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Council Okays New Lift Station Funding

At a cost of \$1.8 Million the new facility will serve three-quarters of the city with triple the current pumping capacity.

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BELLE FOURCHE - Plans are moving forward for a new wastewater lift station on the city's north side. At a cost of \$1.836 million dollars the new facility will be built during summer and fall of 2019 at the east end of Day Street.

The new structure is to be located adjacent to the existing lift station, which was put into service in 1980 and is in need of replacement. The lift station serves more than 75% of the city of Belle Fourche, roughly from Custer Street to the south edge of town.

Lift stations are facilities designed to move wastewater from lower to higher elevation. In the case of the Day Street location, gravity moves most of the city's drainage to this location where it is pumped upwards into a sewage line that is able to then take it to the Wastewater Treatment Plant lagoons on the city's far north side.

During the Dec. 17th City Council meeting the council unanimously approved the application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) borrower bond to cover the cost of the project. It would be a 20-year bond with an expected interest rate of 2.5%.

Revenue to repay the loan would come from existing sewer improvement fees that residents are already paying and project engineers said no further rate increases are expected at this time. Current rates are around \$20.10 per month.

Because the funding originates from federal dollars and is administered by the the State, a public hearing was a requirement of the application process. There was no public input either for or against the project at the council meeting.

HDR Engineering of Rapid City will be doing the design work on the new lift station and Chris Robinson, HDR Engineering Specialist, was on hand to present to the council the scope of the project and answer any questions.

"The current lift station has been in use for almost 40 years and the pumps are showing signs of wear, the shell is rusting and it's time to replace it with a more modern facility," Robinson said. "There are times when the pumps have a hard time keeping up, especially after a heavy rain."

Robinson says the proposed lift station will have three times the pumping capacity of the current one. He said this should serve the city's growing needs.



MUCH NEEDED LIFT - The new lift station will be built alongside the old one (pictured above) at the east end of Day Street. It will feature a modern submersible pump and easier maintenance along with triple the pumping capacity of the old one. Project engineers say the new facility should be operational by October of 2019. -Beacon Photo

"The higher flow rates should protect the environment against future backups, overflows. The current facility struggles to keep so the new one will be able to meet those needs without risking any overflows into the Belle Fourche River, or worse, backups into basements," he

said.

The new lift station will also be easier to maintain than the current one. It will be built with submersible pumps that will be able to be extracted from the underground tube via a rail system so the pumps can be serviced at ground level. Currently

crews have to descend into a cramped dry well underground to maintain the pumps.

The plans call for a temporary lift station to be put in place in phase one. This would be available to handle loads during the construction phase.

LIFT STATION A6

Design Changes to be Made on Hay Creek Bridge

But hopes remain to have it open by summer's rodeo season.

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BELLE FOURCHE- Design changes in the 8th Avenue Hay Creek bridge will mean additional hours of engineering will be required before construction can begin. According to HDR Engineering of Rapid City assumptions made during preliminary design work on the bridge's retaining walls will need to be modified requiring additional hours of design work.

The original work schedule called for the bridge to be completed by June 1, as reported in the Oct. 25th *Belle Fourche Beacon*. With the additional design work the engineering contract is now listing a completion date of July 2019.

However at Dec. 17th regular city council meeting, Steve Nafus, Interim City Engineer, said it may very well be possible to have the construction completed before the state high school rodeo finals in mid-June.

"I believe the construction contract says the first of June or mid-June," Nafus said. "The engineering contract says July



CHANGES TO BRIDGE - The old concrete arch bridge (center) is slated to be replaced by new concrete box culverts. But the sidewalk designs have been modified meaning the bridge's retaining walls will need to be redesigned by HDR Engineering of Rapid City. - Beacon Photo

but we should have construction wrapped up before rodeo season."

The construction bid was awarded in October to Journey Group Ainsworth-Benning Construction in the amount of \$917,72.95. The city has set

aside \$1 million for the bridge in its 2019 budget. The engineering contract with HDR was approved at the Dec 17th regular city council meeting not to exceed \$167,710.

The plans call for replacement of the existing concrete arch

bridge with precast concrete box culverts. In the amendment to the engineering contract HDR says the alignment of the retaining walls was assumed to be parallel to the roadway. But in the final design, the

BRIDGE A6

Crime in County Trending Up

Preliminary Numbers Show Rising Trend

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BELLE FOURCHE – In the second regular meeting of the Butte County Commission on December 18, Deputy States Attorney LeEllen McCartney brought some new information to the board.

"We wanted to give you a preliminary look at some numbers to identify trends," said McCartney. "Keep in mind these are very preliminary and we will continue to work on them with information from the court data base."

McCartney gave numerous figures to support this rising trend in felony cases and counts as well as misdemeanor counts for the county. They included a raise in adult cases as well as juvenile cases.

"Felony cases are up quite a bit, but the interesting thing we found was in the Zero Tolerance DUI, (those people under 21 with a alcohol level under .08) jumped from just three in 2017 to 14 in 2018," said McCartney. Assault cases went from 78 in 2017 to 87 in 2018. She said there was a big jump in simple assault from 46 to 53 over the same time frame.

"That's not a trend we want to see either," she said.

COUNTY A6

Not Every Santa Claus Has a Beard



BEARDLESS SANTA - Ellis Tripp, pictured far right with the lunch staff of Bennett's Rancher Grill, St. Onge Livestock, and his wife Mary Lou, on behalf of their Center of the Nation businesses, ET Sports & Budget Appliance put into action holiday giving by treating the public to "Lunch on Us". Wanting to say "Thank You" to their customers and the people of the area for shopping at "The Center of the Nation" the Tripps in addition to the Dec. 21, 11:00am-2:00pm lunch run at St. Onge Livestock provided the same generous treat to the public Dec. 19 at Belle Fourche Dairy Queen (left), and at Belle Fourche Livestock Market sale day the week prior. Beacon Photos



Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

- ISAIAH 40: 23-29

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Mami Kjerengtroen, and Tricia Randolph (Not Pictured)

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Kim Bachman, from the United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than



these. Mark 12: 30-31 Simply put, "love God, love your neighbor". It's the gift that will keep on giving all year long. It won't wear out. It won't tarnish. It's the right color and size. Unconditional love is the gift that God so genuinely shares with each of us. We love because He first loved us. It is because of that love that we

gather with family and friends, we reach out to neighbors and we help a stranger. My prayer for all of us is that we recognize the peaceful simplicity stated in the passage aforementioned. I pray it encourages us to reach out in love not only during this holiday season but all year long. Love God, Love your Neighbor. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Wayne Lesmeister 66

Wayne Lesmeister, age 66 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, December 22nd, 2018 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital. Mass of Christian Burial will take place 10:30am Friday, December 28, 2018 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation will take place 4 to 6pm Thursday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Following, a Wake Service will be held at the church at 6:30 pm. Friends may leave written condolences online and view a video tribute at: www.funeral-homeofthenorthernhills.com Wayne Herbert Lesmeister was born December 1, 1952 in Pierre, SD. He was the son of Herbert and Dorothy (Kearns) Lesmeister. Wayne grew up in Ridgeview and graduated from high school in Gettysburg



in 1970. Shortly after graduated, Wayne entered the U.S. National Guard where he served his country. Following his time in the service he came back home to Ridgeview and in 1977 he was married to Jean Marie Heidler in Faith. Following their marriage, Wayne lived in Ridgeview for a time and then

moved to Broadus Montana where he ranched for several years. In 1980 he moved to Newell where he ranched for about ten years, before settling in Belle Fourche. In Belle Fourche, Wayne owned and operated some retail businesses on main street for a number of years. In 1987 he started working for Haley's Tri-State Auction and he worked for them for several years. In 1999 he began studying to become an auctioneer at Billings Montana. Following that he came back to the area and worked for Black Tie Auctioneers in Rapid City, and others. His last several years were spent ranching west of Belle Fourche and helping people auction. Wayne was a quiet man but he was the life of the party when around friends. He took great care of his neighbors and his mother. He enjoyed wood working, and he was a

life time square dancer. For many years he was a member of the Buckles and Bows and he loved square dancing. Wayne enjoyed playing practical jokes on people and made a few memories doing it. His sense of humor was great. Wayne will be greatly missed by his friends and family. Wayne is survived by his sons, Shawn (Kachena) of Rozet WY, Justin of Arizona,

Cody of Gillette WY; daughter, Kari (Marty) Erivez of Gillette; 3 grandchildren, Shayda, Mary Lynn, and Tripp; mother, Dorothy Lesmeister of Belle Fourche; brothers, Michael (Sandy) of Belle Fourche, James (Deb) of Chadron NE; nieces and nephews, Crystal, Dillon and Wyatt. He was preceded in death by his father; and his brother, Robert.

John "Trigger" Kymala 59

John "Trigger" Kymala passed away in Spearfish on Saturday, December 15, 2018 after a courageous battle with kidney cancer. He died peacefully surrounded by his family. He was born January 15, 1959 in Deadwood to Larry and Veanna (Feaster) Kymala. John began his life on the Kymala ranch in Whitewood Valley where he attended a country school. He then moved to Spearfish with his family and during his teen years discovered a true love for rodeo, particularly riding bareback horses. He did quite well on the amateur circuit, coming in 2nd at the NARC finals. After he retired he continued supporting new riders and helping them in any way he could.

He moved to Arizona in the early 80's where he continued his rodeo and cowboy ways. It was during this time that he met his wife, Gayle. They were married in June of 1992 and moved back to the Spearfish area. They bought a small ranch and ran a commercial cow herd for many years. After selling out his herd, he bought a few longhorns-saying they were more fun to look at. John and Gayle did foster care for over 10 years, he was a great mentor and "dad" to many young children. He loved fishing and looked forward to every summer that he could get out on the boat with family and friends.

John will be missed by all of his family and friends. He was someone that a person could always depend on for help. He was preceded in death by his mother, Veanna Feaster Kymala. John leaves behind his wife of 26 years, Gayle; father, Larry (Ann) Kymala; siblings, Doug (Toni) Kymala, Sue (Doug) Whitmire, and Shar Seiler; stepsister, Marci (Mike) Mammenga; nieces and nephews, Drew, Brittney Diverde, Nate Seiler, Shannon Kymala, Shayla Tetrault, Katie Whitmire, Baylee, Brett, and Greyson Mammenga. We would also like to thank all of his friends that came to visit consistently over the last seven months, Bruce, Jim, Kurt, Joan, Clint, Wanda, Kim, Rosie, and all of the others that called so often to check in on him. It really meant the world to him that he was not forgotten. Thank you also to Father John Paul for all of his visits with John over the past few months. He found great strength and solace through your visits.

A celebration of life will take place on January 15, 2019 at the Branding Iron Saloon in Belle Fourche from 4 to 6 pm. This would have been John's 60th birthday. Friends and family may sign his online guestbook and leave written condolences for the family at blackhillsfuneralhome.com.



Belle Fourche Church Schedules

BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH
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: 9 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Priesthood meeting
Wednesday: young men, young women and girl scouts

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
(ABA) • 2.2 miles east on Hwy 34
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
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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

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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 am.
Friday: 12:15 p.m. followed by Adoration with 2pm Benediction
4th Friday of the month @Belle Fourche
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

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Wednesday - May
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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.
605-210-0512

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day is a time to remember the greatest freedom there is: the freedom of Christ's limitless grace that saves us from the slavery of sin and opens the door for an eternity of joy with God — the ultimate New Year's Day!

As we head into 2019, let's allow the Holy Spirit to scrawl the word "Eternity" across our hearts as we fix our eyes above, as Colossians 3:1-4 says:

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

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Belle Fourche Community Calendar

Saturday - Jan. 5

First Saturday Brunch:
Bear Butte Journeys
10am, Tri-State Museum

Monday - Jan. 7

City Council Meeting
7pm, City Hall

Wednesday - Jan. 8

Black Hills Roundup Meeting
7pm, Branding Iron
Steakhouse

Wednesday - Jan. 9

Chamber Board Meeting
9am, Chamber of
Commerce

Chamber Luncheon
12pm, American West

Belle Fourche Development
Annual Meeting
5:30pm, Branding Iron
Steakhouse Banquet Room

Thursday - Jan. 10

Downtown Revitalization
Meeting
5:30pm, City Hall

Fri.-Sat. - Jan. 11-12

Saturday on State
Occasional Markets
Fri. Noon-7pm,
Sat. 9am-3pm, 1401 5th Ave

Belle Fourche Flea Market
Saturday, 8am-2pm,
Community Hall

Le Belle Marche'
Saturday, 9am-4pm,
Chamber of Commerce

If you would like to see a
community event in the
calendar, please email
News@BelleFourcheBeacon.com.

Chamber Report

From Chamber Director Gary Wood

Mark Your Calendars!



One of the things
that we always get
for Christmas is
a calendar. How
about you?

I've had mine in
the office for over
a month and have
already been filling
in dates for 2019. I'd
like to give you some
events that you can
put in your new
calendar.

One of the things I'm
often asked is, "Can
anyone come to that?"
Truth be told we host
very few member
exclusive events, so
more than likely the
event you see advertised
is open to all. Here
are a number of our
events we hold regularly
that are open to the
public. Consider
yourself invited!

Early Bird Coffee is
every Tuesday of the
week. It's Early Bird
Coffee & Networking
because it starts at
7:30-9 a.m. and **everyone**
is welcome. You do
not have to be a
member to attend.
This is a good chance
for you to meet other
business people,
hear what is going on
in the community
and business districts.

Chamber Luncheons
should also be put on
your new calendar.
Every second
Wednesday of the
month at noon is the
luncheon. The
luncheon takes turns
at different Chamber
member restaurants
or food services.
Just call us and we'll
let you know where
it is that month. Or
you can always access
the Community
Calendar at
www.bellefourchechamber.org.
Anyone and everyone
is welcome to these
informative luncheons.
Just as a heads up,
the January Luncheon
is Wednesday, the 9th
at 12pm, at American
West and the

speaker is Baxter
Anders, the new owner
of the Belle Fourche
Live-stock Exchange.
Le Belle

Marche' Indoor Market
is always the second
Saturday of the month
here at the Roosevelt
Events Center. The
market was started in
February of 2018 and
is soon a year old!
We are happy to see
the community coming
out to support local
vendors and small
cottage industries
every month. If you
haven't been down yet,
plan on attending
January's market on
the 12th, we're open
9am-4pm!

Here are some other
important dates for
your NEW calendar:

- BF High School graduation is May 18th
- SD High School Rodeo Finals are June 12-16, 2019 here in Belle Fourche
- The 100th Black Hills Roundup is July 2-6 with the fireworks on the 3rd and 5th
- Butte/Lawrence County Fair is July 30 - August 3rd, Nisland Fair Grounds
- Sturgis Motorcycle Rally August 2-11, 2019
- Pumpkinfest October 26, 2019 at Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center
- Shop Small Weekend/Parade of Lights & Light Up the Night November 29 & 30, 2019

These will give you a
start. Please remember
to call the Chamber
with your events for
2019 so we can get
them on the community
calendar and the
monthly happening
sheets that we print.
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7th Grade Girls Basketball Squad - Front: Anika Main, Ariana Richter, Allison Hayes, Reese Larson, Sloan Young, Keenan McInerney
Back: Manager Kailey Nowowiejski, Lorelei Seaman, Hannah Kirksey, Avery Cherveney, Mataya Ward, Olivia Nehl, Sarah Juelfs, Shaine Weishaar, Coach Chris Riley *Courtesy Photo*



8th Grade Girls Basketball Squad - Front: Dylan Stedillie, Grace Clooten, Tia Williamson, Ayden Kummer
Back: Coach Kyle Ryan, Manager Lainey Crago, Presley Fischer, Halle Eaton, Chloe Crago, Cheyenne Shiffrar, Tori Brill, Tayrah Tanska, Manager Lily Nore, not pictured Charlie Henwood. *Courtesy Photo*



COOKIES: Wednesday, December 19th, the Independent Living class from the high school made cookies for their Family & Consumer Sciences (FCCLA) project. They delivered them to Mrs. Bergman's friendship group to decorate for the Holiday. *COURTESY PHOTO*



Battery Bonanza: Members of the Belle Fourche Fire Department were on hand Friday to pick up the large collection of batteries from local Family Dollar Store. Pictured from left are: Aaron Thrammer, Family Dollar Store Manager, Jada Udaker, Andy Anderson, and Cory Char-michael. Family Dollar is part of a store region that runs from Illinois to Colorado. In their region they were the number one battery donation store with the exception of just a few days. Two large boxes of the donated batteries were turned over for use by the Department. The Bonanza continues till the end of the month. Jada said she was overwhelmed by the communities willingness to participate in supporting the local fire department. *Beacon photo*

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Bronc Wrestlers Win Five Duals at Wright Wyoming Team Tournament



Bronc Wrestlers Team photo taken after victorious tourney in Wright, Wyo. Pictured Back Row standing Left to right: Coach Abell, Michael Streeter, Jett Blakeman, Ethan Nail, Gunner Jensen, D'Angelo Garduna, Thomas McCoy, Cade Bickerdyke, Nathan McKenney, Aiken Crowley, Noah Braning, Brooks Clooten Middle row kneeling: Hunter Quenzer, Walker Horn, Isaac McKenney, Chase Bickerdyke, Joe Hanson, Jaredon Dosch, Cayden Wolfe, Sean Wahlfeldt Front: Makenna Ward, Lane Longbrake, Coach Schleusner, Aspen Braning *Courtesy photo*

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The Bronc wrestlers took the momentum of a home win over Lead-Deadwood with them to Wright Wyoming as they won 5 straight duals to end the 2018 segment of their season.

They won 58-16 over Gray-bull/Riverton; 69-12 over Kelly Walsh; 57-17 over Niobrara County (Lusk,Wyo. area); 68-12 over Torrington; and 46-24 over host school Wright.

“Certainly, too many individual achievements to list, we had guys win matches that up to that point would have lost,” remarked head coach Bill Abell.

Overall Thomas McCoy (113) Jett Blakeman (120); Joe Hanson (132); Cayden Wolfe (145); Jaredon Dosch (153); Chase Bickerdyke (160); and Cade Bickerdyke (170) never lost a match.

Lane Longbrake (106); Hunter Quenzer (126); Gunnar Jensen (138); and Michael Streeter (285) only lost one each.

Junior, Walker Horn not on the roster in prior outings won three of his five matches.

“This team stepped up like I’ve never had a team step up in the past,” added Abell.

“They were excited, involved and inspired to perform their best for the team,” the coach spoke of his squad. “Teams that throttled us last year we destroyed.” Abell stated, “The guys finally felt momentum in their favor. We were physical, aggressive and assertive.”

“I am very proud of my wrestling team for overcoming such a brutal start to the season.”

“I hope we can continue to find success when we reopen our season after Christmas break,” concluded Abell.

The Broncos travel to Rapid City for a JV/Varsity Quadrangular with STM, Hill City, and Spearfish, January 3 before heading to the Lyman Gardens in Presho on the 4th and 5th for the Mid-Dakota Monster and a taste of some east river teams.

The twenty-eight team tourney that includes: Belle Fourche; Bennett County, Custer/Edgemont, Hill City,Hot Springs, Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes, Kingsbury County, Lead-Deadwood, Little Wound, Lower Brule, host Lyman, McCook Central/Montrose, McLaughlin, Mobridge-Pollock, Newell, O’Neill, NE, Parkston, Pierre, Pine Ridge, Potter County, Red Cloud, Spearfish, St. Thomas More, Stanley County, Sunshine Bible Academy, Todd County, Warner/Northwestern, and Winner.

Lady Broncos Continue to Win



5’ 11” Senior, Ashley Byrd goes in the air to make the block on Lemmon Coyote as teammates Bella Jensen, Rylee Young, Payson Birkeland, and Harley Fisher keep control of the zone. *Courtesy photos-Laura Young*



Rylee Young nails a short jump shot for two of her 21 (left); and Payson Birkeland (31) uses the bank board for a pair as three Lemmon Cowboy teammates look on. *Courtesy photo-LY*



CHRIS RILEY

Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche Lady Broncos ran their record to 5-0 this season with a 65-40 non-conference victory at Lemmon on Friday, December 21.

It was a trio of seniors scoring in double figures leading the way for the Broncos, with Rylee Young netting a game-high 21

points, Ashley Byrd scoring 12 and Payson Birkeland adding 10. Belle Fourche held an 11-point lead at halftime and used an 18-6 scoring advantage in the third quarter to enter the holiday break undefeated.

A challenging pair of games await Belle Fourche though, as the Lady Broncos will play both Aberdeen Roncalli and Madison

in Rapid City on December 28 & 29 before opening the New Year at Red Cloud on January 5.

Belle Fourche also claimed the JV win, by a final of 50-30. Freshman Kaylin Garza led all scorers with 20 points while sophomore Hayley Wilbur added 19 points.

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Broncs Split Pair of Games on the Road

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Belle Fourche jumped out to a big first-quarter lead on Tuesday, December 18 in New Underwood and never looked back as the Broncos claimed a 56-27 victory over the Tigers in boys’ basketball action.

Senior Tate Hostetter led the Broncos with 16 points, 12 of which came via the three. Fellow seniors Chandler Kerr and Cauly Jennings added nine and eight points respectively while junior Kelby Olson had seven points and seven rebounds. Belle Fourche was 18-for-25 on free throws (72 percent) and held a 31-12 rebounding advantage over New Underwood. Junior Kolter Clark led the Tigers with 10 points.

Belle Fourche was also victorious in the JV game, winning 48-10. Tate Larson and Aiden Giffin led the way with

12 points apiece.

Belle Fourche traveled to Lemmon for non-conference boys’ basketball action on Friday, December 21 before Christmas break but fell to the Cowboys, 61-51.

Lemmon jumped out to an 18-13 lead after the first quarter and led 31-24 at the break. Juniors Kelby Olson and Tate Larson led the Broncos offensively, scoring nine points each.

Belle Fourche had a solid effort from the free-throw line, making 13 out of 16 shots (81 percent).

With the loss, Belle Fourche now sits at 4-2. The Broncos will play Aberdeen Roncalli and Madison on December 28 & 29 in Rapid City before resuming Black Hills Conference play at Red Cloud on January 5.



Colby Nowowiejski (4) is high in the air to block the Lemmon Cowboy’s shot as Kelby Olson (10) and Cauly Jennings (20) move in *Courtesy Photos-Traci Nowowiejski*



5’ 10” Soph. Tate Larson launches from behind the arc as Aiden Giffin (42) gets position in the lane. *Courtesy photo-TN*

Boy’s Varsity Basketball 4-2		
Dec 07	Broncs-Hill City	61-44
Dec 11	Broncs-Sturgis	45-81
Dec 14	Broncs-Sundance, WY	68-55
Dec 15	Broncs-Newcastle, WY	58-55
Dec 18	Broncs-New Underwood	56-27
Dec 21	Broncs- Lemmon	51-61
Dec 28	TBA Aberdeen Roncalli @ R.City	
Dec 29	5:00 pm Madison @ R.City CvCntr	
Jan 05	7:00 pm @ Red Cloud	
Jan 08	7:00 pm vs Spearfish	
Jan 12	4:00 pm vs.Wright, WY	

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COUNTY From A1
McCartney and State's Attorney Cassie Wendt have been doing other digging in their off-court hours checking counts, rather than cases. "Sometimes we have a drug case where there are multiple counts of different types of drugs," said McCartney. "We wanted to see where those counts were." According to the resources they have checked there's a substantial increase in misdemeanor counts from 82 in 2017 to 147 in 2018. Possession cases went from 32 to 49 and possession of paraphernalia went from 44 to 89. Felony counts increased as well, from 75 to 105, and manufacturing counts, having enough product/paraphernalia to cause that count, went from 11 to 14. "The drug business is definitely on the rise," said McCartney, reminding the commission that these were preliminary, unverified figures. Chairman Frank Walton asked, "Is it more teenage than adults?" McCartney responded that the felony counts showed more adults, but that their office wanted to bring in 2015 and 2016 figures. "Anecdotally, we are getting more interesting legal issues," said McCartney. "They (perpetrators) are claiming they are not competent because they've got a mental illness, (but) it

appears it is more drug related than mental illness related." She stated that defenses are using potential insanity claims, but it is because they are using drugs. Commissioner Stan Harms asked, "Is there any difference?" McCartney said it's a question of whether they can be restored to competency and assist in their legal defense and that it is costly to get them to that point. "The question is, are they doing something to make themselves mentally ill," said McCartney. Commissioner Karrol Herman stated that every time you take drugs it does something to your brain. Harms asked if there was a tie to drug legal areas like Colorado and McCartney responded that people have been stopped with drugs in their vehicles from states like Colorado and Washington where those drugs are legal. "It may be a case of people wanting to transport through South Dakota to bigger cities in the east or to the reservations," said McCartney. "Or people using and forgetting to take out of their car." She stated that their office would continue to look at figures and bring a more concrete picture to the commission. In the meantime she said, business in their office was increasing and that it was not a good sign.

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LIFT STATION
The new lift station would be built alongside the old one while the old one continues operation. Once the new one is complete, the switchover should take place seamlessly without any disruption of service. "The new project will include a concrete structure, new pumps and controls, a standby power source which is a natural gas generator, and then some miscellaneous improvements," Robinson said. Robinson also said due to the requirements of the SRF loan application they had to survey alternative sites for the lift station but concluded that the current location was the best location. He also said that they considered a dry well configuration, which is how the current lift station was built. But because the dry well would require a larger structure, it was determined that a wet well, where the pumps are submerged, would be about \$400,000 less expensive. Once the loan is approved the project will be out for bid in April with a May-October construction time frame.

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BRIDGE
geometry of the retaining walls significantly changed due to the required alignment of the sidewalk and bike path adjacent to the road. In the final design the sidewalks on the south end of the bridge are flared away from the bridge. In the southwest corner the sidewalk was flared closer to the bridge giving more available approach roadway. The sidewalk on the southeast corner was curved away from the bridge in order the increase sight distance for vehicular traffic at the intersection of 8th Avenue and Kingsbury Street. What this means is that the retaining walls now need to be lengthened since they are no longer perpendicular to the creek. When factoring in the slope of the riverbank it will require additional design time to make sure the slope and the walls are stable. On the plus side, the height of the walls can be reduced. The reason for this is that as the walls get further from the river channel the height of the wall can be reduced as the footings are "stair-stepped" up. This means the amount of construction materials can actually be reduced, saving on construction costs. The motion to accept the new design contract was made by Councilman Monte Talkington with the second coming from Councilman Troy Shockey. The motion passed on unanimous voice vote. Final design work is underway with expected completion in January. Construction will begin in 2019 as soon as weather allows.

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Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

A friend gave me several copies of the *Territorial News*. It is a publication from Apache Junction, Arizona. The paper has a lot of articles about western history and makes interesting reading.

One issue had a short item called "Country Wisdom" that contained the following:

Country fences need to be horse high, sheep tight, and bull strong.

Keep skunks and lawyers at a distance.

Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles.

Never lay an angry hand on a kid or an animal. It just ain't helpful.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.

A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.

Life is not about how fast your run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

Meanness doesn't happen overnight.

Don't name a pig you plan to eat.

2019 is just a few days away and gives us old folks a chance to tell young people how fast the time goes by. When you're kids time is measured by how long it takes Friday night to get here and where are you going to celebrate New Years? I made a resolution years ago to always stay home on New Years Eve. It is the only resolution I ever made that has been kept.

A few I stole:
A new years resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Deer readers, my gnu years resolution is to tell you a gazelleon times how much I caribou you! Sorry. Bad puns. Alpaca bag and leave.

I love it when they drop the ball in Times Square. It's a nice reminder of what I did all year. (Don't infer politicians into this one)

Riddle: Christmas and New Year's Day occur exactly one week apart. So a New Year's that occurs right after Christmas

should be on the same day of the week. But in the year 2020 Christmas will occur on a Friday and New Year's on a Wednesday.

Question: Why is this?

While you ponder the riddle it might be time to look at a few predictions for the upcoming year, 2019.

In 2019: The 8th Avenue Construction project will be completed (well almost).

2019: Both the Girls and Boys Basketball teams will make a trip to their respective State Basketball Tournaments.

2019: No matter what is written in this newspaper somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.

2019: Trucks going both north and south on 5th Avenue (Highway 85) will start policing themselves and at all times will obey the speed limit.

2019: Local business will not only thrive and grow, but new businesses will begin and more

jobs will be created as people decide to shop local the year round.

2019: When you see a car meandering on the road as they go it won't be someone texting.

2019: Areas to improve the Beacon:
1. Avoid alliteration. Always.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague (They're old hat).

4. Employ the vernacular.
5. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
6. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are unnecessary.

7. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
8. Contractions aren't necessary.

9. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
10. One should never generalize.

11. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."

12. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.

13. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.

14. Be more or less specific.

15. Understatement is always best.

16. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

17. One-word sentences? Eliminate.

18. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.

19. The passive voice is to be avoided.

20. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.

21. Even if a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.

22. Who needs rhetorical questions?

23. Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

When asked if he thought the biggest problem in politics that would arise in 2019 would be ignorance or apathy, the old rancher from southeastern Harding County replied, "I don't know and I don't care."

Answer to riddle. New Years Day is 1-1-2020 a Wednesday.

Christmas Day 12-25-2020 is a Friday.



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WNFR- Final World Standings 2018

Bareback

World standings: 1. Tim O'Connell, \$319,801; 2. Steven Dent, \$254,733; 3. Tilden Hooper, \$245,583; 4. Clayton Biglow, \$245,435; 5. Richmond Champion, \$243,345; 6. Caleb Bennett, \$240,390; 7. Kaycee Feild, \$231,445; 8. Orin Larsen, \$222,732; 9. Mason Clements, \$170,318; 10. Shane O'Connell, \$161,451; 11. Bill Tutor, \$154,162; 12. Ty Breuer, \$127,789; 13. Jake Brown, \$119,300; 14. Wyatt Denny, \$117,958; 15. Will Lowe, \$91,517.

Steer Wrestling

World standings: 1. Tyler Waguespack, \$260,013; 2. Bridger Chambers, \$216,762; 3. Will Lummus, \$195,182; 4. Curtis Cassidy, \$188,355; 5. Scott Guenther, \$186,727; 6. Tyler Pearson, \$172,991; 7. Ty Erickson, \$170,880; 8. Hunter Cure, \$167,890; 9. Blake Knowles, \$162,669; 10. Nick Guy, \$152,821; 11. Jacob Talley, \$145,717; 12. Kyle Irwin, \$139,416; 13. Riley Duvall, \$128,258; 14. Blake Mindemann, \$127,650; 15. Tanner Brunner, \$98,193.

Team Roping

World standings (headers): 1. Clay Smith, \$289,921; 2. Kaleb Driggers, \$272,464; 3. Aaron Tsinigine, \$212,506; 4. Cody Snow, \$196,773; 5. Bubba Buckaloo, \$194,836; 6. Derrick Begay, \$193,626; 7. Luke Brown, \$154,237; 8. Dustin Egusquiza, \$145,518; 9. Riley Minor, \$143,592; 10. Chad Masters, \$142,304; 11. Tyler Wade, \$135,607; 12. Clay Tryan, \$122,785; 13. Lane Ivy,

\$118,919; 14. Erich Rogers, \$116,643; 15. Rhen Richard, \$113,520.

World standings (heelers):

1. Paul Eaves, \$289,921; 2. Junior Nogueira, \$273,448; 3. Trey Yates, \$226,900; 4. Cory Petska, \$200,082; 5. Wesley Thorp, \$193,084; 6. Chase Tryan, \$174,252; 7. Joseph Harrison, \$161,477; 8. Jake Long, \$154,237; 9. Kory Koontz, \$145,518; 10. Brady Minor, \$142,400; 11. Cole Davison, \$128,713; 12. Clint Summers, \$127,755; 13. Travis Graves, \$118,928; 14. Buddy Hawkins II, \$115,913; 15. Quinn Kesler, \$109,637.

Saddle Bronc

World standings: 1. Wade Sundell, \$280,636; 2. Rusty Wright, \$262,434; 3. Zeke Thurston, \$262,041; 4. Coburn Bradshaw, \$256,710; 5. Ryder Wright, \$243,194; 6. Cort Scheer, \$238,977; 7. Jacobs Crawley, \$231,831; 8. Isaac Diaz, \$201,163; 9. Chase Brooks, \$168,641; 10. Clay Elliott, \$148,868; 11. Jake Wright, \$146,480; 12. Brody Cress, \$121,588; 13. Sterling Crawley, \$108,748; 14. Joey Sonnier III, \$102,653; 15. Taos Muncy, \$90,906.

Tie-Down

World standings: 1. Caleb Smidt, \$232,817; 2. Tuf Cooper, \$205,268; 3. Trevor Brazile, \$194,297; 4. Tyson Durfey, \$194,056; 5. Matt Shiozawa, \$193,576; 6. Ryle Smith, \$186,903; 7. Reese Riemer, \$182,300; 8. Shane Hanchey, \$180,847; 9. Jake Pratt, \$179,108; 10. Rhen Richard, \$172,629; 11. Ryan Jarrett,

\$168,077; 12. Marty Yates, \$166,502; 13. Cooper Martin, \$162,861; 14. Sterling Smith, \$158,609; 15. Cory Solomon, \$115,502.

Barrel Racing

World standings: 1. Hailey Kinsel, \$350,700; 2. Jessica Routier, \$251,704; 3. Amberleigh Moore, \$246,357; 4. Carman Pozzobon, \$204,831; 5. Jessie Telford, \$201,573; 6. Ivy Conrado, \$196,385; 7. Taci Bettis, \$191,538; 8. Nellie Miller, \$188,134; 9. Stevi Hillman, \$184,751; 10. Kylie Weast, \$173,484; 11. Lisa Lockhart, \$170,746; 12. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, \$162,920; 13. Tammy Fischer, \$130,892; 14. Kelly Bruner, \$129,708; 15. Tracy Nowlin, \$116,150.

Bull Riding

World standings: 1. Sage Kimzey, \$415,263; 2. Chase Dougherty, \$342,099; 3. Joe Frost, \$252,054; 4. Parker Breding, \$241,732; 5. Jeff Askey, \$225,624; 6. Roscoe Jarboe, \$213,801; 7. Dustin Bouquet, \$196,934; 8. Garrett Tribble, \$180,482; 9. Eli Vastbinder, \$173,371; 10. Koby Radley, \$160,072; 11. Tyler Bingham, \$146,910; 12. Trey Benton III, \$141,393; 13. Cole Melancon, \$138,038; 14. Boudreaux Campbell, \$135,469; 15. Trevor Kastner, \$104,396.

All Around

All-around world standings: 1. Trevor Brazile, \$335,680; 2. Tuf Cooper, \$310,357; 3. Rhen Richard, \$274,724; 4. Steven Dent, \$254,321; 5. Ryle Smith, \$203,409; 6. Curtis Cassidy, \$175,583.

\$11 Million Payout in Las Vegas World Series of Team Roping During 2018 NFR

The world series of Team Roping is held in Las Vegas each December in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo.

Lynn Stadheim of Belle Fourche, SD did well in two of the ropings; With partner Gerald Watson of Colorado,

they placed 6th in the Ariat #9 roping for \$102,000.

And roping with Jess Harris of Oral, SD in the Yeti #10 Finale he placed 22nd and won 10,600.

Another area roper who did well was Cash Hetzel of

Lemmon, SD, who partnered with Samantha Jo Jorgenson of Watford City, ND to place 10th in the Yeti #13 finale for 32,000 in winnings.

Thank you to Jim Thompson for contributing this story.



MILLION DOLLAR PAYDAYS - The South Point Casino Arena & Equestrian Center is usually sold out during the annual World Series of Team Roping (WSTR). The event is held alongside but separate from the WNFR in Las Vegas and this year paid out more than \$11 million dollars. Lynn and his 13 year old gelding, Hummer ready to bring part of it home -*Courtesy Photo*

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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 Life that Matters

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, days.

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Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived.

At the end, whether you were beautiful or brilliant, male or female, even your skin colour won't matter.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be



measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

Have a blessed 2019 everyone! - Jim Thompson



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

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Snowmobile Trails Open



PIERRE, S.D. – Snowmobile trails across South Dakota opened Saturday, Dec. 15.

Officials in the Black Hills say the majority of trails are in poor condition. The Black Hills have not yet received much for snow accumulation but they are hopeful that it will snow in the next coming weeks.

“It’s important that snowmobilers pick up a 2019 trail map this season,” reminds Black Hills trails manager Shannon Percy. “The trail system incurs a number of re-routes each year and having a current map will help avoid trespassing.”

Snowmobile trail maps can be picked up at various businesses along the trails. Riders can request a copy by calling 605.584.3896 or 605.773.2885. East River trails will see minimal grooming by opening day.

Snowmobilers are encouraged to check local conditions before riding.

Trail condition updates are posted to Twitter accounts dedicated to both the Black Hills and the East River trails (www.twitter.com/SDsnowBHills and www.twitter.com/SDsnowEast).

New trail cameras were installed at various locations last year. Current images of trail conditions can be found online at gfp.sd.gov/snowmobiling.

A \$20 snowmobile motorcycle trail pass is available for residents who use a motorcycle conversion kit. Those permits can be picked up at the Black Hills Trails office in Lead, 605.584.3896, or at Farm Island Recreation Area in Pierre, 605.773.2885.

The snowmobile season runs until March 31.

Newell HS Grads Serve Together in Afghanistan

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NEWELL – Jed Smeenk’s parents are Greg and Sherry, who now live in Belle Fourche. He has two sisters, Jenna and Trisha. They are a well-known family in the local NVN area.

Jessa Kling, whose parents are Ed and Kathy Kling of Nisland, is also well-known. Both graduated from Newell High School.

These two are together again, after many years of service in the Air Force, one in the Air National Guard and the other Active Duty. They are serving at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

Jed is a Technical Sergeant and works as an F-16 mechanic. He is a Crew Chief and his job is to ensure the fighter jet is ready for flight.

“Ready to fly, fight, and win,” said Jed. “We are the last ones to salute the pilot before they take off, and tell them the jet is good.” A lot of responsibility. Jed set foot in Afghanistan in July via C-17 transport. He follows the jets wherever they go. His job is to support Operation FREEDOM’S SENTINEL.

“It is important to serve because I love my country, and I fight for the honest, hard-working, great people back home, who want to live peaceful lives. I am willing and able, and I believe I should give back to this country I was so blessed to be born in. I feel it is my duty and I want to take over for the veterans that have come before me—sort of like passing the torch.” Smeenk said joining the military was one of the best decisions of his life. He has served for the past nine years.

“We are a big, extended family, in the Air National Guard,” said Smeenk. “We all look out for each other, and trips like this make our bond grow even stronger.”

“Take a minute to just realize how good we have it compared to other countries and parts of the world,” he said.

Jessa Kling is a Major in the U.S. Air Force, and is the current Commander of the 455th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. In 2019 she will be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Jessa graduated in 2000 from Newell and gained her undergraduate degree at SDSU in 2004, and her Master’s in Business Administration from University of Phoenix in 2010. Besides her parents she has three siblings, Jason, Kimberly and Jesse.

She received her commission in 2004 through the ROTC program at SDSU.

“I have the pleasure to lead a diverse squadron providing personal accountability across Afghanistan, lodging operations, testing for continuing education, postal operations, and fitness and recreation facilities that support over 3000 Total

Force Airmen, deployed to Bagram Airfield in support of NATO’s Resolute Support Mission and Operation FREEDOM’S SENTINEL,” said Kling.

Kling arrived in Afghanistan in July and will be deployed there for a year. Her wing defends, supports and delivers airpower as the premier counterterrorism wing.

“I am continually amazed by the men and women who raise



7,000 MILES FROM HOME - Jed Smeenk, left, and Jessa Kling, right, were both serving at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Smeenk recently returned home, but Kling will be there till summer 2019. - *Courtesy photo*

their right hand and take an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States,” said Kling. “Whether it be Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve Airmen, we come from diverse backgrounds, bring our own talents, and really want to serve. It’s an honor to wear the uniform and help protect the freedoms that we all hold dear. I thank you for your support—it helps to know that people from back home have us in their thoughts and prayers.”

Kling has served in the Air Force for the past 14.5 years and said it has opened many doors.

“As a kid from a farm in small town South Dakota, I could never have imagined (what it would be like),” said Kling. “I’ve lived in California, Italy, Texas, Washington, D.C., and traveled to many other places. I’ve had the privilege to meet three U.S. Presidents and many world leaders. The Air Force has continued to provide leadership opportunities, and I am so thankful that I have the work ethic of a farmer’s daughter, and the leadership skills that started through FFA.”

The NHS grads connected because of a photo that Kling sent to her brother, Jesse. He said he thought Jed was in the same place.

“I kept my eye out for Jed, but wasn’t quite sure how I’d find him,” she laughed. “I didn’t know Jed (in high school) as he is much younger. As luck would have it, a few weeks later I randomly ran into Jed, and a few weeks later we met up. It was great meeting up with him. Somehow, I keep running into Newell kids on deployments. In August 2012, I was on a C-130

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Highway Department Continues to Make Improvements

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BELLE FOURCHE – Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich brought information to the Butte County Commissioners on improvements his crew had made since he took the helm of the highway department. He reported on work on numerous areas where there had been complaints.

Several road issues, including one on Harding Road were mentioned and a couple of question from those in attendance at the meeting, brought about more information.

“We fixed the hold on the bridge on 3V Road (west of Belle Fourche),” said Heidrich. “We dug down to the very bottom of the hole and replaced the backwall on the bottom.” Heidrich said when the bridge had previously been repaired there had been a mistake made on the project and the bottom board washed out. They pumped out the water and fixed the hole, but Heidrich said it would not last unless there was rock and gravel replaced underneath. The decision was made to add chunks of concrete and pit run gravel.

The west end of Custer street

was discussed. “It was my understanding that we graveled it and the city was supposed to take over,” said Heidrich. The complaint was about big chunks of old asphalt. Heidrich said he had no idea whether it was the city or maybe even the railroad who had recently built the road up and left behind the big chunks. He said he would check it out.

Another area that had been addressed due to a complaint from landowner J.D. Mutchler of Newell.

“We put up guardrails on the Dillinger bridge,” said Heidrich. He (Mutchler) came by and wanted to know why we weren’t re-decking the bridge. “I told him there wasn’t a possibility of that.” Heidrich said that because the bridge was so narrow that the deck had worn down in the one lane. His suggestion was to put planking over the wear spots but not replace the whole deck. Commissioner Kim Richards said, “Its strictly for his convenience and we said we would try to keep it open as long as we could while it still has usefulness.”

Heidrich said it would cost around \$6,000 to re-deck the bridge on a minimal use bridge.



CHANGING OF THE GUARD RAILS - This bridge on Dillinger Road north of Highway 212, has had new guard rails put on the sides and will have planks covering the wear spots in the near future. - *Photo by Colleen Brunner*

Looking Back in Belle

The articles come from newspaper microfilm at the Belle Fourche Public library. The photograph is from the Tri-State Museum.

122 years ago - Belle Fourche Times January 2, 1896

The Times, Botterberg & Martin, Publishers Salutatory

With the beginning of the new year The Times begs leave to make its bow before the public with the compliments of the season, and the hope that life, health, happiness and prosperity may be your portion throughout the year. In starting a new paper it is customary to announce the object or purpose of such publication, followed by a promise that it will be a permanent fixture – as lasting as the hills – and that it will undertake to return all political, social, and religious affairs in the community. All such promises will here be omitted. The object of this paper is simple to make a living for the publishers, to assist our patrons in doing the same, and to work for welfare of our town and surrounding country. With the kind assistance and good will of our patrons, these simple propositions can be carried out to the letter. The political complexion of THE TIMES will be Democratic. Some of our readers, perhaps, will not rejoice to learn this fact, for, although they are not in favor of a high protective tariff – and voted for Grover Cleveland at the last Presidential election – still the Democratic party is not in the zenith of its glory at present, and as a consequence the prospects for Republican victory are greater today than they were four months ago. And it is the natural ambition of the American voter to be counted on the winning side.

A Condensed Review of Belle Fourche, Butte County and Their Varied Enterprises The Fire-Swept Town of Belle Fourche Re-Built A brief retrospectives view of the town and county with up-to-date facts and figures as to resources and development. Butte county is the most northern of the Black Hills counties which comprise the settled portion of western South Dakota. The county is fifty-two miles long, east and west, by forty-five miles wide, and is the largest county in the state. It was constructed from Mandan, and a part of Lawrence counties by a special act of the territorial legislature of 1882-3. The temporary commissioners were appointed and held their first meeting at Minnesela, the temporary county seat, on July 23d, 1883. The first officers of the county were: commissioners – Henry Chamberlain, J. I. Woolston, Christian Flucken. Treasurer – John Hildebrand, Clerk and Register – C. F. Johnson, Probate Judge – C. H. Gores, Sheriff – Harry Stevens, Coroner – Wm. Mitchell, Surveyor – G.Z. Richards, Assessor – Geo.M. Browning, Supt. Of Schools – Peter Miller. Minnesela, the first town in the county, was founded by D. T. Harrison and A. A. Choteau in Mary, 1882, on one of the prettiest sites in the country. Minnesela maintained its position as the leading town of the county until the founding of the town of Belle Fourche in 1891. Among the early settlers of the Redwater and Belle Fourche valleys were Wm. Grimmett, Conrad Berg, Wm. Haydon, Ed. Duford, John McClure, D. T. Harrison, P. B. Stearns, J. M.Eaton, A, Giles and Peter Broochu. Pioneer Hay Creek settlers were J. A. Scotney, Wm. Fieldsend and John C. Mathias.

100 years ago – Dec 27, 1918 – Northwest Post
Proved Spirit of Democracy Voluntary Basis of Food Saving Showed Heart of America Beat True for Freedom To the voluntary service and sacrifice of the American people must attributed the continued health, strength and morale of the Allied armies and the civil populace. Upon this spirit of service and sacrifice will depend Europe’s fate in the months to come. In the past year, we have carried out an export program, the magnitude of which is almost beyond comprehension. But with the new demands that

have come, with the liberation of nations freed from German oppression, our exports must be almost doubled. Instead of 11,820,000 tons, we must ship twenty million tons of food to Europe in the coming year – as much as can be pushed through our ports. **Substantial Increase in County’s Valuation**

County Auditor N. P. Lang has completed compiling the recapitulation of the tax list for Butte county for 1918. This statement shows the valuation of property in the county is three-fourth of a million dollars greater this year than last year, or a total valuation of \$10,305,369.00, and the tax levies as made by the board of county commissioners will raise a total of \$253,009.95 in the county this year.



Camp Crook’s Modern Bank Range Gazette – The Little Missouri Bank is now occupying its new, modern banking house which has just been completed, situated on what is known as the Chuning corner, in Camp Crook. Everything considered, it is by far the finest and best-appointed banking quarters in all this northwest territory, not excepting those of the adjacent railroad towns. The building is a great credit to the town of Camp Crook and a monument to the enterprise and progressiveness of the owners of this pioneer financial institution. The interior finish and appointments are of the best. The building is equipped with the electric lighting plant, water and steam heating system, and first-class plumbing facilities. The working rooms and vaults are spacious, and every need is amply provided for. In fact, the new bank home has been built for the future and indicates in no uncertain manner the faith of the directors in the permanency of the institutions and of the town. Cashier A. R. McDermott and his assistant, Mr. A. C. Frohlich, have been putting in long hours the past week in getting settled in the new quarters. Mr. Will Golding of Belle Fourche was the builder.

75 years ago –The Belle Fourche Bee Dec. 28, 1943
Dan McCutchen Community Lost a Well-Known Civic Leader In the untimely death of Dan McCutchen, Belle Fourche and community has lost a well-known civic and community leader. In the practice of his chosen profession, the name of McCutchen as attorney was synonymous with “ace” in aviation circles, proficiency in the highest degree. His legal clients came from far and near, and his ability in that chosen profession was held in high esteem by the courts and fellow attorneys. In municipal affairs, he gave willingly and untiringly of his time and effort, serving nearly ten years as mayor of Belle Fourche. During that time many outstanding civic improvements were initiated and completed. In American Legion circles, he served his home post as commander, and later his state as department commander, another evidence of his civic leadership. This fall, despite his weakened physical condition, he volunteered to act as Butte county USO chairman, and Butte County was one of the first counties to over-subscribe its allotted quota to the USO. When it came to taking a definite stand on present war issues, everyone knew where Dan stood, “Americanism,” first, last and at all times. His thoughts, words, and actions were leadership personified ... Dan’s memory will linger long

with the folks of Belle Fourche and surrounding communities where he labored incessantly for the common welfare. (Bee’s editorial)

Brother Former Coach is Rear Admiral on Battleship South Dakota

In their list of Christmas Day greeting, Sheriff and Mrs. Elmer Hill received an interesting letter from P.O. Hanson, superintendent of school at Hallock, Minn., and former coach in Belle Fourche and Newell high schools, in which he stated that his brother, E. W. Hanson, is now a Rear Admiral in the navy, and that his flagship was the Battleship South Dakota, during its hectic combats in the Pacific area at which time this particular ship was called the Battleship X. Rear Admiral Hanson is a graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy, graduating in 1911.

New Business Making Old Tires Serviceable During the past year Belle Fourche become the scene of a new industry,

and the scene of a new under way this fall, it has been attracting a lot of attention both from those who go there for mere curiosity and for those who are becoming patrons. We refer to the Retreading and Recapping department of the Walsh Service and Tire Company on Fifth Avenue South, operated by Basil and Mark Walsh. The new department is located in the station just north of the Gospel church. The Walsh brothers refer to it as Seiberling Recapping and Retreading equipment, consisting of a mold for passenger and light truck tires. The material used in recapping and retreading comprise Seiberling Camel Back, Grade C Synthetic rubber.

50 years ago – The Belle Fourche Daily Post December 30, 1968

Study Suggests Single School District for Three Counties

“Do our children enjoy the benefits of an education that will prepare them for an unknown future?” The lack of an answer to this and other pertinent questions led to the formation in February, 1968 of the Education Study Committee of the Northern Black Hills Chamber of Commerce. Under the leadership of Dr. Lincoln Henry of Black Hills State College, the committee defined as its purpose, “taking a fresh look at major educational problems on a three-county basis rather than a community basis.”

Christmas Gifts Gathered by Community

No one in the area should go hungry on Christmas. This array of food – hundreds of items – is being distributed by the Butte county welfare office to the needy families of the area. Many of the canned items were donated by Belle Fourche high school students. The assortment contains everything from flour to canned peas, from celery to applies to milk. This is but part of the Christmas gifts that are being distributed. The Legion is distributing toys and many individuals and organizations prepared their own baskets. In addition, the welfare department will distribute several hundred pounds of wild game.

Bank Debits Show Gain Here

Belle Fourche bank debits in November did not reflect the dramatic gain they have shown for the past four months, but they did show an increase of three per cent. November debits amounted to \$16,950,000 as compared to \$16,499,000 in November of 1967. The total for the last 12 months stands at \$136,465,000, an increase of 21 per cent over the previous 12 months period, while the January through November total stands at \$123,854,000, an increase of 22 per cent over the same period a year ago.



by Mary Buchholz

Leadership Belle Fourche

Regional Industry Yesterday and Today
by Hollie Stalder
Belle Fourche Economic Development Executive Director.

This month’s Leadership session started the day with a tour of a facility serving an industry that has been part of Belle Fourche since the late 1800’s. The tours progressed through the day to include some of our community’s newest manufacturers.

The class started at 9:00 a.m. on December 20th with the Belle Fourche Livestock Auction, where new owner, Baxter Anders, introduced himself and started the tour of a facility with operations dating back to the 1930’s. Baxter and his wife Skyler purchased the business earlier this fall. Baxter explained how the industry is evolving with technology, but he realizes the value of the traditional sale barn for many of his customers. Being able to see the cattle beforehand and coming into the ring live, vs online, often is still preferred when making decisions for purchase. The tour included the lobby, sale ring and outside pens with the recent updates to better serve their customers and the livestock at the facility. With sales of livestock exceeding 10,000 head in one day, these updates have been key to accommodate current and future growth.

Touring the livestock auction on a sale day showed the level of activity and volume first hand. The economic impact this business and the industry has in our region is significant. The work this employer does with the help of dozens of employees (full and part time) serves the tri-state region and beyond.

Larry Prager, CEO of Center of the Nation Wool, took us through the wool industry history and significance in today’s market as the second tour of



the day. This facility is a national leader handling over 5 million pounds of wool in the warehouse. Prager showed the wool quality from our region and explained the process it goes through at the facility which has operated in Belle Fourche

since the 1980’s. The care for the product and the customers is key to their success over the years. Prager attributes the years of good working relationships with area producers for their continued success and a record breaking year in the industry for this local operation. What better way to tie in the history than a visit with our local Tri-State Museum. Museum director, Kristi Thielen, brought the class in with an overview of how Belle Fourche began with credit to the cattle and sheep industry being a strong base. The Leadership class of 11 then toured the museum for a richer look at our past first hand.

The afternoon took our group to the industry of today. Three of our local manufacturers were kind to open their doors and educate the group about their industry and the local manufacturing that takes place on a daily basis in Belle Fourche. Their employment and production also has a significant impact, not only on our community, but on our region and beyond. We are so thankful for the time Permian Tank, Ring Container and Pipeline Plastics took to tour their facilities and share the experience of their individual industry with our crew. It was a great day of learning and relationship development.

One of the leadership class goals is to broaden the knowledge of how our community functions with the businesses who make up the community and leadership that it takes to operate.

Another day of being so thankful we live in such an incredible community!



Class at Center of the Nation Wool l-r: Michelle Lange, Hazel Maher, Tessa Voyles, Jamie Hockenberry, Kelly Milliken, Spencer Somervold, CON Wool CEO – Larry Prager, Sandra Kringen, David Vandenboss, Elaine Jensen, Marcus Bevier, and Cherie Colman. *Courtesy Photo*



Class on tour at Belle Fourche Livestock Market with owner Baxter Anders. *Courtesy Photo*



Leadership Belle Fourche Tour at Permian Tank Production Facility (above); Tour of **Ring Container** - safety ready for the tour! (below) *Courtesy Photos*



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NEW BVFVD CADETS - New Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department Cadets (front row l to r) Michael Streeter, Chris Reeves, Taylor Kephart, Nevaeh Balderas, Isabella Ferguson. Back row (r to l) Assistant Chief James Moross, Captain Jim Groseclose, Lieutenant Paul Hill, Cadet Advisor Skyla Bush, Lieutenant Trenton Bush, Captain Nick Loper, Cadet Advisor Cheryl Anderson, and Assistant Chief Andy Anderson *BFFD Courtesy Photo*

KAREN ODELL
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Dick and Erma Albert made a trip to Belle Fourche on Tuesday, but because of the road conditions, they decided not to go any farther, and they headed back to Buffalo early. There had been more snow to the south.
Alvin Cordell went to Reva on Monday to get a pick-up that Dustin Tenold had worked on. On Friday, Barrett Cordell stayed at their house. Marlee went in to Camp Crook to pick up Kymber and Kynlee from school that day. Ryan and Tawni Cordell made a trip to the hills that day for some shopping.
Lynn Gustafson went to Buffalo for a church pastoral meeting on Monday. Little Missouri Lutheran Church has a new pastor. George McGuire has been hired. He will soon be moving to Buffalo from New Mexico. His first sermon will be given at Little Missouri's Candle Lighting service on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Little Missouri will not be having a service on Sunday, so they are hoping everyone will come to the Monday service instead.
Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum stopped by to visit at Junior Melum's after church on Sunday. Rachel had gotten to see her new nephew, Coleman Slade Kalbach, that day when they went to Baker for church. Coleman is the new son of Mike and Amber Kalbach.

Capitol News

Dorothy Padden spent much of this week making deer and port jerky and summer sausage. Dawn and Bryce have been helping her. On Thursday, she made a trip to Ekalaka and did some errands there. On Sunday, she went in to the Methodist Church for the morning service, the pot luck dinner, and then the Sunday School Christmas Program. Erik and Nita Loken stopped to pick up Dawn Padden, and they went to Ekalaka for the basketball games, this week. Ekalaka played Millstone. On Monday, Diane Wear drove Ronda Cordell to Spearfish for a doctor's appointment. Clint Zolnoski rode along to Scott Peterson's, where he got the caking pick-up to bring home. Lowell Cordell came very early on Wednesday morning for a haircut and to have coffee with Ronda. He wondered whose semi was parked over by the old barn. In a few minutes, the driver, Dell Dague, walked over for breakfast that Diane cooked. Soon, Charlie Odell came to inspect heifer calves that were to be taken to the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange for the Thursday sale. Both Dell and Clint hauled loads. That afternoon, Diane drove Ronda to physical therapy in Buffalo. Denise and Abby Zolnoski and Ronda went down for the sale. Then later on Thursday, Ronda went to have an Ortho check on her knee. On Saturday, Ronda drove to Camp Crook where she joined Diane Wear and Janet Odell. The three went to the Buffalo Christmas Craft Bazaar. Last week, Ronda's daughter, Cristen Westling, stayed to help out. Ronda spent lots of time with ice water circulating on her knee and doing therapy. Gene Secrest came to help with feeding one day when Clint's family were in town. Tony and Linda Hannah were visiting from Alaska, and stopped down several times to visit. Jack and Kay Ovitz stopped by one day to visit and bring cookies and treats.
Ronda has managed to make some candy and popcorn cakes in between icing her knee and going to doctor's appointments. Charlie Odell inspected cattle for Ronda Cordell, and Bruce Gustafson on Wednesday. He did some more inspecting for Paddens on Thursday. On Friday he made a trip to town, and went down the Norwegian Cut-Off, but the north half of that road was so icy that he went around by Buffalo on the way home. The south half had been plowed and the ice has been removed on that part. In Spearfish, he had a nice visit with the Teller ladies. He and Karen went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook on Sunday morning. They stayed for all the wonderful food at the pot luck dinner, and then enjoyed the Sunday School Christmas Program. It is so fun to see the costumes and the presentation of the manger scene.

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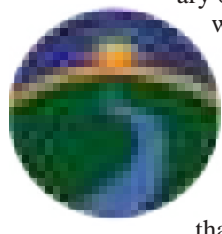
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Grand River Roundup
BETTY OLSON
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Another week of warm fall weather, but the wind on Wednesday was horrible. I'm writing this really early because of the Christmas holiday so I'll have to fill you in about the Christmas celebrations next week. Last Saturday, December 15, was a busy day in Buffalo. Amanda went over that morning for the Merry Prairie Christmas at the Civic Center and Taz and Casey and Missy went in for the festivities that evening. There was a movie at the old gym and a dance at the HC REC center that night. Pennee Clanton also had her Grand Opening of Quilt Connection 2 that day. December 15 was also Copper and Great Grandpa Reub's birthdays, so Amanda and Taz had a birthday party for them on Sunday after church. Copper turned two and I won't tell you how old Reub is, but there is a reason his hair is white.
Sunday was a really busy day. The bridal shower for Rosie Douglas, bride-elect of Ty Hotchkiss was that afternoon at the church. The Beckman Memorial Church in Prairie City held their Sunday School Christmas program that evening and I ran into another deer on the way down there, smashing the headlight, front fender and the door on the driver's side and damaging the hood and grill. Wyatt Sabo came to take pictures of the car for the accident report.
I had a good visit this week with Stephanie Rissler from SD Public Broadcasting about the vanished town documentary they made in Harding and Perkins Counties. Because of all the political stuff Stephanie had to cover this fall the documentary has been moved to August 2019 instead of after Christmas as originally planned. They are looking at having a 30 minute screening of part of the film taken in this area and if they can do that, it will be shown at the Reva Hall in either February or March. Stephanie was very impressed with her interview with the mayor of Harding Steve Hight for the documentary that she did a little later in Spearfish. She also said that the most beautiful scenery they filmed in the state was taken in Harding and Perkins Counties. We live in a very "politically correct" time and since we have to be very careful how we word things, I'll leave you with this:
To All My Liberal Friends: Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low-stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasion and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all. I also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2019, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great. Not to imply that America is necessarily greater than any other country nor the only America in the Western Hemisphere. Also, this wish is made without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wish.
To My Conservative Friends: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019.



They’re Not Just Buildings...They’re Businesses

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Although the merchandise sold in their respective stores does not have much in common, the businesses that Annie Albright and George Wilson operate on State Street certainly have a common denominator. Each occupy one of Belle Fourche’s historic buildings. And this is where ‘common denominator’ turns into sheer coincidence. When Annie’s parents retired here, they bought a home once owned by Charles Small who ran Small’s Clothier in downtown, the building now owned by George.

Annie owns The Bakery Fabrics inside what was once the Tri-State Bakery. The building was constructed in 1927 and in 1993 was added to the National Registry of Historic Places. All well and good where Belle Fourche history is concerned, woven into the fabric of the ‘Old West.’ But Annie lives in the ‘New West.’ Fabrics are

now her business, a business she’s been cultivating since 1989 when she came out from Seattle, Washington, moving to Belle Fourche to join her parents and two siblings. Her mother bought the building, initially operating it as an antiques store. But with a degree in clothing design, (her first year of college was in Paris), Annie’s business eventually evolved by 2009 into strictly fabrics with in-store clientele not just local but from Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and East River as well. She also sells online while readily admitting, “Retail is challenging. “I have clients whose husbands travel out here every year to hunt and if their wives aren’t hunting, too, they make a bee-line for my shop,” Annie notes, adding “there are also many Deadwood-bound travelers who always find time to visit my store.”

But with five thousand bolts of fabric in stock that include unique western and wildlife



The Bakery Fabrics is located in the former Tri-State Bakery building. The mural was restored by Ari Albright. The building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

prints as well as pre-cuts for quilters, Annie emphasizes that the welcome mat is especially out for local customers and would like to see more of them coming in.

Born in Seattle, Annie also called Turkey, Greece and France home when her father, Marsden Albright, was employed by the Boeing Corporation. The family eventually settled in Belle Fourche after Annie’s father had traveled throughout the area in the 1970s as contract manager for the Air Force’s Minuteman missile project. They loved the area and knew it would be home.

In retirement, Marsden was a familiar presence in the community, whether out for his daily run, swimming or patronizing

the local library. Annie’s mother, Anietta, became very active in the community, helping to develop the Cowtown Festival, working on Belle Fourche beautification and getting several Belle Fourche buildings on the National Registry of Historic Places. In addition to the Tri-State Bakery, other buildings include the Don Pratt, the Small House and Shay Recreation. Marsden and Anietta definitely left their mark on the community before passing away.

And today making their marks and keeping the Albright name alive, in addition to Annie, are her sister Ari Albright, an accomplished artist whose murals in town include American Beauty Bread (on the side of Annie’s building) and The Bank

of Belle Fourche (on the building owned by John Fitzgerald) and their brother Tony Albright, owner of Albright Construction, who did much of the renovation work on the Small House, Shay Recreation and Tri-State Bakery.

Annie’s husband, Scott Drabek, is employed at the new Knecht’s in Spearfish. They have a son, Ayden, attending the South Dakota School of Mines, and a daughter, Alanya, in her senior year at Belle Fourche High School.

The Bakery Fabrics is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. In addition, Annie posts special hours on Facebook.

From Small’s to Thinking Big



“Small’s home at 825 5th Ave. On the porch are Mother Small, Fred, Dorothy, & Margaret.”

Meanwhile, towards the other end of State Street, George Wilson has a new business in an old building whose interior is well-worth seeing following a remodeling project by Timberline Construction of Piedmont enhanced with original paintings for sale from renowned local western artist Mick Harrison.

Cowboys Too! opened last April with a line of fine western apparel that George feels is a cinch to attract women and men alike (thus the store’s name). Originally from Minnesota where he ran an insurance agency, George fell in love with the Black Hills over the nearly 10 years he traveled to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, eventually purchasing property in Nemo where he and his wife, Cheryl, built their home (also by Timberline Construction) and have lived for the past four years. Cheryl continues to work from home as a recruiter for the Mayo Clinic. The couple have three children and six grandchildren.

Before purchasing the building now housing Cowboys Too!, George had smaller lines of

apparel in rented facilities on State Street. Of great assistance to George in making the transition to store ownership was Michelle Evans, a transplant from the Pacific Northwest who met George in 2016. She runs a social media business while her husband, Peter, is a stay-at-home dad, homeschooling their seven-year-old daughter, Izzy. Michelle continues to be an influential presence in the business, not just in-store but online as well where international interest in everything western brings many tourists to town and into Cowboy Too! as well.

Says George, who is an active supporter of Chutes for Charity and the Black Hills Roundup, “It was such a pleasure for me to see a customer from Holland at the rodeo wearing the pair of boots he bought from me that day.”

And George is encouraged by the local trade as well noting, “Ranchers are an important part of my business.”

Cowboys Too! is open Monday thru Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturdays from 10am to 5pm.



The changing store fronts of 506 State Street over the years.



Looking east down State Street from 5th Avenue. Small’s Clothier can be seen just left of center. The picture below shows what a similar angle looks like today.





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McDonald Ranch, Jordan MT.....	113.....	Black-Hfr.....	494.....	\$162.75
McDonald Ranch, Jordan MT.....	104.....	Black-Str.....	418.....	\$205.00
McDonald Ranch, Jordan MT.....	23.....	Black-Str.....	331.....	\$218.00
McDonald Ranch, Jordan MT.....	36.....	Black-Hfr.....	350.....	\$175.50
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT.....	28.....	Black-Str.....	616.....	\$151.00
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT.....	38.....	Black-Str.....	542.....	\$166.50
Bull Ranch Inc, Ashland MT.....	15.....	Black-Hfr.....	558.....	\$148.50
Ronnie & Vonda Mahaffy, Newell SD.....	48.....	Black-Str.....	666.....	\$157.00
Geis Brothers Llc, Gillette WY.....	20.....	Blk/Bwf-Str.....	714.....	\$155.50
Geis Brothers Llc, Gillette WY.....	33.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr.....	682.....	\$136.00
Joseph Wondercheck, Moorcroft WY.....	26.....	Rd/Blk-Str.....	496.....	\$173.00
Joseph Wondercheck, Moorcroft WY.....	27.....	Rd/Blk-Str.....	417.....	\$183.00
Joseph Wondercheck, Moorcroft WY.....	28.....	Rd/Blk-Hfr.....	400.....	\$158.00
Lynn & Terry Tarrant, White Owl SD.....	13.....	Black-Hfr.....	520.....	\$166.00
Consignment From WY.....	14.....	Black-Str.....	508.....	\$173.00
Ty Miller, Newcastle WY.....	20.....	Black-Hfr.....	468.....	\$165.00
Clayton Branscom, Osage WY.....	12.....	Black-Str.....	548.....	\$168.50
Lawson McGill, Powderville MT.....	22.....	Black-Hfr.....	506.....	\$163.50
Kirk Askins, Broadus MT.....	13.....	Black-Str.....	615.....	\$159.00
Kirk Askins, Broadus MT.....	11.....	Black-Hfr.....	607.....	\$142.50
Dave & Denise Wagner, Hulett WY.....	9.....	Black-Str.....	671.....	\$147.50
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus MT.....	13.....	Blk/Bwf-Hfr.....	853.....	\$141.00
Minnesla Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD.....	19.....	Black-Hfr.....	919.....	\$138.50
Bred Stock Saunders Land & Lvstck Co, Gillette WY.....	52.....	Rd/Blk-Brd Cow Brkn.....	1,448.....	\$985.00
Sully & Debbie Simons, Beulah WY.....	18.....	Blk/Bwf-Brd Cow Brkn.....	1,277.....	\$810.00
Damm Brothers Inc, Broadus MT.....	20.....	Black-Brd Cow Brkn.....	1,204.....	\$775.00

WEIGH-UPS

Cross Crown Llc, Buffalo WY.....	8.....	Black-Cow.....	1,248.....	\$62.00
Cross Crown Llc, Buffalo WY.....	3.....	Black-Cowette.....	1,032.....	\$70.00
Gary & Deb Mailoux, Vale SD.....	5.....	Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1,345.....	\$61.50
Ron & Cindy Floyd, Ludlow SD.....	3.....	Black-Cow.....	1,298.....	\$61.50
Capitol Llc, Capitol MT.....	4.....	Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1,321.....	\$61.50
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Bwf-Cow.....	1,280.....	\$61.50
Andrew Cathey , Hammond MT.....	16.....	Black-Cow.....	1,358.....	\$61.25
Byron & Bridgette Geis , Kaycee WY.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1,380.....	\$61.00
Levin Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD.....	5.....	Black-Cow.....	1,319.....	\$60.50
Levin Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Black-Hfr.....	1,105.....	\$71.50
Warren & Greta Crawford, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1,230.....	\$60.50
Gary & Yolanda Martian, Buffalo SD.....	8.....	Black-Hfr.....	1,101.....	\$73.00
Trevor Garman, Alzada MT.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1,098.....	\$60.50
Hammel Red Angus, Ekalaka MT.....	2.....	Red-Cow.....	1,430.....	\$60.50
McDonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY.....	12.....	Black-Cow.....	1,468.....	\$60.25
Nance Cattle Co, Birney MT.....	3.....	Black-Cow.....	1,237.....	\$60.00
Ben & Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD.....	8.....	Black-Cow.....	1,346.....	\$60.00
Ben & Lori Garman, Belle Fourche SD.....	2.....	Black-Cowette.....	1,073.....	\$76.00
Ron P & Michelle Bears, Alva WY.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1,503.....	\$59.50
Ted Kautzman, Capitol MT.....	8.....	Black-Cow.....	1,209.....	\$59.50
Norman Ranch, Black Hawk SD.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1,443.....	\$59.50

James & Kathryn Reid, Nisland SD.....	1.....	Black-Cowette.....	1,140.....	\$70.00
Royce Danielson, Piedmont SD.....	6.....	Black-Cow.....	1,373.....	\$58.50
Monte Snook, Hulett WY.....	9.....	Black-Hfr.....	1,046.....	\$78.50
Lloyd Raber, Alzada MT.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1,793.....	\$58.50
Jensen Livestock Llc, Belle Fourche SD.....	6.....	Blk/Bwf-Cow.....	1,235.....	\$58.50
Neiman Cattle Co Llc, Alva WY.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1,455.....	\$58.50
Mark Thompson, Sundance WY.....	3.....	Bwf-Cow.....	1,403.....	\$58.50
Center Of The Nation Cattle Co, Newell SD.....	4.....	Black-Cow.....	1,591.....	\$58.00
Ed & Kathy Merrill, Newcastle WY.....	2.....	Bwf-Cow.....	1,320.....	\$56.50
Merle & Amy Ligocki, Sheridan WY.....	2.....	Black-Cow.....	1,280.....	\$55.50
Randy & Connie Oliver, Newell SD.....	1.....	Black-Cow.....	1,485.....	\$55.00
Arthur L Hauber, Hulett WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2,395.....	\$64.50
Arthur L Hauber, Hulett WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	1,965.....	\$63.50
Huseby Ranch Llc, Hulett WY.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2,020.....	\$63.00
Tyler Woods, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Hfr-Bull.....	2,145.....	\$62.00
Ron Rooney, Miles City MT.....	1.....	Black-Bull.....	2,060.....	\$61.50

News From The Block

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To the customers of BFLM – We thank you all for your loyalty. We are honored to be able to serve you and look forward to continue doing business with you all. We wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with happiness!

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Baxter & Skyler Anders

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Thursday, January 3th - Feeder Cattle Special – Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, January 10th – Stock Cow & Bred Heifer Special– Selling All Classes of Cattle
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

CONSIGNORS:

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And here’s to 2019.

May your trails lead to water, your pastures stay green,
And the good Lord grant what you need in between.

Happy New Year!

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