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*Dawn Glanc climbs new heights in adventurous career path*

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Greetings to all BHSU alumni.

It's an exciting time at Black Hills State University, and I'm looking forward to the 2013-2014 school year. We have a number of new academic programs, including a master's degree in sustainability that was developed to meet a growing need for professionals in this emerging field. Our Industrial Technology program has been completely reconfigured and renamed Engineering Technology to address changing workforce needs.

On campus, you'll see signs of growth with the construction of the Alumni Foundation Welcome Center and Crow Peak Hall, a new residence hall that will connect Heidepriem Hall and Thomas Hall with a central living area to create a new residence hall complex known as The Peaks. Work on the Alumni Foundation Welcome Center, located next to Lyle Hare Stadium, began this summer with completion expected by Swarm Day 2014. Construction of the Crow Peak Residence Hall will begin in Spring 2014.

Our vision is to be recognized as an innovative, high-quality University. We know the best way to earn that recognition is through the accomplishments of our students, alumni and employees. That is the true measure of our success.

As you read this magazine, you will find great articles highlighting these accomplishments. Please take time to read through the successes of our students, faculty and alumni and see how BHSU continues to transform lives. It's gratifying to know that BHSU provides a strong foundation for these lifelong achievements.

Sincerely,

President Kay Schallenkamp

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## Black Hills State University Alumni Magazine Fall 2013

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# [at a glance]



Suspended thousands of feet above the canyon bottom, clinging to a frozen waterfall with an ice axe in each hand, Dawn meticulously navigates the slick areas working her way up the icy mountainside with only a harness and a rope keeping her from plummeting to the canyon floor.

It's a dangerous, yet thrilling job, and one that the Black Hills State University alumna looks forward to every day. Dawn Glanc, Class of '98, is a professional climber and certified mountain and alpine guide whose passion for climbing started while studying outdoor education at BHSU. She now travels around the country sharing her love of climbing with others.

"I really enjoy sharing the thing that is my 100 percent passion," she said. "It is really fun to share that spark; it rejuvenates my love for it too."

Originally from Brunswick, Ohio,



Dawn initially attended Kent State, but soon felt a pull toward a different direction. She decided to pursue a degree in outdoor education and began searching for schools in the western part of the country. During a 13-day motorcycle ride with her dad, Dawn

***"It was the perfect place, perfect fit for me. I needed a place like the Black Hills. It provided the perfect playground for me to learn all the things I do now"***

**-Dawn Glanc**

visited schools in Wyoming, Colorado and Montana. The final stop on their trek back to Ohio was a stop in South Dakota. Dawn's dad was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in 1971 and wanted to see how the Black Hills had changed since the 1972 flood.

"I was sad to leave the (Rocky) Mountains. I had never seen anything like that before. But when we drove into Spearfish that night and the sun was setting over Crow Peak, I thought 'I could do this place,'" Dawn said.

After meeting with her outdoor

education advisor, Jan Goliher, Dawn became even more confident in her decision to attend BHSU. "It was the perfect place, perfect fit for me," she said. "I needed a place like the Black Hills. It provided the perfect playground for me to learn all the things I do now."

Dawn instantly engulfed herself into the local climbing community. One of the first people she met worked at a local outdoor store and introduced her to both rock and ice climbing. Although Dawn had been climbing a few times in Ohio, she lacked knowledge of the sport.

"I didn't know anything when I moved to the Black Hills," she said. "I had great people to take me under their wings."

After graduation, Dawn continued to live and work in the Black Hills, taking every moment she could to go climbing and explore new terrain. She was hired at Ellsworth Air Force Base to be the outdoor recreation program director where she designed and guided outdoor programs.



Photo courtesy of Chris Noble

Dawn got her first taste of being a climbing guide when she was asked by a Spearfish outdoor store to help guide. "They needed someone to help with a kids group," she said. "It was fun, and I had a good time."

She then worked for a while for a guide at Sylvan Lake.

After eight years in the Black Hills, Dawn left her job at Ellsworth to pursue a full-time career as a mountain guide for the American Alpine Institute in Bellingham, Wash., during which time she became an American Mountain Guides Association (AGMA) certified guide.

"I don't know how I had the courage to do it," Dawn said of leaving a secure federal job with benefits for a migratory life of climbing and guiding. But it's a decision she wouldn't change.

Dawn continues to work full-time as a guide for San Juan Mountain Guides, LLC and Chicks Climbing: Chicks with Picks and Chicks Rock. Although she now bases

herself out of Ouray, Colo., home of the world famous Ouray Ice Park and the annual Ouray Ice Festival, Dawn climbs and guides year around all over the world. She has been rock climbing in Canada, Greece, Croatia, Montenegro, and Sardinia and ice climbing in Canada, France, Norway, and Iceland. Her favorite climbing destination is Iceland where she hopes to travel a third time this winter. Whenever she can, she travels with her husband, Patrick Ormond, who is also a mountain climbing guide.

Dawn said she loves being a part of the climbing community wherever she goes. It is one of the many things that fuels her passion for the sport.

"I love the people I climb with and the places climbing has taken me," Dawn said. "Climbing gives me something - a feeling - that nothing else gives me. That something happens when all the stars align, and I climb unhindered with complete confidence. It's that moment of complete focus that I enjoy. I climb because I am constantly seeking

that focus to help me push what I can do. It is a passion that is driven by that simple moment in time."

Dawn has also competed in the Ouray Ice Festival, North America's largest ice festival, seven times, winning the women's division in 2009 and 2011. She plans on competing again in January. She also won first place at the 2012 Teva Winter Games.

While there is risk and fear in climbing, especially when the weather does not cooperate, Dawn said it is all a part of the sport.

"There are days that I try to push my limits," she said noting that if you are going to go you have to go 100 percent.

Dawn does not plan on hanging up her climbing equipment anytime soon, but she does hope to someday add in another passion of hers - sports nutrition. "I am really passionate about health and taking care of yourself and living your life with as much fullness as you can."

A motto Dawn lives by every day.



## South Dakota governor presents Chad Coppess with state award



**Chad Coppess**

Chad Coppess, Class of '85, was presented with the 2013 A.H. Pankow Award by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard. The award recognizes a member of the broadcast or print media or public relations industry who has shown superior interest in and coverage of the South Dakota visitor industry.

Past recipients include Kevin Costner, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and filmmaker Ken Burns.

The BHSU photography graduate is the senior photographer for the South Dakota Office of Tourism and travels the state photographing fairs, festivals, rodeos, historic sites, nature, wildlife and other tourist attractions. His photos have provided the visual identity of visitor promotions in the state for nearly two decades.

His images have appeared in National Geographic Traveler, USA Today, the "South Dakota 24/7" coffee table book, and websites for Chrysler Corporation and MTV in Italy.

Chad's photos have been exhibited at the South Dakota State Capitol, the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyo., and the Denver Art Museum. Chad also publishes a photography blog, [www.dakotagraph.com](http://www.dakotagraph.com), with tips and ideas for exploring South Dakota.

His photographic skills recently received another honor. The cover for the book "Infinite West: Travels in South Dakota" featuring one of his photos was named a Benjamin Franklin Gold Award winner in Cover Design by The Independent Book Publishers Association.

## Kjaersti Roberts honored with Crystal Apple Award by Oregon School District



**Kjaersti Roberts**

Throughout her seven years teaching at Brixner Jr. High, Kjaersti has been involved in many programs designed to provide extra assistance to struggling students including: school district tutor for expelled students; member of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support committee; and head of Wednesday School, an academic and behavior afterschool program. She also

Kjaersti (Bushilla) Roberts, Class of '01 and '07, was honored with a Crystal Apple Award for her work as a junior high language arts teacher in the Klamath County School District in Klamath Falls, Ore.

piloted an English Filter class for failing students

This was the first time the district has given out the Crystal Apple Awards which highlight the skills and leadership of district educators who transform the lives of the students daily.

For Kjaersti, teaching is not simply helping students succeed in class, but providing them the tools to be successful throughout their lives.

"As much as content and passing state tests are important to their education so is learning how to be a life-long learner," said the BHSU alumna. "I am passionate about giving my students life-long skills that encourage learning. I want them to be problem solvers, critical thinkers and make discoveries."

Kjaersti, who grew up in Rapid City, earned her bachelor of science in English education in 2001 and her master of science in curriculum and instruction in 2007.

## Kelly Meeker tackles the world of entrepreneurial football coaching

Kelly Meeker, Class of '04, has always loved football. His passion for the sport, especially the position of quarterback, has now led him on a unique business path.

Kelly has turned his hobby of coaching quarterbacks into a traveling business. The Air Attack Academy is a football skill development camp that Kelly started to coach young quarterbacks throughout eastern South Dakota. His idea has now evolved into a mobile camp with coaches that specialize in all positions.

Kelly was a quarterback for the BHSU Yellow Jackets, and that experience led a co-worker at Dakota Beverage, where he is a sales representative, to ask Kelly if he'd be willing to coach his son on the finer aspects of the quarterback position. It didn't take long before he was coaching several aspiring quarterbacks, as well as receiving requests to work with running backs and wide receivers. It was at this point that Kelly's hobby developed into a business—Air Attack Academy. With his experience focused on quarterbacks, Kelly hired running back and wide receiver coaches to help.

The mobile training unit features a 92-inch projection screen and air conditioning on the inside, which provides Kelly and his coaches a facility to evaluate

the athletes' progress no matter where they go. Air Attack focuses on developing proper mechanics for each position.



**Kelly Meeker**

# BHSU Alumni In The News

## Susan Ricci preserves legacy of American bison



**Susan Ricci**

Susan Ricci, class of '03, whose passion for the American bison led her to found the Museum of the American Bison in Rapid City – a place dedicated to educating the public about the animal's historical significance and ability to survive.

After several years working with nonprofits, Susan got burnt out. She wanted to do something different. Her inspiration came after she received a historic preservation grant from a proposal she wrote as part of a project for a class taught by Dr. Robert Campbell, BHSU associate professor of history. With a love of history and the motivation that she could succeed, Susan decided to set off on a new adventure.

Six months later, Susan took over the

building in the heart of historic downtown Rapid City that is now the Museum of the American Bison.

According to Susan, in the months since the museum has been open, they've had more than 2,000 visitors from all over the world and the response has been great.

Aside from Susan's museum, there is only one other museum in the nation dedicated to American bison history - The National

Buffalo Museum in Jamestown, N.D.

Susan's museum features exhibits for visitors of all ages including a dig site where children unearth bison bones; a "tracks and scat" table which educates visitors on wildlife indigenous to the bison habitat; an art gallery with current bison projects taking place in the Dakotas and Montana; and the star of the museum, Bruno, a full-sized mounted bull.

Susan's board of directors includes one of her former BHSU history professors, Dr. Mitchell Stone who serves as president; Donovin Sprague, BHSU adjunct instructor; and two wildlife biologists who specialize in bison ecology.

## Joey Painter receives the 2013 Spirit of BH award



**Joey Painter and Lori Caldwell**

Joey Painter, 2013 business administration–marketing graduate from Buffalo, was honored with the 2013 Spirit of BH Award.

The award is presented annually during the Student Volunteer Awards Celebration to a student who has made significant contributions that reflect favorably on the University as well as the community.

Joey has been an ambassador for the University both on and off campus all while maintaining an excellent grade point average. She balances her academic responsibilities while competing as part of the BHSU Rodeo Team, serving as a Presidential Student Ambassadors, and working as a student technology fellow.

In 2009, Joey enrolled at BHSU and was awarded the Joe and Elaine Floyd and the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation scholarships.

Joey is a four-time qualifier at the College National Finals Rodeo and in 2012 was crowned the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association national champion in the breakaway roping event. In 2013 she finished the regular season in first place in the Great Plains Region in both the all-around and goat tying and third in the breakaway.



**Joey Painter at the 2012 CNFR**

## Fitzgerald named State Prosecutor of the Year



**John Fitzgerald**

in 2002, is given annually to an outstanding

John Fitzgerald, Class of '77, has earned the honor of being named 2012 State of South Dakota Prosecutor of the Year by the South Dakota Attorney's Association.

The award, established

South Dakota prosecutor who has performed exceptional prosecutorial service to the citizens of the state and to the association.

John has been prosecuting crime for more than 32 years in western South Dakota working to seek justice and advocate for the victims' rights. During his three decades as a state prosecutor, John has argued hundreds of cases from death penalty to embezzlers.

John, who graduated from BHSU with a bachelor in social science, began prosecuting in 1981 as the Butte County State's Attorney. In 1990, he started working as a part-time Deputy State's Attorney in Lawrence County under State's Attorney Jeff Bloomberg. In 1995, John took office as the Lawrence County State's Attorney and has held that position since.



## Graduates encouraged to become productive global citizens

Thousands of family, friends, faculty, and staff packed into the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center to wish good luck to the more than 400 BHSU graduates awarded master, bachelor and associate degrees during the 165th Commencement Ceremony.

Thirty-four Native American students were awarded master, bachelor and associate degrees, the highest number in the University's history. The graduating class also included international students from Peru, Vietnam, Korea, Japan and Sweden.

Dr. John Alsup, BHSU professor of mathematics and Faculty Senate president, gave the keynote address encouraging students to live life to the fullest and be thankful for what they have. "Life is an adventure and full of opportunities. Life is rich," he said. "What you have to look forward to is amazing."



**Chantelle Whipple's** college experience was unlike most. Three times a week she was up at 6:30 a.m. for ROTC physical fitness training; once a week she had a ROTC lab, repelling a wall or building a one rope bridge; and once a month she was fulfilling her obligations with the National Guard; all while maintaining a 3.96 GPA. Whipple's schedule has not eased since graduating with her bachelor of arts in Spanish. She signed up for another six years of active duty and is in flight school at the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Ala.

**Devin Lynn**, mass communication and history graduate, did everything he could to make a difference not only on campus but locally, regionally, nationally and around the world. Lynn was accepted to the Clinton Global Initiative two years in a row, including this spring when he presented his project of using social media to connect students and entrepreneurs in Uganda with BHSU staff and faculty. He is now in graduate school studying political science at the University of Colorado-Denver.



Since graduating with a degree in business administration—entrepreneurial studies and marketing, **Markus Heinrich** has focused his attention on expanding several of the businesses he started while a student at BHSU. Currently he has three businesses: Top Lawn, Cans2Cans Recycling and his most recent venture Breaktime Vending.

**Rilda Means** has known what she has wanted to do since she was a junior at Red Cloud Indian School – help change the stigma of the Pine Ridge Reservation. Means, who graduated with her bachelor of science in political science and American Indian Studies, is now in graduate school at Oglala Lakota College studying Lakota Leadership and Management and then plans to enroll in law school.





## Construction on BHSU campus a sign of growth



Architectural rendering of the Alumni Foundation Welcome Center

Several new construction projects are underway at Black Hills State University as the University continues its effort to provide not only innovative academic programs but also high-quality facilities for its students and alumni.

Construction began this summer on the Alumni Foundation Welcome Center located next to the Lyle Hare Stadium which saw its own upgrades this year. BHSU broke ground on the \$1.4 million, 5,800-square-foot center last fall. Contractors are in the process of working on the foundation for the center which will house the University Advancement Office and be a place for alumni and community events, gatherings before games, concerts and other University events; a place to showcase the history of BHSU; a space for prospective student and their parents; and an area for

community events such as business meetings and receptions.

"The project will take longer than usual because many of the workers are donating their time," according to Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement.

"We've raised over \$800,000 in cash, with donations continuing to roll in for the center, and we have a lot of businesses

that have indicated they will be donating in-kind," Meeker says. Donations can be made in the form of purchasing an engraved pathway brick to be displayed on the patio, or a donor may have one of the center's rooms named in their honor by donating \$15,000.

Plans also are moving forward on Crow Peak Hall, a new residence hall that will connect Heidepriem and Thomas Halls with a central living area to create a new residence hall complex known as the Peaks.

The nearly 50,000-square-foot Crow Peak Hall is estimated to break ground early next summer with a completion date of summer 2015. The connecting central living area, known as Lookout Lodge, will include a two-story great room, residential kitchen for student use, fireplace, snack area, and multi-media study rooms.



Architectural rendering of Crow Peak Hall

## Longtime photography professor honored as Distinguished Faculty

Steve Babbitt, longtime professor of photography at BHSU, was recognized with the 2013 Distinguished Faculty Award – an honor bestowed upon Babbitt by his colleagues.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp and Dr. Rod Custer, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, surprised Babbitt with the news during class.

"Steve Babbitt's enthusiasm and commitment to the study of photography creates an exceptional learning opportunity for Black Hills State University students. Steve is an accomplished photographer and remarkable professor who has shown tremendous dedication to his students, to his craft, and to the arts community in the region," says Schallenkamp.

Babbitt has been molding the minds of hundreds of BHSU mass communication students for more than 20 years, and has been instrumental in making the University's photography program the success it is today.

Several letters were received from professors across the many

disciplines nominating Babbitt for the award noting his dedication to his students and the BHSU photography program.

Jerry Rawlings, assistant professor of photography, also noted that Babbitt is the only photographer granted access to photograph in the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Babbitt has been instrumental in fostering a strong relationship between the University and SURF, and his

images are used for public relations purposes for both the lab and BHSU.

Babbitt is recognized for his professional photography and regularly shows his work in national and international exhibits and encourages his students to do the same.

Babbitt earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Fine Arts from San Francisco Art Institute. He joined the faculty at BHSU in 1994.



Steve Babbitt, far left, President Kay Schallenkamp and Dr. Rod Custer

# BHSU in the news

## BHSU business team participates in national competition



**Black Hills State University Enactus team at the national competition in Kansas City, Mo.**

In May, the BHSU Enactus team competed with more than 150 colleges and universities during the Enactus National Exposition in Kansas City, Mo. The BHSU team earned its first trip to the national competition after winning regionals in Minneapolis earlier this year.

"Since this was the first time BHSU has competed in a National Exposition, we felt

proud of our efforts and pleased for how we professionally showcased the projects we advanced this past year," said Dr. Bobbi Looney, assistant professor of management and co-advisor for the Enactus team.

Enactus is an international non-profit organization that brings together the top leaders of today and tomorrow to create a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business.

During the last academic year, the BHSU Enactus team organized seven community outreach projects throughout Spearfish including a "Facebook for Retirees" workshop which was designed to assist senior citizens throughout the community with social media skills.

The team is already preparing for next year's nationals in St. Louis.

## Student showcases rattlesnake research at state Capitol

Recent graduate Mallory (Ageton) Ballinger was one of a dozen undergraduate students who presented their research to state lawmakers in Pierre during the South Dakota Student Research Poster Session.

The annual event showcases students' research over a variety of disciplines and displays the important link between research and higher education.

Ballinger, who graduated with a bachelor of science in biology, joined BHSU biology professor Dr. Brian Smith's research team as a Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) Fellow in the summer of 2011.

Ballinger researched three groups of rattlesnakes, one from Colorado and two from the Black Hills, that are geographically widespread and vary in prey availability and habitat. Ballinger and the BHSU research team isolated proteins

from venom of snakes from all the groups.

The proteins in venom interfere with locomotion functions of the prey that is bitten with some proteins causing shock faster.

The work conducted by Ballinger and the research team may help in the treatment of bites, as variation in venom components may affect the recovery of bite victims.



**Mallory (Ageton) Ballinger with Board of Regents' Executive Director & CEO Jack Warner**

## Concert Choir performs in Italy

The Black Hills State University Concert Choir spent nearly two weeks touring Italy where they performed concerts in many of the European country's most historic and majestic churches.

The BHSU Concert Choir has historically traveled to Europe every four to six years, according to Dr. Jonathan Nero, BHSU associate professor of music. The choir, which includes both BHSU students and faculty, performed three formal concerts which included The Church of Sant' Agnese in Rome, The Church of San Leonardo in Cerretto Guidi and at San Moise' Church in Venice. They also performed additional pieces during a mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican and again for mass at San Marco's in Venice.


"All the concerts were full to capacity and the choir was greeted with standing ovations and calls for encores at each venue," Nero said.

The group, which included more than 50 BHSU faculty, staff, students, and graduates, also had an opportunity to tour several other areas of Italy including: Vatican City where they were part of the Papal audience for Pope Francis and visited the Sistine Chapel; Ancient Rome where they visited the Colosseum, Imperial Forum and Palatine Hill; the Leaning Tower of Pisa; and Florence where they toured the Accademia Gallery which is home to the Statue of David.



**The Black Hills State University Concert Choir performs at The Church of San Leonardo in Venice, Italy.**



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## BHSU student's research selected to be presented on Capitol Hill

For three years, Anna Hafele and Dr. Andy Johnson, assistant professor of physics at BHSU, have been researching students' understanding of radiation and radioactivity and how to modify classroom instruction to enhance that understanding.

The culmination of their research was one of 60 projects presented during the Council on Undergraduate Research's (CUR) Posters on the Hill event in Washington, D.C., earlier this spring.

"I was so surprised," said Hafele, an outdoor education and biology major from Newell, of their research being selected out of more than 800 entries. Hafele's poster included a summary of her three years of research and included students' understanding of atoms, ionizing and differentiating between radiation and radioactivity.

Hafele began working with Johnson more than three years ago after taking his intro to physics class. Her interest in the



Anna Hafele

class prompted her to start volunteering in the class and eventually becoming Johnson's research assistant. Their research - sponsored by the National Science Foundation - focuses on non-science majors' understanding of radiation and radioactivity.

The data they have compiled is helping to develop new course material to improve the teaching of this topic, including a computerized atom simulator, which addresses the students' misunderstanding of the concepts.

## The Jacket Journal wins first place in national competition

*The Jacket Journal*, Black Hills State University's student newspaper, earned a first place award in the 2013 American Scholastic Press Association's (ASPA) annual newspaper competition. Each year the ASPA awards the top college and high school literary magazines, newspapers and yearbooks in the country for the work produced by their staffs.

*The Jacket Journal* was judged in a series of categories including content, page design,

general plan, art/ads/illustrations, editing, and creativity.

"In an age of ever-increasing technology and transition to Internet-based news, the first-place award shows that the vitality of *The Jacket Journal* newspaper is alive and well on campus," said Dr. Mary Caton-Rosser, faculty advisor of the Jacket Journal and assistant professor of mass communication at BHSU.

"The student news organization is thrilled to receive news of the award and will work hard to continue the tradition of excellence."

The student-run newspaper has been recognized by ASPA in the past with a first place in 2009 and 2010, a first place with special merit in 2011 and a second place in 2012.

Some of the staff who contributed to this year's success include: Devin Lynn, editor-in chief; Lisa Simmons, assistant editor; Brianna Pesek, online editor; Justin Regan, business manager; and Jodi Mathis, content editor.



Lisa Simmons, sitting, the former managing editor of *the Jacket Journal* and recent graduate, and Jodi Mathis, the new managing editor and mass communications major from Loveland, Colo., look over a recent edition of the award-winning Black Hills State University student newspaper

## National Geographic photographer finds interest in BHSU graduate student's research



Anand Varma, left, and Riston Haugen

A BHSU graduate student's research on a rust fungus's ability to manipulate the genes of a wild mustard plant and create a fake flower recently caught the attention of *National Geographic*.

*National Geographic* photographer Anand Varma contacted Riston Haugen in June looking for details about an ongoing research project that Haugen is conducting with Dr. David Siemens, BHSU associate professor of biology.

Varma and Haugen connected through Dr. Barbara Roy, who served as Siemens' postdoctoral advisor. Roy, a professor at the University of Oregon, studied the plant interaction in Colorado in the early 90s.

"Varma contacted me about the assignment he was working on, and I arranged to show him around the Black Hills region where the interaction naturally occurs. A few weeks later, we were out in the field searching for specimens to photograph," Haugen said.

Haugen, a graduate student in the BHSU Integrative Genomics program, has been researching the effects the fungus has on the plants for the past few years. He is also working with Dr. Liliana Cano and Dr. Sophien Kamoun at the Sainsbury Laboratory, a plant science research center in Norwich, England, on a parallel study involving pseudoflowers.

"The infection alters host plant development, morphology, and physiology to produce a flower mimic that fools pollinators of neighboring plant species into dispersing fungal gametes," Haugen said. "It is an interesting phenomenon. We are trying to get a better understanding of the extent to which a parasite can manipulate gene expression in its host."

The *National Geographic* article may not appear for more than a year, Haugen said noting that he is excited to see if the Black Hills research makes it into the final cut.



# 2013 Swarm Days Olympics

Sept. 30 - Oct. 5

## Four honorees will be recognized during Swarm Week activities

Black Hills State University will honor several outstanding alumni during the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon held on campus during Swarm Week.

### Distinguished Alumnus Award:

#### Damian Ederhoff,



Ederhoff

Class of '86, earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from BHSU and instantly joined the ranks of Denver-based accounting firm Bauerle and Company. He quickly moved up the ladder rising to become partner

specializing in financial tax, and consulting. Damian is also certified under Government Auditing Standards – commonly referred to as the “Yellow Book” – which apply to both financial and performance audits of government agencies. These credentials make Damian a strong resource for clients involved in construction, real estate and HUD projects. He is a member of several organizations and is active with the Rocky Mountain Surety Association. He is also a member of the BHSU Foundation and former budget and finance committee member for the Valley Country Club and the Associated Builders and Contractors.

### Excellence in Education Award:

#### Lois Northrup,

Class of '62, graduated with her bachelor's degree in physical education and history. With her degree from BHSU in hand, Lois started a nearly four decade career in education. In 1963, Lois was hired as a high school girls' physical education and American history teacher at Bonanza High School in Oregon. She worked in the Bonanza School District for four years



Northrup

before getting a job as physical education teacher and head of the district's physical education department in Redmond High School in Oregon. In 1977, Lois was hired as an assistant principal at Evergreen Junior High in Redmond during which time she went back to school earning her master's in education administration. As assistant principal, Lois was instrumental in the school receiving the Excellence in Education Award from the Oregon and U.S. Departments of Education. She was promoted to principal of the junior high in 1988. In 1992 Lois was hired as the principal of M A Lynch Elementary School in Redmond – the primary location for the school district's program for severely emotionally disabled students. She remained in that position until retiring in 1997 after 35 years in public education.

### Special Achievement Award:

#### Carol Hayes,



Hayes

Class of '76, graduated with her bachelor's degree in education and spent the next several years teaching art in South Dakota and then California before moving to New York City to pursue her own career as an artist. She continued her art education at the New York Art Students League, and at the New York Studio School of Painting, Drawing and Sculpture. Since then she has been a successful artist exhibiting and selling her creations all over the world. She currently has a studio in NYC and another studio and personal exhibition space on Long Island where she works on her larger pieces including her most recent six-foot-high charcoal piece titled “Peace in Fire.” She is intuitively drawn to subjects of natural and symbolic content including landscapes, American icons such as the American Flag, driftwood, and buddhas. Her color palette

is also spontaneously inspired by nature. She finds things on the beach that intrigue her and brings them back to the studio where she can study them and use them as subjects for her drawings and paintings. She loves creating art because it allows her to communicate visually and document her journey.

### Special Service Award:

For more than

40 years, **Steve Williams**, Attended, has been involved in some aspect of the construction industry. After graduating from Spearfish High School in 1974, Steve went to work for Ainsworth-Benning Construction



Williams

in Spearfish and attended BHSU. After graduating with honors with a bachelor's of architecture from Montana State University in 1986, Steve continued his studies earning his master's of architecture. Steve worked with Robert Marasco & Associates until he decided to start his own architecture firm in 1993. He returned to Spearfish and opened Williams & Associates Architecture, Inc. For 20 years, Williams & Associates, with Steve at the helm, has had a hand in numerous large projects throughout the Black Hills including several at BHSU. Through his company's work throughout the region, Steve has received several recognitions and awards including: Facility Design Award for Excellence and LEED Silver for the BHSU David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union; the Rising Star Award from the Spearfish Economic Development Association; 2010 Inductee to the Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame; Certificate of Achievement from the Spearfish Historic Preservation Commission; Master Builder Award for the Hermosa school addition; and Excellence in Concrete Award for the Spearfish Convention Center.

# Schedule of Events

## Wednesday, Oct. 2

4-6 p.m. .... Kiddie Carnival featuring Phil Baker - Campus Green  
7:30 p.m. .... Hypnotist Keith Karkut - Young Center Basketball Arena

## Thursday, Oct. 3

7 p.m. .... Coronation - Woodburn Hall Theatre

## Friday, Oct. 4

12 p.m. .... Alumni Awards Luncheon - Jacket Legacy Room  
3 p.m. .... Disc Golf Tournament - Campus Disc Golf Course  
6 p.m. .... Hall of Fame Banquet - Student Union Jacket Legacy Room

## Saturday, Oct. 5

10 a.m. .... Parade - Downtown Spearfish  
11:15 a.m. .... Tailgate Social - Young Center Parking Lot  
1 p.m. .... BHSU Football Game v. Western State - Lyle Hare Stadium

\*Tickets for the Alumni Awards Luncheon and Hall of Fame Banquet must be purchased in advance. They will not be sold at the door. Please call 605-642-6385 to purchase tickets of for more information.

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## BHSU announces Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inductees

Black Hills State University will induct three athletes, one coach, one contributor and two teams into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the 2013 Swarm Day festivities. This year's homecoming celebration takes place Monday, Sept. 30 – Saturday, Oct. 5.

**Kevin Ahlemeier**, Class of '96, will be inducted as a defensive lineman for Yellow Jackets football:

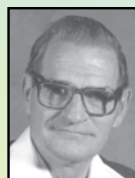
- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Honorable Mention All-American (1994)
- NAIA District 12 Defensive Player of the Week (1993)
- South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference Defensive Player of the Week (1994)
- NAIA National Player of the Week (1994)
- All-Conference athlete (1993, 1994)
- NAIA First Team All-American (1996)

**Tim Bishop**, Class of '03, will be inducted for his accomplishments in cross country and track:

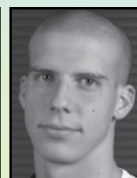
- Four-time national champion in track – outdoor and indoor 1500-meter run, indoor 1000 meter run, and indoor distance medley relay team
- Eleven BHSU track school records (seven indoor & four outdoor)
- All-Conference athlete in cross country (2000, 2001, 2002)
- NAIA Scholar Athlete in cross country (2001, 2002)
- Nine-time All-American (track-8, cross country-1)

**Amanda Schelle**, Class of '02, will be inducted for her accomplishments in basketball:

- BHSU second all-time scorer with 1,666 career points
- Scored 47 points in one game v. the University of Mary (1999)
- 404 career assists, 237 career steals, 228 three-point shots
- Career free throw percentage – 78 percent
- Second team All-Conference twice
- First team All-Conference (2001)



Gray



Bishop



Schelle



Ahlemeier

**The Stadium Sports Grill** in Spearfish is being inducted as a contributor. The Stadium Sports Grill has been a strong supporter of BHSU athletics since 1993, donating more than \$106,000 in various cash and in-kind donations to the athletic program at BHSU. Owners of the Stadium Sports Grill are **John**, Class of '68, and **Jo Heck**, Class of '79, and **Clair Donovan**, Attended.



**Earl Gray**, Class of '59, coached wrestling for 25 years in Wyoming. In 1986, he was inducted into the Wyoming Coaches Hall of Fame and was Wyoming Coach of the Year in 1973. His overall record of 249–56 and one tie includes five district championships, two state runner-ups and five consecutive state championships (two as assistant and three as head coach). He also coached Jr. Legion Baseball and was an assistant high school coach in football, basketball and track.



The 1970 men's track team was the first track & field team to win an SDIC championship. Team members included; Phil Bihl, Robert Brownrigg, Boyd Conzemius, Terry Denney, Bill Fleak, Jim Gehner, Keith Glanzer, Randy Graves, Bob Green, Gus Hanson, Garland "Dennis" Herndon, Bill Jordan - head coach, Larry Joy, Ed Kling, Harvey Krautschun, Mark Larscheid, Patrick Lowellan, Dave Little - asst. head coach, W.C. Mapp, Steve McDonnell, Duane Millslagle, Randall Mink, Mike Mittag, Gary Padgett, Brad Schlepp, Larry Steiger, Charles Stender, Kent Waugh, Mike Ridgeway and Al Yorio.



The 1979 baseball team won the SDIC with a perfect 11-0 conference record. The Jackets ended the season with a 22-5 record and won the District 12 championship, reaching the finals of the Area 3 NAIA tournament. Team members included; Ed Blewett, Mike Boyd, Roger Casciani - manager, Craig Crosswait, Dick Fisher, Dwight Gunnare, Les Gunnare, Clark Gusso, Darrell Hardcastle, Jim Hendrickson, Matt Henkener, Brian Hultman, Kirk Jordan, Mark Lawler, James Layne, Jim Louks, Brian McCormack, Kevin Morsching, Steven Naylor, Randy Nicholas, Kevin Nowotny, Jerry Parks, Brad Peters, Bruce Schmidt, Dann Schwinger, Donald Sneathen, Todd Snyders, Barry Sonnek, Brian Southard and Steve Thorn.

# Sports

## Lyle Hare Stadium renovations include state-of-the-art artificial field and scoreboard

This summer, 53 years after construction of Black Hills State University's Lyle Hare Stadium, the first steps to the newest and most extensive renovation in the stadium's history officially got underway.

After 111 seasons from 1899-2012 and 881 football games played on natural grass, the first step in the nearly \$3 million renovation was completed with the installation of 70,000 square-feet of the newest all-weather, synthetic grass field turf.

Jhett Albers, director of athletics, is pleased with the progress of the renovation project and stressed how beneficial these improvements will be to the entire University and surrounding community, noting the field's improved safety.

"The field will be able to handle more

events throughout the year. Having a turf field will allow us to do many things without worrying about ripping up the field for the next group the next day, and the most important part is the safety aspect of this type of field," Albers said.

The new turf has a shock-pad mat system under the artificial grass that will provide a more stable and safer playing field for everyone involved.

Another benefit to the University will be the sustainability, ease of upkeep, and the reduced cost of not having to cut, water or paint the field. The field will also provide the community more opportunity to use it for events outside of sports.

The entire renovation project includes two separate phases of upgrades.

The new field turf is the first project of Phase 1. The second project is a new, state-of-the-art scoreboard and video board located where the current scoreboard is on the field's south entrance. When completed, it will be the largest outdoor scoreboard/video board in South Dakota.

The new field's inaugural home game where the newest additions will be on display for the first time will be on Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. versus Colorado School of Mines

Phase 2, estimated at nearly \$2 million, will be the addition or remodeling of the stadium press box and area surrounding the bleachers. Fundraising for this phase will be a continuous effort, and the BHSU Athletics is hopeful to secure the funding to move forward with this project within the next few years.

Albers described the overwhelming support for the renovation and believes the decision to make the upgrades will provide endless benefits to the student-athletes and create a more dynamic fan experience for all Yellow Jacket supporters.



New turf at the Lyle Hare Stadium

## Thanks to our donors

Donations from community members, businesses and organizations have helped fund \$1 million in upgrades and renovations to Black Hills State University's Lyle Hare Stadium. Among the gifts are three donations of \$100,000 from Dana and LaDawn Dykhouse, Spearfish Forest Products and the White's family of Queen City Motors and Canyon Motors. Other donations include gifts from the City of Spearfish and the Spearfish School District.

## BHSU Athletics signs apparel deal with Adidas

Black Hills State University Athletics has signed a deal to partner with sportswear giant Adidas and Universal Athletics to become the sole providers of all varsity sports athletic apparel for the Yellow Jackets.

Adidas will now supply all BHSU game, practice, travel, sideline and coaching apparel.

"We are really excited to enter this partnership with Adidas and Universal Athletics.

It's a wonderful opportunity for our university, community, fans, and student-athletes," said Jhett Albers, BHSU director of athletics.

BHSU chose to make the move to Adidas in an effort to strengthen the Yellow Jackets brand now that they are competing at the NCAA Division II level.

The BHSU community and fan base can now purchase new Yellow Jacket gear through the University Bookstore in Spearfish and online at [www.BHSUBookstore.com](http://www.BHSUBookstore.com).



## BHSU receives Special Olympics South Dakota 2013 Champion Award

Special Olympics South Dakota (SOSD) recently announced that Black Hills State University has been awarded the 2013 Champion Award for its contributions and support of the organization.

BHSU hosted the 2013 SOSD State Summer Games in May which turned out to be an overwhelming success, according to Special Olympics CEO Darryl Nordquist. BHSU has hosted the state Special Olympics Summer Games the last two years and will host the event again next May.

"What stuck out most for me was the opening ceremony, when our athletes got high-fived by the college athletes in their uniforms, and all the others in the human tunnel - that's what I loved the most," Nordquist said.

This is the second time BHSU has won the Champion Award, an honor annually presented to any business, organization, or media outlet which has made a major contribution to SOSD. The first time the University received the award was in 2002. In total, the Yellow Jackets and the Spearfish community have hosted the games a total of nine times since 1987.

"Out of all the places we visit for tournaments, BHSU goes above and beyond and treats our delegations like champions," said Suzy Gehring, Special Olympics Brookings coach. "From the minute we walk on campus to the day we depart, everyone involved goes above and beyond to make our events run smoothly."

The Brookings team nominated BHSU for the award. Gehring noted that the University's student-athletes provided encouragement and support for the Brookings team and all the other delegations that competed throughout the weekend.

Director of athletics Jhett Albers

commended the efforts of everyone involved and was thrilled to hear the news of winning the award for a second time.

"I just want to thank all who were involved in hosting the Special Olympics South Dakota State Games this year. We couldn't be more grateful for this award,"

Albers said. "I hope that every volunteer found it to be as enjoyable, heart-warming, and rewarding as I did after watching these athletes perform. Our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives and the other student-athletes that gave of their time and efforts to this event were amazing."



BHSU basketball player Cameron Anderson, physical education major from Gillette, Wyo., gives Special Olympics athlete Nate Seiler of the Northern Hills Training Center a high five during the Special Olympics Summer games opening ceremony in May.

## Yellow Jackets win the 2012-13 RMAC Sportsmanship Cup

Black Hills State University won its first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Sportsmanship Cup this year. This is the seventh year of the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup. The 2012-13 season marks the Yellow Jackets first year as full-time members of the RMAC.

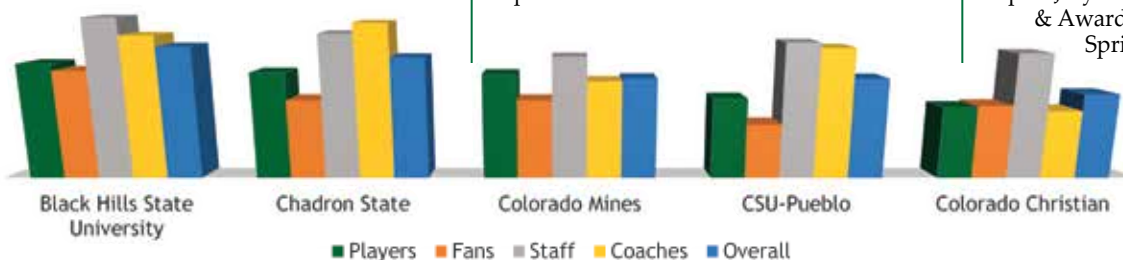
"We are honored to be selected for the 2012-2013 RMAC Sportsmanship Cup Award," said Jhett Albers, BHSU director of athletics. "Sportsmanship is one

characteristic that Yellow Jacket Athletics focuses on as an NCAA DII institution and member of the RMAC. Credit goes to our student-athletes, coaches, game day event staff, and fans for their efforts to make sportsmanship a priority at BHSU."

The voting process for the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup is an online system that ranks four game environment factors: players, fans, staff, and coaches. Each category received one ranking from excellent to poor. The head coach and a Student

Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) member from each school voted per sport on all 21 RMAC sponsored sports.

The Yellow Jackets received an average score of 3.957, and also earned the highest ranking in three of the four categories: Players (3.86), Fans (3.82), and Staff (4.12). Chadron State averaged a score of 4.09 in the Coaches category, followed by the Yellow Jackets 4.02 mark. The Yellow Jackets were presented with the RMAC Sportsmanship Cup in July at the RMAC Hall of Fame & Awards Ceremony in Colorado Springs.



# Creating a Legacy

## Johnson Family descendants honored as the 2013 BHSU Legacy Family

Black Hills State University honored the descendants of Elmer E. and Martha V. Johnson as the 2013 Legacy Family.

Started in 2008, the Legacy Family Award honors families who have a tradition of attending BHSU.

The Johnsons span two generations of family members who have attended or graduated from BHSU. Twelve descendants of Elmer and Martha Johnson were honored. The first generation of the Johnson legacy at BHSU included: Glenice M. (Johnson) Brown, Attended; Virgil Johnson, Class of '58; Norma (Hupp) Johnson, Class of '60 and '66; Cecil Johnson, Class of '62 and '68; Lorin D. Johnson, Attended; Robert "Bob" Johnson, Class of '63; Barbara (Johnson) Matson, Class of '63; Berle Johnson, Class of '64; Charles "Chuck" Matson, Class of '64; and Lorraine (Johnson) King, Class of '69. The second generation included: E. Orange Johnson, Class of '98; and Sonja Johnson, attended.



Accepting the award on behalf of the family were two future Yellow Jackets: Rian Halligan, the great granddaughter, and Bridger Johnson, the great grandson, of Elmer E. and Martha V. Johnson.



The descendants of Elmer E. and Martha V. Johnson were honored as the 2013 Black Hills State University Legacy Family which honors families who have a tradition of attending BHSU.

Martha V. Johnson was a lifetime believer in the importance of education and hard work, and encouraged all of her nine children to pursue higher education. Eight of the Johnson children attended BHSU with six receiving degrees. All eight worked in various areas of education totaling 234 years in the field. In 1991, in honor of their mother, the Johnson family started the Martha V. Johnson Memorial Book Scholarship fund at BHSU.

Johnson Memorial Book Scholarship fund at BHSU.

All six boys followed in their father Elmer's footsteps and served in the U.S. military.

Martha and Elmer's great granddaughter Rian Halligan and great grandson Bridger Johnson accepted the award on behalf of the Johnson family.

## Schloes honored as the 2012 Difference Makers during annual dinner

More than 200 people were thanked for their support of Black Hills State University during the 1883 Recognition Dinner.

The annual dinner is a time for BHSU to recognize donors who have contributed \$1,883 or more in a calendar year and lifetime supporters of \$50,000 or more. The 1883 dinner, named for the University's founding year, was started by BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp in 2007. At that time, the 1883 Club had 51 donors. Today, the club has 140 members – a nearly 200 percent increase in five years.

Last year, the generosity of BHSU's supporters totaled just under a record \$5 million, according to Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement. "The University is extremely grateful to have such wonderful friends and alumni who are creating great futures for BHSU students. While the gift total for 2012 is wonderful, it's the thoughtfulness of our donors that is truly extraordinary. Our annual donor recognition

dinner honors and celebrates those who make a University education possible for so many deserving students."

Junior and Ella Schloe of Spearfish were honored as the 2012 Difference Makers. The Difference Maker Award is given each year to BHSU's top donor. Junior and Ella have lived in the Black Hills and Spearfish area for many years and wanted to give something back to the area that has been so good to them. They have created the Schloe Family Business School Endowment. The endowment will provide business scholarships with at least one dedicated to a Native American student. The fund will also provide a stipend for students to study abroad and a stipend to business faculty for travel, research and scholarly development. Previous Difference Maker Award recipients include: James and Phyllis McDaniel; Donna McLaughlin; Joe and Elaine Floyd; Betty Richey; Harvey and Joy Krautschun; and Dana, LaDawn, Alana and Dan Dykhouse.



Ella and Junior Schloe

Anyone wishing to contribute to any of these scholarships may contact Steve Meeker at 605-642-6228 or [Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu](mailto:Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu)



# Creating a Legacy

## Photography program receives final installment of \$75,000 donation from longtime supporter



Richard Kessel

For years, Dr. Richard Kessel, professor emeritus of the University of Iowa, has supported the BHSU photography program donating money for new and upgraded equipment, new courses, and funds to subsidize students' photography needs.

"We would not be in the spot we are today without his generosity," said Steve Babbitt, BHSU professor of photography and Kessel's nephew. Kessel died earlier this spring with his final \$25,000 donation coming posthumously. Three years ago, Kessel, who had been a professor for 38 years, pledged \$75,000 over three years to the BHSU photography program. He had visited BHSU many times and enjoyed the dedication and enthusiasm of the photography students. That dedication motivated Kessel to help the program by making his many contributions to the University.

Those contributions have directly helped BHSU students and the program compete with most any photography

program in the country, Babbitt said. The program, which has grown significantly in the last decade, has received national attention for students' work in photojournalism, commercial and fine art photography. This summer, 14 BHSU photography students were chosen as finalists in the 33rd Annual College Photographers Competition by *Photographer's Forum Magazine*. One student's photo was recognized in the top 100 out of nearly 17,000 submissions worldwide.

"It is clear from their outstanding performance in this year's *Photographers Forum* competition and over the past 10 years that our BHSU photography students are among the most talented, creative, and hard working in the country," Babbitt said.

Babbitt said he hopes to use some of Kessel's final donation for scholarships. Kessel, who came from a humble background, was initially accepted into medical school; however, financial constraints and a lack of scholarships available during that time caused him to change plans. Kessel's training and research for his doctorate were in the area of cell structure and function and involved the use of the transmission electron microscope – a new and important tool in the investigation of cell structure and function at the time. Kessel also published some 120 scientific research and review articles and five books.

## Canadian couple donates horse to Rodeo Team

The BHSU Rodeo Team recently added a new four-legged member - a horse named Leo.

Jim Johnston and Katie Kehrig from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, donated the horse on their most recent visit to the area. The couple became acquainted with BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp and the University's rodeo program during their annual summer visits to the Black Hills, Glen Lammers, BHSU rodeo coach. The couple also donated \$5,500 - \$5,000 for rodeo scholarships and the remaining \$500 to help feed and care for Leo.

"Jim and Katie are interested in rodeo and wanted to donate the horse to help our student athletes as well as to see the horse reach its potential," Lammers said. "It's really a great situation. We are grateful for Jim and Katie's support. Their friendship and generosity is truly a blessing."

Leo is staying with Lammers and his



Glen Lammers, Katie Kehrig, and Jim Johnston

wife in Belle Fourche until the fall semester begins. Then the horse will be moved to the Seven Down Arena outside Spearfish – the practice area for the rodeo team. "We are excited to have Leo join our team and look forward to seeing him develop and get prepared for competition," Lammers said.

Lammers said he will keep Johnston and Kehrig updated on Leo's progress and contribution to the team.

The rodeo team's first competition is in September in River Falls, Wis.

## Patricia Noren donates \$100,000 for Alumni Welcome Center

Born and raised in Spearfish, Patricia Noren has fond memories of her Midwestern upbringing. She graduated from Spearfish High School, where her mother taught for many years, and earned her teaching degree from Black Hills State in 1952.

Although she left the area soon after graduating, Noren still feels a connection to the Black Hills, Spearfish and the University. In recognition of her time at BHSU, Noren donated \$100,000 for the Alumni Foundation Welcome Center, currently under construction.

"I always just thought I would like to do this since I grew up in Spearfish and I have lots of good friends and good memories of that time," she said.

Noren, who lives in Tulsa, Okla., returned to Spearfish five years ago and was overwhelmed at the growth of both her hometown and her alma mater.

"I went back to the college – what a change," said Patricia noting that she was impressed with the amount of programs now offered at BHSU.

After graduating from BHSU, Noren spent a few years teaching in Wyoming before changing her career path to the travel industry where she remained until retiring.

Construction on the \$1.4 million, 5,800-square-foot Alumni Center began this summer. When completed, the center will house the University Advancement Office and be a place for alumni and community events, as well as a history of BHSU.



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# In Memory

## Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School, 1883-1940

Inga (Tysdal) Edwards, Attended, Spearfish  
Norma J. (Woelz) King, Class of '40, Lead  
Arlene D. (Roth) Nicholas, Attended, Spearfish  
Gertrude M. (Callison) Troth, Attended, Huron  
Margaret (Lyman) Van Vactor, Class of '35, Walnut Creek, Calif.  
Roscoe H. Wilkes, Class of '38, Boulder City, Nev.

## Black Hills Teachers College, 1941-1963

Norman E. Allen, Class of '54, Thompson Falls, Mont.  
Bette E. (Christofferson) Aaberg, Attended, Spearfish  
Della M. (Henderson) Cunningham, Attended, Rapid City  
Larry Davis, Class of '57, Sun City West, Ariz.  
Ella I. (Rabenberg) Frey, Attended, Mobridge  
Carl "Stan" S. Gustafson, Class of '45, Rawlins, Wyo.  
Verna V. (Duncan) Hepler, Class of '46, Rapid City  
Margie P. (Mansbridge) Ice, Attended, Pierre  
Dorothy A. (Braddock) Getsgo, Attended, Sturgis  
Mary A. (Hauber) Krenz, Class of '63, Rapid City  
Lester N. McArthur, Class of '54, Spearfish  
Delores A. (Koester) Miller, Attended, Pierre  
John E. Morrisson, Attended, Rapid City  
Louis D. O'Connell, Class of '50, Kailua Kona, Hawaii  
Alice E. (Bau) Palmlund, Attended, De Smet  
Rose M. (Matz) Reiland, Attended, Pingree, N.D.  
Sharon "Joy" (Berglund) Ribordy, Attended, Belle Fourche  
Alice M. (Hammond) Roetzel, Class of '42, Custer  
Melvin A. Skiles, Class of '59, Mohnton, Pa.  
Ann M. (Doody) Spencer, Class of '42, Casper, Wyo.  
Karen L. (Gregson) Stewart, Attended, Rapid City  
Tyra Talley, Class of '61, Grand Rapids, Minn.  
Corrine M. (Peterson) Taylor, Class of '55, San Antonio  
Charles W. Trentz, Attended, Deadwood

## Black Hills State College, 1964-1988

Margaret D. (Loeffen) Becket, Class of '70, Rapid City  
E.R. "Buck" Brengle, Class of '69, Fort Meade  
Gerald L. Douglas, Attended, Lead  
Robert A. Foster, Attended, Johnstown, Colo.  
Clarice E. (Gunderson) Geersen, Class of '78, Gordon, Neb.  
Michael A. Gomez, Attended, Spearfish  
Robert K. Gorder, Class of '79, Deadwood  
Bernard "Bernie" F. Hall, Class of '70, Summerset  
Mary K. (Lamley) Hawley, Class of '64 & '73, Spearfish  
Marion "Mick" L. Hendry, Class of '69, Broken Arrow, Okla.  
Raymond A. Henry, Attended, Rapid City  
Pascual Huerta Jr., Class of '74, Brighton, Colo.  
Bonnee M. (Heller) Kinsella, Class of '65, Rapid City  
Doris M. McGrady, Class of '64, Williston, N. D.  
Norman N. Nowell, Class of '68, Dana Point, Calif.  
Kenneth C. Orth, Class of '68, Mitchell  
Bernice A. (Robbennolt) Schroder, Class of '70, Gillette, Wyo.  
Marjorie J. Smith, Class of '82, Denver  
Ronald E. Stuen, Attended, Black Hawk  
Fred H. Ward II, Attended, Belle Fourche  
Eva V. (Goes in Center) Witt, Class of '76 & '81, Pine Ridge

## Black Hills State University, 1989 - Present

Curtis J. VanOsdel, Attending, Rapid City  
Jennifer J. (King) Venhuizen, Attended, Rapid City

In the spring 2013 issue we mentioned the passing of Quindrid F. Albert and inadvertently printed the wrong maiden name. It should have read: Quindrid F. (Frahm) Albert, Class of '75, Newcastle, Wyo. We regret this error.

## Della Vecchia leaves legacy on BHSU and Spearfish community



Guido Della Vecchia

Guido Della Vecchia, an honorary doctorate of Black Hills State University and integral part of the University and local arts community, died Wednesday, March 13, 2013.

Although a native New Yorker, Guido Della Vecchia spent nearly 30 years in Spearfish creating a life with his wife Johanna Meier.

Guido was a prominent figure in Spearfish and throughout the Black Hills area. He and Johanna moved to Spearfish permanently in 1984, and in 1991, the couple took over the Black Hills Passion Play, the internationally famous production brought over from Germany by Johanna's parents Clare and Josef Meier.

From 1991 until 2008, he acted in and functioned as co-producer of the Black Hills Passion Play. During the 1960s and early 1970s, he and his wife appeared several times in concert at Black Hills State University and arranged for opera performances by a touring company to be held there. They also organized numerous benefits and fundraisers for the Matthews Opera House and the High Plains Heritage Center, with performances by members of the Black Hills Passion Play company. For three years Guido served on the boards of directors of the Spearfish Arts Center and Matthews Opera House, and since its inception, for the Spirit of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in Spearfish. He was active in the creation and promotion of the annual Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Institute held each spring at BHSU.

Well known for his beautiful tenor voice, Guido began vocal studies at the age of 18. In 1951, during the Korean War, he was inducted into the army where he was trained as a radio technician. He was then selected as one of six to go to Germany where he sang as an entertainer in special services throughout the country for the remainder of his tour of duty. Upon his discharge, he lived in Italy where he refined his musical art by studying with several of Italy's foremost maestri at the Cherubini Conservatory in Florence. He also attended the University of Perugia, and taught English through the Berlitz schools. Returning to the United States in 1958, he met his wife Johanna, and they continued their vocal careers both jointly and individually. During this time he performed at both Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York, and sang a number of leading Italian opera roles and concerts throughout the United States. His last professional appearances were in 1980, singing with the Seattle Opera Company.

In 2003, BHSU awarded Guido and Johanna with honorary doctorates of humane letters. BHSU has awarded only 11 honorary degrees in its history. Johanna's father received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from BHSU in 1972.

Last fall, the couple was honored with the BHSU Special Service Award during the annual Swarm Day festivities. The award honors alumni or other persons who have contributed long-term service or exceptional efforts in a single program or project to the University.

# BHSU Alumni Gatherings



## BHSU 50-Year Club 2013



Graduates from the Class of 1963 gathered at the 2013 BHSU graduation ceremony and were inducted into the 50-Year Club during a banquet hosted by the BHSU Alumni Association. All BHSU alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more were invited to attend. Fifty-Year Club members in attendance were (standing left to right): Michael Larson, Class of '63; Jean (Carlson) Sophusson, Class of '63; James Dzierwa, Class of '63; Judy (Mick) Ista, Class of '63; Delbert Harbaugh, Class of '57; Everett Follette, Class of '55; David Jerde, Class of '63; William H. Young, Class of '63; Keith Campbell, Class of '60; Tom Hills, Class of '62; Roger Bell, Class of '61; Delbert Blume, Class of '61; Keith Shostrom, Class of '57; Vern Backens, Class of '57; Mildred

(Johnson) Cundy, Class of '62; Larry Patterson, Class of '63; Karen (Kovarik) Patterson, Class of '62; Carlene (Maus) Rosencranz, Class of '62; Bob Travis, Class of '57; (seated left to right): Mary Ann (Stephenson) Erickson, Class of '54; Sonya (Bell) Albers, Class of '56; Beverly (Olsen) Carr, Class of '55; Dave Kirkpatrick, Class of '58; Marguerite (Mickelson) Kleven, Class of '54; Zola (Kelly) Crago, Class of '63; and Dawn (Kelly) Brandeberry, Class of '62.

## Spring 2013 Casper gathering

BHSU alumni and friends gathered in June at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper. In addition to updates on the new Alumni Foundation Welcome Center and the Yellow Jacket football program, the gathering took place in conjunction with the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) where BHSU had six student-athletes compete in this year's finals.



## Upcoming Reunions at BHSU

Plan now to connect with former friends and classmates.

### Attorneys' at Law | Sept. 30-Oct. 2

The BHSU Alumni Association is inviting BHSU alumni who are/were lawyers back to campus. This gathering will take place in conjunction with the S.D. Supreme Court's visit to BHSU. Members of the S.D. Supreme Court will be on campus, Sept. 30 - Oct. 2; Swarm Week is taking place during the same time. For more information about the Attorneys' at Law reunion, please visit [www.BHSU.edu/SupremeCourt](http://www.BHSU.edu/SupremeCourt) or call the Alumni Office at 605-642-6385.

### 1968, '69, '70 Football Teams | Oct. 4-5

The '68, '69, and '70 football teams are invited to a reunion in honor of their head football coach, Gene Schlekeway, during the 2013 Swarm Week festivities. Gene was the head coach of the Yellow Jacket football teams from 1968-82 and is planning to reunite with all of his teams over the next five years. For information please contact Gene Schlekeway at [normagene@knology.net](mailto:normagene@knology.net) or [Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu](mailto:Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu)/605-642-6446.

# Kudos & Announcements

**The 50s** Calvin "Cal" Campbell, Class of '58, Charleston, Ill., published his third book *From Despair to Fortune*. The book tells about the area in the Black Hills from 1876 until the end of World War II. Cal has also published *Exploits of A Real ATF Agent* and a children's book *Lessons To Be Learned From Uncle Cal*.

**Bruce C. Davis**, Class of '58, Poulsbo, Wash., released the second edition of his book, *How to Involve Parents in a Multicultural School*. Last July, Bruce was the featured speaker at the annual National Elementary School Principals Conference in Baltimore.

**The 60s** John Daum, Class of '69, Spearfish, was inducted into the South Dakota Lions Hall of Fame at their state convention in Spearfish held last January. John is a retired educator of 28 years in Newcastle, Wyo., and has been a member of Lions since 1972.

**Dan Green**, Class of '64, and wife **Karol Green**, Class of '70, Spearfish, were the recipients of the Spirit of Spearfish Award during the 94th annual Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce's meeting and awards ceremony. This award is presented for an individual's contributions to the betterment of Spearfish.

**Clair Donovan**, Attended, **John Heck**, Class of '68, and **Jo (Cooley) Heck**, Class of '79, Spearfish, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Stadium Sports Grill in Spearfish. Clair, John and Jo have owned and operated the establishment since 1993. Since that time, they have added locations in Belle Fourche (1995) and Madison (2007).

**Gerald "Jerry" Lund**, Class of '62, Buhl, Idaho, was inducted into the South Dakota High School Basketball Hall of Fame in Madison on March 23, 2013. Jerry graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1957. During his senior year, Jerry played on the team that defeated Sioux Falls Washington in the Championship game 53-40 to complete a 27-0 season.

**Charles "Chuck" Turbiville**, Attended, Deadwood, was elected Mayor of the City of Deadwood.

**C. Michael "Mike" West**, Class of '60, and his wife **Marcia (Roseth) West**, Class of '62, Philip, were two of four individuals who received this year's good neighbor award during the 33rd annual Catalyst Club's banquet in Philip.

**The 70s** Tom Berry, Attended, Spearfish, was inducted into the 2013 Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Tom was inducted as an athlete.

**Cal Crooks**, Class of '72, Spearfish, retired after 45 years of service to BHSU. Cal was the director of Digital Media Resource Services for 30 years. Cal started his career at BHSU as an audio visual assistant.

**Judy Dittman**, Class of '73, Madison, was recently named interim provost at Dakota State University in Madison. Judy, who began her career at DSU in 1978, has been dean of the College of Education since January 2007. She served as secondary education coordinator and chair of the Academic Assessment Committee, as well as being a leader in the advising initiatives supported by Title III.

**LeRoy Hayes**, Class of '76, Thermopolis, Wyo., was inducted into the National Coaches Association Hall of Fame, last summer in Fargo, N.D. LeRoy retired from his teaching position in 2008 from the Hot Springs County School District but continues to coach as an assistant in football and head coach in indoor track.

**Mark Jastorff**, Class of '79, Denver, has been appointed to an NCAA Task Force created to develop programming that takes full advantage of the student-athlete network. Mark is one of two Division II representatives on the committee.

**Bruce Kjerstad**, Class of '79, Sheridan, Wyo., was recently recognized by the United States Forest Service as the 2012 Engineering Technician of the Year. Bruce works as the roads engineer for the Bighorn National Forest in Sheridan, Wyo.

**Mary Jo Nelson**, Class of '79, Sturgis, was recognized by the City of Deadwood for 15 years of service. Mary Jo is the finance officer for Deadwood.

**Priscilla (Young) Romkema**, Class of '79, Spearfish, was recently awarded the National Business Education Association Distinguished Service Award. Priscilla, the dean of the College of Business and Natural Science at BHSU, was honored during the National Business Education Association Convention recently held in Atlanta.

**Keith Stover**, Class of '71, Mankato, Minn., retired on June 30, 2013, after 14 years as president of South Central College (campuses in Faribault and North Mankato, Minn.)

**Sam Zimiga**, Class of '71, Rapid City, was recently inducted into the Rapid City Sports Hall of Fame. Sam coached Little League baseball for 34 years in Rapid City. He retired after 37 ½ years as an elementary school principal at Cleghorn, Canyon Lake and Pinedale schools.

**The 80s** Bev (Crabill) Banks, Class of '80 and '83, Belle Fourche, retired last April after a 12-year career on the Belle Fourche School Board. Bev joined the Belle Fourche School Board in 2000, and has served multiple terms as president.

**Brett Birkeland**, Class of '88, Flagstaff, Ariz., recently graduated from Coconino Community College in Flagstaff with an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. Brett will be working as a Med/Surg/Tele RN at Flagstaff Medical Center.

**Phil Bjorneberg**, Class of '86, Sioux Falls, head coach of the Parker High School boy's and girl's track and field team, led his team to the combined team State B Championship. The girl's team placed 2nd and boy's took home 3rd place honors.

**Bill Cissell**, Class of '80, Sturgis, published his autobiography, *Nobody Told Me I Couldn't*, on Amazon Kindle. The book recounts his life including almost five years in the military and more than 30 years as a journalist in the Black Hills and Colorado.

**Kay Cox**, Class of '87, Spearfish, was honored by the Spearfish Kiwanis Club with the George F. Hixon Award, the highest honor bestowed by the local club. Kay has been President, Regional Lt. Governor, Aktion Club sponsor, newsletter editor, and chairperson of the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (free dentistry for children) project.

**Jim Entwisle**, Class of '86, Huron, was inducted into the South Dakota Golf Association (SDGA) Hall of Fame on June 1, 2013, at the Huron Country Club. Jim has won six adult championships, tying him for the 12th most in SDGA history.

**Sharon (Jones) Hemmingson**, Class of '84 and '00, Spearfish, has joined the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) as the business services and contracts manager at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). She previously served as director of grants and special projects at BHSU.

**Jeff Herbert**, Class of '80, Sioux Falls, was presented with the Sioux Falls Washington High Spirit Award last May. Although Jeff retired after teaching 19 years at SFW, he will be teaching at the alternative school (Ombudsman Program) this fall.

**Mike Kaitfors**, Class of '87, and wife **Lezlie Snoozy-Kaitfors**, Attended, Spearfish, received the Operational Excellence Award from CK Franchising, Inc., the franchisor of Comfort Keepers.

# Kudos & Announcements

**Brenda (Antuna) LaBau**, Class of '87 and '02, Belle Fourche, was a nominee for Teacher of the Year by the Belle Fourche School District for the 2012-2013 school year. Brenda teaches second grade at South Park Elementary School in Belle Fourche.

**Robert Lester**, Attended, Lead, of the Deadwood Police Department has been reassigned from patrol sergeant for the department to a corporal position as the new Lead-Deadwood Elementary School resource officer.

**Greg Patton**, Class of '80, Folsom, Calif., was recently named capital region market manager with Five Star Bank. His region with Five Star will include Folsom, Rancho Cordova and El Dorado Hills. Greg previously held the title as CEO of Sierra Vista Bank.

**Lisa (Hendrickson) Smith**, Class of '83, Las Vegas, Nev., retired after 25 years of working with students with emotional, cognitive and physical disabilities that require specialized attention and instruction. Her years of service were spent between Variety School and John F. Miller School in Las Vegas.

**The 90s** **Sheila Aaker**, Class of '93, Spearfish, retired after 24 years of service to BHSU. She finished her career as the special assistant to Academic Affairs. Prior to that, Sheila served as the assistant dean for the College of Business and was a business faculty member.

**Dana (Abraham) Boke**, Class of '97, Spearfish, was elected Mayor of the City of Spearfish. She and her husband own and operate Digital Designs.

**Carlene (Schlup) Burke**, Class of '92, was named the Creekside Elementary School 2013 Teacher of the Year. Carlene teaches fourth grade.

**Barb (Bollinger) Colgrove**, Class of '93, and her husband **Todd Colgrove**, Attended, Spearfish, are owners and operators of a new Philly Ted's Cheezsteaks shop in Spearfish.

**Jennifer (Bohlmann) DeJong**, Class of '93, Madison, was recently hired as the assistant finance officer for the City of Madison.

**Punky (Adams) Engesser**, Class of '91, Spearfish, was honored as the Spearfish Middle School 2013 Teacher of the Year. Punky teaches sixth grade Special Education.

**Stephanie (Colwill) Harmon**, Class of '98, Spearfish, was hired as the assistant to the vice president for Student Life at BHSU.

**Troy Hildebrand**, Class of '94, Powell, Wyo., was named a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's golf coach of the year award. Troy has been the head golf coach at Powell High School for the past 12 years. During that time, Troy's players have won two state championships and three conference titles as a team, plus two state championships, 20 All-State finishes and 41 All-Conference performances as individuals. His wife **Ashley Hildebrand**, Class of '94 and '06, also teaches and coaches in Powell.

**Hilary Kindsfater**, Class of '99, Belle Fourche, was named the Psychology Doctor of the Year by the South Dakota Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Hilary works in the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) outpatient program at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center.

**Benjamin E. Latham**, Class of '94 and '97, Parkston, was named band director at Parkston High School. Ben, who will start his new position this fall, has also been named the new SDMEA Band Representative for the State of South Dakota.

**Elizabeth (Amick) Maxwell**, Class of '91, Houston, was recently hired as the LMS Administrator for Cameron, a global energy services company. She is responsible for the learning management system which maintains training records for more than 25,000 people worldwide.

**Shawn J. Rost**, Class of '90, Spearfish, has been promoted to president of First Interstate Bank's Sturgis location. Shawn will also serve as market manager of the Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Deadwood, and Lead branch locations.

**Keryn (Lloyd) Rowland**, Class of '92, Rapid City, was recently promoted to the position of assistant vice president of human resources for Green Tree Servicing. She oversees nine direct staff and supports more than 1,100 employees.

**Tammy Jo (Howard) Schlechter**, Class of '94 and current BHSU graduate student, was awarded the Custer School District's 2013 Teacher of the Year and the Region 7 Teacher of the Year. Tammy Jo teaches math, American history and reading at Hermosa Middle School.

**The 00s** **Jill Broecher**, Class of '09, Spearfish, is the Public Affairs Officer for the VA Black Hills Health Care System. Jill works at Fort Meade and Hot Springs. The two hospitals, and nine clinics, are all part of the VA Black Hills Health Care System.

**Tara Buehner**, Class of '07, Columbia, S.C., recently received her doctorate of philosophy from the University of South Carolina.

**Matt Flett**, Class of '09, Watertown, recently joined the Associated School Boards of South Dakota team as the assistant protective services director. In this position, Matt will provide assisted leadership and marketing for the Health, Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Funds for Protective Trust.

**Josh Gilkerson**, Class of '06, Pierre, was the recipient of the 2013 Maurice Herndon Scholarship award during the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America National Young Agents Committee (YAC). The award is presented to one first time young agent attendee of the Big "I" Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Justin Koehler**, Class of '03, Centennial, Colo., directed the independent film "The Buffalo King" a documentary on the life of James "Scotty" Philip. The film aired at the Elks Theater in Rapid City and the Harley-Davidson Theater in Hill City as part of the fourth annual Black Hills Film Festival

**Tessa (Hatzenbuhler) LaHaie**, Class of '03, Rapid City, was chosen, in September 2012, as president-elect of the South Dakota Corrections Association (SDCA). This September she will move into the role of president. Tessa is a parole agent with the South Dakota Department of Corrections in Rapid City.

**Benjamin Lemay**, Class of '08, Rapid City, received his master's degree in Ethnomusicology from the University College Cork in Ireland. Ethnomusicology employs a social anthropological approach that focuses on specific cultures/individuals and the importance of their relationship with musical phenomena.

**Trent Mack**, Class of '04 and '07, Ashland, Ohio, head cross country and assistant track and field coach at Ashland University, coached two NCAA Division II national champion events, the 800 meters and the 4 X 400 relay. The Ashland men finished in second in the nation in the team completion and the women took home fifth place honors.

**Matt Nehl**, Class of '02, Belle Fourche, recently earned the distinction of mastership status from the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI). The ICOI is a non-profit worldwide dental educational organization.

# Kudos & Announcements

**Dennis Newell**, Class of '04, Bismarck, N.D., was named the NCAA Division II Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year and NCAA Division II National Assistant Coach of the Year. Dennis coached a national champion in the women's mile and his distance medley relay won a national title at the NCAA Division II Championships. He coaches at the University of Mary in Bismarck.

**Michael "Mike" Odle**, Class of '02, Washington, D.C., was selected as the Director of Public Affairs, one of three senior division executives at the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). In this position Mike is responsible for the national strategic communications program encompassing media relations, internal information, external relations and congressional affairs.

**Kirsten (Ellingson) Rohla**, Class of '09, Spearfish, was a nominee for Teacher of the Year by the Belle Fourche School District for the 2012-2013 school year. Kirsten teaches English at Belle Fourche High School.

**Melanie Shurtz**, Class of '02, recently returned from teaching overseas for three years and has accepted a job at White Cliffs Middle School in Kingman, Ariz. Melanie will be teaching seventh and eighth grade English and social studies.

**Curt Skaley**, Class of '09, Bismarck, N.D., has been named a business relationship manager for Wells Fargo in Bismarck. In his new role, Curt will work with business customers to help meet their commercial deposit, cash management and credit needs.

**Eric Strawn**, Class of '01, Spearfish, has been appointed by the South Dakota Supreme Court as a part-time magistrate judge for the Fourth Circuit. The Fourth Circuit covers the counties of Butte, Dewey, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins and Ziebach. The position will be shared with the Seventh Judicial Circuit. Eric has served as a law clerk for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and has been in private practice in Spearfish.

**Tanner Tetrault**, Class of '08, St. Onge, was inducted into the 2013 Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Tanner participated in football, basketball and track while attending Spearfish High School.

**James Voyles**, Class of '02, Mitchell, was recently hired as director of patient financial services with Avera Health.

**The 10s** **Austin Albers**, Class of '12, Sheridan, Wyo., is the new interim head men's soccer coach at Sheridan College. This fall, will be the first year for the men's soccer program at Sheridan. Austin will also continue in his second year as the assistant head coach for the women's volleyball team.

**Kellan Anderson**, Class of '13, placed first in his novice middleweight class, first in the overall novice class and third in the light heavyweight open class, during the MaxMuscle Mile High Natural Body Building Competition in Denver in June.

**Skye Brucklacher**, Class of '12, Kadoka, was recently hired to teach second and third grade at Long Valley Elementary School in Long Valley. The school is part of the Kadoka Area School District.

**Crystal "Chris" Burnett**, Class of '11, Springfield, Mass., is going into her third year of law school at Western New England School of Law where she spent the past year working as student legal counsel for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Chris has secured a legal intern position with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office for this fall and anticipates studying abroad in Israel during winter session for "Comparative Law: Gender in U.S., Israeli, and Jewish Law" at the Haim Striks School of Law, Rishon LeZion, Israel.

**Erin Curran**, Class of '13, was accepted into the physical therapy school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Jessica Finch**, Class of '10, was recently hired at the Aspen Music Festival and School, in Aspen, Colo., as a marketing associate.

**Jenna (Nagel) Klopfenstein**, Class of '11, Orlando, Fla., had one of her rodeo photos featured on the side of a bus the South Dakota Department of Tourism took on a tour around the central United States as a way to promote more visitation to the state.

**Eldon Marshall**, Class of '10, White River, head coach of the White River boy's basketball team, last spring led the Tigers to the State "B" Basketball Tournament Championship for the second consecutive year. Eldon has led the Tigers to four state championship titles in the last six years.

**Kasey (Benedict) Salazar**, Class of '10, Spearfish, was hired as a HR generalist I in the Human Resources office at BHSU.

The City of Spearfish recognized several employees for their years of service: **Jennifer (Mollman) Dowdy**, Class of '02, (10 years); **Jodi (Plocek) Friedel**, Class of '92, (10 years); and **Tom Callaway**, Class of '93, (30 years).

Alumni honored for years of service by the Lead-Deadwood School District include: **Lenessa (Herring) Keehn**, Class of '01, (10 years) and **Shannon (Dillman) Mollman**, Class of '11 (10 years). **Stacey Ross**, Class of '98, was named the Lead-Deadwood Middle School Teacher of the Year; and **Kim Fundaun**, Class of '79, was named the Lead-Deadwood High School Teacher of the Year and also recognized as the Lead-Deadwood School District Teacher of the Year.

**Kristi (Richardson) McCoy**, Class of '95, Belle Fourche and **Kym (Moroski) Reis**, Class of '01, Lead; two of the four members of the Knuckle Diamonds pool team, recently won the championship at the 33rd annual VNEA World Championships in Las Vegas, Nev.

Alumni honored for service by the Meade County School District include: (retirees) **Diane Bilbrey**, Class of '89, librarian at Sturgis Williams Middle School (SWMS); **Margaret Heckaman**, Class of '80, sixth grade teacher at Piedmont Valley Elementary School (PVES); **Jean Kusser**, Class of '94, special education teacher at Sturgis Brown High School (SBHS); and **Connie Mickelson**, Class of '84, teacher at Elm Springs School. Employees honored for their years of service include: **Julie (Merchen) Carpenter**, Class of '91, (15 years), special education teacher at PVES; **Kim (Duncan) Hartwig**, Class of '90 and '02, (20 years), eighth grade English teacher at SWMS; **Cheri (Espinoza) Isaacson**, Class of '10, (15 years), kindergarten teacher at Sturgis Elementary school; **Karen E. Johnson**, Class of '92, (20 years), behavior specialist at PVES; **Don Lyon**, Class of '95, (15 years), assistant principal at SBHS; **Guyla (Edwards) Ness**, Class of '82 (30 years), reading and testing coordinator for Meade School District; **Chrissy (Conlon) Peterson**, Class of '91, (15 years), special services director for Meade School District; and **Jeff Ward**, Class of '02, (20 years), Curriculum and Technology Director for Meade School District; Jeff was named the 2013 Curriculum Leader of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Supervision of Curriculum Development. **Sharon (Edlund) Rank**, Class of '96, administrative assistant for the Meade School District nurses' office, was recognized as the employee of the year. **Kristin (Schamber) Wheaton**, Class of '99, science teacher at SBHS. Kristin was named the Meade School District Teacher of the Year.

# Births

**The 90s** **Michael Picore**, Class of '98, and wife Kristi (Bradford), New Castle, Colo., had a baby boy, Mason Michael, April 3, 2013. Michael is a branch manager at WJ Bradley Mortgage in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

**Ruth (Thompson) Woods**, Class of '98, and her husband Brian, Palmdale, Calif., had a baby girl, Abigail Faith, Feb. 25, 2013. She joins big sister, Helen (10), and big brothers, Benjamin (8), and Levi (3). Ruth is a homemaker.

**The 00s** **Kara (Jenniges)**, Class of '07, and husband **Jeff Bradeen**, Attended, Custer, had a baby boy, Owen Bradeen, Aug. 21, 2012. Kara is a fifth grade teacher at Custer Elementary School. Jeff works as a lineman.

**The 70s** **Karl Grimmelmann**, Class of '73, married Margaret Logan Feb. 25, 2013. Karl is the owner of KBFS-AM in Belle Fourche and KYDT-FM in Pine Haven/Sundance, Wyo.

**The 90s** **Ken Thompson**, Class of '97, married Loree Jorensen Nov. 2, 2012. Ken works for the Badlands National Park as the Facility Management Systems Specialist. The couple resides in Wall.

**The 00s** **Elizabeth "Libby" Nisley**, Class of '09, married Adam Opstedahl Oct. 5, 2012. Libby is a financial analyst with the Powder River Energy Corporation in Sundance, Wyo. The couple resides in Beulah, Wyo.

**Janie (Schmeltzer)**, Class of '08, and husband **Jeremy Cox**, Class of '06, Williston, N.D., had a baby girl, Reese Naomi, Jan. 21, 2013. Janie is a fourth grade teacher at Rickard Elementary School. Jeremy is an area manager for Strata, Inc.

**Tracy (Winjum) Meyers**, Class of '00, and husband Shannon, Columbus, Neb., had a baby girl, Shelby Kaylynn, Dec. 15, 2012. She joins big brother Tanner (5). Tracy is a stay-at-home mom.

**Nicole (Dana) Samuelson**, Class of '02, and husband Bart, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Ryker Lee, Feb. 26, 2013. Nicole practices dentistry at Dana Dental Arts in Spearfish and Rapid City.

**Anne (Koenig)**, Class of '06, and husband **Garrett Stevens**, Class of '05, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Margaret Sheridyn, July 4, 2013. Anne is a senior computer support specialist and Garrett is a systems software specialist. Both are employed at BHSU.

**The 10s** **Tessa (Krog)**, Class of '10, and husband **Chris Braddy**, Class of '12, Rapid City, had a baby girl, Nora Lynn, March 12, 2013. Tessa is currently getting certified to become a childbirth educator while continuing to work at the University Center-Rapid City Bookstore. Chris is the associate director of choral activities at Rapid City Central High School.

## Engagements & Marriages

**Susan Shumway**, Class of '09, married Tim Duyck Nov. 10, 2012. Susan works as a provisioner/customer service rep for Tri County Telephone Assoc. in Cody, Wyo. The couple resides in Powell, Wyo.

**Mellissa Wegner**, Class of '09, married Alex Stafford June 21, 2013. Mellissa is a veterinary technician for the West River Vet Clinic. The couple resides in Hettinger, N.D.

**The 10s** **Bailee Clarkson**, Class of '11, married **Wesley Fremont**, Attended, June 28, 2013. Bailee is currently teaching in Hulett, Wyo. Wesley is a supervisor at Precision Blending in Spearfish. The couple resides in Belle Fourche.

**Alana Dykhouse**, Class of '11, married **Josh Breske**, Class of '10, June 29, 2013. Alana is a kindergarten teacher in the Gordon-Rushville, Neb., school district. Josh is a graduate assistant with the football program at Chadron State College. The couple resides in Chadron, Neb.

**Kayla J. Ferguson**, Class of '10, married Lawrence Davis June 8, 2013. Kayla is a stay-at-home mom. The couple resides in Windsor, Colo.

**Angela Miles**, Class of '12, married **Michael Pickett**, Class of '11, June 29, 2013. Angela is a school teacher and Michael is attending the Law School at USD in Vermillion.

**Cassandra Skvicalo**, Class of '10, will marry Brandon Bolstad, Aug. 31, 2013. Cassandra is currently employed at National American University.

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# Looking ahead

## Swarm Week

Sept. 30 - Oct. 5

## Alumni Art Show

Sept. 24 - Oct. 25

## Commencement

Dec. 14

## Alumni Mile

Jan. 25

Dates are subject to change. Please check [www.BHSU.edu](http://www.BHSU.edu) for the most up-to-date information.

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# Looking back

## Leave your legacy

During the early and mid-20th century, outdoor festivals including the May Day Celebration took place at what is now Ida Henton Park. This photo, taken circa 1924, shows people watching performers during the May Day Celebration. The photo also shows the State Normal School prior to a fire that destroyed it in January 1925. The arches, the only salvageable piece of the building, are now located in the park next to where the new Alumni Foundation Welcome Center is currently being built. Have fond memories of your time at BHSU? Leave your own legacy and buy an engraved brick to be displayed in the new Welcome Center.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help this project, contact Steve Meeker at 605.642.6385 or email [Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu](mailto:Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu).