & Cheese Snackable

**Wednesday Jan. 16**

- Traditional Beefy Lasagna
- Pork Fritter Sandwich
- Freshly Baked Egg Salad Sub
- Turkey Combo Deli Wrap
- Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips

**Thursday Jan. 17**

- Cheese Pizza
- Pepperoni Pizza
- Popcorn Chicken Bites
- Fresh Baked Combo Sub
- Oriental Salad with Roasted Flatbread
- Pizza Snackable

**LUNCH - HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Monday Jan. 14**

- French Toast Sticks & Sausage
- Baked Fish & Cheese Sandwich
- Fresh Baked Turkey & Cheese Sub
- Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread
- Turkey & Cheddar Deli Wrap

**Tuesday Jan. 15**

- Southwest Pulled Pork Nachos
- Ham, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich
- Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub
- Crispy Chicken Deli Wrap
- Ham & Cheese Snackable

**Wednesday Jan. 16**

- 'Rito In-cog-neato: Chili Relleno 'Rito
- Pork Fritter Sandwich
- Fresh Baked Egg Salad Sub
- Turkey Combo Deli Wrap
- Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips

**Thursday Jan. 17**

- Pizza Hut Pizza
- Popcorn Chicken Bites with Dinner Roll
- Fresh Baked Combo Sub
- Oriental Salad with Roasted Flatbread
- Pizza Snackable

**LUNCH - HIGH SCHOOL GRILL STATION**  
**Monday Jan. 14**

- Cheeseburger
- Popcorn Chicken Bites
- Oven Roasted Hot Dog
- Personal Pan Pepperoni Pizza

**Tuesday Jan. 15**

- Bacon Cheeseburger
- Crispy Chicken Sandwich
- Mozzarella Bosca Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce
- Fresh Baked Sausage Pizza


**Wednesday Jan. 16**

- Cheeseburger
- Spicy Chicken Sandwich
- Oven Roasted Hot Dog
- Fresh Baked Pepperoni Pizza

**Thursday Jan. 17**


- Bacon Cheeseburger

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## Bronc Wrestlers Place Five at Monster Quad

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The Bronc Wrestlers won 3 duals at the St. Thomas More Quadrangular on Jan. 3 before finishing 11th out of 23 teams at the Mid-State Monstor, in Presho over the past weekend.

In Rapid the Bronc squad had wins over St. Thomas More 72-6; Hill City 78-6; and Spearfish 45-36. Thomas McCoy (113) and Hunter Quenzer, (126), both were 3-0 on the night with Quenzer the only Bronc wrestler to win his three matches with pins.

Cayden Wolfe (145), Jaredon Dosch (152), Chase Bickerdyke (160), and Cade Bickerdyke (170) all had two falls on the night. D'Angelo Garduna (120), Joe Hanson (132), Jason Carr (138), Brooks Clooten (220), and Michael Streeter (285) each contributed a pin each to the evenings work.

Coach Bill Abel said that, "Thursday's dual win over the Spartans was the first time in 12 years, or maybe longer that we beat them. My guys were stepping up and wrestled well."

The squad then travel to Presho where five team members won places. Chase Bickerdyke led with a 5th place medal at 160. Joe Hanson (132) and Michael Streeter (285) both finished 6th in theirw respective weight classes. Walker Horn (195) and Jaredon Dosch (152) completed the place winners finishing 8th.

Coach Abel commenting, "we placed two more wrestlers than the year before in a tougher tournament."

This year's meet included first place team, the Pierre Governors. Winner finished 2nd, Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes 3rd, and Custer 4th.

Thomas McCoy (113), Hunter Quenzer (126), Cayden Wolfe (145), Sean Wahfelt (182), and Tye Davis (195) although not placing, added team points with wins at the event.

Coach Bill Abell's squad will take part in the Martin JV/Varsity Invite on Saturday, January 12th.

## Lady Broncs Start Year with Win #8



**Good Defense** and end of 4th Quarter steals sealed the win for the Lady Broncs. Rylee Young with a steal and a layup *Courtesy Photo*



**All Eyes on the ball.** Seniors Rylee Young and Payson Birkland establish great position for a defensive rebound as Savannah Rosales and Harley Fischer set for assistance *Courtesy Photo*

**CHRIS RILEY**  
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The lone trio of seniors on the roster led the Belle Fourche Lady Broncs to another close victory, this time over Red Cloud, 46-43, in Pine Ridge to extend their season-opening winning streak to eight games.

Rylee Young and Ashley Byrd finished with 13 points apiece, while fellow senior Payson Birkeland chipped in seven points and 15 rebounds in the victory.

Belle Fourche, now 8-0 with the victory, led 20-19 at the half.

In the JV game, Belle Fourche suffered a 40-36 defeat. Freshman Kaylin Garza led the Lady Broncs with 13 points while junior Savannah Rosales added nine points.

In C game action, Belle Fourche claimed a 36-28 win. Eighth-grader Tia Williamson led the way with 14 points while sophomore Hayley Wilbur scored 10.

**Varsity Box Score**

BF	8	20	35	46
RC	6	19	30	43
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**Red Cloud Crusaders 51**  
**Belle Fourche Broncs 40**

Belle Fourche traveled to Pine Ridge on Saturday, January 5th and fell to the Red Cloud Crusaders in boys' varsity basket-

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**5' 11" Senior Taten Fox** goes to the hoop for a pair of his team leading 10 points against Red Cloud *Courtesy photo*



**Junior Kelby Olson (10)** fires a jump shot in action against the Red Cloud Crusaders in Pine Ridge. Chandler Kerr (24) moves in after the shot. *Courtesy Photo-*





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# From Feedlot to Fine Homebuilding

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The road map to get from owning and operating a feedlot to becoming a Belle Fourche housing developer, if there was one, would be interesting. If it did exist, chances are that Paul Ringling would have tossed it aside and charted his own course.

In 2006 Paul Ringling and his family packed up their belongings and moved to Belle Fourche. The Platte, SD native was the Managing partner of a group that purchased what was known as the “Golden Plains Feedlot” south and east of Fruitdale.

The family rented a home on the west edge of Belle and Paul quietly went to work upgrading and rebuilding the feedlot. It had suffered much neglect over the years and what was, in 1984 declared as the most modern, state of the art feedlot in cattle country by *Feedlot Magazine* was back in operation.

Repairs made it functional again and Paul continued improving and kept it operational and continued on until 2015 when it was sold to a Aberdeen, SD area operation.

After the first year Paul and family moved from the rented house to a new family home on the east side of Belle (in which they currently reside).

Paul and Lisa have two children. Andrew, a student at SDSU studying to pursue a career in Aviation (don’t be surprised if you step onto an airline someday and your pilot is announced as Captain “Ringling”); and a daughter Caitlin, a Senior at BFHS.

The home they built had many special features that reflected the creative natures of Paul and his wife Lisa.

It was a move from home renter to home owner and appeared that in addition to that step, it would put Paul closer to work at the east of town feedlot.

In hindsight, though not apparent until the present time, it began to unveil the keen insight into fine homebuilding.

Paul’s acumen for business (and fishing) was learned from his father, H.T. Ringling.

H.T. was a Platte, SD cattle feeder, cattle buyer and business man.

He is now deceased, but when in business, bought a large number of cattle out of the

sale barns of this area (Belle, St. Onge, and Sturgis). He was known to all as a man who knew cattle and was a shrewd businessman, and always honest and fair to all.

He was known in hard economic times to take an interest in, and to have helped dozens of farmers and ranchers keep their operations going.

Paul stepped into the broader scope of business when in addition to farm and ranch operations, he became one of the founders and owners of Pharmco.

It started in the first half of the 1990’s. Pharmco sold animal health products and did business from a top-floor room in the Platte sale barn. Fast forward to the present, and it has four locations offering a wide array of services and products, and a team of experts. Chronologically as follows:

1994 – Todd Marsh, Paul Ringling, and Phil Johnson started Pharmco.

The first location was in Platte. Paul and Phil are still involved in Pharmco today.

1995 – Pharmco expanded with a location in Chamberlain.

1996 – Chris Nelson, who is now General Manager, and one of the part owners, began working at Pharmco as an intern. In 1997, he went full-time.

1999 – Tony Donovan, Chamberlain Store Manager, began working at Pharmco.

2001 – Nate Timmerman, Platte Store Manager, was hired.

2003 – A Pharmco location was added in Winner.

2004 – Tom Gordon of Scotland, SD, came to work for Pharmco.

2012 – Pharmco added a location in the Kimball area, and Myron Veurink, Kimball Store Manager, was hired.

2014 – Dr. Dave Thompson, DVM, joined the Pharmco team.

2016 – Rich Wetzler, Winner Store Manager, joined the staff.

Although not in the stores on a day to day basis, Paul is still a vital part of the strength and wisdom of the organization.

Well, that is history, but our story is about today.

Well, Paul is in the business of “fine homebuilding” as he develops homes and apartment opportunities in Belle Fourche.

We asked Paul what made him go from the feedlot to housing development. He said



**DACAR ADDITION** - Two car garage 2 bedroom, 2 bath single family home under construction.



**HAT RANCH** - Single family residence built in the Hat Ranch subdivision south of Belle.



**RENTAL** - One of two triplex rental homes built on Dacar Street by developer Paul Ringling.



**DEVELOPER PAUL RINGLING** surveys the patio view off the large open Kitchen/Dining/Living area in Dacar subdivision 2BR, 2 Bath one level house he is building. It is being built for sale. - *Beacon Photos*

that he had “actually been thinking about it for a number of years”. Once, while a young man in Platte, a builder and he discussed building 4 plexes in Montana. The conversation intrigued Paul and he had thought for years about ways to incorporate efficiencies into the building process. Years of self-sufficiency and “do-it-yourself” feedlot and cattle work is a hands on training ground.

The well thought out designs and efficiencies are a trademark of the work Paul is doing now as he has built two triplex rental

apartments on Dacar Street off 13th Avenue; completed a home in the Hat Ranch addition south of Belle; and currently building a two bedroom, two bath one level single family residence in the Dacar addition.

He has additional lots in the Dacar addition and on 13th Avenue for further development.

Paul humbly states he doesn’t have any building tools, he hires reliable professional contractor’s to do the work.

What he doesn’t share is that what he brings to the development is keenly honed manage-

ment skills, creative design elements, and a “do it right” attitude. Necessary “tools” on any project.

Paul is optimistic about the future of Belle Fourche. He believes it is ripe for investment and positive long term growth.

Of course Paul comes from a tradition of optimism and cautious, studied investment.

He carries on a strong family tradition. He was born and raised to work, think, and not to make many mistakes (and he’s a pretty fair fisherman too).





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# Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

I am always somewhat amazed when I read or hear about fascinating things others do. President Franklin Roosevelt had a neat party trick he would perform. He would take an outline map of the United States and ask someone to draw a straight line across, border to border, in any direction they wanted. The President would then name every county in every state that the line passed through. He was said to have never made a mistake.

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One of the great things about living in this part of world we know that no matter how much snow and cold we may get, in a week's time it can be gone and forgotten.

One winter in the mid nineties when cold and snow lingered in the area to the point where it was widely felt that it had become "a dang inconvenience" I heard a fellow comment, "I'm going to take my snow shovel; put it over

my shoulder; and head south until someone asks me, What is that thing your carrying? That is where I'm moving to. (This year if someone in Arizona asks what is that you're carrying, keep going south.)

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Family members who are in business together should never have a free exchange of information and ideas, or debate their points of philosophy in public.

A casual observer may witness and not fully understand the intricacies of the working relationship.

Participants outside the family circle should not be expected to understand the allowable discourse if such an incident should occur. Rules may change from sandbox to sandbox.

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Calls to mind quote from Winston Churchill: " You will never get to the end of the journey if you stop to shy a stone at

every dog that barks."

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Another Churchill: "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense."

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"Show me the money you saved." This was a phrase, as a youngster, I oft heard from Ralph Nachtigal at the Platte Enterprise. Mrs. N., practiced bargain shopper that she was, would from time to time stop to see Ralph with some item of inestimable value and announce the "steal" of a price that she paid for the item and say how much she "saved" by her prudent shopping skills. Dollar amounts less than what it was originally marked or amounts of money saved from what it was really worth. His predictable response was "just show me the money you that you saved." I want to see that

money. I don't want it, just let me look at it."

I probably shouldn't be writing on this subject. As a male member of our species I'm not qualified, as I've failed every spousal shopping test known.

I exhibit the kind of blind audacity that allows one to walk into a store knowing what it is that they'd like to buy; look at it; pick it up; take to the checkout; pay; and head for car. (In many instances in considerably less than five minutes.

Before I became better acquainted with the "rules" of shopping, and more thoroughly trained, I might even have suggested to other members of my family, "I'm done, are you ready to go too?" That ill proposed question has gone the way of "tongue on the flagpole". Knowing the outcome, the act needs no repetition to reinforce the fact you won't

change the outcome.

As long as I'm confessing to past sins you might be surprised to know that I have been known to purchase the first thing I see, when I should have known full well that there are at least three other places in town that sell similar items and I should have looked at those first. How was I to know that kind of shopping isn't permitted?

It is a practice I have observed in others only to watch them return to the place they started and buy the "thing" they looked at first. Efficiency of effort is not allowable in the "mores" of shopping.

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I'll end on another Churchill. He was talking about war, but it applies to much in life: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

See how that fits into shopping with your spouse?



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Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT.....	2.....	Blk Cow ...	1540 .....	\$59.50
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT.....	17.....	Blk Cow ...	1285 .....	\$56.75
Perry Ranch Inc, Sheridan WY.....	2.....	Blk Cow ...	1520 .....	\$64.50
Perry Ranch Inc, Sheridan WY.....	7.....	Blk Cow ...	1284 .....	\$61.50
Quade, Ted, Broadus MT.....	9.....	Blk Cow ...	1373 .....	\$61.25
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD.....	2.....	Red Cow ...	1482 .....	\$60.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Red Cow ...	1450 .....	\$64.00
Two Tone Cattle Co, Spearfish SD.....	2.....	Red Cow ...	1320 .....	\$61.75
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk Cow ...	1445 .....	\$59.50
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Blk Cow ...	1150 .....	\$71.00
Weigel, Raymond, Broadus MT.....	1.....	Rbld Cow ...	1415 .....	\$57.50

Friday - January 11, 2019

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Bred Cows

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- 50 Blk Short Term Cows – Bred Blk – 3/20  
- 20 Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – May Calving  
Brett & Rhonda Stirling – 100 Blk 3 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk Sons Of Cedar Ridge –  
3/20 For 50 Days  
Rueben Tarver – 80 Blk Running Age Cows – Bred Blk – 4/20  
Staple 3 Sheep Company – 50 Blk & Red Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – 4/1  
Bush Ranch – 40 Blk Short Term Cows – Bred Blk – 4/1  
Jensen Ranch - 26 Red 3 Yr To Broken Mouth Cows – Bred Red Sim & Angus – 3/1  
Gary Holst – 25 Blk Short Term Cows – Bred Blk – 3/25  
Kale Kretschman – 22 Blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk – 3/1  
Lance & Peggy Hubbard – Dispersion – 17 Herf Mixed Age Cows – Bred Herf – 3/10

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Sheep Report - January 3, 2019

Just Under 1000 Hd Today. Not Many Light Lambs In The Offering But They Sold  
Steady. Lambs 70 To 100# Sold \$5 To \$10 Higher. Lambs Over 100# Sold Steady.  
Slaughter Ewes Sold Steady

Next Sale - January 10Th - Regular Sheep Sale  
Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Harrison, Richard Or Stacy, Fruitdale SD ...	64.....	Lambs.....	89 .....	\$173.00
Harrison, Richard Or Stacy, Fruitdale SD ...	18.....	Lambs.....	100 .....	\$161.00
Franke, Keith, Belle Fourche SD.....	10.....	Lambs.....	69 .....	\$206.00
Franke, Keith, Belle Fourche SD.....	55.....	Lambs.....	90 .....	\$172.00
Franke, Keith, Belle Fourche SD.....	26.....	Lambs.....	109 .....	\$135.00
Mathews, Max, Bison SD.....	9.....	Lambs.....	80 .....	\$180.00
Mathews, Max, Bison SD.....	82.....	Lambs.....	95 .....	\$166.00
Akers, Raymond, Lodgepole SD.....	40.....	Lambs.....	97 .....	\$157.00
Akers, Raymond, Lodgepole SD.....	25.....	Lambs.....	114 .....	\$135.00
Capp Brothers, Nisland SD.....	12.....	Lambs.....	79 .....	\$180.00
Clarkson Livestock, Buffalo SD.....	8.....	Lambs.....	68 .....	\$206.00
Clarkson, Shirley, Buffalo SD.....	23.....	Lambs.....	69 .....	\$200.00
Kindsfater, Alan, Belle Fourche SD.....	26.....	Lambs.....	78 .....	\$179.00
Kindsfater, Alan, Belle Fourche SD.....	38.....	Lambs.....	95 .....	\$167.00
Mansfield, Jim, Norris SD.....	11.....	Lambs.....	92 .....	\$168.00
Mansfield, Jim, Norris SD.....	28.....	Lambs.....	111 .....	\$137.00
Swan, Tj, Buffalo SD.....	6.....	Lambs.....	75 .....	\$180.00
Swan, Tj, Buffalo SD.....	12.....	Lambs.....	91 .....	\$168.00

Slaughter Ewes

4 K Feeders, Nisland SD.....	19.....	Klr Ewes .....	141 .....	\$56.00
4 K Feeders, Nisland SD.....	16.....	Klr Ewes .....	133 .....	\$56.00
Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD.....	16.....	Klr Ewes .....	173 .....	\$56.00
Capp Brothers, Nisland SD.....	8.....	Klr Ewes .....	177 .....	\$56.00
Capp Brothers, Nisland SD.....	5.....	Klr Ewes .....	155 .....	\$56.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD.....	5.....	Klr Ewes .....	146 .....	\$56.00
Orwick, Jack Or Cindy, Newell SD.....	13.....	Klr Ewes .....	168 .....	\$55.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND.....	17.....	Klr Ewes .....	169 .....	\$56.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

January 10, 2019  
1:00 PM  
Regular Sheep Sale

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Upcoming Sheep Sale 2019

JANUARY 10th – REGULAR SHEEP SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
JANUARY 17th – Replacement EWE & Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats  
JANUARY 25th – REGULAR SHEEP SALE – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

## High Plains Center Receives \$150,000 Gift of Land

Gives boost of  
confidence as plans for  
capital campaign unfold.

BEACON STAFF

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SPEARFISH- The High  
Plains Western Heritage Center  
property has just expanded by  
9.5 acres thanks to a gift of land  
from North Park Plaza, LLC.  
The land, valued at \$150,000  
gives the Heritage Center a big  
initial boost of confidence as  
they prepare for an upcoming  
capital campaign.

“It’s hard to put into words  
what such a gift as this means  
to us,” said Karla Scovell,  
HPWHC Executive Director.  
“How do you say thank you  
for something that gives us  
more room to dream and dream  
bigger and something that says  
to the community ‘we believe  
in you.’ It means more than we  
can ever say”

Three members of the North  
Park Plaza group, Joe Jor-  
gensen, Rick Furnish and Steve  
Williams made a presentation of  
the deed of the property to the  
HPWHC Board of Directors on  
Saturday morning Jan. 5.

“Several years ago we bought  
40 acres in this area and slowly  
developed it,” said Jorgensen.  
“There was a little over nine  
acres in front of the heritage  
center left that we felt needed to



**O GIVE ME LAND** - Lots of land, as a matter of fact. North Park Plaza LLC of Spearfish donated 9.5 acres in front of the High  
Plains Western Heritage Center (HPWHC) valued at \$150,000 to help kick off their 2019-20 capital campaign. The deed was for-  
mally presented to the Board of Directors on Saturday Jan. 5th, 2019. From left; Steve Williams, North Park Plaza; Terry Matson,  
Jim Clarkson, HPWHC Board Members; Rick Furnish and Joe Jorgensen, North Park Plaza; Tom Matthews, HPWHC Vice Pres-  
ident; John Nelson, HPWHC Treasurer; Doris Richter and Kurt Manke, HPWHC Board Members; and Karla Scovell, HPWHC  
Executive Director.

remain open space. We decided  
that the best thing to do was to  
gift it to the Heritage Center.”

“Part of the beauty of the  
area where we live are the open  
spaces,” said Williams. “So to  
have this here and undeveloped  
will be really nice.”

“It was totally unexpected

and we are really appreciative  
of it,” said Board Member  
Doris Richter, whose father, Ed  
Gardner was one of the found-  
ers of the HPWHC. “My father  
would have been very proud  
and thankful for this deed. For  
a while we’ve been the building  
up on the hill. Now this says the

community is behind us.”

The land lies between the  
north edge of the Center’s  
property and the south side of  
the new Knechts. It will remain  
open, providing a clear sightline  
up the hillside to the museum  
and will also allow a possible  
new front entrance to the center.

“The main thing for this piece  
of property is that it will tie  
this building down the hillside  
with no development so that  
it will become a landscape of  
open space,” said HPWHC Vice  
President Tom Matthews. “It



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## Kelli Out West

by Kelli Kissack

The National Finals Rodeo wrapped up last December in a historic fashion. The prize money was tallied and the World Champion honors were bestowed. Lives changed forever. Then, everyone went home. Home to their families to rest, recover and take a deep breath after ten intense days of competition. The nature of rodeo is that things happen quickly. In just ten days, someone can go from “promising competitor” to “World Champion.” In a sport where many competitors labor for months without TV time or much recognition at all, ten days of camera coverage, national exposure, and large amounts of prize money make it easy to believe in the idea of an “overnight success.”

The reality is that world champions are made in all the moments when the cameras aren’t watching. Our Buffalo, SD, cowgirl Jessica Routier (her story was shared in an earlier edition of the Beacon- photo below right) is a perfect example. After ten days of competition, Jessica and her horse Fiery Miss West (aka “Missy”) earned themselves more than \$150,000 and the title of Reserve World Champion. Many people outside of South Dakota had never heard of Jessica before she made a splash at this year’s NFR. Yet the talented cowgirl, trainer, mom, and rancher spent a lifetime preparing for those moments. Years of rodeo competition and honing her skills paid off in a big way on rodeo’s most visible stage. Rapid City cowboy Shane O’Connell also made the Black Hills proud in the bareback riding event. The NFR Rookie performed like a seasoned competitor and finished tenth in the world standings.

The truth is that our wonderful community has a deep rodeo heritage, deeper than many

citizens realize. Countless rodeo competitors have emerged on the national rodeo stage and represented our community well. People like Marvin and Mark Garrett (photo below), brothers who are both in the PRCA Hall of Fame and together represent 5 world titles in the bareback riding. Cowboys like Clint Johnson, a 4-time world champion saddle bronc rider, the Elshere family, and more.

Think of the impact of the Myers family of St. Onge and their great stallion Frenchman’s Guy. His genetics have touched countless horses that excel in the rodeo arena. Also consider Oelrichs cowgirl and rancher Lisa Lockhart, one of the best barrel racers of all time, and her famous gelding, Louie. The Black Hills Round-up is not to be forgotten. Recently inducted into the PRCA Hall of Fame, this historic rodeo brings top rodeo competitors from all over the world to our dear community of Belle Fourche. The South Dakota State High School Finals has also called Belle Fourche home for the past decade.

The next time you drive down State Street and see the bronze sculptures of the Garrett brothers or cruise past the rodeo grounds, now peacefully covered in snow, think of all the history that has made Belle Fourche, Butte County, and the Black Hills an important place for South Dakota’s official state sport of rodeo. Even if you are not a rodeo competitor or an equine enthusiast, that is community history of which you can be proud.

Blessings to you and yours this January. Make 2019 the year that you live fearlessly!

- Kelli Kissack

**RUNS IN THE FAMILY** - Multi-time World Bareback Champions Mark (left) and Marvin Garrett (right) of Belle Fourche.

## The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

*Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.*

## A Year of Time

Written by Steven B. Cloud

...Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomforting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year.

As we look into 2019 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year’s block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

And this from Slim McNaught for the New Year:

### A Gift from the Past

It needs brought to folks attention that a cowboy on a pension Is a restless soul and sure looks outta place with that battered hat pulled down he prowls around the town Eyes alert for any friendly face.

*The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson nearly 2 decades ago. The Beacon is the only newspaper that it appears in. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00*

**ROUNDING FOR HOME** - Buffalo, SD, Barrel Racer Jessica Routier earned more than \$150,000 at the 2018 WNFR in Las Vegas. She finished as runner-up in the WPRA World Standings after competing in 58 rodeos during an outstanding 2018 season.

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## Dollar General Store to Open Sooner Than Expected

Store will hire at least six employees plus temporary help.

**COLLEEN BRUNNER**  
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NEWELL – “Our opening date was in March, but has been moved up to January 24,” said Dollar General District Manager Dana Fuhrman, at the job fair at Newell city hall on Thursday, January 3. “That means I have to get things accomplished quickly.

Fuhrman said they plan to hire at least six local people for a variety of positions, including assistant manager, sales manager and sales representatives. They will also be hiring temporary staff to help arrange the store and stock the shelves prior to the opening. She held a job fair/interview session all day on Thursday and said she was very happy with the turnout, although people can still contact her at 629-867-8458 or by email

at dfuhrman@dollargeneral.com if they are interested in some position. You can also apply at [www.dg.com/careers](http://www.dg.com/careers) or text CAREER to 34898.

“Our mission is to serve others in small towns,” said Fuhrman. She said DG has a practice of locating stores in smaller communities to help provide for needs that might not be provided by other businesses.

She said the new store in Newell will be laid out in the DG18 prototype, which is the newest configuration for stores that Dollar General has.

“It will be a beautiful store with spacious aisle and a good inventory,” said Fuhrman. Overall she feels the reception of the location in Newell has been positive and she hopes this store will fill a vital need in the local area.



**COMING SOON** - The Dollar General store, currently in the last phase of construction, will soon be open. District Manager Dana Fuhrmann said the soft opening will be January 24, original plans called for a March opening. . - Colleen Brunner photo

## NHS Girls’ Track Hoists Banner



**READY FOR DISPLAY** - The Newell 2018 Girls Track team received the banner marking their State 3rd place finish last spring. It will hang in Austin Auditorium. - Colleen Brunner photo

## N-V-N Area Sports Roundup

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NEWELL -It was a weekend of basketball for the Newell school district as the Irrigators hosted the Lemmon Cowboys and Cowgirls on Thursday, and the McIntosh Tigers on Friday. It was a double header both days with boys’ and girls’ games.

On Thursday, January 3, the two home teams went down to defeat against two tough Lemmon teams. The girls stuck with Lemmon in the first period with 12 points to the Cowgirls 14. They had a bad second quarter notching nine points, with Lemmon managing just 11 to end the half with the opponents up 25-21.

Dana Youngberg hit five field goals in the third period and Newell put 15 points on the boards, while Lemmon exceeded that by three at 18. At the end of three it was 43-36 Cowgirls. Although the Lady Gators finished strong with another eight points from Youngberg, and 15 points in the period total, Lemmon had enough of a lead with 11 more points to take the game, 54-51.

“We just need to put four good quarters together,” said Coach Scott Wince. “It was tough to play into the 2-3 zone. Our girls just need to be patient.

In boys’ action against Lemmon, it was a bit of the same scenario. Newell started the game by taking the first period 14-12. However, the second quarter was dismal for the Irrigators as they were outscored by the Cowboys, 30-14, leaving Newell down 42-28 at the half.

Things got a bit better in the third period as Newell picked up the pace, notching 18 points on the boards to just 11 for Lemmon. The Irrigators spread their scoring around so Lemmon had a hard time focusing on one player.

The fourth period put the opponents on top with a gap of three, 18-15 and the game 71-61. Although the Irrigators lost the game, Coach Trevor Fiedler said he was happy with the way they played, and the fact that they showed more control.

In action on the second night action things turned for the better for both teams. It was rock ‘em, stomp ‘em time for the Lady Irrigators as they rolled over the McIntosh Tigers by 20 points, 54-34 at the end of four periods of play.

The two teams were even when the buzzer rang for the end of the first period, 9-9. The Lady Irrigators only outscored the Tigers by two in the second, 18-16, giving them a slight edge going into the third period. They came out with all guns blazing in the third though, as they doubled McIntosh’s score and ended the third period up 39-31. The final period was dismal for the Tigers as they put just three points on the boards. Newell hit for 15, giving them a decisive victory, 54-34.

“They looked a lot better tonight, more patient,” said Wince of his girls.

Fiedler was happy with his boys’ team as well, as they rocked a 65-44 victory and totally dominated the game from start to finish.

They outscored the Tigers by 10 points in the first period, 17-7, and kept the tempo going through the second quarter, 21-14. This gave them a 17-point edge going into the third period. At the end of three quarters, Hutton Weeldryer had hit 19 points for Newell. Payton Burtzlaff had put 15 points on the boards and the Irrigators finished the third period on top 55-37.

Fiedler put subs in for a good chunk of the final period, not willing to keep pushing. Still Newell outscored McIntosh, 10-3, ending the game with the win, 65-44.

The homestand continues for the Newell boys and girls teams as they host Custer on the 17th and Hulett, WY, on the 18th.



**TAKING UP STRONG** - (Left) Dana Youngberg hits for two of her game-high 23 points against Lemmon Thursday night. (Right) David Morell proves he can jump as he puts in a bucket over the heads of his opponents on Thursday, in the game against Lemmon . - Colleen Brunner photos



**INSIDE EDGE** - Austin Alexander looks to pass to Kassidy Weeldryer under the bucket during the Newell/McIntosh contest Friday night.. - Colleen Brunner photo





# Area Students Well Represented on BHSU Dean’s List

SPEARFISH - The Office of Academic Affairs at Black Hills State University has released the Dean’s List for the fall 2018 semester. A total of 709 students maintained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher while taking at least 12 credit hours. Students are listed by hometown or current place of residence. Students that achieved a 4.0 GPA are recognized with an asterisk (\*).



The Office of Academic Affairs at BHSU has also released the part-time Dean’s List for the fall 2018 semester. A total of 151 students maintained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher while taking less than 12 credit hours. Students are listed by hometown or current place of residence. Students that achieved a 4.0 GPA are recognized with an asterisk (\*).

**Full Time Dean’s List - Belle Fourche & Butte County Area**  
Courtney Buchholz\*, Exercise Science; Fallon Budmayr\*, Exercise Science; Kelli Clem Elementary Education; Christel Dodd, Applied Health Sciences; Vanessa Falzerano\*, Business Administration; Summer Fish\*, Studio Art; Daniel Harris\*, Elementary Education; Michelle

Harris\*, Elementary Education; Cameron Hendricks, Exploratory Studies; Daxton Keegan\*, Special Education; Raymie Keegan, Elementary Education; Janie McAmis, Exercise Science; Alejandra Meza, History; Mikenzie Mikkelsen, Chemistry; Matthew Mitchell\*, Business Administration; Megan Mitchell\*, Elementary Education; Annie Piek-

kola\*, American Indian Studies; Seth Pomrenke, Composite Math/Science; Amber Ranken\*, Elementary Education; Rebekah Ruby\*, Business Administration; Michael Ryan, Business Administration; Morgan Seymour, Business Administration; Connie Sin, Business Administration; Fawn Stone, Composite Social Science; Philip Thomas, Physical Education; Amanda Wolterstorff, English.

**Full Time Dean’s List - Butte County Area:**  
**Buffalo, SD:**  
Fick Esmari, Exercise Science; Clayton Koch, Exercise Science; Sierra Stugelmeyer\*, Elementary Education;  
**Fruitdale, SD:**  
Deaundra Kolb\*, Elementary Education; KeAnna Ward\*, Elementary Education;

Sierra Ward\*, Composite Math/Science.  
**Newell, SD**  
Jessica Kirby, Mass Communications; Amber Wallace, Elementary Education.  
**Saint Onge, SD**  
Erika Redinger\*Physical Science; Hannah Rehmeier, Music

Education; Kyle Rehmeier, Physical Science;  
**Aladdin, WY**  
Kendrick Larson, Applied Health Sciences.  
**Beulah, WY**  
Krista Drentlaw, Business Administration.  
**Part Time Dean’s List - Belle**

**Fourche**  
Aaron Bauerly\*, English; Sarah Bradley, Applied Health Sciences; Maryanne Darling-Reich, Business Administration; Victoria Dungey\*, Biology; Sandra Kringen, Business Administration; Emily Reese\*, Exercise Science.



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## Time to Plan Your Next Hunt

With 2019 upon us it's time to be thinking about your next hunting adventure. Here are some tips to guide that process and help you prepare for success.

**BRIAN MEHMEN**  
Founder - Rolling Bones Outfitters

Over the years I have been blessed to hunt throughout the North American continent and even below the equator in Argentina. I have chased waterfowl, upland game birds, doves and numerous big game species. But no matter the hunt, whether it's Dal Sheep in Alaska or Pronghorn in South Dakota, I still ask the same question when considering what to hunt next. Will I succeed?

**Lots of Questions**  
There are a lot of choices when it comes to hunting. And deciding where to go and what to hunt means asking yourself some important questions. Will I find the game I'm looking for? Will they be in the numbers that I am expecting? Will there be surprise expenses I wasn't planning on?

**Trying Something New Isn't Always Natural**  
Often times we just default to what we've done before. It's easier that way and we don't have to think about the unknowns. I certainly get that. In fact, I almost always order the same thing at my favorite restaurant instead of trying something new. And there's nothing wrong with that at all. But there will probably come a time when you're ready to take a step into the unknown and try something new. And for that, I have some advice to make your decisions a bit more solid and perhaps take some of the mystery out of trying a new hunting adventure.

**1. Make A List**  
The first thing I do is make a list of the species I'd like to hunt. Don't hold back. Think big and bold. But also include species that you've hunted before and know a lot about; deer, goose, pheasant, elk, Black Bear, Desert Sheep, antelope, etc.

**2. Budget**  
The second thing I do is make a budget. Sometimes it's helpful to write down three dollar amounts. The first, the amount that you know you can afford, the second would be an amount above that where you'd have to save up a bit to afford. And the third would be a stretch goal.

For example, take your second figure and double it. This might be a hunt you'd save up for over a 12-18 month period.

**3. Time**  
The third thing I do is write down how much time I have in my schedule. This could be anything from an afternoon, to an upcoming 3-day weekend, or perhaps a 10-day vacation that you've got coming. Consider what is most realistic given your situation.

**Plan With Your Family**  
I put all these thoughts on a



**CRAZY MULEY** - The Rolling Bones TV hosts pose with a non-typical mule deer Brian harvested on a hunt with the guys in Nebraska. From left; Brian Mehmen, Brad Dana and Marc Casavan. Watch this show on the RBO YouTube channel.

single sheet of paper and then start planning with my family. This is very important and might be the hardest part. If you were like me, you'd enjoy hunting practically anytime, anywhere. But truth is, we have to honor things that are more important than ourselves. For example, I have a son in high school and a son in college. My wife and I have a business outside of Rolling Bones Outfitters that is also a big part of our lives. So, when I write it all down, here's about what it looks like.

Species	Budget	Time Off
Elk	\$2,500	5 days in Sept.
Mule deer		4 days in Oct.
Pheasants		
Moose		

**Use the List**  
Here is what I look at next. What lines up? I know moose is probably out with this budget for this year and the amount of time I have off is most likely not adequate for a moose hunt. Moose might have to wait till next year. Perhaps it fits with your second or third budget figure and you can begin planning now. But for this year, with moose out, I then move on to what's left. In the above example big game is still on the table and a pheasant hunt is still there too.

**So How Do I Decide?**  
Ask yourself some really simple questions. Is there a hunt that has always interested me? Maybe I've never taken a mule deer and I really want to get one. Then that's where I would focus. If you are a Rolling Bones member, the next step would be to call your hunting concierge representative to answer your questions. I normally don't solicit our services in these blogs but having a concierge rep really helps here. If you're not a member, then there is always Google. Research what's out there for mule deer. Use a checklist with these questions: What outfitter has a deer hunt that will fit your budget? Can you do it DIY? If so, where do I have my best odds? Where is the highest concentration of the quality of deer I would like to hunt?

Once I have all this research then I put the plan in place.  
**Start the Plan-When**  
Lets say I come up with mule deer as this year's hunt. Then I

buckle down and start my planning. First thing is to choose my dates. Big game almost always provides the most flexibility due a longer season. So October would be the time frame for this hunt. Remember days in the field always increase your odds of success and the later you push your hunt the worse the weather can be. This is especially true on western hunts, which means possible loss of hunting days.

**Gather Your Gear and Prepare**

After my dates are scheduled I get a quality gear list and put the things I need in my pack. For some suggestions, see an earlier edition of the Beacon where we tackled this subject.

Once I have an idea of my gear list, I then head for the practice range and start shooting. I want to be prepared out to 400 yards. If I have never come out west and I want to get ready but don't have a range that I can shoot out to 400 yards you can shoot smaller targets at a lesser distance and it will deliver almost the same results. I might have a five-inch picture of a deer at 100 yards and hold my cross hairs on the vitals. I'll practice shooting from different positions and always have my zoom at random settings. This allows me to practice adjusting my scope, acquiring the target, picking a small spot and squeezing the trigger. Next I physically start preparing for my hunt. Mule deer hunting for the most part, unless you're doing a high mountain hunt, requires you to walk 3 to 5 miles a day. You'll move up and down in various terrain with a 25-pound pack on your back.

Finally I study my targeted species. Translation: I read as much as I can on the target animal, its environment, the area in which I will be hunting and I watch all the video I can and review. These are a few things that I hope will help.

As always we are here to help if you ever have any questions. I grew up in Iowa moved out west from Wisconsin. I may have been just like you with all these questions that kept me from getting out west to hunt. Then one day I jumped in a blind and made all the mistakes one guy could make. It is our goal to take the mystery out of hunting different species in different states and deliver the dream hunt you've always had in the back of your mind.

Happy Hunting and Be Safe -Brian

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## 2019 Private Applicator Training

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- Jan. 8** – Winner: Winner Regional Extension Center, 325 S. Monroe St., 1-4 PM CST
- Jan. 15** – Faith: Community Legion Hall, corner of Main and 3rd St., 1-4 PM MST
- Jan. 17** – Martin: Library Community Room, 101 Main St., 2-5 PM MST
- Jan. 22** – Presho: Hutch's Café & Lounge, 308 E Hwy 16, 1-4 PM CST
- Jan. 24** – Timber Lake: Community Room, 700 Main St., 1-4 PM MST
- Jan. 29** – Pierre: Pierre Regional Extension Center, 412 West Missouri Ave., 1-4 PM CST
- Feb. 1** – Rapid City: Rapid City Regional Extension Center, 711 N Creek Dr., 1-4 PM MST
- Feb. 7** – Belle Fourche: First Interstate Bank, 41 5th Ave., 1-4 PM MST
- Feb. 21** – Bison: Grand Electric & West River Telephone, 801 Coleman Ave., 1-4 PM MST
- Feb. 28** – Hot Springs: Fall River County Extension Office, 709 Jensen Hwy., 1-4 PM MST
- Mar. 12** – Winner (DDN): Winner Regional Extension Center, 325 S. Monroe St., 2-5 PM CST
- Mar. 12** – Rapid City (DDN): University Center, 4300 Cheyenne Blvd., 1-4 PM MST
- Mar. 12** – Lemmon (DDN): Lemmon Regional Extension Center, 408 8th St. West, 1-4 PM MST
- Mar. 14** – Philip: Bad River Senior Citizens Center, 115 S. Center Ave., 1-4 PM MST



From Page B2  
**LAND GIFT**

will add to the glamour of this particular building and also provide us the option for a new entrance to the center.”

Now that the I-90 Exit 14 project is complete, 27th Street is aligned directly south of the interchange providing a potential straight shot up the hill to the HPWHC. A new entrance has become more of an issue lately after a record 200 tour bus groups visited the Center last summer along with the addition of a three nights a week Cowboy Chuckwagon Supper and Show.

“A new entrance would ease

congestion right away,” said Scovell. “When our visitors and especially our bus groups come up Heritage Drive, that’s a very narrow street. There are a lot of new residents and new apartments being built so there’s more traffic. So a new entrance will ease congestion for one thing and will give us much more visibility right off the interstate. It should increase the numbers in our museum exponentially in years to come.”

Scovell says there is no timetable for construction of a new entrance just yet. But this spring work will begin on expanding the parking area behind the center. The SD National Guard is stepping in to provide blast-

ing and grading of the rocky hillside in order to provide more spaces for buses and vehicles to park in the rear.

“And with the national guard helping us with the parking in the back of the building we can also perhaps persuade them to construct that (front entrance) road for us now that we own the property,” Matthews added.

Other capital improvements planned include adding a kitchen, restroom facilities and banquet hall onto the east side of the existing structure. “People know about us in the area, but they may not realize that we have to expand in order to continue to make this property really useful,” Matthews added.



**LAY OF THE LAND** - The above map shows the 9.5 acre parcel gifted to the High Plains Western heritage Center. Also depicted is a possible new entrance to the Center made possible by the gift of the land. Currently visitors and tour buses use Heritage Drive to approach the museum. -Beacon Photo and Map

# Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm at the Belle Fourche Public library. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.



**123 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche Times**  
**January 16, 1896**

*Talk of the Town* - The county commissioners at their recent sessions ordered new brick chimneys built in the court house, in place of the “patent” stucco.

**A Crook County Tragedy**  
*Frank Thompson Shot and Killed By a Deputy Sheriff At Jack Garnor’s Ranch on Little Powder River*

Deputy Sheriff Ricks, while riding over the Little Powder river country last Friday, came to the home Jack Garnor, an old settler, and one who has heretofore enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him, finding a newly dressed carcass of a beef hanging up, the officer rode up and requested to see the hide, never suspecting anything wrong. It was with great reluctance he permitted to see the hide. When he did see it, he had sufficient cause to at once arrest everyone on the ranch. A close inspection failed to show any brand or earmark. There was the best reason in the world for this, for the ears had been removed and destroyed, as also there was a large piece of the hide missing where the brand would have been. His suspicions were by this time thoroughly aroused, and he at once inquired who had killed the animal and why the brand and earmarks were removed. At this point, Frank Thompson, who had been stopping with Garnor stepped up and told the officer that he had killed the beef and wanted to know what Ricks had to say about it. The officer then asked Thompson to go with him to Gillette. Thompson placed his hand on his gun and replied that he “would go to hell before he would to Gillette or anywhere else with him” and therewith proceeded to roundly abuse Deputy Ricks. Ricks proceeded at once to Gillette where obtained a warrant for Thompson and the assistance of Deputy U. S. Marshall Melhos is making

the arrest. On arriving at the ranch Thompson refused to surrender. Ricks then pulled his revolver and ordered Thompson to throw up his hands. Thompson started his hands upward, but his revolver come with them. Before he could level his revolver, however, the shooting commenced. Thirteen shots were fired, Thompson was shot three times and the officers four. When the smoke had cleared, Thompson was lying on the floor dead. Thompson’s body was taken to Gillette where it was buried at the expense of the county. Nothing was found among his effects which would lead to his identity or discovery of his relatives. He was about 27 years of age.

**100 years ago**  
**January 16, 1919**  
**The Northwest Post**  
*Exemption Board Has Closed Up its Work* Yesterday was the last day that the local exemption board will be in session, unless new orders come from the adjutant general of the state or the provost marshal general of the nation. All of the bills against the board were received and jugated, and other work cleaned up. The inspector was in Belle Fourche with the car, looking after the Butte county records of the board, and is expected to be in Deadwood tomorrow. The records of the Lawrence county board will make a large shipment themselves, but

everything, under the directions of Miss Clara D. Coe, chief clerk of the board, has been so arranged that those whose duty and wish it is to examine them, will not have difficulty in finding just what is wanted in short time.

**75 years ago**  
**The Belle Fourche Bee**  
**January 6, 1944**  
*Lieut. Howard Ice Is Stationed in Texas*

A new 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 Field, Yuma, Ariz., where 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 month old son, Charles Howard.

Pfc. Connie Moore, WAC, arrived Wednesday from Ft. Devens, Mass., for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Moore. Her brother, Maj. Douglas Moore, brought her from Alliance, Nebr., to Spearfish in an army transport plane. This is her first visit home in two years, and she has been a member of the WACs since October, 1942.

**50 years ago**  
**Belle Fourche Daily Post**  
**January 16, 1969**  
*PCA Now Entirely Farmer-Rancher Owned* The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Omaha, which provides loan funds to the Northwest South Dakota Production Credit Association, became 100 per cent farmer and rancher owned



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by Mary Buchholz



**FLOOD OF ‘24-** (Photo left) A group of Belle Fourche community leaders is seen sitting in front of the original court house, located just south of the Belle Fourche River. (Photo above) The top of this building can be seen in the center of the picture during the flood of 1924. By this time it had been replaced by the present sandstone court house built in 1909 on 5th Avenue.

on Dec. 31, 1968, according to PCA Manager E. C. Gustafson. The Omaha Bank is one of 12 federally chartered credit banks across the country that today retired \$125 million of government capital. Their capital is now completely owned by Production Credit Associations which in turn are owned by farmers and ranchers. The Omaha Bank’s portion of formal government retirement \$9 million. The Northwest South Dakota association has an investment of \$358,045 in the Omaha bank, together with 39 other PCA’s in Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The Production Credit Production have been completely owned by their members since 1953.

*Rites Held Here for Hetman Anderson* Funeral services were held here Dec. 24 for Hetman Anderson, 84, Alexandria, S. D., former Harding county rancher who died Dec.

20 at a Yankton hospital. The Montgomery Funeral Home of Alexandria was in charge of interment. Rev. Gary Nienkamp of the United Church of Christ officiated. Serving as pallbearers were Frank Kapsa, George Kapsa, Ted Matson and Jens Nelson. Hetman Anderson was born Nov. 19, 1884, in Norway. He was the only member of his family to come to the United States and settled in North Dakota in 1905. He moved to a homestead in Harding county in 1909 and ranched there until 1952, when he moved to Alexandria. He was married in 1915 to Shirley Inman. Three children were born to the couple. Following the death of his first wife, he married a second time. His second wife and two daughters also preceded him in death. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Saxton of Alexandria; five grandchildren, a nephew and six nieces.







## Celebrating a Centennial

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NEWELL – A lot can change in 100 years. A hundred years ago a pickup truck cost \$650. A postage stamp was two cents. Woodrow Wilson was president and the 19th Amendment was passed by congress giving women the right to vote.

Congress passed legislation to designate the Grand Canyon as a National Park in Arizona. And it was 3,155,760,000 seconds in time. Just ask Creta Minor, of Nisland.

Along with her family, she celebrated on Saturday, January 5, at the Newell city hall, with friends coming from far and wide. And to Creta, it seems family is what is important. When asked what was the most exciting thing about living for a century, she said, “Having this party and seeing all my friends.”

Minor was born on January 15, 1919 to Hugh and Louise



Creta Minor - Brunner photo

Kokesh and was the third child in a family of ten children. She first lived in Sundance area in Wyoming, where her grandparents first homesteaded in 1885. She attended school in her own living room with her siblings and cousins and recalls going to neighborhood dances and playing cards. She shared her birthdate with

such famous people as Jackie Robinson, Nat King Cole, Eva Gabor and Liberace.

Minor graduated with a Wyoming State Eighth Grade Diploma and later attended Spearfish Junior/Senior High School, graduating in 1936. She passed the Palmer Method of Rapid Business Writing in 1931. She began work at the John Burns Hospital in the kitchen, working there for 24 years.

The City of Belle Fourche proclaimed the date she retired, October 30, 1997, as Creta Minor Day in the town.

Minor married her husband Nobel and to the couple were born three children, sons Leslie and Leon and daughter Karen. Creta said she counts as her blessings three children, seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Her special celebration was brightened with good friends, flowers, singing and cake. And a lot of good visits.

## First Interstate Bank Greater Belle Fourche Foundation Grant Recipients Announced

The recipients for this year’s FIB Greater Belle Fourche Foundation grants will try to make it to the bank at 1:00 PM on Friday the 11th.

This year there were 25 grant applications from non-profit organizations with the total amount awarded from the fund at \$17,937. This is annual money that is earned of the principal which is managed by the South Dakota Community Foundation. This year’s recipients are listed below: Black Hills Roundup Chutes for Charity  
Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons  
Belle Baseball Association  
Belle Fourche Senior Citizens Center  
Vale Fire Department  
Newell Community Club (Post Prom)  
Newell Community Club  
BF Soccer Association

Bronc Bird Busters high school Trap Team  
Spearfish Peaks – Peaks Special Olympics  
Belle Fourche Area Community Center - Camp Oasis  
Realtors for Kids  
Newell School District  
SunCather Therapeutic Riding  
Beaver Creek Rendezvous  
Belle Fourche Bronc Booster Club  
Center of the Nation Concert Association  
Belle Fourche Parents Who Care  
St. James Episcopal Church – Dental Mobile  
West River Transit DBA Prairie Hills Transit  
Victims of Violence Intervention Program (Artemis House)  
CASA  
Belle Fourche Youth Baseball  
Good Shepherd Clinic

## More Power to the People



**BLACK HILLS ENERGY’S CONSTRUCTION** of a new transmission line through Belle has been an interesting addition to the drive by scenery. Threading the new poles up and in between existing lines to standing up straight. Ken Reirose, Black Hills Operations Manager says Timberline, the contractor, has about a month left and then BH Energy crews will complete the lighting and wiring work.

## Grand River Roundup

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The holidays are over and it’s time to get back on schedule. We had interesting weather this week with freezing rain on Sunday night, a snowstorm on Monday, and temperatures going from 14 below zero Tuesday morning to a high of 45 degrees that afternoon. Most of the rest of the week the temperatures were in 40s.

Last Sunday Henry and Linda Mohagen were in North Dakota celebrating a late Christmas with their family and seminary student Seth and Cassie Moan were going to drive here from Minnesota to have church services at Slim Buttes while Mohagens were gone. Unfortunately, the snowstorm back east prevented them from coming, so Casey gave the sermon Sunday morning. The community Hymn Sing was at Holland Center that evening and the weather was nice for the drive over there. The pickup stayed in 4-wheel drive all the way home.

We planned to have our Great Western Cattle Trail meeting at the Heritage Center in Spearfish Monday afternoon after Jim Aplan’s funeral at the Heritage Center that morning, but it was storming so hard that the GWC-TA meeting was canceled and Jim Aplan’s funeral was moved to Wednesday. The weather was a little better here than it was in the Hills, so these guys butchered the hamburger cow that morning and hung the beef in the cooler to age a little.

Besides losing Jim Aplan, there were three more deaths in our community. Weslie Schalesky, 76, of Hettinger passed away December 19th. His funeral was December 27 at the Assembly of God Church in Hettinger with burial at the Black Hills National Cemetery that afternoon.

Owen Oleson, 83, of Reeder passed away at the Dorsett Center in Spearfish on January 1st. Owen’s funeral was Monday, January 7th, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Reeder and Owen was also buried in the National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Travis James Dupper, 41, of Hettinger, ND, lost his courageous battle with brain cancer on January 2nd. His funeral was also on Monday, January 7th, at the Hettinger High School Gymnasium with internment at the Greenwood Cemetery in Mobridge.

Matt and Lanie and Grandma Missy left early New Years Day for Rochester, MN for little Chantry’s medical appointments at Mayo. Trace stayed here with Amanda and Taz and he and Copper were pretty entertaining together. Reub and I went to Rapid City that afternoon for his back surgery that was scheduled for early January 2nd. The roads were still icy on the way to Rapid so we had to use the 4-wheel drive again.

Dr. Rice did Reub’s surgery at the Black Hills Surgical Hospital, everything went really

well and those folks sure treat you nice. I got to stay in the same room with Reub as his “caretaker” and they fed us really well. We stayed down there Wednesday night and they let us come home Thursday afternoon. Reub isn’t supposed to do anything for a week except walk a few minutes every hour and do some stretching exercises while he heals but the pain in his legs was gone as



soon as he came out of recovery. He was wishing he’d had this done a couple years ago. Matt, Lanie, Missy, and Chantry got home late Thursday night and we thank God that Chantry got a good report too!

Matt and Lanie and the kids came to visit Friday afternoon to check on Grandpa Reub and then spent the night at Casey and Missy’s to help us cut and wrap the hamburger cow on Saturday. Casey had the wrestlers at the tournament in Hettinger that day and Missy kept all the little people so Matt and Lanie, Taz and Amanda, and Trig could help us cut meat. I ground all the hamburger and Reub helped us all day long. After his surgery he isn’t supposed to lift over ten pounds or bend over, but he got by pretty good just cutting the scraps up to grind into hamburger. We’ve been out of hamburger for a couple weeks, so we were more than ready to fry us up some burgers!

Because of Reub’s surgery and the long day of cutting meat, we missed the wedding of Ty Hotchkiss and Rosie Douglas in Belle Fourche Saturday afternoon, but Taz and Amanda left the kids with Grandma Starla and were able to make it down to the reception at the Cadillac Ranch. It would have been fun to go down there with them and they said there was a really big crowd there to celebrate the wedding of these sweet kids.

Bryce was supposed to start student teaching in Hot Springs this first week in January, but when she went to the school she found out that the English teacher she was supposed to teach under had retired to go back to his ranch to help his father. They asked if she would agree to finish teaching his classes for the rest of the year and get paid to do it. She has already started teaching and this will be a real learning experience for her and the students!

With education in mind, I’ll leave you with this:

These are real notes written by parents in a Tennessee school district: (spellings have been left intact)

\*My son is under a doctor’s care and should not take PE today. Please excuse him.

\*Please excuse Lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.

\*John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

\*Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.

\*Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea, and his boots leak.

## Capitol News

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Suddenly 2019 has arrived. It seems the years are flying past and the children quickly become adults. Karen and Charlie Odell want to thank all the people of the Capitol and Tie Creek area for sharing their lives with people all across the country who read the Capitol News. It is astounding that I can name people from California, Virginia, Florida, Ohio and many more states. There are readers in Ireland and other countries and our news has gone to Afghanistan to soldiers there. Our lives may seem mundane to us, but it seems that something of home is in our stories to make people remember, and laugh, and think about those we have known. Home is usually a good feeling with good memories, and Capitol and Tie Creek have hoped to share that good feeling with you. A group of Harding and Carter County people gathered at Ft Meade hospital this week to join in singing Christmas Carols for the people there. We were singing for the



veterans and those that were caring for them. We sang in the hallways and outside the doors for patients, and suddenly the bright smiling face of Brad

Johnson came through one of the doors. The grin was wonderful to see, and he knew everyone of us personally. Some of us knew that he had been through one horrible day just last week in

his fight for survival, but on this day the wonderful smiling face was sustaining us instead. We sang our best for him, but the best surprise for us was that it was an even more special day. It was Brad’s birthday, and we sang ‘Happy Birthday’ for him. He may not understand what he did for us that day. We had come to share our singing with the veterans, but what the veterans did for us was even more wonderful. As we went from room to room, it was the patients that smiled and waved to us. It was the patients that sang along with us, and shook our hands and gave us big smiles. It was patients that even

came along with us in wheel chairs and joined in the singing, that made the caroling truly Christmas.

I am one who can understand Scrooge. As a child in the 1940’s and 1950’s, Christmas was one day. There may have been a program a few days before Christmas and Christmas Eve may have had a candle lighting ceremony, but there was no thought of Christmas until December and most of the gifts were homemade. There was no Black Friday or Cyber Monday. Stores and companies were not mercenary until December. Personally, the greediness hidden behind the goodness of Christmas gets to me, making me want to stay away from the crowds and gaudiness in town. But that day at Ft Meade brought home the goodness that has sustained this world through many wars and constant attacks of hatred. How has the world survived with so much evil working against it? I saw the answer to that in the eyes and smiles at Ft Meade. What they gave to me was a most wonderful gift. What they gave me was Christmas back again.



# “Local Horsemen and Horsewomen to Be Honored by SD Quarter Horse Association”

From: SDQHA  
Local horsemen and horsewomen, including the late Art & Mary Cowan of Highmore; Marlene and the late Darrel Griffith, formerly of Faith; Lynn and Connie Weishaar of Reva; Bob & Shilo Johnson of Lemmon; and Bob and Karen Meyer of Glad Valley will all be recognized for their lifetime contribution of service to the Quarter Horse and the horse industry in South Dakota. The South Dakota Quarter Horse Association will be honoring these outstanding horse people with Legacy Awards in the cat-

egories of Ranching (Cowans); Training (Griffiths), Promotion (Weishaars), Racing (Johnsons), and the SDQHA 2018 Producer of the Year Award to the Meyers.  
Also receiving Legacy Awards will be John & Cindy Baltezare of Beresford for Rodeo; Lew & Kerry Papendick of Rapid City for Show; and the family of the late Neil Sebring of Brookings for their great horse As Good As It Gets. John & Lis Hollmann of Hot Springs will be recognized as breeders of the PRCA Hall of Fame Horse, French Flash Hawk aka “Bozo”; and Jim

Taylor of Huron as a 50 Year Breeder with AQHA.  
These awards will be presented during the SDQHA’s Annual Banquet, Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Pierre Ramkota Hotel. The banquet is open to the public, and all interested persons are invited to attend and help celebrate. For tickets or more information please visit [www.SDQHA.com](http://www.SDQHA.com) or contact SDQHA Secretary Vicky Cuka (605)481-0245.  
Media contact: Jim Hunt (605)538-4450 or Shirley Wetz (605)347-8120.



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## HOMETOWN PROUD: Veterans Advocate Lends His Skills to Habitat for Humanity

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Caring for and listening to the needs of Veterans, Larry Zimmerman served as an exemplary voice for South Dakota's seventy-five thousand veterans, advocating for and providing the pathway for all veterans and their families to receive the benefits due to them.

The Belle Fourche native was appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard in September of 2011 as Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. Zimmerman led the Department and its partners on a statewide campaign to reach all veterans- Operation RAV. The Department was recognized nationally for their efforts and was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence award.

The next three years were dedicated to reaching out to veterans per war era. A 1972 graduate of Belle Fourche high school, Larry went on to graduate from Ashford University in Clinton, IA, with a Bachelor's degree in Business and Organizational Management. His military education included many schools including the Sergeants



Major Academy.

Prior to being selected as the State Command Sergeant Major, he also served as Postmaster in Spearfish, Pierre and Sturgis. His career in the U.S. Postal Service spanned 35 years and he held many position in western South Dakota. Zimmerman retired from the Post Office on February 1, 2009.

During that time, he also served a total of 29 years in the SD National Guard, retiring in January of 2013. He completed a tour in Afghanistan (OEF) as the Operations SGM for the nine Northern provinces in that country, and before that was the CSM in both the 109th RSG in Rapid City, and the 109th En


Bn in Sturgis, and the Regional Training Institute at Ft. Meade along with numerous other positions within the Army Guard.

Larry was Active Duty Army from 1973-1976 in the 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, CO. As his tenure ends with the new administration, he said “my time as SD Secretary of Veterans Affairs was a great run and gave me some great stories of our Veterans in this state”.

He is moving on to serve as Outreach Coordinator for BH Habitat for Humanity. “My motto, as I have always done will be to “Educate and make aware” all people of the mission and operations of that organization.”

Larry and his wife Dyann, originally from Spearfish have three daughters and five grandchildren. He will continue to live in Rapid City.

Governor Kristi Noem has named Greg Whitlock of Watertown to be the next Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Larry remarked, “Greg Whitlock is a former SD National Guardsman. He is also a retired NCO. He will listen to needs of Veterans and care for them as I have.”



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Alvin L Cordell, Camp Crook SD	18	Black-Hfr	498	\$157.50
Wayne Or Susan Nelson, Buffalo SD	25	Black-Str	600	\$165.00
Wayne Or Susan Nelson, Buffalo SD	31	Blk/BwF-Hfr	556	\$157.75
David Ciani, Spearfish SD	40	Black-Str	630	\$164.00
David Ciani, Spearfish SD	36	Black-Hfr	600	\$150.75
Jill Domek, Wibaux MT	67	Char/Red-Str	716	\$149.75
Jill Domek, Wibaux MT	68	Char-Hfr	650	\$142.50
Bret Clanton, Buffalo SD	29	Red-Str	680	\$160.00
Bret Clanton, Buffalo SD	20	Red-Hfr	654	\$149.00
K & D Livestock Inc, Volborg MT	38	Black-Str	641	\$161.50
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Ron Jensen, Ralph SD	33	Black-Str	657	\$160.00
Ron Jensen, Ralph SD	41	Black-Hfr	713	\$136.75
Jason & Karen McLennan, Belle Fourche SD	17	Black-Str	517	\$183.00
Waite Ranch Llp, Belle Fourche SD	16	BwF-Hfr	594	\$149.50
Bruce Haugland, Belgrade MT	32	Black-Hfr	558	\$158.00
Bruce Haugland, Belgrade MT	21	Black-Hfr	470	\$166.00
Gary & Billy Clanton, Buffalo SD	16	Blk/BwF-Hfr	610	\$143.25
Gary & Billy Clanton, Buffalo SD	21	BwF-Hfr	552	\$157.50
John Gerkin, Nisland SD	58	Red/RwF-Hfr	551	\$156.00
Schmele Family, Newell SD	11	Blk/BwF-Str	635	\$155.00
Lucas & Melinda Stolhammer, Newcastle WY	33	Blk/BwF-Hfr	506	\$165.00
Matt Earley, Broadus MT	14	Black-Hfr	580	\$152.00
Larry Steiger, Pompeys Pillar MT	38	Blk/BwF-Str	605	\$161.00
Larry Steiger, Pompeys Pillar MT	27	Blk/BwF-Hfr	601	\$133.75
Lane Associate, Cascade MT	29	Black-Hfr	605	\$143.50
Blake Wilson, Buffalo SD	99	Rd/Blk-Str	515	\$178.00

Blake Wilson, Buffalo SD	25	Rd/Blk-Str	407	\$171.00
Blake Wilson, Buffalo SD	98	Rd/Blk-Hfr	487	\$156.00
Mike E Malenovsky, Ekakaka MT	20	Red-Str	624	\$151.00
Consignment from ND	45	Blk/BwF-Str	582	\$166.00
Consignment from ND	41	Blk/BwF-Hfr	477	\$155.50
Consignment from ND	17	Blk/BwF-Hfr	614	\$147.00
Kent Heidma, Manhattan MT	67	Black-Str	801	\$145.00
John Bruch, Sturgis SD	39	Red-Str	596	\$164.00
John Bruch, Sturgis SD	31	Black-Str	604	\$162.00
John Bruch, Sturgis SD	21	Black-Hfr	525	\$160.00
Travis Hurst, Buffalo SD	15	Black-Hfr	443	\$161.00
Steven & Connie Sulzbach, Newell SD	13	Black-Str	719	\$142.50

**WEIGH-UPS**

Zachary Or Krystal Steele, Sundance WY	1	RwF-Cow	1,240	\$65.00
Rod Or Janis Steele, Nisland SD	1	RwF-Cow	1,550	\$63.50
Jose Villegas-Rivera, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1,425	\$64.50
Thomas Kalsiak, Ludlow SD	4	Black-Cow	1,335	\$64.00
Duane Richards, Hammond MT	3	Red-Cow	1,212	\$63.50
Courtney Higgins, Hammond MT	5	Black-Cow	1,433	\$63.25
Padden LaND & Cattle, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Cow	1,335	\$63.00
Jeff Swaney, Rozet WY	4	Black-Cow	1,323	\$63.00
Schweigert Ranch Inc, Baker MT	6	Rd/Blk-Cowette	1,078	\$79.50
Schweigert Ranch Inc, Baker MT	3	Char/Blk-Cow	1,482	\$62.00
Schweigert Ranch Inc, Baker MT	4	Blk/Rd/Ch-Cow	1,309	\$61.50
Lori Maude, Hermosa SD	1	Black-Cow	1,645	\$61.00
Kevin Ploszaj, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Hfrt	1,000	\$79.50
Dick Conzelman, Hulett WY	3	Black-Cow	1,545	\$60.50
Trevor Kauchman, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Cow	1,545	\$60.00
Doran Higgins, Hammond MT	4	Black-Cow	1,399	\$59.50
Rick & Tim Kleven, Piedmont SD	5	Black-Cowette	1,166	\$70.50
Rick & Tim Kleven, Piedmont SD	1	Black-Cow	1,375	\$58.50
Brandon Padden, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull	1,720	\$70.50
Tyler Woods, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Bull	1,970	\$69.50
Matt or Karen Disney, Sundance WY	1	Red-Bull	2,160	\$68.50
Ryan Cordell, Capitol MT	1	Black-Bull	1,945	\$68.50

**STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL**  
**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

10:00 am - Weigh-ups - 12:00 pm - Feeders

**FEATURE CONSIGNMENTS:****BRED HEIFERS**

<b>Dobesh Ranch - SD</b>	100	BwF hfrs		Bred Black Angus	cf 2/10 - 3 30 Shots & poured day cycles
	50	Hfr hfrs			
	22	Red Angus hfrs (ultra sound tested)			
<b>Bob Wright - WY</b>	63	Blk & bwF hfrs		Bred Black	cf 4/1 - 45 days
	31	Red hfrs			
<b>J &amp; P LLC - WY</b>	31	Blk hfrs		Bred VanDyke Black Angus	cf 2/25 - 21 days
	11	Blk hfrs			cf 3/20 - 21 days
<b>Dave McNammy - MT</b>	25	Blk hfrs		AI Blk & Hfr Clean-up - Angus	cf 2/20 - 50 days

**DISPERSIONS**

<b>Kaufman Ranch - MT (Dispersion of 4-8's)</b>	180	Blk 4-8's		Bred Black	cf 4/1
<b>Steve Ehrich - SD</b>	5	Blk 4-5's		Bred Blk	cf 3/20
<b>STOCK COWS</b>					
<b>Ronda Cordell - SD</b>	90	Blk lim x mx age (Home Raised)		Bred Black	cf 3/28 - poured 60 days
<b>Cleve Schmidt - SD</b>	60	Blk short term (cfs last weighed 600#, cows weigh 1400#)		Bred Black	cf 4/1
<b>Chuck Grieves - WY</b>	58	Blk & bwF sld - sht term		Bred Black or Hfr	cf 4/10 - 43 days
<b>Ed Lawrence - MT</b>	30	Blk & hfr short term		Bred Black Angus	cf 4/20 - 45 days
<b>Charles Belch - WY</b>	25	Blk 5-8's		Bred Black	cf 3/20

**UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, January 17th** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, January 24th** - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, January 31st** - NO SALE - Enjoy the Stock Show!  
**Thursday, February 7th** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, February 14th** - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special- Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, February 21st** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, February 28th** - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, March 7th** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, March 14th** - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, March 21st** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle

**Thursday, March 28th** - Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, April 4th** - Feeder Cattle Special - Featuring Replacement Heifers - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, April 11th** - Regular Cattle Sale - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, April 18th** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, April 25th** - Pair Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, May 2nd** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, May 9th** - Pair Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, May 16th** - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, May 23rd** - Regular Cattle Sale - Selling All Classes of Cattle  
**Thursday, May 30th** - Regular Cattle Sale - Turn Out Bull Sale - Selling All Classes of Cattle

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