

Alumni Magazine

Fall 2018



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Eye Care

IN THE

Black Hills



Dr. Jessica (Patridge) Czerny
Optometrist & Veterinarian

Dr. David Czerny
Optometrist

2018 Swarm Week

Solar Installation

All-School Reunion 2019



A delegation from Baoding University in China visited BHSU recently and presented an art demonstration. BHSU students traveled there this summer and were the first Americans to study at Baoding University.



D'Aryn Lends His Horse, chemistry major from Eagle Butte, takes a selfie with fellow BHSU students in the Philippines during a BHSU International Service Learning Program. D'Aryn also participated in an international research symposium and will attend pharmacy school this fall.



Students visited Auschwitz-Birkenau, former German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp, in Poland as part of the "Nazi Germany and the Holocaust" course this spring. This is one of several study abroad options at BHSU.

Greetings from Black Hills State University!

Every day I'm inspired by the ideas, energy and success of BHSU students, alumni, and faculty. This issue of the magazine highlights accomplishments from alumni right here in Spearfish and around the world! Although their stories and their lives are so different, we all have a connection through Black Hills State University. This is a place with an "Anything is Possible" outlook that creates opportunities.

Students at BHSU have access to unique, meaningful research and internship experiences including utilizing the Underground Classroom at Sanford Lab, presenting research at international symposiums, creating a bio-diesel option for campus facility vehicles, working with professionals at state-of-the-art international businesses and a multitude of other learning experiences.

The Swarm Day 2018 theme is "Sting Goes Worldwide" celebrating the global connectedness of our alums. The world is connected and our alums are a part of that network. A teacher in Colombia, a researcher in Antarctica, a businessperson in Sioux Falls, health care workers in Spearfish, and a writer in New York are making a difference and inspiring future students at BHSU.

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President
Black Hills State University



This summer, Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., BHSU President, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mongolia National University of Education in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Upcoming Events

Join Us for Alumni Gatherings and Reunions

1950s AND 60s BHSC FOOTBALL TEAM REUNION • SEPT. 29, 2018

Members of the 1950s and 60s BHSC football teams are invited to a reunion after the Swarm Day football game.

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SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 27-29 2019 ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

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IN CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BHSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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All-School Reunion registration packets will be mailed out in the Spring of 2019. In addition, more detailed information will be forthcoming in the Spring 2019 issue of the BHSU Alumni Magazine.

If you know of any fellow alum who did not receive this issue, please have them contact the BHSU Alumni Office at Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or call (605) 642-6385 so that we may update their contact information.



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A Couple with Chemistry

BHSU ALUMS OPERATE SUCCESSFUL OPTOMETRY PRACTICE IN THE BLACK HILLS

Talk about chemistry. Dr. Jessica (Partridge) and Dr. David Czerny officially met the first day of general chemistry class at BHSU in 2004. The couple recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. The Czerny's are now optometrists at Mountain Valley Vision Center in Spearfish and Deadwood Eye Care. They own and operate both practices.



LAB PARTNERS < LIFE PARTNERS

"We were lab partners in gen chem at BHSU," says Jess. "We laughed a lot. We learned then that we worked well together – and we still do."

Both Jess and David were pursuing pre-professional health degrees at BHSU and their course loads continued to mirror each other. They took physics, calculus, biology, and organic chemistry together. They also enjoyed a cross-country skiing course with Dr. Chris McCart, assistant professor of outdoor education.

"We still cross country ski to this day and we know some really good trails because of her class," says Jess.

David recalls running into McCart on a trail last winter. "Dr. McCart mentioned she has a photo of our class up in her office. It was a great group."

The Czernys friendship, and romantic relationship, continued to grow. Both were involved in the University Honors Program.

Their summers were spent conducting research through fellowships with the S.D. Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN). Jess worked with Dr. Micheal Zehfus, associate professor of chemistry, examining a B-vitamin deficiency in fish. David assisted Dr. Charlie Lamb, professor of biology, with researching the neurological anatomy of zebra fish.

Through seven years of school, undergrad at BHSU and grad school at the Michigan College of Optometry, the couple was in almost every class together. Both were good students, but David claims "she's the smart one, I'm the fun one."

"We weren't competitive; we helped each other as a team. I was a good student, but she was in the top one percent on her board exams. She always beat me by just that much so I was wise not to try and compete with that!"

Jess says she admires David for balancing collegiate athletics while also pursuing a rigorous college course schedule. David was a track and field athlete and competed predominantly in the pole vault. He went to the national championships three times for BHSU.

"I learned a lot about working hard, setting goals, and balancing my time from Coach Scott Walkinshaw," says David.

LIFE PARTNERS > BUSINESS PARTNERS

In a committed relationship at BHSU, the Czernys knew they wanted to go to the same optometry school. Their junior year they decided to begin applying to grad schools and gain interview experience.

"David had one more year of eligibility with track, but we both applied to grad school thinking that a lot of people don't get in without a bachelor's degree," says Jess.

The Czernys attended interviews at three different optometry schools. They were accepted at all three. The couple was disappointed not to finish their last year at BH, but David was

able to pole vault during his first year of optometry school and even coached the team his second year.

After their first semester of optometry school, the Czernys got engaged. They married in Spearfish Canyon.

Jess was valedictorian of their optometry school class. Upon graduation, the couple was offered jobs on both coasts of the U.S. They wanted to return to the Spearfish area but knew it would be difficult for two people with the same health professions degree to open a successful practice in a small town.

"Immediately after finding out we were offered the jobs on the coasts, we found out there actually was some opportunity for optometrists in Spearfish and Deadwood," says David.

In 2012, the Czernys acquired two practices of retiring optometrists – one in Spearfish and one in Deadwood. They say the first five years were a steep learning curve establishing the business-side of their practice. They are currently experiencing tremendous growth with one out of every three of their patients as new to the practice, thanks to the excellent word of mouth surrounding their healthcare offerings.

The Czernys offer comprehensive eye exams along with contact lenses, vision therapy, management of eye diseases, pediatric optometry, and they treat emergencies related to the eye. They fit special contacts and have expanded their selection of glasses to include unique luxury brands.

"I like developing relationships with the patients, seeing them throughout the years," says David. "I also enjoy helping patients who have an issue with ocular (visual) health or clarity, especially when we can help them when they haven't had success in the past."

Another aspect of their practice is nutritional counseling for vision conditions.

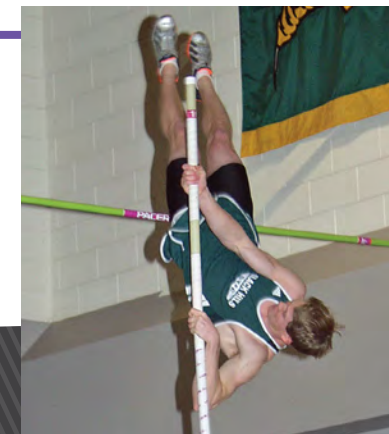
"Whether it's macular degeneration or another disease, I like being able to help patients manage and understand disease better," says Jess. "By giving them extra time, we can share education our patients may not have experienced before."

In 2013, Jess was inspired to pursue another medical degree – in veterinary medicine. She finished her degree from Texas A&M College in 2017 at the top of her class. Jess says the challenge of understanding the whole body system has only aided her work as an optometrist. She works as a veterinarian three days a week at the Animal Care Center in Spearfish.

When they're not seeing patients, the Czernys say they enjoy spending time together outdoors. They completed the Dakota Five-0, a 50-mile mountain bike race in Spearfish, last year.

In the next decade of their practice, the Czernys say they look forward to seeing the families of their patients grow. They also anticipate bringing in new technology to assist with their practice.

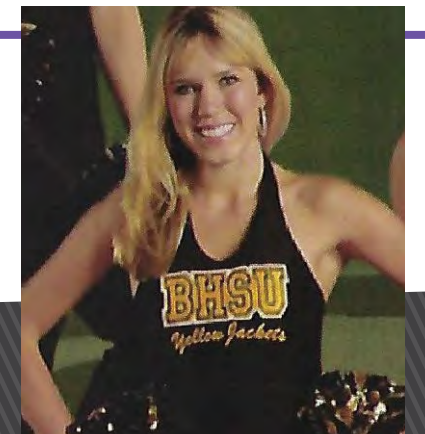
Lab partners, business partners, and life partners. Now that's true chemistry.



David competed nationally for BHSU in pole vault.



Shortly after completing the Dakota Five-0 mountain bike race in 2017, Jess and David went biking in Crested Butte, Colo.



Jess was a member of the BHSU Dance Team.

BY THE NUMBERS

3,300

miles from Spearfish to Bogotá.

7

years teaching in U.S. before international move.

3,600

feet above sea level in Spearfish to 9,000 feet in the mountains of Colombia.

5

day backpacking trip: Amy accompanied 10th graders on a 5-day backpacking and hiking trip to Ciudad Perdida to see the ruins of a former civilization.

4°N, -74°E

Located near the equator, there are no seasons in Bogotá and the temperature is usually around 45° to 65°F.

TEACHING ABROAD IS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS I'VE EVER MADE.



AMY DAISS, '08 & '10

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC TEACHER

Amy, right, and a friend hike Mount Monserrate, an important symbol of Colombia located in Bogotá.

ROLE

Amy is an international music teacher at Colegio Nueva Granada in Bogotá, Colombia. The school enrolls children from age 4 through grade 12. Amy teaches piano, ukulele, guitar; advanced rock band; choir; and music technology courses.

STORY

A self-proclaimed "mountain girl," Amy grew up halfway between Hill City and Keystone. She was involved in the first set of Summer Stage theatre at BHSU. She also sang with the Black Hills Gold Singers and played violin in the BHSU Orchestra.

After earning her vocal performance degree from BHSU in 2008, Amy realized she enjoyed teaching when she began instructing students during private music lessons. She returned to BHSU via Project Select to earn an education certification. Amy taught at schools in Montana and South Dakota before her international gig in Colombia. Her principal at Black Hawk Elementary learned of Amy's dream to teach abroad and connected her with an international colleague who shared tips with Amy.

Amy knew she wanted to teach in a country where could speak Spanish, as she enjoyed courses in the language with Dr. Peggy Buckwalter at BHSU. With Colegio Nueva Granada, Amy found a great school located in the mountains within a very large city in Colombia.

LESSONS LEARNED

"Finding a teaching job abroad was much easier than I thought it was going to be, it's just a matter of doing the leg work. There are many resources you can tap into. It's lonely at times, but it's also amazing. This is the one of the best decisions I've ever made, and I look forward to experiencing another country in the future."



Amy, left, played violin in a recital at BHSU with Mary McGillivray, '09.



Portraying Irene Molly, the hat shop owner in "Hello Dolly," Amy was part of Summer Stage at BHSU.

BY THE NUMBERS

28

years as an insurance agent.

1,000

entries annually in the Black Hills Nationals Wrestling Tournament. Wrestlers come to Spearfish from 16 states. 4,500 spectators each year attend the event.

30

years as a high school wrestling referee. 20 years as a college-level referee.

1ST

Battalion, 1st Marines - A Marine Corps Infantryman, Frank was a platoon sergeant for a weapons company.

EXIT 14

Frank is the developer of an 8,000-square-ft strip mall set to open this fall in Spearfish.

THE BLACK HILLS NATIONALS WRESTLING TOURNAMENT BRINGS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO SPEARFISH EACH SPRING. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO DO IT AND SUPPORT BHSU.



FRANK PAVICH, ATTENDED

VETERAN, LEADER, ENTREPRENEUR

A positive influence on his life as a young man, Frank, left, keeps in touch with his former high school wrestling coach Jerry Perrett, '67.

ROLE

Frank owns Promotions Unlimited, LLC, which organizes the annual Black Hills Nationals Wrestling Tournament in Spearfish. He is also an insurance agent, owns the Ice Man, LLC, providing packaged ice in bulk volume to businesses and individuals across the northern Black Hills, and is the developer of Lookout Mountain Plaza, an 8,000-square-foot strip mall opening this fall near Exit 14 in Spearfish.

STORY

Enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps was the pinnacle of what Frank calls taking "extreme ownership" of his future. After his service in an infantry battalion, Frank was working for Black Hills Power when he decided to pursue a degree full time. He attend BHSU from 1989-92 studying business. Dr. Rob Schurrer was one of Frank's favorite professors.

Frank's business career began in the insurance field. Several years of struggle helped Frank to "cut his teeth as a young man in the business world." He was offered the opportunity to become the Deadwood agent for American Family Insurance in 1994.

The sport of wrestling has been a constant in Frank's life - from his mother insisting he participate in athletics following his father's death when Frank was 15, to wrestling for the Marine Corps on a base team, and now operating the Black Hills Nationals held annually at the Young Center. Frank was selected to referee for the Division I and II national wrestling tournaments and hopes to help create a club team at BHSU.

LESSONS LEARNED

"The lessons you learn at an early age are going to pay dividends in your future. For me, they've opened the doors to many opportunities. My wife, Kit, deserves a lot of credit. She inspires me, supports me, and allows me to do what I do best. My business model is to be a mentor to others and help them become leaders. Give me the baton and I will run with it."



Frank's wife, Kit, inspires and supports his businesses and community involvement.



Service in the Marines continues to influence Frank's leadership outlook.



John Herrera, '18, pictured here, and Trevor Plett, '17, met through the MBA in applied management program at BHSU-RC. Plett and Herrera founded Rushmore Drones in 2017.

DRONE COMPANY SOARS OUT OF BHSU-RAPID CITY MBA PROGRAM

At Black Hills State University-Rapid City, two students turned an economics discussion into an emergent drone services company. Trevor Plett, '17, and John Herrera, '18, met through the MBA in Applied Management program at BHSU-RC. They founded Rushmore Drones in 2017. Rushmore Drones has since partnered with Measure, the nation's leading drone service company, and now operates the largest Measure franchise region in the U.S. The company uses advanced drone operations to make collecting data for commercial and industrial operations less expensive and safer than previous methods. Plett says his business partnership with Herrera formed organically in an economics class at BHSU-RC: "I was reading about the drone industry being deregulated. I told John about how the market was going to change from an oligopoly to a monopolistic, perfect competition market and how that would present a lot of opportunities for first-movers—all using these economic terms we were studying in class." Herrera notes that the MBA classes aligned with the steps they took to found, grow, and promote Rushmore Drones. "All of the professors have helped in different ways," Herrera says. "I've put every single class to use while building this business with Trevor."

STUDENTS COMPETE IN BHSU UNDERGROUND ROBOTICS COMPETITION AT SANFORD LAB

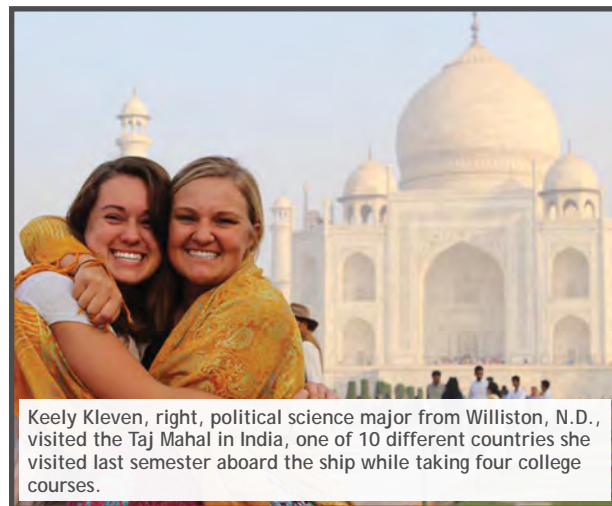
Middle school students had the rare opportunity to take part in an underground robotics competition at Sanford Underground Research Facility (Sanford Lab) in March. Belle Fourche and Spearfish Middle School students watched a live video stream from the surface as BHSU student mentors for the project operated robots through an obstacle course 4,850-feet below the surface at Sanford Lab. "The competition works as middle school outreach," explains Dr. Brianna Mount, assistant professor of physics, who works daily at the BHSU Underground Campus. "There's been research, especially with young girls, that students either choose or don't choose science as a career in middle school. That's why we focus on that age group, trying to nudge them towards a career in science."



Area middle school students and BHSU students left their classrooms in March to compete in the third annual BHSU Underground Robotics Competition at the Sanford Underground Research Facility in Lead.

STUDENT SAILS AROUND THE WORLD

106 days, 10 countries, 13 cities, 4 continents. That's the adventure BHSU student Keely Kleven, political science major from Williston, N.D., embarked on with Semester at Sea. BHSU recently signed an affiliation agreement with SAS, the multi-country study abroad program, allowing students to sail around the world while earning college credit. "The ship was by all terms a floating campus. We had a library, dining hall, classrooms, and bookstore on board. I took four classes and had roughly 25 students in most of my classes," said Keely. On the MV World Odyssey ship, Keely visited Spain, Ghana, South Africa, India, Myanmar (Burma), Vietnam, Cambodia, China, Japan, and Hawaii. The students were on land for several days in each country. Keely graduated from BHSU in May 2018. This fall she will begin law school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.




Keely Kleven, right, political science major from Williston, N.D., visited the Taj Mahal in India, one of 10 different countries she visited last semester aboard the ship while taking four college courses.

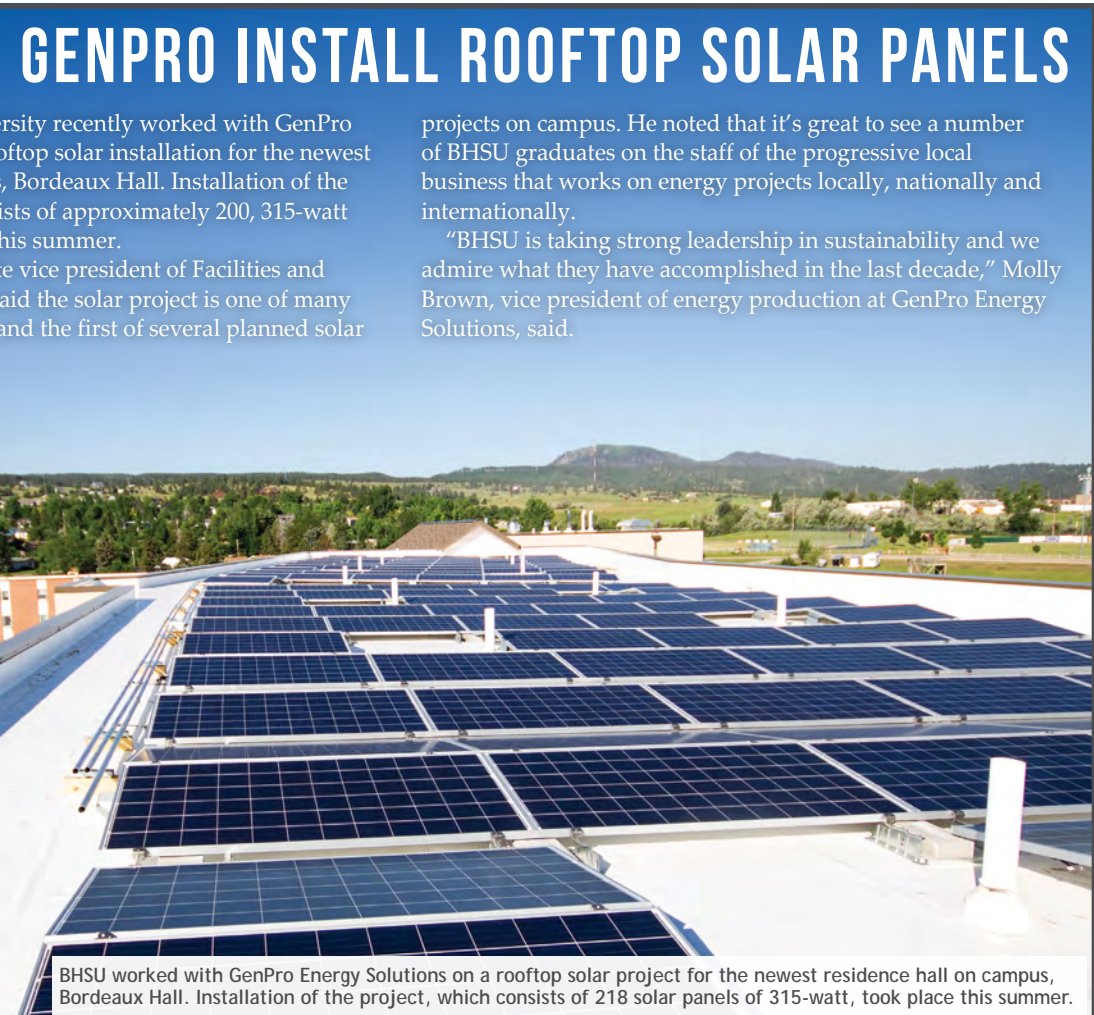
BHSU AND GENPRO INSTALL ROOFTOP SOLAR PANELS

Black Hills State University recently worked with GenPro Energy Solutions on a rooftop solar installation for the newest residence hall on campus, Bordeaux Hall. Installation of the solar system, which consists of approximately 200, 315-watt Solar Panels, took place this summer. Randy Culver, associate vice president of Facilities and Sustainability at BHSU, said the solar project is one of many energy saving strategies and the first of several planned solar

projects on campus. He noted that it's great to see a number of BHSU graduates on the staff of the progressive local business that works on energy projects locally, nationally and internationally. "BHSU is taking strong leadership in sustainability and we admire what they have accomplished in the last decade," Molly Brown, vice president of energy production at GenPro Energy Solutions, said.



THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO REDUCE ENERGY BY 20% FOR BORDEAUX HALL



BHSU worked with GenPro Energy Solutions on a rooftop solar project for the newest residence hall on campus, Bordeaux Hall. Installation of the project, which consists of 218 solar panels of 315-watt, took place this summer.

BLACK HILLS STATE NAMES LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING IN HONOR OF KATHRYN JOHNSON



Left to right: Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President of BHSU; Dr. Kathryn Johnson, '75; her husband Doyle Estes; and Dr. Dan Asunskis, chair of natural sciences at BHSU; cut the ribbon celebrating the official naming of the Kathryn Johnson Life Sciences Building on the campus of BHSU.

Black Hills State University honored Dr. Kathryn Johnson, '75, by naming the Life Sciences building on campus in her honor this spring. Johnson, an entrepreneur, former president of the S.D. Board of Regents, and leader in the STEM fields, received degrees in chemistry and math from BHSU. She then earned her Ph.D. and has served as an environmental consultant for 30 years. She was also selected as representative on the U.S. Congressional Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology. The Kathryn Johnson Life Sciences Laboratory officially opened in 2011 providing space for classrooms, teaching labs, research labs, and faculty offices. The building also houses the Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources (CCBR), a nationally recognized DNA lab.



KATHRYN JOHNSON LIFE SCIENCES LABORATORY NAMING CEREMONY VIDEO
[YOUTUBE.COM/BLACKHILLSSTATE](https://www.youtube.com/blackhillsstate)

HABECK AND KEFFELER INDUCTED INTO RODEO HALL OF FAME



Keffeler, left, and Habeck, right

Mary Hoffman Habeck, attended, and Donna Keffeler, attended, were inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame during the annual BHSU Rodeo Team Cowboys and Candlelight Dinner in March.

Habeck grew up on a ranch in St. Onge. She attended Black Hills State where she played basketball and was actively involved in college rodeo. She competed in barrel racing and was named the BHSC Stampede Queen. Habeck went on to compete at the College National Finals in the queen contest where she won the horsemanship competition and was crowned the 1976 National College Rodeo Queen. Habeck now owns and operates a trucking business in Belle Fourche.

Keffeler grew up on a ranch near Sturgis and attended Black Hills State from 1978-81. She competed in barrel racing and breakaway roping. In 1981, in conjunction with the Black Hills Roundup, Keffeler was crowned Miss Rodeo South Dakota. She went on to compete in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant at the National Finals Rodeo where she won the horsemanship category and the title of 1982 Miss Rodeo America. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of the Coors Banquet National Event Coordinator. Keffeler currently resides in Littleton, Colo.

The Rodeo Hall of Fame now consists of 28 individuals and three teams.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL EARNS SPOT IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

The BHSU women's basketball team made an appearance in the Division II NCAA Tournament for the second time in the past three seasons. The Yellow Jackets fell in the first round, concluding a 24-8 season. The 24 wins are tied for fifth most in a single season for a BHSU team.

BHSU earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament after entering the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Tournament as the No. 3 seed, and ultimately falling to the No. 1 seed CSU-Pueblo in the Shootout Championship game. Lyndzi Rich, business major from Worland, Wyo., and Keely Bertram, elementary education major from Elk Point, were named to the All-Tournament Team. The team is poised to make another big run next year.



ARIZONA CLASSIC AN 'ACE' FOR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

The 4th Annual Arizona Yellow Jacket Golf Classic was held in January at Firerock Country Club in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

"The tournament just keeps getting better every year," said vice president for University Advancement Steve Meeker. "The event this year raised \$17,700 for scholarships and is now one of the top grossing golf tournaments for BHSU. A special thank you goes out to our hosts Johnnie and Shirley Johnson. They have really helped us step up the event for everyone to enjoy."

The event this year was held at the world-class 18-hole championship golf course at Firerock Country Club. Thanks to the Johnson's generosity, 100 percent of entry fees and donations were able to come back to BHSU for scholarships.

The 5th Annual Arizona Yellow Jacket Golf Classic will be held Jan. 21, 2019. For more information, contact Melissa.Christensen@BHSU.edu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTS SCOTTISH NATIONAL TEAM



Men's basketball player Fraser Malcolm, physical education major from Falkirk, Scotland, represented the Scottish National Team at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. He helped lead his team to a fourth place finish in the tournament.

Malcolm was selected to join his national team after previously playing on the Scotland Under 16s, Under 18s, and Great Britain Under 20s teams. He recently wrapped up his junior year as a member of the Yellow Jackets, leading the squad in both points (14.2) and rebounds (7.3) per game.

The Commonwealth Games is an annual, multi-sport event that draws teams from 53 member states of the Commonwealth of Nations. Malcolm had been hoping to have the opportunity to represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games held in Australia.

Fraser Malcolm



14.2
PTS. PER
GAME



7.3
REB. PER
GAME



Wientjes

GOLD RUSH RAFFLE MAKES HISTORY

The Gold Rush Raffle and Auction raised more than \$35,000 for student-athlete scholarships, the highest grossing auction in BHSU Athletics history.

The event, hosted by the Yellow Jacket Club in conjunction with BHSU Athletics, sold all 400 tickets available this year for the reverse raffle. Over 25 winners were announced throughout the night, with a grand prize of \$5,000.

There was a great turnout of student-athletes and coaches from all Yellow Jacket programs and a huge presence of community members and supporters. The evening consisted of a silent auction, reverse raffle, and live auction. In addition, multiple games such as darts and plinko were played throughout the night.

Remi Wientjes, elementary education major from Onida and a BHSU women's basketball player, was the student-athlete speaker for the evening. She shared her experiences as a Yellow Jacket, and thanked donors for their support.

"Thank you to A'viands for providing the food and beverages for the evening," Melissa Christensen, assistant athletic director of external relations, said. "The head table had the privilege of enjoying some delicious steaks that were sure to make everyone in attendance jealous. We would also like to thank Ticklebelly Desserts out of Denver for the desserts they donated for the evening."

Next year's event will be held April 27, 2019.

THIS EVENT AND EVERY PERSON WHO SUPPORTS IT IS TRULY MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

Melissa Christensen

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL OPERATIONS



2018 SWARM WEEK

SEPTEMBER 23-29

To watch a video from the 2017 Swarm Week celebration, go to [YouTube.com/BlackHillsState](https://www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState)

Schedule of Events

BHSU.EDU/SWARMDAYS

27 THU	SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON* JOY CENTER	12:00 PM
	CORONATION MEIER RECITAL HALL	7:00 PM
	BURNING OF THE "BH" MEIER HALL CIRCLE	DIRECTLY FOLLOWING CORONATION

28 FRI	ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON** JOY CENTER	12:00 PM
	HIKE TO THE "H" LEAVE FROM STUDENT UNION ATRIUM	3:00 PM
	HALL OF FAME BANQUET** JACKET LEGACY ROOM	6:00 PM

29 SAT	SWARM DAY PARADE JACKSON BLVD. & MAIN STREET	10:00 AM
	TAILGATE SOCIAL JOY CENTER PATIO	11:15 AM
	BHSU FOOTBALL GAME LYLE HARE STADIUM	1:00 PM

*Scholarship Luncheon is invite only

**Tickets for the Alumni Awards Luncheon & Hall of Fame Banquet must be purchased in advance. Call (605) 642-6385 to purchase tickets or for more info.

Alumni Awards

2018 RECIPIENTS



Addy

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

Dr. Sandra (Turney) Addy, '56, earned her teaching certification from BH. She taught in Ohio and Illinois. Sandra earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). She also worked at UIUC in alumni and development positions. Sandra took a major role in raising more than \$20 million for the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Department. Sandra and her husband, Tad, retired and settled in Spearfish in 2001. Sandra is a member of the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors and several community boards. The Addys donated toward the purchase of a Steinway piano for the Music Department and have included BHSU in their estate plans.



Campbell

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

David O. Campbell, '60, earned his bachelor's degree in education from BH where he played football and wrestled. His career in teaching and educational leadership started at Spearfish High School where he served as assistant coach to Bill Hughes taking the team to a state high school wrestling championship. David then taught for nine years in Wyoming and Oregon before moving into leadership roles including principal, director of community education, and superintendent. He was selected twice as the outstanding Education Service District (ESD) Superintendent in Oregon. Key projects he led included creating innovative school programs and a model rural school district, connecting schools with research and development, telecommunications, and a cost analysis of ESDs. David is known for his outstanding contributions and service to children.



Swan

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

David J. Swan, '76, earned an accounting degree from BH. David is senior partner of Gursej Schneider, a premier Los Angeles accounting firm. Throughout his 33-year career at Gursej Schneider, David has mentored numerous staff and young partners, testified in important trials, and built one of the finest professional practices in California. He grew up east of Newell and attended BH while working part time at Homestake Lumber. After transferring to USD, then back to BH to finish his degree, David moved to Texas, then California where he began working as a bankruptcy trustee managing 60+ Chapter 11 entities before his tenure at Gursej Schneider. He has an Aladdin, Wyo., ranch as his getaway spot near family and calls BHSU "The Harvard of the Plains."



Larsen

SPECIAL SERVICE

Dr. Janeen Larsen joined the faculty at BHSU in 1978 serving as a professor of music and chair of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts until 2010. She taught a variety of courses in music history, piano and music theory, and received the Distinguished Faculty Award. After retirement, Janeen continues to be an avid supporter of live music and a regular performance volunteer. She founded the BHSU Friends of Music Scholarship organization and serves on the Board of Directors. Janeen continues to be visible in the community as a presenter and fundraiser coordinator. She serves as treasurer for the Black Hills Area Music Teachers.



Hannemann

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Kayla (Haines) Hannemann, '10, received a bachelor's degree in biology from BHSU. She practices family medicine and obstetrics with Avera Medical Group and the Brookings Health System. Kayla was the top ranking female graduate at BHSU in 2010 and received the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champion of Character Award in 2008-09 as a track and field athlete. She earned her medical degree from USD and completed residency at the Center for Family Medicine where she was named Chief Resident. Kayla volunteers with the Brookings Harvest Table.

Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame

2018 INDUCTEES



'60 MEN'S BASEBALL TEAM

The 1960 Baseball Team won 13 games and lost four and was invited to the NAIA National Tournament. The Jackets boasted one of the best pitching staffs in the Midwest led by Mike West, Jim Lawton, Dan Badger, Duane Baer and Neil Doeden. Other team members included Jerry Simmons, Lew Montrose, Clay Dunlap, Bob Phillips, Melvin Harter, Ron Morton, Bob Johnson, Kenny Everett, Dennis Harter, Orlin Kidner, Don Kubitschek, Dick Divich, Rocky Jones and Harold Feldman. The Jackets were coached by Cliff Papik.



'04 WOMEN'S INDOOR 3200M RELAY TEAM

The 2004 Women's Indoor 3200 Meter Relay Team won the NAIA National Championship in Johnson City, Tenn., and set a new school record with a time of 9:09. At the time, it was the fastest collegiate time ever ran in South Dakota. Team members included Kendra (Karst) Mack, Liz Woodruff, Jamie (Hahn) VanDeest, and Angi (Axmann) Grabinger. They were coached by Scott Walkinshaw.



RON & JULIE (MOORE) MEEKER

Ron, '75, and Julie (Moore) Meeker, '84, will be inducted as contributors. Ron and Julie have pledged over \$81,000 in lifetime giving to BHSU. Ron has also served over 30 years on the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors. Ron played football for the Yellow Jackets from 1971-74, and Julie was an athletic trainer for the Jackets in the early 80s.



Garcia



Giacometto



Grabinger



Lake



Langseth



Schurrer

Dave Garcia, '92, was an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American in 1990. He set the BHSU record for passes attempted in one game (68) and was second in BHSU history with 956 for his career. He also was second in passes completed (411) in his career and had the second most passing yards in BHSU history with 6,093. Dave also had the second most total offense in University history with 6,579 yards for his career. In addition to football, Dave played basketball for BHSU.

Joe Giacometto, attended, was an NAIA All-American at 177 lbs. in wrestling in 1989 with a 5-2 record at the NAIA National Tournament. He was the first Jacket wrestler to ever win a championship at the St. Cloud Invitational NAIA Area Tournament. He led BH with a 27-3 record during his junior year. Joe also played linebacker for the Jackets football team.

Angi (Axmann) Grabinger, attended, was a three-time All-American in track for the Indoor 3200 Meter Relay (National Champions - S.D.

Record) 2004, Outdoor Steeplechase (National Champion - S.D. Record) 2005, and Outdoor 3200 Meter Relay (S.D. Record) 2005. She held the school record in the Indoor 1000 Meter Run with a time of 2:53.35 in 2004, the Outdoor 3000 Meter Steeplechase with a time of 10:33.38 in 2005 and set a Dakota Athletic Conference record in the Indoor 1600 Meter with a time of 5:14.92 in 2004. Angi also ran cross country for the Jackets and finished 31st at the National Cross Country Meet in 2004.

Justin Lake, attended, was a first team NAIA All-American in football as an offensive tackle in 1999. He also was a three-time first team All-Conference performer in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Justin was voted as one of three Most Valuable Players in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference in 1999. He was a four-year starter from 1996-99, and the Jackets never lost to the School of Mines during Justin's career.

Ronal Langseth, '90, will be inducted as a coach. In more than 25 years of coaching in Alaska, Ron has coached boy's and girl's basketball, girl's volleyball, and boy's and girl's track and field. His volleyball teams accumulated an undefeated Aurora Conference record for three years, three conference titles, and two state titles in 2015 and 2017. He has also helped establish youth basketball programs, supervised hockey, football and volleyball, and incorporated Native Youth Olympic activities in his PE classes. He was Athletic Director at Glennallen School from 1996-2012.

Hunter Schurrer, '04, was an NAIA All-American and National Champion in the indoor 35 lb. Weight Throw in 2004. At one time he held the BHSU school record with a toss of 57 feet 5 inches. Hunter placed in the top three in the Weight Throw at the conference meet his sophomore, junior and senior years. He qualified in the Weight Throw for the NAIA National Meet his sophomore, junior and senior years.

Past Alumni Gatherings



LEFT: Former basketball alumni were invited back to campus in February for the Yellow Jacket Round Ball Reunion. Alumni were recognized on center court at halftime of the women's and men's games.

Special recognition was given to two teams: the women's 1997-98 team, celebrating the 20th anniversary of their SDIC championship, and the women's 2007-08 team, celebrating the 10th anniversary of their DAC crown.



BELOW: Alumni and friends gathered in June in Casper, Wyo. In addition to campus updates from BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., the gathering took place in conjunction with the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in which the Yellow Jackets men's and women's teams had both qualified to compete.



The Alumni Association hosted an alumni and friends pre-game gathering on the campus of Regis University in Denver. That afternoon, the Yellow Jackets took on the Rangers from Regis University in women's and men's basketball action. More than 60 alumni and friends gathered for the event.



Black Hills State graduates from the Class of 1968 gathered on campus during the spring commencement to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club. Each year, classmates from the 50-year class return to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior graduating classes are also invited to attend a banquet in honor of the 50-year class.



Kate Woten, professional accountancy major from Potter, Neb., receives the 2018 Spirit of BH Award from Alumni Association President James Mortenson.



Janice Gbedemah, business administration major from Ghana, raises her glass during the Toast to the Graduates sponsored by the Alumni Association.



Twelve graduates from the Class of 1968 gathered on campus during spring commencement to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club. Members from the Class of 1968 in attendance at commencement were (left to right): Mark Young, Sioux Falls; Ronald Logerwell, Williamsburg, Va.; Kenneth Schafer, Sioux Falls; Janet (Hopcus) Schafer, Sioux Falls; Della (Borup) Hall, Summerset; Joseph Rail, Hot Springs; Lana (Estes) Chapman, Rapid City; Darryl L. Kooiman, Hettinger, N.D.; Ronald Steckelberg, Vermillion; Daryl Johnson; Spearfish; Donna (Alter) Shuck, Rapid City; and Leonard Colombe, Rapid City.



The descendants of Thor and Gjertina (Olson) Fosheim were honored with the 2018 Legacy Family Award from Black Hills State University.

2018 LEGACY FAMILY HONORS FIVE GENERATIONS OF GRADUATES

In 1954, Olga (Fosheim) Meyers graduated from Black Hills Teachers College, beginning a family tradition at BHSU that spans seven decades. This spring, the descendants of Thor and Gjertina (Olson) Fosheim received the 2018 Legacy Family Award.

BHSU created the Legacy Family Award in 2008 to honor family members that have attended, graduated or are currently attending Black Hills State. After receiving her two-year teaching degree in 1954, Olga returned to BH Teachers College to complete her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1962 and her master of science in education in 1970. Her siblings, Clara (Fosheim) Roseth and Esther (Fosheim) Schanzenbach, also attended the University.

More than 50 members of the Fosheim family have attended BHSU, including members from five generations. The Legacy Family Award was presented to Sylvia Root Huber, a second-generation descendant of the family, by James Mortenson, president of the BHSU Alumni Association, during a basketball game this spring. Sylvia was the oldest family member in

attendance and accepted the award on behalf of the family.

April Meeker, '89, reflected on her family's connection with the University, "It's a special place for us. I remember visiting the campus when I was growing up, because my grandma was attending school in the summers."

April also met her husband, Steve Meeker, '84, at BHSU. Both currently work at the University—April as registrar and Steve as vice president for University Advancement.

Another member of the family, Ty Huber from Rapid City, graduated in May with a bachelor of science in biology. April Meeker's nephew, Dale Nemecek from Belle Fourche, will be a junior this fall studying business administration.

For more information about the Legacy Family Award or to nominate a deserving family, contact Tom Wheaton, director of alumni relations at BHSU, at (605) 642-6385 or Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu.



Bob and Vicki Worth received the Difference Maker Award at the 2017 BHSU Scholarship Gala.

BOB AND VICKI WORTH NAMED DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Bob and Vicki Worth were announced as recipients of the Difference Maker Award during the BHSU Scholarship Gala last September. The Difference Maker Award is given each year to the University's top donor.

Bob, '74, and his wife Vicki have contributed over \$155,000 to scholarships at BHSU. Programs on campus which have benefited from the Worth's support include business, communications, and athletics.

While attending BHSU, Bob started his banking career in Sturgis. He was an executive vice president for Wells Fargo & Company. Vicki was a teacher in the Lead/Deadwood School District.

"Bob and Vicki have been very generous over the years offering scholarships to many students. They recently placed BHSU into their estate plan to ensure that their support will remain in perpetuity and we can't thank them enough," said Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement.

WYOMING EDUCATOR'S IMPACT INSPIRES SCHOLARSHIP LEGACY AT BHSU

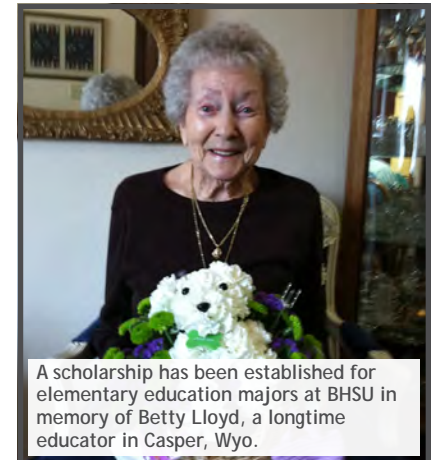
The Guthmiller and Burgess families donated \$10,000 to the BHSU Foundation to create the Betty Lloyd Memorial Scholarship Endowment.

An annual scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior at BHSU majoring in elementary education. Preference will be given to students from Casper, Wyo. The first award will be given this fall.

The scholarship honors Betty, an award-winning elementary teacher who taught more than 30 years in Wyoming. She spent most of her career teaching third and fifth grade at Pineview Elementary, Fort Casper Elementary, and University Park Elementary in Casper.

"My grandmother Betty made a positive impact on everyone she met. As an educator, she touched the lives of hundreds of children throughout her career," said Kanda Guthmiller, scholarship coordinator at BHSU and an alum of the University. "I decided to start this scholarship in Betty's memory so that her legacy would last in perpetuity."

For more information on the scholarship or if you wish to donate to the fund, contact Steve Meeker at 605-642-6385.



A scholarship has been established for elementary education majors at BHSU in memory of Betty Lloyd, a longtime educator in Casper, Wyo.

BHSU STUDENTS MEET WITH LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DONOR



Bauer, Lundberg, Gubka, and Graesser

Spearfish resident Carol Lundberg recently had lunch with her 2018-19 BHSU scholarship recipients. Pictured left to right are Elizabeth Bauer, exercise science major from Sturgis; Lundberg; Wayne Gubka, biology major from Huron; and Molly Graesser, exercise science major from Gregory. Ranni Hopkins, biology major from Sturgis, and Grace Baumgarten, chemistry major from Rapid City, were unable to attend.

Each recipient of the Carol Lundberg Scholarship will receive \$2,000 for the fall semester. Lundberg grew up in eastern South Dakota and moved to California after graduating high school. She spent almost 50 years in California and worked in the self-insured health care industry before moving to Spearfish. Lundberg has been an avid community volunteer and was honored to serve as the 2015 Swarn Day Parade Marshal.

More than 1,000 students benefited from scholarships offered by BHSU in 2017-18. Last year BHSU awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships and is in the midst of a Capital Campaign to increase scholarship funding.

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—1960s

Dale Brooks, '68, Sturgis, was inducted into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1974, Dale accepted the head football coaching position in Sturgis. During his 23 years of teaching, he was involved with coaching football for 21 years and basketball for six years. He was head varsity football coach or defensive coordinator for a total of 16 years. His teams had a combined record of 82 wins and 32 losses and won the Black Hills Conference Championship five times. Dale was the recipient of the 1978 Regional Coach of the Year, the 1993 Teacher of the Year, and the SDHSCA 25-year coaching award.

Nadine Fidler, attended, Spearfish, was honored for 60 years of membership in the Queen City Chapter #89 of Eastern Star. In 1997, she was elected worthy grand matron of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. In addition, she served as grand representative of Vermont and Scotland in South Dakota. She served on a General Grand Chapter committee, and in November will be appointed Ambassador to the Philippines.

George Martin, '69, Spearfish, was elected to the Spearfish City Council, representing Ward 2. George served as the street superintendent for 24 years. He retired in 2011 after 30 years of service with the City.

Arthur "Bucky" O'Connor, '63, Rapid City, was inducted into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Bucky was awarded nine letters in three sports and was selected to the Black Hills All-Conference Team three times in football, three times in track, and twice in basketball. From 1955-57, he was selected to the All-State Football Team. In 1958, he was elected to the All-Star All-American Football Club of the U.S. After a successful collegiate football career that took him to BHSU and USD, Bucky returned to Sturgis to teach and coach wrestling. During that time, Sturgis had its first individual state wrestling champion.

Ken Richardt, attended, Winthrop Harbor, Ill., will be semi-retiring this September after 43 years as owner/operator of his trucking and excavating business.

Lemoine Trout, '66, was inducted posthumously into the South Dakota Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Lemoine coached for 36 years at both Rapid City Stevens and Rapid City Central. He began his coaching career in Nebraska, but moved to Rapid City in 1969 where he coached at Central for 12 years, including being the head football coach from 1975-82. He then moved over to Stevens, where he became the head track and field coach in 1989 as his teams won numerous conference, regional and state titles. His girls' track and field team won six straight Class AA state titles

from 1996-2001, and his boys' team won the AA state title in 2001. Lemoine passed away in 2002 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

—1970s

Aileen (Salmo) Brunner, '73, Nisland, retired after 27 years with the Newell School District. She spent 17 of those as the technology director.

Cal Corey, '71, Sturgis, was inducted into the South Dakota Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Cal began his coaching career in Haakon County, but moved to Sturgis in 1973 and eventually took over the Sturgis Brown track and field and cross country programs. His Sturgis teams won 20 Black Hills Conference titles, including 10 girls' track and field titles, nine boys' track and field titles and one cross country championship.

Judy Dittman, '73, Madison, was named the 2017 Philanthropist of the Year by the Dakota State University Foundation. The award was presented during the 30th annual DSU Gala. In addition to her contributions in the classroom and to athletics, she has made a series of generous donations to DSU, aiding students in financial need and enriching the University's athletic and education programs. Judy is the associate provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and Title III director at DSU.

Elaine (Doll) Dunn, '79, Spearfish, was the cover/feature story in issue 2 of *Black Hills Boomer*, a quarterly magazine for men and women over the age of 55 enjoying life in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Teryl "Terry" Kelley, '79, Sioux Falls, was appointed to the Associated General Contractors of America Board as a Life Governor. In appreciation of his service to the construction industry, this honor comes to Terry as he completes his 12th year of service on the AGC of America Board of Governors. The AGC of America, the voice of the construction industry, is an organization of qualified construction contractors and industry-related companies dedicated to skill, integrity and responsibility. Terry is the president of Swift Contractors, Inc., in Sioux Falls.

Ellen Plocek, '73, Spearfish, was elected to the Spearfish School Board and will serve a three-year term. Ellen is a retired school teacher.

Melissa (Alberts) Two Crow, '78, '08 & '12, Sturgis, authored the children's book "Tatanka Counts." This 1-10 counting book is set in South Dakota and is written in both English and Lakota. The illustrations depict a day in the life of the native animals and plants of South Dakota.

—1980s

Kris (Nelson) Fehring, '80, Kinnear, Wyo., was named the education outreach coordinator for Communal Pancake Performing Arts, a newly formed performing arts company in Lander, Wyo. Kris will coordinate acting classes and performances for clients of Community Entry Services in Lander and Riverton, Wyo.

Dwight Gunnare, '82, Casper, Wyo., head women's basketball coach for Casper College, led the 2017-18 Thunderbirds to the Region IX NJCAA regular season title and the tournament championship, finishing the year with a 31-3 record and a berth in the NJCAA basketball national tournament in Lubbock, Texas. Dwight was named the Region IX North Coach of the Year and also the NJCAA District I Coach of the Year.

Clark Gusso, '80, Belle Fourche, retired after 20 years of coaching golf in Belle Fourche, and 40 years overall. As head coach, in his final event, Clark led the Belle Fourche Lady Broncs' to the State "A" Golf Championship.

Lisa Rantapaa, '86, Lead, was named the 2018 Lead-Deadwood School District Teacher of the Year. Lisa teaches sixth grade language arts at the Lead-Deadwood Middle School.

Bob Speirs, '89 & '02, Belle Fourche, coach of the Spearfish High School Speech and Debate Team, led the Spartans to the State Class A Championship in debate. This was the third consecutive title for Spearfish High School. Bob was named the District Coach of the Year.

Cindy (Koopman) Viergets, '86, Spearfish, was honored with the Outstanding Contribution to Public Health Award by the Secretary of the S.D. Department of Health. She was recognized for her strong relationships with the provider community and her technical expertise. Cindy is a registered sanitarian and senior health facilities surveyor with the office of licensure and certification with the Department of Health.

Patricia "Trish" Williams, '89, Casper, Wyo., was recognized by the Wyoming Chapter of the National Football Foundation for outstanding contribution to amateur football. The award was presented to Trish for her work as the director of the Wyoming Shrine Bowl. Proceeds from this bowl game benefit the children in Shriners Hospitals.

—1990s

Chris Dolney, '94, Rapid City, was recently hired as a construction estimator and project analyst for the State of South Dakota.

Bill Eastman, '97, Belle Fourche, was honored with the Shikar Safari Club International State Wildlife Conservation

Officer of the Year Award. Bill is a conservation officer with the S.D. Department of Game, Fish, and Parks. He has served as a conservation officer for the past 20 years.

Jennifer Mercer, '97, Lebanon, N.H., tri-authored "Writing Successful Science Proposals: Third Edition." This fully revised edition of the authoritative guide to science proposal writing is a tool for researchers embarking on a grant or thesis application. This new edition is updated to address changes and developments over the past decade, including identifying opportunities and navigating the challenging proposal funding environment. In addition, Jennifer has been elected to a three-year term as chair of the Forum of Arctic Research Operators (FARO). Jennifer serves as program officer for Arctic Research Support and Logistics and the Arctic Observing Network at NSF.

David Mickelson, '94, Sioux Falls, has been appointed to the South Dakota Board of Regents by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. David is the president and CEO of Graham Tire Company, a Sioux Falls-based company that is one of the largest independently owned tire dealerships in the U.S. David will complete the term of Regent Bob Sutton, who resigned in June.

Scott Russell, '92, Casper, Wyo., was inducted into the Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In track, Scott was a letter winner and state meet placer from 1984-87, and was on the conference championship team in 1986 & 1987, the region championship team in 1987, and the state championship team in 1987. In 1985 and 1986, Scott was an All-State cross country runner placing 13th and 16th, while the team placed fourth and third respectively. He was the first eighth-grade student to compete at the varsity level in wrestling for Spearfish. Scott was never pinned throughout his wrestling career.

Leah (Pepper) Sherman, '99, Tacoma, Wash., was hired as a proofreader/editor for Nordstrom corporate headquarters in Seattle in the retailer's e-commerce division.

Sean Sherman, Attended, and Beth Dooley co-authored "The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen." The cookbook, devoted to indigenous foods in Minnesota and the Dakotas, won the James Beard Foundation Award in the American cookbook category. The annual James Beard awards honor contributions to food and dining in the U.S.

Jeff Simmons, '91, Sturgis, was hired as the new superintendent of the Meade School District. Jeff previously served the past three years as president of the Aberdeen Catholic School System. Prior to that, he served nine years as principal at Sturgis Brown High School.

Alan Solano, '91, Rapid City, recently celebrated 25 years of service with Behavior Management Systems.

—2000s

Jordan Bauer, '09 & '11, Rapid City, was named the new activities director for Rapid City Central High School. Jordan had been the activities director at Spearfish High School since 2013. Prior to that, he was an assistant coach for the BHSU women's basketball team for 10 seasons.

Lindsay Bruckner, '07, Pierre, owns and practices independently at Visionary Mental Health Services in Pierre. She is a member of the Board of Directors with the local domestic violence shelter and a board overseeing care provided for clients with disabilities. Lindsay also serves as an adjunct faculty member for the University of New England providing clinical supervision to Master of Social Work (MSW) students in their final year of clinical internships. She graduated in Dec. 2015 from the MSW program at the University of New England.

Mary Day, '04, Belle Fourche, was selected as the Region 5 Teacher of the Year. Mary is a business education and computer technology teacher at Belle Fourche High School.

Brandon Kandolin, '00, Rapid City, head coach of the St. Thomas More (Rapid City) girls' basketball team, led the Cavaliers to the State "A" Basketball Tournament Championship for the fifth consecutive year in 2018. Brandon has led the Cavaliers to six state championship titles in the last seven years.

Justin Koehler, '03, Centennial, Colo., produced and directed the independent film "Floating Horses: The Life of Casey Tibbs." The film won Best Documentary Film by the National Cowboy Museum during the Western Heritage Awards in Oklahoma City.

Dan Patterson, '02, Brooklyn, N.Y., appeared on CBSN to break down the use of private data and social networks in the wake of the news about Cambridge Analytica. At the time of the interview, Dan was a senior writer for TechRepublic covering cybersecurity and the intersection of technology and government. Dan is now the senior producer at CNET and CBS News.

Eric Schmidt, '05, Spearfish, was named assistant general manager for the Spearfish Sasquatch Baseball Club. Eric previously served the past 15 years at Spearfish Holiday Inn and Lucky's 13 Pub, most recently as the director of marketing and human resources.

Nate Vogel, '03, Miles City, Mont., has been named head coach for the Team USA women's 19U basketball team at the United World Games in Klagenfurt, Austria, June 17-26, 2019. Nate will select participants

between the ages 17-19 from across the country to be a part of the team. Nate is the women's basketball coach at Miles Community College. He was the assistant women's basketball coach at BHSU during the 2016-17 season and played his college ball at BHSU.

—2010s

Laurel Antonmarchi, '15, Rapid City, was awarded a full scholarship to the Grow with Google Front-End Web Developer Program. The Grow with Google initiative is a two-part program with the top five percent of students awarded a full scholarship to a six-month intensive course. The program equips aspiring web developers with in-demand skills and a resume-worthy portfolio of projects. Highlights include one-on-one mentorship, community, and personalized career and job search support.

Amanda (Ellingson) Bauer, '10 & '15, Rapid City, has accepted a second-grade teaching position at Horace Mann Elementary School in Rapid City. Amanda previously taught fourth grade at Creekside Elementary School in Spearfish.

Jamie (Nupen) Boettcher, '13, Spearfish, was hired as a program assistant I in Student Financial Services at BHSU.

Nicole Faas, '14, Minneapolis, Minn., graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School with an emphasis in criminal law. She received honors for having over 300 community service hours, received the Minnesota Justice Foundation Public Interest Service Award, and the Saeks Public Interest Fellowship. Nicole was recently hired as a public defender in Mankato, Minn.

Dana Hicks, '17, Rapid City, published the science fiction paperback "Upon the Isle of Serenity" under the pseudonym D.R.L. Hicks. This print copy is a collection of three of his previously published science fiction novelettes, all originally eBooks: "The Fields & Through the Isle" (published together in "Lost Upon the Isle of Serenity") and "Blair's Beginning." Dana is a teacher in the Rapid City School District.

Tate Hilgenkamp, '16, has been selected as the director of basketball operations for the men and women's basketball programs at Minot State University. Tate will work with both programs in recruiting, on-court coaching and development, and the coordination of camps.

Kelsey (Huntley), '16, and **Jordan Jenkins**, '16, Williston, N.D., accepted teaching positions for this fall at Bakken Elementary School in Williston. They will both teach fifth grade. This past school year, Kelsey received the Rolle Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award from the Yuma School District in Yuma, Ariz. Jordan received the O.C. Johnson Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award from Yuma.

Lynlee Jensen, '18, Spearfish, was hired as an admissions representative II in the Office of Admissions at BHSU.

Sarah O'Donnell, '11, Madison, was hired as an art instructor at Madison Middle School. Sarah previously taught art at Spearfish Middle School.

Stephanie Ornelas, '13, Spearfish, has accepted the Spearfish High School activities director position. Stephanie previously served as the activities director, girls' basketball coach, Title IV coordinator and dean of students at Custer Junior Senior High School.

Paul "PJ" Painter, '10, is a partner in the Louisville, Ky., office of Quintairo, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. His practice focuses on civil and commercial litigation involving the areas of insurance coverage, insurance bad faith, long-term care, medical malpractice, personal injury, premises liability, construction defects, and product liability.

—1883-2018

Penny (Shuster) Louks, '83 & '06, and **Elizabeth Mentele**, '13, were two area teachers to receive the 2018 Teachers of Excellence award by *BH Parent* and Denny Menholt Rapid Chevrolet in Rapid City. The two were featured in the spring 2018 issue of *BH Parent* magazine. Penny is an eighth-grade language arts teacher at Belle Fourche Middle School. Elizabeth is a first-grade teacher at West Elementary School in Spearfish.

The City of Spearfish recognized the following alumni for their years of service: **Jodi (Plocek) Friedel**, '92, (15 years); **Jen Mollman**, '02, (15 years); **Shayna Monnens**, '09, (5 years); and **Gaby (Cruz) Wolff**, '16, (5 years).

Three alumni were honored during the 99th annual Spearfish Chamber Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Honorees include **Beth (Schmidt) Benning**, '73, Spirit of Spearfish Award, a former Spearfish finance officer; **Joe Conklin**, attended, and co-owner of Qdoba and City Brew, received the Business Beautification Award; and **Jennifer Jungwirth**, '18, received the Young Professional of the Year award.

Abby Albers, '15, and **Whitney Leonard**, '15, recently graduated from the Midwestern University-Glendale Physical Therapy Program. The College of Health Sciences' Physical Therapy Program is a rigorous three-year doctoral-level program designed to provide you with evidence-based practical and clinical skills enhanced by a spirit of collaboration and leadership.

Five alumni were honored during the South Dakota Science Teachers Association and South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics during the 26th Annual Joint Professional Development Conference held last February in Huron. **Sharon Rendon**, '08, received the Friends of Mathematics Award, and **Kristen (Stirling) Maynard**, '98, received a Sanford PROMISE Ambassador Award. **Mark Kreie**, '15, Brookings High School; **Leah (Termes) Oxner**, '12, West Middle School in Rapid City, and **Kristin (Schamber) Wheaton**, '99, Sturgis Brown High School, were awarded the state-level Presidential Award for Excellence in Math & Science Teaching (PAEMST). Mark and Leah were named math finalists and Kristin was named a science finalist. There are three math finalists and four science finalists for the state of South Dakota. One finalist from each discipline will be chosen to be the South Dakota representative at the national level.

Alumni honored by the Meade School District for their years of service include: **Debbie (Sigman) Cano**, '00 & '12, (15 years); **Julie (Merchen) Carpenter**, '91, (20 years); **Pat Cass**, '02, (15 years); **Tere (Brechtel) Froelich**, '89 & '01, (15 years); **Chad Hedderman**, '98, (15 years); **Cheri (Espinoza) Isaacson**, '10, (20 years); **Cary (Kling) Johnson**, '83, (20 years); **Peggy (Wang) Mattke**, '96, (15 years); **Guyla (Edwards) Ness**, '82, (35 years); **Chrissy (Conlon) Peterson**, '91, (20 years); **Donna (Hawley) Sigman**, '78 & '02, (30 years); and **Jill Tesnow**, '77, (15 years).

Alumni honored by the Meade School District include retirees: **Cathie (Doering) Anderson**, '80 & '02; **Janet McNary**, '79; **Donna (Hawley) Sigman**, '78 & '02; and **Donna Trigg**, '88.

Alumni honored by the Meade School District include: **Kristi (Price) Butler**, '05, Whitewood Elementary School Teacher of the Year; and **Beth (Schieffer) Severson**, '07 & '16, Sturgis Williams Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Kim Smith, '14, Whitewood Elementary School Paraprofessional of the Year. **Wanona (Dietrich) Manderfeld**, '82, was named the Meade School District Professional/Technical Support Staff of the Year. **Julie (Stone) Treloar**, '07, was named the Sturgis Elementary and Meade School District Teacher of the Year.

Alumni honored by the Spearfish School District for their years of service include: **Ashley (Uthe) Anderson**, '11, (5 years); **Teri (Decker) Bauerly**, '10 & '13, (5 years); **Ashley (Shevling) Custis**, '13, (5 years); **Lindsey (Rogers) Fiorello**, '08, (10 years); **Danya (Woods) Foote**, '09, (5 years); **Elise (Pfefferle) Fowlkes**, '04, (5 years); **Jan (Fudge) Hansen**, '82 & '06, (35 years); **Kris (Ivers) Hayes**, '85, (15 years); **Janice (Coffield) Koski**, '80, '91 & '02, (25 years); **Aaron Nida**, '93, (15 years); **Amy (Coulter) Olness**, '95, (20 years); **Amber Schweigert**, '10, (5 years); **Kathy (Magda) Wolff**, '01 & '04, (10 years); and **Julianne (Sprigler) Zoller**, '01, (10 years).

Alumni honored by the Spearfish School District include retirees: **Carol Coburn**, '85 & '92, (19 years); **Jan (Fudge) Hansen**, '82 & '06, (35 years); and **Julie (Johnson) Reinert**, '83 & '00, (31 years).

Alumni honored as Teachers of the Year by the Spearfish School District include: **Danya (Woods) Foote**, '09, Mountain View Elementary School; **Elizabeth Mentele**, '13, West Elementary School; **John Dagit**, '12 & '17, Spearfish Middle School; and **Chris Geuke**, '11, Spearfish High School and Spearfish School District.

—1980s

Lori Fisher, '87, married Kerry DeVries March 13, 2018. Lori is an owner/broker associate with the Real Estate Center of Spearfish. The couple resides in Spearfish.

—2010s

Joanna Schriver, '16, married **Cody Wiseman**, '15, June 30, 2018. Joanna is an admissions counselor at BHSU. Cody is a marketing specialist for Rev7. The couple resides in Spearfish.

—2000s

Jobeth (Stenerson) Borne, '07, and **Terry**, Rochester, Wash., had a baby girl, **Evelyn Anne**, Dec. 10, 2017. Jobeth is a stay-at-home mom.

Rachel (Eddy), '07, and **Cody Byrum**, '04, Spearfish, had a baby girl, **Naomi Marie**, Dec. 15, 2017. Rachel is a pharmacist at the Spearfish Walgreens. Cody is a credit analyst with Black Hills Community Bank in Spearfish.

Amber (Riggins) Cornella, '06 & '12, and **Jake**, Rapid City, had a baby boy, **Gage Sterling**, Oct. 18, 2017. Gage joins big brother **Jace** (4) and big sister **Cadence** (2). Amber is the engineering resources manager within the Transmission & Engineering Services Department at Black Hills Energy in Rapid City.

Ashley (Rives), '08, and **Brian Engler**, '08, Bozeman, Mont., had a baby boy, **Cameron Edward**, March 13, 2018. Ashley is an instructor at Montana State University in Bozeman. Brian is a training manager for Printing For Less in Livingston, Mont.

Lathan Hopsecker, '03 & '04, and **Misty (Duran)**, Douglas, Wyo., had a baby girl, **Abigail Nicole**, Jan. 27, 2018. Lathan is a multimedia specialist with Memorial Hospital of Converse County.

Megan (Wyett) Lennon, '06 and **Michael, Jr.**, New Hartford, N.Y., had a baby boy, **Michael John III**, March 4, 2018. Megan is the director of community standards and leadership at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

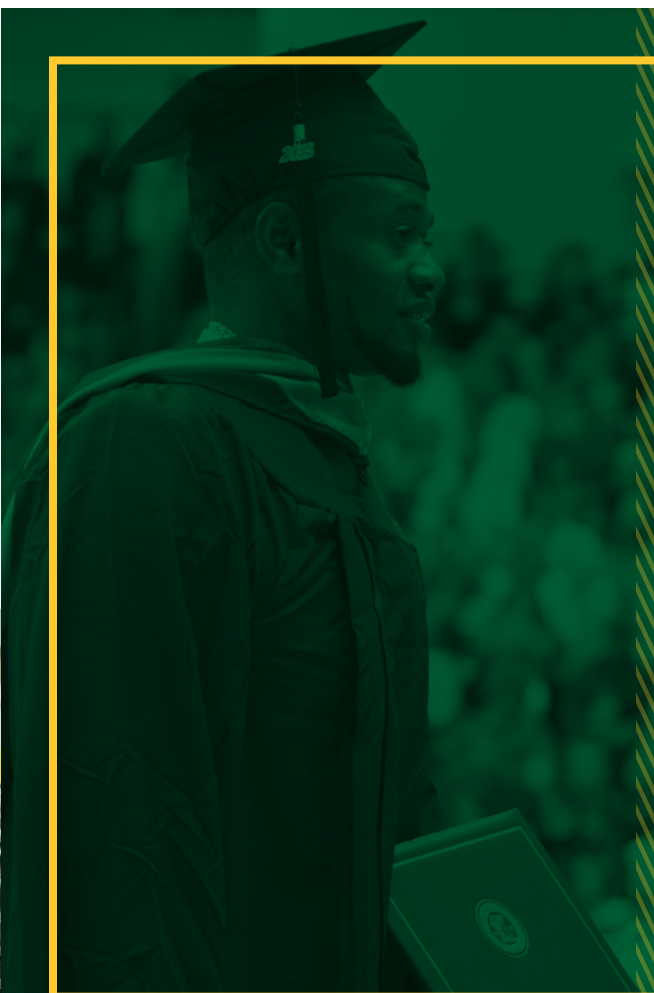
BIRTHS

—2010s

Amber (Rowe) Bodell, '14, and **Ryan**, Whitewood, had a baby boy, **Oakley Paxton**, Oct. 29, 2017. Oakley joins big brother **Silas** (2). Amber is a stay-at-home mom.

Ashley (Joachim), '10, and **Josh Kirchner**, '10 & '11, Brookings, had a baby boy, **Kullen Ray**, Jan. 23, 2018. Ashley is an academic advisor at SDSU. Josh is a seventh-grade science teacher at Brookings Middle School.

Crystal (Tornquist), attending, and **Josh Thurmes**, '13 & '16, Spearfish, had a baby girl, **Daisy Maren**, Feb. 18, 2018. Daisy joins big sister **Zoey** (6). Josh is table games manager at Cadillac Jack's in Deadwood. Crystal is a student at BH pursuing a degree in sociology and a certificate in social and cultural awareness.



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Norine L. (Janke) Carswell, '40 & '68, Rapid City
Inez E. (Mowery) Truman, Attended, Spearfish

BLACK HILLS TEACHERS COLLEGE • 1941-1963

Martha M. (Brown) Allender, Attended, Newcastle, Wyo.
Jeannine M. (Lurz) Bach, Attended, Madison
Shirley A. (O'Dea) Baye, Attended, Philip
Joseph "Joe" W. Belak, Attended, Gregory
Irene A. (Webb) Berndt, Attended, Sturgis
Dorothy C. (Lynn) Brandsberg, '53, Spearfish
Joyce L. (Benson) Chord, Attended, Rapid City
Lucille D. (Dougherty) Dirks, Attended, Huron
Dorothy "Dot" L. (Horton) Edwards, Attended, Sturgis
Laverne (Baker) Elliott, '58, Sturgis
Carol K. (Dehaai) Ellis, '58, Billings, Mont.
Marvin "Marv" A. Evans, Attended, Mundelein, Ill.
James "Jim" L. Forbes, '61, Sturgis
Edward "Ed" A. Furois, '59 & '60, Spearfish
Jean M. (Hartshorn) George, '60, Blue Springs, Mo.
Darlene A. (Kellner) Goldhammer, '63, Hayward, Calif.
Stephen "Steve" A. Gomez, '55, Pierre
Alice "Ruth" R. (Gadsden) Groeneveld, '58, Deadwood
John D. Ingraham, '53, Salem, Ore.
Wayne H. Jeffery, Attended, Spearfish
Katherine "Kay" A. (Norton) Jensen, '55, '57, & '76, Rapid City
Joyce L. (Wilkey) Kahler, '55 & '59, Austin, Texas
Marjorie M. (Voelzke) Krcil, Attended, Valentine, Neb.
Truels "Bob" R. Madsen, '50 & '53, Eugene, Ore.
Patricia "Pat" M. (Ripley) Marton, '49, Buffalo, Wyo.
Roy R. Milliken, Attended, Huron
Arlene M. (Sperle) Moe, '55, Lemmon
Richard "Dick" E. Nelson, '60, Gilbert, Ariz.
Vespersia M. (Smith) Pennington, '47, Gardner, Kan.
Frances M. (Belmont) Pettit, Attended, Custer
Mildred J. (Thorson) Radway, Attended, Philip
Betty L. (Gietzen) Remmick, Attended, Milwaukee, Wis.
Kay E. (Schryvers) Snyder, '57, Sturgis
Patsye "Pat" M. (Remschel) Stolpe, '41, Rapid City
Lois (Sheehan) Thompson, Attended, Pierre
Marjorie L. (Larson) Tivis, '41, Bowman, N.D.
Martha V. (Reimann) Ulrich, '62, Glendive, Mont.
Kenneth "Ken" C. Wagner, '58, Corsica
Emma J. (Evenson) Zimmerschied, Attended, Sundance, Wyo.

BLACK HILLS STATE COLLEGE • 1964-1988

Louise H. Achenbach, '70, Woodlake, Calif.
Linda R. (Bergstrom) Blanc, '67, Kalispell, Mont.
Mae (Capp) Donnerwirth, '67, Rapid City
Kenneth "Kenny" Fiebelkorn, '73, Gregory
Bradley "Brad" L. Flynn, Attended, Rapid City
Randal "Randy" C. Gregson, Attended, San Diego, Calif.

Kathryn "Kathy" J. (Kelley) Hess, Attended, Lemmon
Gary D. Iverson, '70, Mitchell
Dee O. (Orr) Keller, '73, Sturgis
Albert "Al" D. Kilgore, '66, Brainerd, Minn.
Thomas "Tom" J. Krebsbach, '79, Rapid City
James "Jim" E. Larive, Sr., Attended, Belle Fourche
Teresa B. (Dingeman) Lindstad, '68, Spearfish
Calvin G. Lippert, Attended, Anchorage, Alaska
Victoria S. Mandan, Attended, Parshall, N.D.
Bonnie K. (Denney) Mikkelson, '65, Indianapolis, Ind.
Theresa M. (Whitwer) Osterberg, '65 & '72, Wall
Marvin "Marv" G. Proctor, '74, Newcastle, Wyo.
Michele A. Raposa, '81, Rapid City
Carol A. Rath, '74, Sioux Falls
Mary E. (Sullivan) Rotert, '79, Belvidere, Ill.
Ida M. (Jones) Rounds, '65, Laramie, Wyo.
Glenda M. (DeMaranville) Sapp, Attended, Rozet, Wyo.
Anthony "Tony" L. Schunot, '68, Otisville, Mich.
Susan A. (Clyde) Shell, Attended, Upton, Wyo.
David N. Skancke, '76, Sioux Falls
Terry C. Smith, '72, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Lavaughn E. (Kipena) Storsve, Attended, Columbus, Neb.
Stephen "Steve" S. Thune, '71, Phoenix, Ariz.
Judith A. (Schmid) Ward, '70, Rapid City
Ruth E. Weston, '78, Pine Ridge
Bonnie G. Williams, Attended, Rapid City
James "Jim" B. Willuweit, Attended, Wall
Charles C. Wilson, Attended, Rapid City
Mary M. Wilson, '72, Rapid City
Mary L. (Hurd) Wonder, '70, Paradise, Mont.

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY • 1989-PRESENT

Benjamin G. Dean, '13, Valentine, Neb.
Katherine "Katie" C. (Malin) French, '12, Sheridan, Wyo.
Kitti L. (Ehrenberg) Goheen, '90, Rapid City
Casey R. Harney, '96, Henderson, Nev.
Jeremy M. Hohn, '02, Columbus, Ohio
Kevin T. Jones, Attended, Riverton, Wyo.
Dustin D. Nickle, Attended, Rapid City
Stacey N. (Crowley) Pierce, Attended, Spearfish
Connie A. (Lease) Wenzel, '89, Torrington, Wyo.
Sheri A. (Saucerman) Wiechmann, '04, Rapid City
Scott S. Williams, '91, Huron

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

Dennis E. Carlson, Lexington, Ky.
Charollene M. (VanderPol) Coates, Rapid City
Benjamin "Ben" R. Stone, III, Lead



LEONARD "BEN" V. HENRY & CAROL J. (JOHNSON) HENRY, SPEARFISH

Dr. Leonard "Ben" V. Henry, age 92, and Carol J. (Johnson) Henry, age 87, of Spearfish, longtime local community pillars both passed away in 2018. Carol peacefully passed with Ben by her side in January. Ben left this world to be with the love of his life in March. Both Ben and Carol loved Spearfish and spent their lives supporting the community in many ways. Carol was the first woman to serve on the City Council and was listed in the "Who's Who in American Women" to list just a couple of her lifetime achievements. She had a passion for reading and guessed she had read thousands of books. Ben's passion was teaching and he always said he loved every day he was able to wake up and teach. He felt so fulfilled to share his knowledge and love of history and music. Ben loved his tuba and enjoyed playing and directing several community bands. Both Ben and Carol started their teaching careers in Nebraska then moved to Spearfish to teach at BHSU in 1961 until their retirement. Neither of them wanted an obituary with their lifetime accomplishments but wanted it known how much they loved teaching, this community, family, and friends. They will continue to give through a music scholarship at BHSU.



ROBERTA "BOBBI" A. SAGO, SPEARFISH

Roberta Ann "Bobbi" Sago, age 53 of Spearfish, passed away in March at the Spearfish Regional Hospital. Bobbi had served as the special collections librarian/archivist at BHSU since 2003. She was in charge of the Special Collections Department which contains two main research collections, the Leland D. Case Library for Western Historical Studies and the University Archives. In addition to helping patrons with their research, she was responsible for organizing and describing the manuscript collections. Bobbi served on the Board of the West River History Conference. Born in McKeesport, Pa., Bobbi attended the University of Montana and earned a master's degree in library information science from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Bobbi co-authored four books for Arcadia Publishing: "Spearfish," "Black Hills Gold Rush Towns," "Black Hills National Forest: Harney Peak and the Historic Fire Lookout Towers," and "Black Hills Gold Rush Towns II." Bobbi was known for her portrayal of a historic figure for several years on the Rose Hill Cemetery Walk and her performances at The Matthew's Opera House in Spearfish. She was owned by two cats, Hercules and Achilles.



VICTOR "VIC" J. WEIDENSEE, RAPID CITY

Dr. Victor J. Weidensee, age 95 of Rapid City, passed away July 1, 2018. In 1957, Victor began his dream career at Black Hills State College in Spearfish. Victor was chairman of the Fine Arts Division for 29 years before retiring in 1988. He didn't just teach students, Victor made it his purpose in life to mentor, to encourage, and to advise them in their lives. Perhaps his proudest accomplishments were co-founding the Festival in the Park in Spearfish and the Black Hills Chamber Music Society in Rapid City. After taking his family on a free-wheeling, six-month tour of Europe in a camper van during a sabbatical in 1971, he came up with the idea of an "exchange program" between BHSU and Weymouth College in England. For 11 years he took BHSU students there and entertained Weymouth students in Spearfish. In 2011, Victor received the Outstanding Service in Arts Education award from Gov. Dennis Daugaard. Victor is survived by his wife, Charlotte; his daughter, Julie Pechota; sons, David (Jackie) and Derek; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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