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Black Hills Roundup Readies for 99th

Four Nights of PRCA Rodeo and Two Nights of Fireworks Return as the Roundup Committee is Inducted into Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame



Photo courtesy Jodie Baxendale

Powder River Rodeo will provide bucking stock for 30th year.

Let 'er Buck for the 99th Year

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BELLE FOURCHE- Clay Crago takes a deep breath as he surveys the historic Roundup rodeo grounds on a warm Wednesday afternoon in late June. The first-year Committee Chairman stands underneath the brand-new VIP and thinks for a moment about all those who have come before him to make the 99th Black Hills Roundup possible.

"There's no telling how many thousands of people have come and gone from this deal and how many other volunteers have put their heart and soul in this over the years," he says. "Every one of them has been striving to make this rodeo better and better for the next generation and that's where I'm at."

And in 2018, on the eve of their centennial celebration, the Black Hills Roundup Committee will receive a rare honor. They



will be inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame this August in Colorado Springs.

"It's a real feather in our cap as a community," he says. "There are not too many places that can say folks have stepped up to keep an event going for 100 years. It's a lot of volunteers, a lot of sponsors and a lot of rodeo fans."

Again this year the event will feature four performances of PRCA rodeo action and two nights of fireworks. The additional perf and extra night of fireworks were added last year as the event cements its place in the traditional 4th of July weekend, known as "Cowboy Christmas" to rodeo contestants.

And again this year there will be a Ranch Rodeo to kick things off and the crowning of Miss Rodeo South Dakota. Added this year will be a Miss Roundup Rodeo Queen competition. For more on the rodeo including schedule and parade information, see section B.

Rain Slows 8th Ave. Work

Hopes Remain to Have Street Ready for 4th of July Parade

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BELLE FOURCHE - Heavy Constructors, the Rapid City contractor doing the 8th Avenue Utility and Roadway Improvements has looked like they've suffered the punishment of Sisyphus, the king in Greek mythology who rolled an immense boulder up a hill only for it to roll down again time after time. Heavy suffered through a long cold snowy winter that put the brakes on any chance of any construction progress.

Just when construction season is back in full swing Mother Nature

Local Newspaper Returns to Belle Fourche

BY DOUGLAS COLE

Editor and Publisher

Bringing back a local newspaper from the slow and miserable death we witnessed in Belle Fourche is a difficult and exacting task. Most of the models for starting a newspaper were written in the 1800's. In addition, you get to start from dead flat nothing. No subscribers. No advertisers. No news contributors. No mailing addresses. No trained employees. I made a call earlier this year to the Executive Director of the South Dakota Newspaper Associa-

tion. I told him who I was and that I was thinking of restarting a newspaper in Belle Fourche and did he have any advice? He said, "take two aspirin and get a good night's sleep. Maybe you won't feel that way in the morning." In spite of that comical response what I have received is a lot of positive support from people and businesses in Belle. How they miss the local paper. How we need more reporting on what's going on in local governing bodies.

My first job in life was

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Hey Hay... Goodbye

The Hay Creek Substation at the corner of Lawrence and 6th Avenue is going away. A large crane was moved in recently to begin removal of the transformers. The high voltage substation has been in use for more than 50 years. But it is no longer needed according to Black Hills Energy.

To find out what will take its place, see page A5.



Ready to Make its Move

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This house, built by the high school's industrial arts homebuilding class, was part of a joint project with Belle Fourche Economic Development to provide available and affordable workforce

housing in Belle Fourche.

In a matter of days it will be making its move to its permanent home on a new foundation on Elkhorn Street. But it will be a circuitous journey.

SEE HOUSE A5



Crews plan to have gravel in place at street level for the 4th parade.

decides to gift us with an abundance of moisture that everyone, except those working on 8th Avenue love. Bret Olson, heavy Constructors, is working diligently to have his



Bret Olson

crews make the best out of a bad situation. Heavy is committed, as the saying goes "come heck or

high water" to have State street open for the Round Up cattle drive and the July 4th Parade.

As of this writing, the lake in front of the Post Office looks more like water skiing than Round Up, but the pumps are running and progress prepares for the Parade.



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Obituary

Doris E. Finch, 91



Doris E. Finch, age 91 of Fruitdale SD, died Friday, June 22, 2018 at the Transitional Care Unit of the Belle Fourche Healthcare Center.

Services will be held in New York at a later date.

Doris is survived by her daughters, Joan Finch of Fruitdale, Dianne Smith of Cincinnatus NY, Kathy Beardsley of Greene NY; son, Steve Finch of Maricopa AZ; 11 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

LEVERINGTON FUNERAL HOME OF THE NORTHERN HILLS

It's a funeral home owned by a husband and wife who help people say goodbye – and to them, this is much more than a business. It is a calling and a way of life. They serve the western South Dakota region and they love to help people. People often say to them, "We see something different about the way you care for people. We can see it's not just a job to you." They would be honored to help you.



They work hard at serving the community in many ways. Mark has served almost 10 years on the Black Hills Roundup Board of Directors, and he's been Chairman of the Parade for seven. Deb volunteers on the board of directors for the Belle Fourche Chamber. They financially support many great organizations as well. You see them involved because they think it's important to give something back to this great community.

You can trust them because the reason they do what they do is they really care about people.

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Thomas Pruett, Minister at the Northern Hills Church of Christ on S. Hwy 85

A Better Question

It's easy yet inherently unhelpful to ask what people or organizations need. Not only may you not be able to provide that specific thing but often they don't know in that exact moment. For example, new parents are often inundated with "what do you needs," but, from my own experience, have absolutely no idea.

Far better is instead working the opposite way. Romans 12:4-8 tells us that God has given each person unique gifts and talents that we're to use in our service, and that like a physical body those ways of service don't look or even function the same way, yet are all important. It's a much better question to ask, "What is it I can and enjoy doing?" and then take the initia-

tive to find ways to do it. If you cook, ask those new parents when you can bring a meal. If you garden, find a spare patch of grass. If you sing, can say a kind word, offer a service, or make someone laugh, don't wait to be asked. Instead, let us look and actively find ways to serve one another. Service is not a passive activity, let us not be either.

Belle Fourche Church Schedules

BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH
1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche
605-569-8380
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
1/2 Mile east on hwy 34 · 210-1374
Kenny Ridley, 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 Professor
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: 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship

FIRST BAPTIST
807 8th ave., · 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesday:
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

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

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
901 Laurel St. Whitewood
(605)-920-1959
Reverend Jill Jennewein
Sunday:
9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult and Teen Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (ABA) · 2.2 miles east on Hwy 34
723-1092
Sunday: 10 a.m. worship service

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
601 Day Street · 605-630-9567
Pastor Andrew Kainbach
Sunday School:
10 a.m.
Sunday Worship:
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Bible Study: Thursday @ 7 p.m.

NEW COVENANT PCA
1140 Ames St. Spearfish · 642-1122
Jason Dalton, Pastor
Sunday:
10 a.m. Worship Service

NORTHERN HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST
5 miles south of Belle Fourche on Hwy 85 · 642-7167
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.

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

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

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

UNITED METHODIST
1804 Sventh Ave. · 892-2405
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

COMMUNITY COWBOY CHURCH SERVICE
SUNDAY - JULY 1, 2018 3:00PM
BELLE FOURCHE COMMUNITY HALL 512 6TH AVE.

Welcome
Belle Fourche Mayor Gloria Landphere
And
BH Roundup Chairman Clay Crago

Speakers:
Chad Nicholson
BH Roundup PRCA Rodeo Announcer
Kay Marrs
2018 Miss Rodeo South Dakota
Vern Ward and Family
Fruitdale family Sharing Music and Their Story

Music:
Dave Wagner and Friends

Closing thoughts and prayers for the community and the Black Hills Roundup.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Belle Fourche United Methodist Church
Come as You Are
Pastor Bob Duemig
Sun Worship 10:30am
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Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018 Fairgrounds, Nisland, SD

Social Hour with 4-H Youth 5:30 - 6pm
Instrumental Music and Dinner served at 6pm
Wed. Aug. 1 Nisland Fairgrounds

Why Attend? Proceeds from this event will benefit Butte-Lawrence County youth (ages 15-18) in the form of stipends to attend national leadership events including Citizenship Washington Focus in our nation's capital, 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship, and other national 4-H conferences.

Who is Hosting? The Redwater Youth Leadership Fund has been established by 4-H leaders, parents, and community supporters with a vision to foster national youth leadership opportunities.

We believe investing in our youth will create brighter future communities!

How Can You Support This Effort?

- Platinum Sponsorship:** \$1000 donation receives 8 steak fondue tickets, a banner with business or family name/logo displayed at the fondue event, two 10x10 brand boards (one to be displayed at the Butte-Lawrence County Fair and one for the sponsor to display at their business), and inclusion of the sponsor's name/logo in pre-event social media promotions.
- Gold Sponsorship:** \$500 donation receives 4 steak fondue tickets, a 10x10 brand board to be displayed at the Butte-Lawrence County Fair, and inclusion of the sponsor's name/logo in pre-event social media promotions.
- Silver Sponsorship:** \$250 donation sponsors a 10x10 brand board to be displayed at the Butte-Lawrence County Fair. (For more info on the brand boards contact Kim Smeenk at 605.892.5699.)
- Individual tickets** are available for purchase for \$50/person. Tickets are pre-sale and will only be available through July 14.
- Silent Sponsorship:** If you are unable to attend the fondue, but would still like to make a donation to invest in Butte-Lawrence youth leadership opportunities, any amount is appreciated.

To purchase tickets or a sponsorship contact:
Butte-Lawrence 4-H Office 605.892.3371
or Holly (Reich) Main 605-210-0020

REDWATER YOUTH LEADERSHIP FUND
INSPIRING BRIGHTER FUTURES



Go Belle Fourche!

From Chamber Director Gary Wood



Welcome to the Belle Fourche Beacon weekly newspaper. As a Chamber we appreciate having a hometown newspaper again. We wish the Belle Fourche Beacon well with this inaugural edition. Thanks for the free advertising as well.

There have been a lot of positive changes in the past few months, and as a Chamber we are pleased with our progress as well as that of our great community. After I gave my Facebook Live report a of couple weeks ago, someone texted me and said, "People can no longer say 'there is nothing to do in Belle Fourche'." As I prepare for my radio and Facebook announcements, I agree. What is going on? Many fine residents of Belle Fourche have stepped up to serve on existing or new committees. One of the newest - Bring Belle



Back - has applied for 501(c)3 status and aims to help restore our business district. The city's 'Revitalize Belle Fourche' keeps coming up with new ideas for how to beautify Belle and encourage community

spirit. The Center of the Nation Concert Association has planned some fun concerts for the summer, and Hometown Thursdays has more vendors, new activities and great bands. In this edition of the beacon you'll find an article on place making. Please read it. It will help you understand current community trends and give you some insight in why groups like those I've mentioned and many others in our city are so actively pursuing making Belle Fourche a desirable place to be. These groups and committees could always use your help. Please consider volunteering and getting involved.

The Chamber also could use someone to lend a hand from time to time. We are grateful to the folks at Wells Fargo who volunteered to stuff all our visitor bags! The Historic Roosevelt Events center needs volunteers for painting, clean up, grounds maintenance and more. The Senior Center needs someone to do maintenance and lawn care.

If we are going to continue to be a community where "good things are happening," we need more members of our community to get involved. I know that many of you are new to our area. You may just have skills that one or more of these organizations need! Come forward, call the Chamber and we'll help introduce you to a group or committee. Belle Fourche can only benefit from caring members of the community working together.



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working at a home town local weekly newspaper. Back then I was known as a "printer's devil" and would come home, to my mother's chagrin, with dark black ink from elbow to elbow. It was a world of handset headlines, linotypes, and one sheet at a time printing. Linotypes gave way to Compugraphic equipment and newspapers enter the world of cut and paste pages and off-set printing. A short time later that gave way to the Mac Computer, email files, pdf's, and I phone photos. Technology has made the production of a paper more efficient, but presents its 21's century challenges as well.

If you care about what the government is up to, if you want to understand your city's issues and how governing bodies spend your tax dollars, if you want to feel and share a sense of community, then a source of local news and information is very important.

The age of internet and social media is upon us, but no community should be willing to set by and let others determine what is in our own best interest. We can be thankful that the Black Hills Pioneer stepped up and has provided coverage of Belle Fourche when the RC Journal closed our local paper, but for the long term we do need our own local paper promoting our local community and the businesses that are here. There is a short space filler that appears occasionally in the Pioneer that says, "Support our Local Shops and Restaurants". I agree, but our local shops and restaurants are and always will be in Belle Fourche, not Spearfish. A newspaper is vital, but let's follow the Pioneer's advice spend our dollars locally and grow and strengthen our community and its businesses. The hometown newspaper still has a vital position in the local affairs of our town. What happens each week

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Hometown Thursday Nights



Hometown Thursday Night committee Volunteers work the concessions at the third Thursday of the summer. The crowds have been growing each week. Unlike other projects on State Street, so far weather has been their friend.

Communities Need Local Newspapers

Reprinted from the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association Newsletter, written by Roland Thompson, executive director for Allied Daily Newspapers.

Newspapers are an absolute necessity for economically healthy and civically active communities.

I believed this before recent events, but now I know it to be completely true. I have seen it with my own eyes.

A family friend passed away a few weeks ago and we journeyed to our hometown to attend the memorial service.

The town is small and has not grown much since I waited for the school bus under the Pop. 1,482 sign through most of the 1960s, but it was a vibrant and vital little burg and my folks owned the weekly newspaper at the heart of that small city.

In actuality, the newspaper owned us, because week after week, as the seasons revolved and the years came and went, we served it a steady and varied diet of public notices, news, sports, police reports, ads, weddings, meetings, births, deaths, graduations, honor rolls, military enlistments,

fires, accidents, lots of civic improvements, awards, elections, big fish, homecoming queens, old timers, fundraisers and anything else we deemed interesting that would hold still long enough to have a photo taken.

This announcing and recording went on in that small town at the little newspaper through the terms of 23 US presidents, two world wars, two world depressions, countless booms and busts, a major epidemic, floods, fires, a devastating volcano eruption and all of Washington's statehood.

Clippings of great events both large and small were saved in scrapbook, bibles and wallets.

Our newspaper went to subscribers all over the county and to our town's sons and daughters all over the world.

Now, it no longer does. In attending the funeral in my hometown, I lived through an experience similar to the one at the heart of the popular Christmas film, "It's a

Wonderful Life." Much like Jimmy Stewart's character in the film, I got a chance to see what my little "Bedford Falls" would be like if the little newspaper wasn't there for the community. My first inkling that things had changed began when I asked about people I had expected to see who were not in attendance.

I was told it was harder to get the word out about funerals and other local events in a way that the items would be in a much

larger daily newspaper circulation in the area. Not everyone subscribes to the large newspaper and items about the small town tend to be lost in larger context.

After the service I continued to get an earful from my old friends about the decline of community institutions because of a lack of publicity, reporting and interest.

School events are more poorly attended and bond levies are more difficult

THOMPSON A5

FIND GREAT PLANTS & SAVE!
Homestead Nursery
 South Hwy. 85 in Belle Fourche
 Summer Hours: 9-5 Mon.-Sat.

Big Lottery Sale on Annual Plants
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 + Orange Sale Tags for our lowest prices
 on selected trees & shrubs

It's Roundup Time!
 THAT MEANS IT'S TIME TO
 STOP AT PETE'S CLOTHING



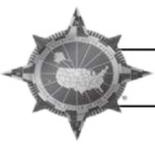
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First Home of the Week is Historic Home on Harding Street



This week's Home of the Week is the historic house located at 704 Harding Street

Revitalize Belle Fourche has selected its first "Home of the Week," for its summer-long program of recognizing outstanding homefronts. The winner for the first week is at 704 Harding Street. This staturesque home and well-tended yard is owned by the Coyles. It is a historic home, having once been owned by the Sly family. It was lived in by several generations of that family, including Gene Sly who operated Sly's Grocery in downtown Belle Fourche. The Coyles 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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with our businesses, in our schools, and in our city and county government affects all of us.

Also, unless it's for the wrong reason, everyone likes to read their name or see their picture in the newspaper, and if it is for the wrong reason everybody else likes to read about it! Continuation of the publication of that "local" news reflects a community purpose that cannot be found anywhere else. A reported, printed common knowledge of facts and details that bind citizens together who live and grow together.

From birth announcements to obituaries, the newspaper is the best source to know what happened and what will be happening in the lives of the members of our community. Belle Fourche has a rich and deep history of people and events that have shaped who and what we are as a community. Our goal is to grow into that history and be part of Belle Fourche's continued prosperity.

It has been proven that in communities that have lost a newspaper attendance at school and community events decreases, because they don't have a paper to tell them and remind them

when an event takes place. Lack of promotion of local business leads people to make other choices (out of town).

We live in a world where the Internet and social media play an increasing part of what we are about. The role of a local newspaper definitely has changed with the rise of today's information tools. At this point in history the role of a newspaper regarding what happened and what will happen is changing, but it is still a vital role to play. Written down and in black and white is not novel its essential. It's a permanent record that doesn't depend on technology to preserve. Quotes from people (politicians in particular) when written down speak for themselves and cannot be changed with the prevailing wind.

A newspaper today doesn't need to surrender to the internet age, but the value of it's role is still there, and it must be part of the growth and transition. Use the best of what's available in technology to compliment the printed word and serve as directory of information to the websites and social media platforms of today. This commentary is an open invitation to all of you to offer advice and input as to what you'd like to see in your home town paper.



Guess who just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary? Check page A5 if you need the answer!

Recent Rains Raise Prospect for Hay Crop

BELLE FOURCHE-Recent June rains have brought some welcome relief to Butte County ranchers who are optimistic about a more abundant forage harvest this year. After about 2 1/2 years of a leaner hay crop some producers are hoping for an early cutting in July and perhaps a total of four for the season.

Rainfall amounts averaged 1" to upwards of 3" in some places as stream began to run

near bank full this past weekend. But so far no widespread flooding was reported.

The rain has made work on the 8th Street project a bit more tedious. And grounds crews will be working double time to get the rodeo grounds in shape for the start of the Black Hills Roundup this weekend.

But Black Hills Roundup Chairman Clay Crago is optimistic with a bit sunnier weather this week and some warmer temperatures. The National Weather Service in Rapid City has forecasted a bit more sunshine with a slight chance of showers this weekend.



Belle Fourche Community Farmers Market

Every Thursday • 4-6pm • June-October
Roosevelt Events Center Grounds
1010 State St • Belle Fourche
(in case of bad weather, market will be moved into the gym)

The Community Farmers Market is back for its 3rd season!

Come shop local artisans, bakers, farmers, ranchers, crafters and more selling their goods and wares. If it's home-made, hand-made or home-grown, we have it!

VENDOR CONTACT: BF Chamber 605.892.2676



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HISTORIC ROOSEVELT EVENTS CENTER GYM
PART OF THE 'ROOF THE ROOSEVELT' 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

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EVENTS@BELLEFOURCHECHAMBER.ORG

MAYOR'S ART SHOW

Awards Ceremony @ 12:45pm
• Best In Show
• People's Choice
• Mayor's Choice

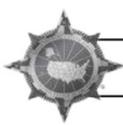
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House - from page 1

Headed for a New Home



BFED and Belle Fourche High School Join for Affordable Housing

Every home needs a good foundation; and every foundation needs a good home. They have been scheduled to get together, but the abundance of recent moisture has delayed that happening.

This house, built by the high school's industrial arts homebuilding class, was part of a joint project with Belle Fourche Economic Development to provide available and affordable workforce housing in Belle Fourche.

When it does happen expect to see the house go for a ride in the country first. Instead of a short jaunt from the



back of the high school around the corner and down the hill to the lot on Elkhorn, overhead power lines force the trip to go out on National-Sonoma Road, make the loop on the north edge of town and back to Elkhorn, past Bentz Equipment on old Hwy 212.

Hey Hay - from page 1

Hay Creek Substation Removed

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BELLE FOURCHE - If you're driving by the corner of Lawrence and 6th Avenue (on the 8th Avenue detour) you may notice a major transformation going on. Black Hills Energy's (formerly Black Hills Power and Light) Hay Creek substation has been completely dismantled and removed.



Workers from Besler Incorporated use heavy equipment to remove the 50-year old Hay Creek substation in Belle Fourche. The land will be reclaimed as an open green space.

The high voltage substation, which has served Belle Fourche's power needs for more than 50 years, is being transformed from electrical power use to green grass. After final removal of equipment, concrete pads, and chain length fences, 150 ton of black dirt will be hauled

onto the site and the ground will be seeded to grass. The electrical requirements the substation has provided over the years are now provided by prior upgrades that have taken place at the Sourdough Substation on the hill west of Taco Johns.

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Together we'll go far

Did you guess correctly? The answer to our wedding anniversary question is: Mark and Deb Leverington of Belle Fourche. The photo was at their wedding in 1988 at Deb's home church in Lemmon, SD.

The Good Stuff

from Jim Thompson

The Good Stuff is heard on a 6-state network of radio stations twice each day in our area. Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.

Today, "the donkey and the well" and a poem about cowboys by Gary Homstad of Cloquet, Minnesota.

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway, it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished



at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmers' neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off. Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step upward!

WHAT MAKES A COWBOY, A COWBOY

by Gary Homstad

It's the word that won't be broken; the hand that's always ready

His world always rings true.

To fix a fence, round up a stray; throw bales late at night

Yup, it's the rodeo. The broncs and the bulls The pickup men too;

The yes that means yes The no that means no With no shades of gray,

But deep down it's doin' What needs to be done When it needs doin'

Through times good and bad; happy and sad

THAT makes a cowboy, a cowboy. (Used with permission)

The GOOD STUFF is heard every weekday morning at 9:30am on KBHB 810AM and on 2 dozen other stations in the region.

From A3 THOMPSON

to pass. The chamber of commerce has disbanded. City council meetings are more sparsely attended and vacancies on the council and other public boards and commissions are more difficult to fill.

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Opinion

From the Editor

Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole



The title of this column is a tribute to my old mentor, Ralph Nachtigal. Ralph was the publisher of the Platte Enterprise, Platte, South Dakota and ran a weekly column in the Enterprise titled, The Bottom of the Barrel. It was a collection items, comments, opinions, and tidbits. Some humorous, some serious, some political, but always Ralph. Ralph bought the local paper in the 60's and my paying first job in life was working for the Platte Enterprise. I was truly a printer's devil. Ink from elbow to ear, my job was to run the press and print the paper one sheet (2pages) at a time. Four weekly press runs made up an eight page newspaper. It also meant four quarters (one per press run) to a 5th grader. I was rich! I schooled at the elbow of a master who knew what a local weekly newspaper was and how it fits into and works for the benefit of a community. He was a man who lived and breathed buy local. His entire life (he passed on a couple years ago) he never went into a Walmart. Back in the 80's, on a golfing trip to Western South Dakota, before Lee Enterprises bought the Belle Fourche newspaper, he said, Doug, we should buy this newspaper. Didn't listen to him back then, but as it turns out I wished I would have. Would be nice to have him cussin' me again. Thanks Ralph.

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I have friend from Spearfish that I had called early on shortly after the Belle Fourche paper was closed and told him what I was considering. He, like me, loves news. His life's work and specialty has been in journalism and media. Radio, Television, and all things internet. He breathes Websites, Blog's and Podcasts. We have worked together on past projects and agreed that this needed to proceed. The result is a tremendous collaboration in the efforts to restart a Belle Fourche paper. I'm technically challenged. No, worse than technically challenged. If I want to read something from the internet, I usually print it out, then read it and it took my four yearold granddaughter to teach me to edit photos on my phone. My wife built a Beacon Facebook page (told me we had to have one). Don't know enough about it to even know why. Other than that, if there is anything associated to the Beacon that's today's technology it has been the work of my friend and cohort, Bryan Lessley. In addition to his "voluntary" website work, he's also accepted the highly unpaid position of Senior Editor of the Belle Fourche Beacon. As a side note, Bryan's company, Western Sky Media, is filming the Black Hills Round Up again this year.

There is also a college intern, Jake Shumate, who is our Creative Production Department Manager. He is receiving a large amount of experience and a very small amount of economic gain. We didn't even charge him for that job title. At the end of the internship he'll be going back to finish his education.

The priority of this paper has been to get up and running again in Belle Fourche. It is our hope as we do that, that we find young energetic community minded individuals living locally to join in.

rheard at a coffee shop.

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Vern: Mike you're pretty bright. What word has seven letters and three of them are u's?

Mike: Boy, I don't have any idea, but whatever it is it must be unusual.

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This first issue is about like the cut-up chicken you can buy at the grocery store. It is a chicken alright, but sometime there are parts missing, or parts you don't recognize. To get started many things that should and do need to be included in this local paper are missing. We might have been born a bit pre-mature, but glad to be alive and in the world. As we learn to crawl and then walk and grow we'd appreciate your comments, suggestions, and input on what you want your hometown paper to be, do, and what you'd like to see in it. Reminds me. Could be a parallel to starting a newspaper? We teach our kids to walk and talk, so we can tell them to sit down and be quiet.

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It's Time to Rodeo!

Celebrating 99 Years of the Black Hills Roundup



The Black Hills Roundup Committee poses for their annual team photo immediately following the rodeo. The Roundup will be inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of fame in August.

BEACON STAFF

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Get ready Belle Fourche! It's that time of year once again, as the Black Hills Roundup comes to town! If it's been awhile since you went to a rodeo, you should really take this in. After all, it's about to be inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame this August. It's a bit of a big deal! Grab some friends and go check out one of the premiere rodeos this country has to offer. It's right in your backyard. Kicking off the event is the 9th Annual Cattle Drive. Texas Longhorn Steers coming down State Street - what a sight it is! You can watch them safely from the sidewalk on June 30th at 3pm. Earlier in that day beginning at 9am is the 9th Annual Black Hills Roundup Chutes for Charity Golf Tournament. The mission is to raise money for people in the Northern Hills Region facing emergencies of any kind. Don't forget about the carnival. All the carnival rides will be open June 29th through July 4th. New this year, will be the crowning of the

first ever, Miss Black Hills Roundup. This rodeo queen pageant will be a one-day event on June 30th and the big announcement and crowning will take place prior to the Ranch Rodeo that night. The Ranch Rodeo has become a staple of the Roundup and teams from all over the country will come to Belle Fourche to compete. Spectators love the wild cow milking contest and you can count on that again. Prior to the 7pm start, you can bring your whole family to the rodeo grounds at 5:30pm for a free community barbeque. You need a rodeo ticket to get in, but the supper is included. At 5:45pm the Mutton Bustin' begins, so don't be late. Coming up on Sunday, July 1st at 3pm will be Cowboy Church. Fred Wilson has put together an impressive service for you to attend. You'll hear local talent provide great music and share about what God has done in their lives. Included are Vern Ward and his family, Chad Nicholson and more. Come to the Community Hall and celebrate your faith that Sunday

afternoon. If you like rodeos, the Black Hills Roundup is the place to be. This year the committee is bringing to you 4 PRCA Rodeos for the first time. The first one kicks off July 1st at 7pm and during intermission they'll showcase the Ranch Rodeo Bronc Riding Championship. They'll do it all again on July 2nd and 3rd at 7pm each night. Both nights will feature one the best fireworks display our country has to offer. Ranked 3rd in the nation by The Today Show in 2014, the fireworks are out of this world. And don't forget about the bucking stock and rodeo personnel. Powder River Rodeo, Chad Nicholson, and Dennis Halstead will be featured every performance. Included after each evening rodeo On July 4th, it's all about celebrating our nations birthday. Come for the parade at 10:30am and don't let a little road construction bother you. That big hole by the post office will be filled with gravel if they aren't done yet. Be prepared to walk as usual and enjoy what the committee has worked hard to bring. The B1 Bomb-

2018 Roundup Schedule



Thursday, June 28th
5:00 pm Carnival Opens

Friday, June 29th
10:00-10:40 am Welcome, MRSD Introductions & Fashion Forward Style Show
3:15 pm MRSD Horsemanship-Black Hills Roundup Grounds
4:00 pm Carnival Opens

Saturday, June 30th
8:00 am WPRA Barrel Racing Slack-TENTATIVE
9:00 am 9th Annual Black Hills Roundup Chutes for Charity Invitational Golf Tournament
3:00 pm 9th Annual Cattle Drive downtown
5:30 pm Community Free BBQ w/Purchased Ticket
5:45 pm Mutton Bustin
6:00 pm Miss Black Hills Roundup Queen Coronation
6:30 pm Intro Ranch Rodeo Teams and Cowboy Auction
7:00 pm 9th Annual Black Hills Roundup Ranch Rodeo
AFTER RANCH RODEO: "KENNY FEIDLER" IN CONCERT

Sunday, July 1st
8:00 am PRCA Slack-TENTATIVE
3:00 pm Cowboy Church Service at the BFCCommunity Center
6:00 pm Mutton Busting
7:00 pm 1st Perf of the 99th Annual Black Hills Roundup
During Intermission: Ranch Rodeo Bronc Riding Championship
AFTER THE RODEO: "DAKOTA COUNTRY" IN CONCERT

Monday July 2nd
8:00 am PRCA Steer Roping (Free Admission)
5:00 pm Carnival Opens
7:00 pm 2nd Perf of the 99th Annual Black Hills Roundup
Clarkson Family Foundation and Black Hills Roundup Presents the Area's Largest **Fireworks Show**.
Pyrotechnics provided by Fritz Carlson of Belle Fourche
AFTER FIREWORKS KENNY FEIDLER IN CONCERT

Tuesday, July 3rd-Chutes for Charity Night
5:00 pm Carnival Opens
7:00 pm 3rd Perf of the 99th Annual Black Hills Roundup
During Intermission-Calf Scramble
Clarkson Family Foundation and Black Hills Roundup Presents the Area's Largest **Fireworks Show**.
Pyrotechnics provided by Fritz Carlson of Belle Fourche
AFTER FIREWORKS: TRUCKER RADIO IN CONCERT

Wednesday, July 4th-Military Appreciation Day
10:30 am 99th Annual Black Hills Roundup Parade
B-1 FLY OVER to start the Parade
1:00 pm Carnival Opens
2:00 pm Cowboy Kenny Motorcycle Jump
3:00 pm Last Perf of the 99th Annual Black Hills Roundup
During Intermission-Calf Scramble

er Flyover will start the parade, followed by all your favorite dignitaries, friends and neighbors. Following the Grand Parade, it'll be the last PRCA Rodeo at 3pm. Make sure you get to your seat by 2pm so you don't miss out on Cowboy Kenny and his motorcycles. If you saw them last year, you'll never forget it. And they're coming back one more time.

It's going to be a great week of rodeo action. You'll see the kids in the arena, making life long memories in the calf scrambles, and you'll see Dana Bowman parachute into the arena with his beautiful American flag. It's a real celebration. Come and see what the committee has worked on all year long as we

RODEO B2

Parade Route Changes for '18

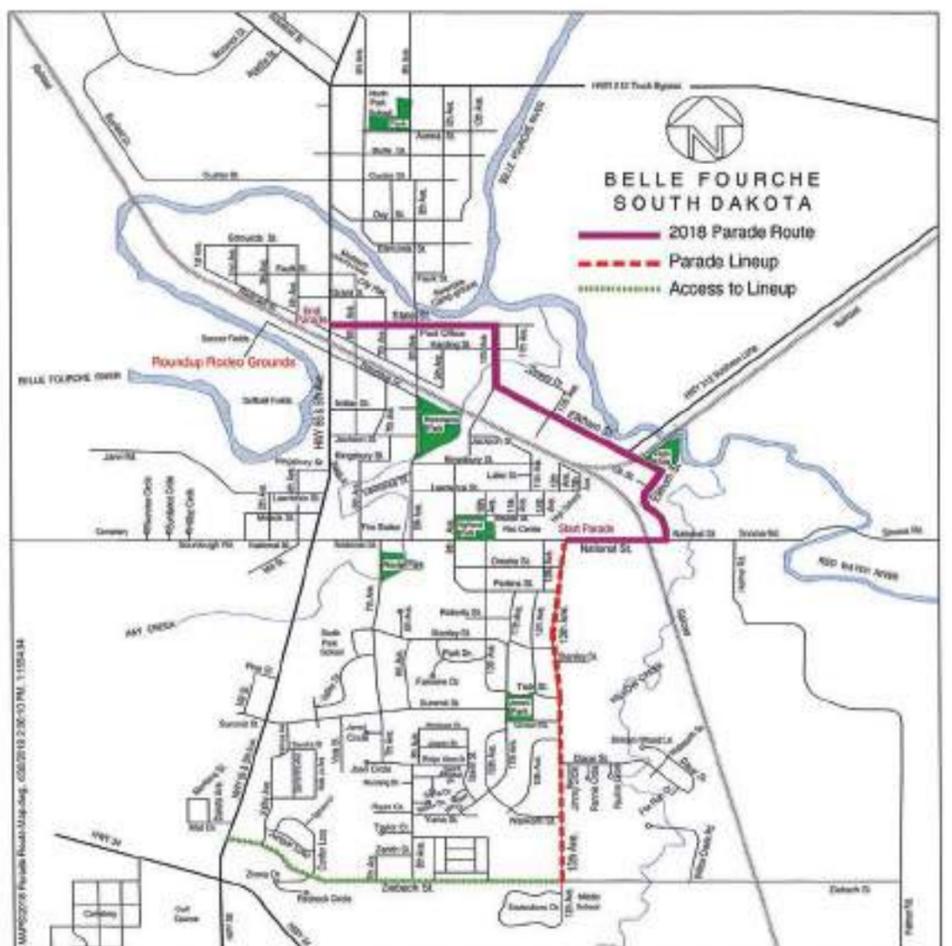
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The Black Hills Roundup Grand Parade is right around the corner. Spectators and participants can plan on some significant changes to the route this year, due to the road construction on 8th Avenue. For the participants, it means a different area to line up floats. This year the line-up area will be located on 13th Avenue, between the football field and the Middle School. All participants should enter the line-up area by accessing Ziebach Street on Highway 85 south.

For spectators, the big change this year is the parade route itself. Due to road construction on 8th Avenue, Hermann Park will no longer be available. The parade will begin by the football field and it will head north on Elkhorn Ave. It will wrap around to State Street and finish at the intersection of State Street and Fifth Avenue. Parking will be an issue, so spectators are encouraged to show up early and be prepared to walk long distances.

PARADE B2



The Miss Black Hills Roundup Queen Pageant Premieres at the 2018 Roundup



This newly designed crown and its accompanying belt buckle will be awarded for the first time ever during the 2018 Miss Black Hills Rodeo Queen Pageant.

The famed Belle Fourche rodeo may be 99 years old in 2018, but it is still welcoming to new experiences. And an especially glittering one will occur for the first time this year: The Miss Black Hills Roundup Queen Pageant. The one-day pageant will be held during the Roundup, with coronation on June 30, during the

Ranch Rodeo. Rodeo queens are a much-loved highlight of any rodeo, and since 1965, the Black Hills Roundup was involved in the Miss Rodeo South Dakota pageant. This new pageant will mark a change from that. In years past, the young woman crowned at the July Black Hills Roundup was considered the “Lady-in-Waiting” for six months

before beginning her full-year reign as Miss Rodeo South Dakota, in January. The logistics of that – not to mention the expensive incurred by the winner – led to the creation of this new pageant. This new pageant also opens the doors to more contestants, as it will involve several new levels of competition. In addition to a Senior winner, for young women 18 to 26, there will also be a Junior winner, for girls ages 13 to 17 and a Princess level, for those 12 and under. Judged categories include interviewing, speaking, modeling, appearance and horsemanship. The Senior Miss Black Hills Roundup may go on to the Miss Rodeo SD or the Miss Rodeo

USA pageants, should she choose to do so. It was Miss Rodeo South Dakota Pageant Director Kathy Thompson who contacted the Black Hills Roundup, encouraging its board to set up a committee for the new pageant. Committee members Tara Olson, Chas Craigo, Dallas Conner and Sherry Smeenck took up the challenge and began recruiting for the new pageant; packets were sent out to would-be contestants with a June 1st deadline for those who want to be a part of the inaugural event. Maggie Tupper, daughter of the 2016 and 2017 Black Hills Roundup chairman Justin Tupper, is an assistant to the committee and is handling website and social media responsibilities. Sherry Smeenck is a natural for her committee position. She grew up on a ranch in northwestern South Dakota and ran a sheep, cattle and buffalo operation with her husband. A barrel racing and pole bending competitor as a youngster, she was also Perkins County Queen. Her daughter Trisha was the 2004 South Dakota High School Rodeo Queen and 2012 Miss Rodeo USA. Daughter Jenna was 2013 Miss Rodeo Florida. Son Jed has announced at

From B1

RODEO

celebrate America, with western style. There is so much to take in and enjoy. Rodeo Tickets are available online at: www.blackhillsroundup.com or you can stop down at the Tri-State Museum and Visitors Center. You can even get them at the gate. Next year the Black Hills Roundup will be in the hall of fame and it will turn 100 years old. If it's been awhile for you, take a kid and go see why it's such a big deal. You'll make a memory, for sure.

rodeos and presented at rodeo queen clinics. The values of the western lifestyle as exemplified in the rodeo, are especially meaningful to Smeenck. She sees rodeo queens, and pageants such Miss Black Hills Roundup, as significant ways in which that lifestyle can be celebrated. “Queens have a real impact on rodeo. They encourage the younger generation to appreciate rodeo and to perhaps become rodeo contestants themselves.” Of course, a rodeo queen must have a beautiful crown. And the crown for the new pageant was designed by the pageant committee and made by Molly's Custom Service.

QUEEN B4



Sherry Smeenck, left, poses with Maggie Tupper on a roughhewn bench at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center.

Class of '68 Readies for 50th Reunion



When We Were Young!

This photo is from May 1957 at a Maypole dance at the Sunnyside Country School. The Sunnyside School was located off Hwy 85 opposite of the entrance to the Hat Ranch subdivision.

All School Dance July 2nd

Dakota Country will be playing for an All School Dance at the Belle Fourche Community Hall downtown.

July 2 at 8pm

\$6 entry

Sponsored by the BF Class of 68 and the All School Reunion group.

From B1

PARADE

One of the highlights of this year's parade is a 100-member marching band traveling all the way from Minnesota. The Litchfield High School Marching Band is making a special trip, driving 12 hours, to perform in Belle Fourche. Upon the recommendation of a band director who brought his marching band from Wisconsin last year, the Litchfield band director decided to take his students on a trip out west to Belle Fourche. David Ceasar said, “I heard about the friendliness of the town and the outpouring of thankfulness from the Roundup Committee. So I decided to reach out and I contacted the Parade Chairman and he made us feel very welcome. We were looking for somewhere to go where we could perform and also tour, and we feel very excited to come to Belle Fourche.” This year the Black Hills Roundup has chosen Chuck



Ellsworth AFB B1 Bomber set to fly over Belle Fourche at the start of the 2018 parade.

and Bev Watson as the Grand Marshals of the parade. The Watson's have been tremendous supporters of the Roundup over the years, and they have employed many people in our community. They will represent the Roundup very well. Don't forget to keep your eyes to the south at the start of the parade. At 10:30 am sharp, the B1 Bomber Flyover will occur. If you aren't looking, before you know it, it'll be over. Oh, you'll hear it. That is never a problem. This year the B1 will come over 13th Avenue and fly north to northwest, as the pilot will do

his best to fly over as much of the crowd as possible. Some things won't change. You'll see the Chief of Command from Ellsworth Airforce Base. He and his wife will be at the front of the parade, and as usual you will enjoy watching as the Cowboy Band marches by. Many other dignitaries and friends of yours will walk by as well, and hopefully a clown or two. Kids will reap the rewards of grabbing all the candy they could want, and we'll all enjoy celebrating our nation's birthday by doing what Americans love to do – and that's watching a big parade with our friends and neighbors.

What's Happening at the Tri-State Museum

New Summer Exhibit "Picture That!" Tells the History of Photography.

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche has opened its summer temporary exhibit. The exhibit is entitled "Picture That! The History of Photography." The exhibit will feature a wealth of artifacts, including cameras that have long been in the museum's collection and some recently donated. There will also be a touchscreen quiz; a children's table with books, a workbook and instructions on how to make a pinhole camera; storyboards about the origins and rise of photography and many historic and artistic photos.



New exhibit entitled "Picture That!" at Tri-State Museum provides a visual look at the history of photography.

The exhibit will also feature storyboards about four area photographers of past and present: Jodi Baxendale, Milo Dailey, Jon Larsen and John Skogberg. Examples of their work will be on display. There is no admission to charge to see the exhibit, which will be up until September 10th. The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle

Fourche. Its summer hours are Monday-Saturday, 9 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. For more information about this exhibit or other exhibits and programs of the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, please call 605-723-1200 or visit the Facebook page or website www.thetristatemuseum.com.



Hometown Thursday to Feature Band 32 Below

The fourth week of Hometown Thursdays, the Belle Fourche weekly music festival, takes place on June 28 and will feature 32 Below on its stage. This country rock band's members are originally from Fargo, North Dakota and they typically perform 120 shows a year throughout the country.

Hometown Thursday takes place on each Thursday night from June 7 to July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown Belle.

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

Sponsors for the June 28 festival are Bunney's Body & Collision, Ring Container, and Waddell & Reed-Cindy Goeringer.

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

Volcano Class To Provide "Hands On" Learning for K-5th

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will hold a class about volcanoes for students in rising K-5th grade. The class will be held Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Students will see a film about volcanoes; then learn about the volcanic eruptions that have been in the news of late. They will also learn about the laccolith in our area, a geological formation which resembles a volcano but was formed by different forces.

There will also be an opportunity for students to shape their own volcano and

learn how to "explode" it. There will be a workbook accompanying the class and a drawing for the Seymour Simon book, "Volcano."

Admission to the class is \$2 per person or free with membership. Pre-registration is important so that there are adequate materials for all. Call 605-723-1200 to register a child or for more information.

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

Weekly Farmer's Market Returns for the Summer at the HREC

The weekly Thursday Belle Fourche Community Farmers Market is back for its 3rd season at a new location in Belle Fourche: Under the cottonwoods on the grounds of the up-and-coming Historic Roosevelt Events Center at 1010 State St. Belle Fourche.

Eight farmers market vendors attended the first market of the season on June 14th, and more are expected to join each week as the season progresses and more produce ripens. This early in the season, market shoppers will find early crops like fresh greens, radishes, herbs, asparagus, and even strawberries and raspberries. Then there are all the other items to be had at a market: local honey, fresh homemade breads, salsas, barbecue sauce, and pickles; farm eggs, and cut flowers. Crafters also pitch their tents and display colorful

painted 'barn quilts' and clever upcycled lawn ornaments.

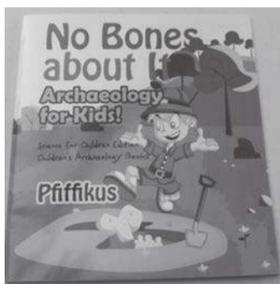
The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce heads up the market, often serving any leftover pie and coffee from the weekly Pie Socials in Rail Park it also organizes on Thursdays 3-4pm. The Chamber has planned the 2018 Farmers Market season to run every Thursday 4-6pm, June 14 through October 11 for a total of 18 weeks.

The Belle Fourche Community Farmers Market accepts vendor applications all season long, and vendors can register to pay by the day, or for the season. Additional information about the market as well as updates, can be found on the Belle Fourche Chamber's website: www.bellefourche-chamber.org, or by calling (605)892-2676

Family Fun Day Encourages Participants to "Dig It"

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will hold a Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 15th at 2 p.m. entitled "Dig It: Archaeology."

The event will begin with a short family-friendly film about the science of archaeology. Families will then participate in a planned dig, to take place in the new dig boxes which were recently made for the museum. Artifacts found within the boxes will be sorted and assembled or labeled



July book drawing "No Bones About It"

and catalogued in keeping with archaeological practices.

There will also be a drawing for the book, "No Bones About It: Archaeology for Kids," and there will be a free take-home

packet of info, quizzes and puzzles about the science.

Admission to the event will be \$2 per person or free with family membership. Reservations are encouraged, so that there is sufficient dig time and material for all who attend. Please call 605-723-1200 to make reservations or for further information.

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

Grassfed Exchange Conference Highlights Benefits of Finishing Cattle on Grass

The Grassfed Exchange Conference was held June 21 & 22, 2018 in Rapid City. According to Newell native, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist, David Ollila the conference brought in participants from all fifty states and several foreign countries. Prior to the



David Ollila

formal start of the conference participants toured area ranches. Ranches visited include the 33 Ranch, the 777 Ranch, Cheyenne River Bison Ranch and Wild Idea Buffalo, the Gruptil ranch and the Orwick Family Ranch.

The touring group of participants representing many of the 50 states, as well as representatives of 13 states agricultural departments met for lunch at Bowman Hall, Herman Park in Belle Fourche. They feasted on locally

raised and prepared lamb. The lunch was sponsor by the South Dakota Sheep Growers and the American Lamb Board. Pioneer bank's "Feast beast" helped with cooking chores and the six cooked legs of lamb shown looked and smelled beyond excellence!

The Grassfed Exchange Conference is a gathering of regenerative ranchers, dairymen, and sustainable food supporters from across the world who come together to network and exchange ideas. We desire to help producers and consumers grow in the knowledge of the grassfed industry.

The mission is to help producers understand the possibility of managing and finishing cattle correctly on grass and to produce the best quality beef and dairy products possible that also ensures consistency of quality within the industry.

Larry Prager, Belle Fourche, CEO

of Center of the Nation Wool, Inc. was one of the conference session speakers.



Larry Prager in Belle Fourche since 1978 and has been the CEO of Center of the Nation Wool, Inc. since 1993. Center of the Nation Wool, Inc. was incorporated in 1984 by a small group of regional sheep growers who were interested in being part of a locally owned wool marketing business. Today their original investment includes the original warehouse and headquarters in Belle Fourche, SD as well as a second warehouse in Billings, MT. The Company markets between 4.5-5 million pounds of raw wool annually from about 1500 regional producers.

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Conference participants toured several western South Dakota ranches including the Wild Idea Buffalo ranch where the focus was grass-fed bison.

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

Jackson Family Brings Wine Country to Belle Fourche

Sommelier success as a generational effort brings fine winemaking to cowboy country.

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You walk in the door and immediately feel a sense of quality in the tradition of a fine wine. Step onto the terrace to a view overlooking the fresh new growth of the vineyard planted below. Back inside to browse a wide selection of wines and marvel at a mantle full of the prestigious awards the wines have won. Chenin Blanc; Cabernet Sauvignon; Reislings; and sparkling wines. An interior glass enclosure on the south wall lets you view part of how the old world production of champagne takes place.

Napa Valley, California? Somewhere in the south of France? No, you've just witnessed the fruits of a western South Dakota family's hard work.

This is where the extraordinary story of Belle Joli' begins. The wine-loving Jackson family had always wanted to optimize the full potential of the rich Black Hills soil, and bring their dreams of making locally grown and produced wine come to life.

Dentist Dr. John Jackson, Belle Fourche, son Matthew and wife Choi are in the business of growing, processing, bottling, and presenting, for the world to enjoy, their award winning products.

In the 1990's Research-

ers in Minnesota, after years of plant development, had produced varieties of grapes that made the endeavor possible. Dr. Jackson's knowledge of that work started the idea growing.

In 2000 the Jackson's bought the Schmaltz family construction property adjacent Hay Creek on 6th Avenue. Chose the name Belle Joli and planted the first vineyard and transformed the construction shop into a wine production facility. 2006 they expanded with addition of a 25 acre vineyard just east of Belle Fourche on Highway 212.

In 2009 Matthew graduated from California State University, Fresno with a degree in Enology. Enology is the study of wine and wine making. The discipline is intertwined academically with viticulture, the science of grape growing. It was there that Matthew met his now wife Choi. After completion of their studies they boldly chose South Dakota as the destination to fulfill their family's passion for the wine-making process. Choi is Belle Joli's sommelier. A sommelier is a trained and knowledgeable wine professional who specializes in all aspects of wine service as well as the proper pairing of wine and food.

In 2008 the Tasting Room was added in the heart of historic Deadwood where customers



The Jackson family poses in front of one of their vineyards near Belle Fourche. (l to r) Dr. John Jackson, wife Patti, Choi, Belle Joli's sommelier and Matthew Jackson.

can drink in the beauty of the Black Hills while relaxing on the outdoor patio and delight their senses by sampling a variety of the Belle Joli award winning, locally grown and produced wines.

They built and added the Sturgis location in 2015. Outside the state-of-the-art Sparkling House facility there is a large awe inspiring patio with a view down on the five acre vineyard below. The indoor facility is the perfect environment for the exquisite sparkling wines they make and serve.

The Jackson family believes that wine, and the winemaking process is intimately connected to the heart of the land, and serves to celebrate the beauty and wonder of nature.

John is still a practicing dentist, but when not at work there he can be seen diligently working his second profession as a grape farmer. He doesn't

seem to have a title, but it appears if anything needs done he does it. Patti can be seen "hands on" as well. The day I visited she was busy walking the perimeter of the vineyard placing pieces of Irish Spring bar soap, as a natural deterrent to the Black Hills deer population that

doesn't want to wait for the harvest, but if allowed, choose to feast on the luscious new growth of the vineyards. This year's construction plan includes the additional building of deer fences.

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Patti Jackson walks the perimeter of the Sturgis vineyard placing soap as a deterrent to deer.

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QUEEN

The crown has gleaming red stones, to echo the official color of the Black Hills Roundup. The special buckle, also awarded to the Queen, will have red, white and blue stones to honor the 4th of July holiday, during which the honor is bestowed. The tiara and chaps given to the top tier winners are traveling awards, but these Junior and Senior Queens are presented with a buckle and a saddle which are theirs to keep.

The new little Princess will not be left out in the "rodeo bling" department: she will receive a sparky rhinestone tiara as well as

a buckle. The June 29th pageant will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the AmericInn in Belle Fourche. The horsemanship competition is held at 3 p.m. that day at the Black Hills Roundup rodeo grounds. Attendance at the Miss Black Hills Roundup contest requires no admission charge. Committee members hope that rodeo fans, future queen contestants and anyone wanting to experience the pageantry of the brand-new contest will come to share the excitement of the event. For more information about the Miss Black Hills Roundup Queen Pageant, please contact Sherry Smeenk at 605-645-8325 or Tara Olson at 605-641-8272.

Pictured below are several of Belle Joli's award medallions draped over winning entries.



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History

Questers Bring Pineslope Personalities to Life



The John Spaulding Questers presented their 5th annual Pineslope Personalities, Saturday, June 16, 2018. The reenactments took place at the Belle Fourche Pineslope cemetery. Eight historical personalities, whose final resting place is Pineslope Cemetery, were portrayed by a group of talented reenactors.



Rose Hall Eaton 1911-1946

Rose Hall Eaton was portrayed by Reva Potter

Rose Hall Eaton is a member of the Thomas/Spaulding pioneer family. She attended Spearfish Normal School, becoming a teacher, which she continued during WWII when there was a teacher shortage. She was a charter member of the Willing Workers Community Club.



Margaret Curtis O'Donnell 1901-1945

Margaret Curtis O'Donnell was portrayed by Nancy Pummel-Cole.

Margaret decided to be a music teacher on her first day of school. She pursued music throughout her education and was hired as Belle Fourche Supervisor of Music in Public schools in 1922. After three years in Belle, Margaret pulled up stakes in Belle and head for Northwestern School of Music for the fall term. After teaching for two and one half years in the cold country of Ironwood, Michigan and spending summer vacations in Dallas, Texas where her people had moved. Margaret and Walter J. O'Donnell were married in Dallas in 1928 and returned to Belle Fourche to live. She continued music by singing, playing the organ and directing the Belle Fourche Community Chorus. Margaret lost a battle to cancer in 1945. Retired, long time Belle Fourche school teacher Mary Ellen Warren is the daughter of Margaret and Walter J. O'Donnell.



Herman Dunn 1887-1973

Herman Dunn was portrayed by his grandson Dan Dunn.

From his home in Ohio, Herman arrived in Belle in 1909. He bought a ranch in the Short Pines north of Belle. For many years he ran a shearing crew, shearing 1000's of sheep. Most of that shearing was done with shears before electricity could run clippers.



Fannie Durr 1889-1979

Fannie Durr was portrayed by Lucy Cole

Fannie was a very progressive young lady who graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1913 with a degree in music. She then moved to Belle Fourche to become a music teacher. She became the wife of John Durr in 1919. Four children were born to this union. John, Dorothy, Norman, and Marian. Her love

of music continued her whole life as a member of the Belle Fourche Community Chorus, in addition to playing the piano and organ at the Belle Fourche Congregational Church, as well as being the church choir director.

Questers are curious, enthusiastic, and imaginative with a desire to learn new things -- someone who is excited by historical sites, antiques, and the study of past events that still resonate in our present lives and experiences.



Edna Skoggins 1924-2004

Edna Skoggins was portrayed by Jan Hilger

Edna Youngberg was born in Newell; attended high school in BelleFourche where she boarded and worked at the Don Pratt Hotel. She was also employed by Fiester's Department Store and the Golden Rule. She ranched north of Heulett, Wyoming, and was a tireless promoter of the wool and sheep industries. Edna's outgoing personality made it easy for her to name and keep many friends during her lifetime in the Belle Fourche community.



Billy Moses 1862-1914

Billy Moses was portrayed by Bill Hennessey

Sheriff Billy Moses has been remembered as the best sheriff Butte County has ever had. Moses found his way to the area as a cowhand during the years of the great Texas cattle drives. After many years of serving this area, Billy moved to Rosebud County, Montana where he was killed.



John Scotney 1850-1927

John Scotney was portrayed by Stan Hefner

John Scotney came into this area as a gold miner during the Black Hills gold rush in the 1870's. He soon lost interest in that venture and moved west of Belle and started farming on Hay Creek. He then decided there was more to be gained by using his skill as a stone mason and began constructing buildings in Belle Fourche using local sandstone.

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Belle Joli

If you keep the deer out, vines planted take three to four years before they start to produce and don't really begin to reach maturity until about 10-12 years. Matthew said that five acres of vineyard will produce

grapes for a 100,000 bottles of wine when fully mature. They have developed a wine club with over a thousand members and the website (<http://www.bellejoli.com>) has an online store where their products can be purchased and shipped directly to the customer. They are excited about, and are

working diligently to grow this family business into the future. Matthew estimates that overall the vineyard's production maturity has reached approximately 50%. They've brought the winemaking industry from around the world to Belle Fouché, and to date their potential is only half achieved.



The newer Belle Joli Winery vineyard below their Sparkling House near Sturgis.



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