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Local ShopKo Pharmacy Business Sold

Belle citizens still have local option.

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Walgreens has purchased the pharmacy business from 63 Shopko stores including the location in Belle Fourche.

However customers may transfer their prescriptions to another Belle Fourche pharmacy if they wish to keep the business local.

A Belle Fourche resident and former Shopko Pharmacy customer successfully made a local transfer.

Needing a prescription he took the empty prescription bottle to the Lynn's Pharmacy. He provided identification and insurance information to the clerk at Lynn's and they did the work to transferred the prescription from Shopko to Lynns.

"I didn't even need to go to Shopko. Lynn's Pharmacy did everything that was required for me right in their store."

"The prescription was ready to pick later in the day. Just as convenient as it was to fill a prescription at the Shopko", said the resident, who did not wish to be identified.

By law, consumers have the right to have their prescription medication filled at any pharmacy of their choosing.

The Shopko Pharmacy business was sold late last month at

PHARMACY A6

History Leaves Town

Archives of Post & Bee moved to warehouse in Rapid City

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If any of the newspaper ghosts of Editors, Publishers, and Typesetters Past were present last week they may have all shed tears to see the fruits of decades of labor pack up and leave the city limits of Belle Fourche.

Lee Enterprises, which currently owns the Rapid City Journal had, along with Sturgis' newspaper, rang the death knell at the Post & Bee in November of 2017.

The abandoned Post & Bee office building on State Street in Belle has been for sale since that time and was recently purchased (closing was held Feb. 1st). The new owners, Daphne and Paul Johnson of Spearfish went right to work on the property and will soon be opening Designs by Daphne. More details about that new business in a future edition.

The State Street building's basement had housed the copies of the papers since moving there from their previous location on 5th Avenue. The building on 5th Avenue was torn down when Highway 85 was widened to four lanes. It was located just to the south of where the bike bath crosses highway 85 at Jackson Street.

The *Belle Fourche Bee*, a weekly, first started in Seth Bullock's town in May of 1891. In 1896 a second paper, the



HISTORY ON THE MOVE - Shown above is a photo of the July 6, 1922 Northwest Post. The story of the Roundup for that year said July 4th set a record for attendance. This volume was just one of a truckload hauled away by Rapid City Journal employees. -Beacon photo

Belle Fourche Times began. The *Northwest Post* was started in 1902.

In 1949 the *Belle Fourche Daily Post* with Marion Lucca as editor was started. Northwest Publishing, under the ownership of Lawrence and Irma Weyler later combined the ownership of all previous Belle papers under

one roof and the archives of all those papers starting in 1891 were in the collection that has now moved.

They were transferred to a humidity controlled warehouse in Rapid City maintained by the Journal. At the present time it may be the best possible home for continued preservation of

the archives. The long term future is not certain as to whether the collection can remain there indefinitely or will suffer another fate.

There had previously been an unsuccessful attempt to keep the archives in Belle Fourche.

MORE PHOTOS A6

'Big Dave' Bringing National Hug Campaign to Belle Fourche

Singles out 'Heart of the Nation' for Valentine's Day Visit

Thanks to the efforts of the Belle Fourche Senior Citizens Center and Executive Director Laura Bennett, the city will be celebrating Valentine's Day with more than flowers and chocolates. This year there will be hugs and high fives for everyone in the person of David Hale Sylvester (Big Dave) whose simple goal since 2001 has been to bring a sense of humanity back into the human race – worldwide.

Big Dave lost a lifelong friend in the World Trade Center attacks and as the towers tumbled down, so did his emotions. Then and there he decided to contribute something positive to his fellow citizens, not just in the USA but throughout the entire world. He began a journey that sometimes found him bicycling, in a car, on a plane or simply on foot. He was ready to hand out hugs and high fives and has done so in all 50 states and nearly as many countries, over a half million people so far.

Throughout his travels, Big Dave has always stressed, "I think if we can at least have a basis of communication via a smile and a hug and a high five, then we can communicate on other issues and maybe make a difference in the world."

And on February 14th, the hugs and high fives are coming to Belle Fourche because, as Big Dave



HELLO BELLE FOURCHE - 'Big Dave' Sylvester will be bringing his simple mission to Belle Fourche on Valentine's Day. Since 2001, when he lost a close friend to 9/11, his goal has been to enhance the world one hug and one high five at a time. - Courtesy Photo

BIG DAVE A6

BFSD Supt. Invited to Present CTE in Pierre

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Belle Fourche Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Willard made a special presentation to the State Senate Education Committee last Wednesday in Pierre, updating them on the district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Willard, along with Madison Superintendent Dr. Joel Jorgensen were singled out for their successful implementation of

programs which help students develop and find a career path.

"People come up to me all the time and ask, 'what's going on in Belle Fourche? You've got some good things going on,'" Willard told the Beacon. "And that's what you want to hear for the whole community."

Last September the district opened a new CTE Center with a state-of-the-art welding shop, family and consumer science

WILLARD A7



CTE PRESENTATION - Superintendent Dr. Steve Willard was invited to present Belle Fourche's successful CTE program to state senators in Pierre last week. -Beacon Photo

Roundup Proposes Revised 4th of July Parade Route

Input from downtown business leaders helped reshape parade route.

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Turns out, selecting a parade route through your town is not as easy as it may seem. Just ask long-time Roundup Parade Chairman Mark Leverington.

If it isn't a large road construction project, it's dealing with several state agencies including police, sheriff's, highway patrol and railroads that need to be coordinated to ensure the safety of the public.

Let alone permission.

After last year's parade, whose route was once again affected by 8th Avenue construction, the state highway department sent out word that the parade should not include Highway 85 in 2019. As a result the proposed route for 2019

had a 'good news' - 'bad news' component.

The good news was, with the opening of 8th Avenue the parade could one again pass Hermann Park, a popular viewing location. The bad news was with the elimination of Hwy 85 the proposed route would only use 2 blocks on State Street, leaving downtown businesses without a steady stream of parade-going customers.

To solve the issue, Leverington and Police Chief Marlyn Pomrenke met with downtown business owners on January 28th to try to work out a solution, and they may have found it as the community prepares for a huge influx of visitors.

PARADE A6

New parade map on B7



YES, IN MY BACKYARD PLEASE - Several downtown business owners gathered at Cowboy's Too! on State Street to meet with Roundup Parade Chairman Mark Leverington (upper right) and Belle Fourche Police Chief Marlyn Pomrenke (upper center) in an effort to include all of State Street in the proposed route for the 2019 4th of July Roundup parade. - BF Beacon photo

Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Jean Helmer, retired.

Psalm 119:33-35 (NIV)

33 Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.[a]

34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

"Teach me the way of your decrees; give me understanding and direct me in the path of your commands," asks the psalmist in Psalm 119. The search was also present in the sixth century, the time of St. Benedict. While St. Benedict did not wish to be surrounded with followers, he was. They sought directions for living and for learning the way of the Lord. Benedict's Rule of Life is the most widely known Rule in the Western world.

Benedict's first rule calls for Obedience. The Hebrew root of the word is "listen." This requires both senses of the word: giving attention by



using ones ears and then heeding what is heard. St. Benedict instructs: "Listen carefully to the master's instructions and attend to them with the ear of your heart. This is advice from a father who loves you; welcome it, and faithfully put it into practice."

In my studies with the Benedictine Sisters at St. Martins, I have been learning to "listen to the master's instructions with the ear of my heart," (obedience) and then to let scripture reshape my heart and mind according to God's plan. This focus is captured perfectly in Psalm 119: 33-35. To practice this listening, I am to set a timer for 5-15 minutes at least twice daily and then sit, with eyes closed, and listen for God's heartbeat. In less poetic words, I am to let go of any thought that enters my mind and simply wait in silence until I become still enough to be aware of God's

presence. When the initial time of silence has ended, I read a brief passage of scripture, like the one above, and return to another period of silence. The goal during this time of silence is to simply be. ("Be still and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10) When the timer rings, I reread the scripture and then go about my business of the day. "You need not spend time deliberating on the passage," instruct the Sisters, "but notice that, from time to time over the days, some portion of scripture will spring to mind. When that occurs, note it, and move on."

My practice is still new and imperfect and is reshaping my awareness of the Omnipresent God and my walk with Jesus. How about you? What would it look like if, when you read scripture, you asked first to understand the ways of God's decrees and next to be directed in the paths of the Lord's commands?

Prayer: Gracious God, direct me in the path of your commands. Amen.



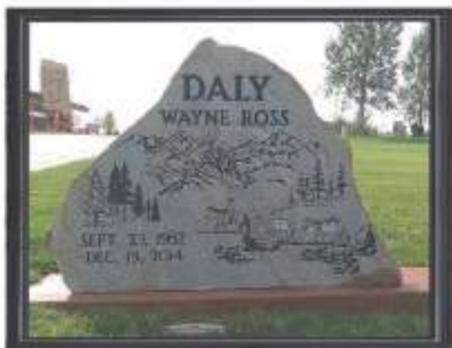
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Obituaries

Lyman Cramer 80



Lyman D. Cramer, age 80 of Belle Fourche, died suddenly on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the Spearfish Regional Hospital, with his loving family by his side.

A Celebration of Life service was held 10 am Monday, February 4, 2019 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Visitation was held 2 to 4 pm Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery, with military honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard. Friends may leave written condolences and view his video tribute at: www.funeralhomeofthenorthernhills.com

Lyman Dean Cramer was born March 25, 1938 in LaMars, Iowa. He was the son of Ben and Rose (Dirks) Cramer. Lyman grew up on a family farm near LaMars. For six years, he served his country in the U.S. Navy. Following his service, he began a career in trucking and because he enjoyed it so much, he would never retire.

In 1970, Lyman was married to Margaret Carlson in Rapid City. To this union was born three daughters: Tammy, Teresa, and Jill. Following their marriage Lyman continued trucking and



it would take the family to several towns including Kennebec, Colony WY, and Belle Fourche. The couple would later divorce and in 2001 Lyman was united in marriage to Linda Wandler, in Belle Fourche. Together they enjoyed several years of marriage that included traveling

around the world, and loving life with each other.

Lyman had trucking in his blood, he loved it so much. For the past 10 years he had been trucking for Sacrison Paving. He was a hard-working man and he loved his family very much. He was kind, generous, loving, and he was always there for his family. He will be missed greatly by all of them.

Lyman is survived by his wife, Linda of Belle Fourche; daughters, Tammy (Mike) Westland of Belle Fourche, Teresa (Darren) Howard of Chattanooga TN, Jill (Shannon) Fincher of Las Vegas NV; step-daughters, Wanda (Eddie Amiotte) Absher of Belle Fourche, Cheryl (Tom) Maunders of Sioux Falls; 9 grandchildren, Amanda, Mariah, Gavin, Logan, Sawyer, Kenneth, Alicia, Hope, Heather; and 2 great grandchildren, Chason and Rudy. He is also survived by his brother, Ronald (Gerry) of Volga SD; and 2 sisters, Doretta Helgeson of Sioux Falls, and Diane Cramer of Boise ID.

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Museum Announces "21" Quilt Drawing

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche is now holding a drawing for a handmade quilt, donated for fundraising purposes. The drawing will run from January through August, with the winner being selected on Labor Day, September 2nd.

The quilt was made by Sherry Petera, who has made a number of notable quilts, including the one offered in a 2018 drawing at the Tri-State. Petera calls this quilt a "21," because there are 21 pieces of fabric in each quilt quarter. She did the original quilting and Luella Fournell did the machine quilting.

Tickets for the drawing are \$5 each and five tickets for \$20. Tickets may be purchased at the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, with cash or check. Tickets may also be purchased by mail or phone, by mailing your check to the Tri-State.

Proceeds for this raffle go the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center fund for the building of a new addition.

The Tri-State Museum and



Tri-State Museum Raffle. Sherry Petera donated a handmade quilt: "21". It will be offered in Museum Drawing to be held on September 3. Tickets on sale now through August.

Visitor Center is located at 415 Fifth Avenue in Belle Fourche. Winter hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 to 5 p.m.

For more information about the quilt raffle or other programs and events, please call 605-723-1200.

Chamber Report

From Chamber Director Gary Wood

Sooner Rather Than Later

As we approach our busy summer season I'd like to encourage you all to get going on your plans for your business and organization SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. January is already gone and before you know it our spring and summer activities will arrive.

Here are some of the things we at the Chamber are working on sooner rather than later.

A new brochure for visitor's to Belle Fourche themed EAT - SHOP - STAY & PLAY. In the very near future we'll be contacting you with opportunities for you to promote your business.

Plans for the Chamber's float in the 100th Roundup Parade and the commemorative items we as a Chamber are going to use to celebrate this historic event

Preparations for our Farmer's Market and our weekly downtown Community Pie Social Our Annual Meeting is March 14th, 2019 at the Community Hall. We will again have a Taste of

Belle Fourche theme, with our annual awards and this year the event is on a Thursday night Chamber mixers are being schedule for the third Thursday of every month. Right now we are scheduled through June. Contact us soon for any open dates. Maybe combine with another business!

We also have our weekly Early Bird Coffee every Tuesday 7:30-9 a.m. that is open to everyone. Our Chamber Luncheons are every second Wednesday of the month. Add to that new businesses joining like Belle Fourche Youth Baseball; American Family Insurance—Robert P. Burnett Agency of Spearfish; and Black Hills Tint of Spearfish. Getting the annual awards done. Getting things rolling sooner rather than later is certainly our agenda!

So please, as you look ahead to this celebration year, get started on your preparations sooner rather than later. If the Chamber can help you, give us a call!-892-2676



Belle Fourche Community Calendar

Thursday - 7

World Day of Prayer Organizational Meeting
1pm, St. Paul Catholic Church

Fri-Sat - 8-9

Saturday on State
Friday - Noon-7pm,
Saturday - 9am-3pm,
Belle Plaza

Le Belle Marche'
Saturday - 9am-4pm
Roosevelt Event Center

Blood Drive

Saturday, 9am - 2pm
at Runnings
Walk Ins Welcome

Sunday - 10

BF Senior Citizen Pot Luck
with Bunco to follow
12:30-3pm, Senior Center

Tuesday - 12

Chamber Early Bird
Networking & Coffee
7:30am, Chamber of
Commerce

Wednesday - 13

Fitness Made Fun
11am, Senior Center

Chamber Luncheon
12pm, Crossroads,
Jct. 212/85

Thursday - 14

Valentines Day Special Event
12pm, Senior Center

World Day of Prayer Practice
1pm, St. Paul Catholic Church

Downtown Revitalization
Meeting
5:30pm, City Hall

Friday - 15

Caramel Rolls & Coffee
8:30-10:30am, Senior Center

Healthy Habits Made Easy
10am, Senior Center

Saturday - 16

BFACC 6th Annual
Wellness Fair
8am-2pm, BFACC

Sunday - 17

Family Fun Day:
Money, Money, Money
2pm, Tri-State Museum

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



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One Year Anniversary of Le Belle Marché

A year ago this month the Belle Fourche Chamber opened Le Belle Marché Indoor Market for the first time. The process began with Deb Brown from SaveYour.town in a week-long conference with community leaders in October of 2017, when Deb encouraged the attendees to start small in the town's efforts to bring new events to the city.

From those meetings the Chamber explored the need for local vendors to gather together and sell their wares on a regular basis, and to see if the community at large would support such an effort. It was decided to 'start small' and test hosting an indoor market in the Historic Roosevelt Events Center's band room and see if there was any traction. Notices for the newly dubbed 'Le Belle Marché Indoor Market' went out and soon enough the vendor registrations started coming in. The demand for vendor space soon outstripped the capacity of band room and the first market opened instead in the Roosevelt's much larger gymnasium in February 2018. Le Belle Marché Indoor Market has continued to grow from there and we are now celebrating one year at the February 9, 2019 market! This month the Chamber has invited antique vendors who will feature rare and vintage finds, in what is sure to be market full of treasures. Many of our regular market vendors will be attending as well, adding to the variety and fun!

The Chamber believes in

place making to capitalize on Belle Fourche's community assets, inspiration, and potential with the intention of creating public spaces that promote people's health, happiness and well being.

This indoor market has space for over 50 vendors, has a community lunch served in the band room for vendors and customers alike, and often has a 'Coffee & Cobbler' fundraiser where funds go to support 'Roof the Roosevelt' (orchestrated by a volunteer who wishes to remain anonymous). You can mark your calendars for Le Belle Marché Indoor Market, which is held every second Saturday of the month in conjunction with Market Days in Belle Fourche. The indoor market follows other events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, including the Thursday Farmers Market in the summer on the Roosevelt Events Center grounds, as well as the Community Pie Social every Thursday during the summer at a downtown park.

In a congratulations to the Le Belle Marché Market, Deb Brown wrote, "One year ago I had the pleasure of being in Belle Fourche for a community visit. On our walk around there was an empty building that everyone agreed would be a wonderful market. That little market has grown into a new space and is helping rejuvenate an old school. Community happens when people talk to each other. Thanks for being a great small town!" Thank you Deb for your encouragement.

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South Park Student Council



The 4th grade elected three students from each of the five classrooms at South Park Elementary. Student Council members goals will be to promote good school relationship between students, faculty, school and community, promote and maintain good school spirit, assist in school activities, and promote a training ground for good leadership.

Those elected were Trevor Welles, Slone Weishaar, Riley Owen, EC Blair, Tace Hartman, Braden Conry, Jayce Heinbaugh, Logan Willert, Olivia Sutter, Elsie Adams, JP Jensen, Derek Scott, Evelyn Stearns, Gabe Raba, Tallyah Johnson. During the first meeting, council members voted Evelyn Stearns as President, Tace Hartman as Vice President, Elsie Adams as Secretary, and EC Blair as Treasurer. *Courtesy photo*

Thomas McCoy Wins 113 lb. Title at Black Hills Classic



113 lb. Champion Thomas McCoy file photo

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Bronc wrestler Thomas McCoy was the individual champion at 113 pounds at the Hill City "Black Hills Classic" Invitational wrestling tournament Saturday.

McCoy, an eighth grade student, pinned all four opponents on his way to winning the title.

In his semifinal match McCoy, who is 27-10 on the season, won by fall over Mikael Grace (Custer) in 1:23, before winning the title match by pinning Sturgis sophomore Evan

Osborn in 1:10. Osborne was 18-3 entering the tourney.

Overall the Broncos placed 7th out of 18 teams at the event.

Michael Streeter (285) placed second; and Aiken Crowley (220) and Joe Hansen (132) both won consolation bracket 3rd Place titles.

Other Bronc wrestlers placing at the Tourney were Jaredon Dosch (152) 4th place; Brooks Clooten (220) 5th place; Walker Horn (195) 7th place; and Gunner Jensen (138) and Nathan McKenny (145) both with 8th place finishes.

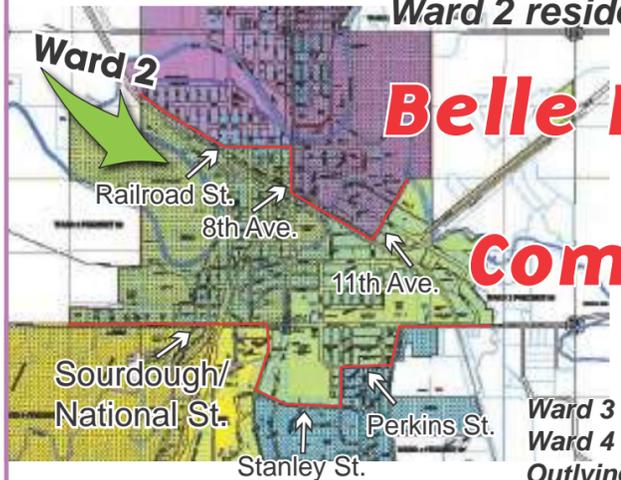
Lane Longbrake placed 3rd in the 100lb. exhibition bracket an Ethan Nail finished 4th in the 132 "B" bracket.

When the Broncos defeated Hot Springs in January 24th action 41-31 it brought the team dual record to 13-2 on the year setting the school record for most Dual wins in a season.

Coach Bill Abell's squad has a JV/Varsity dual meet 5:30 pm Friday, February 8 at Douglas before returning to Hill City on Saturday February 9th to compete in the Black Hills Conference Tourney.

Community Appreciation Weeks

Ward 2 residents – Feb. 17-23



Belle Fourche Area Community Center

Ward 3 residents – March 17-23
Ward 4 residents – April 14-20
Outlying Residents – May 5-11

Each week's activities include an open house with refreshments, free daily admission, activities, demonstrations, tours, and a membership special for new members.

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Belle Fourche Hosts Regional Mayor's Council

On Thursday January 24th Belle Fourche Mayor Gloria Landphere hosted the Black Hills Regional Mayor's Council at the Belle Fourche Area Community Center (BFACC). The mayors from more than dozen area communities were in attendance including Sturgis, Hermosa, Rapid City, Edgemont and New Underwood, among others.

It was the first time in two years that the city has hosted the group of mayors who gather monthly to discuss city issues, update one other on their community news and share information and ideas. The meeting location rotates each month among the two dozen or so mayors who participate.

"These meetings provide mayors with opportunities to strengthen their ties to one another's communities, share ideas for mutual support and relate information about their

city's successes and challenges," the mayor said.

During Mayor Landphere's report she outlined progress on the 8th Avenue infrastructure project and its importance to the growth of the Belle Fourche community. Also mentioned was the newly completed riverbank stabilization project on the Belle Fourche River south of the Hwy 212 Bridge.

In attendance along with the mayors were representatives from the offices of Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds and a member of US Representative Dusty Johnson's office.

Just prior to the meeting the mayors were given a tour of the BFACC by Executive Director Michelle Dayo-Amende.

During the meeting the Hermosa delegation mentioned plans to attend last Saturday's commissioning of USS South Dakota submarine in Groton, Connecticut.

Belle Fourche District School Menu

BREAKFAST - K-12

Monday Feb. 11
 • Ham, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Bake
 • Cereal Choices with Toast

Tuesday Feb. 12
 • Pancake Sausage Stick
 • Cereal Choices with Toast

Wednesday Feb. 13
 • Yogurt with Goldfish Grahams
 • Cereal Choices with Toast

Thursday Feb. 14
 • Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll
 • Cereal Choices with Toast

LUNCH - K-4

Monday Feb. 11
 • Popcorn Chicken Bites
 • BBQ Rib Sandwich

Tuesday Feb. 12
 • Super Nachos
 • Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Wednesday Feb. 13
 • French Toast Sticks with Sausage
 • Cheeseburger

Thursday Feb. 14
 • Oven-Roasted Hot Dog
 • Cheese Pizza
 • Pepperoni Pizza

LUNCH - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday Feb. 11
 • Popcorn Chicken Bites
 • BBQ Rib Sandwich
 • Fresh Baked Turkey & Cheese Sub
 • Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread

Tuesday Feb. 12
 • Super Nachos
 • Grilled Chicken Sandwich
 • Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub
 • Crispy Chicken Deli Wrap
 • Pizza Snackable

Wednesday Feb. 13
 • French Toast Sticks with Sausage
 • Cheeseburger
 • Fresh Baked Egg Salad Sub
 • Turkey Combo Deli Wrap
 • Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips

Thursday Feb. 14
 • Oven-Roasted Hot Dog
 • Cheese Pizza
 • Pepperoni Pizza
 • Fresh Baked Combo Sub
 • Oriental Salad with Roasted Flatbread
 • Ham & Cheese Snackable

LUNCH - HIGH SCHOOL

Monday Feb. 11
 • Popcorn Chicken Bites
 • BBQ Rib Sandwich
 • Fresh Baked Turkey & Cheese Sub
 • Turkey & Cheddar Deli Wrap
 • Crispy Chicken Salad with Roasted Flatbread

Tuesday Feb. 12
 • Super Nachos
 • Grilled Chicken Sandwich
 • Fresh Baked Ham & Cheese Sub
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Lady Broncs Fall Twice Last Week



Payson Birkeland (31) goes up for 2 against Douglas. Rylee Young (23) looks on. *John Skogberg Photo*

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

In a tightly contested battle, St. Thomas More handed the Belle Fourche Lady Broncs their first Black Hills Conference loss of the season, 45-41, in Rapid City on January 29.

Belle senior Rylee Young hit a free throw to cap off a three-point play midway into the first quarter to give the Lady Broncs an early 4-2 lead, as both teams managed to keep each other in their sights, rarely opening leads of more than five points.

Belle Fourche hit enough outside shots and free throws to stay within striking distance, St. Thomas More used second-chance opportunities and inside moves by their standout sophomore Haleigh Timmer to stay one step ahead.

"We've got to rebound better," Belle Fourche head coach Bill Burr said following the contest. "Rebounding starts everything and we didn't have anything for the boards tonight."

More looked poised to take some momentum into the locker room at halftime until Lady Bronc freshman Kaylin Garza nailed a deep three at the buzzer

to cut the Cavaliers' lead to 26-21 at the break.

"Kaylin hit a couple shots for us and got up and down the court well," Burr added. "(Tonight) was a good confidence builder for her."

At the end of the third quarter, Belle Fourche junior Harley Fischer made a jumper from the left baseline as time expired to cut St. Thomas More's lead to 33-29 entering the final period.

Belle Fourche's trio of seniors, Ashely Byrd, Payson Birkeland, and Young kept the game within reach to the end, finding their way to the basket for lay-ups and hitting free throws until the Cavaliers led by just one point, 42-41, after a pair of Birkeland free throws with 1:15 left to play.

On the ensuing possession, More ran the shot clock down until Timmer hit a lay-up at the (shot clock) buzzer with 38 seconds left to give the Cavaliers a three-point cushion. The Lady Broncs were able to get one three-point shot off, but it was off the mark, and missed several opportunities in the final seconds to get another as they let the ball go out of bounds twice and were unable to capitalize on STM's missed free throws.

"We had some costly turnovers that you can't have late in the game," Burr said. "We had our chances and when you have those chances you need to turn them into points and we didn't do that tonight."

Birkeland scored eight of her team-high 10 points in the fourth quarter to lead Belle Fourche. Young, Garza, and sophomore Bella Jensen all recorded seven points. Byrd added six points and four blocks.

Belle Fourche was 13 of 15 on free throws while the Cavaliers were just four for eight.

In JV action, Belle claimed a 36-23 victory on the strength of Garza's 12 points.

The C team lost 35-34 in double overtime. Laney Brill led the Lady Broncs with 11

points, Chloe Crago added eight points, and Tia Williamson and Grace Clooten scored six points apiece.

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 The Belle Fourche Lady Broncs dropped a 47-44 decision to Douglas on Friday, their third loss of the season. After trailing early, the Lady Broncs outscored Douglas 17-10 in the second quarter to take a two-point halftime lead, but the Patriots reclaimed the lead in the third quarter and Belle Fourche never recovered.

"We let them hang around and when you do that with a team like Douglas they take advantage," Belle Fourche coach Bill Burr said.

Senior Payson Birkeland led the Lady Broncs with 16 points while sophomore Bella Jensen added 10 points. Jensen, Rylee Young, and Harley Fischer all fouled out in the fourth quarter, hampering a comeback attempt.

Belle Fourche was once again precise from the free-throw line, hitting 9 of their 10 attempts.

For the Patriots, senior Jordynn Toliver scored 20 points while junior Makayla Grim scored 15. Each hit a pair of three-pointers as Douglas improves to 7-6 on the year.

The loss drops Belle Fourche to 13-3 with four regular season games remaining. The Lady Broncs travel to Custer on Friday (Feb. 8) for a Black Hills Conference matchup.

The JV team claimed a 39-24 victory. Sophomores Jasmyn Jensen and Hayley Wilbur led the way with nine points apiece. Eighth-grader Dylan Stedillie added seven points.

The C team dominated on their way to a 43-15 win. Stedillie had 11 points including a pair of three-pointers. Fellow eighth-grader Charlie Henwood also added a pair of three-pointers on her way to 10 points. Grace Clooten added nine points in the win.

Bronc Boys BB Team Win Third in a Row

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

Belle Fourche is back to .500 on the year, improving to 8-8 with a 51-41 victory over Douglas on Friday night.

In a game where Belle never trailed, Bronc senior Tate Hostetter pulled up and hit a three-pointer 50 seconds into the contest to help the Broncs take an early 4-0 lead. Fellow

senior Chandler Kerr added his own three-pointer just over two minutes later to push the lead to 9-2 as the Patriots used a zone defense to try and combat an athletic Belle lineup.

"Douglas really packed it in and they weren't really looking to push in transition so that slowed the pace down," Broncs head coach Clay Pottorff said.

After carrying a 37-29 lead into the fourth quarter, Belle

Fourche saw Douglas claw back to within one point with just over three minutes left in the game. That is when Hostetter pulled up and rained another three, followed by a Colby Nowowiejski steal and layup to balloon the lead back to six points, 44-38.

"That was a gutsy shot by Tate to steal that momentum back," Pottorff said.

After the Nowowiejski score, the Broncs held Douglas on their next possession and Kelby Olson was fouled driving the lane, got the basket to fall and added the free throw to push the lead to 47-38 with just over two minutes to play.

"Kelby has been finishing really well in the paint," Pottorff added.

Hostetter was fouled and hit both ends of a one-and-one to effectively seal the victory with just under a minute left.

The Broncs currently are sitting poised to host a first-round region playoff game, with Friday's matchup versus Custer serving as a key game.

Pottorff has now seen his squad reel off three consecutive wins. "I'm pleased with how we're shaping up for these final few weeks of the regular season and postseason," Pottorff said.

Kelby Olson led the Broncs with 20 points as the junior had an 8 for 9 effort from the free-throw line. Hostetter had 17 points, including a trio of three-pointers.

The JV team won 46-34. Brextin Garza scored 16 points, Aiden Giffin scored 12, and Keaten Benson added 10 points. The C team claimed a 54-46 victory. Caiden Stores scored 13 of his game-high 15 points in the second half to lead the Broncs offensively. Ryker Audiss added 11 points while Gabe Heck scored 10.



Kelby Olson (10) goes high to nail two of his game high 20 points. *Photo John Skogberg*



Taten Fox (44) is fouled hard on his layup attempt versus Douglas. *Photo John Skogberg*

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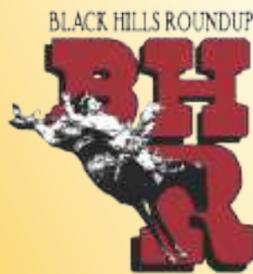
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BIG DAVE From A1

told Laura, "What better place to spend Valentine's Day than in the Center of the Nation, the heart of the nation." Mayor Landphere and Laura will be accompanying Big Dave throughout the day as they visit various businesses for hugs and high fives. Places and times will be posted around town and in next week's Beacon. Please join Big Dave, Mayor Landphere, and the members of The Senior Center for a luncheon (free will donation with proceeds to the Senior Citizen Center) and discussion at the Center from noon until 2pm. Those interested in attending should call Laura at 892-6285 or email bfsc@midconetwork.com no later than 10am on the 13th. Valet parking will be available. It should be noted that although the Belle Fourche Senior Citizen Center has arranged this visit, Big Dave is traveling here at his own expense. Hopefully, the community can pay him back with a multitude of hugs and high fives.

PARADE From A1

"With the 100th parade coming up, we're expecting the largest crowd we've ever had," Leverington told the group. "Probably 20 to 30,000 people and more floats than we've ever had." Last year the parade had its return route from State Street south to National by blocking off two lanes of Highway 85. To do that the state loaned the city upwards of 300 traffic cones, which they said they couldn't do this year. A second issue surfaced when it was noted that the original proposed route had the parade turning from State Street south on 8th Avenue. However with the completed road construction came curb enhancements which has significantly narrowed the ability for large semi's and long parade trailers to make the corner. After more than an hour of discussion and exchange of ideas a new proposed parade route was developed in the week that followed the meeting.

The new proposed parade route is as follows: Staging will use 13th Avenue from Ziebach Street north to National Street. The parade will start at National and 13th, move east and turn north on Elkhorn St. From Elkhorn it will veer onto 10th Avenue north to State Street. The parade would proceed west on State to 5th Ave (Hwy 85) turning south for 1 block, angle off onto Railroad St to 8th Avenue, proceed south past Herrmann Park and end at National Street. "This idea will allow us to utilize Herrmann Park, it will help our business along State Street and it will diminish the amount of Highway 85 that we have needed in the past," Leverington told the Beacon. "As a result we will need less cones and less police force stationed at that area (around Highway 85)." Leverington once again emphasizes that the route is not final until all approvals are in. He will be presenting the idea to the State Highway Department this week.

SHOPKO From A1

an auction in Chicago and the sales were approved last Tuesday by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Thomas Saladino, District of Nebraska. The sale comes after Shopko filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection last month. As part of their reorganization Shopko agreed to auction its pharmacy business and close 105 stores nationwide, however the Belle Fourche store, which has financially performed well, will remain open. All told the assets from 120 Shopko pharmacy locations were sold. It is expected to generate about \$52 million, short of the \$84 million the court records had projected. Walgreens was the largest buyer at 63 locations, CVS was next at 13 and Albertson's bought purchased seven.

When contacted by the Beacon a spokesperson for the Belle Fourche Shopko said that customers can get their prescriptions filled at the Walgreens in Spearfish. However, if they request, the prescription can be transferred to another Belle Fourche pharmacy if the customers wishes to keep the business local. Shopko will be closing six stores in South Dakota including the location in Custer. The Green Bay, WI-based company has until March 14th to demonstrate to the judge that it can emerge from bankruptcy and move forward or face a court mandate to liquidate. In a company news release last month CEO Russ Steinhorst expressed confidence that Shopko does have a solid plan to move forward with a much stronger company.



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By: Doug Cole

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motto, are chiseled in gray granite over the entrance to the New York City Post Office on 8th Avenue and come from Book 8, Paragraph 98, of The Persian Wars by Herodotus. During the wars between the Greeks and Persians (500-449 B.C.), the Persians operated a system of mounted postal couriers who served with great fidelity.

The firm of McKim, Mead & White designed the New York General Post Office, which opened to the public on Labor Day in 1914. One of the firm's architects, William Mitchell Kendall, was the son of a classics scholar and read Greek for pleasure. He selected the "Neither snow nor rain . . ." inscription, which he modified from a translation by Professor George Herbert Palmer of Harvard University, and the Post Office Department approved it.

Last week when the USPO district office in Sioux Falls suspended mail delivery in the state we here in the "western

weather zone might have wondered if they need to add to the list chiseled in stone: "Wind Chill.

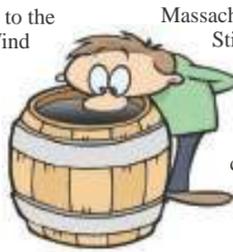
Remember the office that made that decision was in Sioux Falls and weather there was none too pleasant. In any administrative decision the safety of the postal employees is the first and foremost consideration. Based on what they had on hand the right decision was made.

We did have a few Beacon customers stop in and ask why they didn't have their papers on Wednesday.

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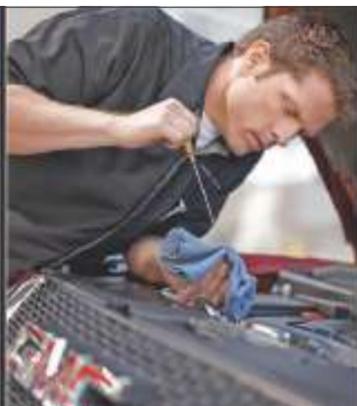
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Family Is the Backbone of Tri-State Chiropractic

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Tri-State Chiropractic is all it's cracked up to be - and so much more.

The busy Belle Fourche practice (located at 1515 5th Avenue since 2008) is a family affair. Established in rented facilities in 1987 by Doug Larson, DC, the practice now includes son Jade Larson, DC, and daughter-in-law Rebecca Gervais-Larson, DC, who, like Dr. Doug before them, are graduates of Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Minneapolis, MN. Drs. Doug and Jade both graduated from the University of Sioux Falls while Dr. Rebecca is a graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. And what would a successful practice be without an accomplished office manager, this one in the person of Dr. Doug's wife of 30 years, Jami Larson.

Although a high percentage of chiropractors' efforts are directed primarily on the spine and joints, Dr. Doug emphasizes, "That's not the beginning and the end of what we do." His focus is in the areas of acute care and chronic problems. Dr. Jade, meanwhile, frequently treats sports injuries as well as post-surgical rehabilitation in the areas of knee, neck and shoulder problems. "Long-



Left to right: Dr. Jade Larson, Dr. Rebecca Gervais-Larson, Jami Larson, Dr. Doug Larson

Courtesy Photo

term treatment so it won't happen again," he explains. Although all three doctors treat a variety of patients, Dr. Rebecca's emphasis is on women and children. Her chiropractic college studies included special classes on treating children. She works part-time at the practice while also caring for the couple's two little ones.

Dr. Doug notes that the practice encompasses a wide range of ages and concerns. "I've treated children as young as

two days old as well as adults over 100," he says and relates the story of a baby with colic whose parents were spending many a sleepless night dealing with the issue. "I asked them to

give me a week working with the child," he smiles, "and we had incredible results. And of course, there's always a cowboy falling off a horse to remind us of where we live."

Nowadays the naysayers are few and far between when it comes to acknowledging the important role chiropractors play in the health care arena.

"The relationship between my profession and that of medical providers has improved considerably over the years," Dr. Doug stresses while admitting there has been a lack of appreciation among some for the depth of education and the scope of practice of a chiropractor, citing the fact that Tri-State is able to provide x-rays to determine the extent of certain injuries and can do splints while injuries requiring casting or more are referred out of the clinic.

Born in Sioux Falls and raised in Harrisburg, Dr. Doug saw first-hand the toll manual labor can take on a body with his father active in construction. That peaked his interest in pursuing his profession and realizing his and Jami's dream of settling in the Black Hills. Both Dr. Jade and his sister Kelsi Larson, now an RN in Sioux Falls, were born here.

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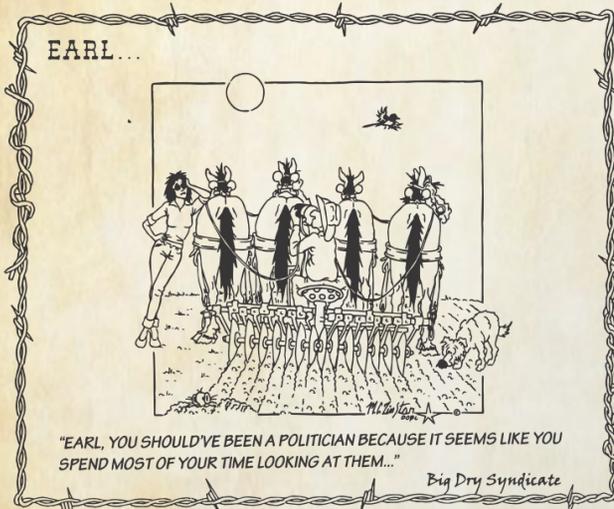
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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson

Jim Thompson takes motivational stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into the program. It has been on the air for more than 10 years.

My thoughts for this week. We shouldn't need to be motivated to visit or call old friends. But sometimes we need a nudge. Ok. Here's one for you, unfortunately the author is unknown.

Around the Corner

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end,
Yet the days go by and weeks rush on,
And before I know it, a year is gone.

And I never see my old friends face,
For life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell.

And he rang mine but we were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men.

Tired of playing a foolish game,
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Just to show that I'm thinking of him",
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away,
"Here's a telegram sir," "Jim died today."
And that's what we get and deserve in the end.
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

Remember, if you love someone, tell them.
Don't be afraid to express yourself. Seize the day and have no regrets.

The Good Stuff was developed for radio by Jim Thompson nearly 2 decades ago. The Beacon is the only newspaper that it appears in. You can hear The Good Stuff in the Northern Black Hills on KBHB Sturgis, 810AM each weekday morning at 9:30. Or go online to KNKL.org each Monday through Saturday morning at 9:00

2019 20X HS Showcase



20X COMPETITORS - (Above) Belle Fourche HS Team Ropers Lan Fuhrer (right) and Tee Mcamis (left) partnered up to represent the NW region of South Dakota. They blazed the trail for the Broncs as the duo finished third overall. (Below) Molly Ryan of Belle Fourche competed in breakaway roping but did not place. Molly's horse is Silky, an 11-yr. old quarterhorse mare, raised and trained by Jerry & Sue Gollither. Molly uses Silky for the breakaway roping and goat tying along with ranch work. Silky knows her job and likes to get to the cattle making Molly's work a little easier and more fun! - Courtesy Photos



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NVN Sports Wrap-up

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NEWELL – Once again the Newell gym was filled with the sounds of young athletes giving their best to the audience. Tuesday, January 29, was the annual Round Robin Wrestling meet with Newell hosting Sundance, Hulett, Lead/Deadwood, Harding County, Hill City, and Faith. Charlie Clements wrestled two exhibition matches, ending up with double losses. Chase VanDerBoom went two and two, beating Cope Williams, and Mariah Kruske both of L/D by pin.

Patrick Hamling won two matches, the first against Eddie Tokarczyk of Hulett in a 4-2 decision. He lost his second match against Deonte Tayler of Hulett in a major decision 14-4, and then won the third by a pin.

Marvin King won his first two matches, both by pin, and then fell to Jesse McCann of Harding County in an 8-2 decision, going 2-1 for the day. Wyatt Winkler also went 2-1 for the day. He lost his first match by pin to Payton Ewing of Sundance, and winning the second against Dylan Meade of L/D by decision 15-4. He also won his third match 13-6.

Caleb McGregor was the only Newell grappler to win all three matches, all three by pinning his opponent.

Then Thursday basketball was the name of the game. The Newell Irrigators hosted the Hill

City Rangers and both girls' and boys' teams went down to defeat. The girls got hosed 61-38. Kayden Steele took high game with 11, followed close by Dana Youngberg at 10. The Rangers took the first period 14-6 and followed that up 16-6 in the second to end the half up 30-12.

The Lady Gators came back in the third period with 16 points, and the Rangers only put up 13, leaving the third quarter score at 43-28. Newell outscored Hill City in the fourth as well, 10-8, but could not make up the difference.

"They (Hill City) are a good Class A team," said Coach Scott Wince. "We can't continue to dig ourselves a hole we can't get out of."

In the boys' game, they had Payton Burtzclaff at 12 points for the game as high man. Meanwhile the Rangers had two men with high scores, Noah Krull with 19 and Tayler Edwards with 20.

Hill City outscored Newell by 8 in the first period, 14-6, and 12-8 in the second, giving them the lead at the half, 26-14.

It was more of the same in the third and fourth, with the Rangers outscoring Newell 18-8 in the third and matching them in the fourth with 11. That gave them the victory, 55-33.

"We have just been so sick," said Coach Trev Fiedler. "It has been hard to keep up with practice with so many out. We need to try harder."

Newell School Receives Safety Rebate Funds

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NEWELL – Max Wetz, First Western Insurance agent, recently presented a check for \$4,108.73 to Superintendent Robin Dutt at the Newell school. It was the school's portion of the 2018 dividend from the School Safety Dividend Program. The total payout was more than \$200,000.

"With our continued growth in South Dakota schools, and with profitable loss history, we have an excellent chance for future dividends," said EMC, the insurance company. They also said this is part of their continued support of the school that works to follow proper safety initiatives.

First Western Insurance is a local company that sells a variety of insurances and has worked with the school for many years. Wetz and Harry Stapp are the local agents.

According to the local agents, EMC is committed to keeping the schools safe with their Loss Control information with videos, tech sheets and the CD designed just for schools.

The dividend check given reflected a 5.3 percent payout presented to the schools.



SAFETY PAYS - Local EMC Insurance agent Max Wetz, presents a dividend check for \$4,108.73 to Superintendent Robin Dutt on Wednesday at the school. The proceeds reflect the school's participation in the insurance company's School Safety Dividend Program. -Courtesy photo



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LAYING UP AND LAYING DOWN - (From far left) Lexa Burtzclaff puts up a layup against the Hill City Rangers Thursday night, January 31. (Near Left) Brock Kjellson hits his layup during the game with Hill City on Friday. Newell lost 55-33. (Above) Marvin King pins Oakley Viergetts in the Newell Round Robin on Tuesday night. - Brunner photos

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Not Quite 'One of the Guys'

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BELLE FOURCHE – Standing on the steps of a Cat dozer or the articulating haul rock truck at the Colony plant of Mineral Technology, Inc./American Colloid, Bridget Howell is not quite one of the guys—but she’s pretty close. About the only difference is her petite frame.

Howell, who is the 23-year-old daughter of Guy and Shanna Howell of Colony, Wyo., graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 2014 and attended Miles Community College and Gillette College, graduating with an Associates Degree in Ag Business.

“A lot was expected of us growing up (on the ranch),” said Howell. She learned to run a variety of tractors and farm equipment, which gave her a skillset that brought her to where she is now; driving D8 Cats, articulating tractors and disks and the big rock haul trucks.

Recently, on a trip to the Wyoming plant by a group of board members from MTI, Howell was busy with her regular day, driving one of the haul trucks. She got a call from the boss asking her to swing by the office. She didn’t make her loop and one of the other employees asked where she was.

“She’s down there on display,” responded another, referring to her sharing what she was doing with the board members.

Howell feels like she is pretty much just one of the guys, except that she admits that there are a couple things that she needs a little help on occasionally. “But the guys are all willing to do whatever to help me learn,” she said.

Howell works with 50-60 guys at the plant and never knows from day to day where she’ll find herself. Some days she’s on the rock haul trucks, the next she’ll be running a tractor and disk on the



WITH THE BIG BOYS - It’s a long way up into the cab of the Kamatsu articulating rock haul truck, and Bridget Howell looks small in the cab, but has no problem driving the monster truck. -Photo courtesy ACC

“gray pile” next to the east plant.

Howell, who eventually wants to pursue further education, as well as marry and raise a family, said she wasn’t sure what she was going to do following her graduation. Around the first part of May she was encouraged to go to ACC and check out the possibility of a temporary position. In June she started 3 weeks of training and by the end of that month she was working. The temporary position ended when she received an offer of full-time employment. As a result, she works 10-12 hour days regularly.

Bob Symonds trained her on “the pile,” running the dozer. “You’ll feel it,” he told her when she questioned how close to get to the edge. Running the big Kamatsu articulating haul truck was a challenge as well.

“You sit way high up and centered over the tires,” said Howell. “So, it’s a challenge. But I’m getting there. I feel comfortable with whatever they have me do.”

The day she was called to talk to the board, they remarked that she looked very small up in the cab of the truck, but when she stepped out, they realized just how petite this young woman is. That has not been a problem though, as she said she has been able to do most anything that is thrown her way. She said she hopes to work even while taking some more online classes towards a bachelors’ degree. That way she can pay off school loans.

This young woman said she loves the job, the challenges, and everything about it. The guys are very supportive and even accommodating. She said it is typical to “sign off” at night and when she does, she said she hears a chorus of good-byes, see-you-later Bridget, and other wishes for a good evening.



THAT’S MY CAT - Bridget Howell stands on the steps of a Cat D8 Dozer, at the Colony plant of MTI/ACC where she works as the lone female running equipment. -Photo courtesy ACC

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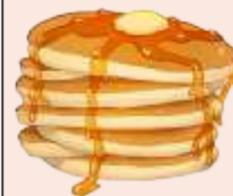
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“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

Feb. 11, 1909

August Maass and wife of Bixby were in Vale on Wednesday; Mrs. Maass was filing on a desert claim. Ernest Schleuning of Tama accompanied them as a witness.

There will be a masquerade dance on Washington’s Birthday Saturday night February 22. The ladies are requested to bring a box containing lunch for two, which will be sold to the highest bidder. Dance tickets will be \$1. If the ticket purchaser bids on a basket, he will be credited his ticket back at \$1 toward the next dance.

Feb. 6, 1919

Ed Bushnell has just received a new complete line of Ford autos, parts and repairs. If you are in the market for a new Ford,

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This week all Departments of the N.M. Bratton Merc. Co. are represented and are doing business in the new building, although workmen are putting on finishing touches. The new building is a point of beauty and fire proof, convenience to the community and customers, all departments are under one roof, grocery department, hardware, dry goods, women’s & gent’s wear, and shoes with offices directly in center on the balcony overlooking all departments with ample storage space in basement.

Feb. 7, 1929

Elmer John May, 11, son of Mr. & Mrs. John May of Lead,

died shortly before midnight last night as a result of injuries received when a sled on which he was sliding down a steep street collided with a toboggan coasting down a cross street. The boy lived only a short time after the accident.

The county tax levy for Mother’s Pensions for the year 1929 is decided by the Butte County board of Commission at .44 mills on assessed property. To be eligible for a Mother’s Pension, the mother must be a widow by reason of death of husband or by divorce granted one year prior to receiving pension and a resident of South Dakota for one year and Butte County 6 months.

Feb. 9, 1939

Ralph Boyer, WPA area engi-

neer, announces the completion of the Vale School Project, comprising the construction of a concrete basement under the school gymnasium. The basement will be used for dressing rooms and shower baths and a heating plant.

An “Old Times” dance is scheduled for next Wednesday evening February 15 at the Old Fellow Hall. The music to be furnished by the ever popular Hoover Orchestra. The affair is given as a benefit for the South Dakota Odd Fellows Rest Home. Admission 35 cents per person.

Feb. 10, 1949

The Black Hills Airport was leased last week to the Skyway Air Service of Newell and Spearfish by the Lawrence County Commission for a period of 5 years. The lease agreement calls for a payment of \$1,500 per year. The agriculture land was leased to Chester Dodds, Spearfish, for \$1,296 yearly for 5-year lease. The Skyway Bid for airport and agriculture land, 259 acres was \$2,100.

The Pilgrim Fellowship Youth group of the Congregational Church is hosting a Mother-Daughter Banquet February 14 at 6:30 PM at the Congregational Church Social Room. A \$1.50 fee for a pair mother and daughter is charged. Mothers without a daughter are urged to bring another young girl from the community.

All hope has been given up on finding Allen MacKrell, Vale youth, still alive who was lost in the early January blizzard. MacKrell who has been working for Otto Wolfe, whose ranch is near Kyle in the Bad Lands. The family reports that searching parties are still out, although

the snow and wind since the first blizzard have made it very difficult to carry on a search.

Feb. 5, 1959

Attorney General Parnell Donohue ruled Wednesday the funds derived from a Township liquor store may not be given an Independent School District. A Township in Butte County requested an official opinion as to whether they could give funds from the liquor store operated in an Unincorporated Municipality to the school district which is in poor financial condition.

S-Sgt & Mrs. Gerald Fabricius and children drove out to Castle Rock to the parental Henry Jacobsen ranch Sunday to visit. They arrived in Newell Tuesday evening to visit relatives and friends, and the little girl has been sick with the measles since their arrival.

Feb. 7, 1979

Newell Kindergarten teacher, Kay Karlson, bused her students to Hazel Yuill’s farm on Horse Creek Wednesday for the unusual experience of milking a cow and seeing other farm animals. Most of the children learned how to milk a cow and feed bum lambs. They also saw a lamb being born. They ended the day with milk and cookies and warmed their feet by the fireplace in the Yuill home. It was a real learning experience for most of the kids.

Somebody shot through the front window of the Bum Steer Café in Newell at 8:30 PM Thursday. Police say it was a .22 caliber or smaller and the case is still under investigation. Anyone having information about the shooting is asked to contact Newell Police Chief Richard Marr. There were no injuries in the incident, although patrons and owner Sue Middleton were near the line of fire.



A REAL GENERAL STORE - Newell’s N.M. Bratton Mercantile Co., circa. 1919. Note the ladies’ hats and Woodward’s candy for sale. Currently Howdy’s Newmart. - Photo Courtesy Newell Museum

Notice To Creditors

Estate of Edward V. Brunner, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Bruce E. Brunner, co-executor of the last will and testament of Edward V. Brunner, deceased. Creditors of decedent must file their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with said co-executor at this address: Bruce E. Brunner, 18344 SD Hwy 79, Newell, SD 57760, this being the place fixed for the transactions of the business of said estate in the county of Butte, state of South Dakota.

Dated January 21, 2019 - Bruce E. Brunner
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LEGISLATIVE CRACKERBARREL: Gary Wood, Belle Chamber Director gives opening remarks at Feb. 2 Crackerbarrel at Grap's in Belle. From left Butte Cty Commissioner James Ager, Wood, Senator Ryan Maher, Rep. Sam Marty, Rep. Tom Brunner, Sen. Gary Cammack, and Rep. Kirk Chaffee.

Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm at the Belle Fourche Public library. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.

123 years ago Belle Fourche Times February 6, 1896 Range and Range

Will Ford came in from the range Sunday and will probably remain in town until spring. Up where Ford's Cattle range (about a 150 miles from here) there is sufficient snow and plenty of feed. For that matter feed is "A No 1 almost everywhere. He thinks this will be the best winter for cattle that stockmen have seen for a long time.

Talk Of The Town

E. A. Behymer, of Forks, was in town Wednesday on business. Dr. E. D. Ralph, register of the land office, was a visitor here on Tuesday. The road near the Redwater bridge is now passable. It has been temporarily repaired. Attorney W. G. Rice, of Deadwood, assisted T. W. LaFieche to defend Tyn-dale and Hines in justice court. Andrew and Nels Erickson, Wm. Schmele and Andrew Eric, all of Butte, were in attendance as witnesses at the trial on Monday.

The board of commissioners will meet in adjourned session on Saturday to consider bids for building the stone vault and frame county jail.

Business Men's Meeting

On Wednesday evening a meeting of citizens was held at the court house for the purpose of organizing a business men's league, the object being to promote the general welfare of the town and county. A. H. Marble was called the chair, and F. E. Bennett was elected temporary secretary. Those present were A. H. Marble, H. A. Giles, W. M. Paterson, C. A. Dana, D. R. Evans, F. E. Bennett, F.

E. Erdman, I. S. Weyard, T. H. Gay, J. W. VanHorn, L. R. Bailey, G. W. Taber, and C. T. Martin, all whom enrolled their names and members at a fee of \$1 each. A general discussion was then indulged in, and numerous advertising schemes were proposed for attracting the attention of capital this way without bringing in idle men. The idea prevailed that it was capital - not immigration - that we most need, and a plan of campaign with that end in view is the one to be adopted.

100 years ago The Northwest Post February 13, 1919 Roosevelt Sunday in Belle Fourche

As suggested by the president, Sunday, February 9, was appointed as a day in which to honor Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. An elaborate program was given in the evening at the Congregational church, at which there was a very large attendance. Mr. L. M. Simons was never heard to better advantage than in his tribute to Mr. Roosevelt as "America's Greatest American."

Britain Asked to Explain U. S. State Department Sends Inquiry as to Embargo Put on Imports

Washington, Feb. 10 - Inquiries have been sent by state department to Great Britain, France, and Italy regarding the British import embargo, the French cartel and Italian system of government supervision of purchases, all of which have an effect on American industries. The British embargo has been the subject of warm debate in the senate, where is pending a resolution by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts asking for

information from the state department.

Burn Wilson in Effigy; Arrested

Washington, Feb. 11 - Sixty-five members of the National Women's party were arrested by civil and military police after they had burned President Wilson in effigy in front of the White House as a protest against the threatened defeat of the equal suffrage resolution.

Miss Capias, trimmer in Mrs. Sarah Brown's millinery establishment

is now in the east purchasing new hats and trimmings. Upon her return, about March 1, Mrs. Brown will have the latest creations to offer her patrons, and it will pay the ladies of Belle Fourche and vicinity to wait until then before making their selections.

75 years ago Belle Fourche Bee January 27, 1944 Homestake Shows \$303,000 Profit for Year 1943

Lead - Although mine operations were terminated in June, 1943, in compliance with the WPB gold mine closing order, Homestake Mining company was able to pay a dividend of 15 cents a share out of profits derived from operation up to that time, according to an announcement by Guy N. Borge, general manager. The company still employs about 800 men in maintenance work, in essential jobs in the foundry in Lead and in the lumber mill at Spearfish.

14, 13-Year Old Boys Steal Auto

Two Spearfish boys, age 13 and 14, were arrested here Saturday night in connection with the theft of car belonging to Clyde Weaver, Spearfish.

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Sheriff's Office Asks Help in Solving Sign Vandalism Case

The Butte County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a case of felony Intentional Damage to Property.

On January 28, 2019 the Butte County Sheriff's Office was notified that several road signs in the Rehorst Road area had been damaged. A number of the signs were less than a week old,

and were put in via a combined effort between Butte County and the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

During the investigation it was determined that approximately 67 road signs sustained damage. Of the 67 signs damaged 33 had just been installed. The damage was caused by several different caliber firearms, including a shot gun, .22 and a larger caliber firearm.

The damage is estimated at approximately \$6,000 making the crime a class 4 felony.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's help to identify the vandal or vandals in this case. If you have any information please contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office at (605) 892-3324.



SIGN VANDALISM - Many of the damaged signs, like the one above, were in the Rehorst Road area. The damage took place on or before January 28th. Willfully damaging highway signs is a felony and the Butte County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in finding the culprits. -Courtesy Photo

by Mary Buchholz



Editorial

-In all of the planning for the future, there remains one over shadowing problem. Who's going to pay the bill? The city cannot undertake such a project itself, it can only help. Any project of this nature must be a private venture and it must have cooperation. As we understand it, these projects go on the rocks due to the resistance from absentee landowners - a problem that much of main street faces in its efforts to improve. Extensive studies which have been made of Belle Fourche as part of the comprehensive plan indicate this community has a future.

Building Permits Show Gain in 1968

Building permits valuation in Belle Fourche for 1968 wound up slightly higher than the 1967 total, it was disclosed this week in a report from the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank. The report shows permits valued at \$10,000 issued in December, compared with none in December of 1967. Total for 1968 was \$296,000, compared with \$234,000 in 1967. Spearfish's totals were \$632,000, compared to their 1967's \$546,000. Sturgis permits were \$131,000 compared with \$91,000 in 1967.

CITY BRIEFS

Father Guy of Sky Ranch was a Sunday morning visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Patton. Father Guy is leaving Sky Ranch and will be starting a Youth Group in West Virginia. He is a Brother of the Poor of St. Francis; the order is located in Minneapolis and sends brothers wherever they are needed.

One of the youths was caught while driving the car from the spot where it had been parked in front of the Legion hall. He identified the other.

Rites Today for Mrs. Mollie Perrett

Funeral services will be held today for 76-year-old Mrs. Mollie Perrett, Belle Fourche, who died early Saturday morning at a local hospital. Rites will be held from the Methodist church at 2 p.m., with Rev. L. A. Johnson officiating. Burial will take place at Pineslope cemetery under direction of the Frost and Son Funeral home. Mrs. Mollie (Hamilton) Perrett was born in Missouri on Aug. 24, 1867. She had lived in Butte county about 12 years, was the former wife of the late Potato Creek Johnny Perrett, of Deadwood, pioneer Black Hills prospector.

50 years ago Belle Fourche Bee February 5, 1969 New Ordinances Get Final Board Approval

Final approval of three ordinances and referring of three matters back to committee highlighted the February meeting of the Belle Fourche city council Monday night. The board gave final reading to an ordinance which makes it unlawful "to place snow on city streets or alleys except when cleaning snow from sidewalks." Also approved were ordinances providing a penalty of up to \$100 for persons who do electrical or plumbing work in Belle Fourche without first securing the proper licenses. The council referred to the liquor committee a request by the Highland Grocery for a license to sell 3.2 beer.

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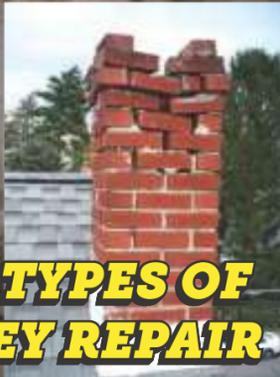
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BETTY OLSON

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Temperatures were on a roller coaster this week, ranging from 9 below zero last Tuesday morning to a high of 52 degrees on Friday and then plummeting to -15 below zero again this Monday. When the polar vortex rolled across the country in the middle of the week record low temperatures were set all over the northern US making it colder here than it was in the Arctic Circle. So much for global warming.

Taz and Reub went to Hettinger on Tuesday to get tractor parts and take Sage's chop saw back they'd borrowed. They visited Sage and little Ellarie out at their new house Sage is building west of town. Sage has got lot done on it, but it will still be a while before Sage, Alaina, and the kids move in.

Reub had physical therapy with Jacy Buffington in Buffalo on Monday and again on Wednesday. I had to take some Republican papers to the courthouse Wednesday afternoon and had some good visits with the courthouse folks. No mail was delivered on Wednesday because of the polar vortex, although it was colder here the day before.

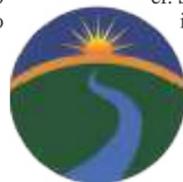
Taz and Amanda went to Rapid City for the Stock Show rodeo on Thursday and Reub and I went to Hettinger that afternoon for his appointment with Mary Eggebo. With all the medical appointments we've had the last two weeks, I've had to miss quilting at the church. Several of the ladies get together on Wednesdays and Thursdays to quilt and sooner or later, I plan to join them.

Friday was an absolutely beautiful day. So much snow and ice melted with the 52 degree temperature that Olson Creek in front of our house was bank full and running over. My laundry got dry on the clothesline and the chickens enjoyed the warmth so much that I got five eggs! Taz went up to look at how Bill Holt built his chute the other day and to see the new table Bill is making. Taz spent all day Friday working on the chute he's building in the shop while Casey and Missy took the wrestlers to Pierre Friday afternoon for the Stanley County tournament on Saturday.

We consigned our heifers to the Faith sale barn this Monday, but after hearing the nasty weather report for Sunday, Reub called Roger Gunderson to send us a truck on Saturday so we could get them hauled to Faith before the weather got bad. It was 50 degrees here that day and mud was everywhere. I don't know who the trucker was that came to haul them, but he certainly understood how to handle a semi in the mud! He could have really gotten stuck with the loaded truck, but he was really handy and managed to get on the road without getting stuck. They couldn't get all the heifers on the semi, so

they loaded the rest in the horse trailer and Taz followed the truck to Faith with his load. Besides the semi not getting stuck in the mud, the other good news was that it was Groundhog Day and the groundhog predicted an early spring. After the freezing cold on Sunday and this coming week, that is really good news.

Amanda took Taz to Rapid City early Sunday morning to fly to the rodeo in Fort Worth, Texas, while Grandma Missy kept the kids. It snowed here, but Amanda said it was raining in the Hills and was a lot warmer. She made it back home in time for church and the roads were good all the way home.



I just finished reading Jerome A. Greene's book "Slim Buttes, 1876" for the

second time about the Battle of the Slim Buttes that took place south of Highway 20 just west of Reva. The first time I read the book was when it first came out in 1982, but my book disappeared and I kind of forgot about it. Last year Kent Bergstrand called from Iowa to ask if I could show him the battlefield. I called Mark Lermen and Mark agreed to take us on a very interesting tour of the battlefield that lays entirely on Lermen land. Kent, who is a historian, asked if I had read Greene's book. When he found out that I no longer had a copy, he mailed this one to me when he went home to Iowa.

It's a fascinating history of the 1876 Battle of the Slim Buttes and for locals, the most interesting part is Appendix D at the end of the book where Walter M. Camp wrote about the discovery of the lost site of the Slim Buttes battle for the South Dakota Historical Society in 1918. Old neighbors mentioned from this area were E.W. Laisy and Louis Jones who helped him search around Gill for the site. They didn't find it in there, so on June 19, 1917, he enlisted the help of W.W. Mitchell and his son Irl Mitchell, Ephraim Gray, and Edgar Coffield. After two and a half hours, their search was successful when they found unmistakable evidence of the destroyed Indian village on what was W.W. Mitchell's land at that time. I suggest that any descendants of the folks mentioned in Camp's article who haven't already read Greene's book that you find a copy. You'll certainly enjoy it!

This so fits our weather right now:

It's winter in South Dakota,
And the gentle breezes blow,
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When the snow's up to your butt,
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KAREN ODELL

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Cristen Westling and Jon Hamilton left Ronda Cordell's after caking the cows on Monday, to return to Rapid City. Diane Wear went to Buffalo with Ronda that day, for Ronda's physical therapy appointment. On Tuesday, Diane and Ronda headed to Spearfish for Ronda's Ortho appointment for her knee. Cristen came from Rapid City to meet them. Ronda had physical therapy again on Wednesday at Buffalo. She had lunch at Clint and Denise's on Thursday. Darby had many things to show her, while Abby napped. Abby has become quite a happy little girl, and Darby sure does love her little sis. The temperatures were up and down this week. Wednesday was zero when Ronda awoke, and it was in the 30's with fine snow on Friday and Saturday. Clint Zolnoski went to Ronda's on Saturday afternoon and used his snow blower to blow the cement off at Ronda's. Then he



could take it home to blow the front area of his house. When Ronda called the Over The Edge on Sunday, she learned there was a soup dinner at the Methodist Church, so she went in to that. Much of the snow had melted and it was raining on her way home. Things will be frozen by morning, and 70 mph winds are predicted. Dick and Erma Albert are finally feeling

much better this week. They made a trip to Belle Fourche and Spearfish on Thursday, and were glad to be able to get out to church on Sunday. Alvin and Marlee Cordell had rain on Saturday night and Sunday. It had warmed up to above freezing. Barrett Cordell had surgery on Tuesday and was allowed to leave as an out-patient. Things have gone well and he is nearly back to his high-energy level. Marlee took care of the girls on Tuesday. On Wednesday evening, Alvin and Denin Cheguis went in to the Pill Pool

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competition at the Corner Bar in Camp Crook. It is an individual competition and sounds like lots of fun. On Friday, Alvin and Denin went to Reva to get a vehicle that Dusten Tenold had been working on. Denin drove the extra vehicle home. Jay Cordell came out to the ranch for the weekend and they all went in to the Camp Crook Methodist Church for the soup dinner after church on Sunday. Doug and Julia Davis have kept busy doing ordinary things. Julia has been going in to Buffalo to work, and Doug is getting things fixed up for calving. Last Sunday, Julia went to the Camp Crook Hall for the Essential Oils presentation by Tawni Cordell. After that they demonstrated yoga. Julia has found an internet site that has a great wheelchair yoga presentation, too. The wind came up with a vengeance on Sunday evening and Julia expects the ice to be treacherous tomorrow. Dorothy and Dawn Padden made a trip to Buffalo and Bowman on Thursday. Then on Saturday evening, Dorothy

went to Bryce's, where Dawn had prepared supper for Dorothy and her dad, Roger Stevens. On Sunday, there was a special 80th birthday party for Roger at the Activities Center on the fair grounds in Ekalaka. Dawn and her sisters had planned the birthday party for this special day. There was four or five inches of snow at Odell's on Monday. Charlie made a trip to the Hills for supplies on Tuesday, and stopped to visit with Maurice Overn at Serenity Corners. Charlie has been working on taxes, and Karen spent some time getting everything off the piano, including all the granckids' pictures and scenes of Wales, so she could fix a couple of the keys. Fuzzball, the cat, likes to play the piano in the middle of the night, and he was insulted when one of the keys didn't make a sound. Karen has also been scanning, and filing some old pictures and articles. It is reminding her of the Camp Crook Variety Shows that brought in great crowds, the centennial, the Cantatas that

we did at the Methodist Church, the two nuns that taught Sunday School at the Methodist Church when Karen was Sunday School Superintendent, and the country dances, and adult basketball, softball and baseball teams from every little community that had a hall. A few weeks ago, Charlie and Karen Odell were eating lunch in Spearfish. When they were nearly done, the waitress stopped at their table and thanked them for coming in, said their bill had already been paid, and wished them a good day. It was a wonderful random act of kindness that made them know that goodness still exists in this world of turmoil. They saw no one that they thought they knew in the restaurant. Maybe they missed someone, but they guessed that someone just decided to do a good deed for two total strangers. It was a much bigger gift than just the free dinner. It made them feel a little undeserving, but even more importantly, it made them think about the goodness that surrounds us every day. Thank you, whoever you are.

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Budmayr Honored on Mount Marty College Dean's List

YANKTON — Louis Budmayr of Belle Fourche was recently named to the Dean's List of Mount Marty College (MMC) in Yankton, South Dakota, for the Fall 2018 semester. The MMC Dean's List is comprised of full-time undergraduate students completing a full-time load of graded coursework with a minimum term GPA of 3.5. To learn more about MMC, visit mtmc.edu.



REVISED ROUNDUP PARADE ROUTE - This is the new proposal for the Roundup Parade this July 4th. The staging area is the same as last year (red dotted line) and the revised route takes the parade all the way down State Street and past Hermann Park.

Belle Fourche Elementary Students of the Month



South Park January Students of the Month
(L-R) Back row: Ian Voyles, Taliyah Johnson, Davian O'Brien, Aaliyah Lennon.
Front Row: Rakel Wilen, Ben Raba, Kynlee Jankord, Hailey Millett,



North Park January Students of the Month
(L-R) Riley Balderas, and Mea Daniels.

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Thursday, April 11th - Regular Cattle Sale
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Thursday, April 18th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, April 25th - Pair Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 2nd - Feeder Cattle Special
- Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 9th - Pair Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 16th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 23rd - Regular Cattle Sale
- Selling All Classes of Cattle
Thursday, May 30th - Regular Cattle Sale
- Turn Out Bull Sale - Selling All Classes of Cattle

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Lermeney Ranch - SD
420 Blk str, 650-725#
PC HR weaned poured

Brian Creek - WY
210 Blk str, 625#
PC HR weaned
100 Blk hfr, 580#
PC HR weaned

Todd Meccage - MT
135 Blk hfr, 700-750#
DF BV PC NI HR poured
65 Blk str, 750#
DF PC NI HR poured

Kyle & Shelly West - WY
140 mxd, 550-575#
PC NI HR poured

Brad and Monica Anderson - SD
130 Red hfr, 700#
BV PC NI HR poured
certified tags
30 red mxd, 700#
PC NI HR poured

Lemoine Sell - WY
130 Blk mxd, 550-650#
PC NI HR weaned
Bunk broke cake broke

X Ring Ranch - WY
125 Blk bwf hfr, 525#
PC NI HR poured cake broke

Austin Risty, SD
115 Blk mxd, 650-700#
PC NI HR weaned
Sean Carroll, MT
100 Blk str, 625#
PC NI HR

Saddle Tree Ranch, WY
100 Blk str, 550-600#
PC NI HR weaned poured

Clint Stinson, MT
100 Blk str, 600#
HR green weaned
Grass and cake

Beer Mug Ranch, SD
100 Blk mxd, 500-600#
PC NI hfrs BV

Arnie Beardsly, MT
100 Blk hfr, 550#
PC NI HR weaned poured

Reiger Ranch, MT
85 Blk & Red baldy hfr, 750#
PC HR weaned

Tyler Fritz, SD
85 Blk str, 600-650#
PC weaned poured

Willy & Ann Gergin, MT
86 Blk hfrs, 600#
PC BV bunk broke - gentle

Brian Birkley, WY
80 Blk hfr, 650#
PC NI HR poured

Joe and Jane Burke, SD
80 Blk hfr
650-700#
PC BV HR weaned

Snook Land & Cattle, WY
75 Blk hfr, 550#
PC BV HR weaned

Scott Shaun, SD
65 Blk str, 600#
PC HR poured

X Heart Ranch, WY
60 Blk hfr, 700#
PC HR BV all blacks in town

Jeff Swaney, WY
52 Blk mxd, 400-600#
PC NI poured

Allen Goffer, WY
50 Blk hfr, 600#, PC

Don Vitto, SD
30 Red hfr, 600#
PC NI HR poured
weaned Dec 1st

Odis Hewson, SD
26 Bwf hfr, 650-700#
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National Children's Book Debuts in Belle

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For Sean Covell, writing a children's book and producing the cult-classic Hollywood movie "Napoleon Dynamite" are really very similar.

"It's all about finding a special character that wants something and putting obstacles in their way," said the Edgemont native who now lives in Deadwood. "If that's 'Napoleon Dynamite' going to high school or Porter cleaning her room its really the same thing."

Covell and creator-illustrator Rebecca Swift, a native of Yankton, began a Black Hills promotional tour of their new children's book "Porter the Hoarder" last Thursday with a stop at South Park Elementary School in Belle Fourche.

"Porter the Hoarder" is what is termed a look-and-find book. Readers are encouraged to find items on each page that relate to the storyline. In the case of Porter, she is tasked with cleaning her room, sorting items to keep from items to throw away. And in the end, there is a missing gold coin that must

be found for Porter to receive a reward.

Covell and Swift read through the book with an audience of more than 100 first graders as it was projected on a large screen in the gymnasium. Students were asked to participate by finding the items and pointing them out on the screen. Swift then demonstrated how she draws the book's central character. Free copies of the book were given out and signed and photos were taken with the students.

This book is the first in a series of what will be more than 60 books in the Porter series. Four more books are complete and ready for release in the next six months.

The idea for the first book came from Swift. "My daughter Logan, who is 4 years old, showed me a drawer in her room where she had been hoarding candy for several months, from Halloween and Christmas," Swift said. "That was the inspiration for the first book."

She got with Covell who then wrote the book while Swift did



PORTER PRODIGIES - Author Sean Covell (standing left), illustrator Rebecca Swift (middle) and Principal Julie Hatling (right) ask students to raise their hand if they enjoyed reading the book. - Beacon Photo

the illustrations. The look-and-find style of the book brings the pictures and text together to make it more interactive.

"The book is intended to be shared between a child and a parent," Covell said. "It really doesn't work unless you have a big (adult) reading with a little (child). The book is a game and the game is the book."

In fact the teachers at South Park sent each student home with a packet that included homework for parents. "And the teachers are assigning the homework which is basically

to read the book with their child," he said. "So basically you're going to see kids like a steam train barreling through the front door with their book and a document that says read with me!"

The books were given away as a gift from the Black Hills Reads initiative from United Way of the Black Hills. "When I learned what (Director) Kayla Klein was doing with the grade-level reading program I knew we had to get together on this," Covell said. "We literally put this program with Porter together in

24 hours."

Thus far the book has been very well received. It is the number one new release in the hidden category books on Amazon, ranking second in the category overall to Disney's Moana.

The two will continue their Black Hills tour in February giving away more than 2,000 copies. And from there it seems the duo has big plans. "Well, this fall we have some pretty awesome news coming but I can't say much about that now," Covell said.