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Pineslope Memorial Day Services Held



Major (Ret) Mike Reade' (2nd from left) delivered the address and served as Master of Ceremonies at the Pine Slope Cemetery Memorial Day services. The Belle Fourche honor guard stands at attention as the Center of the Nation Brass plays the national anthem. The services were inside the newly dedicated Pine Slope Cemetery Shelter. - Beacon Photo

Part of Belle Fourche History Turns 90 in this Year of the 100th Roundup

It must have been God's premonition that James "Jim" Barry Ross was born in early June 1929, the year the Tri-State Roundup changed its name from the "Tri-State Roundup" to the "Black Hills Roundup". The1947 graduate of Belle Fourche High School's first rung on his career ladder included being a photographer at the Black Hills Roundup.

He began work for the Belle Fourche Daily Post full time in 1948 as a reporter, photographer and photo-engraver. He continued working there until late 1960.

Covering the Roundup was just part of the job, but it was while working for the Daily Post, Jim became a part of Black Hills Roundup history. Photos that he took while covering his "hometown rodeo" became national award-winning rodeo photographs.

His 1949 Black Hills Round-Up photo of Gene Webb on Top Rail was named the Rodeo Cowboy Association Rodeo Photograph of the Year (later the PRCA). The photo of a rider being thrown by a Brahma bull in 1950 was up for the same honor and was awarded Honorable Mention, again during the Black Hills Round-Up. The International Rodeo Association awarded him their first-ever Rodeo Picture of the Year in 1954. The photo showed rodeo clown, Jimmy Schumacher, a Rapid City native, inside a barrel that was thrown in the air by an angry Brahma bull. Jim took the photo as he and his camera were looking down into the barrel from the crow's nest.



Jim Ross in the early 50's leaning against the post on the corner of 5th & Roundup near the Roundup Street location of the Belle Fourche Post *Photo Courtesy Ross family*

Flipping back a few chapters in Jim's life, while in grade and high school Jim had magazine and newspaper delivery routes, worked in a drug store, a clothing store, an automobile service station, and a beet sugar refinery. His job at the Post was interrupted when he spent two years in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Jim's military service included four years in the inactive Naval Reserve. He served in the Army from 1951 to 1953, achieving the rank of corporal. Much of his time on active duty was spent in Tokyo, Japan as a photographer in the Signal Corps unit serving the United Nations Far East Command Headquarters. During this time, he photographed military events, everyday life, and many dignitaries, including Cary Grant and Carmen Miranda. Another assignment was to accompany General Clark's wife as she visited wounded soldiers in the hospital. Jim returned from the Army and resumed his job at the Post, and later married the love of his life Dorothy Yaeger. Jim and his wife, Dorothy, (she has Arpan roots), have been married for 64 years.



Helping Veterans One Step at a Time



COAST TO COAST - 57-year old Rick Harrison pauses in Belle Fourche during his 3,200 mile walk across America for disabled Americans. - *Beacon Photo*

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When Rick Harrison began a 3,200-mile walk across America to raise funds to help disabled Veterans, he didn't realize that he'd find himself at the center of the Nation Memorial Day

brother, along with clothes, a tent, a chair, some tools and other supplies. He tries to cover at least 20 miles a day, the most he's done is 36. He says he camps out most nights but every four or five days he gets a hotel room to recharge batteries, wash clothes and rest. "It's not a race, I can tell you that," he said. "And I've really enjoyed it. You meet a lot of good people and few not so good. You see a lot of trash on the highways but I've also run into some folks who have been very generous. They buy me lunch and sometimes even pay for my hotel room." Harrison says he's spending his own money on the trip about \$3,500 so far. He's gone through 4 sets of wheels on the wagon, three pairs of shoes with two more almost gone and lost 30 pounds. But he's raised more than \$5,600, all of which will go toward the cause. After he paused to get a photo at the Center of the Nation Monument, Harrison said he was heading up Hwy 212 and on to Billings then over the Rockies and into Seattle. "Sometimes the hills get pretty tough, but you just gotta take it slow," he says. "I just missed the snow in Sturgis." Rick adds that his faith in God keeps him motivated. "I say a prayer every day and I remember what it must have been like when Jesus had to carry his cross." If all goes well he expects to be in Seattle by July 23rd. Then he'll rent a vehicle and drive back to Iowa with his wagon for a planned family reunion on the 27th. Harrison says the state capitol in Iowa is interested in displaying his wagon once the trip is complete. He's been interviewed more than a dozen times and says he's been contacted by Fox News who would like to do a feature when his trip is over. "I've met more of America than I ever thought I would," he says with a broad smile. "It really gets you in touch with what this country is and why it's worth fighting for." Those interested in donating to Rick's cause may do so via PayPal through his Facebook page: https://www.facebook. com/VeteransWalk/

While that award winning shot was from the crow's nest, most of his photos were taken from right in front of the chutes.

We should add here, that as a sideline he did commercial, wedding and baby photography. Jim Ross, US Army photogtrapher in Tokyo early 1950's Photo courtesy Ross family

They have 5 children; Alan (Mary), Barry (Sapna), Paula (John), Wade and Dana (Bonnie), 12 grandchildren, and 12 **ROSS** A6



Jim Ross on the occasion of having his picture taken at the Roundup. Not many of today's PRCA photographers carry that much equipment and are closer to the bulls than the clowns. *Photo Courtesy Ross family*

weekend.

"How about that," Harrison told the Beacon this past Sunday near National Street and 5th Ave. "Kind of strange how life works out sometimes."

Harrison is more than 2,000 miles into his journey from southern Florida to Seattle. He calls his trek "Veterans Walk for D.A.D."

D.A.D. carries a double meaning for Harrison. The acronym stands for Dementia, Alzheimer's and Depression; three conditions that plague many veterans who often don't have health insurance to cover costs associated with the diseases. But there's an even more personal reason.

"My father, Will Harrison, was also a veteran and was injured in war," he says. "He suffered from dementia and he died a year ago in April."

Rick, who lives near Martensdale, Iowa, retired after a 27-year career in the Army. He is the middle of three brothers who all served in the military. He recalls a conversation he and his brother Jeff had with his father shortly before he died.

"I told him I thought I could walk from Florida to Seattle," Harrison said. "My dad looked right at us and said, 'I don't think you can do that,' and that put the inspiration in us."

Three months later, in July of last year, while planning the trip with Jeff, their older brother, died in a truck accident near DeSoto, Iowa. "Jeff and I decided we had to do it for both of them."

On Jan. 23rd of this year the two left South Naples, Florida, and headed on foot for Seattle towing a wagon with a large American flag attached. Three weeks ago Jeff had to drop out due to the strain of the heat that aggravated a brain injury that he had suffered in the Army. Now Rick is walking solo.

In the wagon, Rick carries the ashes of his father and his

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speaks of the time of trial. "The

spirit indeed is willing, but the

Even though Jesus is agitated

and wresting with his emotions,

setting us an example. After one

he goes through the day still

of his followers' cuts off the ear of the high priest servant,

he restores the ear telling his followers "No more of this!" He

washes the feet of his disciples,

even those of Peter and Judas

Iscariot. Emotionally I doubt

He did it anyway. Even when

people disappoint us, by treat-

ing them with love, we will gain

an acceptance of them. Making

it easier to support, respect, and

Our love may not be perfect

and our flesh is weak, but we

er as Jesus loved us. Amen.

can still strive to love each oth-

love them more deeply.

this is what Jesus wanted to do.

flesh is weak.'



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We are a husband and a wife who help people say goodbye, and it's not just a business to us, it's our calling in life. People often say they see something different in us, and that's why.

We work hard at serving our community. This year is Mark's 8th year serving as Parade Chairman of the Black Hills Roundup. You'll see us serving pancake suppers at our funeral home in the summer to raise

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When someone you love becomes a Memory, the memory becomes a Treasure. -Unknown-





Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Fay Hersey, part of the Mutual Ministry Team at St. James Episcopal Church. disappointed with them. He also

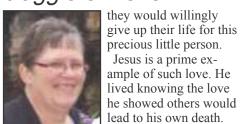
Jesus is a prime ex-

The Struggle of Love

"I give you a new commandment to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

What a challenge. In order to love one another you have to be able to love yourself. Love of self provides us with self-confidence, self-worth, and a positive outlook. Freeing us to love one another.

Our first experience with love happens at birth. It is amazing to see a baby bond to their parents. They know their voices and are calmed by their presence. Bonding seems to take but an instant. Parents feel



He loved anyway. Maybe loving others, as Jesus loved us, isn't so hard. We think of Jesus as perfect, but Jesus came to us in human form with human emotion. At Gethsemane, He tells the disciples "I am deeply grieved, even unto death." He asks them to stay awake while He prays. "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done." When he comes back and finds them sleeping, he asks "Could you not stay awake one hour?" He is

Obituaries Jim Lee Miller 79

Jim Lee Miller, 79 of Littleton, CO passed away peacefully on May 25, 2019 of complications from the leukemia he had been battling for the last few years. Jim was originally from Vale, SD where he farmed and ranched for many years with his father, Alex Miller. He was a faithful Christian and a leader at Newell Assembly of God, Spearfish Bethel Temple, Lakewood Southwest Assembly of God, and Faith Community Church of Littleton.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Katie Miller; his wife, Kathy Miller; his daughter,

Laura Miller and two brothers, Robert Miller and Steven Miller.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Miller of Littleton, CO; son, Greg (Darla) Miller of Canton, OH; son-in-law, Robert (Kelly) Maes of Littleton; brother, William (RoseMary) Miller of Littleton; granddaughter, Madison Maes of Littleton and grandsons, Alexander (Kristin) Miller of Willoughby Hills, OH, Jeffrey (Angela) Miller of Alexandria, VA and Jonathan Miller of Pittsburgh, PA.

Jim was born in Yakima, WA on May 19, 1940 to Alexander and Catherine (Scholl) Miller. He graduated in 1958 from Vale High School and married Kathryn Jean Fredlund in 1961. In 1968 he completed a B.S. in Chemistry from Black Hills State University. After serving for a short period as a chemist at the South Dakota state laboratory in Vermillion, he returned to farming at Vale with his wife and children in 1970. He and his father closed down farm operations in 1987 and relocated to Spearfish, SD where he worked with a series of start-ups and small businesses in



Spearfish to Littleton, CO, to give support to his father and to his daughter Laura who was beginning to suffer from Huntington's Disease. Jim's father lived with them in Littleton for the rest of his life. Jim and Kathy were closely connected to Laura, Bob, and Madison, helping Bob care for Laura until her death. Beginning in the late 1990's, Kathy began to struggle with breast cancer and blood disorders. As he had done with his father and his daughter, Jim faithfully cared for her until her death in 2015.

One of the most beautiful things in his life happened toward the end,

as he married his childhood sweetheart, Delores Catron on October 15, 2016. In their high school senior yearbook, they received the award of "most likely to be the first couple to visit the moon together," and in a way, they did. The last two and one-half years were spent together touring the country and enjoying things like camping, riding a jet-ski, and daily lunches out together. He loved and supported Delores' three children, Deanne, Jeff, and Renee and Delores' eight grandchildren. Jim Miller will always be known as a true pillar in any community in which he was involved. He was a wonderful husband, father, friend and community leader. Jim lived a wonderfully full life, working in an incredibly wide-range of positions, including police officer, fisheries worker, chemist, farmer, computer specialist, web-site manager, sales manager, school board president, and church board member. He was self-sacrificing, always up for an adventure, a lover of food, photography, and nature. His heart was so large that he "adopted" and cared for anyone he found in need. Most of all, he was a beloved child of God and faithful

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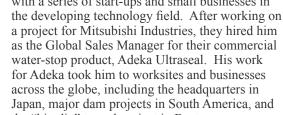


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the "big dig" tunnel project in Boston. In 2002 Jim and Kathy continued to work for Adeka, but relocated from

believer over the course of his entire life.

The celebration of his life will take place at Calvary Temple Assembly of God in Spearfish, South Dakota on May 31, 2019 at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to join the family for lunch and sharing of memories following the funeral. Interment will be at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

An online guest book is available at KAINT FERREAL CRAPES. klinefuneralchapel.com

Frances L. Meyers 89

Frances L. Meyers, 89, of Nisland, South Dakota died May 27, 2019 at the Sturgis Regional Hospital. Services are pending with Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche.



James Dean Green 88

James Dean Green, 88, of Belle Fourche died May 26, 2019 at Fort Meade Veterans Hospital. Services are pending with Kline Funeral Chapel of Belle Fourche.





Chris Flaigg, age 31 of Vale SD, died Saturday, May 25, 2019 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Vale.

A celebration of his life will be held 11 to 4pm Saturday June 1st at the Vale Community Center. Following, there will be a gathering at the home of Mabel Flaigg. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in

Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences for the family at:

Isaíah 43:1-2

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Chris Flaigg was born January 12, 1988 in Rapid City, SD. He was the son of Rachelle Lyons and Rick Young. Chris grew up in the Newell and Vale areas, and attended school in Newell. Chris is survived by his mother, Rachelle Lyons of Colorado; father, Rick Young of Green River WY; sister, Jessi of Belle Fourche; brothers, Ty of Sturgis, Tristian of Arizona, Shane of Colorado; and grandmothers, Linda Bohnet of Vale, Mabel Flaigg of Vale, and Viola Chiller of

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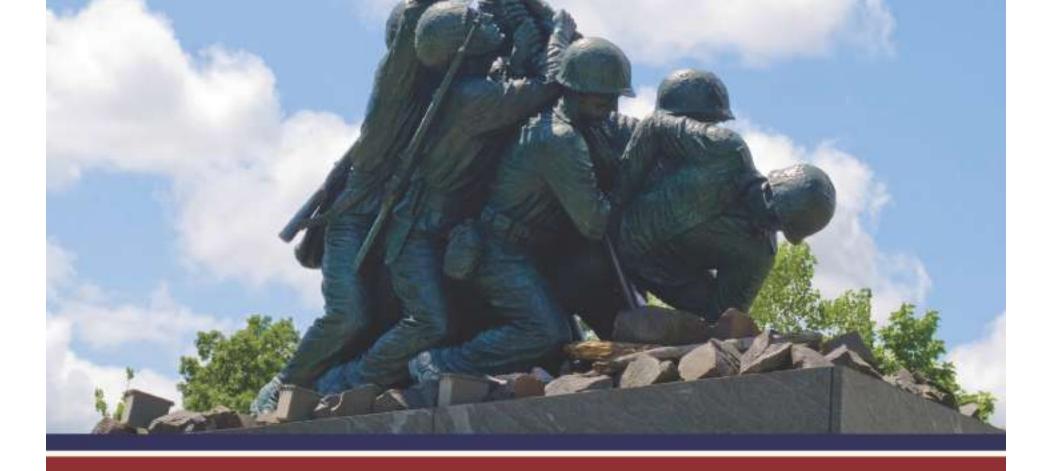
1 But now, this is what the LORD says \Box he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

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dents were Gabe Raba, Bella Welles, Madisyn Vansickle, Aiden Harms, Owen Hatling, Addilyn Vansickle. They received a special gift from Radio Shack, a Blizzard treat from Dairy Queen, medallion and certificate. Courtesy photo



FCA, Math & Science Club and band. Molly plans to further her education and play soccer at Northwestern College. She has decided to major in education and Spanish and minor in teaching English as a second language.

Salutatorian: Sydney is the daughter of Ron and Kathy Fuerst. Throughout her High School Career, she has participated in Rodeo, National Honors Society, Math & Science Club, 4-H, volunteering for Special Olympics Basketball and Volleyball. Her future plans include Rodeoing at Black Hills State University, while studying Political Science. After that, Sydney hopes to attend Law School. These two young women were top of the Belle Fourche Class of 2019. They also happen to be best friends as well. Their #1 and #2 standings earned the honor of delivering the commencement addresses at the BF High School Graduation ceremonies on Saturday May 18th.

Dr. Steve Willard poses with his wife Mary Lou Willard who won the Staff of the Year award. Mrs. Willard is an aid in the elementary school. Courtesy photos





MOLLY RYAN-VALEDICTORIAN Molly Ryan is the daughter of

Scott and Tami Ryan. Her three siblings are: Kyle & Janesa and Jessica. Molly is a member of the National Honor Society, and she has participated in varsity soccer, varsity cross country, rodeo club, 4-H, club soccer,

Chamber Report

Salutatorian



SYDNEY FUERST-SALUTATORIAN

School Board President Tammy Clem hands retiring Curriculum Director Karen Wagner her engraved crystal. Mrs. Wagner has been a Principal, Curriculum Director, and retired for 1 year before the district desperately needed her back for another year. She willingly took over the curriculum job again as the previous curriculum director was moved into a principal spot at the start of school. Mrs. Wagner will be missed.

Black Hills Tourism Highlights CONBA Business Luncheon



Mt. Rushmore Society President, Kay Jorgenson; CONBA Secretary Stacey Raisanen; Rushmore Society CEO, Dianna Saathoff; and Black Hills & Badlands Regional Sales Director Cindy Millett.

The noon "business luncheon" hosted by the Center of the Nation Business Association featured two tourism professionals as guest speakers. The May 21 gathering at Crossroads Restaurant heard presentations from Black Hills and Badlands Regional Sales Director, Cindy Millet and The Rushmore Society's CEO Dianna Saathoff.

Both speakers updated and informed the audience on the happenings and activities underway of the respective organizations.

Both talked about the success that comes from interconnectivity and cooperation of all

tourism efforts in the Black Hills and the importance of Belle Fourche to be an active participant.

Patrons of the Belle Fourche School District who claim student transportation mileage for the 2018-2019 school year must turn in mileage vouchers to the central office by

May 31, 2019

From Chamber Director Gary Wood

Belle Fourche Happenings ans & the Good Times Band.

Every summer we hear of people taking a vacation and going somewhere else. I always wonder why? Summer in South Dakota, especially the Black Hills region is a destination for many and I want to stay here and enjoy the summer. It's exciting to be here!

As we prepare for our beginning of the summer with our next Chamber newsletter, June Happenings, and radio reports, I'm excited for the return of our summer events. After our cold spring it will be great to

get into our summer mode and enjoy the best of Belle Fourche. With that in mind here are the June happenings for you to plan for:

· Chamber Pie Socials begin on Thursday, June 6th (and every Thursday thereafter) from 3-4 p.m. at Rail Park downtown on State St. Businesses can sponsor a pie social by calling the Chamber 892-2676

• Hometown Thursdays concerts start up again June 6th 6-9 p.m. downtown Belle Fourche with the band October Road

• Le Belle Marche' Indoor market June 8th, 9-4 at Historic Roosevelt Events Center

• Chamber Luncheon June 12th Noon at American West with Black Hills University President Dr. Tom Jackson

• SD State High School Rodeo Finals June 12-15th

• Pie Social Thursday June 13th 3-4 p.m. Rail Park

• Hometown Thursday June 13th 6-9 p.m. downtown Belle Fourche featuring Dustin Ev-

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• Farmer's Market returns on June 20th 4-6 p.m. at Historic Roosevelt Events Center grounds. Hometown Thursday June 20th 6-9 p.m. downtown Belle Fourche

• Pie Social June 27th 3-4 p.m. at

Rail Park

• Farmer's Market June 27th 4-6 p.m. at Historic Roosevelt Events Center grounds.

• Hometown Thursday June 27th 6-9 p.m. downtown Belle Fourche featuring Sondogs

• June 27 through July 7 Belle Fourche merchants will be celebrating our nation's independence and the 100th anniversary of the Black Hills Roundup with Center of the Nation Independence Days. Be watching for the C.O.N. INDEPENDENCE DAYS events flyer. More events are listed on the Roundup rack

card available from the Chamber and area businesses. Also check your community calendar of events at BelleFourcheChamber.org. Weekly events are announced on the Chamber's Community Radio report every Tuesday and Thursday on KBFS/KYDT the Country Twins at 9 a.m.



featuring Judd Hoos

• Pine Slope Personalities Cemetery Walk

with the Lions Club serving lunch, and Hot

• Pie Social Thursday June 20th 3-4 p.m. at

10am June 15th at Pine Slope Cemetery • All Car Rally June 15th at Herrmann Park

Wheels races for the kids.

Rail Park

• Father's Day June 16th



SCHOOL/SPORTS

Thurs. May 30, 2019

It is never too late.

Young Bronc Track Team's Successes Continue at State

The Bronc track teams marked several individual successes in Tea and Sioux Falls at the State Class A Track Meet this past week.

Sophomore Bella Jensen picked up two medals as she finished second in the Triple Jump and eighth in the Long Jump. Junior Jackson Tyndall took home two medals as well with fifth in the triple jump and seventh in the long jump.

Freshman Aiden Giffen was on the award stand twice as he took sixth in both the long jump and the 100 Meter Dash.

Junior's Harley Fisher and Kelby Olson also medaled with Harley finishing sixth in the 800 Meter Race and Kelby in eighth place in the triple jump. Sophomore Darin Hansen was fourth in Discus and Aspen Braning sixth in the high jump.

On the boy's high jump

Sage Geib cleared 6' as did seven others in the event. 7th & 8th both placed with 6', but based on criteria Sage finished eleventh in the event.

The girl's 4x100 Meter relay team of McKenna Ward, Aspen Braning, Dru Keegan, and Laney Brill won the eighth place medal.

State meet placing and times follow (school year noted in parenthesis):

Girls 3200 Meter Run 21. Hayes, Allison (7) 13:23.00 Girls 800 Meter Run 6. Fischer, Harley (11) 2:28.75 Boys 3200 Meter Run 16. Clarkson, Sawyer (8) 10:50.59 Boys Shot Put 17. Hanson, Darin (10) 40-10.50 Girls Triple Jump 2 Jensen, Bella (10) 35-05.50; 9. Braning, Aspen (11) 32-09.50 Boys Discus Throw 4. Hanson, Darin (10) 131-07 Boys Triple Jump 5. Tyndall, Jackson (11) 40-11.00; 8. Olson, Kelby (11) 40-04.50 Boys Long Jump 6. Giffin, Aiden (9) 20-03.0; 7. Tyndall, Jackson (11) 20-02.00 Girls Long Jump 8. Jensen, Bella (10) 15-07.00; 12. Brill, Laney (10) 15-03.75 Boys 100 Meter Dash 6. Giffin, Aiden (9) 11.45 Girls 4x100 Meter Relay 8. 52.41; Ward, Makenna (11); Braning, Aspen (11); Keegan, Dru (9); Brill, Laney (10) Girls High Jump 6 Braning, Aspen (11) 5-00.00 Boys High Jump 11. Geib,

Sage (11) 6-00.00 Boys 4x400 Meter Relay 13. 3:45.58; Giffin, Aiden (9);

Tyndall, Jackson (11), Olson, Kelby (11), Larson, Tate (11) (Editors note: As you can see by the grade levels these Bronc athletes have great opportunity in the years ahead.)



Sage Geib clears the bar at 6' at the state Track meet in Sioux Falls. Courtesy photo

Summer Reading Program Begins June 10

The school year has ended and the kids are looking to have a blast over summer break. So, now what? Well,

that's exactly what the Belle Fourche Public Library is going to have this summer . . . a BLAST!

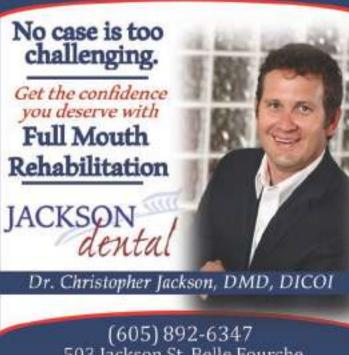
We will be blasting off starting June 10 with this year's summer reading program "A UNIVERSE OF STORIES" which runs for six weeks through July 20. The spacetheme this year has been chosen to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. The free program is for all ages - kids, teens, adults and even babies and small children can have someone read to them! And to make it even

So, at least 30 minut If you rea of readin you earn have you drawing t

more fun, you can earn prizes for the time you spend reading at least 30 minutes each day.

If you reach the goal of reading for 30 days, you earn a free book and have your name put in a drawing for bigger prizes. Stop into the library to sign-up and pick up your reading log starting

Monday, June 10. Summer Storytime and Story Hour will be held each Tuesday starting June 11 and ending July 16. Story Hour, for children going into kindergarten-1st grade is held at 10:30 am or 1 pm. Story Time, for 3-4 year olds, is at 11 am or 1:30 pm. We will read a few books, do fingerplays and some cutting and drawing stories, and of course the library puppets will put on a performance each week. Please call the library at 892-4407 to register your child for the time slot you would like. Also, mark your calendar for Thursday, July 11 when the library will host a live theatre performance by The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company. Since 1985, the theatre group's mission has been to bring great stories to children, to draw them into an active theater experience, to excite their minds and to tickle their imaginations. "My Mother The Astronaut"



503 Jackson St. Belle Fourche www.JacksonDentalClinic.com



Junior Kelby Olson wins 8th place medal with a triple jump of 40' 4 1/2" at state track meet in Sioux Falls *Courtesy Photo*

Bronc Girls Golf Team on to State- Payson 4A Medalist





Community Council for Education Member Sandra Baker awarded **Julie Erskin** the teacher of the year award. Erskin will compete for the Region 5 Teacher Award this fall. If she wins that, she will compete for SD Teacher of the Year.

will be on stage at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center Theatre at 1:30 p.m. and is free to the public. Summer reading programs encourage children to read for pleasure, and research has shown the importance of keeping students reading during the summer to retain knowledge and skills learned during the school year to prevent the 'summer slide'. The summer slide can be avoided by ensuring that children are as engaged as possible in whatever they choose to read - just as long as they're reading every day. Just like exercising keeps muscles in shape, reading keeps the brain in shape. So, help keep your child from becoming a 'rusty reader' and get them signed-up for the summer reading program at the Belle Fourche Public Library this summer!

The BF Public Library is located at 905 5th Avenue. Hours are Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

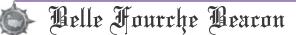
The Lady Broncs Girls Golf team placed second at the Region 4A in Hot Springs. The 2018 state champs return to the state meet June 3-4 at Lee Park Golf Course in Aberdeen,SD. Payson Birkeland was the 4A Medalist with an 83. Payson will be looking to repeat her State Medalist title. Pictured left to right: Payson Birkeland, Caitlin Ringling, Avery Middleton, Juliann Lange, and Rylee Young. *Courtesy Photo*



School Board President Tammy Clem shakes hands with **retiring staff Cal Erhart.** Erhart has been with the District for 32 years. Dr. Steve Willard commented that it would not be the same around here without Cal.



Clem hands **retiring Athletic Director Clay Anderson** an engraved crystal gift. Mr. Anderson has been in the district for 27 years. "He will be missed," Dr. Steve Willard emotionally commented.



Roundup History

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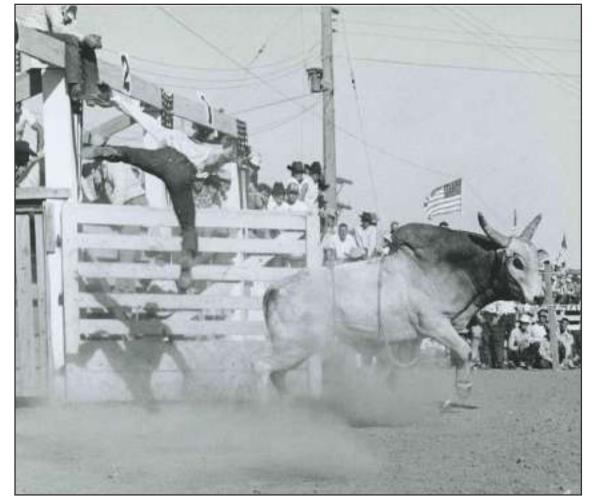
History Through the Eyes of the Camera-James "Jim" Ross



1949 Black Hills Round-Up photo of Gene Webb on Top Rail was named the Rodeo Cowboy Association Rodeo Photograph of the Year. *Photo Courtesy Jim Ross Collection*



1954 Award winning photo of Rapid City clown Jimmy Schumacher ready to go "over the falls" as the bull tosses his hideout in the air. Jim Ross shot this looking down from the Crow's nest (note containment fence) *Photo Courtesy Jim Ross Collection*



July 4, 1955 Roundup photo of RC Baler of McKinley, Texas airborne, was considered by IBA for "photo of the year". Jim's photograph taken from inside the arena contain-



1950 Roundup photo awarded national Honorable Mention by RCA. *Photo Courtesy Jim Ross Collection*



by IRA for "photo of the year" Jim's photograph taken from inside the arena containment fence. Cowboy casts a shadow while bull casts a glance toward photographer *Photo Courtesy Jim Ross Collection*

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Jim has always been a lifelong learner, taking courses in photo-engraving and military public relations, as well as adult education courses in welding, office machines and accounting.

In late 1960, Jim became office manager for the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange. He later went to work at International Mineral and Chemical Corporation's bentonite plant at Colony, Wyoming, where he served as comptroller. In 1987, he joined the newly-formed Manufacturing Systems, Inc. (Tru-Catch Traps) as secretary/ treasurer. He retired from MSI in 1999, but continued to serve on its Board until 2018.

Jim was a Boy Scout, achieving Life rank. As a strong

believer in community service, Jim spent many years on various committees and organizations. He was a member of the board and vice-president of the Jaycee chapter. He coached children's softball teams and served several years as an officer of the softball association. He also served one year as Boy Scout committeeman and one year on the Red Cross Fund Drive, handling publicity for both. He served on the boards of the Western South Dakota Traffic Bureau, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, and the Belle Fourche Economic Development Corporation. He also served 3 terms on the Belle Fourche City Council.

Photography continued to play an important part of Jim's life. He always had his camera at family and community events and enjoyed traveling the area looking for great scenic shots. His other hobbies include genealogy, area history, entering sweepstakes, coin-collecting, gardening, and bowling.

Editor's note: We would like to pay special thanks to Dorothy Ross, Paula Ross Alden and all the members of the Jim Ross family for sharing the biographical information and the incredible work of Jim Ross. Jim's health is such that the Beacon was unable to personally interview Jim, but through his family we are able to share his Black Hills Roundup story. Some of Jim's Army work appeared in Time/Life magazines as well as military publications. We intend to show that work in the future.

Sturgis bareback rider, **Oscar Bachand** on Short Pine. Another sample of the artful lens of Jim Ross *Photo Courtesy Jim Ross Collection*







Anything Left in the Barrel? By: Doug Cole

We attended the Memorial Day Services at Pine Slope Cemetery on Monday. No worry about rain as the program was conducted inside the newly built Pine Slope Cemetery Shelter

The Center of the Nation Brass not only played the National Anthem at the Pine Slope Memorial Day Services they provided great music throughout the entire event.

forecast-same as usual."

Did you ever notice that the people who complain about too much rain are the ones who take the longest showers?

A Ludlow rancher asked his neighbor who had just returned from a trip south. How did you find the weather in Arizona? The neighbor replied, "It was easy. I just went outside - and there it was!" *

Winter should be past, so lets

next day they were sitting down with their morning cups of coffee. The weather forecast was, "There will be 2 to 4 inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the even numbered side of the streets." Again Ole replied, "Jeez, okay," and got up from his coffee. Two days later, again they're sitting down with their cups of coffee and the weather forecast said, "you must park your cars on the..." and the power went out and Ole didn't get the rest of the instructions. He turned to Lena, "Jeez, what am I going to do now, Lena?" Lena replied, "Aw, Ole, just leave the car in the garage today."

and all but the Rifle Squad's gun salute was held inside.

Retired Major Mike Reade' served in the role of Master of Ceremonies as well as delivered the "Memorial Day Address" He quite humbly explained and presented an overview of his military career. I want to use this forum to publicly thank Mike and the scores of other Veterans who with sacrifice and dedication have served our country.

We spoke with Howard Hobrnighct "Howdy" about the Newell "Newmart" and the water and damage it has caused. Howdy, the eternal optimist, said, "Like the man who swallowed the peach pit said, this to shall pass.'

* We've only visited Seattle, but our wetter than normal spring makes one wonder. Seattle Weath er joke: Meteorological

experts were predicting a gargantuan flood that would destroy the world.

The Pope went on worldwide TV and said, "This is punishment from God. Prepare to meet your Maker."

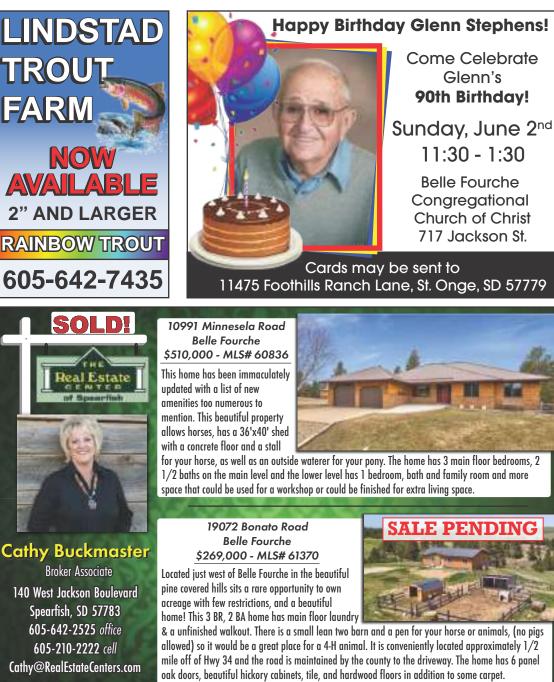
The President went on national TV and announced, "Our scientists have done all they can. The end is near."

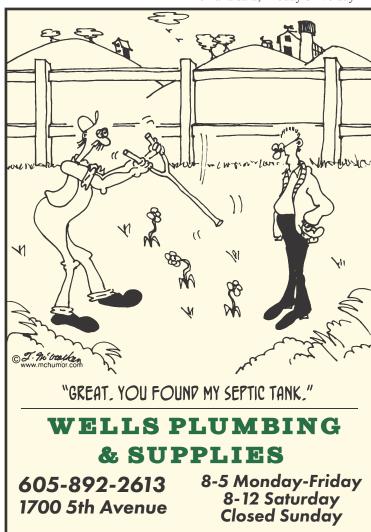
The Seattle evening news came on and said, "Today's five day

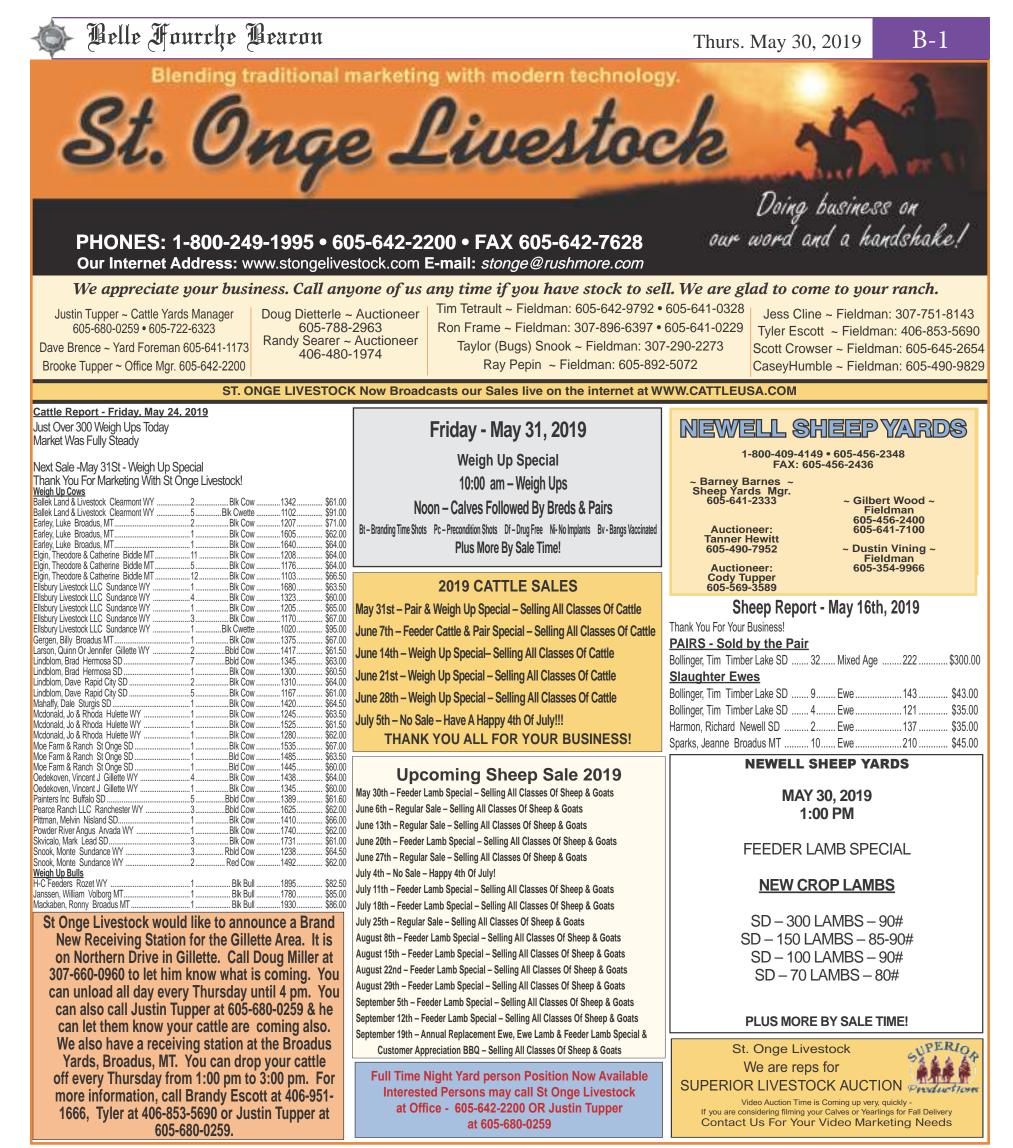
There's a technical term for a sunny, warm day which follows two rainy days. It's called Monday. This doesn't apply to Memorial Day weekend.

What's the difference between weather and climate? You can't weather a tree, but you can climate!

call this throw back humor: Ole and Lena were sitting down to their usual morning cup of coffee listening to the weather report on the radio. "There will be 3 to 5 inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared," the weather report said. "You must park your cars on the odd numbered side of the streets." Ole said, "Jeez, okay," and got up from his coffee. The



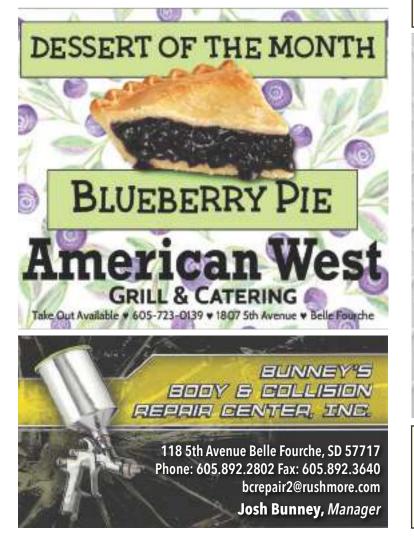




Family Fun Day Showcases Area Libraries



Librarians pose with a space capsule at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center during the May 19th "Fairytales and Folktales" Family Fun Day. Librarians, from left to right: Betty Casper and Wanda Nelson, Belle Fourche Public Library; Kathy Dykstra, Sturgis Public Library; Rea Weyrich, Whitewood Public Library; Bonnie Stahla, Crook County Libraries, Sundance Branch. Courtesy Photo



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The Naja Shriners of Deadwood, SD, will be having their Spring Ceremonial Parade in Belle Fourche at 11am on Saturday, June 1st. There will be many units participating with different unit vehicles from stagecoach and horses to drift bikes doing fast turns and slides down the street. The parade starts at 10th Ave. and State St. and goes south on 8th Ave to Herrmann Park. There will be candy, clowns, and fun for all!

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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.

OK! How many of you have utilized the services of consultants for your business? Here's a list you'll enjoy:

Top 10 Things You'll Never Hear from a Consultant *

10. You're right; we're billing way too much for this.

9. Bet you I can go a week without saying "synergy" or "value-added".

8. How about paying us based on the success of the project?7. This whole strategy is based on a Harvard business case I read.

6. Actually, the only difference is that we charge more than they do.

5. I don't know enough to speak intelligently about that.

4. Implementation? I only care about writing long reports.

3. I can't take the credit. It was Ed in your marketing department.

2. The problem is, you have too much work for too few people.

1. Everything looks okay to me. You really don't need me. * * *

And then a story that illustrates how computer people would handle everyday life:

A software manager, a hardware manager, and a marketing manager are driving to a meeting when a tire blows on the car. They get out of the car and look at the problem.

The software manager says, "I can't do anything about this - it's a hardware problem."

The hardware manager says, "Maybe if we turned the car off and on again, it would fix itself."

The marketing manager says, "Hey, 75% of it is working - let's ship it!

Have a great week!

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

Date for Grandstand Ribbon-Cutting Coming Soon



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GRAND EVENT - Work continues on the new Black Hills Roundup grounds grandstands. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is being set for early July just prior to the 100th annual rodeo. Additional structures and new paved walkways are also under construction at the site. *-Beacon Photo*

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Belle Fourche City Council has started the ball rolling on choosing a date for the ribbon-cutting of the new Roundup grounds grandstands.

Councilman James Ager said work is nearing completion and a community-wide ribbon cutting event is appropriate. "This is a big deal," Ager said at the May 20th meeting. "Those grandstands are a great accomplishment. The City Council did their diligence, the Mayor worked on it, the City Finance Office worked on it hard. And it looks like we're very near completion."

Ager approached the BHRU Committee Chairman Clay Crago with the idea of a ribbon cutting ceremony. Ager said that Crago was fully in support of the idea and the next step would be choosing a date and planning the event.

During the council meeting Ager asked for feedback and ideas and for some direction on how we can move it forward. "We all have the same goal but we don't always have the same path to get there," Ager said. "So how can we best approach it and make sure we get some kind of a big ribbon cutting ceremony down there to celebrate those new grandstands."

Mayor Landphere led a brief discussion to throw out a few dates. The initial discussion was centered on a ceremony before the start of the State High School Rodeo Finals.

"My problem here is making sure this is all done," said Dirk Hoffman, BF Public Works Director. "If we're thinking about having it before the high school rodeo I wouldn't recommend it, because I don't know where exactly we're going to be at. Particularly with the paving (of new walkways) because it's still pretty wet down there."

Then the conversation moved to holding the event during Roundup week, specifically prior to the community barbecue which ushers in the Ranch Rodeo on July 2nd.

Hoffman suggested that the Pubic Works Committee take up the date and coordinate with the Roundup Committee to make sure the date and time works for everyone concerned.

The Public Works Committee was scheduled to have taken up the issue during its most recent meeting last Tuesday, May 28th. "I think that will work and we can come back (to the Council) with something really solid. And it would also give anyone with the Roundup committee a chance to come speak with us," Ager said.

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New July 4th Parade Route Approved

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BELLE FOURCHE - A new parade route for the July 4th Roundup Parade has been approved by the City Council.

The Belle Fourche Public Works Committee made the recommendation to approve the 2019 parade to the full council on May 20th who unanimously approved the measure.

This year's parade route has been under discussion since late January when an initial proposal moved the route away from the majority of State Street, eliminating much of downtown. Downtown business owners objected and appealed to the Roundup Parade Committee to reinstate that part of the route as it benefits customer traffic flow through their businesses on July 4th before, during and even after the parade.

Also of concern was either eliminating or minimizing the use of Highway 85 through town to facilitate the parade. Police Chief Marlyn Pomrenke cited staffing and safety concerns after a few close calls last year when the northbound lanes of Highway 85 were used as a return route for floats and parade vehicles.

On top of that, with the construction that has taken place on 8th Avenue the past two years the parade route had to be altered, bypassing much of Herrmann Park, one of the most popular viewing locations along previous routes.

As a result, Parade Chairman Mark Leverington, with input from his committee, businesses and city representatives presented a parade route to the Public Works Department that includes downtown, uses a short 1 block section of 5th Avenue (Highway 85) and proceeds past Herrmann Park.

This year's parade route includes the parade lineup and staging area, 13th Ave. from Ziebach north to National St, then east on National to just across the railroad tracks. The parade route officially begins a National and Elkhorn St. It will proceed northwest on Elkhorn Street, turning north on 10th Ave, then west on State Street through downtown, turning south for one block on 5th, across the railroad tracks, then left on Roundup St to 8th Ave, turning south on 8th Ave past Herrmann Park and ending at National Street.

"I think this is a good compromise," Pomrenke said. "It keeps the parade route from turning back into itself with 200 or more floats. It shortens the space on the highway and it serves the community better by having a longer route, spreading people out better."

Pomrenke said that they had to get approval from the state to use Highway 85 once again. He, along with Public Works Director Dirk Hoffman, confirmed they were able to get that approval from the state.

With the 100th year celebration of the Roundup, it is expected that a record number of floats and upwards of 20,000 parade watchers will flood into the city. Access to the parade lineup area for participants will be along Ziebach Street from 5th Ave to 13th Ave.



Rain-A-Plenty Closes Howdy's Newmart Till Further Notice



Howdy's Newmart, 219 Girard Avenue, Newell due to water damage is closed till further notice *Courtesy Photo*

The rains have caused the closing of the Newell Howdy's Newmart. The store will be closed till further notice pending repairs.

The 2017 hail storm caused damage that compromised the roof and this year's spring continuing rains caused saturation of the interior ceilings and the added weight of the water caused parts to collapse into the aisles.

The safety of the public and store employees required closing until the roof is repaired. Co-owner Howard "Howdy" Hoberneighet said, "We have the roofing contractor lined up to do the repairs, but we need five dry days in a row before they can start. The longest stretch we've been able to get is three, then it rains and the count starts over."

Becky Boylan, Store Manager, and with her husband Robert are the other co-owners, wished to, "thank the customers for their continued patience." She went on to say, "we are working as fast as we're able to get the store reopened. We have many senior citizens and young families that depend on us."

Becky's husband Robert has been doing the inside cleanup and demolition, but inside repairs cannot begin until the roof is fixed.

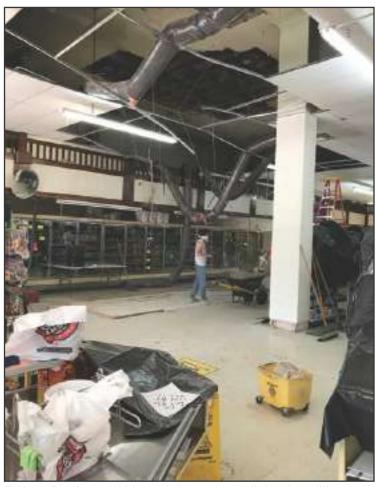
Howdy commented, "We relocated as much of the inventory as we could to Howdy's in Whitewood, but unfortunately damaged items had to be destroyed." They estimated the food loss between \$8,000 to

\$12,000.

It was suggested on Facebook they take a page out of Walmart's book and take and fill orders for customer pick up. "Not a bad idea," commented Howdy, "but until the repairs are made and we can guarantee the safety of the employees nothing can happen."

Boylan commented, "Howdy's does deliver." Not now, but once the store is open it is a service that will continue. "We've always had home delivery of orders but because of our closing a lot more people are now aware of the delivery service."

"Rain again today" said Becky on Tuesday, "But I didn't order it!"



Robert Boylan and his crew have done all the demolition and clean up inside Howdy's Newmart. Sunshine and five dry days will allow roof to be repaired. *Courtesy photo*

National EMS Week in Newell



NVN Roundup

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NEWELL – When you're on a roll, you just keep going, according to the coaches for our Newell high school golf teams. Results from the region 6B golf tournament came in after the kids finished up at Hart Ranch. The girls' team ended up as the regional champs, while the boys were runners-up. That means both teams will be competing at the state tournament in Yankton on June 3-4.

The girls grabbed their firstplace finish with a team score of 316. Abbie Nelson took second place with 101, Kassidy Weeldreyer tied for third with a 105, Katie McTaggart took eighth place with 110 and Kelsi Clements scored a 150 but did



Dana Youngberg, second from left, took home a fifth-place finish in discus at the state track meet in Sioux Falls. *-Brunner photo*



not place in the top ten.

The boys team scored a 300 over all with Chase VanDer-Boom grabbing a second place individually with a score of 91. Huttson Weeldreyer came in ninth with 101, Hunter Wetz, 14th with a 108 and John Jackson tied for 15th with a score of 109.

The track team is off to the state meet as this paper goes to press. The results will be ready for next week's publication but Newell sent 10 students total to the state meet. After the morning session on Friday, Kyle Emmert jumped well but didn't quite make the opening height. Aryann Hofer came up short of making finals in the 100m hurdles, but ran a time of 19.86. The girls 4x800 team place sixth with a time of 10.46.

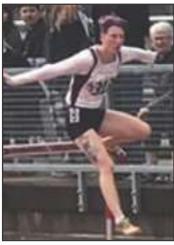
Dana Youngberg was named the Vanway Trophy & Award, Inc. Athlete of the Week by 93.9- The Mix. Dana has participated in basketball, volleyball and track during her high school career and is currently at the state meet throwing discus. She will receive a plaque from 93.9 The Mix.

May 21-22 the Newell Lady Irrigators hosted a basketball camp for fifth grade students at Austin Auditorium. The girls

Indian Creek Bridge on Arpan Road is totally submerged after over four inches of rain was received in the past week. -Brunner photo

instructed with some assistance from Head Coach Scott Wince. There were around 30 young athletes attending.

Many in the local NVN area are suffering from all the wet weather and rain/snow mix. Most in Newell only had rain, but a lot of it, with some recording over four inches from Saturday through Thursday when it finally started clearing off. Some families' northwest of Newell were completely surrounded by water as both Orman and Stonelake roads flooded. Cattle and horses were nearly marooned by rising flood waters of Horse Creek. As the waters start to diminish debris is left behind for those to clean up and dispose of.



Aryann Hofer came up short of making finals in the 100m hurdles, at the state meet, but ran a time of 19.86. -Brunner photo



Newell Golf Teams played well at the Regional meet. The girls took a first-place finish and the boys grabbed a runner-up spot, for both teams to advance to state. From left: Huttson Weeldreyer, Hunter Wetz, Abbie Nelson, John Jackson, Chase VanDerBoom, Kassidy Weeldreyer, Katie McTaggart, Kelsie Clements *-Brunner Photo*

Three young children check out the Newell ambulance during the celebration of National EMS Week. *-Brunner photo*

COLLEEN BRUNNER

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NEWELL – The Newell Ambulance crew hosted an evening of fun and information for local children on May 23 at the ambulance barn. A host of tasty treats and the opportunity to enjoy games and activities, as well as learn new things, were provided.

"We want to get the kids to understand the importance of safety," said Newell Director Sherry Hocking, referring to all the information they shared. But the kids had fun too and had the chance to snag a new bike helmet. Information was shared with parents on car seat safety and they could take a new booster seat for their child if it was recommended.

May 19-25 is the 45th annual National EMS Week. In 1974 President Gerald Ford authorized this special week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. NAEMT partners with the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to lead annual EMS Week activities. Together, NAEMT and ACEP are working to ensure that the important contributions of EMS

practitioners in safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of their communities are fully celebrated and recognized. EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." Whether celebrated with a company cookout or a catered lunch; an open house, an awards ceremony or even quiet reflection about what it means to be an EMS practitioner, EMS Week is the perfect time to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our nation. This year, five days of EMS Week have a theme that represents the diverse nature of

EMS.

The week began on Monday -EMS Education Day, Tuesday - Safety Tuesday, Wednesday -EMS for Children Day, Thursday - Stop the Bleed Day, and Friday - EMS Recognition Day.

Although the wet and rainy weather, and some closed roads, caused some who wanted to attend to not make it, Hocking said they had a good turnout with several EMT's in attendance to answer questions. **First NHS Hall of Fame Inductions**

COLLEEN BRUNNER news@bellefourchebeacon.com

NEWELL – Thursday, May 9 in the Newell middle school gym, were the first inductions into the brand-new NHS Hall of Fame. This is the first year for this event, which was held in conjunction with the annual Athletic Banquet and Awards.

The initial candidates for this inaugural year's induction were nominated and the selected by a committee of coaches, administration and community people. Cindy Wahlfeldt-Brengle,

Class of 1972, was known for her prowess on the golf course and a state win during the SDH-SAA State Golf Championship. She sank a 20-foot putt to grab the first-place trophy.

Wahlfeldt-Brengle was raised on the family ranch near Mud Butte and began attending school in Newell at sixth grade. She attending several semesters at National College of Business before returning to the ranch. She called the induction recognition, "significant."

Steven Breidenbach, Class of 1982, began his sports career at NHS in seventh grade at the age of 12. He wrestled against varsity level upperclassmen and won the South Dakota AAU State Championship at the 98-pound weight class.

During his junior year at NHS, he captured the first State B Championship for Newell, finishing the season with 27 wins and 0 losses and became the state champion in the 155-pound weight class. He



Steve Breidenbach was one of the first inductees to the NHS Hall of Fame. His family and coach accepted for him since he lives in Virginia. From left: Marilyn, Cori and Don Breidenbach and Fred Wilson. -Brunner photo

also was invited to wrestle in a cultural exchange program and cultural wrestling team in Germany that summer.

He was named "Outstanding Wrestler" for both Harding County tournament and Black Hills Conference tournament. Since Breidenbach lives in Virginia and was not able to attend the banquet, his coach from back then, Fred Wilson, accepted the award for him. His parents Don and Marilyn and sister Cori were also in attendance at the banquet.

The final award recipient was Kenneth Anderson, Class of 1950. He spent his childhood on the family homestead south of Newell, and lettered in football for three years, and basketball and track all four years. He

scored 19 touchdowns during his senior season, a record that still stands today.

"Back then, the field markings were made with lime," said his son Terry, who along with brother Scott, accepted the award for his father. "If you fell, and got a face full of the lime you couldn't see. So, I'm pretty sure some of those touchdowns were made pretty much blind."

Anderson served in the Air Force for 26 years before moving back to Newell and becoming involved in sports. He helped coach his boys' football, soccer and basketball teams and started a high school and elementary/middle school soccer team. His elementary/middle school team competed in the



Thurs. May 30, 2019

Terry and Scott Anderson accepted the plaque commemorating their father, Ken Anderson's induction into the NHS Hall of Fame. -Brunner photo

South Dakota State Soccer tournament, placing second two times and third once between 1981 and 1985.

Student awards during the evening preceded the induction ceremony. Career Athlete awards went to seniors Payton Burtzlaff and Dana Youngberg. LMC All Academic awards went to: Aryann Hoffer, Brock Kjellson, Dana Youngberg. Shailey Mahaffy and Emma Olson.

In boys basketball: Defensive MVP-Ben Parrow, Offensive MVP-Brock Kjellsen, 2nd team All-conference-Brock Kjellson, Honorable Mention-Payton Burtzlaff, and Irrigator award to David Morell.

Cross country awards: Most Valuable Female-Lexa Burtzlaff, Most Valuable Male-Ben Parrow, Most Improved-Garrett Winkler. Volleyball awards: Most Improved-Shailey Mahaffy, Offensive MVP-Dana Youngberg, Defensive MVP-McKaLee Mahaffy, 2nd Team All-conference-Dana Youngberg. In football: Offensive MVP-

Brock Kjellson, Defensive MVP-Caleb McGregor, Most Improved-Hunter Wetz, All-conference-John Jackson and Caleb McGregor, Honorable Mention-Brock Kjellson and Huttson Weeldreyer.

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Wrestling awards: Most Valuable-Caleb McGregor, Unsung Hero-Wyatt Winkler. Girls basketball awards: Defensive MVP-Austin Alexander, Offensive MVP-Kayden Steele, All-conference-Kayden Steele, All-conference All-state-Dana Youngberg, Irrigator award-Dana Youngberg.

Rodeo awards for 2017-2018 season: State Qualifiers-Kayden Steele and Payton Burtzlaff. Track and golf seasons are not finished so no awards were given. Track Coach Kyle Sanderson did say that they had multiple athletes who had already qualified for the state tournament and that they had the three

biggest meets yet to go. In golf, Coach Mike Phelps said he expected great things from both the boys' and girls' teams and was looking forward to state. The two teams have had very successful seasons winning multiple meets, as well

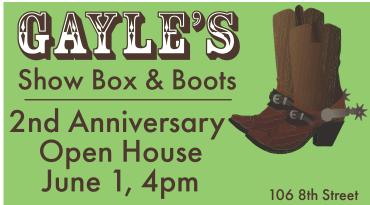
as the LMC Conference meet.



Cindy Wahlfeldt-Brengle holds



NHS seniors Payton Burtzlaff and Dana Youngberg



"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder

106 8th Street

the plague commemorating her induction into the NHS Hall of Fame. -Brunner photo

were named Career Athletes for the 2018-19 school year at the Athletic Banquet Thursday night. -Brunner photo



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Then and Now in Newell

June 1, 1909 Andy Roseander went to Sturgis last week to bring out his gasoline traction engine and plows, but on account of the high water and some bridges out, he has not left Scooptown yet.

Frank Fish took a 4-horse load of passengers to Sturgis Wednesday. Everything went fine and dandy until he got to Bear Butte Creek just this side of the Post where they were stopped by high water. The passengers were taken across in a boat and went on to Sturgis on foot. The team was left this side of the creek until late afternoon, when they swam across on their own.

May 29, 1919

Peanut butter is no longer a luxury. It is now so inexpensive that it may be used by families of moderate circumstances. Bratton's now has it in 1, 2, and 5 pound pails. Try it, its fine.

A break in the Townsite Siphon was the cause of the closing down of the water in that canal to allow for the repairs. The Reclamation Service Crew is to be commended for the short time in which the repair was made, at a time when water is so badly needed.

May 30, 1929

On Monday and Tuesday the grade teachers celebrated the close of school in Newell with their pupils by holding a picnic on Horse Creek during the forenoon of each day. At noon each pupil was treated to an ice cream cone, complements of the teachers.

Shearing at the R.H. Seymour pens 13 miles north of Newell on the Twilight Road, will commence between June 10 to

15, weather permitting, with John Alexander and a crew of 8. Sheepmen desiring to have their herds sheared at these pens are requested to make arrangements with H.R. Seymour now.

June 1, 1939

"Rough riders" who rode with Theodore Roosevelt in the Spanish-American War and cowboys who formed the colorful contingent June 1905 in the parade at his 2nd inauguration have been asked to attend in body South Dakota's golden anniversary celebration at Mount Rushmore July 2nd. The highlight of the evening will be the unveiling of the figure of Teddy Roosevelt, the last of the presidents on the mountain. Forty-two survivors of the group; Seth Bullock, intimate friend of Teddy's with 35 cowboys "stole the show" at the Nation's Capitol, is still living in the Black Hills area. Tom Mix a member of the famed group became one of the nation's ranking western movie stars.

Mr. & Mrs. L.R. Flaigg were callers in Hoover on Wednesday. Their son Norman, who has completed his studies at the School of Mines at Rapid City, is leaving soon for Texas where he will be employed. His fellow classmates to receive a Sheepskin were Wm. Asa Kingsbury and James Alfred Pottof of Vale in Civil Engineering and John Donald Soma, Newell Electrical Engineer. Flaigg also received a Degree in Civil Engineering.

June 2, 1949

Ever since work began more than 1 year ago on the new site of the Ft. Meade National Cemetery south of Sturgis, we've been grateful for those Veterans buried and to be buried in those

memorial grounds that here was one place a hero would not be soon forgotten. Against a background of pine clad hills, a host of heroes resting in peace might be reverently saluted by a never ending parade passing over the concrete highway in front of the new site.

Burns Taft, who is leaving Newell to assume the position of Superintendent of Schools in Sundance, Wyoming, will be honored by the community at a special gathering Friday evening at the Congregational Church. Mr. & Mrs. Taft moved to Newell in 1937 when he was engaged as Principal in the school here and has been in that capacity ever since.

May, 1959

Damage to yards and gardens caused by dogs running loose in the city received special attention of the Newell City Commission Monday evening. Although state law makes dog owners liable for yard, garden and other damage which they many cause, the commission requested Inez Hafner to secure data on strengthening of the City Dog Ordinance, with a view to directing destruction of such dogs after owners have been warned of damage caused by same.

Warren Golliher will receive a diploma from Westmar College during commencement exercises at Calvary EUB Church in LaMars, Iowa June 1, at 10:00 AM. There are 106 4-year graduates receiving degrees. Mr. Golliher, son of Mr. & Mrs. Zoder Golliher, of Hoover, is majoring in Natural Science and his future plans are to attend Medical School for a MD Degree.

Poppy Poster awards were made at the Rural Schools 8th Grade Graduation by Mrs. Mary Mutchler on behalf of the Ross-Kayras Auxiliary held in Belle Fourche Saturday morning. In Class I: 1st Sally Schipke Horse Creek, 2nd Randy Smeenk Heston and 3rd Edward Kosola Fairview; Class II: 1st Joan Smeenk Horse Creek, 2nd Bonnie Babb Heston and 3rd Mona Donahey Fairview. The first place winners have been entered in District competition.

May 30, 1979 Rep. James Abdnor has renewed his effort to permit removal of catalytic converters from farm pickup trucks. "The catalytic converters pose a fire hazard on farms, ranches, National forests and parks" Abdfrom the Newell Museum

nor said in a letter to officials at the Environmental Protection Agency. He urges them to exempt farm pickup trucks from the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

New officers elected by the Newell Women's Softball Association held on May 17 are: President Vivian Anderson, Vice President Tina Anderson and Secretary/Treasurer Sherry Gruwell. All teams will be sanctioned, which will cost \$15 per team and League Fees \$15 per team. Each team is to have the list of members, sponsors and coaches, plus all fees to Gruwell by Thursday. Rules and Regulations were discussed and the Association decided to print the Rules for everyone to read.



Dr. Warren Golliher at his graduation in 1959. He came to Spearfish in 1967 and set up a Family Practice. He delivered over 1,700 babies.

Belle Fourche Beacon Heart of a Leader

Belle Fourche Development Corporation Report from Executive **Director Hollie Stalder**

I have had the honor of working with talented people... leaders who walk the walk....those

who are willing to go the extra mile for others and the goals they believe in, willing to give of their time even when time is so short and precious and one more thing seems like too much. Life is so busy and we have so many commitments. When we have the opportunity to work with those who are willing to give of themselves, even when they are already so busy, it is truly and honor. I feel that honor and a joy of the blessing that it is to work for this community and to work with others who share the same



passion for life and the community they serve. This year's leadership class was no exception to having a heart of service for Belle Fourche.

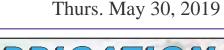
found the time and had the heart to learn about themselves and the community they live in. Once a month for nine months, they not only showed up, they put forth their best.

Leadership Belle Fourche was designed to develop and empower leaders for Belle Fourche by: enhancing Leadership Skills, broadening community awareness, encouraging servant leadership, facilitating diversity and awareness, promoting teamwork and people skills and building at the core of Belle Fourche. Our scope takes the class members through programs designed to help communities from the state level to the local level with education and resources while instilling leadership and professional development with our regional team members. The program development was through the Belle Fourche Development Corporation and Chamber. Monthly sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Congratulations to the Lead-

ership Belle Fourche class of 2019! I am so honored to serve with you to achieve the goals for our community development.

A very special thank you to the employers who nominated and sponsored employees, and allowed the time for their development. Your investment pays forward for Belle Fourche! Watch for the 2019/2020 Lead-

ership Belle Fourche applications to be posted this summer.



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2019 Leadership Belle Fourche Graduation at the Branding Iron. L-R: Michelle Lange, Black Hills Title, Belle Fourche office; Marcus Bevier, Head Start of Belle Fourche; Kelly Milliken, Wells Fargo Bank, Belle Fourche; Hazel Maher, Belle Fourche Chamber; David Vandenberg, Ring Container; Tessa Anderson-Voyles, Belle Fourche REC Center; Sandra Kringen, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche branch; Spencer Somervold, Turbiville Industrial; Cherie Coleman Pioneer Bank & Trust and Annie Reich, Black Hills Energy along with back row Hollie Stalder, Belle Fourche Development Corporation LBF Team coordinators. Not pictured: Jamie Hockenbary, CBH Belle Fourche.

Looking Back in Belle

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

123 years ago **Belle Fourche Times** June 6, 1896

children six years old in Arizona who don't know what rain is, and that dust is four feet deep

rain periods, extending from Friday night to Monday morning, with a few scattering drops falling intermittently throughout Monday, gave the tri-state area around Belle Fourche a good soaking. At no time during the rainy spell was the fall so heavy as to cause unusual large amount of run-off. The two-day continuity of the rainy spell permitted the moisture to go deep into the ground. Up in Lead and in some sections of the Bear Lodge, the rain turned into snow.

Tuesday Evening Club Meeting Pays Esteem To Dr. L. J. Townsend's Hospital Service



by Mary Buchholz

400 Dead Thousands Injured In St. Louis Tornado Millions Are Lost Hundred of People Believed to Be Still Buried in the Ruins – The Storm Wrecked Buildings of All Kinds Especially Along the River Front – Many Vessels Are Wrecked

St. Louis, Mo., May 29 -When the sun rose on St. Louis and vicinity this morning it showed a scene of terrible ruin and disaster, wind, rain and fire having combined in a mission of destruction. At least 200 lives were lost in this city, and as many more in East St. Louis, while thousands were injured, many so severely that they cannot recover. The exact number of dead and injured will, however, not be known for many days for the debris of ruined buildings undoubtedly covers scores of people. The damage and destruction of property will aggregate many millions of dollars, but the exact amount cannot be estimated with any degree of certainty.

Here and There

The opposition to the organization of Harding county have been forwarded to the Governor a remonstrance signed by over a hundred residents of the county. They also requested that the Governor recommend the next legislature to grant unorganized counties the right of school organization and taxation for that purpose.

The Rapid City Stockman is mistaken in saying that the Flying V, and other outfits, have been unloading southern cattle at Belle Fourche. All incoming shipments for this range are unloaded at Whitewood, or other points down the road, and the feed in the vicinity of Belle Fourche yards is preserved for the outgoing beef herds later in the season. Jim McNairy returned Wednesday from Arizona, his last shipment for the Flying V being unloaded at Smithwick. He says there are

down there 100 years ago

The Northwest Post June 5, 1919 **Decorate All Yank Graves Belgians Shower Flowers on Resting Place of American** Soldiers in Flanders

Brussels, June 2 – The graves of Americans who fell in the last ten days of desperate fighting were beautifully decorated with flowers and the Stars and Stripes Friday. These Americans were buried in the cemetery at Oudenarde, and General De Blauw, governor of the province of east Flanders, and Burgomaster Boutreligne of Oudenarde officiated at the ceremonies, which were largely attended by the townspeople.

Here and There

Messrs. A. G. Challis and Wilber Newland, while in Denver last week, purchased seventeen carloads of cattle, which they will fatten for the market.

Belle Fourche and vicinity was visited by a killing frost last Sunday night, resulting in considerable damage to gardens. Beans and tomato plants were put out of commission, unless the owners were thoughtful enough to cover the same.

George A. Beal and Theodora Gottenburg,

both of Newell, were united in marriage on Wednesday at the Congregational parsonage, Rev. Reynolds officiating

75 years ago **Belle Fourche Bee** June 8, 1944 **Beneficial Rains Drench** Territory During Week End -**Precipitation Recorded Here** at 2.85 – Camp Crook Gets Around 3.5

One of those made to order

Harold Salem Has Taken Over Pulpit -Local Baptist Church

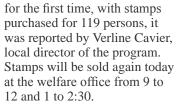
Harold Salem has returned from Minneapolis, where he has been attending the Seminary, and taken over the pastorship of the local Baptist church for the summer months. Mr. Salem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Salem of Spearfish, attended Bible school in Minneapolis two years before enrolling at the Seminary last year. He is a graduate of Belle Fourche high school. He preached his initial sermon for the summer last Sunday, starting his duties as student pastor.

Rodeo Specialists Contracted For '44 B. H. Round-Up **Bus Carson and Troope From** North Hollywood To Do Fancy Riding, Roping

J. F. Koller, manager, announces that Bus Carson and troupe have been contracted to furnish the trick and fancy roping and riding, and horse acts for the Black Hills Round-Up Silver Anniversary show, July 3, 4 and 5. The Carson horses furnish two of the six acts on the day's program in their own right. Carson troupe has never before played east of Colorado. One of their feature acts will be a scene from the film, "Pal of Mine," featuring Colleen and her beautiful mount, "Silver".

Tuesday evening's meeting of the Commercial Club was given over to a public recognition session for Dr. L. J. Townsend, Mrs. Ruth Richards, hospital superintendent, the present board and others who have given their time and efforts towards the local hospital, known as the John Burns Memorial Hospital. Presiding over the evening's sessions was Rev. L. A. Johnson, of the program committee. S. G. Mortimer. who has been a member of the hospital board since it was organized, gave a very interesting historical resume of the local hospital, from the time a group of local citizens undertook the development of the project shortly after World War I until the present time. In a prepared paper from Dr. Townsend, he related of his first meeting with the late John Burns, back in 1884, in northwestern Nebraska where he operated a country grocery store, until his death in Sioux City. It was through this personal contact in Sioux City that the benefactor, John Burns, made his final plans to bequeath much of his remaining estate to the establishment of a hospital. Mrs. Ruth Richards, present supervisor of the hospital, reviewed the development of the unit, from its original 8-bed capacity to its present 25-bed; telling about the needed medical, surgical and laboratory equipment which has been added.

50 years ago **The Belle Fourche Bee** June 6, 1969 Food Stamps Sold For First Time Here Wednesday Food stamps went on sale in Butte County Wednesday



O'Donnell's Win 11-Inning **Thriller In Softball Opener**

Men's softball action got off to a swinging start here Tuesday night when O'Donnell's edged Bob's Cafe 2-1 in a 11-inning battle. Ken Wetz of O'Donnell's won the pitching duel against Gene Keil. Jerry Conner scored the winning run when he was hit home by Merle Barker.

Ena Lancaster Day! Ena Lancaster. Belle Fourche librarian since 1961, will be honored at Ena Lancaster Day here Sunday with an open house at the Belle Fourche Library from 2 to 4 p.m. A brief program is planned. Refreshment will be served.

Belle Chamber Honors Bentonite Industry

The bentonite industry of the Tri-State area was recognized Monday at the regular luncheon meeting of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. On hand to represent the various plants in the area were Ken Arthur of International Minerals and Chemicals, John McKean of Ashland Chemical (ADM), Keith Collins of National Lead (Baroid Sales) and Wendell Wilson of American Colloid. There are 13 plants processing this type of bentonite in the United States, 11 are in Wyoming, 1 in South Dakota and one in Minnesota. The 13 plants produced 1,300,000 tons of bentonite last year, of that amount, about 300,000 tons came out of the Belle Fourche area. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Marchant donated to the Chamber a picture of the first bentonite plant in Belle Fourche. Thirty-four were present for Monday's meeting. Chamber President James Ramey presided at the meeting.



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Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

news@bellefourchebeacon.com This Monday was Memorial Day, the day we honor those in the military who died fighting for us. Our family lost some soldiers in two different wars. My Grandma Wilkinson's brother Gustav Schmidt, a full-blood German, changed his name to Gus Smith, joined the Army and went to fight the Germans in WWI. He died in France two days after his 23rd birthday and is buried in Lemmon.

During WWI Reub's uncle, Clarence "Tad" Olson, joined the Army and was breaking horses for the remount station at Ft. Keogh near Miles City, Montana when he died from a second bout of the Spanish Flu a month before his 21st birthday after trying to save a fellow soldier who also died from that horrible disease. Tad is buried in Reeder, ND next to his parents, Delos and Hattie Olson.

Reub was named after his Dad's best friend, Reuben Negaard, who was also the brother of Emil Negaard who was married to Gustav's sister, Martha Smith. Reuben Negaard was killed in WWII on July 3, 1944 during the invasion of France. He was 25 years old and is buried in France. The night Reuben was killed, Buck couldn't sleep and kept getting up and going into baby Reub's room to sit by his crib because he just felt something terrible was happening. Reuben's mother, Mary (Tolstad) Negaard treated Buck like he was one of her own sons and every year she would make him a big bucket

full of hominy that he just loved. This is a sad week

for my family. My sister Judy Amor lost her battle with cancer and passed away last Wednesday at the

Hettinger hospital. Her funeral will be this Wednesday in Bison and we will bury her in the Glendo Cemetery next to where our Grandma Wilkinson, Gustav Smith's sister, lived.

Years ago, when my sister was living outside Washington, DC, Judy and I visited the Arlington National Cemetery. We spent hours trying to find the grave of Audie Murphy, the most decorated veteran of WWII who served with our father, Bryce White. We found President JFK, his brother Robert Kennedy, and several other famous people, but Audie Murphy's grave wasn't in any special place like they were. He was buried amongst other ordinary fallen heroes without any notification of his decorations or his heroism, which is just the way he would have wanted it. I've had about all I can han-

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dle, so I'll leave you with this: 1. Don't wish me a Happy Memorial day. There is nothing happy about brave men and women dying while in combat for their country.

2. It's not a holiday. It's a remembrance not an excuse to have a mattress sale.

 If you want to know the true meaning, visit Arlington or your local VA, not Disneyworld.
4. Don't tell me how great any

one political power is. Tell me about Chesty Puller, George Patton, John Basilone, Dakota Meyer, Kyle Carpenter, Mitchell Paige, Ira Hayes, Chris Kyle and any other heroes too numerous to name. If you don't know who these people are...look them up. Attend a Bell Ceremony and shed some tears.

5. Say a prayer... and then another.

6. Remember the Fallen for all the good they did while they were here.

7. Reach out and let a Vet know you're there, we're losing too many in "peace".

8. Go to work and fight for the rights of Vets who are not getting the simplest courtesies, like proper care from the V.A.

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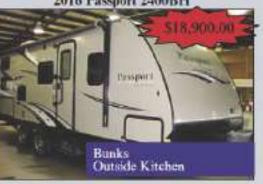
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May 31: Caramel Rolls and Coffee 8:30am, Senior Center June 1: First Saturday Brunch 10am, Tri-State Museum 2019 Scotts MLB Pitch Hit & Run Sectional Competition, 10am, Belle Baseball Fields June 3: City Council Meeting 6pm, City Hall June 4 Chamber Early Bird Networking & Coffee, 7:30am, Chamber of Commerce June 5: Chamber Board Meeting, 7am, Chamber of Thurs May 20 20

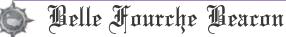








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Recent Snow, Rain Playing Havoc with Construction Schedules

BEACON STAFF

news@bellefourchebeacon.com BELLE FOURCHE - Our recent heavy rains and late-May snow with resulting runoff is causing major problems for construction projects in and around the Belle Fourche area.

Of main concern is the new Hay Creek crossing on 8th Avenue. Recent flooding has set the project back to the point where the newly approved July 4th parade route may need to be slightly modified.

With normal weather conditions the project was to be completed by the first half of June allowing the parade to once again pass by Herrman Park. The past two years the route has been closed due to a major sewer upgrade and most recently the new bridge.

But high water during the last two weeks on Hay Creek flooded the construction site, damaging the retaining the walls and possibly affecting the first concrete culvert that has been put in place.

"We'll have to shoot it this week to see if it's shifted," said City Engineer Steve Nafus. "It's sitting on a pretty solid foundation so it shouldn't be a problem, but we need to make sure."

Nafus said it was impossible to say right now if the bridge project would be done by July 4th. "But it's not likely it will be completed before the parade."

Backfilling, wing walls, paving, sidewalk and railing work still must be completed with only slightly more than a month to go.

Total cost on the project is slightly more than \$1.17 million.

On another construction project work on the 8th Avenue utility and Roadway Improvements project continues past it's October 2018 completion deadline. Again, weather delays and high moisture continue to plague progress.

The council approved an invoice in the amount of \$16,698.25 to HDR Engineering for their continuing monitoring and testing on the project. The prime contractor on the project, Heavy Constructors of Rapid City, is currently subject to fines of around \$900 per working day that the project is late and the city must pay the engineering firm until work is complete.

"Is this costing us more because of the delays," Councilman Randy Schmidt asked Nafus.

"Yes," Nafus replied. "We've done a change order to have HDR here to watch this portion of the project also. It's costing us more."

Nafus added that the contractor is down to its last few manholes and is working at a depth of only 8 feet now. "They were moving along pretty good until this last round of weather."

Construction work is centered on an area along 7th Avenue near Hay Creek, the final stretch of the project.

The Belle Fourche Area Office of the state DOT says pavement repair work on a 5-mile stretch of Highway 212 is underway in Belle Fourche. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during working hours with flaggers and pilot cars guiding traffic through the construction zone. The contractor will also be using lane closures on portions of the project. Delays of up to 15 minutes can be expected.

This work should be done by the end of this week or early next week. The prime contractor on the \$541,000 project is Reede Construction of Aberdeen.

Bronc Bird Busters Flying High



RATED NO. 1 IN THE STATE - With national competition coming up July 10-11, the Bronc Bird Busters Trap Shooters are doing very well right now and are first in the state in their division. Pictured above (back row): Brayden Carbajal, Ryan Evans, Brenna Leitner, Jake Konechne, Aiken Crowley, Alex Voyles, Daniel Krajewski, and Conner Clausen. Front row: Carter McKenna, Reese McKenna, Riley Newman, Katelynn Ruby, Caden Thomsen, Emma Singer, Jason Carr, and Jack Stearns. Not Pictured: Brooks Clooten, Collin Hockenbary, Guy Davis, Dalton Davis, TJ Hahne, Cole Hockenbary, Orin Olson, Matt Priesner, and Austin Jewett.



Bronc Bird Busters Skeet Team (back row): Carter McKenna, Jason Johnston, Alex Voyles, Jake Konechne, and Aiken Crowley. Front Row: Emma Singer, Riley Newman, and Brayden Carbajal. - Courtesy Photo







FLOODED - High water on Hay Creek damaged construction work on the new 8th Ave. crossing. The diversion wall was breached flooding the first culvert and it's footing. It's unknown if work can be completed by July 4th. - *Beacon Photo*



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