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Cloaked in Costumes, Kids March Down State Street

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BELLE FOURCHE—A great number of kids and adults dressed in spooky, funny, cute and original costumes marched down State Street to show off their festive looks in the Halloween Parade.

The Halloween Parade was led by Lee Hodge of Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery.

Following the parade, kids lined up to be judged for a costume contest, giving awards to the top three in each category of Prettiest, Scariest and Most Original in the following age groups: 0-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-10 and family.

Cash awards of \$15 for 1st place, \$10 for 2nd place and \$5 for 3rd place were given out.

After all of the awards were handed out, the kids could trick or treat up and down State Street as many of the businesses were open and handing out candy.

"Most of the businesses do

participate and some even bring down a table from somewhere else in town to join in," said Stacey Raisanen, CONBA.

Center of the Nation Business Association has been putting on the event for 24 years, though it is believed that this event has been happening in downtown Belle Fourche for over 30 years.

Jessica Carmichael, with CONBA expressed how important the volunteers were to making the event successful.

There were 12 volunteer judges for the costume contest. Other volunteer roles included leading the parade, and the space to award prizes was donated.

All of the businesses participating were volunteers. "We had a variety of volunteers," she said. "The coordination of the event and time to get the word out that's all volunteer time.

Our whole organization is volunteer, nobody gets paid."



Lee Hodge of *Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery* led the Halloween Parade down State Street. *Longbrake photo*

Halloween Spooktacular Sees Record Numbers

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle Fourche Rec Center hosted its yearly Halloween Spooktacular event on Thursday, October 31.

The rec center gym was transformed into a spooky space with carnival games and tons of candy.

The turnout was large, with a line of eager trick-or-treaters out the door at the entrance; in fact, according to Jody Westberg, Director, this year's Halloween Spooktacular saw its highest numbers ever.

There was a total of 1,136 attendees, with 694 of them being kids. The event also featured a costume contest for the best-

dressed eventgoers. Candy was handed out at 28 booths that were set up in the gym.

"The booths were both businesses and private individuals that just wanted to come set up a booth and give out trick-or-treat candy," explained Westberg.

She added, "The community is a big part of making Spooktacular a success. We have people that donate candy.

We have individuals that donate their time and volunteer to help run the games and judge the costume contests.

The Rec Center puts it on, but the community is a big part



Local businesses and individuals set up trick-or-treat booths in the gym. *Heitz photo*



A boy plays a game of cornhole with a buddy as onlookers cheer them on. *Heitz photo*

Halloween Costumes On Parade



Taking part in the *CONBA Halloween Parade*, many folks participated in the walk. Parade marched down State Street and *Trick or Treated* back picking up sweet treats from businesses. *Longbrake photo*

Mobile Live Fire Training Units Provide Firefighters with Practice

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BELLE FOURCHE—Have you ever wondered how firefighters get experience in fighting fires? In the State of South Dakota, our firefighters have access to a new training tool that allows them to acquire that very knowledge in a safe and controlled environment. Two years ago the State Legislature bought two Mobile Live Fire Training Units for the South Dakota Firefighter Association.

The process of rolling out the new equipment is underway. One of the first orders of business is to have qualified trainers to safely instruct and use the MLFTU.

Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department hosted a train the trainer event October 26. "We will be training people that are already trained to be fire instructors, on how to use the trailer," Don Ward, Assistant Chief, explained. "They'll go through the whole setup.

They start just like they would if you pull them in on the truck and drop them off." There were 17 participants for the training, two from Yankton area and the rest from the Black Hills area. "The guys are going to be trained and will be able to train other people down the road," said Ward. Both MLFTU are currently in Belle Fourche, but that isn't a typical occurrence as they had to fix some issues and the manufacturer needed to come work on them.

"We had a training scheduled and the manufacturer called and said they were ready to work on them," said Ward. One was in Belle Fourche and the other one was over 400



The MLFTU open up to multiple levels for firefighter to train on different levels. The upper deck has a tie down ring allowing for practice rappelling down the side of the trailer. The Firefighters Association has two units that can be made available anywhere in the state at the same time. *Longbrake photo*

miles away, in Tea, SD. They wanted them in the same location to work on them at the same time. "Since the one we had here was already planned to be used, we got the other one here so they can work on side-

by-side," said Ward.

The red trailer can expand to include multiple levels. "It has a portion of it that raises up for a second story. So the firefighters can go from the roof of the

Firefighters contd.C5

The Bright Gallery, A Sanctuary for Art, Creativity, and Healing

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The pretty white wood-frame former church that sits high at 902 Lawrence Street has a new tenant and a fresh purpose. Built around 1927, the structure originally housed the St. James Lutheran Church.

For many years following, the church was the gathering place for members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

In June, of this year, the building changed hands and a "refresh" took place over the summer. There is a new interior, including new ADA compliant

restroom to add to the existing wheelchair ramp access to the main floor.

Despite the alterations, the building will remain a sanctuary of sorts.

902 Lawrence Street is now home to the Bright Gallery and Creative Care, LLC inspired by Ariadne Albright. Ariadne (pronounced air-ee-odd-knee), who grew up in the Belle Fourche area is more familiarly known as "Ari" to a host of friends and family.

Ariadne is a professional artist. She holds a BFA in Print-

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The *Bright Gallery* at 902 Lawrence Street.



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Edwina Stoddard 89

Funeral services for Edwina Stoddard, 89, of Baker will be 1:00 pm. Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker, Montana. According to Teddy's wishes, cremation has taken place. Inurnment will follow in Bonnievale Cemetery.

Teddy passed away October 24, 2024 at Dahl Memorial Healthcare in Ekalaka, MT.

Edwina Jean "Teddy" Stoddard was born August 11, 1935 in Belle Fourche, SD, the daughter of Edwin "Frank" and Neva Jean (Craig) Evans. She grew up, attended school and graduated from Belle Fourche School. She went on to continue her education at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO where she majored in animal production and graduated in the last class of Colorado A&M. A few of Teddy's school involvements were, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Rodeo Club, Girls Mounted Quadrille, 1st Black Hills Roundup Rodeo Queen, Bit & Spur Belle Fourche Riding Club, High School Homecoming Queen and Girls State representative. On June 7, 1959, Edwina married J. Lawrence II "Larry" Stoddard on the ranch in Belle Fourche, SD. To this union, Russell, J Lawrence, Diana and Janice were born. Teddy was a devoted homemaker while raising her children. She worked as an EMT from 1990 - 2007. Teddy was also a primary teacher for the L.D.S. Church. She was involved with the RSVP, Fallon County Sr. Citizens-treasurer, Order of the Eastern Star -Chapter #60 -Past Worthy Matron of 7 years, Sagebrush Sisters Red Hat Society, Fallon County Dispatcher, E.M.T. /hospital work, Pink Ladies and 2002 Baker Senior Citizen of the Year. Teddy had lived in Faulkton, SD, Orange City, IA, Belle Fourche, SD,



Ekalaka, MT and Baker, MT throughout her lifetime. She enjoyed dancing, traveling, class reunions, riding her scooter and especially time with her family. She was very adventurous and didn't shy away from rappelling, raft trips, shooting long range, and loved to see America's parks, especially Montana.

Teddy is survived by her children, Russell J. (Brenda) Stoddard of Baker, J Lawrence III of Gillette, WY, Diana Stoddard of Miles City, MT and Janice (Rob) Cadle of Columbus, MT; four grandchildren, Lauren, Talon, Joshua and Ashley, a step grandson, Hank and 4 great grandchildren; brother, Richard Steven Evans of Belle Fourche, SD and her brother-in-law Bert Stoddard of Broadus, MT, nephew Brad Stoddard of Broadus, MT and a niece Robbin Stoddard of Belgrade, MT.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her former husband, Larry and her sister-in-law, Nancy Stoddard.

Remembrances and Condolences may be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com

Teddy requested no flowers at her service. She wanted only sage, pine boughs or wildflowers. In lieu of flowers, if you would like, please make a donation in her honor to Shriner's Children Hospital. She also requested no one wear black, she asked for bright colors as a celebration of her life and her meeting with Jesus.



Jess Pinkerton 46

Jess Pinkerton, age 46 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday, October 27, 2024 following a tragic motorcycle accident near Spearfish.

An open house celebration of his life will take place 10am until 12 noon, Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Jess Herold Dean Pinkerton was born September 5, 1978 in Bozeman, Montana. He was the son of David Lyle and Jackie (Short) Pinkerton. Jess graduated from high school in Elko, Nevada. Shortly after, he moved to Whitewood SD, where he met Joni Johnson. They were united in marriage in Belle Fourche on December 29, 2001. To this union four children were born: Mackenzie, Jess Jr., Serenity, and Jackson. Following their marriage, Jess and Joni settled in Belle Fourche. They later divorced. Jess worked at several places, and had many different types of jobs. His favorite was working as an underground miner in Wyoming. Jess was a thrill



seeker in life, and conducting underground explosions was a good match for his personality. His nickname was "C-4".

Jess was a retired volunteer for the Belle Fourche Fire Department. Jess had a heart for people, and would often help others in different ways. He was an extrovert, and the life of the party kind of man. He loved to visit with people, and he had a great

laugh. Jess loved his motorcycles, his dogs, and he especially loved his children. He will be greatly missed.

Jess is survived by Joni and the four children, Mackenzie of Denver CO, Jess Jr. of Belle Fourche, Serenity of Belle Fourche, Jackson of Belle Fourche; 3 brothers, Ernie (Kim) Pinkerton of Butte MT, Brian Pinkerton of CA, Allen Pinkerton of Big Timber MT; and sister, Lori Pinkerton of NV. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Linda Hartzel.



Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Jean Helmer, Joy Fisher Ministries.

"A Monastic Month"

2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, and of love, and of self-discipline."

I spent a month this summer as a Benetvision writer-in-residence at a Pennsylvania's Erie Monastery. I returned with much writing and research completed, with a clearer understanding of monastic life, and with new insights into what it means to "pray without ceasing."

Yes, I lived in a monastery. "Monastery" comes from a Greek term meaning "to live alone." Monasteries are the residences of men or women who are dedicated to a life of prayer and who are set apart from the world. They only leave the monastery for a special reason.

While I stayed in a cell—think small, single-occupancy dorm room. I was given an office and access to their well-stocked library. I was invited but not required to keep praise times with them.

Following Benedict's Rule, the monastics keep a structured schedule for daily activities. While breakfast was more of a mood than a schedule (served from 6-9 am), Morning Praise was at 6:30 sharp. Each service began with a reading followed by responsive intoning of psalms. Psalm 50:17 states, "God open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise." In her commentary on Benedict's Rule, Judith Suter explains, "Silence is kept until after Morning Praise when our lips are first opened for worship. These words break the night silence and they recognize that every word and action of the day is an act of God and a gift from God. The prayer is reciprocal. If God wills to open our lips for a new day, then they should be used to sing God's praise, proclaimed in everything we do thereafter." Speaking was saved for after morning prayer. Breakfast conversation was abbreviated as everyone moved to begin their daily ora et labora—labor and prayer. Visiting was for after dinner.



For Benedictines, labor and prayer are conjoined. While the work of God begins in the chapel, it extends beyond the chapel doors into every action of daily life. Monastics pray while working. At first, I imagined them reciting psalms as they worked. I thought of prayer as talking to God, i.e. petitioning God to take action, thanking God for those actions. However, there is another side to prayer—the listening side.

Scriptures emphasize obedience to God. When I learned the Latin root of "obedience," to listen, the directive took on new depths. For the monastics, to be obedient requires them to become still enough to be aware of God's presence. It takes this quietness in order to hear God with the ears of our hearts. In Benedict's words, "Listen carefully to my instructions and attend to them. The labor of obedience will bring you back to God from whom you had drifted through the sloth of disobedience [through failing to listen]."

As a hallway sign reminded, "Silence is a gift we give one another." We were silent but not mute. We did not engage in idle conversations that were mere distractions from our work. I learned to unclutter my inner oratory—place of thoughts and feelings—to discard all "monkey brain" items and remain in only the present tense focused on the task before me with ears tuned to God's presence.

It brought to mind 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, and of love, and of self-discipline." Timidity goes beyond shyness. Timidity is the vice of being cowardly and not living up to one's full potential. I am learning to set aside timidity and to practice the self-discipline of being aware of God's constant presence. In that, may my work be united with God's great work so I may fulfill the purpose He has given me. Amen.

Psalm 9:1

☐ I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.☐

Colossians 3:17

☐ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.☐

1 Thessalonians 5:11

☐ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.☐

Psalm 107:1

☐ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.☐

Romans 12:12

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Extra Mile Day Proclaimed at City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—During the Mayor's Report at the October 21 City Council meeting, mayor Randy Schmidt declared November 1, 2024 as Extra Mile Day in Belle Fourche.

"Belle Fourche, South Dakota is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations of its community who can go the extra mile in order to make a difference and lift up all members of their community," expressed Mayor Schmidt.

The town is one of 550 Extra Mile Cities in America.

For community input, Raymond Allen raised concerns surrounding the Dacar development and mentioned the need for a second entrance, inclusion of green spaces, and the installation of a speed bump. Allen also questioned the necessity of parking restrictions on Walworth St. and asked about the number of city vehicles in use.

Stacey Raisanen thanked the Public Works Department for their prompt restoration of water service after a recent break behind the AmericInn.

LeAnn Corean requested a 90-day extension from the Council to update her daycare license. City Attorney Wilbert then outlined the process for a hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board and the full City Council.

Councilperson Schmalz emphasized the importance of having daycare facilities in the community. Brandon Manger then stood up and expressed his support for LeAnn Corean.

The Chamber of Commerce report included that the Chamber is distributing visitor guides and pairing up with Black Hills Lifestyle Magazine to feature Belle Fourche. The Chamber also hosted-Pumpkinfest with 30 vendors on October 26, and a Chamber Mixer was set for October 29 at Black Hills Vision.

New members include Pasque Ladies Fashion, Felina Selchert Real Estate, and Craze Cow Ice Cream.

CONBA noted that the annual Halloween Parade was set for October 31, with lineup in front of Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery.

The event will feature a costume contest. On November 7 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a pie and coffee gathering at the Belle Fourche Live-stock Exchange to express appreciation for Belle Fourche's agricultural community.

The Museum and Visitor Center report mentioned that in September, the Museum and Visitor Center saw 2,203 visitors from 48 states, Washington, D.C., and 16 foreign countries.

The First Saturday Brunch featured Frank Van Nuys, who discussed "The Age of Norbeck" and attracted 44 attendees.

The new autumn exhibit, "Bats in our Belfry," showcases bat-related artifacts and the cultural significance of bats. Preparations for Pumpkinfest are underway with 300 goodie bags, a themed Haunted Spaulding Cabin, and a costume contest.

Favorable weather is expected to boost attendance.

The next City Council meeting was November 4 at 6 p.m.

Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 22 "Halloween?!?!"



Meg English

Halloween is a curious practice in American culture.

This year, as a volunteer trick-or-treat-adult-in-charge, I travelled the neighborhood with a princess, a skeleton, a hideous witch, Batman, and a helpful young teenager. The teenager helped carry the witch when she became tired and cold, and she kept Batman and the skeleton from getting too far ahead of the group.

Our group started out from home base beside a trailer court bordered by a dark road. If there were other trick or treaters nearby, they were invisible.

Beyond the road were well-lit houses. Promising territory, I thought. I decided we should take our chances and make a dash across the road. We all held hands, crossed the road together and made our way down a murky too steep grassy ditch, then up to a level patch of landscape rock and finally to a firm, straight sidewalk.

The walking here was a little treacherous and I feared someone might trip in the dark. Too late to question my judgement. We forged on.

The hideous witch's hat refused to stay put, too small for me to wear, so I picked it up and carried it.

Our little group was chatty and exuberant. They had waited patiently all day for the "witching" hour when the darkness prevailed. They longed to hide their "real" identities and demand "tricks or treats" from strangers.

The treats won out, as did compliments on the scary sartorial garb of the evening.

Our group was not alone. On this side of the dark road, large groups of kids, young and old, swarmed the streets, they gathered in groups on the wide porches of these stylish well-lit homes.

By this time, the skeleton was ready to discard his skull mask, so I carried that too.

Many of the residents had decorated their houses with Halloween props. Faux "scary" talking effigies were positioned strategically to greet those who "dared to cross" the owner's pathway. Occasionally, there were a few more bold scary props such as creepy scarecrow dude brandishing a bloody ax and laughing hysterically from

his tinny recorded voice box.

My small charges seemed unafflicted by the gore; my young teenager was amused. All five were mesmerized by the lights and the street drama. Small, medium, large and super-sized creatures of the night thronged the area.

Somehow by this time, I was also responsible for someone's bag of treats, in addition to the witches' hat and the skeleton's mask.

As I explained, our little group was not alone. We waited in line at some houses. The distance between them was a little farther than it might be in some neighborhoods, but worth the effort and the kids were often encouraged to take as much candy as they wanted. The area was indeed good trick or treating hunting grounds, and everyone knew it.

Many of the groups were escorted by adults with cars to transport the kids from neighborhood to neighborhood and in some cases from house to house. The streets were awash with headlights of traffic moving in and out of the neighborhoods.

The evening grew colder, the distances longer, the dark darker. The witch hitched a piggy-back ride from the young teenager as we made group travelled back the way we came. She rested her head on the teenager's shoulder, her small hands around the teenager's neck.

The skeleton and Batman were game to carry on, but the good princess was sensible and agreed that it was time to call it a day.

My hands were stiff with cold, and it was becoming increasingly difficult hold on to the accumulation of bits and pieces. We would soon need to hold hands as we would need to hold hands to cross the dark road on our return trip to the starting place.

I stuffed the skeleton mask, the witch's hat and the candy bag inside my jacket and hoped for the best. The skeleton and the princess had warm hands which I was grateful for when we all banded together to cross the dark road, back to the starting place.

The final block was arduous, and very, dark. Back in the trailer park we stepped through leaves and branches on the pavement. The uneven ground, still wet and muddy from the snowfall earlier in the week glistened under a lone yard light. Halloween 2024 was over.

Our small group was richly rewarded with sweet treats, more than they probably needed.

More than was good for them surely, but the most important takeaway from the evening was the memorable experience of a night of trick or treating on the other side of the dark road.

Black Hills Roundup Rodeo Receives Recognition for Arena Ground

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BELLE FOURCHE—Those from the rodeo industry know how important arena ground is to fast, safe runs during a rodeo.

The well-being of the contestants and livestock are of the utmost importance to the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo Committee.

With that in mind, the city of Belle Fourche and The Black Hills Roundup Rodeo Committee, along with many community volunteers undertook a complete overhaul of the rodeo arena dirt.

Aaron Fowler shared, "We want to have a perfect arena for you." The ground in the arena has had a lot of work done to it. Grossenburg Implement brought a tractor with a blade on it and completely leveled the ground.

This made it easy to see where work was needed. A new drainage system was put in under the arena to move the water out and away from the competition ground. 400 tons of sand were put down.

In an official statement from the Black Hills Roundup board members they said that "the city had spent countless hours and thousands of dollars to better the ground for our rodeo

contestants."

In addition, Eaton constructions donated numerous hours with their own equipment to improve arena conditions and volunteers picked rocks out of the arena by hand, and a big rig rock picker was brought in from Wyoming to remove rocks from the arena.

The community really came together to tackle this specific problem.

Prior to the big 4th of July rodeo, the Black Hills Roundup Committee asked barrel racer and six time NFR qualifier, Jessica Routier to visit the rodeo arena and try out the ground.

They asked her for pointers and feedback regarding ground conditions. "It was important to get a representative from the WPRA to come in and look at the ground and do couple runs," explained Dallas Conner, Chairman.

"We just want them to know that we were trying to improve the ground and get any suggestions from them."

The open transparency that the Roundup Committee engaged in with the constant updates to the renovations of the arena ground may have led to inviting other rodeo committees to do the same, by putting the spotlight on the importance of

quality arena conditions and being an example for other rodeo committees to follow. "After we started showing what we were doing and trying to improve things and keeping everybody informed, I guess then some of the other rodeos around started to do the same thing.

So I think that the contestants appreciated that," said Conner.

From the first barrel run of the 2024 Black Hills Roundup Rodeo to the last one, with several rain storms in between, the ground held up and stayed consistent.

"I think that it held up very well.

We had consistent times all for performances, and that's what we really striving for," said Conner.

All of the hard work and planning paid off for this year. The Black Hills Roundup received 3rd place for the 2024 Justin Best Footing Award within the Badlands Circuit. They were also honored with the Most Improved Award and recognition.

"For them to recognize all the effort that we put in to get our ground where it needs to be, we're very thankful for that, for that recognition," said Conner.

Thank You!

Thank you for the warm welcome at our ribbon-cutting and art event on October 17 & 19, 2024!

We are especially grateful to the area businesses who helped prepare our space and community members who expressed support for arts-in-health programming in the community.

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Veterans Flag Retirement Ceremony



VFW members visited the BFMS 5th and 6th graders to talk about flag etiquette, what it means to be a veteran, and the White Table. The visiting veterans help the students appreciate the service of our military and the celebration in the BFMS gym at 2 PM on November 11th.



Buck DeWesse (L) LeEllen McCartney (C), & Leo Nelson (R) visited the 7th Grade classes on October 29th to talk about their experiences in the military.

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The **Belle Fourche Honor Guard** shared the **Flag Retirement Ceremony** with the 8th grade class, having the students help respectfully retire old and worn flags.

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Halloween Costume Contest Winners:



Lee Hodge of *Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery* led the Halloween Parade down State Street. *Longbrake photo*

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| 0-2 Years | | Scariest | |
| Prettiest | | 1. Charlie Hunsley | |
| 1. Scottie Hennessey | | 2. Malakye Engler | |
| 2. Olivia Cook | | 3. Zane Inghram | |
| 3. Ridley Resesvorz | | | |
| Scariest | | Most Original | |
| 1. Steven Brown | | 1. Tegan Lei | |
| 2. Nasya Beatson | | 2. Greya Jensen | |
| 3. John Buckley | | 3. Drew Jewett | |
| Most Original | | 5- 7 Years | |
| 1. Margaret Bradford | | Prettiest | |
| 2. Taleb Biggs | | 1. Clara Bradford | |
| 3. Roy Richardson | | 2. Isla Fox | |
| 3-4 Years | | 3. Charlie Hennesy | |
| Prettiest | | Scariest | |
| 1. Hayden Voldbaek | | 1. Ricki Lei | |
| 2. Adlee Fox | | 2. Sapphire Grusing | |
| 3. Emersyn Lalonde | | 3. Elias Lalonde | |
| Scariest | | Most Original | |
| 1. Edward Jones | | 1. Mila Hudson | |
| 2. Izzy Rezac | | 2. William Bonefield | |
| 3. Ivan Horton | | 3. Owen Dennis | |
| Most Original | | 8-10 Years | |
| 1. Liam Hudson | | Prettiest | |
| 2. Jaxsen Beane | | 1. Raylynn Salway | |
| 3. Royce Bachman | | 2. Dotty Hoffman | |
| Family | | 3. Khloey Beane | |
| 1. Uttecht Family - Steven, Liz, Eberly, and Owen | | Scariest | |
| 2. Wyatt Sather, Cali Ginsbach, Quinn, and Riley | | 1. Edward Jones | |
| 3. Ozuna Family - Amanda, Brendon, and Micah | | 2. Izzy Rezac | |
| 4. Samantha Schlosser and Calvin | | 3. Ivan Horton | |

Following the **Halloween Parade**, kids stopped by business to trick or treat. *Longbrake Photos*



Lions, tigers and bears oh my! Trick or treating on State Street following the **Halloween Parade**.



The event featured carnival games for trick-or-treaters to enjoy. *Heitz photo*

Bright Gallery contd. from A1 making, from the UW in Seattle, WA and an MFA in Painting USD, Vermillion, SD. As an artist Ariadne works in various mediums but considers herself to be primarily a painter. She has reconfigured the building to serve several functions. There is space to accommodate the Bright Gallery, studio space for working and teaching, and there is even some room devoted to wellness merchandise for sale. Much of Ariadne's career has been spent as an art teacher at the university level. She has taught art in various regions of the country and in some untraditional settings too.

Early in her career, Ariadne



Ariadne Albright

began to understand the powerful potential of art. She became aware of a growing body of research that pointed to how art can improve one's mental, physical and emotional health. In fact, this realization augmented by scientific research supported her idea that art has value for health professionals in the treatment of mental, physical and emotional ailments. The appreciation of the connection between art for art's sake is powerful, but more powerful when art is used to heal. Ariadne's work as an arts in health consultant with Sanford Health led to the development of a new university program. In 2018, Albright, with the University of South Dakota's College of Fine Arts, developed an Arts in Health Certificate program to train future creatives and health care professionals. The arts in health program at USD in Vermillion is the first of its kind in SD. Their online courses offer the training in using multiple artforms to support individuals in settings such as hospitals, schools, senior and adult living centers, and prisons, thus bringing the benefits of creativity to a wide range of people. Her company, Creative Care, LLC, was established in 2019 to expand arts programming in our region. Its mission is to

create meaningful, hands-on art projects for the community and healthcare settings with people of all ages and abilities. Currently Ariadne is an Arts in Health educator at the University of South Dakota where she created the curriculum and teaches the Arts in Health Minor and Certificate courses. She continues to be an advocate for Arts in Health Education. She enjoys traveling for arts residencies with the South Dakota Arts Council Artists in Schools and Communities Program. Currently her emphasis is on how the arts can positively impact the incarcerated within our SD correctional facilities. Ariadne is scheduled to host art classes at The Bright Gallery, December 11 - 14, 2024. Also planned are quarterly art events at the Bright Gallery. Each show will include a reception for interested audiences. The next exhibition, funded in part by a South Dakota Arts Council, is I Believe: Arts & Incarceration, open on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2025, with a presentation at 11:00 am. To learn more visit thebright-gallery.com or creativecarellc.com. Follow Creative Care, LLC on Facebook or contact Ariadne at ariadne@thebrightgallery.com



(L) A sanctuary space at the **Gallery**; (R) The space lends itself well to a gallery for to produce and display art.



Some of the wellness products offered for sale at the **Bright Gallery**.



The **2024 Halloween Spooktacular** saw a huge turnout with record numbers: 1,136 attendees in total, with 694 of them being children. The line was out the door! *Heitz photo*

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Get out your best red, white, and blue attire! The Belle Fourche Schools are inviting you to celebrate our veterans on Veterans Day with music, poetry, and speeches. The Belle Fourche High School program is at 9 AM on Monday, the 11th at the BF Rec Center Theater. The featured speaker is hometown hero, SSG Nic Allen.

The Belle Fourche Middle School program is at 2 PM on the 11th in the BFMS gymnasium. The program this year will include a special choir performance of music and history of the Civil War, as well as famous patriotic poetry, speeches, and songs. The BFMS band will present the songs of the military branches. The Belle Fourche kindergarten students will open the program with their usual excitement and special presentation of "God Bless America". The middle school will also host a cookie & beverage reception after the program.

Guests are welcome at both of these programs, as well as one more at the Rolling Hills nursing home program at 10:30 AM where the BFMS choir and poetry presenters will present a short program for residents, friends and family.

The BFHS took two quartets to the All State Choir & Orchestra concert in Sioux Falls: Alexandra Klocek, Trinity Hostetter, Nora Bricker, Kaeli Thompson, Derek Scott, Tim Thompson, Kale Williams, and Stephen Stein. Alternates this year were Kai Marshall, Lily Tippman, Ember Shannon, and John Hale. After intense practice and collaboration with schools from across the entire state, the concert was held in the Denny Sanford Center on November 2nd.

BFACT is having a Christmas show this December 13-15! The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - the Musical! After two nights of auditions, directors Sharon Thompson, Rachel Muncie and Kelsey Reid filled all the roles with these wonderful actors and singers: Ralph: Titus Thompson; Imogene: Kaeli Thompson; Leroy: Tyler Stratman; Claude: Cade Pearson; Ollie: Andrew Thompson; Gladys: Talia Thompson; Grace: Jay Atkins; Bob: Wes Barnhouse; Beth: Hope Ogaard; Charlie: Jace Olson; Alice: Rebecca Jones; Ivy: Kaya Pesicka; Elmer: Braxton Reid; Teddy: Brux Hartman; Reverend Hopkins: Alexander Reeves; Helen: Karen Jensen; Luanne: Cadence Gallagher; Betty: Katharina Reeves; Connie: Jen Zoller and the Ensemble: Jeff Reason, Mike Meemken, Riley Mehlhaff, Raya Meemken, Alora Thompson, Taylor Zoller, Dante Preist, Clara Reid, Ember Olson, Adalyn Savory, Hope Sinke, Lucia Rodrigues, Heidi Willey, Britta Hagen, & Alexandra Huber!

Now is a good time to add these school and other fine arts events to your calendars!

November 11: Veterans' Day Programs @ the BFMS (2 PM) & the BFHS (9 AM)

November 21-23: BFHS Fall Production - TBA!

December 2: BFHS Band & Chorus Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

December 9: BFHS/MS Jazz Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater

December 13-15: BFACT holiday production: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical.

December 16: BFMS (6-8th) Chorus Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

December 20: Belle Fourche K-4th Grade Concert, BF Rec Center Theater, times TBA

January 20: BFMS Band Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the *juicy backstage dish and green room gossip!* Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up!

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December 3rd ~ Auction 5:30
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Community Calendar

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AA Meetings
 Meetings are held on
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Writer's Group
 Regular Meeting: Meeting will be Saturday, at 10 AM.
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Nov. 11- Veteran's Day- Office Closed	December 2024
Nov. 12- Redwater meeting (details: TBD)	Dec. 7- Coaches Training- Lennox & Potter County
Nov. 28 & 29 Thanksgiving-	December 24-26 Christmas- Office Closed

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Anything Left in the Barrel?



November arrived with a change of time & weather.

When this issue is in your hands the election is over, and we

hope that the battling will end and the work to fix things begins

We can turn to honoring the Veterans who have fought to preserve our right to express our opinions and voting preferences in this great Democracy.

Public is invited to attend the BF Middle School's 28th Annual Veteran's Day program at 2:00pm at 1302 Ziebach street. Attend and show your support.

Veteran's Day is just the warm up for Holiday activities and events. Watch the calendar for what's coming: Polar Express, band & choir Holiday concerts, Parade of Lights, Fireworks, Thanksgiving Pie & Turkey.

In case you've been thinking 'what else can we do in November' the Beacon fully intends to help you out.

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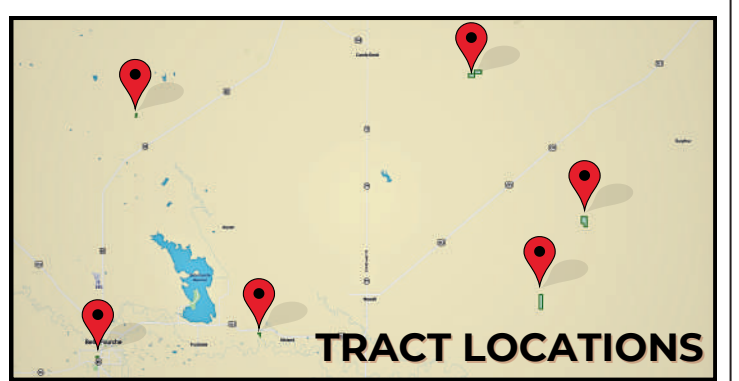
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TRACT LOCATIONS

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Oh, Almost forgot to mention in addition to the 7th Birthday of the Beacon, the Cupcakes and Ice-cream will also commemorate the 70th Birthday of the Beacon's gray haired old publisher.



To All of
Our Veterans,
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Russ Johnson

Weapons Specialist, US Air Force

I could not have achieved what I did without the support of my family. For me, Veterans Day is an opportunity to remember the friends I served with and the people that paid the price in order for our flag to fly.

Brian Morgan

Master Sergeant SD Army National Guard

I've been in the military for over 25 years and I continue to serve. Veterans Day to me is not about the recognition, it's more about those that I served with - other veterans. It's for those around us. It's my duty help the country in a time of need.

Michelle Buchanan

Petty Officer First Class, US Navy

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Cattle Report - Friday, November 1, 2024

Just over 6000 hd today
Market on light calves was \$3 to \$5 higher
Market on big calves was steady

Next sale - Wednesday, November 6th - Spring Calf Special - 12:00 Noon
Friday, November 8th - Yrfg & Spring Calf Special - 8 AM Yearlings followed by Spring Calves
Saturday, November 9th - Weigh Up Sale & Bred Cow Special - 9 AM Weigh Ups, 12 Noon Bred Cows
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Spring Calves

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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 31, 2024

Welcome moisture out our numbers but still had a good sale
Lamb market was sure steady on all weights with a lot of demand
Not many slaughter ewes and they sold lower

Next sale - November 7th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of sheep and goats
Expecting 2500 to 3000 lambs
Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs

Table listing various sheep sales with columns for name, quantity, price, and other details.

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Table listing various sheep sales with columns for name, quantity, price, and other details.

Slaughter Ewes

Table listing various sheep sales with columns for name, quantity, price, and other details.

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Feeder Lamb Special 1:00 PM

Expecting 2500 to 3000 Feeder Lambs

Please have animals in by 10:00 AM
So they can all be weighed before the sale!

2024 SHEEP SALES

- November 14th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 21st - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 28th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 12th - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 19th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

2024 CATTLE SALES

- Friday, November 15th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 16th - Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups
Friday, November 22nd - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 23rd - Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups
Friday, November 29th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 30th - Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special
Friday, December 6th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, December 13th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
Friday, December 20th - Last Sale Of 2024 - Bred Heifer & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Spring Calf Special

12:00 Noon -- Spring Calves

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
Vaccinated NI- No Implants

Calves

- Cuka & Williams - 300 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 475-600# - BT, PC, NI
Moe Farm & Ranch - 300 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC - No Hfrs Kept
John Humbrecht - 230 Blk & Charx Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC
Quaal Ranch - 105 Mostly Char & A Few Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-575# - BT, PC, NI, Poured
JD Grieves - 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 525-650# - BT, PC
Bill Maycock - 90 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 450-500# - BT, PC
Wagner & Neiman - 80 Red Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Tim Moinerney - 65 Blk & Red Strs - 500-525# - BT, PC
Larry & Sandra Nelson - 55 Red Strs & Hfrs - 425-475# - BT, PC
Preston Novak - 40 Blk & Few Red Strs & Hfrs - 450-525# - BT, PC
Jensen Ranch - 30 Red Strs - 550-600# - BT, PC, Weaned
Matt & Jana Hoffman - 25 Blk Strs - 600-625# - BT, PC, NI, Poured
Gerald McInerney - 12 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC

Plus more by sale time!

Friday, November 8, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

Red Angus Calf Special

8:00 AM -- Yearlings followed by Calves

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
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Calves

- Davis Ranch - 300 Herf & Blk Baldy Strs & Hfrs - 425-550# - BT, PC
Whitney & Grubb - 200 Blk & Few Red Strs & Hfrs - 475-575# - BT, PC
Manken Ranch - 200 Red Angus Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC, NI
Jim Schmidt - 175 Blk Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC
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Smith Ranch Inc - 120 Blk Strs - 500-560# - BT, PC, NI
Enoch Schaffer - 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 400-500# - BT, PC
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VIEWPOINT I

First election doubled as trial for U.S. Constitution

Guest column by David Adler, The Alturas Institute

The presidential election of 1788, the first under the newly minted Constitution, was unusual and even unique in ways that 21st Century Americans can scarcely imagine. For one, there was no campaigning. In the 18th Century, it was an unwritten rule that any display of ambition would be unseemly.

For another, George Washington, widely viewed as Father of His Country was, for all practical purposes, anointed by his fellow citizens. As it happened, he was elected unanimously by the Electoral College, a feat that he would achieve, again, in the election of 1792.

Washington's election to the presidency was no surprise, to anyone. It was a foregone conclusion, as soon as the Constitution was ratified, that Washington would be the nation's first president. America needed its first chief executive to be a man of unimpeachable integrity, someone perceived to be above partisan politics while practicing politics, with an unvarnished reputation, who embodied the premise and promise of the American Revolution and could unite the nation while leading the embryonic republic. Washington enjoyed the unreserved trust of his countryman, a point emphasized by Alexander Hamilton, who said the first administration — and the Constitution itself — would be on trial.

After the Constitutional Convention adjourned on September 17, 1787, Hamilton made it his mission to persuade Washington to stand for election. He appealed to Washington's sense of duty, in an exchange of letters. He warned Washington of the perils facing the nation if the first administration were headed by mediocre men unable to set the constitutional machinery in motion. The Framers of the Constitution, he explained, would be blamed for "bringing about a revolution in government without substituting anything that was worthy of the effort."

Washington was little interested in further public service and looked forward to retirement and peace at Mount Vernon, adding that he feared the citizenry might have expectations that he could not meet, given his lack of

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experience in government. But Hamilton was unrelenting and said that Washington, by signing the Constitution and promoting its ratification, had essentially promised to do everything in his power to give it life. "It is to little purpose to have introduced a system," he wrote, "if the weightiest influence is not given to its firm establishment, in the outset."

Washington answered the call. There was no mystery surrounding his election, but a defect in the Electoral College, Hamilton emphasized, might prove awkward and self-defeating. The Federalists had agreed to vote for Washington for president and John Adams for vice-president. However, the presidential electors under the Constitution cast two votes apiece, but did not vote separately for president and vice-president. Whoever garnered the most votes became president and the runner up vice-president. The problem was obvious. A tie vote would send the election to

the House of Representatives and potential mischief. Worse, the vice-presidential candidate might become president. Hamilton, an astute strategist, told James Wilson, second in importance to James Madison as an architect of the Constitution, of his plan to approach several of the electors with the request that they "waste" their votes by supporting various candidates other than Adams to prevent him from sneaking past Washington and becoming president. Hamilton's strategy proved successful. When the 69 electors met on Feb. 4, 1789, they voted unanimously for Washington to be president and cast only 34 votes for Adams, who came in second and became vice-president.

While Hamilton and the Federalists were pleased, Adams was not. The relatively weak showing was a blow to his vanity, and he wondered aloud whether this "stain" on his character should lead him to decline the office.

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Hamilton's plan was designed to help Washington, not harm Adams, but the first vice-president never forgave him for being unforgivably duplicitous.

Years later, Hamilton expressed surprise when he learned of Adams' resentment toward him for what he truly believed was a sincere effort to engineer Washington's election. Hamilton described Adams' reaction as proof of his "extreme egotism" and vanity. "Great was my astonishment and equally great my regret when afterwards I learned that Mr. Adams had complained of unfair treatment in not having been permitted to take an equal chance with General Washingt-

ton."

In 1788, Hamilton was unaware of Adams's desire to be president, but in the election of 1800, Hamilton deliberately thwarted Adams' pursuit of the presidency. We discuss that strategy next week.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education. This column is made possible with the support of the South Dakota Humanities Council, South Dakota News-Media Association and The Dakota Scout..



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124 years ago THE TIMES
November 2, 1899
DISCOVERY WILL SAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
Process at Golden Reward Smelter May Extract Precious Metals Considered Waste. EXPERIMENT WILL SOON BE MADE Fifty to Seventy-Five Cents is Left in Every Ton Smelted - Mining News - Important Railway Case

Deadwood, SD, Oct. 31 - An interesting experiment is to be made at the Golden Reward smelter here, conducted by Harris Franklin, general superintendent and vice president of the company. Ever since the smelter started to treat ore, the slag or waste stuff from the furnaces has accumulated at the waste dump until a great mountain of it has been piled up. The smelting process saves about 95 per cent of the values of the ore and it is estimated that from 50 to 75 cents is left in every ton of ore treated. In the great dump of slag at the smelter there is not less than a million dollars worth of the precious metals which has been dumped out with the waste. Mr. Franklin has commenced the erection of a plant near the smelter where he will experiment on a process which, it is claimed, will extract every cent of value in the old slag dump.

Ordered to Manila
 Washington, Oct. 25 - The Seventh infantry has been ordered from Camp Meade, Pa., to New York, to take the transport Thomas for the Philippines.

100 years
The Belle Fourche Bee
November 6, 1924
A REPUBLICAN LANDSLIDE Pres. Coolidge, McMaster. **Williamson, Gunderson and State Officials Receive Large Majorities County Elects Republican Officials With the Exception of Register of Deed and County Commissioner in the Second District**

Latest reports over the state and country give a decisive victory for the republican candidates for state and national offices. Coolidge will have 471 votes in the electoral college, with 366 needed to elect. With 1,600 out of 1,888 precincts in the state reporting Coolidge has 92,667, LaFollette 65,180, Davis 24,577. Coolidge carried every county west of the Missouri river. The same number of precincts give McMaster 80,828, Cherry 56,968; Ayers 18,206, Bates 4,965, Egan 9,540. Wil-

liamson for congress in the third district received 19,000 votes to 6,000 for Russell, his nearest opponent. Gunderson, republican candidate for governor, will have a large majority as will the entire state republican ticket. The constitutional convention proposal for this state will be defeated by a two to one vote. Ideal weather conditions in Butte county Tuesday of this week brought out a large vote, a total of 2,227 being cast for sheriff, the largest vote

GOOD MARGIN OF PROFIT FOR DEALERS
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Thursday's Boston Transcript said: Contracting of wool on the sheep's back in the west has broadened materially. During the past day or to the movement has assumed very large proportions. Estimates are that well up to 15,000,000 pounds of 1925 wool has been tied up so far in various sections, the wires being kept hot with the latest news from the field, as well as for instruction regarding further operations. It is no longer a question of the election. The wool trade has passed that point without stopping, just as earlier it discarded the New York goods market as an indicator of wool conditions. The momentous question in the wool trade is how to move in order to handle the next domestic clip most economically and profitably.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
November 3, 1949
STATE'S SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY RECALLS NOTABLE PROGRESS

-Governor George T. Mickelson said this week that South Dakota has made outstanding progress during 60 years of statehood. Pointing out that South Dakota became a state of November 2, 1889, the Governor said "South Dakota has done well with the natural resources that fell to her; in the division of Dakota 60 years ago."

Took Statehood in Stride, Says Dave Barr, Nearing 92

People just more or less took it in stride when South Dakota became a state 60 years ago yesterday." Recalls Dave C. Barr, who has been in this part of the country since 1886. They just took it all like they take things today, the pioneer added. There wasn't a lot of excitement one way or the other, although residents were glad to become a separate state. The white-



by Mary Buchholz

haired pioneer will celebrate his 92nd birthday next Tuesday. Still active and with a memory that puts many younger people to shame, Barr as born Nov. 8 1857, in Missouri, in another century as he puts it. Barr, who worked as a paper hanger and painter, has always been interested in political affairs. He has spent many years in the courthouse, holding the offices of country auditor, register of deeds and clerk of counts. When he was 70 years old, he painted the Masonic temple, inside and out. Barr loves to paint, especially pictures of cowboys, flowers and human characters. One of his paintings, a large cowboy scene, hangs in the Don Pratt hotel. There also is a portrait of him, done by himself in the Masonic temple.

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50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
November 8, 1974

Hersrud, Cooper, Moses Brandenburg New Judges
 Leslie Hersrud of Perkins county, Clarence Cooper of Lawrence county, Ed Brandenburg of Butte county and Scott Moses of Meade county have apparently won election to the position of circuit judge for the eighth district. Of the four winners, Hersrud and Cooper are currently circuit judges in the eighth district. Moses has been serving as an acting county district judge and Brandenburg is a practicing lawyer.

Mortimer, Millett, Riedy Retain Posts

Voters of the 28th legislative district have apparently returned the incumbents to the state legislature. Incomplete tabulations from Tuesday's election show John Riedy winning another term as state senator from the four-county district and Harold Millett and G. F. Moritmer returning to their house seats.

CANDLES AND MIRRORS #3
By DeAnn Kruempel
"The Tiny Wooden Bridge"

We all have them. Pictures from the past that are so clear in our minds it is as if we saw them only yesterday. At any given time, with the smallest reminder, an image can flash before us.

Our mother stood barely five feet tall, including the wedge heels on her size-five leather shoes. But in my mind's eye she always fit perfectly in her kitchen. Whether she stood at the sink, the stove or the table, a sense of rightness emanated from her as she worked. Invariably, I remember a smile on her face. And more often than not, she held a wooden spoon in her left hand.

The spoon had a long handle, and by the time I came along it was well-seasoned; the bowl and lower part were stained darker than the top. Mom reached for her favorite spoon when she brought out the big earthenware bowl to mix cookies. The wooden tool blended many cups of flour into yeasty batter that was turned into bread, rolls or tuffies. She chose the spoon from the drawer when she mixed meat loaf. Her bare left arm moved over the steaming cast-iron fry pan, using the spoon to turn chunks of browning hamburger. Later the utensil swirled through the kettle of chili, making sure it did not scorch to the bottom. The long handle peeked from the top of the canning kettle, ready to stir the thick apple butter that softly bubbled around it.

I wish I would have asked our mother where she got that beloved spoon. Did her mother present it to her just-married daughter with a few bowls and pans? "These will get you started in your own kitchen, Mabel." Or, "I have extra things I will



share." Or did Mom and Dad use some of their meager savings to purchase things she knew they would need to set up housekeeping? What would a wooden spoon have cost in 1939?

That spoon spanned a lot of years and stirred up a bounty of wonderful memories. Much smaller hands often reached for the same spoon, learning hands. Deloris, Darlene, Dorothy and I stood at our mother's side as she happily taught us what every girl should know, often handing over the tasks of mixing, blending and scraping. Since Mom was left-handed, one edge wore down slightly more than the other. Darlene and Dorothy contributed to the left-handed flattening.

Back then I never noticed the wear, nor did I consider how very precious that spoon was. But I will never forget how right it seemed when Mom held it; she was happiest when she was in her kitchen mixing up good things to feed her family.

The spoon bridged generations and today belongs to my sister, Dorothy. Nearly eighty years later that same wooden spoon is still mixing, stirring and blending. From apple cake to brownies to chili, another loving hand continues to wear down the left side. And I am very certain as she blends and mixes memories for her family, my sister is smiling.

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Davy Barr, Belle Fourche pioneer & painter



This painting by Davy Barr, was hung in the Butte county courthouse during the 1950's, later was restored by the local Johnny Spaulding Questers club and now hangs in the Tri-State Museum.

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The producers of your hamburger and steak have an issue with the government

Lawsuit filed by groups to block new electronic reporting requirements

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A group of ranchers and organizations representing cattlemen have filed suit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture, asking a judge to block a rule requiring the use of electronic tags on cattle.

The multiple plaintiffs, including the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association and ranchers in South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming, are accusing the department of trying to ram through the tagging regulation for more than a decade.

"This case is about a common occurrence – a federal agency moving forward to achieve its preferred objective, regardless of the statutory limits placed on it and absent any rational consideration of the costs and benefits of its actions," the lawsuit says. The group is represented by the New Civil Liberties Alliance, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group that seeks to overturn what it considers intrusive government regulations.

At issue in the case is a controversial proposal to require producers to use electronic tags on cattle or bison that are 18 months or older and sexually intact that are transported over state lines. The electronic tags

would contain unique information about each animal and the data maintained in a database.

Some cattle producers fear the data could be used in a way that threatens them with more regulation or compromises their privacy.

Federal officials with USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, the office that promulgated the rule, argue that electronic ear tags will enable officials to trace disease outbreaks and prevent animals from getting sick. Mandatory ear tags have the backing of the National Milk Producers Federation and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The Stockgrowers Association lawsuit, filed in federal court in South Dakota, calls the regulation an overreach that violates federal law.

"Here," the complaint says, "APHIS has single-mindedly pursued its goal of electronically tracking the nation's cattle herd through multiple failed attempts to mandate radio frequency ("RFID") ear tags for the nation's cattle herd."

In 2005, APHIS announced plans to implement mandatory electronic tracking of all cattle from birth to death. But after pushback from the industry, the proposal was withdrawn in 2010. By 2013, the government was back with a new proposal. This time, according to the lawsuit, it involved stakeholder input. The final rule required

that cattle moved across state lines be identified with several forms of identification, including electronic tags or metal identification tags.

By 2019, APHIS was again pushing an all-electronic identification system, but the office withdrew the proposal under threat of a lawsuit. Another effort came in 2020, but that, too, was withdrawn. Then came the 2024 rule being challenged by Thursday's lawsuit.

One of the arguments made in the suit is that the rule failed to address federal law when it comes to administrative regulations that adversely harm small

businesses. The vast majority of beef and dairy cattle are raised on operation that generate less than \$2.5 million a year in cash receipts. The costs of electronic tags are vastly more than visual tags or brands, according to the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs accuse USDA of overstepping its authority granted under federal law. The department has not responded. "USDA and APHIS are pursuing their objectives without

any regard to the statutory limitations placed on them by Congress," said the NCLA's lawyer, Kara Rollins. "Sadly, in this instance, America's ranchers have been left holding the bag and footing the bill for this unlawful rule."

Besides Rollins, the plaintiffs are represented by NCLA's John Vecchione and Sheng Li. Local counsel is Jack Hieb of Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb in Aberdeen..



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	13	Black-Hfr	453	310.00	\$1,405.73
Todd Family Lp, Upton WY	106	Black-Str	572	316.00	\$1,806.71
	27	Black-Str	491	331.00	\$1,623.73
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	65	Black-Str	394	394.00	\$1,552.96
	42	Black-Hfr	462	309.50	\$1,430.70
	64	Black-Hfr	384	334.00	\$1,281.46
	12	Black-Hfr	284	377.50	\$1,071.15
Joe Breeding, Ekalaka MT	18	Blk/Bwf-Str	666	285.00	\$1,896.83
	11	Blk/Bwf-Str	555	310.00	\$1,719.09
	10	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	597	266.50	\$1,591.00
Drake Burch, Ekalaka MT	15	Black-Str	611	280.00	\$1,711.73
	6	Black-Str	492	323.00	\$1,588.08
Odis Or Edith Hewson, Buffalo SD	29	Blk/Bwf-Str	548	314.00	\$1,719.42
	18	Blk/Bwf-Str	439	354.00	\$1,553.66
Kendall Johnson, Wolf Point MT	36	Blk/Bwf-Str	524	318.50	\$1,669.02
	26	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	477	300.00	\$1,431.34
Ross Garman Family, Sundance WY	34	Blk/Bwf-Str	514	307.00	\$1,577.43
	4	Rwf/Bwf-Str	520	296.00	\$1,539.20
	6	Blk/Bwf-Str	419	371.00	\$1,555.10
	24	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	456	317.50	\$1,447.93
	10	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	343	350.00	\$1,198.75
Robert C Amot, Avada WY	57	Blk/Bwf-Str	561	306.00	\$1,717.89
	38	Blk/Bwf-Str	478	335.00	\$1,600.06
	15	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	495	261.00	\$1,292.82
	13	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	444	290.00	\$1,288.26
Darrell Or Jeanne Ennen, Rapid City SD	64	Blk/Bwf-Str	657	286.00	\$1,878.66
	56	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	624	288.50	\$1,675.48
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	55	Black-Str	665	283.00	\$1,882.72
	5	Black-Str	517	305.00	\$1,576.85
Pierre Etchemendy, Lost Springs WY	39	Blk/Rd/Ch-Str	578	303.50	\$1,755.63
	39	Blk/Rd/Ch-Hfr	564	274.00	\$1,545.64
Mt Consignment	7	Black-Str	505	297.00	\$1,499.85
	11	Black-Str	445	345.00	\$1,536.81
	10	Black-Str	346	403.00	\$1,392.36

James Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	25	Black-Hfr	493	305.00	\$1,504.87
	21	Black-Hfr	400	320.00	\$1,280.00
Jed Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	5	Black-Hfr	592	293.00	\$1,734.56
	3	Black-Str	463	337.00	\$1,561.43
Mt Consignment	19	Red/Rwf-Str	515	300.00	\$1,544.21
	27	Rwf/Hfr-Hfr	434	299.00	\$1,297.88
	16	Rwf/Hfr-Hfr	372	331.00	\$1,231.94
Shawn Hollowell, Forsyth MT	47	Char-Str	512	319.00	\$1,634.36
	54	Char-Hfr	485	293.00	\$1,451.16
Anderson Inc, Malta, MT	88	Char-Hfr	465	304.00	\$1,414.11
Tom Coolahan, Hermosa SD	10	Blk/Bwf-Str	451	345.00	\$1,558.95
	33	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	545	279.00	\$1,521.81
	15	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	434	311.00	\$1,350.77
Ty Krell, Sundance WY	18	Blk/Bwf-Str	511	319.00	\$1,631.33
	20	Blk/Bwf-Str	503	287.00	\$1,442.17
Jack Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD	16	Blk/Bwf-Str	491	325.00	\$1,595.54
	17	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	508	285.00	\$1,448.47
Peter Sobotka, Whitewood SD	5	Black-Str	507	314.00	\$1,591.98
	15	Black-Hfr	599	268.50	\$1,609.21
Mike & Evelyn Hunsaker, Hermosa SD	17	Black-Str	656	286.00	\$1,874.98
	11	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	614	266.00	\$1,632.27
Steve Or Romona Hight, Buffalo SD	9	Black-Hfr	566	268.00	\$1,515.68
Dave Mader, Biddle MT	74	Black-Str	480	342.50	\$1,644.23
	42	Black-Str	404	398.00	\$1,607.16
	58	Black-Hfr	422	329.00	\$1,388.60
	26	Black-Hfr	365	339.00	\$1,238.00
Kate Johnson, St Onge SD	12	Black-Str	520	311.00	\$1,617.20
Eugene/David Cadwell, Alzada MT	35	Black-Str	541	305.00	\$1,651.35
	21	Black-Str	460	344.00	\$1,581.58
	30	Black-Hfr	491	296.50	\$1,456.80
	20	Black-Hfr	417	320.00	\$1,332.80
Kirk Erickson, Rapid City SD	31	Rwf/Hfr-Str	618	263.00	\$1,625.50
Dahl Ranch Inc, Camp Crook SD	55	Black-Hfr	910	214.50	\$1,952.73
Watt Inc, Jordan MT	9	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	854	235.50	\$2,010.90
	14	Blk/Bwf-Hfr	835	219.00	\$1,827.86

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November 25, 2024	BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, BREDS @ 12 MT
December 5, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
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Butte County Volunteers Receive Awards from Northern Hills CASA

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Once a year, the Northern Hills CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Program in Spearfish looks forward to honoring the outstanding volunteers and professionals who make the work of protecting abused and neglected children in Butte, Meade, Lawrence, Perkins, Harding, Corson, Ziebach, and Dewey counties possible.

Last month five Butte County volunteers were among the honorees recognized at the annual NHCASA banquet in Spearfish.

Director Amy Cermak and Child Advocacy Specialist prepared the following accolades for Judge Mike Day, Susie Gross, Denise Schipke-Smeenck, Carol Christiansen, and Linda Stambaugh:

"The Outstanding Service to Children award is presented to someone who has devoted a majority of his/her life to serving the needs of our most vulnerable population. This year, we are delighted to honor an individual who has truly demonstrated this type of dedication. Judges play a key role in abuse and neglect proceedings. They make difficult decisions regarding children's futures. They appoint attorneys

and hold parties accountable by ensuring the entire system functions in the best interest of children. They must balance the constitutional and statutory rights of parents, as well as the needs of children; all while keeping in mind the importance of achieving permanency in a timely manner. Tonight's recipient goes to a Judge whose experiences, professionalism, and integrity led to his appointment as the 4th Judicial Circuit's Presiding Judge. He is always well-prepared for hearings, as he reads every report thoroughly and takes the recommendations into serious consideration when making his informed rulings. He notes he often reads the CASA Reports first, as it provides him with a true glimpse into the daily lives of abused/neglected children. He always acknowledges the presence of volunteers at

from C1 CASA

her cases, she has played an instrumental role in identifying services for children. Due to her calming nature, honest personality, and personal experiences, she has become role models for mothers, fathers, and kinship providers.

After becoming a CASA in March 2019, she accepted her first case in Butte County involving two young boys. She provided transportation for the father, helped him locate resources, delivered meals to the family, and was a strong proponent of the reunification of the family. Her second and third cases involved children in Meade County who were eligible for enrollment in Native American Tribes. She learned everything she could about the Indian Child Welfare Act and advocated for family placements, as a way to maintain cultural values. Her fourth case took her to a Lawrence County courtroom. Her extensive communication with everyone involved in the case was incredible.

Her meticulous contact logs and detailed reports earned her the 2020 Excellence in Court Reporting award. Three different judges expressed the value of the information noted in her CASA Reports and were particularly impressed by her recommendations.

Her job as a bus driver led to her current case, as she knew the youth involved. They were eager to have her as their CASA. This was her first time advocating for teenagers, but she is doing an incredible job working with this age group. She's taken them horseback riding, attended their sporting events, and with DSS and the mother's approval, has an overnight trip planned to take them to the ranch where she grew up.

She's developed a close and trusting relationship with the teens, which we can all agree is not an easy feat, and the relationship she has developed with the mother is harmonious. In fact, the mother shared how important the CASA is to her and her children at a recent Drug Court hearing. Stating how the CASA has been a mentor to her, and that she is openly appreciative of the volunteer's efforts. As the case nears closure, it is evident this volunteer will remain an active part of these children's lives for many years to come.

This CASA promotes our mission, has set an example to the community about what a CASA volunteer can be, and has earned the utmost respect from everyone involved in her cases. Her passion for being a CASA is undeniable. Advocating for abused and neglected children, by helping them achieve permanency in a safe, stable, loving environment, is the role of a Court Appointed Special Advocate. This volunteer has



Carol Christianson, Continual Excellence in Advocacy Award 2024 (Photo courtesy of Northern Hills CASA)

overwhelmingly surpassed the requirements of a CASA.

Please help us recognize CASA Volunteer, Susie Gross, with the prestigious 2024 Spirit of CASA award."

"The Continual Excellence in Advocacy award is given to those who have advocated for children, despite the lengthy duration of the proceedings, and continued to take on cases for several years. One incredible individual has been a volunteer since October 2014. She served on 3 cases involving 9 children, then decided to take a break. She completed the continuing education requirements and returned to being an advocate after a 3 1/2 year retirement. She is currently the voice for 3 youth who have experienced multiple placement changes, all of which were East River. The siblings were not placed together for over a year. This CASA felt strongly about the importance of seeing the children she serves, face-to-face, so she made several trips across the state to visit them. She has been commended by judges, attorneys, and DSS on her comprehensive court reports. When parental rights were terminated, this CASA was present at the final goodbye visit to ensure the children's emotional needs were being met. She consoled and comforted each child. We are incredibly thankful for her return to advocacy work. Her professional experiences as an educator have had an enormous impact on children.

Congratulations to Carol Christianson, one of tonight's recipients of the Continual Excellence in Advocacy award."

"Optima is a case management database system for volunteers to input their contact notes and other pertinent information. This can then be accessed by staff and allows

us to be up to date about every detail regarding active cases.

This year's Optima Excellence Award honor goes to one of our incredible advocates from 2022. Since taking on her second case as a Court Appointed Special Advocate in July, this volunteer has entered thirty contact logs which meticulously narrate her case involving a two-year-old child.

This volunteer travels close to 100 miles, one way, to see her CASA child and her particularly thorough notes are easily transferred from Optima into her court reports. She always communicates her observations and concerns to her case supervisor and strives to do all she can to ensure the child has stability. Her valuable lived experience has helped her be a superb advocate and I always look forward to the precious photos she captures of her CASA child.

We are incredibly lucky to have her as a CASA volunteer. Congratulations to Denise Schipke-Smeenck, the recipient of the Optima Excellence Award"

"The Mentoring Magnificence Award is a special honor that we bestow upon a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to not only mentor their CASA children, but to be a supportive and encouraging presence for parents. This CASA Volunteer was sworn in 2019 and has served on six cases and advocated for twelve children. This year the advocate served on two cases at the same time, which is no easy feat, especially given the unique challenges that came with each case. The first involved two sisters, who were placed in another state, 500 miles away, first with kin and then happily into trial reunification with their mother. Sadly, the oldest child suffered from



Denise Schipke-Smeenck, recipient of the 2024 Optima Excellence Award (Photo courtesy of Northern Hills CASA)



Linda Stambaugh, Mentoring Magnificence Award 2024 (Photo courtesy of Northern Hills CASA)

ongoing mental health struggles that resulted in two hospitalizations during the case. Navigating resources in-state is difficult enough; however, this CASA Volunteer took action to learn about resources where the family was living, and she played a vital role in getting necessary services in place for the family. Not only did the CASA advocate for the best interest of the child, but she helped motivate and inspire the mother to also be an incredibly strong advocate for her daughters.

The volunteer's second case involves a four-year-old boy who was removed from his mother's care due to substance abuse. The boys' father also struggled with addiction and never had the opportunity to be

a parent to his child; however, after expressing his desire to parent his son and making great progress on his case plan, the child was placed into a trial reunification with his father. Since the CASA's appointment to the case, the father quickly came to trust her and would frequently reach out to her for advice on parenting. He was open to her suggestions, and it was clear as the case progressed that he had developed some very positive parenting skills, much to the credit of the CASA volunteer. It is with great pleasure that I present the Mentoring Magnificence Award to Linda Stambaugh.

The NHCASA website is <https://www.nhcasa.com> New volunteers are always welcome.



CASA-Group Photo (Photo courtesy of Northern Hills CASA)

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Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship: 8:45 or 10:15 am

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden October 29, 2024



It was another beautiful week as far as the weather goes last week. Sunday was a lovely day in the mid 70s. If we get another week like last

week, trick or treaters are in for a 'treat'

Sandy and Larry Rhoden spent the weekend in Sioux Falls at the Governor's Pheasant Hunt. Sons Jesse, Cody, Reggie and Tristen Rhoden were in attendance with Cody's wife, Liz and Reggie's wife, Jennifer. They were all able to shoot a bird and the weather was cool but sunny. This has been a tradition for the last 6 years.

The 7th Annual Trunk 'r Treat will take place on Thursday, October 31 at the Red Owl Hall. It will go from 4:15 to 7:15 pm. All trick or treaters and their chaffeurs will be provided with hot dogs and drinks as well as 10-12 tables packed full of their Halloween favorites. This is a great way for kids to dress up in their favorite costumes and take

in a full night of Halloween fun without driving the many miles we do out here in the country. In a week we will be finished with the campaign season and we will either celebrate or mourn the results. There are 7 ballot initiatives on the SD ballot, so it's important to understand the consequences of every one as some are quite extreme.

The Meade County Republican Women will meet on Friday as it's the first Friday of the month. It is held at Pizza Ranch and begins at 5:30 pm.

May you be richly blessed this week as we say good bye to October and enter into the month of great harvest, November. To our prayer warriors, please pray for our elections as well as for what is best for South Dakota in reference to the ballot initiatives.

As a reminder, there is a pot luck dinner after church services after the first Sunday of the month and all are welcome to attend services and dinner afterward.

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

How Local Media Can Create Vibrant Communities

At a time when national headlines dominate our screens, the true catalysts of community transformation often can work quietly at the local level. Local media outlets from traditional newspapers to digital platforms that haven't cut staff to the core can serve as more than just information sources; they can be the architects of community vitality, they can enhance and report local triumph, weaving the fabric of unity in their local communities.



The power of local media is its ability to shine a spotlight on the stories that matter most to the community. When a family-owned restaurant celebrates its 50th anniversary, or students earns a prestigious scholarship, these stories deserve more than a social media post – they deserve thoughtful coverage that captures their significance to the community. Such reporting doesn't just inform; it inspires, connects, and motivates others to contribute to the community's success.

Local media outlets are positioned to drive economic development. By highlighting new businesses, profiling local entrepreneurs, and promoting "shop local" initiatives, they create a narrative of community. When a reporter covers the opening of a new boutique or interviews a local farmer about sustainable practices, they're helping to build a robust economy. This coverage attracts investors, encourages entrepreneurship, and helps existing businesses thrive.

Perhaps most critically, local media serves as the watchdog and interpreter of local governance. When city council meetings run late into the night, it's local reporters who stay to ensure transparency. They translate complex zoning proposals into relatable terms, track development projects, and hold officials accountable. This oversight encourages civic engagement and ensures that community decisions reflect residents' needs and aspirations.

Cultural preservation falls within local media's coverage as well. In an age of homogenization, local outlets become the guardians of community identity. They document local traditions, celebrate diverse voices, and ensure that a community's unique character endures. When a local paper covers a traditional festival or profiles a long-standing community leader, it's not just reporting – it's preserving cultural heritage for future generations.

The digital age has amplified its potential impact. Today's lo-

cal outlets can leverage multimedia storytelling, interactive features, and social media to engage audiences in new ways.

A story about local environmental initiatives might include interactive maps, video interviews, and real-time updates on social platforms. This digital transformation allows local media to meet audiences where they are while maintaining their essential community-building role.

Youth engagement represents another crucial aspect of local media's mission. By covering school events, highlighting student achievements, and creating opportunities for young journalists, local outlets help develop the next generation of community leaders. When young people see their activities and concerns reflected in local coverage, they're more likely to remain invested in their community's future.

During times of crisis, local media becomes especially vital. Whether facing natural disasters, economic challenges, or public health emergencies, local outlets provide critical information, coordinate community responses, and highlight stories of resilience. They become the central hub for connecting those in need with available resources and documenting the community's journey toward recovery.

The path forward for local media involves embracing innovation while staying true to their community-focused mission. This might mean developing new revenue models, fostering partnerships with community organizations, or creating mentorship programs for aspiring journalists. Success requires adapting to changing technologies and consumption habits while maintaining the trust and connection that make local media essential.

Measuring the impact of local media goes beyond website clicks or subscription numbers. The true metrics lie in community engagement, civic participation rates, business growth, and the tangible improvements visible in community life. When a town's Main Street flourishes, when voter turnout increases, when new community initiatives launch – these are the real indicators of local media's transformative power.

As we look forward, the role of local media in small communities becomes even more crucial. In a world of increasing disconnection, local outlets provide the authentic connection and shared narrative that communities need to thrive. They remind us that the most

Capitol News



Karen Odell
October 28, 2024

Another Indian summer week at Capitol and on Tie Creek. Still we are wishing for some rain. When we saw frost on the windows one morning, we were so excited about having that much moisture. Erma Albert was a little sad on Wednesday when she went to the chiropractor in Buffalo. She knew it was his last day of appointments in Buffalo. He is busy in Sturgis, so he won't be making the trip out to Buffalo. On Friday, Dick and Erma went to the monthly chicken dinner at the Senior Center. There were a couple of birthdays, and they got to have cake and ice cream for dessert. Erma stayed to play cards in the after noon. On Sunday, they went to church in the morning, and then had lunch at Saloon Number Three. There had been a women's retreat in the Hills and a church meeting after church, so they enjoyed each other's company at the Number Three. At church, it was nice to see that there were some visitors for Mass. Some travelers had stopped, in time for church, and also some hunters were there.

Lynn Gustafson went to the Hills, one day, and took the pick-up in to be worked on in Belle Fourche. Saturday was the day for the Fall Council meeting for the Fallon and Carter County Extension Clubs. This year it was at Ekalaka, so Lynn picked up Laurie Elmore and Dorothy Padden on her way to Ekalaka for the meeting. Bruce and Lynn went to church at Little Missouri Church on Sunday morning. Then in the afternoon, Lynn got the rest of

her garden in. She brought in her carrots and potatoes for the winter. She had stored onions in the garage, but the mice found one batch. Karen Odell doesn't have to worry about mice. She still has many cats to give away, but has no mice.

Doug Davis had the dating problem that happens sometimes. He had promised to help work cows at Ronda Cordell's on Friday.

It was below freezing and he had to dig out his winter hats and gloves. As it happened, that was the day that Dan Davis needed some help shipping calves, so Morgan Buck went over to Dan's to help out. Two dates on the same day can be a problem sometimes, but this time it worked out ok. On Saturday, Doug and Julia went to Broadus for the 80th birthday party for a cousin, Charlie Russell. As it turned out, they got to share in renting a house for the night, so it was a relief not to have to drive home so late at night. They got to see people who came from many states and cousins that they hadn't seen in years. They had a great visit with cousins from Oregon. Junior and Shirley Melum had a great time when they visited John and Kay Ovitz, on Wednesday. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy picked them up and took them for the visit.

Work on the Padden ranch on Wednesday, was preg-testing. Romela Heady and her son, Erik, had stayed with Bryce and Dawn after the wedding in the hills, last week. That allowed them to be ready to help work cows on Wednesday. They had a good crew and got the work done in good time. On Thursday, Dorothy had an ap-

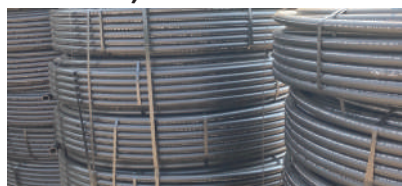
pointment in Billings for some clinical tests. Bryce and Dawn went to the regional football game against Dupris. State Cross-Country competition was on Saturday, so Dawn rode with Brayden and Kamry to the Hills to see Kala and Kanyn compete in the state event. It was a good day, and they did well in their first attempt at the sport. Dorothy had ridden with Lynn Gustafson and Laurie Elmore, to Ekalaka, that day, for the Fallon-Carter Extension Clubs Fall Council Meeting. The Ekalaka Pup-Town Pioneers club hosted this year's event.

This week, Karen Odell spent much time working outside. There was mowing to do even though it is extremely dry. The dry weeds were a danger. The mowing mostly stirred up dirt and required gloves and glasses. Karen piled firewood, and is still picking up things after the big wind-storm. She made a trip to Wolff's in Camp Crook, and visited with Tyler Wolff, Yvonne Yoder and Janet Odell. She visited with her cousin, Ralph Anderson, who was soon going to Florida for the winter. On Thursday, Karen got to see Kellan Odell's football game at Yankton, on Youtube. It was a good game for Kellan, and Mitchell even scored a couple of times against the top ranked triple A team in the state. Saturday and Sunday were birthdays for Mollie, Jeff, and Cody in various parts of the country, so there was some texting to celebrate.

Karen did some shopping in Buffalo on Saturday. She went to church at Marietta, Georgia on the internet, and enjoyed a beautiful, warm, sunny Sunday. Sometimes you need to take the bull by the horns. It's letting go that's the problem.

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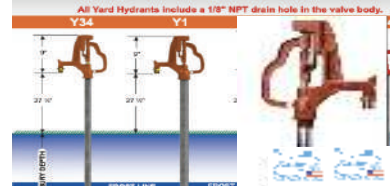
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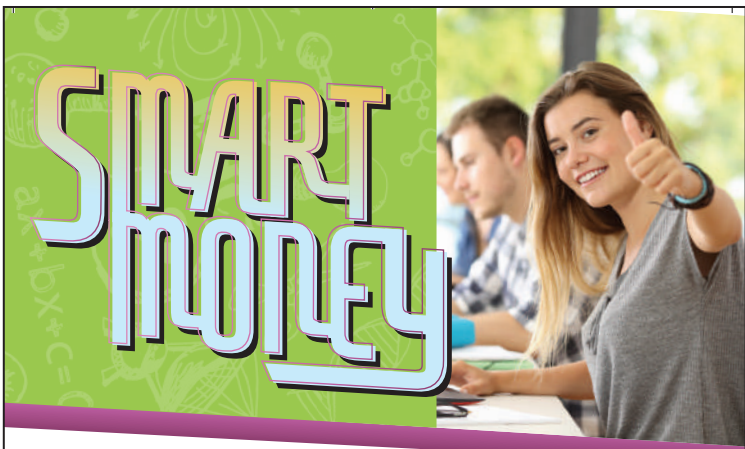
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The entrance to the control room. This is where the trainers monitor and control everything happening inside the fire area. Longbrake photo

Contd. from A1 **Firefight-** and then work like there's a fire in the basement," explained Ward.

The state-of-the-art simulator is lined with cameras, fire sensors and fire controls. Everything is watched and controlled by the trainer sitting in a separate control room.

"On the other side of the wall there is a computer screen that people monitor what's going on. So if they see something going wrong, they can shut the gas down, get the heat out of here and keep people safe," said Ward.

Sometimes when faced with a fire for the first time, people panic. This is designed to keep them safe.

Inside of the trailer there are different areas that light on fire. Fire can shoot down from the ceiling or up from the ground or line an entire wall.

The system uses propane to create the fire.

"We don't burn wood or straw or anything, just propane, so they don't get dirty and the firefighters don't get soot on their clothes—which we found out is causing cancer.

We do make smoke, but it's that theatrical smoke, like you see in movies," explained Ward.

There are so many scenarios that can be set up and practiced in the trailer. Ward explained,

"Say there is a bedroom fire on the second floor, there's a window prop that we can put up to practice, either escaping from a second story window or gaining entrance to a house through a second story window."

The firefighters can also practice laying ladders and climbing them without harming housing structures. "We can put ladders up and get used to climbing but we're not going to ruin gutters on a house or something," said Ward.

The trailer has different props to create real life situations. "One is a door prop so we can simulate breaking down a door to get into a building and another is a wall prop.

We just have to put sheet rock on and the firefighters can learn how to breach a wall to escape," said Ward.

Since the Mobile Live Fire Training Units are designed to travel, they are self contained and can be hauled from town to town with a regular semi. Ward hopes that Belle Fourche will get to keep the unit through the winter and use it to train in the spring before it goes on to the next location. Ward said, "We're hoping we can keep one here till spring, and we will use it through the spring, and get three or four trainings in before it goes away."

Though they can go anywhere in the state for training.



The door has a place to lock it with wooden pieces and allow the firefighters to practice breaking down the door for entry.



(L) Inside of the trailer where the fire starts, also along the ceiling there are fire nozzles to light up and heat up the area for practice. (R) Inside the practice trailer the hallway and the stairs can be used for either upstairs to second floor or downstairs to the basement training scenarios. Along the stairway are cameras and heat sensors to monitor the action.

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From C3 John Newby

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VIEWPOINT | Stop fear mongering over cattle health

Guest column by Todd Wilkinson, South Dakota Cattlemen's Association

From www.thedakotascout.com



Todd Wilkinson

Recently, Congresswoman Harriet Hageman from Wyoming was in our state for a rally against one of the most important animal health tools farmers and ranchers have.

Traceability should not be a controversial issue. Since 2013, farmers and ranchers who ship cattle 18 months of age or older - rodeo, exhibition or dairy cattle - across state lines have been required to use a form of "official animal ID," which has previously been a metal ear tag.

As a rancher, I have fought tooth and nail against government involvement in our business. I know we don't want to invite more government involvement on our farms and

ranches, but you know what would bring the government right to our doorstep? A foreign animal disease outbreak.

If a foreign animal disease like foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) were to appear in this country, all cattle movement from coast to coast would be shut down for a minimum of 72 hours, and likely much longer. Think of those three days without a single head of cattle on a truck, moving to a livestock barn, or leaving a farm or ranch - our rural economy would be crippled.

To protect our unique American farming and ranching legacy, we need a fast way to trace and isolate foreign animal disease at the speed of commerce, and that is exactly where EID tags come in.

The veterinarian and then to the state or federal government takes time. Time is something we simply don't have the luxury of when we are facing a disease outbreak.

Todd Wilkinson is a cattle rancher and attorney from De Smet.

Software crash disrupts early voting in South Dakota, causing huge delays

Tens of thousands of state's residents have already cast a ballot

Jonathan Ellis

Long lines greeted would-be voters across much of the state Friday after an electronic vote system crashed.

In Minnehaha County, the line snaked up and down the third floor of the Minnehaha County Administration Building, where early voting takes place.

A sign on the building's front door warned voters what they were getting into: "LONG LINES UPSTAIRS. Total Vote System is currently experiencing technical difficulties."

"Please rest assured that this temporary interruption in no way impacted the tally or processing of votes; ballots are

securely stored and counted on Election Day," the office said.

But the outage comes at a time when some voters are skeptical about the use of computers in voting. County auditors were left to come up with ad-hoc alternatives to check voters in.

"We monitored the situation as our top priority as we remain fully committed to maintaining the integrity and accessibility of the voting process," Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson said in a release.

Minnehaha County Auditor Leah Anderson told The Dakota Scout that the system went down shortly before the lunch hour, when many people might have chosen to vote.



In Minnehaha County, the line snaked up and down the third floor of the Minnehaha County Administration Building, where early voting takes place. Dakota Scout Photo

Political friction adds stress to South Dakota election process

Despite recent controversies with voter rolls, News Watch poll shows South Dakotans have confidence in accuracy of local elections.

Stu Whitney www.sdnewswatch.org

The runup to a major election can be a hectic time for election officials, whose tasks include training poll workers, testing tabulators, processing absentee ballots and providing voter information.

This year, in the final days before South Dakotans head to the polls Nov. 5, the stress level is higher than usual.

"Things are more contentious," said Pennington County Auditor Cindy Mohler, who supervises elections in the state's second-largest county in Rapid City.

Recent trends in South Dakota election law have broadened access for poll watchers and observers - who are allowed to monitor voting and counting activity - without increasing protections for poll workers and election officials, raising concerns about potential harassment, intimidation or interference.

Nationally, the U.S. Department of Justice's Election Threats Task Force has arrested and prosecuted about 20 individuals for threatening election workers since its inception in 2021, a small fraction of cases reported by local officials.

There are several reasons for election angst in South Dakota, starting with the political

gathered. "The line should start moving," she said. "But yeah, it was quite a mess."

Anderson, herself a skeptic of the trend to move voting to rely more on computer software, noted that the system isn't used on Election Day. Instead, paper poll lists are used to verify voter identities.

"If something happens, you can't process a voter," she said of the electronic verifying systems.

The outage comes amid robust early voting across the state. By the end of Oct. 25, 76,245 people had cast a walk-in early ballot. Another 97,333 had returned mail-in ballots, according to the office.

Republican walk-in voters accounted for 42,336 of those early in-person voters, more than double the number of registered Democrats.

On Friday, there were 624,153 registered voters in the state.

climate. The state has seen a rise in electoral activism sparked by unfounded claims of voting irregularities in the last presidential election, predominantly from populist Republicans lamenting Donald Trump's 2020 defeat.

Seeds of doubt from Trump and his followers spawned activist organizations such as South Dakota Canvassing Group, whose founders were inspired by My Pillow founder and conspiracy theorist Mike Lindell's 2021 Cyber Symposium in Sioux Falls.

The grassroots appeal of these efforts had enough sway in South Dakota to motivate state legislators to pass election security measures such as mandatory post-election audits and the banning of unmonitored drop boxes.

"There's a lot to celebrate in South Dakota," said Rick Weible, a computer analyst and Canvassing Group adviser who is among the state's most influential electoral activists.

Poll shows confidence in South Dakota elections

Though national rhetoric about election integrity has impacted South Dakota politically, it has not eroded confidence in the accuracy of local elections, according to a poll of 500 registered voters co-sponsored by News Watch.

The statewide survey, also sponsored by the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota, was conducted Oct. 12-16 by Mason-Dixon Polling and Strategy.

It showed that 71% of respondents were "very confident" that votes will be counted accurately in the 2024 election in South Da-

kota, while 23% said they were "somewhat confident," for a total of 94%.

Weible, who testifies frequently in Pierre and has guest-hosted Lindell's podcast, called the results encouraging but stressed the need for more testing and transparency of vote tabulation systems in the public realm.

"We should be looking for continuous improvement, and we need county auditors and state election officials to be open to that," he said. When the same group of registered voters was polled about the 2024 presidential election, just 41% said they were very confident that the results would be accurate, while 25% said they were somewhat confident, for a total of 66%.

Broken down by party registration, just 21% of Republicans said they were "very confident" that the race between Trump and Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris will be counted accurately, compared to 75% of Democrats.

Jen Easterly, director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), a division of U.S. Department of Homeland Security that oversees election security, told News Watch that the poll results did not surprise her.

"There is an unfortunate issue around confidence in national elections because of the fire hose of disinformation that Americans have been subjected to over the last four years," said Easterly, an Army veteran who also served in the National Security Agency. "This disinformation has been amplified by foreign adversaries. When they see that Americans lack confidence in the integrity of our most important democratic institution, our elections, that's exactly what they want."

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SCOUTING REPORT: A dress for JFK

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Jamie Damon was a fourth grader in Pierre in 1962 when she wrote a letter to First Lady Jackie Kennedy. The First Lady had appeared in a White House special that aired on television, and Damon sent her thanks for the show.

Damon took the opportunity to also invite President Kennedy to Pierre and visit the Oahe Dam, where her father, Vern, was working on the construction team. Later that year, Kennedy did just that, dedicating the dam on Aug. 17, 1962. Damon got to meet the president during the ceremony.

"To mark the occasion," writes the South Dakota State Historical Society on Facebook, "Jamie's mother made her a new dress to wear when she met the president. The dress was made of dark blue cotton with white lace and white ruffled shirt with matching gloves."

The dress is now in the Historical Society's collection.

"Recently donated by Jamie Damon herself, the dress is a unique addition to the collections of the SDSHS," the Historical Society noted. "The dress connects us to an important and special moment in South Dakota history. Not only does the dress connect us to the dedication of the Oahe Dam and to a presidential visit, it shows us the potential of a little girl and her letter."

Kennedy was assassinated a little more than a year later. In an interview with The Dakota Scout last year, Damon recalled that Secret Service agents arrived a few days before the president's trip to Oahe to inform the family they'd be meeting the president.

"I think my mother was more excited than I was. She shot up from her sewing machine and was shouting," Jamie said. "I also had never shaken anyone's hand before, let alone the president's. My brother and I did a fair amount of practicing."

It was Kennedy's only trip to South Dakota while he was president. Damon still lives in Pierre.



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Rose Wilder Lane

South Dakota native Rose Wilder Lane is best known as the editing force behind her more famous mother, Laura Ingalls Wilder, the creator of the beloved "Little House" books. But as most South Dakotans know, Lane blazed a path of her own as a journalist, philosopher and a spark to the libertarian movement. That movement emerged in the 1930s and 1940s in opposition to communist, fascist and other autocratic ideologies.

In 1936, Lane set out her

philosophy in the book "Give Me Liberty." But her writing as a columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, then the largest circulating African American newspaper, are more obscure. Lane wrote dozens of columns for the paper from 1942 to 1945. Now, the South Dakota Historical Society Press has compiled Lane's Courier columns into a book, "Rose Lane Says: Thoughts on Race, Liberty, and Equality, 1942-1945."

The columns brought a defense of Lane's individualism and anti-racism to the African American audience. Write the

book's editors, David Beito and Marcus Witcher: "Lane was certainly not the first writer to combine appeals to free markets, individualism, and anti-racism. Classical liberal ideas, albeit usually less radical than those advocated by Lane, were critically important to both abolitionism and the history of the Civil Rights movement."

Books can be purchased through the Historical Society Press or from other booksellers. The hardcopy is \$29.95, and the e-book is \$19.95.



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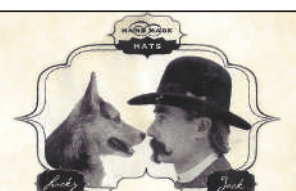
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 - 14 Monkey
 - 15 Otary (2 words)
 - 17 Abdominal (abbr.)
 - 18 Mound of sand
 - 19 Animal's leg on coat of arms
 - 21 Polynesian amulet
 - 24 Prolonged assault
 - 27 Hebrew letter
 - 30 Strong-arm man
 - 32 Dingle
 - 33 Presidential nickname
- DOWN**
- 1 Cutting tool
 - 2 Academy (abbr.)
 - 3 Laugh (Fr.)
 - 4 Occurrence
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- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
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8 Map collection
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11 Sp. hero
16 Condescend
20 Russ. plane
- 22 Antelope
23 Antiseptic
25 Scand. people
26 Enclosed (abbr.)
27 Musical beat
28 Indian red powder
29 Hail
31 Billionth (pref.)
35 River boat
38 Scot. jackdaw
42 Bowler
44 Channels
46 Dreadful
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49 Fr. author
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51 Medieval shield
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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

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Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "V" = "H"

"NS H ZHW NE MKXGF XS VNE
LAHBJV, VA EVXGBF WXJ UA
MKHNEAF GWJNB NJ NE RWXLW VXL
VA AZMBXQE NJ." — EXPKHJAE
PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

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NOVEMBER	4 Beefy Mac Casserole Veggie Medley Dinner Rolls	5 Baked Chicken White Rice Mixed Veggie	6 Meatloaf Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	7 Chicken Taco Salad Mexican Rice Corn Bread	8 Cabbage Rolls Cucumber Salad	
For Information about Delivery, Call 892-6285 Milk & Fruit Served with all meals	11 Chicken ala King Noodles Peas & Carrots	12 Liver & Onions or Cheeseburger Mashed Potato & Gravy Green Beans	13 BBQ Chicken Scalloped Potato	14 Ham & Bean Soup Veggie Medley	15 Turkey & Cheese Rollup Tomato Soup Focaccia Bread	
	18 Swiss Steak White Rice Mixed Veggie	19 Chicken Cordon Bleu Wild Rice Broccoli Veggie Medley	20 Pork Loin Roasted Potatoes Mixed Veggies	21 Chili Cornbread Peas & Carrots	22 Beef Sausage Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potato	
	25 Pork Roast Sweet Potato Mixed Veggies	26 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potato & Gravy Broccoli	27 Ham Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad Chips	28 Traditional Thanksgiving Meal	29 Hot Hamburger Sandwich Mashed Taters & Gravy Veggie Medley	



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B's Buzz

She's Driven Many Miles

Betty Bruner

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It's happening! It only takes a few minutes of watching TV to see it. Jingle Bells, tinsel, trees, and all the noise of the Christmas season has started! I'm not ready. Are you?

I was just getting used to cooler weather and I'm NOT ready for snow. Although I do know that you don't need snow to have Christmas, but most of us are South Dakotans and we expect snow for at least Christmas Day.

It's not that I don't enjoy the Christmas season, but not this early. I know, some of you already have your tree up and decorations around the house. But is it so wrong to wait until the week before? It seems that it's getting later and later when our house gets decorated. With no little ones around to enjoy the treasures that have been stored over the last 50 years (and the fact I'm married to Mr. Scrooge, himself) I sometimes see no point in decorating.

Every year, though, I make plans to decorate and bake and do all that stuff. But, then life gets in the way and it doesn't get done. Then I feel like a failure and then I realize that it's not about decorating or baking, but it's about family.

Family is the most important part of every holiday. Even if it's only part of the family-like just a spouse or one of the kids-it makes the time precious. I have learned over the years that every moment must be embraced and held tight.

A moment in time with my husband is as delightful as a weekend away. We haven't spent much time on vacations or weekends away, but have spent time holding hands in the car or watching the cats play outside. There have been times spent chasing cows or going to the field to get the tractor. Sometimes I forget that it's a moment to seize and enjoy, but before I go to bed, I think about it and relish the moment.

We had to cut down a favorite tree this week and it has caused me to remember the moments surrounding that tree. It started when I saw the seedling that sprouted in our back yard. I nurtured that little tree over the years. I trimmed it and watched it grow. Our oldest daughter and I planted Star Flowers around the base and every year they spread and bloomed at the first sign of Spring. For nearly 40 years, we've enjoyed that tree in the back yard. It has shaded us and kept the north wind from howling and hitting the house. I've watched the limbs send out leaves to tell us it's Spring and then turn yellow in the Fall. I could tell if it was windy or calm.

And now it's a pile of



"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep the postmen from their appointed rounds." Karen Swan has kept that belief for 26 years. Photo by Betty Bruner

Jessica Raisanen
Digital Marketing Class
Newell School

While the Postal Service has no official motto, the popular belief that it does is a tribute to America's postal workers. The words above, thought to be the motto, are chiseled in gray granite over the entrance to the New York City Post Office on 8th Avenue and come from Book 8, Paragraph 98, of The Persian Wars by Herodotus. During the wars between the Greeks and Persians (500-449 B.C.), the Persians operated a system of mounted postal

couriers who served with great fidelity. (Historian United States Postal Service, 1999)

After 26 years with the United States Postal Service as a Rural Mail Carrier, Karen Swan has lived with this motto. No amount of rain, snow, sleet, nor hail kept Swan off the route more than a handful of times.

"If the mail makes it to Newell, we delivered it."

Swan has enjoyed her career and will miss the people but not the challenges that come with winter roads. She felt it was time to retire before another winter set in.

Knowing the roads is an

understatement. Swan estimates she drives, on average, one hundred fourteen miles per day six days a week, which she calculates at about a half a million miles a year. Ninety five percent of the roads being gravel.

The biggest change she has seen in the postal service is parcels have taken over the bulk of her deliveries versus mail. People shop online now which forces mail carrier vehicles to be loaded heavily with packages. With about two hundred and fifty mailboxes on her route six days week, that's a lot of parcels in her vehicle and to the doors.

Now that Swan is retiring, she plans to help Tom with cattle, attend the activities of the grandkids at the school, and attend rodeos.

As she bids farewell to her profession, Swan offers this advice to upcoming rural mail carriers just starting out, "Stick with it. Whatever the weather, the mail must go. Make sure you have money for repairs, you're going to get odd things stuck in your tires along the route."

We wish you the best. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to this area Karen Swan.



What an incredible experience it was for our students! They participated in workshops, challenged themselves to meet peers from nearly every state, and engaged with various colleges and companies in the agriculture industry. A highlight was hearing Temple Grandin speak during the general session—an inspiring opportunity! Beyond the learning, we enjoyed a fun evening of laser tag to build our team spirit and attended a rodeo, watching talented South Dakota cowboys in action. Courtesy Photo

branches, all wilted and sad. But, we can see the apple trees that were behind it! And the dry lot where the cows wait and stand in the cold morning sun.

You see, behind every sad thing or a holiday coming too soon, there's joy to behold! Change is good, I tell myself. We plan for the future and live

for today. Change is good, right?

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Fall is here. The temperatures dropped from the 70s and 60s to the 40s and 50s this week and we can hear the geese while they are flying over here headed south for the winter.

There was some snow down in the Black Hills this week, but we only got some much needed rain. It rained all day on Tuesday and with the little sprinkle on Wednesday it left one whole inch in the rain gauge. Hallelujah!!

Last Sunday evening we went to the Coffee House at the Reva Hall and joined a good crowd to listen to Shiloh Hewett and David Paul sing and play some beautiful music for us. That was a great way to start out the week!

I joined Connie Weishaar, Lori Besler, Patsy Wilkinson, and Margaretta Hanson to spend the day quilting at the church. After we finished quilting, I

went to Reva to pick up Beau Doll, Copper and Knox off the school bus and bring them home, which is my favorite job. While I was gone, Reub answered the phone when Bernie Hunhoff from the South Dakota Magazine called to have me look at what he is writing in the magazine about things that former legislators said and did and he wanted to make sure he quoted me right on a bill that GF&P was bringing to add penalties to people who illegally trafficked in trophy mounts.

He is writing this story because this is the 100th year of the South Dakota Legislature. Bernie and I served in the legislature at the same time and I really enjoy his magazine.

With all the rain we got on Tuesday, I was blessed to be able to go get Copper, Knox and Beau off the school bus in Reva again and our friend Pastor David Douglas was driving the bus that afternoon.

Reub and I went to Hettering Wednesday afternoon and had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers in Reeder on the way home. Jim Brown gave me another couple of trinkets he had made out of our old kitchen chair.

When we got home Grandma Starla Jenson was taking care of the little people while Taz and Amanda had gone into Buffalo for volleyball that evening.

On Thursday we went down to have Jesse and Dorena Lensgrav work on Reub's back and legs that he's been having trouble with. Jesse gave Reub a chiropractic treatment and then Dorena gave him a good massage. Taz had gone up to Reeder to do some carpenter work on Dalton Mellmer's house, but Taz and Amanda and the kids were gone when we got home. They took the kids into Buffalo after school for the Halloween Monster March trick or treat

walk downtown to gather up a bunch of candy while they were all dressed up in their costumes. Taz and Amanda took the kids up to Ralph to get candy from Amanda's family but they got home too late that evening to trick or treat at our house so we took candy down to the kids the next morning.

Casey and Missy left early Friday morning for the NRCA Finals in Gillette, Wyoming. Taz went up to do some work at Dalton Mellmer's that day and when I found a wild badger in the chicken coop with my pullets, I ran over to the shop to have Reub bring the rifle to shoot that critter before he killed my chickens. Reub shot him before he killed any chickens but it's a mystery in how the badger got in there because there isn't any holes outside he could have crawled through and the chicken coop door was shut tight.

Taz and Amanda took the kids to Belle Fourche Saturday morning for Copper's basketball games and they went pretty well. I went down to the Bar H to visit my good friend Maxine (Thybo) Oehler and I got to see Sandra Laffin there too. Maxine and her husband Dan Oehler live in Bullhead City, Arizona but they came up here to help Ty Thybo work cows on their ranch for several days this week. They finished working cows on Friday so Ty and his family went out to Gillette for the NRCA Finals rodeo and Dan was hauling hay before

they head back to Arizona. It was really fun to visit with Maxine because I hadn't seen her in a long time.

We have a lot of family birthdays this week. Our son Guy Olson had a birthday on Saturday, our granddaughter Bryce (Olson) Hesper and her best friend Cassie (Holt) Pearson had birthdays on Sunday, the same day we set our clocks back an hour to Standard time, and our great granddaughter River Lu Olson turned 5 on Tuesday, November 5, which was Election Day. We sang Happy Birthday to River Lu in church this Sunday and then River and Knox came home to eat lunch with Grandpa Reub and me.

With the time change, I'll leave you with these Fall Back Jokes:

*Q: Why did the clock think he had amnesia? A: He lost an hour of time without realizing it.

*Q: Why did the grandfather clock fall over? A: It went back too far for Daylight Saving!

*Q: Why couldn't the clock set itself back for DST? A: It needed a hand.

*Q: Who invented Daylight Saving Time? A: A guy who was an hour late to work one day.

*Q: When did the duck wake up the morning after clocks were turned back? A: At the quack of dawn.

*Q: Why was the clock rushed to the hospital? A: He fell back for an hour.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

November 5, 1914

The Leppla and Dickson sale, held last Thursday about 8 miles south of town, was a failure. There were 14 head of yearlings and calves to be sold but the sale was stopped when 10 head had been disposed of.

The Journal published by the American Medical Association has a current article describing scientifically the death of 4 men who were asphyxiated in a silo at the State Hospital, September 19. The men had been in the silo 5 minutes when found, but medical aid could

Schmele rode into Newell to see the play "Broken Blossoms". They ran into an Ex-Horse Creeker, Waino Killinen.

There was a merry time last Saturday evening out at Castle Rock, not only within the dance hall but without as well. A number of cars went from Newell and nearly everyone was robbed of something, either coats, robes, cushions, tires or light bulbs. The booze-fighters also seemed to find plenty of liquid material to work on.

November 8, 1934



Dipping vat: 1934, Sheep were pushed through a solution to ward off the threat of "scabies" outbreak.

Newell Museum

not restore them. A Guinea pig was lowered into the pit and was dead in 2 minutes. A rabbit required a little longer time to die. The gas (carbon monoxide) was caused by the cutting of plant tissues, which increases respiration. The Journal recommends that in filling the silo that the doors above are to be kept open.

About 2 weeks ago, Francis Gillette, son of Dr. Gillette went up in the Bear Lodge country after some horses the doctor had been pasturing. He has not heard from since and the doctor is worried that some mishap has befallen his son and yesterday sent a man from Hulett to search for the missing boy.

October 30, 1924

Sheep owners throughout this portion of the country have been busily engaged the past week or so in the work of dipping their flocks for protection from scabies. The work is being done according to Federal Regulations, under the supervision of Dr. L. H. Dunn, Deputy State Veterinarian. Herds dipped for the first time and will be repeated in 10 days.

Horse Creek community patrons lent the Horse Creek teachers horses Tuesday night on which they and Ronald

Repeal of the Constitutional prohibition in South Dakota appeared probably today as returns tabulated today gave the Amendment in favor of legalized liquor a majority for repeal 15,405 with 12,717 against. The majority for repeal showed a steady increase for approval of the question could mean removal of the Dry Amendment from the State Constitution, where it has been since 1917.

John Korpi's car, which was stolen Monday night from in front of the Nichols Smoke Shop, was located off Horse Creek Road near Albin Anderson place on Tuesday. The sheriff had been notified and an alarm had been broadcast over KFJR Radio, Bismark. Two Mexicans are under suspicion, but no arrests had been made at this writing.

Horace Thomas was among the many CCC boys to spend the weekend in their respective hometown and allowed to cast their vote before returning to Camp.

All the goblins and elves seemed centered at the school-house last Wednesday afternoon, where each of the grade rooms celebrated Hallowe'en in its own sprightly fashion. Later many youths of the town seemed impressed with the idea

by Linda Velder

that they were rather victorious in some of their attempted depredations on Hallowe'en night. Often times, years of experience are necessary to quell these bands of boys.

October 26, 1944

Farmers who are doing fall painting should be careful to keep cattle away from freshly painted buildings and to keep paint buckets and brushes out of cattle lots, according to Dr. G. S. Harshfield, State College Veterinarian. Cattle seem to have a fondness for licking fresh paint, and the result is frequently a fatal type of lead poisoning. Animals affected by this type of poisoning can often be saved by prompt treatment, but the best thing is to keep cattle away from all painting operations.

Vern Hafner left Tuesday morning for Deadwood to visit his wife and new baby and his mother, who are all in the hospital. Later in the day Vern joined the Butte County contingent who left for Ft. Snelling, Minn, for induction into the armed forces.

Rommy Van derBoom entertained 8 guests at his home after school Tuesday on the occasion of his birthday. Hallowe'en games were played and after the host opened his many nice gifts, a birthday lunch was served assisted by his mother.

A National War Fund dance at Nisland last Saturday night netted the sum of \$152.35, which helped materially in putting the County over the top. Music for the dance was donated by Antone Falk and son and Valentine Vetter and sons.

November 4, 1954

Shell of the Belle Fourche Irrigation District office, a landmark in the western part of Newell, showed only scars and was still standing Tuesday morning after it had been gutted by a nightlong fire. After estimates of the fire's damage, ran to around \$15,000 based on present values. District manager Norris Soma discovered the conflagration about 10:30 Monday night, who residence is next door. The Newell Volunteer Fire Department was called and found the fire the most difficult ever to extinguish, smoke and heat nearly all part of the building made it difficult to locate the actual flames. The fire began in the basement and wiring may have been the cause. A fire-proof vault protected most of the District's records, but other papers in filing cabinets, desks and tables were scorched badly by fire. Some estimated more than 90% of the records were still usable. Part of the District building was about 44 years

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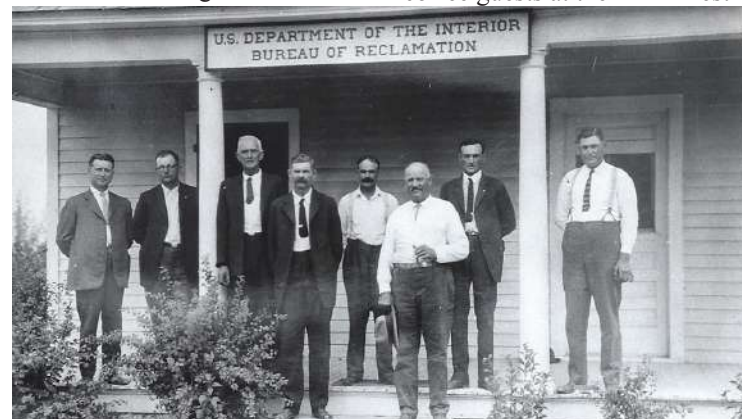
ago, with the principal addition thereto being in 1913.

The annual Newell High School operetta will be presented December 6 and parts have been assigned. "H.M.S. Pinafore", by Gilbert & Sullivan has been selected as the musical production, music director Russell Mettler announced. Actors and parts: Capt. Corcoran Craigg Van DerBoom; Josephine Lennea Mowry; Ralph Rackstraw Dick Fabricius; Sir Joe Porter Claude Killinen; Buttercup Barbara Milberg; Dick Deadeye Rommy Van derBoom; Hebe Pearl Sprague; accompanist Ward Weakly and additional high school students appear in the chorus in this colorful musical production.

Warren Shinabarger, Buffalo, former Harding County Deputy Sheriff, was named by the Newell City Commission Monday evening as possible successor to George Hafner as

Larry Schuelke Newell, Vice President Lyn Wishnor Lemmon; Secretary Richard Reedy Phillip; Treasurer Don Dixon Belle Fourche; Sentinel Jim Kristensen Rapid City and members from New Underwood and Sturgis as reporter and parliamentarian respectively. The meeting will open at 10:00 AM with the District Officers in charge and the main business to be the performance of each school's officers and a short session on the duties of each officer. Other items of business will be the election of next year's officers, name honorary members and selection of next year's meeting site. Most West River schools have indicated that they will attend the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wendt were in Belle Fourche where Frank attended a School of Instruction for Election Officials in the morning. They were coffee guests at the Bill Ernest



This is the Belle Fourche Irrigation District building (1925) that burned in 1954. The fire proof vault saved many important records. A new office was build of concrete to insure a fire would not occur again. In recent years, a new modern building has been erected.

City Police. The board accepted Hafner's resignation, effective December 20th, and named the former Harding County Deputy and Buffalo Town Marshall to succeed him at such date. Shinabarger agreed to serve at the same salary as Hafner has received \$250 per month plus car allowance and at instance of the commission, to serve as City Police only.

October 29, 1964

The Newell FFA Chapter will be host to the Annual West River Officers & Parliamentary Procedure School this Saturday, in the Study Hall Newell High School, it is reported by Walter Johnson, President of the West River Voc-Ag Association. District officers are: President

home in the afternoon. Zoder Gollhofer of Hoover also attended the school representing that Precinct.

Mrs. Arthur Ollila and 3 children of Castle Rock, Mrs. Emil Ollila of Lead and Miss Violet Ollila of Arpan, returned home last Thursday after visiting several days in Riverton, WY with Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Syverts and family while Violet Ollila visited with Mr. & Mrs. Bill Turpin and family.

Frank Hafner of Huron and Monsignor Al Hafner of Bay City, Michigan, arrived here Tuesday and were guests at the home of the men's brother Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Hafner and also visited other Hafner relatives in the area. Monsignor Hafner had not been in this

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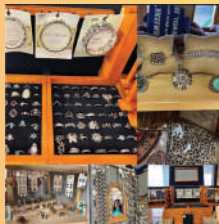
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the right to make further safety decisions concerning your child. If you feel that it would be in the best interest of your child to stay home in challenging weather, feel free to contact your child's school and have them excused due to weather. The district will make the attendance exemption accommodation, as well as, allow for remote learning.

Schools may be closed or delayed when conditions become unsafe for staff and students. Parents/Guardians will receive a phone call from an automated system informing them of any school announcements via telephone call, email and/or text message. School closing announcements will be broadcast over the three television stations: KELO, KOTA, and KEVN. The school webpage and Facebook page will be utilized for school weather announcements as well.

If you have new contact information or have not received any contact this school year through the school automated informing system, please contact Newell School District at 605-456-2393. Your help and awareness during this upcoming winter season and potential weather changes will be appreciated at the Newell School district.

We are heading into challenging South Dakota weather again so please be aware of the impact it may have on students and staff at the Newell School District. This school district covers a vast area, on a diversity of terrain. With the extreme cold weather and moisture tendencies of this area, the impact on some of our smallest clients will be taken into consideration. As the administrative staff review weather predictions, we realize the diversity of ages of the students Newell School District and is considered when making weather related decisions. Approximately an hour and a half to two hours of travel time are estimated during weather calls for an early release or late start.

Because of the large radius of the Newell School District, you as a parent/guardian have

Here's What's Happening in Newell!

November 5

Election Day! Be sure to Vote!

November 11

Veteran's Day Program, Newell School, 9 am

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Meatball Subs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	5) Egg Bites, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	6) Eggs & Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Strips/Nuggets, Potato Soup, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	7) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Milk Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk	8) NO SCHOOL
11) Egg Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Fruit, Milk	12) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	13) Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	14) Bagels, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Cubano Sandwich, Mixed Veggies, Carrot Salad, Milk	15) NO SCHOOL
18) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chili, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	19) Maple Baked French Toast, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Brussel Sprouts, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	20) Breakfast Egg Rolls, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	21) Quesadilla, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pork Rib Sandwiches, Green Beans, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	22) NO SCHOOL
25) Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk COOK'S CHOICE	26) Long Johns/Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Turkey and All the Fixins, Fruit, Milk	27) NO SCHOOL	28) NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	29) NO SCHOOL

Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar

Menu for Week of November 4-8

NOVEMBER	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY 4	Breakfast Burrito Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Meatball Subs Green Beans Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
TUESDAY 5	Egg Bites Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Pulled Pork Sandwiches Pork and Beans Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
WEDNESDAY 6	Eggs & Sausage Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Chicken Strips/Nuggets Potato Soup Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
THURSDAY 7	Biscuits & Gravy Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Pizza Corn Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
FRIDAY 8	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

SALAD BAR SERVED DAILY

A VARIETY OF SOUPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS-When it's colder

MENU IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Newell School Honor Roll



Advanced High Honor Roll
4.00 GPA- No grade lower than an A

Grade 12 - Hailey McCann
Grade 11- Sarah Erk
Grade 10- Kate High, Kendra Johnson, Orrin Youngberg, Jenna Yule
Grade 09- Sawyer Cibic
Grade 08- Evelyn Ahart, Samantha High, McKenzie Rans
Grade 07- Lucille Ahart



High Honor Roll

3.75 GPA- NO grade lower than a B

Grade 12 - BeJae Tesch, Darin Lewis

Grade 11 - Jayden Tesch, Jessica Raisanen, Tayla Neely, Gabriel Habben

Grade 10 - Malichi Whitace, MKenzie McTaggart

Grade 09 - Jacey Larson, Nevada Donahey, Bristol Bachman

Grade 08 - Khloe Rivera, Karley Larson, James Gatzke, Bianca Bierman

Grade 07 - Amber Shaykett, Jessi Bachman

Grade 06 - Lillian Raisanen, Annika Bonebrake



Meet the Coaches

Jacey Larson & Bethany Mahaffey
High School Digital Marketing Class

We are happy to introduce our new head coach for Newell's wrestling team, Tyler Waterson. He graduated from Spearfish High School and then went to college in Minnesota. He was a 5-time finalist and 3-time state champion with Minnesota. His goals for this season are to rebuild the Newell culture for wrestling and inspire

young adults. He wants to teach them the knowledge he has acquired while wrestling. Lonnie Mahaffey is the assistant coach. He graduated from Faith High School and wrestled during his high school years. His goal for the season is to help the wrestlers reach their full potential and give them the skills to succeed. He chose to coach wrestling because it was his favorite sport, and he has a lot of shareable knowledge to help others succeed.



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Newell Honor Roll



B Honor Roll

3.00 GPA- NO grade lower than a C-

Grade 12 – Logan Walz, Kianna Miller, Conor Kenny

Grade 11 – Miya Mailloux

Grade 10 – Joseph Eaton, Jorey Clements, Elijah Barden

Grade 09 – Jesse Jones, Hayden Johnston

Grade 08 – Justin Stranberg, Lily Niles, Jonah Braning

Grade 07 – Ayricka Schulte, Bruno Harms, Braylee Barrera, Victoria Ginsbach

Grade 06 – Jerika Wallery, Averi Nelson, Novella Liggett, Vandyn Severson

We are Newell

Head Wrestling Coach,
Tyler Waterson

Assistant Wrestling Coach,
Lonnie Mahaffey

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Opioid Rescue Kits Available in Newell

Bill Elger with the Western Prevention Resource Center based out of Rapid City donated two Opioid Rescue Kits to the Whatever it Takes Coalition. W.I.T. placed one of the Kits in the Newell School and one at the Newell City Office. Each box contains instructions on how to administer the medication (Naloxone) and how to care for the person.

Recovery is possible— Resources are available. Get personal naloxone: Ask your doctor or pharmacist. Find Addiction Treatment Resources: Call SAMSHA's National Helpline—1-800-662-(HELP) 4357. This service provides referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community based organization

FACT
Naloxone will not harm someone if you give it to them and they are not overdosing on an opioid.
Naloxone can be given safely to people of all ages, from infants to older adults. This includes an adolescent or young adult who may have unintentionally taken an opioid.



Literacy Night Event at Newell School. Special Thank you goes out to Rhonda Waterland, Left, and Christine Fans as they were the ones that did the planning. Courtesy Photo



Merry Christmas!

Calendars are in! Stop in to get yours and get a head start on 2025.

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