

Taylor Ballert

I am married to my wife, Asia, also a Lead-Deadwood Graduate. We will be married for five years in September of this year. Together we have three beautiful children, Emma Kay, Kinsley Aurora-Grace, and Rydley Paul. We still live in Lead-Deadwood as we own our home in Pluma. I studied Mechanical Engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology with a Minor in Metallurgy. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in December 2016. I worked at the Deadwood Social Club from June 2000, starting as a dishwasher moving my way up to Sous Chef, until October 2017 when I started working at WL Plastics in Rapid City as a Production Operator, manufacturing High Density Polyethylene Pipe. We make a variety of industrial, gas, and municipal pipe ranging anywhere from 1" to 24" in diameter and from 20' to 12,000' long. After 10 months of hard work, I was promoted to Safety Coordinator for the plant. I have really enjoyed my time there and I am happy to have found a career. I am looking forward to staying in the Black Hills and raising my children here as it truly is the most amazing place in the world.

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