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BHSU alum Lysa Allison
and the Cornerstone
Rescue Mission leave
their mark on future
generations



HELLO FROM THE *President*

Greetings from Black Hills State University,

We are so pleased to have students, faculty, and staff back on campus. All of us at BHSU, along with our colleagues across the nation and world, are adapting to continue maintaining a safe learning environment. The Fall 2020 semester is well underway and I applaud all the faculty and students for making their educational goals a priority.



BHSU is excited to announce two new Centers at BHSU-Rapid City that will have a major impact on economic development by meeting workforce needs throughout the West River region. The Center for Hospitality and Business is focusing on collaborating with businesses and on meeting the growing need for qualified employees in the tourism industry. The West River Health Sciences Center is working to ensure more nursing graduates are available in this area as the demand for healthcare professionals continues to grow.

We are moving forward with plans to enhance student advising as we stand up a new Student Success Center. This will positively affect outcomes for all of our students and create opportunities for students, alumni, and businesspeople to network through the Career Development Center. Be watching for details about how you can be involved.

Laurie S. Nichols

Dr. Laurie S. Nichols, President


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JOHN HECK CONTINUES LEGACY OF SUPPORTING BHSU AND COMMUNITY

Graduating from Black Hills State University in 1968 with a double major in art and industrial arts education, John Heck has become a well-known supporter of the University's athletics. Originally from Timber Lake, John is a former Yellow Jacket basketball player and part-owner of the Stadium Sports Grill in Spearfish.

John can be seen at athletic events throughout the year, mainly men's and women's basketball games. Recently, he established The John Heck Athletic Scholarship, which was awarded to a BHSU men's basketball player for the first time this fall.

During his time at BHSU, John met his future wife, Loretta Jo "Jo" Cooley, Class of 1979. John and Jo had celebrated 51 years of marriage before Jo passed away last May.

Following his graduation from BHSU, John taught industrial arts in Selby and Herreid. A talented guitar player and singer, John

played professionally on and off throughout the years. When he and Jo returned to Spearfish in 1976, they formed the Heck Trio and played regionally for eight years. John says playing around the area helped

him meet new people and expand his networking system.

During this time, John's day job was his contract painting business. He worked for Black Hills Painting Inc. before eventually buying the business. In 1993, Heck and business partner, Clair Donovan, founded the Stadium Sports Grill.

John believes his contract painting business prepared him for owning and managing the Stadium.

At this point in John's life, he considers himself semi-retired. The Stadium is a little like home to him now, so he spends quite a bit of time there hanging out with his second family. John says he can't say enough good things about the employees they've had over the years, many of whom have been BHSU students. He also enjoys spending time with his daughter, who lives in Salt Lake City, and his son, who lives in Wichita, Kansas.



PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYERS USE APP CREATED BY BHSU ALUM



After launching the Seam Readers mobile app two months ago, Black Hills State University alum Jared Tiefenthaler's company has now reached more than 9,500 downloads. Jared began designing the app as part of his senior project for the Entrepreneurship Seminar course at BHSU.

"All the classes I took in entrepreneurship at BHSU are what I give credit to when it comes to advancing the idea for Seam Readers," says Jared, who now lives in Chino Valley, Ariz. He graduated from BHSU in 2018 and played for the BHSU football team.

Seam Readers is a baseball and softball technology company whose focus is training and teaching the skill of seam reading to players across the world. According to the app description, Seam Readers is the only way to actually get better at hitting by playing on your phone. "Each pitch has a different 'face' that the spin creates. Knowing what each pitch looks like could be the difference between strike 3, or a home run."

Currently, the top player on the Seam Readers app is Josh Jung, third baseman for the Texas Rangers who was the No. 8 draft pick in Major League Baseball (MLB) in 2019. Jung found the app through his hitting coach with the Texas Rangers.

Even with nearly 10,000 downloads of Seam Readers, Jared says there is much more to come with additional features and incentives to be released in the coming months. The company is collaborating with baseball e-commerce partners and creating a shop for Seam Readers that will coincide with the app.

Learn more at www.SeamReaders.com

BHSU ALUM SHARES INSIGHT INTO HEALTHCARE PROFESSION

Bailey (Kusser) Tetrault from Highmore, S.D., graduated from Black Hills State University in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in biology and minors in chemistry and business. Tetrault also played for the BHSU women's basketball team. Today she works fulltime for Monument Health in Spearfish as an outpatient infusion registered nurse. Bailey took a redshirt year during her junior season after having knee surgery, so she attended BHSU for five years. She has been working with Monument Health for three years now.

Bailey is not only currently in the field she loves, but she has enrolled in courses at BHSU-Rapid City to advance in her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in the next couple of years.



Tetrault

Q & A WITH BAILEY TETRAULT

Q: What was/has been one of your best experiences in the healthcare profession?

A: "One of my best experiences is when I meet a new patient that is having a rough go and I am able to make things better in some small way. I have a soft spot for my chemotherapy patients as I watched my mom go through that trauma."

Q: How did your experience at BHSU help prepare you for where you are today?

A: "I definitely learned how to work with a team when times are tough. Slumps happened, but we were able to pull each other out of them. The healthcare team I'm a part of is very similar."

Q: What is it like working in healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic?

A: "It is stressful because everything is so uncertain and ever-changing, but our Spearfish crew works together so well that patient care hasn't lacked in the slightest. We have taken extra precautions to ensure patient safety, those include employee and patient screenings, wearing masks and eye shields, etc."

Q: How did BHSU help prepare you for life after graduation?

A: "BHSU gave me countless leadership opportunities that helped prepare me for any career I chose. Being a member of the women's basketball team, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Health Sciences Student Organization, etc., taught me how to manage my time appropriately."

Q: What three tips would you give incoming freshmen?

A: 1. Do not be in a hurry to grow up, but take your future into your own hands. 2. Approach each day with an open mind; after all, you are there to learn. 3. Ask questions. Study hard. Go to class.

WALTER PANZIRER INDUCTED INTO 2020 SOUTH DAKOTA HALL OF FAME



Walter Panzirer has held many titles over the years, including police officer, paramedic, firefighter, husband, father, trustee, and pastor. Now he can add one more title to that list as he was inducted into the Class of 2020 South Dakota Hall of Fame this August. During the course of his life, Walter has always wanted to improve and save lives, as well as be a servant to the people. Throughout all of his ventures he has truly impacted all of South Dakota. After his grandmother Leona Helmsley passed away, Walter was named one of the five trustees of her fortune who were given the opportunity to improve others' lives with programs created by the fund. Walter took this chance and created the Rural Healthcare Program for the Helmsley Charitable Trust. Since then, he has greatly impacted the lives of South Dakotans by making top-quality healthcare more accessible in rural communities. Thanks to Walter's efforts, all ambulances, first responders and EMTs in South Dakota carry high-grade lifesaving technologies that they would not have without his funding. All South Dakotans are also in close proximity to comprehensive cancer care and digital mammography. These life-saving technologies would not be here without the support of Walter and his noble vision of helping people.



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The Cornerstone
Rescue Mission

**Homeless
Not
Hopeless**

Who are gracious to the person who leads to the and He will reward them for their good deeds. Proverbs 19:17



LYSA ALLISON AND THE CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION LEAVE THEIR MARK ON FUTURE GENERATIONS

“Do good because you can do good.” Words to live by and words that have led Lysa Allison to a career that has touched the lives of thousands of people.

Lysa, whose love of science and nature brought her to Black Hills State initially to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Outdoor Education, has always had a heart for helping people. Her first job after graduation, a secretary for the Department of Corrections, didn’t directly correlate with her degree. But looking back on it now, Lysa says that position started her on the path that led her to her current position as the Executive Director of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City.

“You know when you look back, it all kind of layers together and it makes sense,” Lysa said. “The work that I’ve done with both parole and reserve law enforcement and, of course, the social work or human services positions I have held, have really prepared me for this.”

After the Department of Corrections, Lysa decided to return to Black Hills State to get her degree in Human Services with an emphasis in Social Work and Law Enforcement. Future jobs in corrections

and at Youth and Family Services as well as heeding a call to serve as a missionary in South Korea and going back to school yet again to get her master’s degree in Social Work added to the experience that Lysa draws upon every day in her job helping the homeless and the hungry.

In the Executive Director position she’s held for five-and-a-half years, Lysa oversees all operations of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Veteran’s Outreach, Women and Children’s Home, Cornerstone Thrift Store, and Cornerstone Apartments. She works with a staff of 70 and approximately 800 volunteers to serve the 24/7 needs of vulnerable communities in an expansive region that includes all of West River South Dakota, and a little bit of North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska although Lysa says that their reach extends much farther than that.

SEEING MIRACLES UNFOLD DAILY

The Cornerstone Mission started with the missionary work of Dave and Cheryl Adams in the early 1980s. They first sheltered the homeless in their own residence and then created the Mission in a house at the corner of 12th and St Joseph in

Rapid City. Today, the Cornerstone Rescue Mission is the main provider of shelter and the only ongoing source of free meals for the homeless in the Black Hills region. The main facility houses as many as 160 homeless men nightly, and through the public soup kitchen feeds between 400 and 500 meals daily.

As the only emergency shelters in West River South Dakota, the Cornerstone provides a vital service for the community, taking in people off the streets and helping them turn their lives around.

“We take people in that are sober and want to change their lives,” Lysa shares.

Those that stay at the Cornerstone get assistance looking for employment and finding appropriate work attire, getting to treatment and counseling if needed, and help finding housing. The Cornerstone also has access to some grants that can assist with deposits and month or two of rent to get individuals back on their feet. The Thrift Store helps provide operating funds for the Women and Children’s Home and also serves as a resource for newly housed people by providing some basic starter items for their new home, like a sofa, dishes, silverware, and pots and pans.

Lysa says the best part of her job is the people that she meets. “Some people think homeless people have a stigma because they’re different. But they’re wonderful people – they’re mothers, they’re fathers, they’re aunts and uncles. And they’re incredibly resilient. I’ve learned so much about resiliency and character from them.”

The staff at the Cornerstone also get to be a part of helping make miracles happen. They work to reconnect families that haven’t talked to their son or daughter in years.



The Cornerstone Rescue Mission is located at 30 Main Street in Rapid City.

“When people show up, we try to connect them with their family so they don’t have to stay in the shelter,” Lysa adds. “We really work on building bridges, and we’re pretty successful at that.”

The Cornerstone’s other missions include providing supportive services for veterans and their families, a Women and Children’s Home, and the Cornerstone Apartments, which are furnished apartments for families who have previously been homeless and have someone in the family with a disability.

Another part of Lysa’s Executive Director position is working with the Board of Directors for the Mission and building relationships in the community.

“The majority of the Mission’s funding comes from individual donations, so it’s really key to have the support of the community,” Lysa emphasizes.

The Mission relies on the support of the community, and they have proven that they are good stewards of the funds and the volunteer hours donated to them. They have a 4-Star rating on Charity Navigator, which is the highest ranking a charity can receive for financial management and transparency. Almost all of the money, a little more than 93 percent, that people give to the Mission goes back into services. Approximately one percent goes toward fundraising and less than six percent goes toward administrative fees, which Lysa says is almost unheard of.

The goodwill that the Mission builds with its clients also helps provide staff members who can really connect with the people they serve.

“We’re a peer-driven program. A vast majority of my staff are people who have come up through the system, especially at the men’s mission. They stayed at the Mission. They understand what it’s like to be homeless.”

For some of them, Lysa says the staff at the Mission becomes their family, “We become their family, and that’s a privilege.”

PROVIDING VITAL SERVICES DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

The needs of the homeless don’t go away during a pandemic. In fact, crises often create an increased need for services. While COVID-19 has brought challenges to the Cornerstone Mission, Lysa and her staff knew it was imperative to continue services without interruption.

“At first, most of it was trying to stop the panic and just get people to breathe and to realize that yes, this is urgent, but we also need to have some common sense and be logical about it.”

The Mission provided all staff and residents with masks, encouraged washing hands, and increased cleaning by having staff and guests sanitize high touch surfaces frequently. They also reinforced other basic hygiene practices, and reduced the population housed in the Mission by about 30 percent to allow for better distancing. When they had to shut down their soup kitchen, the staff pivoted once again so that no one would go hungry.

“We continued to serve all our guests in house. To ensure others had food, we started giving out sack lunches and sack suppers so that no one went hungry. In addition to that, we were providing about 1,000 meals to some other people in town that were struggling with food needs.”

They also continued to house people on a weekly basis to get people into their own homes, the safest place for them. As for those who needed to stay in the mission, processes changed and screening measures were put in place, but they were still welcomed. To date, shelters have had minimal COVID-19 cases.

“We have daily contact with the people that stay here, so we always have eyes and ears on them to see if they are coughing, if they are sneezing, if they look sick. Then we get them to Urgent Care or the Emergency Room.”

Lysa has seen first-hand the effects of COVID. Her father was hospitalized for more than three months with the illness; he is now in rehab working toward recovery. Despite the personal connection to the illness, Lysa keeps her focus on helping the people that need it most. She has one simple piece of advice, “It takes a lot of prayer.”

LOVE OF NATURE MEETS LOVE OF PEOPLE

Lysa’s stewardship extends to the great outdoors. One program that Cornerstone has been doing for several years uses clothing recycling to help fund the Women and Children’s Home. Cornerstone works with a company that recycles clothing that is no longer able to be sold in the thrift store. According to Lysa, it’s a win-win, keeping

clothing out of the landfill and providing funds for the Women and Children’s Home.

“Old shoes can be made into doormats and things like that. It’s really pretty cool.”

Lysa says Cornerstone is also looking to launch a program called Households Helping Homeless to educate the community so they know that anything they have in their homes can be used to help people.

Her love of the outdoors and her heart for service have been fostered by many mentors along the way, first and foremost by her “wonderful parents.” Lysa’s father was a military officer, and their family traveled all over the world, gaining experience working with other cultures and feeding their “strong, good spirit for life.”

Former BHSU professor Dr. Mark Gabel and his late wife, Dr. Audrey Gabel, nurtured Lysa’s passion for the outdoors.

“Those were two really great teachers that I will always remember. I really enjoyed learning from Dr. Mark Gabel – his compassion, his sensitivity and concern for his students, his love of nature. He loved what he did. The passion just oozed out of him and his wife as well.”

And others who have left their mark on her life include BHSU alums Kay Jorgenson, Kathy Eddy, and Dr. Priscilla Romkema, who now serves a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at BHSU.

“All of them are fabulous women that I’ve learned a lot from. They’re pretty remarkable.”

While a student at BHSU, Lysa worked with Kay, Priscilla and Kathy at the Passion Play in Spearfish. “I learned some really formulative people lessons and business lessons from them and I still keep in touch with those three women.”

The power of those mentor relationships will extend through the decades as Lysa, in turn, leaves her mark on the lives of those she helps at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission and in her volunteer work throughout the community.



Augustine Rosales (left), Lisa Tognotti (center), and Lysa Allison (right) discuss plans for the next meal that will be served at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

TWO NEW CENTERS

FOCUSED ON CRITICAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Two Centers are now housed in the BHSU-Rapid City location – the Center for Hospitality and Business as well as the West River Health Sciences Center. Both of these Centers focus on critical workforce development and have goals to spur economic development in the region.



TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY are big business in this region and Black Hills State University is leading initiatives to ensure the need for qualified workers is met by creating an associate degree that can be completed in 16 months and includes many options for on-the-job learning along with classes.

The Center for Hospitality and Business is under the leadership of Hans Nelson, who previously served as Director of Corporate Relations at BHSU. Nelson has been meeting with tourism and hospitality leaders as the program is developed and implemented.

Jim Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism, noted that the new program will strengthen partnerships and provide increased opportunities for employment for graduates.

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY - RAPID CITY is now home to the West River Health Sciences Center (WRHSC), a coordinated effort between BHSU, South Dakota State University, the University of South Dakota and the West River Area Health Education Center. The WRHSC provides a place where individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in medicine can find information about health care degrees, scholarships and career opportunities in the Black Hills region and West River South Dakota.

The WRHSC partnership was formed to help meet the growing demand for nurses and healthcare professionals. Nursing is a critical need across the country, especially in the Black Hills region. In June 2020, Monument Health had more than 710 open jobs, including more than 530 open nursing positions.



Romkema

ROMKEMA NAMED PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Priscilla Romkema, a BHSU alum who previously served as a Dean and Professor at the University, has been named Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at BHSU.

Romkema previously served as President of the Monument Health Foundation in Rapid City, a position she held for three years. Prior to that she served as a faculty member and in administrative positions at BHSU. She began working at BHSU in 1997 as an assistant professor. Her leadership and expertise propelled her to positions as a chair, director, and dean.

ALLRED NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AT BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. John Allred, Assistant Vice President for Academic Records and Student Services at Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah, has been named Vice President for Enrollment Management at Black Hills State University.

Allred held a number of administrative positions at Southern Utah University, starting as Registrar there in 2010. He is recognized for his expertise as a process engineer, using technology to address challenges and create solutions while providing exceptional leadership on campus.



Allred

BHSU CELEBRATES THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE



Woodburn Hall on the BHSU campus was lit up in purple and gold recently in honor of the 100-year anniversary of women's right to vote. This event was part of a nationwide Forward Into Light Campaign put on by the "Her Vote. Her Voice." delegation appointed by South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem.

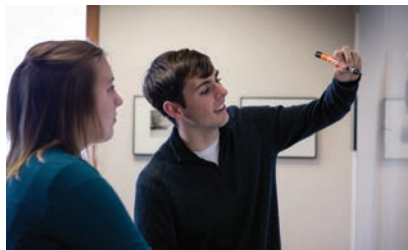
BHSU President Laurie S. Nichols started the celebration with some comments about the movement and why it was important to celebrate it.

"Tonight, we are celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage," said Nichols. "We are illuminating Woodburn Hall in purple and gold colors because these were the colors that the women's suffrage movement used as they lobbied and pushed forward to gain women's right to vote. We celebrate all the women who went before us that allowed us to have the right to vote and have a voice."

BHSU OFFERS A NEW BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN LEADERSHIP

A new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Leadership is being offered by Black Hills State University this fall.

The degree is an excellent choice for students who have an Associate of Applied Science degree, have completed technical school course work, or have occupational/career credits.



The Leadership degree program will complement students' previous coursework and will prepare them for leadership roles in their chosen field. Coursework will include emphasis on skills such as leadership, team building, strategic planning, and organizational communication. Extensive discussion with Western Dakota Tech helped frame the development of the degree.

"This program provides a great opportunity for Western Dakota Tech graduates who are interested in an excellent 2+2 agreement leading to a bachelor's degree," said Ann Bolman, Ed.D., Western Dakota Tech President.



BHSU ADAPTS TO PANDEMIC

BHSU proactively made plans and adjustments to welcome students back to campus this fall. Two task forces, comprised of faculty, staff, and students, made a number of key recommendations for BHSU before classes began.

Among the many changes, BHSU reduced the number of students in classes using larger rooms, installed plexi-glass shields, provided face coverings for all, and many other changes to mitigate the risk of exposure while still creating an exceptional learning opportunity for our new and returning students. BHSU is using a modified calendar this semester with an early start date so that the students can be finished with face-to-face instruction at Thanksgiving time. The last two weeks of the semester, including finals week, will be conducted online.

BHSU is using a rapid response COVID testing machine, in collaboration with Monument Health, to identify cases of COVID and is providing isolation rooms in the residence halls to lessen the spread of the virus.



GEM

GENERAL EDUCATION MOBILE

Black Hills State University is now part of the General Education Mobile (GEM) program designed to assist U.S. Air Force members in completing their degrees. Active Duty personnel can now take online courses through BHSU toward their associate's degree with the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF).

Greg Krajewski, U.S. Air Force veteran and Veterans Resource Coordinator at BHSU, says the GEM program offers flexibility for airmen to take BHSU college courses from anywhere in the world. The program is also a benefit for service members who want to continue their education through BHSU, even after being deployed or relocated.

BHSU offers 25 online general education courses such as English, history, science and math, that are not provided through the CCAF. The GEM program allows airmen to complete all general education requirements online through civilian academic institutions.

In addition to GEM, BHSU offers a Master's Degree in Strategic Leadership that is especially beneficial to military service members. This online degree is designed to help individuals advance in their careers, whether in the service industry or military.

PANDEMIC CAUSES SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR YELLOW JACKET ATHLETICS



The Yellow Jacket athletic schedule faced some major changes this fall; however, fans and athletes are enthusiastically planning for some fall competition for cross country, golf and football. Rodeo will remain as scheduled in the fall.

BHSU Football collaborated with three other RMAC schools to schedule five football games this fall, including a trio of home games. The schedule includes home games against Colorado Mesa on Oct. 17, SD Mines on Nov. 7, and Chadron State on Nov. 14, with road games at SD Mines on Oct. 10, and Chadron State on Oct. 24.

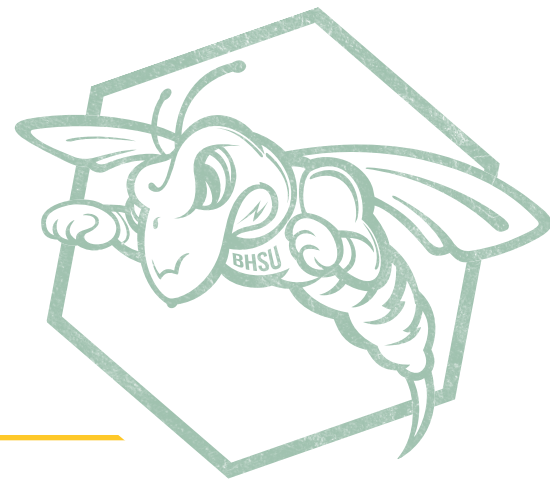
Although the schedule involves only members of the RMAC, all five games will be played as non-conference contests.

The NCAA Division II Fall 2020 championships were also cancelled.

The women's soccer and volleyball schedules will be postponed until the Spring 2021 semester.

"COVID-19 related decisions are tough when there is so much out of our control in the situation," said Black Hills State University Athletic Director Jhett Albers. "We at Black Hills State are going to focus on creating and sustaining a healthy,

safe and positive environment to keep enhancing our student athlete experience."



KLUNGNESS NAMED WGCA ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

Black Hills State women's golfer Nicole Klungness was named to the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American Scholar team.

Klungness was one of 1,420 collegiate women golfers awarded the honor. The criteria to be selected to the All-American Scholar team requires a minimum GPA of 3.50.

About the WGCA

The WGCA is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches, founded in 1983. The association was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 650 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

Klungness



OVER \$400,000 RAISED AT SUTTON BAY

Black Hills State University saw another successful turnout for the 2020 BHSU Golf and Fish Outing at Sutton Bay in August, raising a record total \$454,727 for student-athlete scholarships.

The three-day event raised \$154,727 from participants while Dana Dykhouse and an anonymous donor each matched \$150,000. Dykhouse hosted the event, covering all expenses for the event in addition to his donation.

The event at Sutton Bay has raised a total of \$1,865,727 for athletic scholarships since the inaugural event in 2014. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 16-18, 2021.



Left to Right: Miles Beacom, Dana Dykhouse, Steve Meeker, Berry Grossenburg



Tamara Burke



Silva

TONY SILVA NAMED WAYNE BARGER ATHLETIC TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Black Hills State University Head Athletic Trainer Tony Silva was named the 2019-20 Wayne Barger Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC).

This award is presented to the head athletic trainer who demonstrates commitment to the ideals set forth by the RMAC and member institutions and acts ethically to assure proper health and safety for the student-athletes under their care. Each head athletic trainer submits one vote for this award and cannot vote for themselves.

"We are so excited to see Tony honored with the Wayne Barger Athletic Trainer of the Year award, as he is highly respected not only in our community but throughout the RMAC," said Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator Colleen Mischke. "Tony has been at the heart of BHSU athletics for 20+ years. His commitment and dedication to our student-athletes is second to none. He puts in countless hours as an instructor and athletic trainer both on-campus and off and expects nothing in return. He is a mentor and counselor to students and staff alike and his patience and wisdom keeps us all centered. We are so grateful to have Tony as part of our Yellow Jacket family."

The award was first established in 2017-18 and was named after former Fort Lewis College Assistant Athletic Director/Director of Sports Medicine Wayne Barger.

RECIPIENTS OF THE WAYNE BARGER ATHLETIC TRAINER AWARD

2019-20 – Tony Silva, Black Hills State University

2018-19 – Don Watt, Chadron State College

2017-18 – Wayne Barger, Fort Lewis College

Past Alumni Gatherings



Alumni, friends and supporters attended BHSU Community Day events in Hill City. During the BHSU Community Day visit, President Nichols and University representatives stopped by the high school, met with business and community leaders, and gathered with local alumni and friends.



BHSU Alum Clair Donovan takes a swing at the Stadium Sports Grill Yellow Jacket Golf Classic in June.



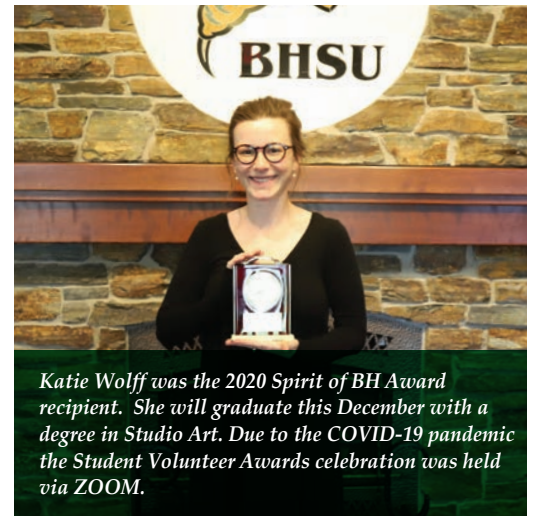
Ken Barkey and Darick Eisenbraun, '14, took 1st place at the Devil's Tower Yellow Jacket Golf Classic in August.



President Laurie S. Nichols met with business and community leaders in Hot Springs in March for a BHSU Community Day visit. The BHSU group also visited students and faculty at the local high school.



The Alumni Association hosted an alumni and friends pre-game gathering on the campus of South Dakota Mines in Rapid City. That evening, the Yellow Jackets took on, and defeated, the Hardrockers in women and men's basketball action. More than 60 alumni and friends gathered for the event.



Katie Wolff was the 2020 Spirit of BH Award recipient. She will graduate this December with a degree in Studio Art. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Student Volunteer Awards celebration was held via ZOOM.

BHSU had some exceptional community visits and Alumni events last spring before the pandemic began. Since then, many Alumni events were postponed or canceled out of concern for health and safety and to help curb the spread of the virus.

Upcoming Events

Out of concern for everyone's health and well-being, many events have been rescheduled.

CLASS OF 1970 & 1971/50-YEAR CLUB REUNION

MAY 7 & 8, 2021

The Class of 1970/50-Year Club reunion, which was originally scheduled for May 8 & 9, 2020, has been rescheduled to May 7 & 8, 2021. The reunion will coincide with the Class of 1971/50-Year Club reunion, during the May 2021 Commencement. More details will be coming in the Spring 2021 issue of the BHSU Alumni Magazine.

PROPS AND LINERS CELEBRATE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SEPT. 24, 2021

If you performed in any theater and/or musical production from 1921 to 2020, this reunion is for you. Former and current BHSU faculty and staff are also invited. Join us Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, as we celebrate 100 years of theater performances at BHSU. Additional information will be coming in the Spring 2021 issue of the BHSU Alumni Magazine. Like the BHSU Alumni and Advancement Facebook page for updates.

THE 1980s DECADE FOOTBALL TEAMS AND 1970 FOOTBALL TEAM REUNION

SEPT. 25, 2021

The 1980s football teams and 1970 football team reunion, that was originally scheduled for Oct. 3, 2020, has been rescheduled for Sept. 25, 2021 (Swarm Day). More details will be coming in the Spring 2021 issue of the BHSU Alumni Magazine.

SWARM DAYS ALUMNI EVENTS POSTPONED - SEPTEMBER 20 TO 25, 2021



The Swarm Days 2020 Alumni Awards Luncheon and Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Banquet have been postponed.

BHSU COMEBACK EXTRAVAGANZA RAISED \$110,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

This year Black Hills State University has combined its annual Scholarship Gala and Gold Rush Raffle event into one Comeback Extravaganza, inviting alumni, staff/faculty, and community members to raise funds for academics and athletics.

The event was held at the Donald E. Young Sports & Fitness Center gymnasium, in August.

In the past, BHSU has hosted two separate fundraising events, but due to COVID-19 the University decided to combine the two.

The event this year had 219 participants total in-person and online and raised a total of \$110,000. All funds will go toward scholarships for academics and athletics. Participants also attended virtually.



ANNUAL BHSU JACKET RIDE RAISES MORE THAN \$5,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Black Hills State University hosted the Dennis Kirk Jacket Ride for veteran scholarships Tuesday, Aug. 11, during the 80th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The event had 49 bikers participate and raised \$5,285 that will go directly towards scholarships for BHSU student veterans. The Jacket Ride event was started eight years ago and is sponsored by donors at Dennis Kirk, the Black Hills Pioneer, and Scott Peterson Motors.



Mary and Ed Furois

FUROIS FAMILY CREATES BHSU SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS ENCOURAGING COLLEGE GRADUATION

Black Hills State University is offering a new scholarship for incoming students who require continued academic accommodations. The Ed and Mary Furois Family Scholarship was established this year after a vehicle auction at the BHSU Scholarship Gala last summer netted \$25,000 for students.

The annual award is designed to encourage students to attend and complete their college education. Having an Individual Education

Plan (IEP) in high school is the foremost qualification.

“Mary and her late husband Ed have been longtime supporters of BHSU and the entire Spearfish community. It is so appropriate that we will have a scholarship in their name that will help students in perpetuity,” says Steve Meeker, Vice President for University Advancement.

LOCAL BUSINESS KICKS OFF BHSU BEELINE FUNDRAISER

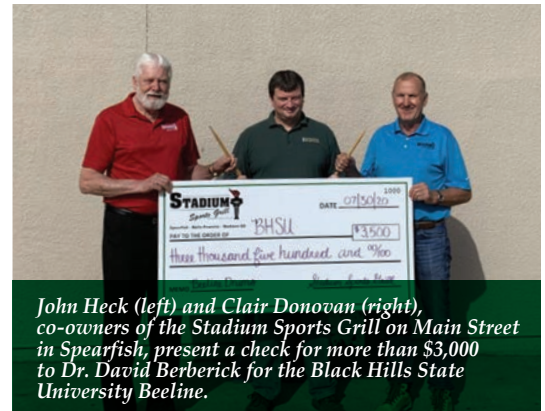
The Stadium Sports Grill on Main Street in Spearfish donated \$3,500 to the Black Hills State University Beeline to kick off a new fundraising campaign.

Assistant Professor and Director of Bands Dr. David Berberick says that the BHSU drumline needs new drums after more than five years of regular wear and tear.

“We try to support as much as we can in the Black Hills area,” Stadium owner John Heck says. The owners learned that the BHSU drumline were in need of new drums during the

Spearfish High School parade last fall. The gift from the Stadium was the single largest donation to the Beeline campaign. Earlier this year during the Founders Day fundraiser in February, the campaign raised a little more than \$6,000 thanks to parents, fans, community members, and the Stadium donations.

Heck and co-owner Clair Donovan said, “We really enjoy the drumline, and we wanted to help them start their fundraising efforts. We hoped that our donation would encourage others to pitch in.”



John Heck (left) and Clair Donovan (right), co-owners of the Stadium Sports Grill on Main Street in Spearfish, present a check for more than \$3,000 to Dr. David Berberick for the Black Hills State University Beeline.



Wilma Gabrielson

REACHING THROUGH TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION MAJORS

Nearly 25 percent of Black Hills State University students are non-traditional, meaning they are 24 years old or older. Recently established, the Wilma Gabrielson Reaching through Teaching Scholarship is now available for those non-traditional students that are pursuing a degree in elementary or early childhood education.

In honor of her mother and BHSU alum Wilma Gabrielson, Kellie (Gabrielson) Rude donated funds for the new scholarship. Wilma attended BHSU as a single mother with three small children. “Black Hills State University gave Wilma the opportunity to complete her degree in education, better herself and her family, and restore her dignity and self-worth,” Rude shares.

Shauna Junek, Director of Development at BHSU, says now, more than ever, college students need financial aid.

“By establishing this scholarship, donors like Kellie Rude are investing in the success of BHSU students. Her generous donation will encourage students to follow Wilma Gabrielson’s positive example now and in the future,” Junek adds.

1960s //

Jerome A. Greene, '68, Arvada, Colo., authored *January Moon: The Northern Cheyenne Breakout from Fort Robinson, 1878-1879*. Jerome draws on extensive research and fieldwork to explore a single and appallingly brutal event in American history: the desperate flight of Chief Dull Knife's Northern Cheyenne Indians from imprisonment at Fort Robinson, Neb. Jerome is retired as a research historian for the National Park Service.

'15 //



Cowan

Logan Cowan, '15, Pierre, graduated last May as a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Creighton University School of Dentistry. Logan now works for Hermanson & Swenson Dental in Pierre.

Patrick J. O'Leary, Attended, Lead, was hired as the new Executive Director of the Historic Homestake Opera House in Lead. During his career, Patrick stage-managed the original Broadway production "Annie," produced by Mike Nichols; "Sweeney Todd," directed by Hal Prince; and "Blood Brothers," starring Carol King. Later he worked with New York's Department of Cultural Affairs. From 2008 to 2012, he served as an adjunct professor at BHSU-Rapid City, where he taught Intro to Acting and Theater.

Joan (Gissberg) Rachetto, Attended, Deadwood, former Lead-Deadwood High School golf coach, has earned induction into the 2020 South Dakota High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame. (At the print deadline, the official induction

was scheduled to take place Oct. 6 before the state A boys' tournament awards ceremony at the Southern Hills Golf Course in Hot Springs.) Joan led the Golddigger golf team to the state A girls' team title in 1992, plus five consecutive state A girls' team titles from 2004 to 2008. The boys' team earned the state A championship in 2006. She has received numerous accolades throughout her career. Among them, were Black Hills Coach of the Year honors 23 times, and the SDHSCA Girls' Golf Coach of the Year in 2006-07.

1970s //

Ammertte "Amy" Deibert, '71, Lead, retired last May, after 31 years in the field of education as Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. She now resides in Lead with her husband Dennis Palczewski. They have started a new business called Miners' Tin Cup. It is an art gallery and used bookstore.

Doug Dexheimer, Attended, Lead, received the South Dakota Tennis Achievement Award from the state's tennis hall of fame. The hall of fame also awarded the "Love Serving Tennis Award" to the Spearfish Tennis Association in Doug's honor. Doug is a founding member of the Spearfish Tennis Association, which started in 2006. He played a few years for the Yellow Jackets and brought home a few runner-up placements in singles (4th flight) and doubles (2nd flight) in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference. Doug recently resigned after 20+ years as the varsity tennis coach at Spearfish High School.

The South Dakota Hall of Fame selected, "Spearfish Runner Pursues Excellence Through the Years," submitted by Mr. Terry Woster, for inclusion in the Archive of the History of the Culture of Excellence in South Dakota. This submission summarized the story of

Elaine (Doll) Dunn, '79, Spearfish, and her passion for running being one example of a pursuit of excellence. Elaine, among other things, has pushed herself through 125 marathons, at least one in every state in the U.S. She has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, ran across Panama to celebrate her 60th birthday, won the title of Mrs. South Dakota and followed that by earning her Ph.D. in sociology at 65. At 67, she started a marathon for women in the Black Hills and celebrated her 82nd birthday by hiking 125 miles of the Camino Santiago pilgrimage in Spain.

Phil Hunt, '76, a lifelong resident, teacher, and coach from Rapid City, earned induction into the 2020 South Dakota High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame. (At the print deadline, the official induction was scheduled to take place Oct. 6, before the state A boys' tournament awards ceremony at the Southern Hills Golf Course in Hot Springs.) Phil spent 26 years guiding the Rapid City Stevens boys' and girls' golf teams before retiring in May 2015. His teams earned 12 state titles, including six consecutive boys' crowns, six girls' titles, and two runner-up honors. His teams also won numerous city, conference, and district titles. Phil also guided competitors to 11 individual championships, nine runner-up finishes, and multitudes of state medal places. Phil has received a plethora of accolades throughout his career. Among them, he was a three-time NHSACA National Golf Coach of the Year finalist in 2007, 2011, and 2014.

1980s //

Michele (Cliff) Batz, '82, Winthrop Harbor, Ill., has invested in Revelation Wellness, a ministry program developed by Alisa Keeton. The company is based out of Phoenix, Ariz. Michele is one of more than 1,500 instructors around the world to use fitness as a tool to spread the gospel. She teaches at Great Lakes Church. Michele



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is also a fitness instructor at Serenity Life Fitness.

Phil Bjorneberg, '86, Sioux Falls, retired after 34 years of teaching, all at Parker High School in Parker, S.D. Phil taught American Government, American History, World Geography, World History, Psychology and Sociology. He served as the girls track coach for all 34 years, the boys and girls cross country team for the last 11 years, and the boys track coach for the last 10 years. Phil also served as an assistant girls basketball coach for six+ years and then as head coach for an additional six+ years. In retirement, he plans to work part-time at Total Drag, a record store in Sioux Falls.

Curt Fiedler, '82, George, Iowa, was named the 2019 Iowa State Coach of the Year in Boys 1A Track & Field. Curt received the award during the annual Iowa High School Athletic Association Track & Field clinic at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Curt retired after 35 years as the boys track & field coach at George-Little Rock High School.

Joe Gutierrez, '89 & '13, Sturgis, has been appointed to a national board to oversee the areas of Juvenile Detention and Juvenile Corrections for the American Corrections Association. He will serve a three-year term. Joe is the Commander of the Western South Dakota Juvenile Services Center in Rapid City for the Pennington County Sheriff's Office. The American Correctional Association is a private, non-profit, non-governmental trade association and accrediting body for the corrections industry, the oldest and largest such association in the world.

Colin Heupel, '85, Sturgis, was named the July 2020 South Dakota Trucking Association (SDTA) Driver of the Month. Colin has been a professional driver and safety officer for 28 years, driving with Anders Trucking Inc., in Union Center, since 2016.

Cliff Hill, '81, Gillette, Wyo., resigned as the longtime Campbell County High School activities director. Cliff leaves a decades-long legacy of educating, advising and coaching in Campbell County. The legacy includes 38 years in the Campbell County School District and 20 years (2000-2020) of leading a Camels athletic program that won 123 state championships. Cliff began teaching physical education and health at Twin Spruce (TS) Junior High School in 1982 after spending a year as a student teacher there. He spent 11 years teaching and coaching at TS; then, was the school's associate principal/athletic director for six years before becoming principal at Rozet Elementary, where he worked for a year.

Jim Hill, '83, Spearfish, Spearfish High School boys' soccer coach, was named the Black Hills Conference Coach of the Year. In the fall of 2019, Spearfish finished with a record of 11 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. That included a 4-0 record in the Black Hills Conference to capture the title.

Pat Jones, '85, Rapid City, was elected to serve on the Rapid City Council as a representative for Ward 1. Members of the Council are elected to three-year terms.

Tracie (Mittlieder) Juby, Attended, Gillette, Wyo., has opened an All Balanced Bookkeeping branch office in Spearfish. The main office is in Gillette and has been in operation since April 2016. This organization primarily does bookkeeping and payroll management services for any type of business.

Kenneth "Ken" Mertens, '89 & '92, Lead, was promoted to Deadwood Chief of Police. He will also serve as a member of the city's Event Committee and as Chairman for the Parking and Transportation Committee. A 15-year member of the Deadwood police force, Ken previously served as lieutenant.

'00



Weier

Lisa Weier, '00, Brookings, was named South Dakota's 2021 Region 1 Teacher of the Year by the South Dakota Department of Education. Lisa is a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) teacher at George S. Mickelson Middle School in Brookings. PLTW is an engineering class that focuses on STEM curriculum along with the engineering, bio-medical and computer science. A statewide panel of educators will select one of the five regional winners to represent the state as the 2021 South Dakota Teacher of the Year. The announcement will be made sometime this fall.

Lorene (Meland) Ness, '85, Rapid City, aka Lorene Masters, authored *When Roses Fall*. The book is an allegorical account of Rose and her journey to freedom from the horrors of sex trafficking - the fastest growing criminal activity in the world. It details how we all can become advocates to set captives free.

Jon Pochop, Attended, Spearfish, received the Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor (APMA) designation

from the College of Financial Planning. Individuals who hold the APMA designation have completed a course of study encompassing, among other things, client assessment and suitability, and investment objectives, to name just a few. Jon is a private wealth advisor with Ameriprise Financial in Spearfish.

Bob Speirs, '89 & '02, Belle Fourche, coach of the Spearfish High School Speech and Debate Team, and assistant coach **Alyssa Walters**, '17, Spearfish, led the Spartans to their fifth consecutive state championship at the state debate tournament in Huron. The title tied the longest winning streak in the 106-year history of the State's Speech and Debate Competition.

Karen L. Wagner, '80, Belle Fourche, was elected Chairman for the South Dakota Commission on Gaming. Her term will run throughout Fiscal 2021. First appointed in 2016 by Gov. Dennis Daugaard and reappointed in 2019 by Gov. Kristi Noem, Karen has served as the Commission on Gaming's Vice Madam Chairman for the past year.

1990s

Sara DeBeaumont, '98, Spearfish, was named the 2020 Non-Teaching Employee of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District. Sara is a counselor for the Lead-Deadwood Middle School. She has served the district for six years.

Mike DeLancey, '94, Gillette, Wyo., a veteran Campbell County School District educator, was hired as the new activities director at Thunder Basin High School (TBHS). He started his teaching career in Campbell County in 1995 and has been there ever since. Mike served as the events coordinator at TBHS for the past three years.

Patrick "Pat" Gainey, '92, Spearfish, and students in the Spearfish High School "We the People" program, were this year's recipient of the South Dakota Hall of Fame Acts of Excellence honor. The group was nominated for representing South Dakota at the national "We the People" competition for 20 straight years.

Travis Geppert, '95, Spearfish, was named Senior Vice-President Insurance Services for Dakotah Bank, based in Aberdeen with locations throughout the Dakotas and in Minnesota. Travis previously worked at BankWest as Vice President and Insurance Division Manager for 8 years.

Vonda (Delahoyde) Hamill, '90, Milesville, was hired as the Funds Development Director for Philip Health Services Inc. (PHSI), as well as the Director for the

newly established Philip Area Health Foundation. A capital campaign conducted by PHSI to build a new nursing home began in the fall of 2018. Vonda took over this campaign effort, and brought it to a close in May 2020. Local campaign efforts raised 2.9 million dollars, exceeding the 2.4-million goal.

Jeff Jones, '91, Hurst, Texas, has been named the President/General Manager for Woodlands Township Board of Directors. Jeff brings over 25 years of local government experience to The Woodlands Township, including his current position as Deputy City Manager for the City of Mesquite, a large suburb of Dallas that, like the Woodlands, spans two counties. Prior to his current position, Jeff served as Mesquite's Assistant City Manager.

Verla (Nicholas) Little, '93, Whitewood, was recognized by the City of Spearfish for her 20 years of service to the city. Verla is a Corporal for the Spearfish Police Department.

Scott McKenzie, '90, Powell, Wyo., will be inducted into the Wyoming Coaches Association Hall of Fame class for 2020. Scott will be enshrined along with the 2021 class next summer. Scott has been in Powell since 1990, and over the years has served in the head or assistant coach positions in football, volleyball, golf and basketball. Scott is most noted for his involvement in basketball. On the boys' side, he has been part of seven Conference Championships, four Regional Championships, two State Runners-up, and one State title. On the girls' side, he has been part of seven Conference Championships, one Regional Championship, and one State title, which was the first in school history. He is a two-time 3A West Coach of the Year, a 3A Assistant Boys Basketball Coach of the Year, 3A Girls Coach of the Year,

WCA All-Star head coach in golf and girls basketball, as well as a WCA All-Star assistant girls basketball coach.

Jeff Simmons, '91, has been hired as Superintendent in the Killdeer, N.D., Public School District. Jeff previously served the past two years as the Superintendent of the Meade School District. Prior to that, he served three years as President of the Aberdeen Catholic School System.

Michelle (Geier) Simmons, '91, has been hired as a kindergarten teacher in the Killdeer, N.D., Public School District. Michelle previously served the past two years as a kindergarten teacher at Piedmont Valley Elementary School. Prior to that, she was a pre-kindergarten director/teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen.

Brent Tipton, '97, Spearfish, married Mandi Lyons, June 7, 2020. Brent is the owner of Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza. This past summer, he celebrated his 20th anniversary of owning the pizza franchise.

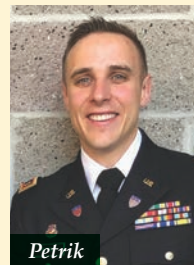
2000s

Amber (Riggins) Cornella, '06 & '12, and husband Jake, Rapid City, welcomed twins Slade Connor and Saraya Faith Jan. 24, 2020. The twins join big brothers Jace (6) and Gage (3), and big sister Cadence (4). Amber is an Engineering Resources Manager at Black Hills Energy in Rapid City.

Sarah (Gibson) Heilman, '03, Spearfish, was named Outstanding South Dakota Special Education Director of the Year. Sarah has served as director of the special education program in the Spearfish School District for the past eight years.

Eric Ligtenberg, '04, Spearfish, Spearfish High School boys' golf coach, was named the Black Hills Conference Coach of the Year. In the fall of 2019, Spearfish won its second straight Black Hills Conference title.

'17



Petrik

Garrett Petrik, '17, Spearfish, was named the Distinguished Honor Graduate for the U.S. Army Adjutant General Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Jackson, S.C. As

Distinguished Honor Graduate, Garrett achieved the highest average based on academic scores, peer evaluations, physical fitness score and weapons qualification out of 35 soldiers in the course. Garrett, a 2nd Lt. in the South Dakota Army National Guard, is a 10-year member of the Guard and currently serves as a platoon trainer with the 196th Regional Training Institute at Fort Meade. Garrett's father, **Scott Petrik**, '93, is a Colonel stationed in Rapid City.

Mike McCarty, '06, Spearfish, was inducted into the 2020 South Dakota State Amateur Basketball Hall of Fame. Mike was a two-time DAC 10 All-Conference player and a two-time NAIA All-American at BHSU. His team made two NAIA national tournament appearances. During his four years at college, he became a member of the BHSU 1,500 Point Club.

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Pat Moriarty, '03, Rapid City, was named the Head Track and Field Coach for Rapid City Central High School (RCC). In 2006, Pat began his coaching career at Lead-Deadwood High School before moving to RCC, serving as an assistant coach for eight years. He started his head-coaching career at Douglas High School in 2016, leading the Patriots for two seasons before returning to RCC to return to his assistant coaching role the past three years.

Beth (Bauld) Odenbach, '09, and husband Trent, Montrose, had a baby boy, Lawson John, May 21, 2020. He joins big brothers Harrison (10), Treston (7), and Cohen (5). Beth teaches Advanced Biology and Anatomy/Physiology at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls.

Reva Potter, '06, Belle Fourche, received the Faye Kennedy Community Service Award for Volunteerism during the Belle Fourche Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. Reva, a Belle Fourche Middle School teacher, volunteers her time writing and directing for the Middle School Drama Department. Since the early 2000s, she has created, directed, and coordinated the annual Veterans Day program.

Dirk Remily, '07 & '09, Denver, Colo. was promoted to Felony Prosecutor at the District Attorney's Office for the 18th Judicial District in Colorado. Dirk previously served as Chief Judge Martinez's law fellow in Denver.

Domico Rodriguez, '06, Summerset, was the cover/feature story in the September 2020 issue of ELEVATE magazine. Domico was recently named Executive Director of Main Street Square in Rapid City. He previously served as GM of Hotel Alex Johnson and VP of Operations for Liv Hospitality.

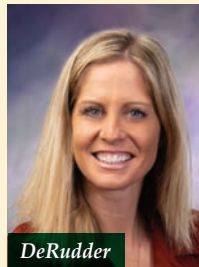
Justin Shaddick, '01, Scottsbluff, Neb., was selected as the new Principal for Scottsbluff High School (SHS). He previously served as the Assistant Principal at SHS for 10 years. In 2017, Justin was selected as the 2017 Nebraska Career Education Administrator of the Year.

Bethany Sheets, '07, married Ryan Dahl, May 30, 2020. Bethany is a graphic designer for the University of Sioux Falls. The couple resides in Wayne, Neb.

Lisa (Collogan) Starr, '04, Pierre, will be inducted into the Hot Springs High School Athletics Hall of Fame class for 2020. Lisa is one of the most highly decorated track & field stars in Hot Springs High School history, winning four Class A individual state track titles, including the 100-meter dash, the 200 and 400 in 1998 and the 100 again in 1999. She also was the anchor leg

of two state relay title teams in 1996 and 1997, as well as an eight-time regional individual champion. She was named a national All-American in 1998 and 1999. Her times in the 100, 200 and 400 are school records. Lisa was also a cross-country All-State performer in 1996, 1997, and 1998. She later became a nine-time All-American at BHSU. She is the second member of the Collogan family to be inducted into the Hot Springs High School Athletes Hall of Fame, as her father, Gerald Collogan, '74, Hot Springs, was inducted in the inaugural HOF class for track and cross-country in 2016.

'06



DeRudder

Billi Jo DeRudder, '06, Sturgis, was named the new General Manager of the Hotel Alex Johnson in Rapid City. She previously served as the Director of Ambulatory Operations with Monument Health. Prior to that, she served as Executive Director of the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center.

Travis Swartz, '06, Rapid City, was named the Region 4 Coach of the Year by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association. In his one year filling in as an interim head coach of the Rapid City Stevens girls' basketball team, Travis led the Raiders to a 20-1 record in a season that ended (due to COVID-19) before the state tournament could be played. Travis will resume his role as girls' assistant head coach at Stevens, a position he had held the previous five seasons. Travis will continue to teach sixth and eighth grade social studies at West Middle School in Rapid City.

Samantha (Elsbernd) Thornton, '09, Decorah, Iowa, was recently hired as the new Elementary Principal and Special Education Director for students in preschool through fifth grade, at the Allamakee Community School District. Samantha spent the previous year as the High School and Middle School Principal in the Wapsie Valley Community School District and was a ninth-grade English teacher and Connector teacher for pre-kindergarten through 12th grades in the Jesup Community School District prior to that. In 2019, she completed her Master of Arts in Education degree in PK-12 Principal/PK-12 Special Education Supervisor from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Jason Tysdal, '01, Spearfish, was named the Mount Rushmore Area Association of REALTORS, 2020 REALTOR of the Year. This award recognizes members who, among other things, possess a faithfulness to principles of organized real estate, laws, and regulations of his board and the Code of Ethics of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. Jason is the owner/broker of Century 21 Spearfish Realty.

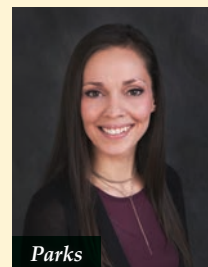
2010s

Keely Bertram, '19, married Benjamin Connot, '18, July 11, 2020. Keely is a sixth-grade math interventionist at South Middle School in Rapid City. She also serves as an assistant girls' basketball coach at Rapid City Central High School. Benjamin teaches sixth-grade science and special education math at Rapid City Christian (RCC). He also serves RCC as their head football coach. The couple resides in Rapid City.

Bradley Branson, '18, Sheridan, Wyo., was named Coordinator of Residential Life at Sheridan College in January 2020. Bradley works closely within the Campus Life and the Housing Department, assisting with on-campus students and their transition to college life, through programming, leadership development, advising students and so much more.

Brady Clark, '14, Madison, was named Head Coach for the Brookings High School varsity football team and fifth-grade teacher at Camelot Intermediate School in the Brookings School District. Brady previously served as a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher and coach in the Oldham-Ramona School District.

'09



Parks

Kary Parks, '09, Billings, Mont., was promoted to Junior Portfolio Manager at Stockman Wealth Management (SWM) in Billings. Her responsibilities include financial planning, investment account management, economic analysis and business development. Kary has worked at SWM since 2017, and attained the designation of Certified Financial Planner in December 2019.

Shandell Clutter, '17, Mead, Colo., was promoted to the marketing team's Community and Event Manager at StickerGiant in Longmont, Colo. She organizes the company's community outreach, event sponsorships, and partnerships while also wrangling the world's largest sticker ball at tradeshows and festivals. She previously served as a prepress specialist on the preflight team.

Sarah (O'Donnell) Conrad, '11, and husband **Ryan Conrad**, '17, Dallas, Iowa, had a baby boy, Dane Christopher, April 11, 2020. Sarah has taken a leave of absence from teaching so that she may stay home with Dane. Ryan will be teaching and coaching for the Pleasantville Community School District.

Elisa Detling, '12, married **Clayton McSpadden**, '14, July 8, 2020. Elisa is a physical therapist assistant for Fremont Therapy Group. Clayton is a physical education teacher and coach at Rawlins High School. The couple resides in Rawlins, Wyo.

Cody Drolc, '15, Columbia, S.C., graduated from the University of Missouri with a Ph.D. in political science. Cody is an assistant professor of political science at the University of South Carolina.

Jennifer (Pochop) Enos, '11, and husband **Luke Enos**, '13, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Mercy Rue, May 11, 2020. She joins big brothers Tommy (17) and Finn (6) and big sisters Lele (16), Bella (9), Ivy (5) and Quincey (3). Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom. Luke is a sales associate for Prestige Auto Sales in Spearfish.

Melissa Hampton, '10 & '17, Spearfish, has opened an Edward Jones branch office in Sturgis. She spent the previous 2+ years as a financial advisor with the firm before opening her own branch. Prior to Edward Jones, Melissa served as the Senior Accountant for the BHSU Bookstore.

Mark Jacobs, '14, Spearfish, was promoted as the new Principal at Lead-Deadwood High School. He spent the previous year as Dean of Students after serving the Lead-Deadwood School District for seven years, including one year as a third-grade teacher and five years as a second-grade teacher.

Madison Jilek, '18, Boulder, Colo., was awarded The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for her proposed fundamental nanocrystal research and its application to solar fuel technology. The NSF program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions.

She is currently a candidate for her Ph.D. in Chemical Physics at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Shannon (Dillman) Mollman, '11, Lead, was named the 2020 Lead-Deadwood School District Teacher of the Year. Shannon is the literacy specialist for the Lead-Deadwood Elementary School. She has served the district for 18 years.

Nicholas "Nick" Nolen, '14, Black Hawk, was selected as the new Executive Director for the American Paramedic Association (APA). The APA, a recently formed advocacy organization for emergency medical services (EMS) providers, has established the foundation of the organization to enable sustainable and rapid growth for the benefit of paramedics nationwide. Nick's background includes 15 years as a paramedic with roles in technical writing, EMS leadership and business management, quality assurance, and education. He is a paramedic licensed in Colorado and South Dakota.

Sam Olson, '14, Buffalo, has been named one of the independent home improvement industry's seven 2020 Young Retailer of the Year honorees by the North American Retail Hardware Association (NRHA). Sam is the co-owner and manager of Buffalo Hardware. He worked with his parents to purchase the business in 2014 at the age of 24. At the time, Sam was studying business entrepreneurship at BHSU while also negotiating the store acquisition. The Young Retailer of the Year program identifies and promotes the next generation of aspiring independent home improvement retailers. It recognizes individual achievement by industry retailers age 35 and younger throughout the U.S. and Canada. Honorees are chosen based on a number of criteria, including professional milestones, community engagement, continuing hardware industry education and extracurricular activities.

Katelynn (Lamb) Pottorff, '11, and husband **Clay Pottorff**, '12, Belle Fourche, welcomed home twins, Cameron Dean and Kellen James, May 24, 2020. The twins join big sisters Harper (5) and Hallie (3). Katelynn is a dental hygienist at Nehl Dental in Belle Fourche. Clay is a high school special education teacher in Belle Fourche. He is also the boys' varsity head basketball coach at Belle Fourche High School.

Megan (Reder) Schopp, '10, Rapid City, has accepted a position as a research scientist in leading the research quality and evaluation for the BARR Center, an educational non-profit in Minneapolis, Minn. Her travels take her to hundreds of schools across the nation - mostly in Minneapolis, Chicago, Southern California, and the D.C./Baltimore area.

The non-profit organization just received a substantial grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to implement comprehensive school-wide intervention programs based on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), relationships, and the whole child.

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Cayley Schmitt, '20, Spearfish, was named the new Marketing and Administrative Coordinator by the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation (SEDC). Cayley will be responsible for

administering office operations and supports the SEDC's marketing strategy and implementation. She previously worked with Pioneer Bank & Trust and Pioneer Wealth Management.

Drew Skjoldal, '10, Spearfish, has been hired as an adjunct professor at BHSU. During the summer semester, he taught Environmental Law and Policy for graduate students pursuing a Master of Science in Sustainability, and this fall he is teaching Business Ethics for the College of Business & Natural Sciences. Drew is an attorney, specializing in estate planning, probate, and transactional law, at Lynn, Jackson, Shultz, and Lebrun, P.C., in Spearfish.

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LeeAnn Triscori, '01, married **Bill Collins**, '93, August 29, 2020. LeeAnn is a personal financial associate at Black Hills Federal Credit Union in Spearfish. Bill is the owner of the Best Western Black Hills Lodge in Spearfish. The couple resides in Spearfish.

Deanna Turney, Attended, Pierre, has been hired by A-G-E Corporation Contractors of Fort Pierre as the Office Manager. She joined A-G-E Corporation Contractors as an administrative assistant in 2016. She replaces **Ricki Bloomenrader**, Attended, Pierre, who retired after 39 years of service with the firm.

Six alumni were honored during the 101st annual Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet & Awards. Honorees include **Calvin**, '84, and **Dorcie Dardis**, '00, who received the Business Beautification Award. Cal and Dorcie were recognized for their renovation and revitalization of a Spearfish landmark, Studio 621. The studio space is available for professional & personal meetings, classes and special events. The Metropolitan Award was given to **Alexandra "Peedee" Doyle**, Attended, for



her mobile coffee shop Blue Spruce Coffee Truck and Hut. She has expanded her business model to include a convenient new coffee hut at the Exit 8 Phillips 66. **Aleisha Huppler**, Attending, was named the Young Professional of the Year Award recipient. Aleisha was recognized for her involvement and engagement in the community. She holds the title of Lieutenant Governor for the Optimist Black Hills District, where she oversees all of the clubs in the Black Hills as well as serving as Vice President for the Spearfish Chapter. **Harvey Krautschun**, '72, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his long-time service as an advocate of the community. Harvey served in the South Dakota Legislature for 12 years as a representative from District 31 and held the position of Speaker of the House his last term. In addition, he has served on the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors for many years, including time as President. **Zac Eixenberger**, Attending, received the Spirit of Spearfish Award.

Zac gathered a team of friends and created a non-profit organization to raise funds and awareness for local groups and charities through music events.

Alumni honored by the Spearfish School District for their years of service include: **Beth (Nelson) Bentley**, '79, (40 years); **Carlene (Schlup) Burke**, '92, (25 years); **Allison (Mowry) Coin**, '07, (5 years); **Doug Custis**, '91, (20 years); **Kristi (Dykes) Delahoyde**, '99, (20 years); **Avery Greenwalt**, '15, (5 years); **Nadene (Page) Harr**, '90 & '02, (30 years); **Sarah (Gibson) Heilman**, '03, (10 years); **Ashleigh Hoff**, '10, (10 years); **Jodi Jarvi**, '84, (5 years); **Alex Johnsen**, '15, (5 years); **Lauren (Foster) Jones**, '06, (10 years); **Ryan Lee**, '14, (5 years); **Eric Ligtenberg**, '04, (15 years); **Ann (Wince) Lyon**, '94 & '98, (25 years); **Don Lyon**, '95, (5 years); **Kristi (Richardson) McCoy**, '95, (25 years); **LuAnn (Jensen) Schroeder**, '85 & '02, (25 years); **Cassie Schuurmans**, '14, (5 years); **Chuck Standen**, '00, (20 years);

Becky (Thomas) Sukstorf, '83, (25 years); and **Chase Tyson**, '13, (5 years).

Alumni honored by the Spearfish School District include retirees: **Michele (Steele) Damuth**, '91 & '02, (28 years); **Kathy (Lund) Kellogg**, '78, '95 & '06, (24 years); and **LuAnn (Jensen) Schroeder**, '85 & '02, (25 years).

Alumni honored as Teachers of the Year by the Spearfish School District include: **Susan O'Dea**, '88, Creekside Elementary School; and **Chris Blain**, '14, Spearfish Middle School.

Alumni honored by the Meade School District include retirees: **Terri (Kammerer) Barry**, '81, (38 years); **Bill Johnson**, '07, (9 years); **Shari (Walker) Keffeler**, '85, (35 years); **Lila Scandrett**, '95, (13 years); **Carolyn (Thomson) Schuldies**, '92, (28 years); **Kathy Seymour**, '82 & '02, (29 years); and **Jan (Petersen) Steffes**, '79, (40 years).

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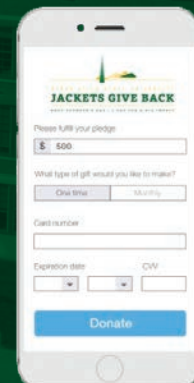
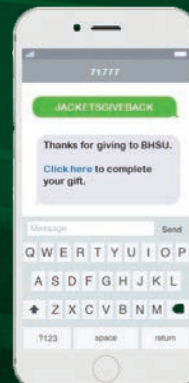
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Alice M. (Hensley) Allen, Attended, Pierre
Margaret E. (Seeley) Allison, Attended, Rapid City
Nina E. (Taylor) Bailey, Attended, Andover, Minn.
Robert "Bob" H. Benson, '60, Sioux Falls
Janice J. (Lang) Bielmaier, Attended, Rapid City
Glenice M. (Johnson) Brown, Attended, Gregory
William "Bill" G. Buchholz, Attended, Spearfish
Jack L. Carpenter, Attended, Rapid City
Nicholas "Nick" E. Cetto, '60, Great Falls, Mont.
Mildred G. Wagner (Johnson) Cundy, '62 & '71, Spearfish
Gertrude "Trudy" A. (Erdmann) DeBow, Attended, Baxter, Minn.
Ronald "Ron" D. Douglas, Attended, Sturgis
Nadine L. (Miller) Fidler, Attended, Spearfish
A. Lavonne (Phillips) Fugier, '58, Wibaux, Mont.
Ila Mae R. (Gudath) Gerst, '61, Berrien Springs, Mich.
Earl Gray, '59, Sundance, Wyo.
Grace M. (Pederson) Hagen, Attended, Reeder, N.D.
Ruth L. (Fischer) Herron, '58 & '69, Rapid City
Vernon P. Houser, '59, Rapid City
Virgil C. Johnson, '58, Presho
Twila "Gae" G. (Weaver) Koski, Attended, Spearfish
James "Jim" P. Langer, Attended, Loveland, Colo.
Joseph "Joe" E. Laughton, '63, Sheridan, Wyo.
Mary E. (Heald) Leberknight, '59, Idaho Falls, Idaho
Jacqueline "Jacie" L. (Swanson) Madsen, '59, Albuquerque, N.M.
Richard "Dick" H. Meyer, '62, Sturgis
Kathleen "Kathy" R. (Zeman) Moulds, '60, Kalispell, Mont.
Gloria J. (Moorhead) Nelson, '55, Rapid City
Peter "Pete" J. Nelson, '63, Pamona, Calif.
Bessie I. (Morgan) O'Bryan, Attended, Philip
Leora A. (Graber) Ortman, '46, Freeman
Lyle M. Peters, Attended, Rapid City
Margaret "Peggy" A. (Metzler) Schmidt, Attended, Douglas, Wyo.
James R. Schumacher, '60, Cheyenne, Wyo.
Robert "Bob" J. Schurger, Attended, Rapid City
Donald "Don" T. Simpson, '60, Thermopolis, Wyo.
Arlyce F. (Richmond) Sloan, '55, Belle Fourche
Edith "Elaine" E. (Murray) Thompson, '58 & '59, Rapid City
Rose A. (Rowley) Turbiville, '57, Spearfish
Shirley A. (Almen) Underdahl, Attended, Dennison, Minn.
James "Jim" R. Vance, '55, Boise, Idaho
Dean R. Weber, '50, Casper, Wyo.

BLACK HILLS STATE COLLEGE • 1964-1988

Edward "Bugs" F. Bartlett, Attended, Pine Ridge
James "Jim" C. Baxter, '65, Seaford, Del.
Mary A. (Short) Boe, '69, Spearfish
Betsy A. Bouton, '73, Nottingham, Md.
Betsy A. Bragdon, '66, North Berwick, Maine
David L. Braun, '77, Pierre
Randal "Randy" L. Briggs, Attended, Elko, Nev.
Billye J. (Davis) Casteel, Attended, Spearfish
James "Jim" D. Coleman, '74, Mesa, Ariz.
Faye E. (Flying By) Condon, Attended, Eagle Butte
Dwight E. Cundy, '68 & '84, Sturgis
Deborah "Deb" A. DeMarais, '81, Casper, Wyo.
Phyllis N. (Roberts) Echterling, '69, Hamilton, Mont.
Verlan L. Erickson, '69, Black Hawk
June E. (Dowling) Fairbank, '71, Sheridan, Wyo.
Marjorie A. (Hertz) Halverson, '75, Rapid City

Verna M. Hays, '76, Gillette, Wyo.
Joanne E. Hendricks, '74, Fresno, Calif.
Deborah A. Herdina, Attended, Rapid City
Nancy K. (Speirs) Hildebrand, Attended, Omaha, Neb.
David W. Johnson, Attended, Langford
Robert "Bob" J. Kobza, '72, Meridian, Idaho
Patricia L. (Ott) Larson, '78, Brooklyn Park, Minn.
Larry "Milk" E. Lawler, Attended, Wadsworth, Ill.
Douglas "Doug" H. Lemm, '78, Bella Vista, Ark.
Dale H. Lundgren, '69, Sturgis
Berniece "Bernie" M. (Valentine) Meyers, '72, Pierre
Becky S. Moore, '82, Douglas, Wyo.
Larry J. Moorhead, Attended, Creston, Iowa
Rodney "Rod" D. Mundt, '75, Sturgis
Richard "Rich" W. Murphy, '79, Rapid City
Mary V. (Griffis) Niehaus, '86, Rapid City
Franz E. Olsen, Attended, Des Moines, Iowa
Marie L. (Coffield) Packard, '69, Newcastle, Wyo.
Beverly "Bev" R. (Berry) Page, '71, Interior
Danny "Dan" R. Palmer, Attended, Rapid City
Nita "LaNell" L. (Batey) Peep, '72, Spearfish
Edward "Ed" L. Potter, '66, St. George, Utah
Howard L. Reid, '69, Port Washington, Wis.
Sandra A. (Kruger) Renner, '72, Pollock
Roland "Ron" H. Ronken, '74, Vale
Bertha "Bert" M. (Schuh) Ross, '70, Rapid City
Josh H. Sand, '74, Spearfish
Steven "Steve" J. Sander, Attended, New Ulm, Minn.
Kristi J. (Kane) Schultz, '87, Rapid City
Donovan L. Shangreaux, '78, Pine Ridge
Wayne A. Slaybaugh, Attended, Buffalo, Wyo.
Paul L. Speed, Attended, Union Center
Betsy M. (Thein) Stewart, Attended, Rapid City
Joe L. Termes, Jr., '65 & '69, Spearfish
Dennis C. Tilly, Attended, Rapid City
Jerry L. Tracy, '71, Rapid City
Kenneth "Ken" R. Usiak, '70, West Richland, Wash.
David C. Velte, Attended, Newhall, Calif.
Gary K. Vig, Attended, Sturgis
Marilyn K. (Trettheway) Warvi, '64, Rapid City
Ronnie R. William, Attended, Sioux Falls
Keith L. Wintersteen, Attended, Rapid City
Sandra K. (Steele) Yellowbird, Attended, San Antonio, Texas

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Julian "Juel" V. Afdahl, '95, Torrington, Wyo.
Galen S. Andrews, Attended, Burke
Joy E. (Peters) Austin, '03, Gillette, Wyo.
Kathy J. (Parker) Daves, '14, Sundance, Wyo.
Beverly "Bev" A. (Tuttle) Jackson, Attended, Pine Ridge
Scott J. Kirchmann, '14, Elkhorn, Neb.
David "Dave" J. Moorehouse, '05, Alabaster, Ala.
Walter "Walt" S. Pharr, Jr., '96, Marietta, Ga.
Rita A. (Mitchell) Pickerd, '92, Sundance, Wyo.
Darryl L. Reindl, '92, Spearfish
Teresa L. (Finch) Richards, '98, Midlothian, Texas
Benjamin "Ben" J. Yackley, Attended, Spearfish

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

Leo A. Bakeberg, Sr., Spearfish
James "Jim" T. Bechtold, Spearfish
Lavina R. (Lushbough) Goddard, Attended, Sturgis
Edith M. (Bailie) King, Rapid City
Gerald "Bud" E. Nestel, Saint Cloud, Minn.



KENNETH "KEN" ENGELHARDT, SEDONA, ARIZ.

Former staff member and emeritus faculty at BHSU Kenneth Engelhardt, age 86, passed away February 29, 2020 in his Sedona, Ariz., home following a short illness. Ken is survived by his wife of 60 years, Loretta, his five children, eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Much of Ken's professional life involved working with Native Americans on South Dakota Reservations. From 1970-1976, Ken was the Director of Teacher Corp at Black Hills State University. Ken continued his work at BHSU as Director of Off-Campus and In-Service Education 1976-1988, retiring in 1988. Ken completed his educational career as Superintendent until 1996, helping to establish Takini School based on Lakota Values on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Ken's passions were his family, progressive educational leadership and golf.



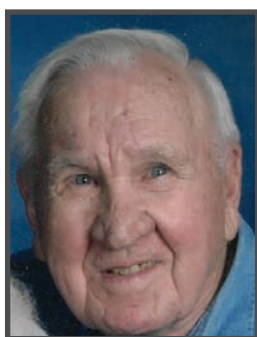
DANIEL "DAN" O. FARRINGTON, SPEARFISH

Dan Farrington, age 83, passed away in March 2020. Dan was born Jan. 18, 1937, to Helen Lucille and Owen Price Farrington in St. Louis, Mo. He moved at age 6 to Alliance, Neb., where he grew up. Dan attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on a track scholarship and earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology in 1960. It was in Lincoln where he met the love of his life, Judy Ann Liddy, on a blind date. After graduation, Dan joined the United States Marine Corps where he was eventually stationed as a captain in Honolulu, Hawaii. He left the Marine Corps in 1964 to attend veterinary school at Colorado State University. He earned his D.V.M. in 1968, earned a doctorate in veterinary microbiology and preventive medicine in 1974 from Iowa State University, and became an associate professor at Iowa State for three years where he, along with his mentor Dr. William Switzer, developed two very important vaccines for respiratory diseases in dogs and swine. In 1977, Dan joined Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in Terre Haute, Ind., to become Head of the Basic Research Department for Animal Health. He worked for Pfizer until 1988, when he left to join Merck Pharmaceuticals as their Senior Director of Animal Science Research in Rahway, N.J. Dan and Judy decided to retire to Spearfish in 1997. Shortly after moving to Spearfish, he joined Black Hills State University as Director of Grants and Special Projects where he provided support and guidance to faculty and staff for proposals for grants and funding of projects. He was subsequently Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at BHSU until 2004. Dan was then tapped to work for the South Dakota Board of Regents by the six state universities to stimulate and build research capabilities. In the later years of his "retirement," Dan was instrumental in securing the Sanford Underground Research Facility in Lead, facilitated a family health grant for the American Indian Health Program, and became a board member for Deadwood History, Inc. Dan was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Robin Ann. Dan is survived by his loving wife Judy, three daughters, and eight grandchildren. Dan is also remembered by his two sisters and many loving nieces and nephews.



MICHAEL "MIKE" A. JACKLEY, STURGIS

Michael A. Jackley, 78, Sturgis, died February 4, 2020, at Sturgis Hospice. He was born January 5, 1942, in New Underwood, S.D., to Martin and Helen (Kingsbury) Jackley. Mike graduated from Sturgis Brown High School in 1960. In 1964, he graduated from the University of South Dakota with a political science degree and in 1965 with a master's degree. He taught political science at Black Hills State from 1965 to 1977 and then graduated from the University of South Dakota Law School in 1979. Mike and classmate, Bryce Flint, established Jackley and Flint Law Firm in 1979, retiring in 2008. He also served as the Meade County State's Attorney for 12 years. Mike married JoAnn (Mastel) of Rapid City, in 1968. He was active in the Sturgis community, serving on the City Council, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Council, and Ft. Meade Museum Board and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Jaycees of Sturgis. His other interests included restoring and showing vintage cars, traveling, farming, politics, and hunting and fishing. Survivors include his wife JoAnn, his son and daughter, and his four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.



RUDY STRADINGER, POWELL, WYO.

On January 29, 2020, Rudy Stradinger, 93, moved to heaven to live with the Lord eternally. He passed away peacefully at the Powell Valley Care Center, where he had been cared for by many loving staff for the past 10 months. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara of 71 years, their children, and grandchildren. The couple lived in Spearfish for 57 years where Rudy taught English, Speech, and Mass Communications at Black Hills State University for 26 years, retiring at the age of 62. Prior to living in Spearfish, Rudy taught in Portland, Ore., Watertown, Eureka, and Martin. Rudy was born in Dewey County, S.D., and graduated from Dupree High School. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was a member of the Armed Guard. Following the war, he married his hometown sweetheart, Barbara Lawrence, and moved to Yankton, where Rudy completed his Liberal Arts degree. He received his M.A. from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo., and then continued with his teaching career. Rudy was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and one great-grandson.

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