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Black Hills Roundup Inducted Into Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame



Roundup joins the elite group of America's top rodeo events.

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Black Hills Roundup Chairman Clay Crago led a contingent of Roundup committee members to the PRCA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Colorado Springs Colorado August 4, 2018. The Black Hills Roundup became the 29th rodeo committee inducted into the prestigious hall.

In addition to the Roundup, the Hall of Fame class of 2018 includes team ropers Speed Williams and Rick Skelton (eight consecutive PRCA World championships 1997-2004); 1993 Gold buckle bareback rider Deb Greenough; contract personnel recipient Leon Coffee; stock contractor Billy Minick; and rodeo notable Walt Garrison.

The induction into the Hall comes one year before the centennial celebration of the Black Hills Roundup. The first Tri-State Roundup was

LONG TIME IN COMING After 99 years Belle Fourche's Black Hills Roundup was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. L-R: Mark and Deb Leverington, David and Kellie Pummel, Greg and Sherry Smeenck, Sharon Kudlock, Bonnie Pierce, Kevin and Rhonda Fuhrer, Ferman and Barb Clarkson, Chip and Dallas Conner, Dirk and Betty Jo Hoffman, Jim Doolittle and Karen Wagner, Bill and Char O'Dea. Very front L-R: Scott and Sandi Porterfield, Keith and Audra Anderson, and Clay and Chas Crago

held in 1918. A committee of Belle Fourche businessmen consisting of R.L. Bronson, C.A. Quarnberg, Chas. S. Small, and Roscoe C. Bangs were appointed by the Belle Fourche Commercial Club and placed in charge of the 1st Tri-State Roundup (source 1919 Roundup Souvenir program).

The entire proceeds of the two day, July 4-5, 1918 event went to the Army Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross.

Reprinted from the Belle Fourche Bee: "The July 4, 1918 Tri-State Roundup opened to favorable weather conditions". It went on to say, "There are 38 untamed out-law horses waiting for someone to attempt to ride them; there are 30 steers of the longhorn variety for the riders, ropers and bulldoggers."

J.B. Robinson who had charge of the Miles City Roundup the past few years arrived Monday and has been

busy getting the program to his liking. Sam Brownell world champion bronc rider from Cheyenne, Wyoming is here to match up with Charles H. Wilson's unconquered outlaw horse Tipperary. Billed as, "an event to make any outdoor event a success".

The ride took place on Friday July, 5th the second day of the celebration. As the story was told in the Belle Fourche Bee July 11, 1918, "Tipperary is some horse and Sam Brownell is some rider and when these two met on Friday afternoon the fur certainly flew for a few minutes, but the horse proved his superiority by placing Brownell over the cantel of the saddle and was then that Sam showed the sort of rider he was, as by what appeared to be super-human agility and self-control he regained the saddle and rode the horse until the two were picked up by the judge. The decision went

to the horse, Mr. Brownell being disqualified for changing hands on the reins."

At the 1919 Roundup Yakima Canutt failed in his effort to conquer Tipperary, but returned again to the 1920 Roundup and became the first man to ride the famous horse.

The Northwest Post of July 18, 1918 reported that 5,000 people attended the Miles City Roundup on July 4th to raise funds for the Red Cross, and in Belle Fourche where the first annual Roundup was held on the same day for the same purpose entertained 15,000 visitors. \$15,264.84 was raised for the Red Cross and Army Y.M.C.A in Belle Fourche.

July 4, 1918 in Miles City was their 6th annual Roundup. Because of the new Tri-State Roundup activities in Belle Fourche, Miles City reduced what had been

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Belle Fourche HS Grad Appointed to National HHS Post



Jeannie Hovland

WASHINGTON DC- Belle Fourche native Jeannie Hovland was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in June as Commissioner in the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) & Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs.

As commissioner, she oversees ANA's discretionary funding programs, serves as an advocate for Native Americans, and coordinates activities within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop policies, programs, and budgets affecting Native Americans all under the authority of the Native American Programs Act.

Hovland will also serve in the dual role of deputy assistant secretary for Native American Affairs, affirming the government-to-government relationship between ACF and Indian tribes. She serves as the chair of the ACF Native American Affairs Council, provides advice, opinions, and reviews policies within ACF affecting Indian tribes and represents ACF as a liaison to the White House Council on Native American Affairs to advise on government-wide policies and initiatives.

Prior to her appointment, Hovland served as senior advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the

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Blair Brothers Angus Ranch Recognized for Conservation

BETTY BRUNER

Beacon Correspondent

The Blair Brothers Angus Ranch was recognized at the Butte/Lawrence County Fair during the August 2 festivities. Cliff Conry presented the award for their outstanding work on the ranch property located north of Belle Fourche at Two Top. In a relatively short time Blair Brothers have seen the results of several conservation practices.

The Blair Brothers Angus Ranch includes Ed and Wanda Blair, Sturgis; Chad and Mary Blair and their children, EC and Kate, Belle Fourche; Rich and Jeanie Blair, Sturgis and Britton and Amanda Blair and their children, Jack and Colt, Sturgis. Purchased in 2014, the ranch

at Two Top was in need of better water distribution and cross fencing. Specific grazing was prescribed, and several water tanks were added to take pressure off creeks and dams. Ten miles of wildlife friendly fence doubled the number of pastures, accommodating summer and winter grazing.

During the presentation, Conry added that Blair Brothers were seeing improvements with grazing rotation, but according to Chad Blair, they would like to see more sage grouse. Due to environmental conditions sage grouse numbers are in a down cycle right now, but Blairs remain committed to increasing those numbers through management and conservation practices such



The Blair Brothers Angus Ranch was recognized for outstanding conservation practices at the 2018 Butte/Lawrence County Fair. Members of the ranch family are, left to right, Rich Blair, Amanda Blair, Britton Blair, Chad Blair, Mary Blair, Wanda Blair, Ed Blair and representing the Butte County Conservation District Cliff Conry. In the front row are Colt and Jack Blair and Kate and EC Blair. Photo courtesy Betty Bruner

as prescribed grazing and wildlife friendly fences, stated Conry.

Several agencies had a hand in assisting the Blair Brothers with the realization

of conservation improvements. The BLM, USFWS,

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Pastor’s Perspective

This week’s Pastor’s Perspective is provided by Pastor Del Neumeister of First Congregational UCC in Belle Fourche



Pastor Del Neumeister

I am a Christian. As I look around me, I see that can mean several different things, but for me, at the very least, it means that I have Jesus the Christ as my Savior. That brings me comfort. That brings me peace. That brings me hope.

This happens, mostly, on the good days, on those days when the neighbor is nice, the traffic flows well and everyone I love is fine. Unfortunately those things don’t happen at the same time, in a row, very often. Then what?

I’m thinking about those times when, not only, the

neighbor yells at me for the weeds in my lawn, some“one” pulls out in front of me and my loved one is sick, but also, tragedy happens. Then what? Does knowing that Jesus died so that I could enter heaven help me? Is it a comfort to know this when all around me the world seems to be falling apart? As a pastor I’m supposed to have the answers. I think how easy it would be to just say, “Lean on your faith.” The trouble with that is, this falls into the following category. I’ll clean it up from my time in the military but the phrase went something like this: “When you’re up to your elbows in alligators, it’s hard to remember that the original objective was to drain the swamp.”

It’s hard to remember that Jesus is the answer when you’ve been bombarded with 100 questions all at once. So, what do we do? Part of the answer is to do

what Jesus did, put people on it.

Let’s remember that Jesus is God. God can do anything AND everything. So, why did Jesus recruit people (the disciples)? Because God is all about people. The world was created for us and God certainly doesn’t “need” us. God WANTS us. When we read our Bibles it is full of people doing different things FOR God. So, we can do FOR those around us.

If I’m the one going through the trial, I should seek out those friends and family members who will be there to listen, not speak, comfort with presence and in general not try to have all the answers. All of us should be ready to fill that role.

An article such as this limits the amount that can be said, so, find a trusted clergy and ask, “What am I to do?” Seeking God is never a bad answer.

Obituaries

Melba McCoy 85

Melba McCoy, age 85 of Belle Fourche, died Tuesday, July 31st, 2018 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 2 pm Monday, August 6, 2018 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Visitation was held 5 to 7pm last Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Melba L. Richardson was born September 16, 1932 in Farview, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Ben and Gladys (McCantney) Richardson. Melba was one of 9 children in her family. At the age of 6, Melba moved with her family to Kansas. They also moved to Wyoming where her father worked in a sawmill for several years. Later the family moved back to Kansas where Melba finished up her schooling. She graduated from the Oberlin High School in 1952.

Melba worked as a waitress in Oberlin Kansas until her marriage. On January 28, 1953 she was united in marriage to Thomas J. McCoy in Oberlin. To this marriage, five sons were born: Steven, Jim, Neal, David, and Tom Jr. In 1955, Tom and Melba moved to Ziona South Dakota where they ranched and raised their family. During these years Melba worked hard as a young mother of five. She was devoted to her family and was a great cook. In 1966, Tom and Melba purchased a small place east of Belle Fourche and they have lived there ever since.

Melba was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She will be remembered for her hard work and the care she provided to her family. She will be greatly missed.

Melba is survived by her sons, Jim (Fran) of Belle Fourche, Neal (Kristi) of Belle Fourche, Dave of Maple Valley WA, Tom Jr. of Belle Fourche; 12 grandchildren: Wyatt, Katie, Bailey, John, DezerRey, Colt, Sean, Jacob, Stevie, Trent, Jenna, Lyman.; 9 great grandchildren: Thomas, Fiona, Laynee, Kaleah, Troy, Justis, Hunter, Eliora, and due this month, Piper; sisters, Darlene Yarbrough and Delores Sweeny; brothers, Harold Richardson, Larry Richardson, and Donald Richardson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tom; son, Steve; and 2 brothers, Dean, Dale, and Delmer Richardson.

Friends may leave written condolence and view a video tribute at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com



LEVERINGTON FUNERAL HOME OF THE NORTHERN HILLS

Terry “Doc” Samples 54

Terry “Doc” Samples, 54, of Belle Fourche passed away July 25, 2018 at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, Wyoming following a battle with cancer. He was born October 1, 1963 in Bremen, Georgia to Larry and Virginia (Gatti) Samples. He attended Mt. Zion High School in Carrollton, GA. He worked for Gold Kist Company in Carrollton. The family moved to Belle Fourche in 2000 and Terry worked in maintenance for Central Beef in Rapid City. He worked at Merle’s Landscaping and Pete’s Truck and Trailer in Belle Fourche before becoming employed with Halliburton. He was currently a forman for Halliburton.

Terry married Dawn Taylor on October 12, 1995. Dawn helped raise all four of Terry’s other children. He loved fishing, camping, welding and building things. He was a wonderful husband, dad and papa. He always liked to help others.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn Samples of Belle Fourche; children, Terry Samples Jr. of Belle Fourche, Brandon Samples and Tommy Samples both of Augusta, GA; Amanda Samples of Carrollton, GA and Jenny (Timothy) Barber of Villa Rica, GA; 8 grandchildren, Khloe, Bella and Micah North, Lakyn, Hailynn and Kadin Thomas, Jayden and Trenten Samples; brothers, Gary (Debra) Samples and David (Johnnie) Samples; sisters, Vanessa (Marlin) Whitman, Sharon (Mark) West, Sherry (Norman) Thomaston and Tajuan Samples and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Larry and Virginia Samples and an infant brother.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, July 27 at 4:00 PM, at 314 Summit Street Lot 3 in Belle Fourche. An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Anita Davis 99

Anita Davis, age 99 of Belle Fourche, and formerly Custer, died Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at the Belle Fourche Healthcare Center.

A public prayer service will be held 1pm Saturday, July 28th, 2018 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Father John Paul Trask will officiate.

The funeral service will be held 11am (Central) on Monday, July 30th, 2018 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Freeman, SD. Pastor Matthew Resner will officiate. Following, interment will take place in the Freeman City Cemetery.

Anita Marie Schamber was born February 6, 1919 in Freeman, SD. She was the daughter of Richard and Caroline (Haar) Schamber. Anita grew up in Freeman and she graduated there from high school in 1937. Following, she earned her Teacher’s Certificate at the Freeman Academy, and with that Anita became a country school teacher. She taught country school in Tripp SD for several years, and that is where she met her future husband, Francis Davis. In 1943 they were married in Sioux Falls. Following their marriage, Francis left to serve in the U.S.



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

UNITED METHODIST
1804 Sventh Ave. · 892-2405
www.bellefourcheumc.com
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:
“There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other, wings.”



From Chamber Director Gary Wood

A Lot to Learn



This past June, my wife Louise and I celebrated eleven years living in Belle Fourche. Yup, we moved here June 1, 2007, built a house and settled into life. I was working out of my home for an African charity and my wife took care of our three grandchildren who lived here at the time.

This was the first move we had made where we had no connections other than our daughter, whom we could ask questions. It was also the first time we built a house, and we had no idea who we were going to use for an electrician, plumber and many other services you need when building a house.

So, what did I do? I asked the Pastor of our church what plumber and electrician the church used and that is who I called. I never even thought about going to the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. I had a lot to learn then and still do, but knowing what I know now I'd do things differently.

I tell you all this because this past week the Chamber completed designing and assembling "Welcome Packs" to be given out to new people moving into our area. We contacted all our members to bring us items that they would like to put in these boxes for newcomers to find out about their businesses. These boxes are now at the Black Hills Title Company and the City water offices for distribution when people

buy a home or sign up for water services. I could have used such a packet when we first moved here and I'm sure there are people coming to our area that need the same information as I did.

New people need information. When I moved here eleven years ago I did not know that the charity organization I worked for could have joined the Chamber.

It never even dawned on me. If I had joined I would not have had to purchase a bulk mailing permit annually from the post office. If I had been a member, I would have been able to utilize the Chamber's bulk mailing permit as a benefit of my membership. That would have saved me \$225.00 a year for the 8 years I worked for the charity. As the young people say today, "MY BAD". Part of my mission is to inform the public of these and many other services, so they don't have to make the same mistakes I did.

There are many benefits to becoming a Chamber Member, whether as a business or an individual. The Chamber also strives to provide up-to date information whether you're a recent resident or longtime Belle Fourchian. Give us a call and we can fill you in on something you might not know and would be a help.

-Gary Wood



As the Old Saying Goes....

BF Economic Development Report from Executive Dir. Hollie Stalder



Hollie Stalder

Do you ever have those old sayings pop into your mind when listening to friends, family or the news? Things like:

- “Actions speak louder than words.” Abraham Lincoln
- “Do not be like the cat who wanted a fish but was afraid to get his paws wet.” William Shakespeare
- “Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.” Ralph Waldo Emerson
- “Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.” Alexander Pope
- “Never be a prisoner of your past. It was just a lesson, not a life sentence.” Unknown
- “You gotta stop watering dead plants.” Unknown
- “Some people come in your life as blessings, others come in your life as lessons.” Mother Teresa

Ok, not all of my thoughts are old sayings, but occasionally there's a perfect fit. When it comes to community development conversations, some of these have popped into my mind.

Community development means different things to each of us. And it should. The beauty of a community is the diversity of its members. As members of our community, we remember that diversity is the art of thinking independently together.

So how can we accomplish our goals when we all think so differently? Listening to

each other...truly listening, without forming our own thoughts before the other person has finished talking. That can be challenging when we come together to develop a plan that we all want. Remember “things worth having are worth working for”. The blending of what we have been as a community and growing towards what we want by truly listening to each other is the best way to get there. As Abraham Lincoln once said, “you have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was”. Our community has been great in the past, is now and will be in the future based on what we do today.

I hope you will contact us to be part of our community development listening sessions. The times and locations vary to best accommodate your schedules. Let's do this together!

Call us today to find the listening session that best fits your schedule for you or your group. 605-892-5065. “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Henry Ford

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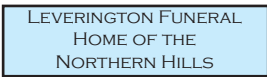
Anita Davis - con't. in the U.S. Army, in the European Theatre during World War II. He returned home in 1945, and they would never be apart again, until Francis' death in 2007. For many years they lived in Tripp SD where Francis worked at the grain elevator. In 1982 they retired and moved to Custer where Francis operated the train in the Flintstone Park until 2000. For the past 3 years, Anita has lived in Belle Fourche.

Anita was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was always happy and thankful for her life and her faith, and her family. She lived with no regrets and she will be greatly missed by her family.

Anita is survived by her son, Richard (Charleene) Davis of Belle Fourche; 6 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister, Ruth Preheim of Freeman SD; and 2 sons-in-law, Richard (Joyce) Wareham of Sioux Falls, and Jim Lynch of Galmey, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; 3 daughters, Joan Davis, Dianne Wareham, Donna Lynch; 5 sisters, Helen, Amanda, Dorothy, Bertha, Melida; and 5 brothers, Herman, Gerhard, Eddie, Eric, Arthur.

Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com



Justin Johnson 38

Justin Estabrook Johnson, 38, of Belle Fourche, SD passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, July 30, 2018.

He was born September 21, 1979, in Glasgow, MT. Justin grew up in Nashua, Montana, and graduated from Nashua High School in 1998. While in high school he played basketball, football (earned all-conference for his kicking abilities) and was in track. Justin earned several awards in track and when he was running you could hear his friends yelling “Run Forest, Run” or “Go Gump, Go”.



He eventually moved to Aurora, CO where he worked for Mountain Wireless and loved his job. Somewhere along the line he earned the nickname “Lunchbox” which was eventually shortened to “Box” and friends still call him that.

On one of his visits to his grandfather Gail in Nisland, SD, he met Jenny Rude and they married on June 12, 2010 in Belle Fourche.

Justin then went to work for American Colloid which is where he was employed at the time of his death. He enjoyed his job and was always willing to work an extra shift for anyone who needed him to.

Justin was very proud of the fact that he was a member of the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department.

Justin is survived by the loves of his life his wife Jenny, daughters Marissa and Madison, sons, Dylan and Daxson, all of Belle Fourche, SD; his parents Patricia and Karl Johnson, Nashua, Montana; his brother Christopher Perdew, Billings, Montana; sister Meghan Johnson, Glasgow, Montana; grandmother Alicia Hoyt, Glasgow, Montana; Grandfather Gail Johnson, Nisland, SD; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Helen Johnson; grandfather, John Hoyt and aunt, Kacey Johnson Hoffbauer.

The viewing will be Sunday, August 5, 2018 from 12:00 to 7:00 PM at Kline Funeral Chapel with the funeral services to be held on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 2:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche with Pastor Will Olsen officiating.

The Pallbearers are Kelly Dean, Scott Redstone & Tyrel Brandt of Glasgow, MT, Cody Grimsrud of Collinsville, TX, Dave Ornelas, Aurora, CO and Jesse Staley, Jon Carbajal, and Jesse Kracht of Belle Fourche, SD.

Honorary Pallbearers are the 1998 Nashua High School graduating class, Nate Sillerud, Glasgow, MT, Jason Skolrud, Clancy, MT, John Johnson, Aurora, CO & Rory Blount, Belgrade, MT and the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire

Department.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Ray Eichler 90

Ray A. Eichler, 90, Newell, died August 4, 2018, at his home in Newell. Ray wrote his own obituary.

I started my life journey at the hospital in Newell. My parents were Loren and Lillie Eichler and I joined three brothers and three sisters. I was the baby of the family. I always said I walked across the street and got a job with Black Hills Power and Light, where I worked darn near 40 years.

I spent my first years at the Eichler farm south of Newell, graduated as an Irrigator, and spent 3 years in the Air Force.

I married my life partner, Janet Stevens, in 1952. We had five children: Kris, Connie, Beth, Loren, and Becky. We lost Connie on Christmas day, 1998. Janet and I have some fantastic grandkids and great-grandkids, too. If you ever knew me, it was always Janet and I. We were partners in everything.

All in all, I had a good life and hope I was square with everyone. Like Dandy Don would sing, “Turn out the lights, the party's over.” All good things must end.

A memorial service will be 10:35 a.m. Saturday, August 11, 2018, at the First Lutheran Church in Newell. Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 13, 2018, at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

A memorial has been established to First Lutheran Church in Newell.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com





A Day at the Fair



Catch Me If You Can! The annual Catch-A-Sheep contest at the 39th Annual Butte/ Lawrence County Fair drew 25 contestants vying for a ewe lamb to start their own herd. *Photo courtesy Betty Bruner.*

Making Memories at the County Fair

BETTY BRUNER
Beacon Correspondent

NISLAND- The results of the thirty-ninth annual Butte/ Lawrence County Fair have been entered into the record books, photos have been taken, and animals are home to roam (for the most part). Youth involved in 4-H and FFA and those aspiring to become part of the industrious group brought the results of their hard work during the past year to the fairgrounds at Nisland.

The static exhibits, otherwise known as non-livestock, were entered on Tuesday. Judges interviewed the 4-H youth to discover what each exhibitor learned during the process of completing their project. Then a ribbon placing was decided, and the exhibit displayed for everyone to enjoy.

On Wednesday, Open Class exhibits were judged and placed on display. This year, the exhibits were in the building formerly used for the 4-H exhibits, making easier access for most fair-goers. There was a variety of entries from photography to baked goods to jellies and jams. The talent of local residents is to be applauded. Dairy goats and swine were shown on Wednesday. Goat Superintendent Deb Kukuchka commented that goat numbers were about the same as last year with about 25 dairy goats being shown. The swine showman displayed some high-quality animals according to swine judge Chase.

There were over 200 people present at the First Annual Fondue 4-Youth event held at the fairgrounds. The area under the bleacher canopy

was decorated in green and gold with tables set for an evening of fun. Steaks were placed on the tip of a pitchfork and fried in hot oil until ready to be enjoyed. Thursday was Sheep Day, with the show beginning early and going on for most of the day. At Noon, there was a Bum Lamb Dress-up Contest. That made for an interesting interlude! The poultry showmanship and judging were held in the middle of the day, with Fashion Revue taking place before the BBQ.

Later, the crowd watched the tractor pull and cheered on their favorite tractor driver. The next morning brought hot temperatures as the beef showman presented their prize animals. Beef judge Bryce McKenzie from Buffalo, WY took time to give hints to each showman. He

said that he was impressed with the excellence he saw in the animals and in the exhibitors.

Friday evening included the Round Robin showmanship and the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.

The thirty-ninth annual fair was brought to a close on Saturday as animals and exhibits were loaded. Plans are already in the making for next year-what to exhibit and who to show. And always looking forward to seeing old and new friends next time!

It sounds like the Butte/ Lawrence County Fair Board is also making plans for next year! This hardworking bunch puts in a lot of hours to make a pleasurable week for exhibitors and fair-goers. There are opportunities for everyone to get involved.

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GF & P, RMBO, and BFR-WP gave them advice and are ready to aid anyone getting started with new ideas.

Two members of the Blair Brothers, Chad and Britton, have been part of the Beef South Dakota group. As a two-year program, Beef South Dakota targets young beef producers, facilitating an environment of learning the beef industry from producer to consumer.

The Blair Brothers look forward to working toward a continued improvement in grazing management and water development.



BBQ Time The lines were long, but the wait was worth it for the annual BBQ at the Butte /Lawrence County Fair. Below, riders line up for the Grand Entry. *Photos courtesy Betty Bruner.*



A Little Coaching Beef judge Bryce McKenzie gave Chase Dirk a few hints to help him do an even better job at showing his beef animal. Below, even the youngsters get in the act.





A Day at the Fair



Sweet Swine -Cassidy Ewing, left, and Lauren Heine show off their swine during Swine Showmanship at the Butte/Lawrence County Fair. *Photo courtesy Betty Bruner.*



Beef Showmanship - Young beef showman display their animals. From the front is Katelyn Kammerer, Jace Hiles, and Kate Blair. *Photo courtesy Betty Bruner.*



Community Turnout - Once again the turnout was strong for good food and good fellowship under the shade at the Butte/Lawrence County Fair. *Photo courtesy Betty Bruner.*



Beef Judging - Judge Bryce McKenzie quizzed Alan Wetz about his beef animal during the Junior Beef Showmanship. *Photo courtesy Betty Bruner.*



Race to the Finish - Tiernan Frederickson and Laynie Ewing in a close competition.



Sheep Trimming - Trimming sheep for the show are (l to r) Tate Ollila, Cash Krogman, Stacy Mahaffey (with cap) and Kelsie Clements (foreground), all from Vale, SD.



Going Fishing! - Sons of Clint and LynDee Carr and Clete and Kristy Schmidt, all of Belle Fourche, Tacen Carr and Kasen Schmidt were ditching fair chores and taking a well deserved break! At right, the fair always brings the young and old.





Home of the Week on 13th Ave.



The latest Home of the Week in Belle Fourche is located at 1708 13th Avenue. The owners will receive a \$25 gift certificate from the Revitalize Belle Fourche committee.

Revitalize Belle Fourche has selected its fourth “Home of the Week,” for its summer-long program of recognizing outstanding homefronts. The winner for the fourth week is a home at 1708 13th Avenue. The committee was impressed with the attractive deck, the stately lamppost and the rock wall which skirts the yard and forms the stairs going up to the home’s walkway. The home is owned by Tres and Jade

Hill, 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. Kristi Thielen, Chairperson Revitalize Belle Fourche

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Pancake Party Aug 12th

From 5 to 7 pm
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Deb and Mark Leverington will be hosting a pancake party outdoors under the canopy at Leverington Funeral Home, 715 National Street, Belle Fourche.

It will feature Deb's made from scratch buttermilk pancakes. It is Mark and Deb's way of saying thank you to the people of the area. Everyone is welcome! Free will donations may be made to the Belle Fourche Fire Department.



Butte County 4-H Quiz Bowl Team Shines

The Butte County 4-H QuizBowl Jr. Team took Reserve Champion at the State 4-H Horse Show & Youth in Action competition in Huron last Monday. They competed thru 10 rounds, had to go against the champion Minnehaha team 3 times before the final placings were determined.

The contest started at 5:00pm and wasn't completed until 10:00pm. The team had been studying hard since the beginning of January and their work paid off.

“They did an amazing job in knowledge and endurance and we are very proud of them!” said Holly Main speaking for the coaching staff which included Leigh Thomsen and Linda Johnson.

Pictured above (l to r) are Nicole Kraft, Anika Main, Shaine Weishaar, Brenna Leitner and Lydia Main.

Other notable achievements included Nicole Kraft who was 2nd high point individual and Anika Main who was 5th high point individual.

These young ladies have 5 to 6 more years of eligibility to get to the National Contest in Denver.

And they seem to be on track.

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From the Editor

Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

A 5-time World Champion Saddle Bronc rider, now Marshall, ND steer roper, Brad Gjermanson competed in the July 4th steer roping in Belle Fourche. Brad is known to many as a great story teller. Here’s one of his. You be the judge.

Brad and a friend were driving into Wishek, ND from the south when they noticed a painted sign by a mutual friend’s mailbox. Sign said, “Boat 4 Sale”. Brad’s companion said to him, “I didn’t know old Sven owned a boat.” Brad said, “I didn’t ever know him to even have a fishing pole.”

Curiosity got the best of them, so they turned back and headed down Sven’s driveway. ¼ mile later they encountered Sven in front of his machine shed. Brad said, “Sven. We saw the sign by the mailbox. Says you got a boat for sale. “That’s right,” said Sven. I’ve got a tractor and a big round-baler and they’re boat for sale.

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A gardening friend of mine reported it was his best year ever for Zucchini. He said he planted six hills and none of it came up.

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Mike & Vern.

Vern: Mike I want to know. How come every time I ask you a question you always answer me with another question?
Mike: Well Vern, why do you want to know?

* * *

This is an old Belle Fourche story about a local businessman who was known for his skill on the billiards table at Harold’s Club. A legendary establishment that stood overlooking the Belle Fourche River in the area where present day City Hall is.

As the story goes, this businessman was working away in his office and he got to thinking about the main sales clerk in his business. She was always on time, always smiling, never complained, and the some of the customers just came into the store because she was employed there.

Well, he thought, I’ve never really done anything out of the ordinary to show her how much I appreciate what she does for the business. Thought maybe a gift certificate for a dinner out? No, to impersonal. Maybe some flowers? No, to personal. I know what I’ll take her out to lunch. He went out into the store and asked he she had plans for lunch today. “No, she replied. “I brought a tuna-fish sandwich I put in the fridge is all.”

“Well, I really appreciate the job you do in the store so I’d like to buy you lunch today.” “That’s very thoughtful, she replied. “Thank you very much.”

Noon time arose and they turned the store over to the remaining personnel and headed to Watt’s Café for lunch. They get their lunch and are having an enjoyable relaxing conversation about the store, the products, customers, bookkeeping, etc.

Well, as they’re conversing the store owner reaches for the salt and accidentally spills a glass of water. All down the front of his clerks’ outfit.

He’s mopping up the mess and the waitress brings a towel over in an attempt to dry off her clothes.

The store owner is apologizing for being such a clumsy klutz, and she tells him to think nothing of it. My apartment is on the way back to the store. We can just stop by and I can get some dry clothes. The store owner pays the check and they leave. It’s a hot August afternoon and when they get to his clerk’s apartment she asks him to step inside instead of waiting in his truck in the hot sun.

He agrees, follows her into her apartment, and, well they end up in her apartment all afternoon discussing what options may exist for sales and marketing of the new line of products coming in next week. (That isn’t what you thought, is it?)

Finally, they realize that time had gotten away from them and the store owner asks, “What time is it?” “5 minutes until 5:00,” she replied. “Oh, my goodness, my wife is going to skin me alive. She’s hosting a dinner party tonight at 5:00 and I was supposed to get home early and help get ready.”

He hustles into bathroom to quick straighten his tie, the turns back to the clerk and says, “Have you got any talcum powder?” “It’s in the cupboard next to the sink, she replies. He races out the door rubbing talcum powder onto both hands.

He gets home, two minutes to five. Door is locked, so he rings the doorbell. Wife answers. Holding on to the vacuum cleaner, curlers in her hair. “And just where have you been, I’d like to ask!”

Well the truth of the matter is I took my lead clerk out to lunch to show her how much I appreciate all the work she does for the store, and well, at lunch I was reaching for the salt and, well, I accidentally spilt a glass of water on her clothes, and well, we stopped by her apartment on the way back to the store so she could put some dry clothes, and well one thing led to another and we spent the entire afternoon in her apartment talking about the new line of goods we’re getting into the store next week.

His wife looked him deep into his eyes, looked down at his hands, and said, “Don’t lie to me, you’ve been playing pool at Harold’s Club again, haven’t you!

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Lighter Run of Cattle Today
Cows Fully Steady

No Sale August 10th - Have a safe Bike Rally
Next Sale - August 17th - Yearling & Fall Calf Special
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Weighup Cows

Evans, Janet, Weston WY	3	Blk Cow	1421	\$69.50
Evans, Janet, Weston WY	2	Blk Cow	1297	\$69.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Blk Hfrt	1090	\$101.00
K-C Ranch, Vale SD	2	Herf Cow	1110	\$68.00
K-C Ranch, Vale SD	1	Red Cow	1335	\$64.50
Senn, James, Pierre SD	1	Blk Cow	1415	\$69.50
Senn, James, Pierre SD	1	Blk Cow	1410	\$69.50
Senn, James, Pierre SD	1	Blk Cow	1390	\$69.00
Senn, James, Pierre SD	1	Blk Cow	1255	\$61.00
Senn, James, Pierre SD	1	Blk Cow	1250	\$64.50
Senn, James, Pierre SD	1	Char Cow	1365	\$65.00
Walker, Buck, Ekalaka MT	2	Blk Cow	1380	\$66.00
Williams, Lacy, Broadus MT	1	Blk Cow	1205	\$66.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Crawford, Warren L & Greta S, Sundance WY	1	Blk Bull	1805	\$85.00
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	1	Rbld Bull	2120	\$85.00
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	1	Rbld Bull	1890	\$83.50
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	1	Rbld Bull	1465	\$81.00
Fix, Dusty, Ekalaka MT	2	Rbld Bull	962	\$119.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Red Bull	1605	\$80.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Red Bull	1215	\$84.00
Gorzalka, Charles Duane, Clearmont WY	1	Blk Bull	1510	\$80.00
Gorzalka, Jonathan, Sheridan WY	1	Blk Bull	2030	\$84.00
Gorzalka, Tom Or Debra, Clearmont WY	1	Blk Bull	1620	\$78.50
Gorzalka, Tom Or Debra, Clearmont WY	1	Herf Bull	1830	\$77.50
I Industries Llc, Upton WY	1	Blk Bull	1170	\$82.00
Kady Creek Cattle, Broadus MT	1	Blk Bull	1960	\$80.00
Mangen Angus Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	2	Blk Bull	2077	\$80.00
St Onge Livestock, St Onge SD	1	Blk Bull	1710	\$80.00
Tarver Trust, Donna H, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	2090	\$82.00
Tarver Trust, Donna H, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	1820	\$81.00
Tarver Trust, Donna H, Gillette WY	1	Bld Bull	840	\$108.00
Tarver Trust, Gary L, Gillette WY	2	Blk Bull	2060	\$83.50
Tarver Trust, Gary L, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	1665	\$88.00
Williams, Lacy, Broadus MT	1	Blk Bull	1775	\$80.00

2018 CATTLE SALES

Friday August 10th – No Sale – Have A Safe Bike Rally!

Friday August 17th - Yearling & Fall Calf 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

Friday November 16th – Spring Calf Special

Saturday November 17th – Bred Cow & Weigh Up Special

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Sheep Report - Thursday, August 2, 2018

Good Run of Sheeps Today
Light Lambs Sold \$6 Lower, Heavy Lambs Sold Steady to Little Higher
Slaughter Ewes Sold \$4 Higher

No Sale - August 9th - Have a Safe Bike Rally!
Next Sale - August 16th - Feeder Lamb Special
Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	458	Ewe Lambs	87	\$156.00
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	473	X-Bred Ewe Lambs	90	\$145.00
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	176	Wthr Lambs	78	\$145.50
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	543	Wthr Lambs	88	\$143.00
Capra Ranch, Boyes MT	87	Lambs	67	\$154.00
Capra Ranch, Boyes MT	265	Lambs	82	\$145.00
Capra Ranch, Boyes MT	46	Lambs	101	\$137.50
Hirschfeld, Dane Or Ann, Hot Springs SD	11	Lambs	96	\$140.00
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	435	Lambs	102	\$141.00
Matherm, Cheryl, Newell SD	43	Lambs	122	\$125.00
Reaves, Ernie Or Darla, Broadus MT	100	Lambs	87	\$136.50
Reaves, Ernie Or Darla, Broadus MT	31	Lambs	109	\$126.00
Secrest, Shannon Or Ashley, Buffalo SD	111	Lambs	101	\$136.50
Tenold, Robert, Reva SD	88	Lambs	96	\$134.00
Tenold, Robert, Reva SD	30	Lambs	113	\$124.00

Slaughter Ewes

Courtney Herefords, Belle Fourche SD	11	Klr Ewes	180	\$47.00
Courtney Herefords, Belle Fourche SD	23	Klr Ewes	198	\$45.00
Senn, Heather, Nisland SD	7	Klr Ewes	171	\$47.00
Senn, Heather, Nisland SD	10	Klr Ewes	160	\$42.00

**Friday
August 10, 2018
No Sale - Have a Safe Rally**

**Friday
August 17, 2018**

**Fall Calf & Yearling Special
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Saturday, August 11th – Powder River County, Broadus, MT – 4 pm
Saturday, August 18th – Fallon County, Baker, MT – 4:30 pm
Saturday, August 18th – Harding County, Camp Crook, SD – 6 pm
Friday, August 24th – Custer County, Miles City, MT – 3 pm

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406-853-5690 Or Justin Tupper At 605-680-0259.

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

**Thursday
August 9, 2018**

No Sales Due To the Bike Rally

Thursday August 16, 2018

**Feeder Lamb Special
1:00pm**

Upcoming Sheep Sale 2018

AUGUST 9TH – NO SALE – HAVE A SAFE BIKE RALLY!
AUGUST 16TH – FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats
AUGUST 23RD – FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats
AUGUST 30TH – FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL – Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

**Saturday
September 15, 2018**

**Fall Horse Sale
9:00 am – Lose Horses
12:00 Noon – Ride in Horses**

All Ride in Horses Must Have a Coggins

44 Crazy Days 2018 Brings Out Local Shoppers in Big Numbers

BEACON STAFF
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BELLE FOURCHE- Local business participating the Friday July 27 and 28 Crazy Days promotional event in Belle Fourche reported great results from the two day sale. Customer counts were up in

stand alone stores and State Street businesses reported steady traffic and upbeat sales both days.

Deb McCart proprietor of the Olive Branch, 501 State Street said that sales for the event topped the sales during both the High School rodeo

and the Roundup. She said they were very pleased with the results.

Pat Main, an employee at Lifestyles reported upbeat traffic and commented that having State Street open to traffic and parking was preferred by the shoppers.

Lynn’s Dakotamart manager Jim Grapentine said that they recorded upward numbers in sale of “on special” items and although no official numbers, he believed customer traffic was heavier than a normal Friday-Saturday.

State Street Antique owners we spoke to were very happy with customer traffic and sales and commented that combined with Antique Days, two weeks prior, they now needed a chance to slow

down and catch their breath.

Lueder’s Grocery said their root beer sales were up (they had an advertised special on the item) during the event. Over all, shoppers were enthusiastic.

Wasn’t given any exact numbers, but Brandon Freed, Manager of Runnings said customer traffic was up and he would count their “Bucket Sale” a success.

Traffic at the Robb’s Store looked like the pictures of stores in the big cities at Black Friday sales. The parking lot was full of cars all three days (Robb’s ran the sale Sunday too). Looking into the store we saw shoppers in every aisle and carts full of merchandise lined up at the cash registers. Robb’

employee Judy Porterfield said, “Friday was one of the busiest days they’ve ever had in the store”, and, “it stayed busy all three days.”

All the stores offered a hearty “Thank you” to the customers of the Tri-State area for making the 2018 Crazy Day’s Sale in Belle Fourche a smashing success!



The “Sweetness” of Summer



KEIL CORN IS BACK! One of summer’s first signs of completion is the return of Keil sweet corn. Jan Stansberry (l) looks on as Ron Keil (r) opens their stand for the 2018 season. They’re located in front of the Belle Inn and will be open Monday through Saturday 8am until supplies run out. They are picking fresh corn daily and it looks like a bumper crop.

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Public Works Committe Discusses Belle Fourche Splash Pad

BEACON STAFF

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BELLE FOURCHE - The public works committee of the Belle Fourche city council met Monday July 30th at 6:00 pm. After a short discussion of eight fairly non-controversial agenda items they moved into the informational portion of the meeting. Mayor Gloria Landphere brought two items to their attention. The first was presented to the committee by City Engineering office employee Krysti Weed. She reported on the research she had done on costs and considerations for the possibility of building a Splash pad in Belle Fourche.

Weed commented that the research and discussion with Interim City Engineer Steve Nafus and Public Works director Dirk Hoffman led to the conclusion that Jones Park was the best choice for location of the splash pad. A splash pad or spray pool is a recreation area, for water play that has little or no standing water. This is to eliminate the need for lifeguards or other supervision, as there is little risk of drowning.

Typically, there are ground nozzles that spray water upwards out of the splash pad’s raindeck. There may also be other water features such as a rainbow (semicircular pipe shower), or mushroom- or

tree-shaped showers. Some splash pads feature movable nozzles similar to those found on fire trucks to allow users to spray others. The showers and ground nozzles are often controlled by a hand activated-motion sensor, to run for limited time. Typically, the water is either freshwater, or recycled and treated water, that is typically treated to at least the same level of quality as swimming pool water standards. These splash pads are often surfaced in textured non-slip concrete or in crumb rubber. Heritage Park in Spearfish, as well as a park in Lead were mentioned as having splash pads. Weed had discussed the issue with Lead City Administrator Mike Stahl.

Splash fountains, more on the order of what is at the Main Street Square in Rapid City, encourage use from people of all ages. These fountains are usually designed to be both visually appealing (from a distance) and also interactive. As such, they are designed to allow easy access, often at ground level. They tend to feature nonslip surfaces, and have no standing water, to eliminate possible drowning hazards, again, so that no lifeguards are required. Multiple fountains may start and stop in unison or according to a pattern for artistic effect. While they may be placed in

public parks like children’s splash pads, splash fountains are also likely to be placed in public squares to enhance business activity and tourism and often incorporate year round adaptability. Rapid City’s Main Street Square hosts movies, concerts, public events and converts

into an ice skating arena in the winter. Mayor Landphere commented that regardless of location at this point it is just informational so it can be considered for CIP in the 2019 budgeting process. Secondly, Mayor Landphere mentioned she would be ap-

pointing a Task Force for the 100th Roundup celebration in 2019. She had mentioned that she would possibly release the make up of the committee to the Beacon for this issue but as of printing deadline we had no further discussion with the Mayor.

Flags at the Center of the Nation Monument Get a Spruce-Up



Mississippi native and now Worship Pastor at the Belle Fourche Connection Church Ashton Rone (left) watches as a Black Hills’ visitor from New Hampshire was in the right place at the right time to raise his home state’s flag at the CON Monument. The fifty states’ flags were taken down and cleaned before returning to their respective spots flying over the monument. Photo courtesy Cindy Moore

BELLE FOURCHE - We don’t often think about it but every now and then the 50 state flags that surround the Center of the Nation Monument behind the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center need to get a cleaning. It’s no small task but it has to be done and the task was taken on this past July 28th.

Museum and Visitor Center board member Cindy Moore, and volunteer Ashton Rone, Worship Pastor at the Belle Fourche Connection Church, removed the flags for washing and then ran them back up their respective flag poles later in the day.

An interesting happenstance occurred while the crew was raising the freshly laundered

flags. While working on this project, Rone and Moore were approached by a young visitor from New Hampshire named Jack. He happened to walk by about the time they were going to raise the flag for his home state. A natural invitation was extended for the young man to have the honor of hoisting the New Hampshire flag. He did, and no doubt will take home a special memory of his family vacation to the Black Hills region.

The CON Monument and Tri-State Museum would like to thank Clark Sowers of Black Hills laundry and Dry Cleaning for helping with the cost of the cleaning project.



Splash pads like this one feature water jets and do not require life guards. Courtesy Photo



Local Soccer Adversaries Team Up for US National Tournament



Two local soccer players Lucas Trimble, Belle Fourche and Edgar Meza, Spearfish recently participated in the US Club Soccer national tournament in Aurora Colorado. They were part of the South Dakota United U19 team made up of players from around the state of South Dakota.

Lucas and Edgar have been adversaries on the soccer field since their U12 soccer days. They have tangled often on the field as Lucas is a striker and Edgar a defender. Both athletes received first team All-State honors their senior year in high school. This was their first chance to be teammates! Their team went 1-2 during the recent tournament. They lost 6-1 in their opening game to the Illinois representative.

In their next contest United led to 2-1 at half to the Maine champions, only to fall 5-2. Trimble scored a goal for the South Dakota team. The final game saw their team pick up a hard fought victory against Ohio 3-1. Meza got into the scoring column for United with a rocket shot into the wind from near the left sideline.

Even though the two are good friends they will again become opponents this fall. Lucas plays striker for the Gillette College Pronghorns. Edgar on the other hand will head back to Northwest College in Powell where he plays defender for the Trappers. The two teams are in the same conference and will play each other twice this season.

Badlands Circuit Standings

Belle Fourche and Area Rodeo Athletes

All-Around	Saddle Bronc
2. Eli Lord - Sturgis	3. Taygen Schuelke - Newell
11. Tyler Thiel - Belle Fourche	11. Erik Wolford - Whitewood
Steer Wrestling	12. Jesse Bail - Camp Crook
2. Chason Floyd - Buffalo	18. Troy Crowser - Whitewood
8. Eli Lord - Sturgis	20. Tate Thybo - Belle Fourche
9. Brad Johnson - Reva	Tie-Down Roping
10. Cyler Dowling - Newell	1. Dane Kissack - Spearfish
Heading	Steer Roping
5. Eli Lord - Sturgis	2. Brian Garr - Belle Fourche
12. Tyler Thiel - Belle Fourch	7. J.R. Olson - Whitewood
20. Jon Peterson - Belle Fourche	Bull Riding
Heelers	12. Garret Vig - Newell
1. Levi Lord - Sturgis	14. Jade Nixon - Belle Fourche

Camp Crook Bronc Match

Broncs, Hides and Monkeys coming to Camp Crook

CAMP CROOK, SD - Well not exactly, the Camp Crook Roping Club has been busy getting ready for their 3rd Annual Invitation-al Bronc Match. It will be held on August 17, 2018 at 3 pm, and the Calcutta will start at 2:30pm at the arena. This year they have up the added money to \$7500.00. They have invited twenty-five of the top cowboys from the tristate area to come and show off their abilities against four top stock contractors, Kling Rodeo, Schmidt Rodeo, C&T Rodeo, Shane Gunderson and Shane Viara. The top eight cowboys will come back for the short go. Now that the “Broncs” part has been answered let’s see if we can explain the “Hides” and “Monkeys”. The entertainment between sections of the “Broncs”

will be races for the crowd’s entertainment. The “Hide Race” is where one person rides a horse while pulling another person on the hide. The “Monkey on a Chain” (no real monkeys are used!) is where one person is holding on to a tire suspended in air while the other rides down to them and picks them up then races home. There is \$500.00 added purse money. These teams will also be in the Calcutta.

There will be concessions on the grounds if you get hungry. This year their proceeds will be going to the Children’s Home Society of South Dakota.

If you are on Facebook, check out the Camp Crook Roping Club page. If you would like more information or have a team for the races call 605-375-3124. So come join the fun on August 17 in Camp Crook, South Dakota.

As Fall Sports Set to Begin Physicals Needed

The Belle Fourche School District reminds all fall athletes that physicals need to be completed prior to the beginning of practice. Practice for soccer, competitive dance and cheer is underway. Here are the next dates:

August 9 - HS Volleyball practice begins – 6:30 a.m.

August 9 - HS Football practice begins - 7:00 a.m.

August 9 - MS Football (7th & 8th) practice begins – 4:00 p.m. – at the HS Field

August 9- HS Cross Country practice begins - 8:00 a.m.

August 16 – 7 th & 8th Volleyball sign-up/parent meeting - MS Gym - 4:00 p.m.

August 16 - Bronc Booster Fall Picnic - Lou Graslie Field - 6:30 p.m.

Coronation - Monday, September 10 - 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming (Bronc Day) – Friday, September 14 - parade starts 2:30 p.m

Physical Examinations

Physical forms must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian prior to taking the physical examination. Forms are available during the summer at participating clinics and the School Administration Office. Forms can also be picked up at the Middle School and High School offices after August 1st . All

Middle School and High School students participating in a sport, cheerleading, or dance team will need to have completed and passed a physical examination before they begin practicing the activity. The school must have a copy of each student’s physical examination before they will be allowed to begin practice. Physical examinations dated prior to April 1, 2017 will not be valid!

The Belle Fourche Regional Medical Clinic (892-2701) – athletes may see any provider of their choosing, but there will be a \$25.00 charge (not covered by insurance). Appointments are required. See District website for complete details regarding physicals: www.bellefourcheschools.org

Fall Concussion Testing

All impact testing will take place at the High School in Room #145 (Mrs. Day). 9th & 11th graders and anyone who is a first time participant or had to take a post-injury test due to a head injury during the 2017-18 school year will need to take/retake the test. 7th grade football players will also be tested. Participants in Fall Boys Golf, Cross Country & Dance do not need to take the impact test.

Belle Fourche Cross Country Runners Complete High Altitude Training



Belle Fourche Head Cross Country coach, Chris Riley and coach Jeremy Elsom took a team of boys to Colorado for a team camp. The camp was open to boys and girls 7th-12th graders and aimed at the more experienced runners due to the higher elevation and lengthy hikes planned.

Six boys ended up going, Cole Hockenbary (front left), Lane Longbrake (back left), Sawyer Clarkson, Wyatt Keegan, Devin Nowowiejski (back right),

and Jordan Sandoval (front right).

The XC team set up tents at Base Camp Golden Gate Canyon, Black Hawk, CO for three nights and four days. The coaches cooked breakfast every morning on a grill after the team logged miles on local trails. The team also spent time, playing games, swimming, and exploring local areas such as Estes Park and other local attractions. They also hiked 7 miles up Mt. Bierstadt (elevation 14,060) and explored

Mt. Evans (14,130). Most days the team would picnic for lunch, and log more miles in the afternoon. The coaches planned to use this as a good training week, but more so, a team builder to help the kids to bond as a team. This is the teams first CO camping trip, and they hope to make it a tradition every summer.

A Special thanks to The Black Hills Runners Club for their donation to the team, which helped fund this trip.



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

The Wells Family: Pioneers in Plumbing and Business

Honesty has been the hallmark of Jack and Mary Ann Well’s leak-proof business strategy through three generations.

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The story of this family business starts on June 20, 1923 when Jack Wells was born in Mitchell, SD. His story of seeing Al Jolson perform at the Corn Palace is one of the many recollections from a storied lifetime of one of Belle Fourche’s longest running family businesses. Mitchell may have kept the world’s only Corn Palace, but the world’s only Jack Wells came to western South Dakota when the Wells family moved to Rapid City in 1934. His father was a tire vulcanizer in Rapid City and ran a gas station as well, continuing in the tire business. He had developed a tire boot that was very beneficial for tires on the dirt and gravel roads of that era. Jack had completed one year of high school when his father died in 1939. He and his mother, Mae moved to Belle Fourche to live with an uncle and his family. Jack, already showing his propensity as a builder, built a Ferris wheel in the back yard of his uncle’s house (what is today the Rick and Linda Rothermel home). It was a four-seater that he turned by hand and charged riders a penny each for the thrill. He attended the first semester of his sophomore year of high school in Belle Fourche. A member of the Rapid City board of education at that time named John Knecht was trying to convince the other board members to start a

class to teach “homebuilding skills” in the Rapid City high school. They had six students who wished to enroll in the class, including John’s son Bob Knecht. The other board members would only authorize the class if it had seven members enrolled. A School of Mines professor made a trip to Belle Fourche to “recruit” Jack into the class. Jack welcomed the opportunity to hone his building skills, so he and his mother returned to Rapid City where he enrolled in the class and spent the second half of his sophomore year of high school. He finished his remaining two years of high school and graduated in Belle Fourche. Jack started work in 1940 at Montgomery Lumber Company where he drew plans and did all the company’s bookwork. Jack related that it was Tom Montgomery who taught him “business”. Not only the ins and outs of the lumber business, but how to operate a business and the right way to deal with customers, and above all else, always, always be 100% honest. Not 99.9% of the time. Always, always, 100% of the time. Many of the customers they dealt with were the original settlers of the Tri-state area. Jack said the would come into the business throughout the year, stop there with their wagons, hand the lumberyard a list of what was needed and would often go to nearby food and drink establishments while



Jack and Mary Ann Wells began their plumbing business in the basement of their home on Omaha Street in 1948. Son Alan now owns the business and it’s growing.

materials were being loaded. They would stop back later and simply ask if everything was loaded. Then with no paperwork in hand would head back out of Belle to their ranch. This activity would be repeated through out the year and when they sold their cattle or sheep they would then stop in and pay their bill. Almost always everything done on trust and a handshake and invoices and credits in the mail. One customer named Harry Stevens came in after selling his sheep with a handful of envelopes he had received from the lumberyard and announced he wanted to pay his bill. The owner asked him what he owed. He said he didn’t know but had brought in all his bills and credits from the lumberyard. The totaled everything up and found out the Lumberyard had spent about a dollar on postage for a bill with credits given for returns amounting to Harry owing them 16 cents. The February 25, 1943 edition of the Belle Fourche Bee listed a group of 33 volunteers and inductees into the Armed Services. Belle Fourche names among the 33 were: Robert Neal Beals, Fred Warren Carlson, John Earle Naugle, John Carl Hanify, Sanford William Justice, Leo Junior Larrabee, Delbert Lloyd Verry, and Hazen Gerald Wells. Hazen “Jack” Wells was off to the Air Force in 1943 and spent 1944 and 1945 overseas and



Wells Plumbing was the first western South Dakota business to sell plastic plumbing pipe in 1959.

came home in 1946. The Air Force unit he was with was assigned as support to an Army Infantry Division so the war he saw and experienced was not from an airplane but on the ground. Son Richard told us that Mary Ann didn’t know his given name was Hazen until they were signing the Marriage Certificate at their wedding. He returned from the war and again went to work for Montgomery Lumber. After the war he built many new homes in the Tri-State area. One of those new homes was 1114 Omaha Street which he built in advance to his marriage to Miss Mary Ann Wendelken. Mary Ann was one of four children raised on the Wendelken Dairy farm on the Redwater River just south/southwest of Belle Fourche. Her maternal grandfather, Hans Quarnburg had a key role in the

establishment of the Tri-State Milling Company (the company still doing business today as Dakota Mill & Grain); and, also in bringing water from the Redwater river to Belle Fourche. Jack and Mary Ann were married in 1948. To this union four children were born, sons Richard and Allan, and daughters Linda and Barbara. The family was destined to be in plumbing. Jack took his new bride on a honeymoon trip to Denver and on their way to the motel where they were going to spend their wedding night he passed a store that had a porcelain toilet in the window. At that time in history, because of the shortage caused by the war and the high demand with hundreds of thousands of WWII veterans building homes under the GI bill they



Alan Wells (l) is the current owner of Wells Plumbing and has further developed the Belle Fourche business community with a car wash, townhomes and retail real estate. Richard Wells (r) returned to Belle Fourche in 1987 and opened Homestead Nursery in 1988, located along 5th Avenue.

Belle Fourche Country Club Men’s Calcutta Results

There were 39 teams that participated in the Belle Fourche Country Club’s Men’s Calcutta on Saturday and Sunday. Below are the top five finishers, other winners and the event sponsors.

- 1. Jim Chaney / Roger Kimball 32.9
Belle Fourche Country Club, Lakeside Muni Golf Course
- 2. Drew Jewett / Todd Watson 28.2
Belle Fourche Country Club,
- 3. Christian Larson / Luke Bonefield 25.9
Belle Fourche Country Club
- 4. Dick Holdhusen / John Cooper 24.6
Belle Fourche Country Club
- 5. Bryton Materi / Dustin Materi 21.2
The Golf Club at Devil’s Tower

- Hole 5- Closest to the Pin
Ryan Varilek - 3 Feet 2 Inches
Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club
- Hole 6- Longest Putt
Kevin Dailey - 24 Feet 11 Inches
Elkhorn Ridge Golf Club
- Hole 8- Closest 2nd Shot
Dustin Materi - In the Hole!!!
The Golf Club at Devil’s Tower



Happy Birthdays!

Evelyn Schmalz

Happy 100th Birthday!
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Pat Habeck

Pat Habeck, long time area piano teacher celebrated her 80th Birthday on July 23. Granddaughter Mikayla Pesicka submitted the photo. Happy Birthday!



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The Optimistic Gardener

Staying Positive is Key to Gardening Success

The following is the first garden column for the Belle Fourche Beacon and marks the return of Richard Wells, owner of Homestead Nursery, to a regular gardening column in our community newspaper.

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After 30 years of gardening in Belle Fourche and working with gardeners at Homestead Nursery, I can still say I am upbeat about gardening and the rewards that come from working with plants. With the return of a local newspaper, I would like to share some of my observations with local gardeners along the way.

It is not easy to garden in our area- we lay claim to some of the most extreme weather around and our soils are far from ideal. Holding the world records for sudden temperature change makes life interesting in the Black Hills, but plants and trees have a hard time adjusting. Temperatures may drop to below -40 degrees and rise well past the century mark. There is too little or sometimes too much rain, punishing wind and destruction by hail. Nevertheless, the rewards are still there for those who make the effort to plant, water & weed. Gardeners here rise to the challenge to find food for the body and the soul.

This growing season has had its ups and downs, but it



is encouraging to see more green than usual, even into the dog days of summer.

As for problems, the most serious plant problem I have been seeing and hearing about is fireblight. Fireblight is a bacterial disease which affects apple, crabapple, pear, mountain ash (not ash) and a few other plants. The first signs of this disease are leaves shriveling and curling, with a brownish burned look; stems began to turn dark and the disease progresses down the stem and can kill the tree.

There is preventive treatment possible with antibiotics like streptomycin, but

once you see the symptoms, affected areas need to be pruned out. Pruning should be done at least several inches past visible changes to make sure you are into clean wood, with some disinfectant (like a 1/10 chlorox solution) to dip the pruners in; clean up well after pruning. If pruned effectively, fireblight can be controlled, but there is a lot of it in the area (mostly on old apple or crabapple trees).

Fireblight can also infect the shrub Cotoneaster, (one of our best hedge plants) as recently reported by a local resident.

The big news is the Emerald Ash Borer being found in South Dakota, with the expectation that ash trees will be decimated across the state when the borer starts to move. This borer from China has no natural enemies here and is nearly 100% fatal to green ash, which is our most common tree in shelterbelts and elsewhere. Protective measures can be taken, but need to be repeated.

So what should we be planting instead of ash? That is the beginning of a conversation, but I think we should begin to reconsider the elm (disease-resistant varieties). There are not that many trees we can grow here, so the choices are limited. Considering what happens when one kind of tree is over-planted (like ash or elm in previous generations), it would be prudent to plant a variety of trees, not all of any one, and not to put all our eggs in one basket.

With the demise of the ash tree looming, time to consider planting replacements. As the Chinese proverb goes- the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, the second best time is today.

Questions or comments can be sent to news@bellefourchebeacon.com with "The Optimistic Gardener" in the subject line.

Belle Fourche Area Civic Meetings

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

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

BFACC August 16
4:00 pm - BFACC

Center of the Nation Business Association,
August 21 5:30 PM
Americinn breakfast room

From B4
GENERATIONS

were almost a black-market item. The fixture was for sale for \$120.00 about four times their normal cost, but so rare Jack gave the store owner the \$120 and loaded up and proceeded to the motel. Jack had just spent \$120 of the \$121 he had in his pocket for the honeymoon trip. He got to the motel without enough money to pay for the room (\$9 he thought). He told the motel owner if he would take the toilet as collateral he'd call his mother and have her wire him money to pay for the motel room in the morning. The motel owner agreed, and his mother wired the money in the morning.

The Wells Plumbing business started out of the basement of the Omaha Street house in 1948. The plumbing business grew, and he quit the lumber business in 1950 and moved his plumbing supplies to the Butte County Motor's building. In 1956, instead of competing with Jack, the Lumber company bought his plumbing business and made him a partner in their business. Montgomery Lumber sold out to Saunder's and Young in 1966 and once again Jack was an independent plumb-



Wells Plumbing has been located on Hwy. 85/ 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche since 1977.

ing business. The business was at the east end of State Street from 1966 to 1970, then moved to 5th Avenue location (currently the site of Turbeville Electric). They were there until 1977 when the business relocated to its present location on Highway 85/5th Avenue. We take it for granted, but Well's Plumbing was the first business in western South Dakota to inventory and sell plastic pipe for plumbing (1959).

Mary Ann, his life's companion, has been side by side with him since his first porcelain toilet. She also started "Wells Real Estate" in 1964. Her time commitments to Jack's business activities led to closing the real estate in 1972.

It was about this time that son Alan went to work in the plumbing business. He was involved with his

Dad working part time and summers until high school graduation in 1971 after which he attended Mitchell Vocational Technical School and graduated from its electrical program. Upon return to Belle Fourche, he worked one summer for Cliff's Electric (Cliff Bruggeman) and then asked his dad if he could return to work in the plumbing business. He has continued on and after the 2003 fire and remodel became the owner of Well's Plumbing. The business has since expanded both in size and inventory. Allan has further developed the property with a home, a car wash, townhomes and the present Dairy Queen building.

The present location when purchased by the Wells was the Simmons Farm. The acreage included the property along 5th Avenue as well as land behind. Jack started Robb House Antiques on the grounds of the Homestead Nursery in 1981. Mrs. Robb who had lived in the house was a Simmons.

In 1987 son Richard returned to Belle Fourche from a career in the health care industry and with the able assistance of Mary Ann opened Homestead Nursery in 1988. Pardon the pun, but what was started then has "grown" in to what it is today. Daughter Linda has also worked a time in the nursery. Daughter Barbara

who lives in Oregon has not been involved in any of the Belle Fourche businesses.

Jack, few short years ago had a large auction sale where he sold most of the Robb House antiques. He had a few "leftovers" from that sale and has since added/collected additional items and still sells antiques.

One story about Jack that is not common knowledge relates to the Black Hills Roundup. He was an unwitting accomplice in a "money laundering" episode. After his return from WWII he joined the local VFW and became the Quartermaster of that organization. In 1948, as well as some other years, the VFW had the beer and soda concessions at the annual Roundup. Jack as Quartermaster was in charge of the receipts. He left the Roundup grounds at the end of the last day of the 1948 celebration with \$1500 cash in his pocket. He took off his clothes and retired for the night. Next morning being a "return to work" day he put on his work clothes and headed to work with no thought of the cash in his good pants. Later, when he returned home he found his new bride had washed his Roundup pants money still in the pocket. After washing she dutifully hung the pants and the cash on the line to dry. Definitely a case of "money laundering".



Jack Wells started Robb House Antiques on 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche in 1981.



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ROUNDUP

a three day event schedule during the 4th of July and eventual stopped having a July 4th rodeo. The 1924 Belle Fourche Bee reported 40,000 people would be in attendance. “Wild Horses, Wild Steers, Wild Men, and Wild Women all join in Twisting the Tiger’s tail and making three-Wild Days and Nights.” The “wild” women were rodeo contestants as well. The July 7, 1927 Belle Fourche Post headline read, “NEARLY 50,000 FROM 45 STATES PACK TOWN TO SEE GREAT RODEO”. President Coolidge’s attendance in 1927 must have been great advertising because the July 6, 1928 Belle Fourche Bee read, “The largest crowd ever assembled on the grounds of the Tri-State Roundup enjoyed the program of western sports on July 4, 1928, that pleased President Coolidge in 1927. The came from practically every state in the Union, and several foreign countries”. The crowd for the 11th Annual Tri-State Roundup was estimated at 55,000. The paper’s subtitle read, “Three Bands, Three Dances, Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel,

Swings, Concessions Galore, Big Hats, Colorful Shirts and Neckerchiefs Mark Big Event”. The large crowds in the early days of the Roundup were accommodated by “Special Train Service”. The June 30, 1921 Belle Fourche Bee reported, “The officials of the Northwestern Railroad have granted special trains to Belle Fourche July 4, 5, 6 from Rapid City, Lead, Deadwood, and Newell. Trains leave Rapid City at 9 o’clock a.m.; Lead at 9:30; Deadwood 10:00 o’clock; Newell 10:00 o’clock. These trains leave Belle Fourche at 10:00 o’clock p.m. Special trains, in addition to the regular morning train service from Rapid, Deadwood, and Lead, will give those who do not possess autos, or do not care to drive, an opportunity to come by train and get home the same evening.” The Roundup continued on through the depression and ran every year until 1942 when the May 24, 1942 Belle Fourche Bee reported, “The 1942 Black Hills Roundup was cancelled because of stringent rationing regulations which are expected to begin July 1”. The members of the Bit and Spur club would plan a horse show supplemented with amateur

Roundup events and other entertainment features for a full July 4th celebration in Belle Fourche. A similar event was held over the 4th in 1943, but the June 29, 1944 edition of the Belle Fourche Bee announced that Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week are Black Hills Roundup Days and would mark the Silver Anniversary (25th) of “West’s Premier Event”. 1969 was the 50th Black Hills Roundup and 1994 marked the 75th. This group of “Hall of Famers” are returning home from Colorado Springs to start thinking ahead to July 4th of 2019 and the 100th Black Hills Roundup. A lot of history has proceeded them. Black Hills Roundup 100 Years 1918-2019. A note of thanks for assistance and guidance to the historical documents that provided the necessary information in this article to Doug Engebretson. Doug is a local writer and historian who will be publishing a new book that is scheduled to be available in time for next years 100th Black Hills Roundup Celebration. “Ridin’ ‘Em High, Wide and Han’som: The First Fifty Years of the Black Hills Roundup”.

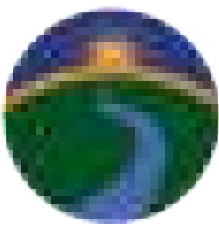
Grand River Roundup

Betty Olson
For the Beacon

This week was an exciting week, even if it was hot and dry. The thermometer registered 100 degrees here on Friday with a terrible wind that blew one of our steel cake bins over the steel fence into the lot by the lambing shed and knocked a lot of huge branches off the trees, some so heavy I could hardly drag them out of the yard for the guys to haul to the dump. Almost twenty years ago my mother gave me an apple tree that came up in her yard in Bison near her old apple tree and this was the first year it had apples on it. The wind blew so hard that most of the apples wound up on the ground and the electricity was out for several hours that evening. After all that, we only got just barely over a tenth of an inch of rain. The hot, dry weather has really dried the prairie up and started the fire season. There have been at least five fires in the area this week and there will probably be a lot more, so keep your fire-fighting units full of water and ready to go. Kayla (Nelson) Spickelmier also had a baby boy in Spearfish on Sunday, but I don’t have all the details

for her little man. Miles Spickelmier didn’t run his steer at the Bison rodeo that afternoon because he did just like Taz and headed to the hospital for the birth of their baby instead. Congratulations! I was on ambulance duty at the county fair rodeo in Bison all day Sunday and when I got home that evening I saw that I’d missed a couple calls from Taz so I called him back at the hospital. He wanted me to give Lance a call to let him know about the baby and to apologize for not seeing them at the rodeo Saturday night. Lance had already figured out what the deal was, but he was tickled to hear the details about his new relative. With two new little boys in the neighborhood, I’ll leave you with this joke our daughter Teri Dee sent me: Two little boys, ages 3 and 5, are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved. The boys’ mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed,

but he asked to see them individually. The mother sent the 3 year old in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, “Do you know where God is, son?” The boy’s mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, “Where is God?! Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy’s face and bellowed, “WHERE IS GOD?!” The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home & dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, “What happened?” The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, “We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!”



Happy 60th Anniversary!



Ron and Virginia Proefrock celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married July 18, 1958



ALL CAR RALLY CHECK PRESENTATION
Doug Kraft from the Center of the Nation All Car Rally presents a \$250 donation check to Brian Aspen from the Butte County Child Protection Team. The All Car Rally donates every year to local charities as a thank you to the community for their support of the event.



Roundup Wreck Couldn't Stop This Garrett

A short time later after Show Me Again, PRCA bronc of the year, instead of bucking ran straight out from

the chute to the middle of the arena, stuck his nose in the dirt and created a phenomenal wreck, the cowboy

was carried out of the arena to an ambulance and rushed of to receive further medical treatment.

The stunned audience sent him off with prayers of deep concern.

A short time later he returned to arena conscious, walking, and sore, but okay and looking for his re-ride horse.

He was dissuaded, not by his recent ambulance ride and people's concern for his wellbeing, but when others insisted that the re-ride wasn't good enough to score well on.

Shorty is a tremendous rodeo athlete in his own right, but you can't help but think that the get up and get back on attitude was inherited from Holloway and Garrett genetics.



Photo taken in the "Crash Tent" behind the chutes at the 2018 Roundup shortly after Eagle Butte bronc rider Shorty Garrett fell under his horse..



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Historic Sly House on Harding Street

This story also correct an error from the June 28th Belle Fourche Beacon.

Lee Brooks came to the Black Hills in 1881, and worked for the VVV ranch, where Billy Moses was foreman. He built a small house on the lot in 1891-2 and served as Chief of Police for about 20 years. In 1904 Myron J. Smiley bought the home and in 1914 remodeled the existing house, by building a basement and new main floor, using the small remodeled house as the 2nd story/upstairs. Mr. Smiley and his wife Catherine were prominent people in early Belle Fourche. He was a wealthy business man who made his money as a sheep rancher.

After Mr. Smiley's untimely death from cancer in 1959 at the age of 57, Mrs. Smiley sold the house to family friends, Dr. and Mrs. Chasell. They lived in the house for 13 years, then sold it to the Sly Family. Elliot Sly and his sons Randolph and Eugene ran Sly's Grocery Store for many years.

In 1960 the Sly family sold the home to Maryalys Sheldon. Her son Harold Sheldon, Jr. (Shag), and his family lived here until his passing when Mr. & Mrs. Harold Sheldon Sr. moved into the




house and lived until their deaths in 1972.

The house sold at an estate auction and was purchased by Zola Crago Austin. Her family live there until March 1990 when she sold the house to area rancher and business man Jack and Denise Foster. An addition and extensive remodeling was completed in 1991 by the Fosters. The Fosters later relocated to Florida and in 2007 the home went on the auction block with the new owners being Ferman and Barbara Thomas Clarkson.

The house identified in the the photo in first issue of the Beacon had incorrect historical data. Home of the Week on page 4 of the June 28, 2918, issue should have read: Gay-Frerichs Home, 704 Harding Street.

The home was built around 1905 for Thomas Haskins

Gay who was from Connecticut and was later occupied by his daughter, Maude Gay Frerichs. The home was placed on the National Historical Register in 1982.



PACK THE BUS

First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche has been teaming up with BF School District 9-1 for their annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign. The need in our community was recognized over ten years ago and First Interstate Bank joined in on the "drive" to collect school supplies needed for students for the upcoming year. The drive has kicked off with the placement of the bus to be stuffed in the parking lot of the bank at 41 5th Avenue. Items can be dropped off anytime during bank hours Monday through Friday (900 AM to 4:00 PM). The drive runs through the middle of September and list of needed items can be found on the Districts website at belle-fourcheschools.org.

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Black Hills Wagon Train Ride Expected to Attract 200 Riders from 22 States

From August 13-18th a wagon train will snake it's way through the Black Hills. The 2018 Black Hills Wagon Train Ride is expected to attract 200 riders from 22 states.

This ride, seeking to emphasize the history and beauty of the Black Hills, will start at the old Hook ranch near Buckhorn, Wyoming and wind through the cool high country of the West Central Black Hills following portions and visiting stops on the original Cheyenne to Deadwood routes. The trail will also follow portions of the historic 1874 Custer Black Hills Expedition and visit Custer's campsites.

Anyone is welcome to join the wagon train for an evening meal and entertainment at any one of the campsite locations.

Find more information online at the Days of '76 Rodeo Facebook page.



COMING August 23-24th

Lynn's Dakotamart 2-Day "Fill it Fresh" sale

You'll be able to Fill the grocery bag to the top with "Fresh" sale items.

Friendly, Efficient employees at Lynn's

Several National Street businesses, including Lynn's are planning their 2nd Annual National Street Block Party, August 24-25th. Among activities being planned is a Hot Dog eating contest. Watch August 23rd Beacon for more details!





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Tri-State Seeks Community Assistance with "Downtown Belle Fourche" Project

Tri-State seeks community assistance with "Downtown Belle Fourche" artifacts, photos and memories

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center will open a new temporary exhibit entitled "Our Downtown: Belle Fourche through the Years" on Saturday, September 15th. But they are requesting help from Belle Fourche citizens of today and yesterday to gather materials for the exhibit.

"We have some photos from the early years and a smattering of artifacts from decades since then," said director Kristi Thielen. "But like many history museums of our size, we lack the ability to go out and acquire artifacts and photos. We have only what has been donated to us and we are short on items from mid-century on."

Like other temporary exhibits, "Our Downtown" will be on the three jointed wooden panels that line the center of the museum. It will include photos, artifacts, storyboards and a children's table. A large photo of early



Belle will anchor the exhibit, but this will be changed at holiday time to include the festive vintage photo of a snowy downtown Belle Fourche decorated with Christmas lights.

"That nostalgic Christmas photo is especially popular with people in Belle Fourche; I know a number of folks who've come in requesting a copy of it," said Thielen.

"Downtown" does not mean just State Street, but the business district in general. Some of the artifacts already in the museum's possession include calendars, circulars, a yardstick from a hardware store, a shirt from a gas station attendant and a sack from a grocery store. But anything that come from a downtown merchant and has the name of the business

on it would be welcome.

Since this is a temporary exhibit, items can be loaned and will be returned when the exhibit closes in January 2019.

Thielen is particularly anxious for people to provide memories or anecdotes about experiences they've had in downtown Belle through the years. "You can write them yourself or you could call me to be interviewed, and I can write it for you. Stories like that really enrich an exhibit and make it something especially meaningful to visitors."

The deadline to have items, photos or stories to the museum is September 10th, so there is ample time to put the exhibit together in time for the opening.

If you have an item for "Our Downtown: Belle Fourche through the Years," you may take it to the museum and visitor center at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. Email written items to kristi@bellefourche.org or call 605-723-1200.

July and December. The next First Saturday Brunch will be on September 1. For more information about this and other programs held at the Tri-State, check the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com or call 605-723-1200.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche.

Mason's Celebrates 20 Years

Sally Mason

Special for the Beacon

Mason's 5th Ave was established in August 1998 after the closure of Homestake Gold Mine forced Bill & Sally Mason of Lead to look for another way of supporting their family of six. Wimpy's Kwik Stop convenience store in Belle Fourche happened to be for sale and thus Mason's 5th Ave journey began.

Since Bill worked in the electrical dept at Homestake and Sally ran Sunshine Mtn. Preschool, convenience store experience was zero. Fortunately the kids stepped up. Daughter Beth, with a business management, came on board to manage the store. Throughout the 20 years, son Grant helped with management of both Mason's & BuckStop and daughters Sarah and Rebecca did whatever needed. After a law enforcement career, son-in-law Paul Sutter joined the BuckStop Sporting Goods and now several grandchildren are getting job experience. Family commitment & involvement seems to have helped Mason's get the reputation of what many customers call the "hometown" convenience store.

Structural changes were made throughout the years with the addition of the Phillips 66 brand, new pumps, a canopy (which totally illuminates the neighborhood); BuckStop Sporting Goods, two casinos, Center of the Nation gift shop (where you'll find our Strawberry

Margarita Jam) and the Mason Jar kitchen which specializes in homemade food made convenient. Breakfast is ready at 3:30 am when the store opens and homemade luncheon entrees, desserts & salads are all ready to grab & go. Plus the Mason Jar has the distinction of improving air quality of Belle Fourche with the aroma of banana bread which remains a customer favorite.

In appreciation of our loyal customers, Mason's & BuckStop will have an anniversary party Aug 24 from 11 am until 6 pm with free food, samples, prizes and storewide discounts which include LipSense products, collectible dolls and items at BuckStop Sporting Goods. From 11:30 am -1:30 pm SD Lottery will offer specials on scratch tickets and drawings. To "get in the mood", 20 daily drawings for free Mason Jar food items will be held until August 24 when many larger prizes like a retro A & W bicycle will be given away.

Living in Belle Fourche has been a blessing and our customers are the best. We have many great memories to cherish as we go forth in our quest to, in some small way, make Belle a better place.



First Saturday Brunch on "Bees and our Environment" Draws 122

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center's August 4th First Saturday Brunch drew an audience of 122 people. The presentation was on "Bees and Our Environment" and was given by long-time beekeeper Jerry Owens.

Owens' power point detailed the business of beekeeping and the importance

of bees to the pollination of many crops. He also addressed the dangerous die-off currently taking place among bees and the various factors that cause this, including the use of specific pesticides.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center holds a First Saturday Brunch each month of the year except for