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Historic Black Hills Roundup Grandstands Coming Down



The Tri-State Roundup (now the Black Hills Roundup) pictured in 1924. The main grandstands can be seen in the center. Photo courtesy Tri-State Museum



COMING DOWN Removal of the roof is well underway as city crews begin remmoval of the old Black Hills Roundup grandstands to be replaced by a modern structure that will feature box seating and VIP suites. The old grandstands were in use for nearly 100 years.

Demolition to Make Way for Modern Structure to Be Ready July 2019

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BELLE FOURCHE - In the week following this year's Black Hills Roundup a crew of city employees under the direction of Belle Fourche Public Works Director Dirk Hoffman began the demolition of the Rodeo grounds grandstand.

After almost a century of history, weather, and use, the historic wooden structure is coming down and will be replaced by an all new metal grandstand. The new grandstand will be installed behind the concrete platforms that contain the current box seats and will connect up with the metal portion that stands on the west end of the arena.

There has been sentiment and commentary locally about trying to remodel and preserve the existing grandstands but as removal began it could easily be seen that such a project would be more costly and perhaps not possible.

The first step of the demolition was to remove the metal exterior. Taking the tin off revealed a large amount of rotting substructure that had not been visible. Structural engineers aren't required for a demolition project, but had they been consulted to inspect the grandstands prior to this year's Round Up they may have for safety reasons disallowed any use of the grandstands. Walking below the wooden structure it appears as if someone

could crash through and fall to injury in many places. Several structural support beams are completely rotted through. Structural faults are seen throughout the length of the structure. The first rodeo was held in 1918 and many historical documents say it was held along the existing streets and riverside where the current grounds are. No precise information exists, but it appears the current grandstands were built beginning in 1919-1920. Bucking chutes were used for the first time in 1920. The first public address system was used in 1926. One of the highlights of the 1926 Round Up was an appearance by Teddy Roosevelt's Roughriders. The heroes of the July 3, 1898 battle of San Juan Hill held their reunion in Belle Fourche 21 years after they escorted the President in 1905 during his second Inauguration. Roosevelt was not present as he died in 1919. President Calvin Coolidge attended in 1927. Story told was that he only planned on being there for an hour but enjoyed the rodeo so much he stayed the entire day. The famous Round Up grandstands panoramic photo chronicled the event. Plans are being made to re-enact a modern day grandstand panorama during the 100th celebration next year. The event had been written about in the period from

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ROTTING AWAY As crews removed the tin cladding on the grandstand the extent of the rotting timbers was revealed.

Norlin Marine Opens in Belle

Belle Fourche's newest business features boat repair and maintenance

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Ben and Joy Norlin held a ribbon cutting and grand opening of Belle Fourche's newest business: Norlin Marine and Recreation, LLC on Tuesday July 24. The business is located on east Highway 34 in what was the Hershel Hoffman property adjacent to Wilen Masonry.

Ben is the son of former Belle Fourche residents (now from Wright, Wyoming) Janie and Mike Norlin. Ben had been living and working in Florida where he became a certified marine mechanic. He has over 10 years experience and decided it was time to come home, start the business, and apply his skills to the Belle Fourche trade area.

His wife, Joy, is originally



FAMILY AFFAIR Norlin Marine is open on East Highway 34. Pictured are Ben and Joy Norlin's three daughters.

from Spearfish. She attended BHSU and has a degree in accounting. In addition to her "behind the scenes" contributions to the business she works for Bennett, Main, Gubbrud, and Willert in Belle Fourche.

Norlin Marine will do all types of boat repair and maintenance. Their specialty will be the repair of

boat engines, but will also be available for the repair of all types of 2 and 4 cycle engines. They will soon be a dealer for a well known brand of new boats, and will feature and sell new boats as well.

Ben and his wife Joy are the parents of three daughters: Alex (11), Ashtyn (7), and Alayna (5).

Beacon News Shorts

Facebook is Our Friend... Maybe

We were fully aware when we started the Beacon of the amount of people, clubs, businesses, organizations who communicate today with the use of Facebook. Rodeo, soccer, baseball, downtown Thursdays, etc. We believe that it is a marvelous tool for convenient human interconnection and immediate dissemination of information.

Convenience and ease of access is certainly understood, but it has created a few challenges for the Beacon.

1. I would ask the people posting the various news and informational items and pictures on Facebook to consider sending that interesting and informative information to the

Beacon.

Reasons: Not everybody is on Facebook, or on all pages so many do not see the items. Our household has three adult residents in it. One is on Facebook, two are not.

In addition, since starting the Beacon, we have heard from hundreds of people telling us one of the reasons they like

the Beacon is because they're not on Facebook and appreciate being able to have access to the local news again. The Beacon can serve as a directory to Facebook pages.

2. Send us your photos direct. We do not download pictures from Facebook, or websites because when they are downloaded and then printed in the paper they lose clarity. We like to have the high

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Credit Where Credit is Due

A couple printing over-sights from our last issue:

The tremendous photo of the D&H bucking bull at the Roundup was taken by John Skogberg. The great article about the Roundup Rodeo run was written by Chris Stores. Apologies for the omission and many thanks to them for their contributions to the Beacon.



Obituaries

Donna Speidel 86

Donna Speidel, age 86 of Belle Fourche, died Friday, July 20, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Donna Hardisty was born September 23, 1931 in Alzada, Montana. She was the daughter of William and Violet (King) Hardisty. Donna grew up near Alzada, where she also attended school. At the age of 16, Donna was united in marriage to Jacob Speidel on June 18, 1948 in Belle Fourche. To this union two children were born: Phyllis and Ron. Following their marriage, Jake and Donna lived in Belle Fourche where Jake worked at the Texaco station and owned the Mobile station for several years. Donna worked as a pharmacy technician for many years at the pharmacies in Belle Fourche. They included: Becker’s Drug, Husband’s Drug, The Medicine Shop, Thomas Drug, Ron Schwans FTC Pharmacy, and Lynn’s Dakotamart. She also was a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Donna ran the Alzada Star Route for 48 years, retiring in 1996. Her husband died in 1987 and since then Donna continued to live in Belle Fourche.



Donna will be remembered for being a classy woman who dressed nice and had impeccable hair. She worked hard and she loved to dance. Jake and Donna never missed a Saturday night dance, and they were fun to watch because of how elegant they could dance. Together they enjoyed many motorcycle rides on the Harley Davidson, and Donna always had a scarf over her perfect hair. Donna was loving and caring, and she was also strong and feisty. She was a care giver to many and she always felt it was important to take care of family who needed care. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. And she will be greatly missed.

Donna is survived by her son, Ron (Sheila) Speidel of Spearfish; daughter, Phyllis Mehrer of Belle Fourche; 5 grandchildren: Ronda Mehrer, Leslie Mahoney, Chris Mehrer, Matthew Speidel, Mackensy Speidel; 2 great grandchildren, JakeLyn Mehrer, Joshua Mehrer; and son-in-law, Lester Mehrer of Belle Fourche.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two sisters, Doris Oliver and Dorthea Fredericksen.

Friends may leave written condolences and view her video tribute

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online at www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com

Lonny “Bumpa” Smith 51

Lonny “Bumpa” Smith, 51, of St. Onge, South Dakota passed away July 20, 2018 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

He was born August 20, 1966 in Belle Fourche to Loren and Frieda (Heinert) Smith.

In high school, Lonny was a member of the National Honor Society, and played second chair trumpet in the high school band. He graduated with honors in 1984 from Belle Fourche High School.



Lonny worked with his father at the meat market and enjoyed playing drums and singing with his dad’s band, Loren and Country. In 1988, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. While in the Air Force, Lonny served one year in Korea. He was honorably discharged in 1992, with an SRA E4 status.

On August 17, 1991, he married the love of his life, Sue. The couple lived in Minot, ND until Lonny was discharged from the service. They made their home in St. Onge, SD, and Lonny was employed at the Sturgis Meat Service for nine years. In 2000, Lonny took a store manager job in Sundance Wyoming. In 2006, Lonny and Sue bought the S.O.B. “St. Onge Bar” and moved back to the community that became their home in the St. Onge Valley.

Lonny loved to ride his Harley and was a member of the Militiamen Veteran’s Motorcyle Club. The members of the club held a special place in Lonny’s heart, and he considered them family. Lonny was also a member of the United Church of Christ. Lonny was known throughout the area for cooking the best prime rib in the country at the St. Onge Bar, where people from all over the nation have complimented his cooking. Lonny enjoyed music, reading, hunting and fishing. Most of all, Bumpa enjoyed spending time with his ten grandkids.

He is survived by his father and mother, Loren and Rosie Smith of McMinnville, OR; wife, Susan Smith of St. Onge; son, Randy Landsverk of Crosby, ND; daughter, Angela (Wade) Vissia of Belle Fourche; 10 grandchildren, Will Landsverk, Hunter Vissia, Taylor Landsverk, Blake Vissia, Hailey Landsverk, Michelle Landsverk, Evan Vissia, Abby Vissia, Emma Landsverk and Brenna Landsverk; brothers-in law, Dan (Linda) Borkenhagen and Bill (Theresa) Borkenhagen all of Bullhead, AZ; his sister, Lorena Smith of McMinnville, OR and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; uncles, Johnny Heinert and Lee Smith; aunts, Fernel Butts and Loise Harts-horne; father and mother-in-law, Ron and Marge Borkenhagen.

A Ceremonial Tribute will be held Saturday, July 28 at 11:00 AM at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche with Reverend Del Neumeister and Reverend Dr. M.G. Martell Spagnolo officiating.

Inurnment will take place at a later time at Black Hills National Cemetery.



Pastor’s Perspective

This week’s Pastor’s Perspective is provided by Pastor Stephen Carson of Connection Church in Belle Fourche.

One man wrote this regarding prayer, “Satan does not care how many people read about prayer if only he can keep them from praying.” The purpose of this article today is not merely for us to learn more about prayer, but for us to pray! It is very easy to become self-sufficient in life. If we have enough provisions, a good job, a healthy family, comfort, then why do we need to pray? It is unfortunate that we can be so easily deceived by the error of self-sufficiency, forgetting that even the very breath we breathe is a gift from Almighty God. We are truly desperate for God in all areas of our lives. And it is a wonderful and lofty thought that we have the privilege of communicating with our Creator through prayer! E.M. Bounds wrote this, “Prayer should not be regarded as a duty which must be performed, but rather as a privilege to be

enjoyed.”

Today I would like to look at a passage that shows us a good picture of how we should pray. In Nehemiah chapter 1 we see a conflicted man named Nehemiah. He was a Jew and his people were currently under Persian captivity. Nehemiah was the cupbearer for the Persian King, Artaxerxes. Nehemiah’s job was a dangerous one as he was tasked with drinking the king’s beverages prior to the king drinking them in order to ensure that they were not poisoned. Although this was an incredibly dangerous job, it would have allowed Nehemiah unique access to King Artaxerxes because he would have been around him multiple times a day.

In Nehemiah 1:3 Nehemiah gets word that Jerusalem is in pitiful condition. The walls were down, the gates were destroyed, and Nehemiah’s people were left exposed

and vulnerable to enemy attacks. Nehemiah decided something had to be done! He decided to ask King Artaxerxes for permission to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls. This would be a BOLD request! Artaxerxes could have viewed this as Nehemiah wanting to fortify Jerusalem for military purposes. If he viewed the request as a threat he could have executed Nehemiah as a traitor and enemy of his kingdom! So, in 1:4 through then end of the chapter we see Nehemiah’s prayer to God before petitioning King Artaxerxes. In verse 4 we see that Nehemiah’s disposition was that of humility and dependence on God. He became still before God, he wept out of a broken heart, he mourned for days, he fasted, and he prayed! Second, in verse 5 we see a prayer of exaltation to God. He praised God for

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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
Clay Conry, Associate Pastor
Sunday
Long Term Care Service 8:45 p.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Worship and Children’s Church 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday
call for summer youth activities

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.
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 and 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
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

PRAIRE HOME CHURCH

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

RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH

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

SALVATION ARMY OF THE NORTHERN HILLS

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

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL

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

ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Del Neumeister, Pastor
Winter Hours
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, Associate Pastor
Mass Times
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
First Friday: 10:30 a.m.
@Belle Estates Senior Living
Third Friday:
10:30 a.m. @ B.F. Nursing Home
Friday: 12:15 p.m. Mass followed by Adoration
2 p.m. Benediction
Saturday: 2-3 p.m. Confessions

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN

110 Stanley · 723-3923
Interim Pastor: Jean Helmer
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesday:
iPraise - after school
7th and 8th grade confirmation 4 p.m.
Friday:
7 a.m. Lutheran Men in Missions, Belle Inn
Saturday: 5 p.m. Worship

SUMMIT OPEN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Seventh and Summit
892-4630
Pastor Rick and Diane Brennan
Sunday School:
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Kids Church
Monday:
7 p.m. Mens’ Bible Study
Tuesday:
7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday:
3:30 p.m. Kidz Alive
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Saturday:
Home Fellowship Groups

UNITED METHODIST

1804 Sventh Ave. ·892-2405
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Bob Duemig, Pastor
Sunday:
10:30 a.m. Worship Following
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Wednesday:
10 a.m. & 7 p.m. - Bible Study

VALE COMMUNITY COUNTRY CHURCH

Pastor Darla Dunn
402 Rosander St. Vale SD 57788
Service Sunday:
10 a.m.
605-210-0512

Thought for Today:

“Begin by always expecting good things to happen.”



From Chamber Director Gary Wood

Think Differently and Repeat



REPEAT! REPEAT! REPEAT!

Thank you for your responses to my articles in the Beacon. It’s gratifying to know someone reads them and appreciates it.

So, referring to last week’s article on *Belle Fourche First*, I’d like to follow up and ask that you do more than appreciate an article; I want to ask you: Did you take the advice and consider *Belle Fourche First* in your shopping choices? Beyond that, have you encouraged family and friends to think *Belle Fourche First*?

We are all creatures of habit and it is good for us to break out of rhythms and patterns occasionally and do something different. Dare I use the word “rut”? I’m in a rut about some things as many of us are. Over the years, dealing with the public, one lesson I’ve learned when it comes to introducing an idea is: Repeat, repeat, repeat. I don’t know the statistics on how many times we have to be exposed to something to make it part of our thinking. So please consider what I said last week, and what I will reiterate today: We should all be thinking Belle Fourche First. Is there a business you have never been in? A restaurant you haven’t tried? I wrote a letter of recommendation to the Secretary of Transportation in Washington, D.C. last week and had to get out of my rut of thinking to write a letter in support of transportation funding for our area.

May I give a word to our Belle Fourche and regional businesses? Maybe it’s time to break out of the rut of “business as usual” and try something new, innovative and creative. We live in a world that is changing in so many ways. Think about your personal

communicator. What’s that? Your cellphone. I remember a friend of mine years ago telling us that we should all be investing our money in personal communicators and all I could imagine was Star Trek and Captain Kirk with his “flip” communicator. Well, here we are and nearly everyone has one, even us grandparents! We have even asked our grandkids to help us with a function. We are being forced out of our rhythms and patterns (ruts) continually by the modern society we live in. I’m afraid it’s learn or be left behind.

As a Chamber of Commerce, our job is to target three aspects of business: customers for business; better business practices; better business relations. In this article I’m attempting two of those targets: Customers and Business Practices.

So, the conclusion for customers? Try something different when it comes to your shopping pattern. Stretch your thinking a bit to include something new and untried. Try some bubble tea. You might just discover something better. If you are a customer I’d encourage you to THINK BELLE FOURCHE FIRST.

If you’re a business, I want to encourage you in better business practices. Is your snow shovel still in your front entry or are weeds coming up in the cracks of your sidewalk? Things like that might indicate that you’re in a rut and not doing best business practices. Check out other businesses and see what you like or don’t like. Then adjust your business accordingly. Be willing to learn from those older and younger than you. Take advice, listen and observe. You might be surprised what you can learn.



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essentially what worship is! Third, in verses 6-7 Nehemiah’s prayer displayed repentance, both for himself and for his people. Finally, in verses 8-11 his prayer displayed faith in the promises of God! What a great model of prayer! Prayer, at its core, reveals two things. First, it

is an acknowledgement that we are insufficient. Second, it is an acknowledgement that God is sufficient! So, let us remember to come before God humbly, in a sense of worship, in a spirit of confession, and in a disposition of dependency on God. Again, let’s not just learn about prayer...let’s be faithful to pray!



WORSHIP SERVICE

WITH HEART OF DAVID BAND

Please Join Us For A Worship and Prayer Service

July 27th At 6:30 PM

Place: 321 Fisk Rd. Newell, SD 57760

Do you need breakthrough in your life? Do you need a touch from God? You will not want to miss this opportunity with Connie Williams and the Heart of David Band as they minister under the anointing in worship and prayer.

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FACEBOOK

clarity from the original picture file. So, when you Facebookers post up a photo of an event or a family member, or the team they’re on try to remember to send that original photo to the Beacon, so we can print it in the paper too. Facebook and the internet are going to continue to grow and probably nothing will ever change that, but as it grows we’ll still publish and print a traditional newspaper to get the news out. The Beacon can serve as a directory to the myriad of Facebook pages and information. Thanks to you “techies” for sending us “the

Letter to the Editor

2019 Black Hills Roundup Concert

Our parade is known throughout the region and if I have my numbers correct, over 15,000 people attend the parade. The Black Hills Round Up is the event that people pay to see! But the parade is the event that everyone is invited to attend, free of charge.

With our neighbors now promoting Independence Day parades and firework shows it is time for our community to do something different in what we offer the public. The idea of a “concert” is nice and different, for a one year (100th) event. But it would only entertain ... 5,000 people at best?

The highest quality parades are those that have marching bands. I believe we saw a quality band from Minnesota and how well they perform and what they provide for the crowd. The Ranger Band was not here this year, but they sent their Jr. Ranger Band. The 7th Cavalry Band was not in attendance. However, our loyal Belle Fourche Cowboy Band was in attendance.

If we are going to spend \$40,000 on music for our 100th anniversary of the Round Up, I suggest we spend it on inviting marching bands. Not only will they liven up the parade, it will give it a splash not seen for many years. And as far as bang for the buck, I would expect that these bands will entertain a potential 25,000 people who may be in attendance! Marching Bands will also set a higher standard for every other community to compete with us. We need to lead on this!

Marching Bands are always looking for places to perform and what better place to perform than in the Center of the Nation on its 100th anniversary of the Black Hills Round Up!?

With a \$40,000 budget we will have to consider many things:

- Our community will need to set up stipends for expenses and awards for bands to attend.
- We should invite many bands;
- We should encourage our BFHS band to participate as

well as local area bands;

- We should have healthy awards for the top three bands;
- We could have a band contest in Hermann Park.

These are just some of the ideas that could be offered. But let me offer a few more long term ideas:

- This could be done every year.
- We should once again encourage a partnership with the local schools for high school students to participate in The Cowboy Band by the school offering credits and for the City to pay the musicians a stipend as an outreach to area communities when they perform.
- This partnership has a precedent. Years ago Cowboy Band participants we paid by the city to perform at Newell, Camp Crook, Hulett, St. Onge, Days of 76 rodeos as well as our own rodeo.
- This partnership would also begin a new trend in the Cowboy Band. Many members are getting older and there hasn’t been the influx of new young members because the City and the schools have disregarded our heritage and our history.

What we have on the 4th of July that other communities don’t is “History.”

Every community can have fireworks. Every community can have a parade. Not every community will have Marching Bands. Especially to the extent I am suggesting. It is a new and exciting time for our community and a time to do something “different.”

Last but not least, I am willing to bet there would be businesses that would donate to the Marching Bands, not to reduce the City expense, but to promote an even greater event for our community and the guests we invite to our town!

I would ask that you consider this idea not only for next year, but for future years as well.

There is only one 100th Anniversary of the Black Hills Round Up.....

- Clark Sowers

news” to help us along.

Subscription Costs

We started out with an introductory special of \$25 for a year, or 52 issues. We will continue that special throughout the trade area going forward. As we build the Beacon in content, advertisers, coverage, and subscribers, we also need to hire and train the staff to build a paper. All of the pieces of the puzzle have taken some time to locate and as we are able are being put in place. We have had to print every other week as we’ve started to make it happen. Our goal is to become a weekly soon. We have published June 28, July 12, and this issue

July 26. Our schedule going forward will be next issue August 9th, then August 23. We are working diligently to be weekly then on. Just know that when we are on the every-other-week publication schedule it is not because you haven’t paid your subscription. We will continue to provide the broad distribution into the future. If you don’t receive let us know. Thank you for your patience and we sincerely appreciate your help and support in making the Belle Fourche Beacon reality. In the future it isn’t necessary to thank the Beacon, thank the businesses that advertise. They are the ones who make delivery of local news possible.

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Be sure to check out Pete's CRAP Table :)

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Home of the Week on Ryan Ct.



The third Home of the Week in Belle Fourche is located at 721 Ryan Court. The owners will receive a \$25 gift certificate from the Revitalize Belle Fourche committee.

Revitalize Belle Fourche has selected its third “Home of the Week,” for its summer-long program of recognizing outstanding homefronts.

The winner for the third week is a home at 721 Ryan Court. The committee was impressed with the upkeep of the yard and attractive porch furnishings, plus the unusual décor items, including the eye-catching rock, painted wooden markers and the blue bicycle.

The home is owned by Todd and Michelle Watson, who will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Revitalize Belle Fourche committee. Homes selected through the summer are typically announced from the stage at Hometown Thursdays. For more information about the Home of the Week program and Revitalize Belle Fourche please visit the Revitalize Belle Fourche Facebook page.

Final Week of Hometown Thursdays Features Ryan Chrys & the Rough Cuts

The final week of Hometown Thursdays, the Belle Fourche weekly music festival, takes place on July 26 and will feature Ryan Chrys & the Rough Cuts on stage. Hometown Thursday takes place on each Thursday night from June 7 to July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown Belle.

Ryan Chrys & the Rough Cuts is a band noted for playing old school country

rock and roll.

In addition to the music, Hometown Thursdays also offers beer and food vendors, craft vendors and a variety of activities for children.

Sponsors for the July 26 festival are K & K Customs and Subway.

For more information about Hometown Thursdays, please visit its Facebook page.

Beacon News Shorts Belle Fourche Trade Area

If you watch license plates in parking lots of business in Belle Fourche you probably notice the same thing we do. Not a lot from “New Jersey”.

If you ask where the bulk of the drivers of those vehicles where they reside in the Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota area, you’d have a pretty apt description of our trade area. From Beulah, Aladdin, Alva to Alzada, Hammond, Biddle, Boyes, east across Harding County SD along the North Dakota line to the Reva, Prairie City area and everything south to

Interstate 90. Approximately 7,500 residents both rural and city all get the Beacon.

Through the Postal service permit process we’ve used we have discovered that we are able to provide the Beacon throughout this trade area very economically. We hope to keep that coverage up so that people will know what the area businesses can provide for them, and the businesses will know that what they have available is getting out to all of their customers.

From Page 1 GRANDSTANDS

1925-1930 as both the “Tri-State” Roundup and the “Black Hills” Roundup. Historical documents state that in 1929 or 1930 is when it officially became “the Black Hills Round Up”.

During the mid to late 1930’s the original grandstands were remodeled and added to. In 1942 there was a “one-year gap” in the Roundup

due to WWII. A rodeo was still staged “just for the home folks” (including an appearance by Captain Don Smith), but it was not referred to as the “Black Hills Roundup” The war wasn’t over, but in 1943 the Roundup returned. Three years later, Maynard Cole, an east river South Dakota resident and 1946 Armour high school graduate had stated that he and a carload of Armour, SD recent alums had traveled

west to Belle Fourche for the 1946 “first after the war” Roundup.

The date is not certain, but in the late 1960s or early 1970s there was a fire that required at least a partial reconstruction of the grandstands. A March 1973 letter at the Tri-State Museum mentions additional remodeling and construction at that time. Over the life of the wooden structure there had been many additions, changes, remodels, paint jobs, tin applications, and repairs to “spruce” it up and to keep it dry and functional.

The concrete and block box seats were added in the late 1990’s. Schmaltz and Sons Masonry built the concrete block risers (at this date, not one crack in those blocks) and employee Brian Kiel, (a young Belle Fourche college student at the time) assisted as a tender, as well as a fairly new city employee named Dirk Hoffman who worked with Supervisor Rex Corliss on installing the concrete slab platforms.



VARIETY OF SHOWS - With nearly 100 years of use the Roundup grandstands have provided the perfect place to watch a century of showmen and performers. In this photo, trick rider Leonard Stroud thrills the fans as his horse Chief jumps a 1920’s era automobile. *Photo: Tri-State Museum*



TIN REMOVAL - The first step in the process of demolition of the old grandstands was the removal of the roof and the tin cladding, revealing an infranstructure badly in need of replacement. *Photo: Betty Jo Hoffman*

The west end metal grandstands were added in 2005. Wood that will be salvaged from the grandstands, authorized by action of the Belle Fourche city council, is being made available to the Roundup committee to be used for future projects at the Roundup grounds. Plan to build a part of history into new structures and facades. Regardless of how you look at it come July of 2019, the

100th Annual Black Hills Roundup, will go down in the history books as the first Roundup with the newly constructed, state-of-the-art grandstand.

(Historical information for this article was supplied by Nicole Carrier, Collections Archivist, at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor’s Center and contributed to by Beacon staff)

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9:00am - 1:00pm
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2:00pm
Horse Show

Drawn By: Alaeitha Thompson

Wednesday, August 1

1:00pm
Dairy Cattle Show

1:00pm
Dairy Goat Show

3:00pm
Meat Goat Show

4:00pm
Sheep Dog Trials & Running Ducks

5:30pm - 7:00pm
Fondue 4-Youth (under Grindstons)

6:00pm - 8:00pm
Entertainment - Mark Mowry

6:00pm
Swine Show

Bingo

9:00pm
Movie Night

Thursday, August 2

8:00am
Sheep Show

12:00pm
Bum Lamb Dress Up Contest

4-H Poultry Showmanship

1:30pm
Poultry Judging

4:00pm
Talent Show & Fashion Revue

4:00pm - 6:00pm
Introduction to Shooting Sports (stands on Shooting Sports Demonstration)

5:00pm - 5:30pm
Cowboy Band

5:30pm - 6:30pm
Entertainment - Butch Samuelson

5:00pm - 6:30pm
Free Barbeque

Thursday, August 2

Continued...

6:00pm
Tractor Pull

6:30pm - 8:30pm
Entertainment - Lyle Berry Band

7:00pm
Catch a Sheep Contest

Friday, August 3

9:00am
4-H & FFA Beef Show (Open Class Beef Show to follow 4-H & FFA Show)

Dress a Rabbit Contest

Rabbit Show

(Small Animals & Pets Judging, follow Rabbit Show)

12:00pm
Bucket Calf Class

5:00pm
Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship

5:30pm
Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship

6:00pm - 8:00pm
Entertainment - Brock Amenson

7:00pm
4-H & FFA Livestock Sale

9:00pm - Midnight
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Saturday, August 4

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from Jim Thompson

The Good Stuff is heard on a 6-state network of radio stations twice each day in our area. 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.

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the day ends. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or ...

I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or ...

I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or ...

I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or ...

I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns or ...

I can celebrate that thorns have roses.



Today I can mourn my lack of friends or ...

I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or ...

I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or ...

I can eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or ...

I can feel honored because Life has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!

Have a GREAT DAY ... unless you have other plans.

And From Pat Park's Facebook Page

- Travel light through life. Keep only what you need.
 - It's okay to cry when you're hurt. It's also okay to smash (some) things; but, wash your face, clean your mess, and get up off the floor when you're done. You don't belong down there.
 - If you're going to curse, be clever. If you're going to curse in public, know your audience.
 - Seek out the people and places that resonate with your soul.
 - Just because you can, doesn't mean you should.
 - 5-second rule. It's just dirt. There are worse things in a fast food cheeseburger.
 - Happiness is not a permanent state. Wholeness is. Don't confuse these.
 - Never walk through an alley alone.
 - Be a little sugar, and a little spice – but only as nice as you're able to without compromising yourself.
 - Can't is a cop-out.
 - Hold your heroes to a high standard. Be your own hero.
 - If you can't smile with your eyes, don't smile. Insincerity is nothing to aspire to.
 - Never lie to yourself.
 - Your body, your rules.
 - If you have an opinion, you better know why.
 - Practice your passions.
 - Ask for what you want. The worst thing they can say is no.
- Wish on stars and dandelions, then get to work to make them happen.
 - Stay as sweet as you are.
 - Fall in love often. Particularly with ideas, art, music, literature, food and far-off places.
 - Fall hard and forever in love with yourself.
 - Say Please, Thank You, and Pardon Me, whenever the situation warrants it.
 - Reserve "I'm sorry" for when you truly are.
 - Naps are for grown-ups, too (please please take some).
 - Question everything, except your own intuition.
 - You have enough. You are enough.
 - You are amazing! Don't let anyone ever make you feel you are not. If someone does....walk away. You deserve better.
 - No matter where you are, you can always come home.
 - Be happy and remember your roots, family is EVERYTHING.
 - Say what you mean and mean what you say.
 - No one will ever love you more than I do (and your daddy too).
 - Be kind; treat others how you would like them to treat you.
 - If in doubt, remember whose daughter you are and straighten your crown.

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From the Editor

Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

CORRECTION! Last week’s Barrel had mistakenly listed Tim Olson, as Tim Smith. I immediately contacted Tim about the error; I texted an apology; but suggested he could end all the local confusion about which of the two Tim Olson’s we might be referring to; and save this writer the embarrassment of having to print a correction if he would simply change his name to Smith. Tim, being the thoughtful, conscientious individual that he is, with his innate sense of fair play, agreed to take it under consideration. He said he and Chandy would talk it over. They discussed a few of the small issues that would need to be addressed: titles, deeds, insurance, bank documents, confused children, etc. Nothing, they agreed, that in the interest of the Beacon, couldn’t be overcome. Kids would have to take a little ribbing when school starts back up, but again, nothing they couldn’t adjust to.

He was speeding off to the courthouse to file the necessary legal documents, when half way there he slammed on the brakes, turned around and headed back home. We asked, “What happened?” Well, I got to thinking about it on the drive in. Chandy and I concluded that any of the inconveniences could easily be overcome, and changing my name was the right thing to do. Okay, then why’d you turn back? Well, it has taken 16 years of marriage and three grandchildren for my father-in-law (Chance Davis) to finally get my name right. I’d sure hate to have to start that training process over again!

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Mike and Vern

Vern: I hate to mention it, but have you noticed the days are getting shorter?
Mike: Vern. I beg to differ. I’ve got me one of those new Smart phones, and the days aren’t getting shorter. Today had 24 hours, just the same as yesterday.

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This summer’s erratic weather has certainly placed some challenges on putting up hay. Storms, hail, rains, humidity, all have beat the regularity out of day to day scheduling.

Not far from the part of the country where I worked at a feedlot in my youth I knew a man, we’ll call him Norman, who ranched (actually he was more farmer, than rancher, but he owned 250 cows somewhere in Nebraska and always referred to himself as a rancher). Norman was one of those types that spent more time in town than many of the people who actually lived in town. Most of that time was spent perched on a stool with a recreational beverage in his hand. (we are a family newspaper) Well one fine day, when weather cooperated, everybody in the country was busy putting up hay, I was pulled off my feedlot pony and commandeered to drive a 4020 John Deere loader tractor the 10 miles into town for repairs. The boss said it will be about noon when you get to town so just walk to Shorty’s Grill (across the alley from John Deere) and order your lunch and I’ll meet you there.

As I said there was hay to be handled and everyone was at it, except Norman. When I entered the back of the bar & grill, nary a soul in the empty echoing hall but one lone soul occupied stool about half way down. Being of sociable nature I took a seat beside him and said, “Hello Norman. Got the haying all done?” He pulled his suds covered top lip back from the glass and said, “No. I’m broke down. Hit a big rock broke 11 guards and the sickle bar. John Deere’s building me a new one,” he concluded. I answered, “when you get back home, take a piece of #9 wire, tie a red rag on the end of it and stick in the ground so you’ll know where that rock is.” Norman replied, “That’s not necessary. I know where it is. I hit it last year too.” His lips back into the suds.

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Friday August 10th – No Sale – Have A Safe Bike Rally!
Friday August 17th – Weigh Up Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday August 24th – Yearling & Fall Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday August 31st – Weigh Up Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday September 7th – Yearling & Fall Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday September 14th – Regular Cattle Sale – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday September 21st – Yearling & Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday September 28th – Regular Cattle Sale – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday October 5th – Yearling & Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday October 12th – Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Wednesday October 17th – Spring Calf Special
Friday October 19th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday October 20th – Weigh Up Special
Wednesday October 24th – Spring Calf Special
Friday October 26th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday October 27th – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
Wednesday October 31st – Spring Calf Special
Friday November 2nd – Spring Calf Special
Saturday November 3rd – Weigh Up Special
Wednesday November 7th – Spring Calf Special
Friday November 9th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday November 10th – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
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Saturday November 17th – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special
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Saturday November 24th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special**Thank You All For Your Business!****2018 SUPERIOR LIVESTOCK SALE DATES:**
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Friday, August 3rd – Butte-Lawrence County, Nisland, SD – 7 pm
Saturday, August 11th – Carter County, Ekalaka, MT – 3:00 pm
Saturday, August 11th – Powder River County, Broadus, MT – 4 pm
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Feeder Lambs Sold \$2 to \$3 Lower
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|------------------------------------|-----|-------|----|----------|
| 969 Ranch, Broadus MT | 6 | Lambs | 62 | \$161.00 |
| 969 Ranch, Broadus Mt | 50 | Lamb | 86 | \$146.00 |
| Grimes, Amanda, Prairie City Sd | 3 | Lamb | 73 | \$155.00 |
| Grimes, Amanda, Prairie City Sd | 12 | Lamb | 96 | \$141.00 |
| Hawthorne, Bob & Bill, Chadron Ne | 16 | Lamb | 94 | \$143.50 |
| Lewis, Stan, Nisland Sd | 96 | Lamb | 94 | \$145.00 |
| Reaves, Ernie Or Darla, Broadus Mt | 26 | Lamb | 70 | \$155.00 |
| Reaves, Ernie Or Darla, Broadus Mt | 306 | Lamb | 90 | \$148.50 |
| Sabo, Wyatt Or Denise, Reva Sd | 46 | Lamb | 98 | \$146.50 |

Slaughter Ewes

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|------------------------------|----|---------|-----|---------|
| Innes Ranch, Gillette WY | 4 | Klr Ewe | 141 | \$43.00 |
| Innes Ranch, Gillette WY | 2 | Klr Ewe | 162 | \$42.00 |
| Rodriguez, Chris, Buffalo WY | 12 | Klr Ewe | 148 | \$44.00 |
| Rodriguez, Chris, Buffalo WY | 9 | Klr Ewe | 142 | \$43.00 |
| Rodriguez, Chris, Buffalo WY | 2 | Klr Ewe | 177 | \$42.50 |
| Rodriguez, Chris, Buffalo WY | 3 | Klr Ewe | 138 | \$34.00 |

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS**Thursday
July 26, 2018****Feeder Lamb Special
1:00 pm****EXPECTING 1200 TO 1500 HD****Upcoming Sheep Sale 2018**JULY 26TH – FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats
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**“Dig It: Archaeology” is a success
with area families**

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center’s July 15 Family Fun Day was a hit with area families: 55 people from Belle Fourche, Spearfish and Newell participated in the event. Families saw a film about the science of archaeology and then engaged in digs conducted in two custom-made dig boxes. One of these contained items from a 19th century store and the second consisted of items from a household in the late 1960s. There were

also two smaller dig boxes which contained painted pottery.

Participants recorded their findings on a gridded “artifacts sheet” and assembled those items which were found in several pieces.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center hopes to have one of the boxes within the museum on a permanent basis, so it can offer another hands-on, educational opportunity for visitors.



Summer staffer Maggie Tupper helps kids at one of the dig boxes in use during the Family Fun Day.

**Let it “Bee” - Theme for the August First
Saturday Brunch**

The August First Saturday Brunch at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is about bees.

The presentation for the First Saturday Brunch for August 4th is titled “Bees and Our Environment,” and will be provided by long-time beekeeper Jerry Owens, owner of ADR Bees.

Owens will talk about bees and their life cycle, the importance of bees to our economy, as well as our environment, beekeeping,

and the dangers and causes of bee die-offs.

The brunch will be served at 10 a.m. and is \$5 or free to museum members. The presentation is at 10:30 a.m. and is free to all.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. Its summer hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5 and Sunday from 1 to 4. For more information visit the website www.thetristatemuseum.org or call 605-723-1200.



Integrity Meats Expansion Underway

1200 Square Foot Addition will Add Storage, Workshop and Loading Area

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Larry and Alana Strickland, Integrity Meats, 404 Industrial Street, Belle Fourche are expanding their business with a 1200 square foot addition. The new addition will house a drip cooler, add hide storage, a workshop, and an off-loading area. The Stricklands purchased the business with a partner at the location in 2001. The previous owners were Dale and Effie Johnson. They became sole owners in 2008 and continue the expanded operation to this day. They do custom and state inspected meat processing, sell retail meats and specialty items, as well as doing wild game processing. Alana says



Expansion at Integrity Meats includes a new storage area.

“German sausage” is one of the customer’s favorite specialty items. The also sell a line of Dimock Cheese, and if you look further into the cooler you can also find jars

of pickled eggs. You can buy your meat any way you’d like, from a package of steak or a pound of hamburger as well as a part of, or a whole beef, and pork as well. Quality butchering and honest business dealings are the stamps of their faith and family based business. In addition to the hands on work of Larry and Alana, Integrity has five full time and three part time employees, and although not listed as one of the Beacon’s “generational” family businesses all of their offspring work, or have worked in the family business. Alana said they all just grew up working here. Completion of the new addition is expected this fall.



Larry and Alana Strickland of Integrity Meats.

Council Discussion of Funding for 100th BHRU

The agenda for the July 9th Belle Fourche city council read, “Discussion/possible action on a band for the 100th Annual Black Hills Round Up. The item had been placed on the agenda after the idea was floated during the informational portion of June 4th council meeting. The minutes of that meeting simply read, “Discussion was held on ideas for a band for the 100th annual Black Hills Round Up.”

Ward three Councilman James Ager at that June 4th Belle Fourche City council meeting brought up for discussion the possibility of the City of Belle providing the funding for a “name” band for a free concert for the 100th Black Hills Round Up celebration. Doing something noteworthy for the one time only 100th celebration.

He mentioned he wished it to be addressed

at this time, due to the advance time required to book a band. Ager stated that he had discussed the idea with the Roundup Committee and that there was indication that they could help facilitate such a possibility. Assured the council that he originated the idea, not the Round Up committee.

The discussion held at the meeting (video transcript available at www.bellefourche.org) wasn’t directly contrary to the suggestion, but various council members had comments about the priorities to be considered before the use of city funds for a band. Varying thoughts and suggestions lead to the placement of the discussion topic on the July 9th agenda.

At the July 9th council meeting the topic

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An Open Letter A Recount Review

James Agar
Dist. 1 County Commissioner

Regarding the June 5th County Commissioner election and recount, I wish to ensure that folks understand the details of what happened and what next steps ought to be taken to address the issues brought to light.

As you may know, the commissioner race between Karen Wagner and myself was a very tight race. After the initial count of votes, I had a 2-vote lead. As a result, I was declared the winner. Because the results were so close, by design, a recount was scheduled. Judge Day assigned a committee of two people (one from each party) and a referee.

On the day of the recount, we all met at the county auditor’s office. The first course of action was to allow the vote count machine to perform a recount. This was done twice. Both results were the same as election day—a 2-vote lead for me. A hand count was performed next that allows the recount committee to each personally examine every ballot. It’s important to note that there were two distinct types of ballots for this election: (1) Republican ballots and (2) Under vote ballots. Undervote ballots go to voters who are not registered Republican—this can be Democrats, unaffiliated, etc. They are registered voters, but not registered as Republicans. Their ballots had fewer items on them and none of those ballots had the commissioner race options on it because our race was a Republican party primary race (only registered Republicans allowed to vote on the race). The hand count results were different than the machine count results. The hand count gave me only a 1-vote lead on Karen. The hand count also showed that there was 1 less under vote ballot and 1 more Republican ballot in the mix than there should have been according to the precinct books which identify how many of each were handed out. It was at this time, the recount committee determined that by mistake a Republican ballot was given out to a non-Republican voter. Because ballots do not reveal the identity of the voter, it is

impossible to identify who voted incorrectly and exactly which Republican ballot was the wrong one. Just to be clear, let’s recap the details of the situation. The total number of votes/ballots in the precinct book MATCHED EXACTLY the total number of ballots at hand. The problem was that the subtotal of the types of ballots were off—by exactly 1 ballot. Someone who was not a Republican, voted with a Republican ballot. When this discrepancy was identified, the state’s attorney who was also present at the recount, confirmed what the state statute was and read it aloud (several times) to everyone present. The state statute says that if the TOTAL number of the ballots MATCHES the precinct book, the results as tallied are VALID. Everyone in the room agreed that the state statute said nothing about the subtotals of the different types of ballots. And therefore, to get clarification as to how best to proceed with the unique scenario at hand, the recount referee sought out guidance from the Secretary of State’s office and the Attorney General’s office via phone. Each office confirmed that the committee could do nothing EXCEPT certify the hand count as the final results because the statute’s requirements were met – the TOTALs matched, even though the subtotals did not. Believe me, I would rather have election results that are not clouded with this sort of controversy, however, the situation we find ourselves in is this—the state statute needs to be revised to cover this particular situation. There’s no two ways about it. There’s a hole and we found it. My opponent, has chosen to address this issue in the courts. I feel very strongly this is NOT the most expedient way or the most economical way to handle this issue. We have a system of government that expressly separates the powers of government into 3 distinct branches – judicial, legislative and executive. This is how our country works and it’s how our state works also. It’s a

RECOUNT B3

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RECOUNT

It's a beautiful system. Taking this issue through the courts is asking a judge to legislate from the bench—asking a judge to insert his or her opinion on how best to fill the hole. That is not their responsibility. And even though Karen has said she's footing the bill for a lawyer, it is still costing the tax payers more to deal with this issue in the court system. I firmly believe It is the responsibility of our legislators to address this hole. I am convinced the best way to handle this issue is to work through our elected state officials – Sam Mar-

ty in the House and Ryan Maher in the Senate to bring forth legislation in the 2019 session to address this hole and shore up this particular state statute so that no other county has to deal with the problem ever again. As result I have already begun a conversation with Sam about this issue and to see how I can help find a solution. I hope this helps folks understand better what has happened and what should happen regarding the election results. If anyone still has questions, please feel free to contact me.

James Ager
County Commissioner
District 1

BFCT Premier's First Musical

Beauty and the Beast Plays to Large Crowds

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The cast and crew of the Belle Fourche Community Theater gave their fourth and final performance of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Sunday, July 22 at two p.m. at the Belle Fourche Community Center, 1111 National Street.

The final matinee performance, as on the three evenings before, drew a large, near capacity crowd. The cast under the direction of Toi Lynn Flick were totally relaxed and showed they were having a great deal of fun putting on the show for the audience.

The stellar sets and very well done and creative costumes made it every bit as enjoy-



Belle Fourche Community Theater presentation of the Disney classic Beauty and the Beast.

able to view as the cast had fun presenting the production. The thirty plus member cast included first time performers as well as several veteran thespians. The musical comedy's live orchestration provided you with a pleasing musical presentation.

The hard work of the entire

company from direction, production, costumes, props, choreography, the pit band, to set, to technicians, to dancers, to townspeople/forks/knives/spoons/plates and throughout the cast (including the silly girls) a thank you and a job well done.



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| July 20, 1018 | | | | |
| Age | Sex | State | Issued Date | Charges |
| 39 | Female | SD | 07/10/18 | Possession of Marijuana 2 oz or less; Simple Assault Domestic |
| 32 | Male | IL | 07/11/18 | Speeding Obey Speed Limits |
| 40 | Male | SD | 07/11/18 | Petty Theft - Less than \$400 |
| 21 | Female | SD | 07/11/18 | Driving While Suspended |
| 29 | Female | SD | 07/12/18 | Seatbelt Use Required |
| 17 | Male | SD | 07/13/18 | Intentional Damage to Property \$400 - \$1000 - 2nd Degree Vandalism; Grand Theft- Firearm; BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE |
| 53 | Male | PA | 07/14/18 | Possession of Marijuana 2 oz or less |
| 51 | Male | PA | 07/14/18 | Possession of Marijuana 2 oz or less; Speeding Obey Speed Limits; DUI 2nd Offense |
| 28 | Female | SD | 07/14/18 | Aggravated Assault Domestic |
| 26 | Male | SD | 07/14/18 | Open Container, Broken Seal in Motor Vehicle; DUI 3rd Offense |
| Total Records: 10 | | | | |



National High School Finals Rodeo



Belle Fourche Bull Rider TJ Schmidt finished 4th in the overall average at the National High School Finals Rodeo. Belle Fourche Barrel Racer Shayla Howell finished in the top 20 at number 16. The two helped power South Dakota to a top ten national finish as the state came in ninth. Both Photos Courtesy: Mel Schmidt

Local Competitors and South Dakota Team Turn in Strong Performances in Rock Springs

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The National High School Finals Rodeo concluded July 21 in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The South Dakota team made a respectable showing with a 9th place finish for the girls team and 10th for the boys team..

Top of the pile of South Dakota competitors was Cash Wilson of Wall winning a national championship saddle bronc title.

Trey Elshere, Wall, and Dylan Schofield, Philip, tied for 24th in the event.

Belle Fourche bull rider T.J. Schmidt ended his senior year in fourth in the bull riding and will continue his rodeo career and education at Oklahoma's Panhandle State in the fall.

Cooper Crago, Belle Fourche, finished 16th in boy's cutting followed closely by Bodie Mattson, Sturgis in 20th place. Coo-

per's horse, Dualin Lights received 5th place honors for AQHA boys horse of the year.

Samuel Adams, Buffalo, turned his steer in the first round in 7.38.

Kailyn Graves of Faith finished 22nd and Wall's Emilee Pauley finished 25th



Saddle bronc rider Cash Wilson of Wall, SD won the National High School Finals Rodeo Championship to pace South Dakota to a 9th place finish overall. Photo: Mel Schmidt

in girls cutting.

In barrel racing Shayla Howell of Belle Fourche finished in the top 20 by grabbing the 16th spot. Kadoka's Sam Gropper finished 3rd to pace the South Dakota team in the National Finals trap shooting.

Pruss Rides to Another Big Horn 100 Victory

This article was written by Hannah Pruss, endurance rider from Piedmont, SD.

The Big Horn 100 is one of the premier 100 mile endurance races held in North America. It is tough, desolate, challenging, and beautiful. This was my 5th time riding this ride and the 3rd time on Stuart my one eyed wonder, that lost his eye 2 years ago to cancer. The Big Horn 100 is one big loop leaving Shell, WY at 4000 feet elevation at 4am climbing to 10,000 elevation to the top of the bighorn mountains for the first vet check that is 34 miles in to the ride. This ride only has 3 vet checks and between each one it is you your horse and the remote, wild of the bighorn mountains. The ride was going smooth, although slower than years previously due to trail modification and it being more challenging

than before, if that's even a possibility going to the Big Horns. As we left vet check 2 going into what is called the "shag nasty" loop for all reasons you can think of, rocky, desolate, wilderness, I quickly noticed the lack of trail markings, as the trail is very well marked, meaning the ride had been sabotaged by other non-endurance riders. Luckily I have been on this loop 4 times and it was daylight and could find my way, but my concern was for the riders behind me that have never done this ride previously. I was able to get service at some point to notify ride management and they were able to go out and remark and make sure no riders were left out in the wilderness. Stuart and I left the last vet check at 807pm still in first place, later than I have ever left, and I knew

BIG HORN 100 B5



Endurance rider Hannah Pruss wins her 4th Big Horn 100 Endurance Race on July 14th in Shell, Wyoming. Pruss was also awarded a second straight Best Condition award for her horse Stuart (above).

Badlands Circuit Standings

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| All-Around | Saddle Bronc |
| 11. Tyler Thiel - Belle Fourche | 3. Taygen Schuelke - Newell |
| Steer Wrestling | Tie-Down Roping |
| 7. Cyler Dowling - Newell | 1. Dane Kissack - Spearfish |
| Heading | Steer Roping |
| 10. Tyler Thiel - Belle Fourche | 1. Brian Garr - Belle Fourche |



Aiken On Target - Freshman Aiken Crowley of Belle Fourche poses with his 7th place national trophy after competing in Mason, Michigan, last week.

Trap Shooters Return From First Nationals

In their first year of competition the Belle Fourche Bronc Bird Busters qualified for the USA High School Clay Target League National Championships.

More than 2,000 students from across the country represented their schools at the competition held in Mason, Michigan, about 20 miles south of Lansing.

Six members of the Belle Fourche HS team qualified and made the trip. As a team the Bird Busters did not finish as high as they

would have liked, but several members had their personal best scores during competition. Out of 175 teams Belle Fourche was 147th.

The highlight of the tournament was turned in by Belle Fourche Freshman Shooter Aiken Crowley. Out of more than 1300 competitors he finished 7th nationally with 198 out of 200 targets. His reverse score was 116. The reverse score is number of consecutive targets you hit in the tiebreaker round.

Babe Ruth Baseball Team Returns from State



The Belle Fourche Sr. Babe Ruth team returned from the Wyoming State championship tournament in Lander earlier this month. They fell to Newcastle 10-1, defeated Buffalo 7-2 and lost to the host team Lander 4-1. Lorenzo Tobar, Gage Kracht, Lucas Mehmen and Carson Gubbrud were all nominated for the All State All Star Team. Lorenzo Tobar won his nomination and played on the Wyoming All State Team in the Regional Finals. Pictured above- Back row boys left to right: Keaton Benson, Carson Gubbrud, Lucas Mehmen, Guy Davis, Charlie Waugh, Sage Geib, & Coach Brian Mehmen Front Row left to right: Coach Asau Rodriguez, Lorenzo Tobar, Nathan Balderas, Noah Ryan, Brock Pentheny, Gage Kracht, Coach Austin "Mugz" Wickham.

Area Steer Roping Results

JIM THOMPSON
Special to the Beacon

Coy Thompson hosted two days of Wyoming Steer Roping Association competition at his arena near Whitewood on June 30 and July 1.

There were 26 ropers on Saturday with Chris Reeves of Eagle Butte, SD winning the average on 4 head. Dave Sedar was 2nd ..Will McBride was 3rd...and Brad Gjermundson 4th.

On Sunday 33 men competed with Casey Tillard of Glenrock, Wyo taking top honors on 4 head. Trey Wallace tied with John Bland

for 2nd and 3rd and Will McBride took 4th.

In Belle Fourche on Monday July 2nd...the 99th Black Hills Round Up hosted a PRCA sanctioned steer roping.

Three-time world champion Scott Snedecor of Fredericksburg, TX won the 3 header in 33.3 seconds, just 3/10 of a second off the arena record set by Rocky Patterson in 2011.

Chris Glover, the defending Belle Fourche champion from 2017 was 2nd..Ralph Williams was 3rd amd Martin Poindexter was 4th.



Three-time world champion Scott Snedecor competes in Whitewood and later at the Black Hills Roundup nearly setting the arena record.



From the Mayor's Desk
Reflecting on the Past and Looking Forward

As Mayor of Belle Fourche, I would like to congratulate Doug Cole and the Belle Fourche Beacon team on their entrance into our community. I have had so many positive comments and I wish them well on their new endeavor!

The disassembly of the Roundup Grounds grandstands is happening now. This is a bittersweet event for a lot of the community because it seems they have been there forever and we should be able to keep them. We should reflect on how long they have lasted and how well built they were to stand the test of time. When safety of spectators becomes an issue, we have the



responsibility to update them. The wood from the bleachers will be repurposed at the grounds.

We have completed the 99th Annual Black Hills Roundup celebration. We are already talking about next year, which will be a milestone for our community. Plans are under way to involve all organizations and individuals to bring forth ideas for the grand celebration.

Lastly, the City is beginning its annual budget season. Departments are busy preparing proposed budgets. The budget must be certified by October 1st.

Hay Creek Project Complete



The site of the former Hay Creek Substation on 6th Avenue has now been seeded signaling the final phase of the process. For 50 years a power substation occupied the site. The substation was deemed obsolete and the process of its removal began earlier this year.

From B2
FUNDING

arose to discussion again with a slightly different complexion. Instead of considering the use of city funds for a free “name band” concert it was about how we can work together as a community to make the 100th celebration bigger and better than ever before.

Belle Fourche businessman Clark Sowers provided the council (and the Beacon) with a letter suggesting that the council consider another option for use of city funds for the next Round Up. (A copy of that letter appears as “Letter to the Editor” in this issue)

Councilman Ager stated that city funds if used could

be for “all kinds of things” to enhance the July 4th celebration. He also said the solicitation of local business donations should be considered.

No action was taken on the discussion item and funding will no doubt be part of the discussion on upcoming Budget hearings set for August 6, 16th, and 21nd.

From B4
BIG HORN 100

I was going to hit the “slick rock” in the dark. We made time where we could but did hit the last 8 miles in the dark. Stuart’s loss of his eye was causing him trouble with depth perception and took a few bad steps that really shattered his confidence coming down the hill. So as we have 1000’s and 1000’s of miles together and this being our 8th 100 together I knew he needed me to be the leader so I got off and led him down the mountain. He knows he can trust me as I have had him for his entire 13yrs of life and he put his nose to my back and down the mountain in the dark we went.. The closer to the finish we got , we saw my husband (Mitch Johnson) and his spot light letting us know we were close!! This was my 4th win, Stuarts 3rd win and 2nd time winning the coveted Best Condition award that

is given to the horse in the top 10 that is metabolically, and physically in the best shape after the ride. This year was an emotional ride but we endured and finished 40 minutes ahead of the rest of the field, but I promised that awesome one eyed horse up on that slick rock that we would pick and choose our 100’s in the future so we weren’t in technical terrain in the dark.

Of all 5 Big Horn 100 my parents who live in Oregon travel over 1200 miles each way and are up the entire time from 4am to the finish around 10pm-11pm waiting for me to come in to checks to take care me and my horse so we can leave the 1 hour holds refreshed, this year my husband Mitch Johnson also came for the fun, and without them I couldn’t be as successful as I have been in this sport.. Their support means the world to me, and I could never thank them enough..

DAR Awards Classroom Grant



The Catherine Thybo Chapter of DAR is pleased to announce that a classroom grant was awarded to our applicant, Gene Von Bick-erdyke from the Harding County School District.

The grant was offered by the National Junior Membership Classroom Grant committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Education is one of the cornerstones of the Daughters

of the American Revolution. Gene Von received the award during the 127th Continental Congress of DAR.

She plans to use the mon-ey toward exposing her students to primary sources with field trips to historic sites and museums in our area. What a boon for students here in Western South Dakota. We are so lucky to have dedicated teachers like Gene.



Ted Corean and crew are shown replacing the colored concrete at the corner of 6th and State Street in downtown Belle Fourche. The original colored stamped concrete was placed on downtown corners in the late 90’s under the direction of Joe Riggs. Joe was the brother of Wanda Schuft (wife of Bill) and had retired to Belle after a long career of doing decorative concrete in Florida.

Belle Fourche Area Civic Meetings

City council regular meeting Aug. 6 7:00 PM

Budget work sessions 5:30, August 9, 16, 21

Airport: October 17 5:30 pm council chambers

Ambulance August 16 5:30 pm ambulance hall

BFACC August 16 4:00 pm - BFACC

Belle Fourche Chamber August 1 7:00 am- Chamber Office

Center of the Nation Business Association, 1st and 3rd Tuesday August 21 5:30 PM Americinn breakfast room

Center of the Nation Visitors Center & Museum Second Tuesday August 14 5:00 pm Tri-State Museum

Revitalization Belle Fourche August 9 - 12 noon

Economic Development August 15 7:00 am- EDC Building 5th& Grant



Piedmont’s Hannah Pruss and Stuart pass a checkpoint on the way to their 4th championship of the Big Horn 100-mile endurance race. This race is one of the premier enduracne races held in North American.

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This story is the third in a series about Belle Fourche businesses that have generational family involvement and ownership in their operation.

Family is Driving Force in Moving ET Sports Forward

For the Tripps it's been a family journey

BEACON STAFF

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If we consider the generational family connections in Belle Fourche businesses the top of the list is Ellis Tripp and family. Ellis Tripp owner operator of ET Sports on US Highway 85 south of Belle Fourche has four grandchildren, two daughters, four sons, and a wife are all involved in the family businesses. If you compare that to baseball statistics he has more lifetime "homers" than Barry Bonds (current major league record holder). You may think it started in 1964 with the opening of his first business, Ellis's Enco, on US 85/5th Avenue across from the Butte County Courthouse, but the story really starts in the early 1940's



Ellis Tripp, Sr.

at the ripe young age of 1 ½ when Ellis' family relocated to Belle Fourche from Utah. After hearing about his career in business in Belle, you have to think he must have inherited his Grandfather's mechanical abilities. His Grandfather came here to work as the Head Machinist at the then newly opened U&I Sugar Beet Plant. ET's Enco gas station was always more than gas and oil as he sold tires; added motor-



ET Sports is located on US Hwy 85 South, a couple miles from the Tripp's original business.



The business began as a gas station. Over the years ET's has added mowers, ATV's and even furniture sales.

cycles in 1965; and snowmobiles in 1966 (snowmobiles were sold until 2004). He operated at that location until 1972 when he moved to the intersection of Highways 85 and 34 and opened Big D. He sold the gas and oil business at Big D in 1984. The business then moved north to the east side of Highway 85 next to what is now Radio Shack. They added lawn mowers and continued to provide quality sales and service of every line the handled. If that didn't sound like enough he started collecting American Motors and other classic cars in 1992. State Street in Belle houses a museum that has one of the largest collections of these vintage autos anywhere in the region. You need to stop just to see the immaculate Studebaker recently added. All of the kids were somewhat born into the business, but all became employed full time during or after finish-

ing school. Ellis, Jr. started working full time in 1976 while still in high school. You'll find him in the shop handling repairs and service. Rick began full time in 1988 and Chris in 1990. They double team to handle sales. Misty's full time duties began in 1986 and she handles parts and service scheduling; Mike, who is all about administration, marketing, bookwork, ordering and IT, began full time in 1994. Cheri began working full time at Budget appliance when it opened in 1992. In 1996-97 ET expanded into the building next door to the south and after extensive remodeling and renovation opened with an expanded line of tires. The business remained at that location until the building of the new facility 3 miles south of Belle on US Highway 85 in the spring of 2015. In addition to ET Tire and

Sports the family opened Budget Appliance and Furniture on State Street in 1992. That part of the business has operated continually under the watchful eye and management of wife MaryLou trip and daughter, now manager, Cheri' Tripp. Cheri' has worked full time since the business opened. They sell major appliances, furniture, and a line of "dollar store" goods. The legacy that started as Ellis's Enco in 1964 has shown no sign of stopping, or even slowing down. You'll still find ET at work there on a daily basis. I should add "more to come". In addition to the six sons and daughters in the business' there are also four grandchildren working full time. I'd say you can bank on seeing the family name Tripp in business in Belle Fourche for a long time to come.



Three generations of family members work in the business today. To the left top row (l-r) Ellis Tripp Jr. and Mike Tripp. Center row (l-r) Chris Tripp and Cheri' Tripp who manages the appliance and furniture business (pictured at right). Bottom row (l to r) Rick Tripp and his sister Misty Enerson. In all six children and four grandchildren work in the business currently.



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A recent double rainbow as seen east of Belle Fourche. During June and early July the area was generally above normal on precipitation. Long-range forecasts call for more normal precipitation through August.



Newell - Vale - Nisland News

BETTY BRUNER
For the Beacon
Things are happening this summer in the Newell, Vale, and Nisland area! From “Taking the Plunge” by donating at the Lions Club blood drive to a gospel band at the Dakota Life Christian Center and beyond to the Open House for First Western Insurance. You can enjoy some pie and brisket during the Butte/Lawrence County Fair and play Bingo Thursdays or Saturdays. Life is never boring in the NVN Community!

July 27, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Take the Plunge-Lions Club blood drive NVN Center, Newell, call 605-646-2625 for an appointment

July 27, 3-5 p.m. Open House First Western Insur-

ance, 106 8th St, Newell (Formerly Willow Creek Tax Service) Drawing for “A Night in Newell” which includes one-night stay at Historic Newell Hotel 9/2/18, two-person golf at Newell Golf Club, gift certificates for meals at TJ’s Watering Hole and the Blue Line Diner, and two all event passes for Labor Day Rodeo events

Friday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., Heart of David Band, Dakota Life Christian Center, 321 Fisk St., Newell

Wednesday, Aug 1, 4 p.m. Butte/Lawrence County Fair Sheepdog Trial, Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena, Nisland. Entries due July 28, call 307-896-9184

Friday, Aug. 3, 4 p.m. Nis-

land/Arpan Fire and Rescue Auxiliary 12th Annual Pie Sale. Find us by the 4-H Sale Barn during the Butte/Lawrence County Fair in Nisland.

Saturday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 10th Annual Nisland/Arpan Fire and Rescue Brisket Feed and Silent Auction at the new Fire Hall in Nisland.

Bingo every first and third Thursday, 7 p.m. Vale Community Hall. Sponsored by the Vale Community Club. Progressive Kitty-Jackpot-Lunch served!

Bingo every Saturday, 7 p.m., VFW Newell

Raffle at SPURS to raise money for school supplies.

The Grand River Roundup

Betty Olson
For the Beacon

Lots of stuff to report this week. Reub was called to federal jury duty this week and had to be in Rapid City early Tuesday morning. He spent Monday in the hayfield while I packed suitcases and took care of the gardens and the two surviving hens. We left here Monday evening and stayed at Thad and Angie’s west of Bear Butte that night so we could make it to the Federal Courthouse in Rapid City Tuesday morning.

Paige and Kolby Parmely got a new house moved to the Hunt place where their house burned down. It’s a nice, large house and they moved in this Monday. It’s wonderful having this young family back in the neighborhood!

Will and Jenny Meyer have spent the last couple weeks in Denver waiting for the birth of their baby girl, who needed heart surgery right after birth. Susy Hope was born this Tuesday, weighing 6lbs. and 15oz. and 18.8 inches long. Susy had her first heart surgery on Friday and when I talked to Grandma Shirley Meyer on Sunday, Susy had her chest tube removed that day and seems to be recovering pretty well. Keep this little darling and her family in your prayers, because she’ll have another heart surgery in the next 3 to 6 months.

On Tuesday Reub was one of the thirteen people selected to serve on the jury for the trial of Zachariah Poor Bear, who was charged with first degree murder for the beating death of his girlfriends’ 19-month-old daughter while the babies’ mother was out smoking pot with a relative. The trial was supposed to be finished by Thursday, but the jury didn’t get to start deliberation until Friday morning. After listening to some really gruesome evidence, it took the jury less than an hour to unanimously return a verdict of guilty of first degree murder. Poor Bear now faces a life sentence for murdering little Aaliyah Horse.

We got home before dark Friday evening. Casey and Trig had gotten some more hay put up, although a little shower in the middle of the week slowed things down a bit. The bum lambs had been in our yard and had eaten off most of my potted plants. They also pulled up a bunch of onions and ate the tops off of several other plants in my raised bed gardens. The two hens had been locked in the chicken coop all week, so they were still alive.

Friday the 13th was a horrible day for this neighborhood. Rebecca (Bingaman) Trouten’s husband, Andrew Trouten, was killed in a place crash near Spokane, Washington, while he was taking pilot training for Moody Bible’s Christian Ministries. Tragically, the fight instructor and another student pilot were also killed in the place crash. Rebecca and Andrew had been here visiting her parents, Jim and Elaine Bingaman, for a couple weeks. Rebecca and their one-year-old daughter, Rilee, were still here when they got the sad news. Jim Bingaman

didn’t know when Andrew’s funeral will be because the bodies haven’t been released yet, but it will probably be sometime next week. Our hearts are just broken for this wonderful young family.

Our grandson Cade was in Grand Forks, ND this week at an aviation camp learning to fly jet airplanes. I believe he said that there were 26 other teenagers at the camp from all over the USA. His other grandparents, Pat and Steve Mitchell, took Cade up to the camp and then took a vacation trip up to the Canadian border until Cade was ready to come home. They stopped to visit us on Saturday on their way back to Wyoming and we remembered to give Cade an old picture of the house that Guy, Megan and Cade lived in when Guy worked for Doug Doll at the Hackamore Ranch when Cade was just a little fellow.

We have another great grandbaby! Chantry Dawn was born to our granddaughter Lanie and Matt Klug at the Hettinger hospital early Sunday morning. She weighed 7lbs. 15oz. and is 20” inches long, with a full head of dark hair. Chantry’s older brother Trace has been staying with Grandpa Casey and Grandma Missy this week and Missy took him up to meet his new sister Sunday afternoon. Casey and Trig were at the rodeos in Lemmon Sunday morning and in Bowman that afternoon. They stopped in Hettinger between the rodeos to meet the new baby.

Reub and I joined a large crowd of friends and neighbors to help Lynn and Connie Weishaar celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at their ranch Sunday afternoon. We hadn’t seen their son Seth and daughter Jodi for a long time and we got to visit with some other folks we don’t see often. It was a fun afternoon, especially with the mock wedding!

After the anniversary celebration, we drove up to Bill and Becky Holt’s place for Cassie Holt’s very interesting presentation on her nursing student trip to Kenya. We also got to look over the beautiful tables and wooden bowls that Bill Holt made from Box Elder and Ash wood. They fed us a delicious supper of beef brisket and all the trimmings. All in all, it was a very special day.

I’ll leave you with this:
-John wanted to get his beautiful wife Emma something nice for their wedding anniversary. So he decided to buy her a mobile telephone. Emma was excited, she loves her cell phone. John shows it to her and explains to her all the different and varied features on the phone.

-Emma goes shopping in the local supermarket. Her phone rings and it’s her husband. “Hi Emma,” he says, “how do you like your new phone?”

Emma replies, “I just love it, it’s so small and light and your voice is clear as a bell, but there’s one feature that I really don’t understand though.”

“What’s that?” asks the husband.

“How did you know that I was at Wal-Mart?”

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Taking on the Beartooth



Belle Fourche runners Trey Clarkson (l) and Sawyer Clarkson (r), father and son, traveled to Red Lodge, Montana, to take on the highest road race in the US July 14th. The race was held on the scenic Beartooth Highway. It starts at an elevation of 10,000 and they climbed 1,000 feet to the summit. Trey raced in the 10k division placing 6th overall, and 2nd in his age group out of 131 runners, while Sawyer finished 2nd overall in the 5k division, winning his age group. There were 108 runners in the 5k division. The family hopes to make it an annual tradition every summer.



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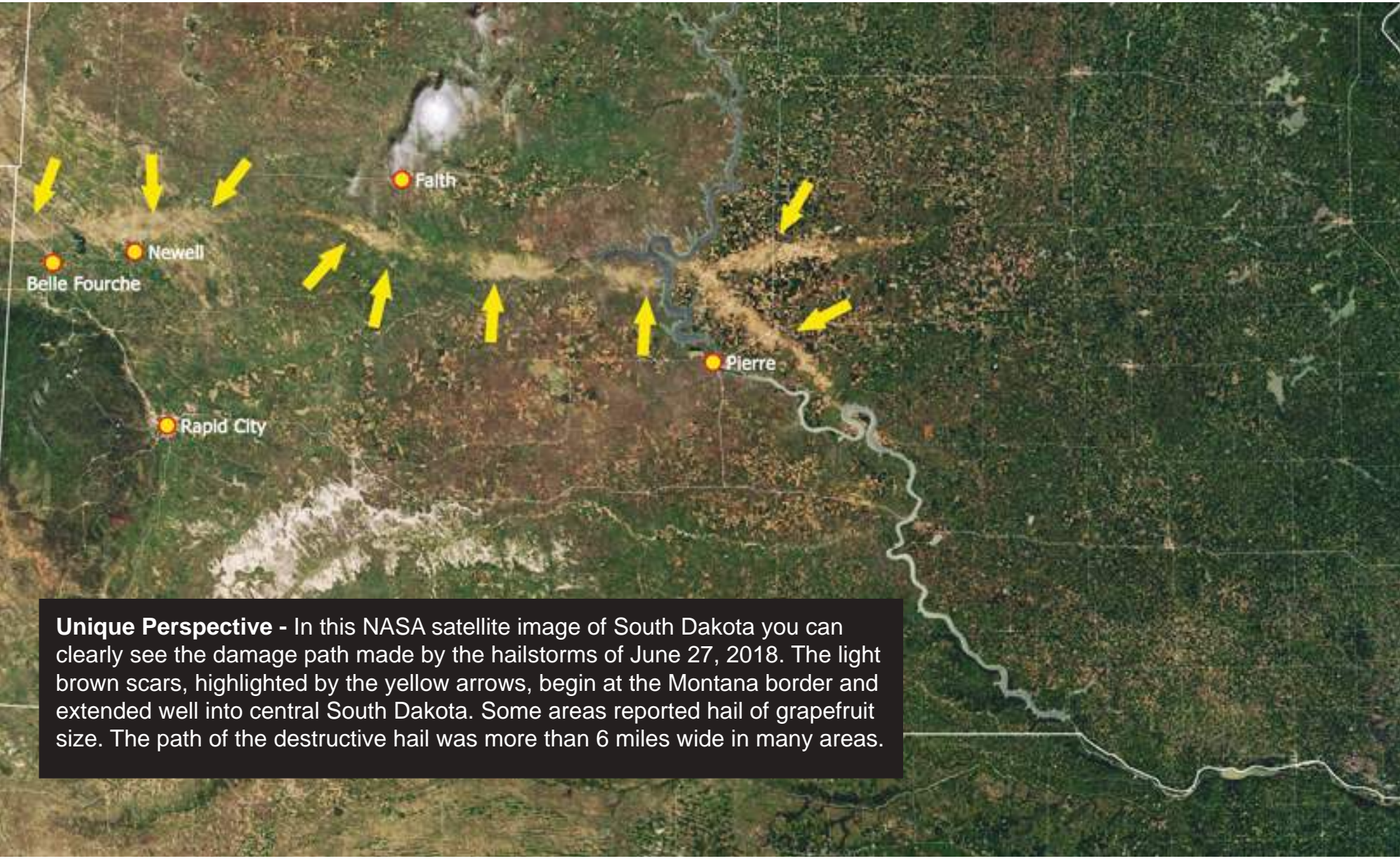


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Unique Perspective - In this NASA satellite image of South Dakota you can clearly see the damage path made by the hailstorms of June 27, 2018. The light brown scars, highlighted by the yellow arrows, begin at the Montana border and extended well into central South Dakota. Some areas reported hail of grapefruit size. The path of the destructive hail was more than 6 miles wide in many areas.

All Night Softball Champions



Millstone Restaurant won the all-night softball tournament this past weekend. Second place was the Rapid City Extreme. Millstone won the championship game 11-7 to take the title. This was the 30th consecutive year the softball tournament has been held. Its reported several of the members of those original teams are now receiving

social security checks. **Team Pzzhoto** Front row (l to r): William Emiline, TJ Cazer, Ben Petrocco, Barry Peterson, Paul Petrocco, Josh Kezler. Back row: Devon Fox, Ed Fox, Sheldon Tveidt, Joe Gutierrez, Colby Emiline, Al Cook, Nik Rosenau. Missing: Dion Block, Jordan Johnson, Tyrell Rozencranz.



PRE-SEASON FUN RUN - Local incoming Belle Fourche Cross Country team got the opportunity to run the Mickelson Trail near Hill City last Friday. Pat Weiderhold, store owner of Granite Sports in Hill City, hosted the team at his house with a pancake feed after the team ran the Mickelson Trail. The kids ran anywhere from 3-6 miles, with the older experienced kids completing 6 miles and younger less mileage. Coach Chris Riley, and Coach Jeremy Elsom have been encouraging their athletes to stay active this summer leading into the coming season. The group "fun runs" also meet at Herrmann Park weekdays at 9:00 am to help each other stay active through the summer months and meet their individual age mileage goals set by the coaches as a fun incentive for a "Summer Mileage" shirt to be awarded at the end of the summer.