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Belle named for 2025 SD Governor's Award for Outstanding Public Employer

Morgan Krul Nominated the City

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The path Morgan Krul took to reach her goal of working for the City of Belle Fourche as a member of the Belle Fourche Recreation Center staff had its share of challenges because Morgan traveled that path in a wheelchair.

A 2024 graduate of Belle Fourche High School, Morgan was born with spina bifida. An extraordinarily supportive family and a network of organizations dedicated to closing employment gaps for individuals with disabilities traveled that path with Morgan.

It didn't hurt that Morgan's family home is directly across the street from the Rec Center where she was already a familiar presence. Once she became involved with Project Skills, a program under the umbrella of Black Hills Special Services, and at her request, she was placed with the Rec Center while being paid by Project Skills. She was allotted 100 hours through the program and once that goal was reached, the Rec Center offered her the opportunity to remain as their employee. She explained, "When I was a junior, I had the opportunity with



Project Skills to help me learn how to become an employee because of my disabilities." These are some of the exact words used by Morgan in nominating the City of Belle Fourche for the 2025 South Dakota Governor's Award for Outstanding Public Employer: given to a public employer... for outstanding achievements in improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Courtney Svoboda, Morgan's mother, also provided a nomination for the City of Belle Fourche to be considered for the award, including these words "I deeply appreciate your (Rec Center's) commitment to hiring individuals with disabilities and creating an inclusive workplace."

Although the City of Belle Fourche had previously been considered for the Governor's Award in 2024, the Rec Center was encouraged by Heidi Mecham, executive director, Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills, to provide nominations for the 2025 awards.

The heartfelt words of Morgan and Courtney obviously had an impact and on October 8, Morgan, Belle Fourche City Administrator Jason LaFayette and Rec Center director Jody Westberg traveled to Pierre to accept the 2025 Governor's



(from L) **Heidi Mecham** (Executive Director, Workplace Disability Network of the Black Hills) **Jason LaFayette** (City of Belle), **Jody Westberg** (City), and **Morgan Krul** (Rec Center Employee holding the plaque) Courtesy photo

nor's Award on behalf of the City of Belle Fourche.

This was one of seven awards presented by Governor Larry Rhoden at the ceremony that day recognizing businesses, individuals with disabilities and other South Dakotans for their outstanding contributions to improv-

ing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Now happily ensconced at the Rec Center, Morgan stressed that the ongoing support from her fellow-employees has been crucial.

Rec Center staff member Renee Collins, who oversees

customer service at the front desk, has been one of the key players in Morgan's successful transition to city employee. Her simple philosophy – helping others to achieve their goals, a philosophy obviously shared by everyone who has helped guide Morgan on her path.

9th Annual Pumpkifest Offers a Day of Family Fun

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BELLE FOURCHE—Take a fun fall event, couple it with beautiful weather, add neighbors, kids, costumes, vendors, and food trucks, and you just might have the largest turnout yet at the Belle Fourche Pumpkifest, held on October 25. In fact, according to Kristi Thielen, museum director, in all of the years she has been involved in the Pumpkifest, this is the largest turnout she has seen.

Lines were long, and more

than 70 people filled the seats to watch the Tri-State Performers present their Halloween play, *Very Proper Vampires*, at the 12 p.m. showing.

The long lines didn't deter the enthusiasm and joy that the community had during the festivities. In its 9th year, the Pumpkifest is brought to you via a team effort between the Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center. All children who came could pick up a goodie bag and also

Pumpkin Fest contd. A3

Lennon Clarkson Finishes 4th At State Cross Country After A Festive Team Send Off

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BELLE FOURCHE—A special evening to celebrate the 12 cross country runners who qualified for the state competition in Huron was held at the Branding Iron Steakhouse on October 22. "We have six boys qualified and six girls qualified," explained

boys' head coach Matt Wattier. "We're going to take off on Friday, and the meet is on Saturday."

The runners who qualified for the state meet are: Boys team: Lennon Clarkson, Nathan Hudson, Clifford Torberson, Oden Walding, Brux Hartman, and Thaddae-

us McKenney.

Girls team: Rhys Pearson, Lia Mundt, Piper Curran, Misty Drieling, Layla Drieling, and Isabela Torberson. Leading the teams are Brittany Clarkson, girls' head coach, and Matt Wattier, boys' head coach.

Hopes were high for a strong
XC Contd. A4



Family and friends turned out at the Branding Iron to wish the **Broncs Cross Country** team good luck at the State Meet. *Longbrake photo*



Museum's Maleficent (**Jada Udager**) helps kids create a craft project. *Longbrake photo*

Fearless 5K Sees Record Turnout

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BELLE FOURCHE—It was a spooky sight, just as the sun was setting over Herrmann Park, ghosts and goblins began to show up. Halloween music filled the outside air, adding to the creepy, ghoulish evening. Okay, maybe not so many scary costumes, but there were some tutus and a lot of glow-in-the-dark items lighting up the night for the Rec Center's Fearless 5K on the evening of October 24.



A giant pumpkin at Herrmann Park Bandshell greeted the Fearless 5K participants.

The Belle Fourche Rec Center puts on several run/walk events each year to encourage everyone to get up and out! "This is our annual Fearless 5K!"

It's one of the four run/walks that we do through the Rec Center every year—this is our fall event that we coordinate around Halloween time, and we've turned it into a glow run/walk in just the last few years," said Tessa Anderson-Voyles, program director. "We have glow bracelets, glow necklaces, and encourage people to wear costumes for fun, if they wish—it's just a fun night out!"

Turnout for the annual event was good this year. "We had almost 50 preregister—so that's a first, we usually don't have that many ahead of time," explained Anderson-Voyles. "And then tonight, it looks like as of right now, we're about up to 70—so this looks to be our best turnout

Fearless 5K Contd. A6

Elizabeth Ann's Bridal Hosts Grand Opening

BELLE FOURCHE—Sometimes, when something is meant to be, everything seems to fall in place at the right time. This is what happened when Hannah Wolf, owner of Elizabeth Ann's Bridal, decided to open a new store in Belle Fourche. About the same time Wolf was looking for a change from the corporate world, her grandma, Betty Wolf, owner of Love That Shoppe Antiques, informed her that she was thinking of downsizing her business. And almost like a sign, Wolf knew what she was going to do! "I just thought this would be the perfect building—I mean, I grew up in this building!"

We closed off the wall and then we just left this side mine," she explained. "I loved it! It was just perfect timing!"

A Belle Fourche native, born and raised, Wolf left after high school graduation and went off to college. "I went to school in London, I lived over in Europe for three years and I did Fashion Business," said Wolf.

"And then during COVID, I worked at a bridal store in



Zach Kuhn and Hannah Wolf open **Elizabeth Ann's Bridal Store**. (Below) The bridal boutique had a full house on opening night. *Longbrake photos*



Bridal Store Contd. A5

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Dorothy Ann Ross 93

Dorothy Ann Ross, 93, of Belle Fourche, passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on October 24, 2025.

Dorothy was born September 4, 1932 in Gering, NE to William and Pauline (Zorn) Yaeger. She was born in a tarpaper shack on a Sunday morning and the doctor said that was good because he would get home in time for Sunday dinner.

The family lived near Gering, Bayard and Scottsbluff, Nebraska, the Vale and Nisland, South Dakota areas and in Maywood, Illinois, before settling in the Nisland area in 1936.

As the oldest of three children growing up on the farm, she learned at an early age to care for herself and others. Those who knew her know she took that responsibility to heart and carried it with her throughout her life. She was always giving of herself and never felt comfortable being on the receiving end. During the holiday season she spent many weeks baking her Chinese Chews and fudge to gift to family and friends.

After graduating from Nisland High School in 1950, Dorothy moved to Belle Fourche, where she worked as a telephone operator, working her way up to supervisor. In Nisland and Belle she made many lifelong friends and met the love of her life.

Dorothy married Jim Ross on July 30, 1955. They spent 64 years together until his death on June 6, 2019. To this union five children were born, Alan, Barry, Paula, and twins, Wade and Dana. Dorothy worked full time until the twins were born in 1962. She continued to work part-time taking in ironing, cleaning her Uncle Hank's barber shop, and since 5 kids weren't enough, she babysat for others. When the children were older Dorothy went to work as a dispatcher for the City-County Dispatch Center in Belle Fourche. She loved the people and the work and was later named supervisor. After leaving the dispatch center, she earned her real estate license and cared for her South Dakota grandchildren.

Bowling played a big part in her life. Even vacations were planned around league play. At the age of 91 she was still bowling until South Park Lanes permanently closed in 2024. She would complain when her scores dipped below what she wanted them to be, never using aging as an excuse for



lower scores.

Dorothy was baptized, confirmed and raised in the church. She and Jim raised the children in St. James Lutheran Church where she was very involved with WELCA, volunteering many hours over the years. Volunteering at the Compassion Cupboard was also very

important to her.

She is survived by her children, Alan (Mary) Ross of Sioux Falls, SD, Barry (Sapna) Ross of Goleta, CA, Paula (John) Alden of Tucson, AZ, Dana (Bonnie) Ross of Spearfish, SD; her much loved grandchildren, Brian Alden, Nicole Alden, David (Sarah) Ross, Jeff Ross, Ryan Ross, Baden Ross, Matt (Chris) Weigelt, Mike (Kris) Weigelt, Stephanie (Darin) Friese, Joshua Ruffner, Wayne Ruffner and Andy Patterson; many great grandchildren; her sister, Barbara Franzen of Denver, CO, and her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Pauline Yaeger, father and mother-in-law, George and Katie (Heinbaugh) Ross, husband, James Ross, son, Wade Ross, brothers, William "Bill" Yaeger and Larry Ross, sisters-in-law, Donna (Smith) Yaeger and Donabel (Nickel-son) Ross.

Dorothy is loved and cherished and will be missed by her family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to St. James Lutheran Church, 1100 Stanley Street, Belle Fourche, SD 57717 and the Compassion Cupboard, PO Box 242, Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 12:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Interment will be 2:30 pm at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, SD.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Dorothy's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Richard Joe Rodriguez 84

Richard Joe Rodriguez, age 84 of Belle Fourche died October 21, 2025.

Richard was born March 29, 1941 in Waseca, Minnesota to Florentino and Erlinda Rodriguez. The family moved to Belle Fourche in 1941 and Richard attended school in Belle Fourche. He worked in Colorado and Idaho before entering the United States Army in 1962 and was honorably discharged in 1963. Richard reenlisted into the United States Navy in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970. He moved back to Belle Fourche and started working at the sawmill. In 1989 he moved to Oregon and worked at a sawmill and casino before moving back to Belle Fourche in 2007.

Richard enjoyed playing pool and guitar. He enjoyed visiting with family and friends and most of all loved his dog Boo. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

He is survived by his children, Dee Dee Rodriguez of Hamilton, MT, Pat (Terri) Rodriguez of Stevensville, MT, Richard (Shelley) Rodriguez of Rapid City, Carolyn Richter of Belle Fourche and Tim (Sandra) Rodriguez of Laramie, WY; stepdaughters, April, Elizabeth and Teresa; a brother, Joseph Rodriguez of



Colorado Springs, CO; sisters, Lucy Oster of Belle Fourche and Jenny Rodriguez of Boise, ID; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and his dog Boo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Salvador, Tim, Clyde and Tony Rodriguez; sisters, Emma Ragland, Deloris Shepherd, Georgia Humann and Josie Hermanson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 25th at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be one hour before services. Interment will be Thursday, October 30th at 11:00 am at Pine Slope Cemetery with military honors by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the Army Honor Guard.

A lunch and fellowship will follow at the Joy Center in Spearfish.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Richard's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com



Richard Chord

Richard was born on December 11, 1931, near White Owl, South Dakota. He was the ninth of twelve children born to Roy Ellsworth Chord and Edith Esther Clayton. On September 24, 1949, he married Joan Marie Landphere in Rapid City, SD. They were blessed with seventy-three and a half years of marriage. Together they raised four children: Warren LeRoy Chord of Gillette, WY, Daniel Howard (Patty) Chord of Riceville, TN, Edith Esther (Dan) Black of Calhoun, TN, and Robert Wayne Chord. He loved and prayed for his twenty grandchildren, forty-five great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Richard was called into the ministry at a young age and served as a pastor in North Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Arizona, Wyoming, and South Dakota. He also served as a missionary in Jamaica for over twenty years. He had a heart for Christian Education and helped start schools in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Jamaica.

He was an avid reader, especially of the Bible. His favorite verse was Matthew 11:28-30 which says, "Come



unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Richard had a strong work ethic and was proficient in many trades but would always take the time to play a game of chess.

Richard is survived by his children: Warren, Dan, and Edie and one sister: Ilowee Owens of

Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Joan, his son: Bob Chord, and siblings: Donald Chord, Zoe Grotzke, Doris Mickelson, Wayne Chord, Vernon Chord, Everett Chord, Iris Dau, Ruth Mayer, and Paolo Chord.

Visitation and service was held at Kinkade Funeral Chapel in Sturgis, South Dakota on Monday, October 13. Burial followed at the Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis.



Joyce Moxon McKenney 61

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Joyce Lynn Moxon-Collins, age 61, on the evening of October 14th. After a courageous four-month battle with non-small cell lung cancer, she passed peacefully, surrounded by love.

Joyce was born on April 27th, 1964, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Leonard McKenney and Laura Lee McKenney (Mitchell).

She is preceded in death by her father, Leonard McKenney.

Joyce is survived by her mother, Laura Lee McKenney (Mitchell); her sister, LeArda McKenney; her children, Sean Collins, Vivian Collins, and Evie Moxon; and her fiancé, Kip Hartung—along with countless friends and loved ones who were touched by her life.

Joyce had a deep love for the outdoors, no matter the season or weather. She often spent time in northern



Wisconsin with her fiancé, Kip, where they shared countless projects, adventures, and moments of peace. Joyce loved skiing, snowmobiling, and wandering through nature's many gifts.

Above all, Joyce was an extraordinary mother. Her children were the center of her world, and she cared for them with patience, warmth, and devotion. Her kindness extended far beyond her own family—she was affectionately known as an "extra mom" to many of her children's friends, a title she wore with pride.

The loss of Joyce is felt deeply by all who knew her, but so too is the light she leaves behind. She lived life to the fullest, sharing love, laughter, and adventure wherever she went.

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From A1 **Pumpkinfest**

grab one of a variety of trick-or-treat bags to take with them as they go out to gather candy on Halloween.

A wide variety of activities and games kept families busy throughout the day. Outside, there was a bouncy house to jump in, frisbee golf to play, a Haunted Spalding Cabin to investigate, and a Pumpkin Train to ride. Inside the Visitor Center, there were crafts with Maleficent (Jada Udager), bowling, ring toss, and a spider web game—all with candy and prizes to be won.

Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum and the Belle Fourche Library also had hands-on activities for the little ones to explore.

Throughout the day, kids could sign up to win one of four books that were given away. Book drawings were held at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Keeping with the theme of a good turnout, the costume contest had around 25 kids show up to take part. There were awards given for the Most Original Costume, Scariest Costume, and Silliest Costume.

Of course, while kids were playing, parents and others could shop. A large variety of vendors lined the parking lot. There were food trucks offering just about anything one would want to snack on while meandering through the event. All Fired Up, Spiffy Snacks, You’Nique Brew, Mimi’s Prairie Lunchbox, Rollin’ in the Hills, and PooterQ Original Barbeque all offered food.

The play was held in the new events center for the first time, and turnout was great. There was standing room only. The play Very. Proper. Vampires. was another original work by museum director and playwright Kristi Thielen. Other museum staff helped out as well: in charge of sound and screen was Kim Reausaw; set painter was Jada Udager; and house manager and lights was Jean Maher.

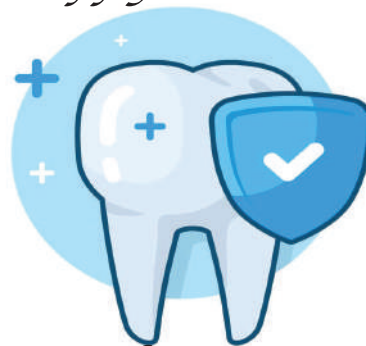
The cast included: Scarlett Bercier, Miss Akasha, teacher; Ana Wyatt, Druscilla; Max Dixon, Barnabus; Natalie Venter, Tatiana; Kinnley Ogaard, Celeste; Karlie Wyatt, Fredericks; Annabelle Coffelt, Raven; Samuel Savery, Wilton Zamphere, teacher; Adalyn Savery, Amaya; Katherine Fowler, Sapphira; Abigail Watson, Gussie; Melody Savery, Unity; Lux Kirstine, Esme; Alivia Allart, Mara; and Natalia Allart, Quinn.

Make plans for the Ginger Festival coming to the Tri-State Museum and Visitors Center on December 6, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Gingerbread Village will be on display for everyone to enjoy.



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(L top to B) **Most Original** costume contest winner *Courtesy Photo*; Picking up trick or treat bags from the welcome desk; **Dinosaurs of Hell Creek Museum** educates kids during **Pumpkinfest**; Roger’s **Pumpkin Train** gets ready to leave Train Depot with a full load; (Longbrake Photos) (Top R) Scariest costume winner; Silliest costume contest winner. *Courtesy Photos*;






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 "The Suits" 7PM @ BF Rec
Oct 31 - 4PM Halloween Parade on State St,
 5:30PM Spooktacular @ BF Rec
Nov 1 - Stocking Stuffer Bar @ Belle Flowers + Co,
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Cross Country from A1 showing from both teams. "On the boys' side—I did the math, and I think we're sitting sixth, and they place six, so we're on the edge of placing as a team," said Wattier. "Lennon Clarkson should place—probably top five—he's probably the

only boy we'll place individually—but it would be pretty awesome!" In his second year as head coach, Wattier's predictions proved right on target. Lennon Clarkson finished 4th at the State Cross Country Meet, and Nathan Hudson came in

12th. The boys' team placed 5th overall at the state meet. Wattier's outlook for the girls' team was optimistic as well. "We could get the team placed on the girls' side. We could sneak a couple girls into the top 25, and that's what gets points at state. We could sneak anywhere from one to three girls in there," he said.

At state, Rhys Pearson finished 21st, and the girls' team placed 7th overall. At the Cross Country Team send off family and friends came out to support the athletes as they prepared for the upcoming competition scheduled for October 25.

Goodie bags lined the side tables and individual posters of each runner were displayed, along with each runner's name and number. The public was invited to write good-luck messages on each poster.

Branding Iron hosted the event, offering dinner off the menu and complimentary soda. At the end of the evening, Coach Brittany Clarkson shared a few words of encouragement. The team's lone senior, Oden Walding, was introduced and recognized for this milestone.



(Top Down) The only senior on the team, **Oden Walding**, was given special recognition for his contributions to the team; Teammates, friends and family leave good wishes for each runner; Posters to write inspirational messages to the **State Cross Country** competitors. The Belle Fourche Cross Country team and coaches *Longbrake Photos* (Bottom L) Girls team at State: (BR) 5th Place Team and Coaches at the State Meet *Courtesy Photos*

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Elizabeth Ann's Bridal Store Opens in Belle

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 Fargo for three years and I loved it!"

Wolf moved back to the area in June and is happy to return. "It is amazing, I love it! We moved from North Carolina, so being home is like a breath of fresh air!"

Finding her passion in Fargo and bringing it to Belle Fourche

in the building she grew up in, all the while sharing it with her family and friends, makes for an exciting future. "I want to bring in that vintage, eclectic feel from her (grandma) antique shop."

I love her store and it's always been a huge part of my childhood," said Wolf. "It makes this just feel so spe-

cial!"

For now, Wolf is running the store on her own, with the help of her husband, Zach Kuhn. "My husband is in the background operations of this—he's my electrician and plumber and fixer-upper when I need it," she explained. Elizabeth Ann's Bridal had its Grand Opening on the evening

of October 16.

Turnout was grand, and support for the new business seems strong.

Those who came to the opening were treated to drinks from Roaming Refreshments and charcuterie cups and desserts by Felicia Cherveney.

Western Edge Textiles had a pop-up shop, and Weather Hat Company created a display of wedding hats.

Regular store hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. For those looking for an extra-special experience, you may be interested in booking a VIP appointment and get a private room, champagne, snacks and more.

The store carries Essence of Australia gowns.



(Clockwise from top L) The bridal boutique had a full house on opening night; Patrons enjoy the seating area during the Grand Opening; Grand Opening guests look at a vintage dress; Treats galore were available from the food table. LongBrake Photos



Oct. 20 City Council Meeting

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BELLE FOURCHE—The Belle City Council held its second meeting of the month on Monday, Oct. 20. In the Mayor's report, Randy Schmidt presented the Extra Mile Day Proclamation, noting that "Belle Fourche is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively go the extra mile in personal effort, volunteerism, and service." Belle Fourche will support and celebrate Extra Mile Day on November 1, 2025. No community input at this meeting.

CoNBA reported that the recent sale barn event was very successful, having served 150 pieces of pie with strong participation from members and volunteers.

The Association is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and Black Hills Badlands to promote upcoming holiday events through joint advertising. Details were also shared for the Halloween Parade on October 31, with lineup at 4 p.m. and the parade starting at 4:15 p.m.

The Library board reported that in September, library circulation totaled 4,174 visitors. Story Time was held on October 14. Author David Fierst visited on Saturday, October 18.

The new public access computers are now up and running. The Museum & Visitor Center reported that in September, the Visitor Center had 2,248 visitors from every U.S. state except Rhode Island and from 14 countries, bringing the summer total from June through September to 13,614

visitors, matching all of 2015. The First Saturday Brunch hosted 72 attendees; the Annual Tea welcomed 100 guests; and three bus tours brought in 125 visitors. New exhibits, including "Oh, Rats!" and an owl-themed activity table, required multiple workbook reprints due to popularity, while October's "WEIRD" exhibit opened with unusual items from the collection. Planning is underway for the 9th Annual Pumpkinfest with at least 17 vendors, a student Halloween play, costume contest, games, train rides, a bouncy castle, and goodie bags.

Councilperson Elliott inquired about the status of the Museum fountain. Public Works Director Stedillie reported that concrete work was completed on October 20, but it will be necessary to wait until next year to determine if the leaks have been eliminated.

City Administrator LaFayette asked the Council if there were any objections to allowing the FFA to paint the garbage totes in the Parks as part of their beautification project. The Council raised no objections.

Finance Officer Tonsager updated the Council on the transition to Tyler ERP Pro 10, noting a few minor issues during the switch.

He also mentioned a potential delay in the budget report but hopes that it will be ready for the next Council meeting. City Engineer Hardy reported that 12th Avenue still has some cleanup punch list items remaining; he also noted that work on 11th Avenue will resume in November.

The next City Council meeting will be held on November 3 at 6 p.m.

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Mayor Randy Schmidt would like to congratulate Clark Sowers on his recent nomination as Ward 2 Councilman. He will be officially sworn in November 3, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

From A1 5K

ever!”
The route ran from Bowman Hall in Herrmann Park down Jackson, along the highway to Grant Street, over to State Street to Tenth Avenue, winding under the train bridge and coming back to the park.

One time around was equal to 1.55 miles. In order to complete a full 5K, participants had to complete the route twice to equal 3.1 miles.

Those that didn't want to run or walk the terrain could stay in the park and walk laps. Glow lights were placed around the

park path to show the route. One lap around the park is about .30 of a mile. According to Anderson-Voyles, the evening was about getting out, getting a little physical activity, and socializing while enjoying the nice weather!

All the money raised from the fees goes to a good cause! “The money goes back to the Rec Center to help us run the programs that we do. We appreciate everybody supporting that and being healthy and just getting out and being with their community,” said Anderson-Voyles.



(Above) **Fearless 5k** participants stopped by the glow table to get fun light up items for the night walk; (Below L) All glowy and glamorous, 5K participants posed with **Sergeant Garcia** and **Sergeant Detective Huber**, who helped keep everyone safe on the run/walk; (Below R) Those that registered for the Fearless 5K got a special t-shirt for the occasion; (Bottom) Participants gather near the starting line for last minute instructions. *Longbrake photos*



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 Sunday, November 30, 2025 2:00 PM Matinee
 Adorned in vibrant costumes, impeccably styled hairdos, and iconic red lipstick, the "Holiday" Sweethearts return to Belle Fourche with cherished holiday classics like "Man With a Bag", "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree", "Let It Snow", and "White Christmas", all while channeling the spirit of The Andrews Sisters.

The French Family Band
 Monday, March 30, 2026 7:00 PM
 A unanimous choice by the CON Concerts Board and guests, this Nashville-based Australian/New Zealander Family band takes inspiration from country swing icons like Chet Atkins, Anne Murray, and Merle Haggard. They have appeared at the Grand Ole Opry and have received 4 Australian Golden Guitar Awards.

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 Thursday April 30, 2026 7:00 PM
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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater PLAYWRITING FESTIVAL photos from Hunter Anderson Photography show the performance nights for this event that started on October 6th with writers composing their brand new plays. The local authors whose pieces graced the stage were Kaitlyn Roth - "A Ghostly Touch"; Margaret Bolte - "Cleopatra the Cat"; Kelsie Reid - "Mayhem in Paradise"; Gideon Gilger - "The Dark Lords Support Group"; Arianna Scherer - "Dinner's Ready"; and Crystal Raine - "Same Thing!"

On October 14, 15, and 16 the directors and actors practiced the shows, preparing to share their efforts with the public. That Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18, the shows were performed beginning at 7pm at Belle Fourche Community Hall. In true BFACT form, delicious treats were also available each evening. Quijano and Scherer did an excellent job pulling the event together and creating a wonderful evening celebrating Belle Fourche writers. (Photos Below)



The Belle Fourche High School fall concert was held on October 20th in the BFHS gymnasium due to exciting updates in the Belle Fourche Rec Center theater. The audience enjoyed this temporary venue and had a bleacher seat view of the program. The BFHS & BFMS bands & choirs will perform next at the Community Veterans Day programs on November 11th: BFHS program at 9 AM & BFMS at 2 PM.

The BFHS thespians are hard at work in the theater with just a month to go for their fall show, *Sense & Sensibility*. The directors, Nathan Schreier and Allie Juso-Verry report that this clever stage adaptation will be very entertaining for audiences on November 20-22, Thursday-Saturday nights.

Auditions! The Belle Fourche Area Community Theater has announced (well in advance for you organized thespians!) auditions for the holiday radio version of *It's a Wonderful Life*. This production will be performed on stage in radio show style, which offers a unique experience for actors who want to bring their acting skills to the stage - with a script in hand! Auditions are November 10th & 13th from 6 to 8 PM.

Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so *don't forget to add these upcoming fine arts experiences to your calendars & be ready to SHOW UP!*

November 10 & 18, 6-8 PM: BFACT Auditions for *It's a Wonderful Life*, radio play
 November 11, 2 PM: BFMS Veterans Day Program, BFMS Gym
 November 11, 9 AM: BFHS Veterans Day Program, BF Rec Center Theater
 November 20-22, Thurs.-Sat., 7 PM: BFHS Production of *Sense & Sensibility*, BF Rec Center Theater.



The Belle Fourche High School fall concert was held on October 20th in the BFHS gymnasium under the direction of Micah Pennel. Family, friends, & community members enjoyed a bleacher view of the BFHS band at their fall concert on October 20th in the BFHS gymnasium.





Roots Grow Deep and Strong #40

“A Writers Group Tribute to Joyce Orwick”

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In this, the 40th column in the Roots Grow Deep and

Strong series, I'd like to pay tribute to a member of the Belle Fourche Writers group, Joyce Orwick. Joyce was a long-time, respected collaborator of our group. She passed tragically on September 10.

The news came as a shock, of course as such news always does. Joyce was an accomplished soul. She was giving, good natured, nurturing, industrious, and always curious. She had many interests. “How we spend our days is how we spend our lives.” Joyce was fond of saying.

Joyce's days were full.

She was a fine artist who painted with acrylics and sketched beautiful pencil drawings. She could sew and made blankets for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a master gardener whose backyard was a sanctuary for what was wild, natural, and beautiful.

Joyce was skilled at the kinds of activities that edify home, family life, and friendships.

Joyce was outgoing and

had many friends. She was a member of the Harding County Book Club and South Dakota Outdoor Women. She liked entertaining at her home and often hosted gatherings for family and friends. She organized a school parents' group, served as a library board member, and worked as an elementary aide at Moreau School.

Outdoor activities were important to Joyce. She liked camping, kayaking, and bird-watching too.

Joyce also loved the opportunity to travel and visit other states and regions. Of course she sent postcards. Joyce was a writer who was always eager to share her experiences. She wrote columns for The Newell Irrigator and The Tri-State Livestock News, and won an award for her writing from the Wyoming Writers.

Joyce liked to read and learn. She loved history and was eagerly awaiting a PBS special on the American Revolution. She encouraged others to watch it too.

Joyce's full days were productive. She faced challenges with resilience and optimism.

In one of her essays, Joyce described how she turned a bumper crop of purple Valient grapes into jelly. The article, “Smuckering” is included in The Belle Fourche Writers 2023

anthology, Life's Landscapes. The article illustrates Joyce's mantra “How we spend our days is how we spend our life.” Jelly making on such a large scale is not a small task.

The story begins a little before the advent of the COVID epidemic.

Joyce writes: “In 2017, I planted grape vines in our backyard, and I'd hired a man to put up supports for them, just knowing I would eventually have a bountiful harvest. They were Valiant grapes, hard to beat for hardiness and productivity and mostly for table use and jelly. The Valient vines were purchased from Homestead Nursery in Belle Fourche, via SDSU.”

The Valient vines may have had a pedigree but as Joyce noted. “Valient vines were real renegades, spreading out over the grass, or climbing high into the neighbor's trees.”

She planted another variety, a small sweet red grape, perhaps in hopes of finding a grape that was would not take over the garden. “It was nowhere as flamboyant as Valiant, Joyce explained. “However, the small sweet red grape vine grew in place on its own trellis and stayed out of trouble, but the well-behaved grapes never produced well.” Joyce, a master gardener acknowledged ‘personalities’ in nature.

Back to Joyce's story: “By the time the Covid shutdown occurred, the Valient grapes were producing bountifully “The grapes were getting plumper and sweeter by the day. Birds were circling and flying in and out of vines. It was time for me to get to work. Everything was shut down. I had plenty of time on my hands, and I was ready to make jelly.” The project began with picking and sorting. “I picked grapes in the cool of the early day. Then I sat on our shaded deck, sorting out stems, leaves, and bugs. I rinsed the grapes well.”

Joyce found a recipe. “I can't claim to be a great jelly maker, but I can sometimes follow directions.” In her commitment

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to make perfect jelly she wanted a simple recipe. “I just followed the directions that came with the box of fruit pectin. I didn't look at any other recipes for grape jelly for fear of going in too many instructional directions.”

Joyce explained the directions she followed. “The first step in jelly making is making the juice out of the grapes.” Jelly is made from the juice by adding sugar, pectin and heating the mixture to an identifiable ‘jelly’ texture as determined by a candy thermometer. Less scientific, but also reliable is the wooden spoon technique, where the jelly can be observed to ‘jell’ as it is allowed to cool removed from the heat on a wooden spoon turned on its side. The closer the juice is to turning into jelly, the less it is likely to drip from the spoon.

Once the jelly has reached a recognizable ‘jelly’ consistency, it is poured into glass canning jars. Then, while still hot, the jars are covered with the standard mason jar lids consisting of lid rings and lid plates tightened to hold the lids in place until they are sealed. The jars are then placed in boiling water, a few at a time. After 10 minutes or so of boiling, the jars are removed, and placed on a counter to cool.

As each jar cools, the lid seals with a distinct ‘popping’ sound.

According to Joyce, hearing the popping sound is most satisfying. Listening to so many jars, is a little like listening to an orchestra of fruit jars tuning up.

Joyce denotes that the process

was fun, rather than a chore.

Joyce who is accustomed to much harder work wrote, “The heaviest lifting I did was taking the pint and half pint canning jars out of the boiling water bath.” Even stirring the jelly to the jelly stage was enjoyable. It fills the kitchen with sweet, fruity aromas.

“Amazingly, my first go at making grape jelly was super successful. All week long, I had fun picking grapes and making jelly. The jelly turned out to be a beautiful deep purple with just the right sweetness and flavor! If it had turned out tasteless or just like purple rubber, it would've almost been worth it.”

Joyce's jelly project that was launched to provide a distraction from the isolation of COVID.

It worked and of course, there were other benefits too. “Along with my very purple Valient grapes, I had jars of jelly to give to friends and family truly made from scratch!”

Joyce's story about the simple joy of jelly making is memorable. Her rendering of how conquering an abundant grape harvest is a good example of the fundamental value of Joyce's mantra, “How we spend our days is how we spend our lives.”

I am grateful to have the opportunity share Joyce's story in this feature column, and to resume writing Roots Grow Deep and Strong for the Belle Fourche Beacon each month.

Thank you, Owl Creek Products for helping to make this public tribute possible and for the opportunity to continue to preserve the stories of the people in our region.



10-29, 2025 Issue Beacon Happenings



Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

The Beacon Happenings Calendar is public service listing of meetings, events, and things to do in and around Belle Fourche. Happenings announcements may be sent to: news@bellefourchebeacon.com Deadline is Friday before 5pm.

Belle Fourche Writers

The Belle Fourche Writers will hold their regular monthly editing meeting on Monday November 3 at the Belle Fourche Public Library from 2-4 PM. The regular November meeting will be held on Saturday, November 22 from 10 AM to noon. Anyone interested in writing, regardless of background or experience is invited to attend.

Short Story to Stage

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Margie Bolte likes to write. Last summer her story ‘Cleopatra the Cat’ won first place honors in the South Dakota State Fair Literature competition. ‘Cleopatra the Cat’ is a story of deception, mystery, discovery, and a mysterious visitor.

In October, Margie attended a play writing workshop hosted by the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater (BFACT). “In the workshop, I was shown how to format my story into a short

play.” Margie explained.

Altogether there were six short 10-minute plays performed. “Within ten days of writing and rehearsals, the short plays were performed on stage at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. It was awesome!” Margie said.

BFACT actors performed in the plays. ToiLyn and Kaitlyn Roth played the parts of the two characters in Margie's play.

“To see the story come to life on stage was surreal. My fiction story, words on paper, came alive.

The characters were performed perfectly.”

Margie was grateful for the experience. “I am grateful to Isabella Quijano, who was the leader of our playwright workshop and moderator for the performances.

Crystal Woods, who directed ‘Cleopatra the Cat, and thanks also to Derek Olson Director of BFACT, who allowed local community writers to write a short play. This was a wonderful opportunity to expand my writing.”



Margie Bolte, Belle Fourche Writers member and author of the short story ‘Cleopatra the Cat’ poses with actor Adrianna Scherer (far left) and director Isabella Quijano (far right). Courtesy Photo

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Lenhart, Jade Or Cinnamon, Weston WY	11	Bk...Hfr	717 \$365.00
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	38	Bld...Str	753 \$385.00
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	22	Bld...Hfr	725 \$365.00
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Harkin & Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	66	Bk...Str	553 \$472.00
Harkin & Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	20	Bk...Str	462 \$540.00
Harkin & Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	54	Bk...Hfr	545 \$448.00
Harkin & Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD	35	Bk...Hfr	485 \$483.00
Bauer Ranch, Union Center SD	77	Bk...Hfr	637 \$395.00
Bauer Ranch, Union Center SD	61	Bld...Hfr	623 \$409.00
Bauer Ranch, Union Center SD	18	Bld...Hfr	535 \$442.50
Bauer Ranch, Union Center SD	3	Bld...Hfr	415 \$495.00
Croell Ranch, Sundance WY	33	Bld...Str	615 \$405.00
Croell Ranch, Sundance WY	11	Bld...Str	589 \$410.00
Croell Ranch, Sundance WY	206	Bld...Str	517 \$511.00
Croell Ranch, Sundance WY	26	Bld...Str	431 \$550.00
Croell Ranch, Sundance WY	87	Bld...Str	549 \$446.00
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Brownfield, Ralph Or Emily, Hammond MT	84	Bld...Str	610 \$435.00
Brownfield, Ralph Or Emily, Hammond MT	19	Bld...Str	542 \$473.00
Brownfield, Ralph Or Emily, Hammond MT	12	Bld...Str	529 \$473.00
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Brownfield, Ralph Or Emily, Hammond MT	32	Bld...Hfr	509 \$464.00
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Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	55	Bld...Hfr	567 \$428.00
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	111	Bk...Hfr	499 \$475.00
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	91	Bk...Str	591 \$451.00
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	44	Bk...Str	501 \$512.50
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	56	Bk...Hfr	505 \$464.00
Edwards, Dave E, Gillette WY	11	Bk...Hfr	407 \$532.50
Peril, Richard Or Sharon, Rapid City SD	84	Bk...Str	602 \$435.00
Peril, Richard Or Sharon, Rapid City SD	19	Bk...Str	498 \$502.50
26 Cattle Co, Gillette WY	52	Bld...Str	483 \$467.00
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Draine, Tim Or Joni, Biddle MT	12	Bld...Hfr	606 \$389.00
Draine, Tim Or Joni, Biddle MT	40	Bld...Hfr	604 \$389.00
Draine, Tim Or Joni, Biddle MT	11	Bk...Hfr	520 \$430.00
Duprel, Jason Or Nellie, Newell SD	48	Bld...Str	652 \$416.00
Duprel, Jason Or Nellie, Newell SD	20	Bld...Str	508 \$517.50
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Madsen, Jim, Volborg MT	42	Bk...Str	438 \$555.00
Madsen, Jim, Volborg MT	11	Bk...Hfr	541 \$429.00
Madsen, Jim, Volborg MT	74	Bk...Hfr	469 \$480.00
Madsen, Jim, Volborg MT	10	Bk...Hfr	400 \$497.50
Mills Brothers, Gillette WY	44	Bld...Str	536 \$458.00
Mills Brothers, Gillette WY	13	Bld...Str	482 \$510.00
Mills Brothers, Gillette WY	14	Bld...Hfr	508 \$442.50
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Oliver Farm & Ranch Lc, Newell SD	14	B/R...Str	542 \$400.00
Oliver Farm & Ranch Lc, Newell SD	39	Bld...Hfr	577 \$381.00
Op Bar Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	63	Hfr...Str	658 \$397.00
Open B Ranch, Broadus MT	97	Bk...Hfr	492 \$474.00
Patten Ranch Co, Broadus MT	18	Bk...Str	531 \$457.00
Pleasant Valley Cattle Co Inc, Sturgis SD	32	Bld...Str	640 \$390.00
Pleasant Valley Cattle Co Inc, Sturgis SD	61	Bld...Hfr	571 \$372.00
Schaffer, Margaret & Dennis, Broadus MT	30	Bk...Str	564 \$429.00
Schaffer, Margaret & Dennis, Broadus MT	10	Bk...Str	466 \$515.00
Schaffer, Margaret & Dennis, Broadus MT	17	Hfr...Str	513 \$427.50
Schlireddt Enterprises, Sundance WY	18	Bk...Str	474 \$515.00
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Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft WY	33	Bk...Str	639 \$416.00
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Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft WY	19	Hfr...Str	599 \$405.00
Stinson Livestock, Moorcroft WY	22	Bk...Hfr	514 \$437.50
Talcoit, Duane, Hammond MT	30	Bk...Hfr	533 \$405.00
Trucano Ranch, Boyes MT	10	Bk...Str	497 \$507.50
Trucano Ranch, Boyes MT	14	Bk...Hfr	565 \$412.50
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	54	Bk...Str	531 \$461.00
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	24	Bk...Str	447 \$527.50
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	25	Bk...Hfr	485 \$470.00
Watsabaugh Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	15	Bk...Hfr	402 \$487.50
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY	35	Bk...Str	586 \$415.00
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY	15	Bk...Str	436 \$520.00
Whitney, Leroy & Bonnie, Newcastle WY	21	Bk...Hfr	530 \$422.50
Williams, Loyd, Broadus MT	19	Bld...Hfr	546 \$393.00
Wilson, Blaine & Susan E, Gillette WY	13	Bk...Hfr	599 \$361.00
Wolf Ranch, Hulett WY	25	Bld...Str	619 \$416.00
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Spearhead Ranch, Douglas WY	230	Lamb...83	\$237.00
Spearhead Ranch, Douglas WY	116	Lamb...100	\$204.00
Richards, Duane, Hammond MT	37	Lamb...71	\$258.00
Richards, Duane, Hammond MT	286	Lamb...91	\$222.00
Richards, Duane, Hammond MT	186	Lamb...112	\$191.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD	100	Lamb...85	\$239.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD	36	Lamb...75	\$258.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell SD	165	Lamb...98	\$215.10
Anderson, Christa J, Moorcroft WY	92	Lamb...101	\$212.00
Brewer, Daniel, Melstone MT	57	Lamb...81	\$239.00
Brown, Tim, Buffalo SD	122	Lamb...94	\$220.00
Chapman, Beau, Bison SD	71	Lamb...83	\$232.00
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Erk Ranch, Newell SD	210	Lamb...100	\$209.00
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Hafner, Laurie, Ludlow SD	78	Lamb...98	\$212.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Lc, Belle Fourche SD	215	Lamb...106	\$203.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT	76	Lamb...82	\$241.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT	270	Lamb...104	\$212.00
Kalhoff, Kyle & Shana, Oshoto WY	22	Lamb...106	\$214.00
Kopren, Randy, Prairie City SD	180	Lamb...109	\$199.00
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Mcamis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD	55	Lamb...103	\$214.00
Nemitz, Joe, Ismay MT	63	Lamb...78	\$258.00
Orwick Ranch Lp, Newell SD	31	Lamb...55	\$292.00
Orwick Ranch Lp, Newell SD	150	Lamb...76	\$255.00
Orwick Ranch Lp, Newell SD	38	Lamb...89	\$227.00
Round Rock Ranch, Douglas WY	109	Lamb...102	\$204.00
Sewell, Tom Or Lianne, Upton WY	69	Lamb...113	\$197.00
Spangler Ranch Ltd Partnership, Hulett WY	38	Lamb...90	\$223.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	73	Lamb...80	\$246.00

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Spring Calf Special 12 Noon - Spring Calves
BT-Branding Time Shots PC - PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
Vaccinated NI- No Implants

Yrags	
L7 Ranch - 320 Red Strs - 900-950#	
Calves	
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Wacey Boylan - 80 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC	
Tyler & Sally Jewitt - 80 Herf & Blk Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 650-700# - BT, PC	
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Friday, October 31, 2025

Spring Calf Special 9 AM - Yearlings followed by Calves
BT-Branding Time Shots PC - PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
Vaccinated NI- No Implants

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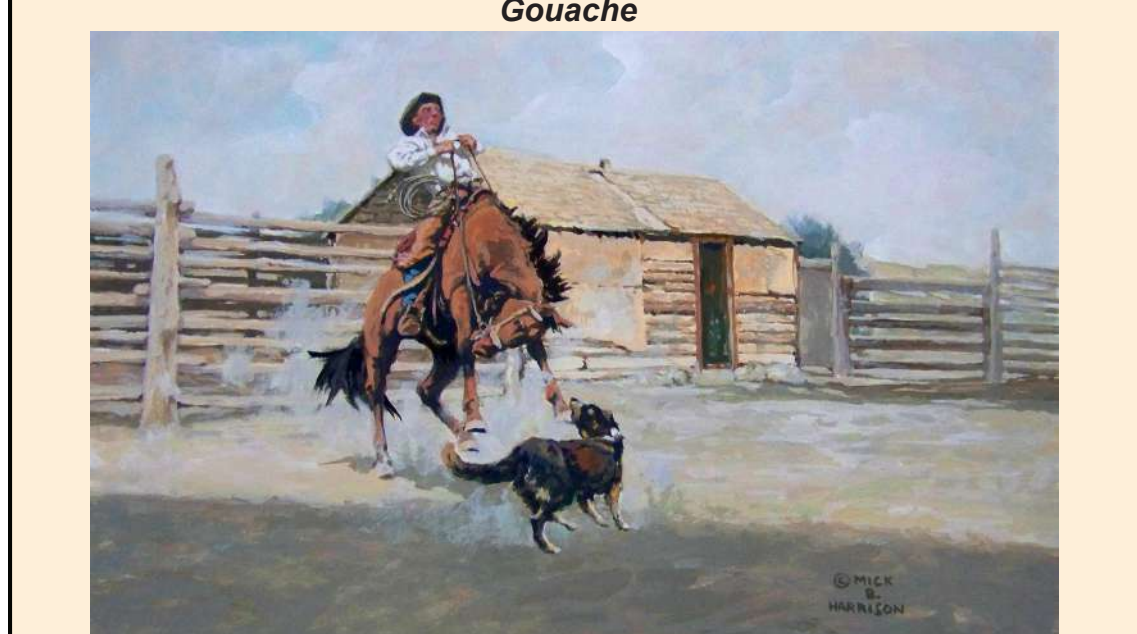
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by Mary Buchholz

124 years ago THE TIMES October 17, 1901



nary operations on another and work scheduled to begin shortly on the third. Workmen started this week on the construction of a 74-foot bridge over Horse creek on the old Newell-Vale road, not known as the Milberg road. The structure will be timber and steel. Preliminary operations have started on the construction of a 72-foot bridge on the Lewis road, south and east of Newell, over Willow creek. The new structure will replace three former bridges. Construction of traffic was made possible through a change in the course of the road. The third bridge to be built will be over Hay creek west of George Gray's place, west of Belle Fourche. It will be a 24-foot span. Driscoll also said that only three miles of grading operations remain to be done on the Twilight road from the north county line to Newell. The total grading mileage on this project is 48.8 miles. During the past several weeks spot graveling of county roads has been carried out in the Belle Fourche area. As soon as this is finished, the county rock crusher will be moved to east of Newell for similar work in the eastern end of the county.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
October 31, 1975

Helmer Re-Elected OWTF Treasurer Bob Helmer, Belle Fourche, was re-elected treasurer of the Old West Trail Foundation at that five-state organization's annual meeting at Bismarck Oct. 20-22. Rod Tjaden, Medora, N. D. was named president; Al Donahue, from Montana, vice-president and Jack Pollack, Nebraska, secretary, Jim Graf, Billings, will serve as president emeritus. Dawn Maulso, Rapid City, was named to replace Charles Donnelly, Rapid City, as executive director. Donnelly will take over the duties of editor and director of sales for a new publication of the organization. The publication will be called the Old West Trail Foundation Guide '76.

One-half million copies in full color will be published and distributed. Helmer said it was evident from reports that tourist travel was up in all parts of the area. At the same time, it was indicated that gas consumption in the region had declined.

100 years
The Belle Fourche Bee
November 5, 1925
Clerk of Courts A. W. Burkholder reports the following vital statistics for the month of October, 1925: four marriages, four deaths and thirteen births.
Community Enterprise
That is Filling Real Want in This Part of Country Friday evening of last week a public meeting of those interested in the Belle Fourche hospital was held at the K. P. hall, the meeting being largely attended by those who have been supporting this worthy movement and want to see the work continued. The same officers as have served for the past six months were reelected, and a move started that will result in incorporating the hospital under the laws of this state. The report of Treas-

urer Highberg showed that for the past six months a total of \$3,524.87 had been collected, this amount being made up as follows: Received from patients \$2,193.36; donation \$25; received from monthly subscriptions from business men of Belle Fourche, \$1,305.91; the cash balance on April 24, 1925, was \$115.52, making total cash of \$2,638.39. The total expense for the same period was \$3,091.32, leaving a cash balance of \$546.97.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Bee
November 3, 1950
Construction Starts on First of Three New Butte Bridges County Highway Supt. Oliver Driscoll announces that three county bridges are on the immediate construction list with work already started on one, prelimi-

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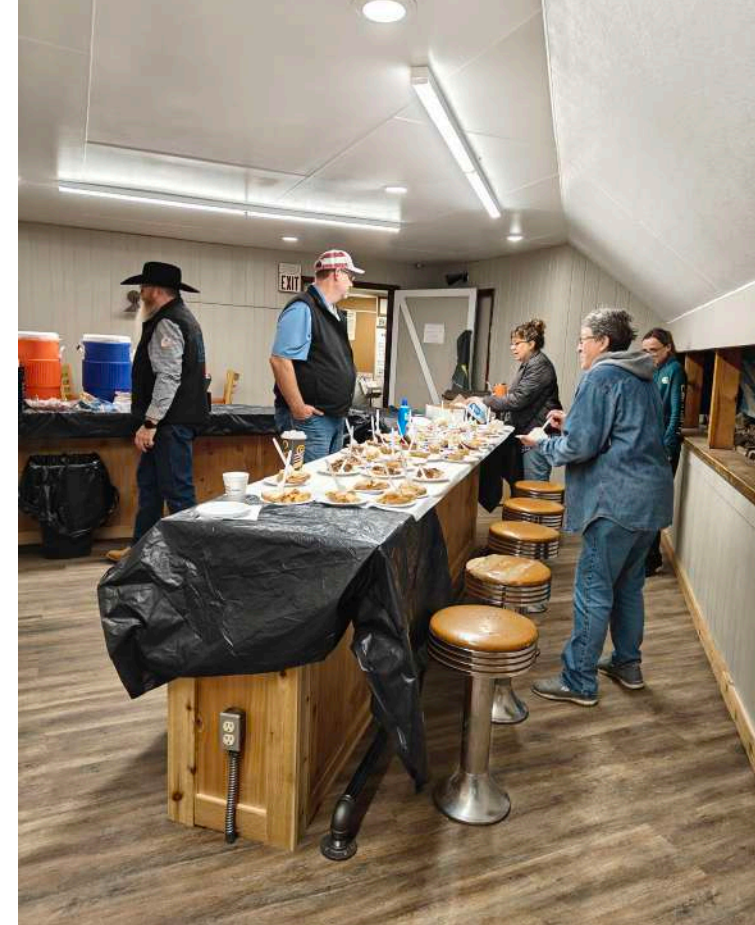
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Central Meade County News

October 26, 2025

by Sandy Rhoden



It was a wonderful weekend out here west of the river both Saturday and Sunday. It was a bit cooler east of the river where Larry Rhoden and family members traveled for the annual Governor's Hunt.

The Governor's Hunt began with a reception on Friday night at the Sanford Event Center. Entertainment by the Dueling Pianos took place which entertained around 400+ guests. The Governor even got up and sang with the group for a bit of two songs, one being 'Sixteen Ton'. Saturday morning was the day hunters left Sioux Falls in all directions to hunt pheasants until the afternoon. That evening there was a banquet to end the fun weekend. There was a First Lady's Tour that morning where about 40 ladies toured and tasted tested entrées at four different locations downtown in the Steel District and did a bit of shopping. Family attending were the four Rhoden sons and wives, Liz, Jennifer and Kalen Rhoden. Nephews Kenny & Cassie and Wes and Jordan Rhoden attended as well. Lorie Hausmann and Trish Murphy, sisters of Larry and Sandy attended as well. Eric and Cheryl Bogue, formerly of Faith, were among the group as well as Chuck and Ninu Spring and Gary and Amy Cammack of Union Center. A good time was had by all.

Floyd Cammack's heart valve surgery went well and he received a pace maker. He was able to come home on Wednesday evening and is doing well.

The following are some important reminders of things coming up. Daylight Savings time begins this Sunday, November 2, the first Sunday in November. We will be enjoying an extra hour of sleep on Saturday night/Sunday when we turn our clocks back an hour at bedtime.

There will be a family movie at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center on the 3rd Sunday in November. November 16 is the movie night. The name of the mov-

ie will be announced at a later date and can likely be found on the FB page of the Union Center Comm

Friday is a day that many youth look forward to, especially those with a sweet tooth. There will be Trunk 'r Treat at the Red Owl Hall on Friday October 31 from 5:00-7:00 pm. This is the 9th Annual Trunk 'r Treat night at the Red Owl Hall. Free hotdogs for the kids and their chauffeurs will be served. This is always a fun time for kids and parents in Central Meade County and is a great way to save on time and gas. Many thanks to the Red Owl Crew who help host this fun event!

For those of you who might know of someone deserving of recognition for bringing a positive light to their community with service who go above and beyond, you have the opportunity to submit them for a nomination to a South Dakota Rising Star. As First Lady I am asking for nominations for special South Dakota Rising Awards. There are 4 categories: Healthy Rising Stars, Innovative Rising Stars, Servant Rising Stars and Sturdy Rising Stars. Each winner will be recognized in early December with a special ceremony in Pierre. Do you know someone who has started something new to help others improve their quality of life? Do you know someone who has made a positive life change both physically and mentally that serves as a model to others?

Is there someone you know who has taken risks to make a positive lifestyle change or inspire positive change in others, or has sacrificed time and treasure to pour into others to improve their quality of life? If you do, please submit their nomination by going to First Lady Sandy Rhoden's Facebook page and click on the green South Dakota Sturdy. It should take you to Online Nomination Form and you can fill out and submit. The deadline is November 3 so now is a great time to nominate that special person!

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6 Pork enchilada Spanish rice Mexican street corn sopapilla	7 Cordon bleu Roasted potatoes Sautéed mushrooms, onions & peppers	8 Spaghetti & meatballs Garlic breadsticks Veggie medley	9 Pork roast Parsley noodles Green beans Dinner roll	10 Shredded chicken on a bun Roasted carrots Roasted potato
13 Baked ham sweet potato Broccoli Dinner roll	14 Salisbury steak Rice pilaf Roasted carrots Dinner roll	15 Baked chicken Roasted potato Creamed spinach	16 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes gravy Green beans Dinner roll	17 Tater tot casserole Mixed veggies Focaccia bread
20 Sausage and rice Veggie medley Salad Dinner roll	21 Country Fried Steak Mashed potato & country gravy Green beans Dinner roll	22 Chicken alfredo Noodles Broccoli Bread stick	23 Pulled pork sandwich Coleslaw Potato salad	24 Taco salad Tortilla chips Spanish rice
27 Sausage, peppers and onions wild rice dinner roll	28 Liver & onions or deluxe cheeseburger Roasted potatoes Mixed veg	29 Parmesan chicken Mashed potato & gravy Green beans	30 Swiss steak Parsley noodles Mixed veggies Dinner rolls	31 Ghoulash Corn muffins Mixed veg



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Petersons Launch New Fall Festival in Fruitdale

Robbi Longbrake
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FRUITDALE—A desire to shine a spotlight on a small town often overlooked was just one of the reasons that brought the Fruitdale Fall Festival to life on the afternoon of October 18.

Zach and Lacy Peterson, owners of Peterson 601 Homestead, had a wish to bring some of their products to market, as well as offer that same opportunity to other small producers in the area, a goal that gave rise to this new adventure. “Just bringing realization that Fruitdale is here!

We are restoring the old building—Community Hall is getting restored—so we figured we would use it too, and just

bring more people to the area,” said Zach.

This is the first-ever Fruitdale Fall Festival for the duo. “My wife had some people come up to her—there are a lot of local producers in the area—and encourage her to do this,” Zach shared. “The fall harvest is wrapping up as well and having a warm fall harvest festival, getting a lot of people together before the wintertime comes—that’s mainly the goal of it!”

The area around the historic Fruitdale Hall was lined with vendors. Live classic acoustic rock music by Bittersweet played, and shops were set up inside the Hall as well. There was everything from pumpkins and gourds, honey, fresh-baked bread, pies, cookies, and eggs to

lamb and so much more. Most anything you would hope to find at a fall harvest market, you could find at this one.

The event was harkening back to the area’s roots, to a time when the region was big in sugar beet and pickle production and the trains shipped beef and sheep from the area. “Agriculture is pretty important to the area, and we like to keep doing that too, we have that homestead mentality—fresh baked goods, fresh milk and eggs and lamb meat too—everything to be able to provide for yourself, we’re huge about that,” shared Zach.

For the kids, various vendors and community groups set up Trunk-or-Treat stations for anyone who wanted to get a head

start on Halloween festivities. Kids were encouraged to come in costume and have some fun. Nisland, Arpan Fire and Rescue, Western Skies 4-H Club, American Legion, and the Meade-Sturgis Unit 33 American Legion Auxiliary and Newell FFA set up specifically to provide games and treats to the area children.

The event was scheduled to go from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., and plans were in place for what to do as the night went on and the weather got a little cooler. “I think the turnout is going pretty well so far.

A lot of our trunk-or-treaters will be out of here probably about dark, but we’ll still be going,” explained Zach. “We brought some lights, so we’ll

have the area lit up! The inside is all heated and it has lights as well.

The food truck’s gonna stay here until 9 p.m. too, and our musicians will stay as long as there are people and the traffic keeps going!”

Vendors that participated in the Fall Festival include: Rollin’ in the Hills, The Wurst and More Food Truck, 5W Farm & Ranch, Morgan Krul & Vicki Hielscher, Hockenbary Photos, Cowgirl Creations, Mulberry Market, Mary Kay Makeup by Tonya Onstott, Tumblers & T-Shirt Bar by Lorri Olson, Wild Lightning Boutique, Bigfoot Sauces, Dawn Newland, Ruby Gabriel, The Belle Jar, R.G. Bees LLC, and Prairie Peddler.



(Above Clockwise) *Bittersweet* played acoustic rock music for those attending the *Fruitdale Fall Festival*.; Eager shoppers wait in line at the *Prairie Peddler* booth; Vendors line the area around Fruitdale Hall; Author *Ruby Gabriel* signed and sold her book; (Below Top) Vendors offered fresh products; (Below Bottom) *Rollin’ in the Hills* was a popular food truck at the Festival. *Longbrake photos*



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Dated at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this 22nd day of October, 2025.

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Market Report - Friday, October 24, 2025

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SPRING CALF SPECIAL OCTOBER 30, 2025 9 AM MT

AVERY & GRAHAM-WY 350 - 300 BLK STRS / 50 BLK HFERS 550-600# / 450# PC, BT SHOTS, NI JOHN & BONNIE & WADE JOHNSON -SD 320 BLK MXD CLVS 550-575#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI BUCHHOLZ RANCH -SD 225 - 150 BLK STRS / 75 BLK HFERS 500-600#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI RYAN STENSLAND -SD 220 BLK MXD CLVS 425-475# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, NO BRANDS GARY BISCHOFF -MT 200 RED HFERS, 450-500# PC, BT SHOTS, NI BRIAN PARK & LESLEY RABER PARK-MT 175 BLK MXD CLVS 575-650# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, NO HFERS KEPT, HFERS ARE SLICK & REPLACEMENT QUALITY MICHELLE SMITH -WY 170 MXD STRS, 550-600# PC, BT SHOTS, NI ZACH JOHNSON -MT 170 BLK/BWF MXD CLVS 500#, BT SHOTS, NI WINKLER RANCH -SD 160 - 70 BLK STRS / 90 BLK STRS 475-500# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED TODD FAMILY -WY 150 - 125 BLK STRS / 25 BLK HFERS 500-575#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI TODD LARSEN -SD 150 BLK MXD CLVS, 525-575# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED, NO HFERS KEPT C CROSS CATTLE CO -MT 150 BLK MXD CLVS 500-550#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI EUGENE & DAVID CADWELL-MT 125 BLK MXD CLVS 550-600#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI FRANK NIES -MT 125 BLK STRS 575#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI ENNEN & ANSTINE -SD 120 BLK MXD CLVS 600-650#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED, FULL MINERAL PROGRAM X HEART RANCH -WY 120 BLK/BWF STRS, 575-625# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED SWANSON OPERATING -WY 110 RED STRS 500#, BT SHOTS, NI JOHN MANNETTER -WY 105 - 80 HFERS / 25 STRS 500-550#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI KAUFMAN RANCH -MT 103 BLK STRS, 550-600# PC, BT SHOTS, NI LANDA RANCH -MT 100 BLK MXD CLVS 500-550#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI ALAN LLOYD -MT 100 BLK STRS, 500-550# PC, BT SHOTS, NI SPOTTED MULE RANCH -SD 75 BLK/RED MXD CLVS 500#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI WAGNER TRUST -WY 75 BLK MOSTLY STRS 550-600#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI KUHBACHER RANCH -WY 70 BLK MXD CLVS, 600-650# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED JACK ORWICK -SD 60 BWF MXD CLVS, 500-550# PC, BT SHOTS, NI BILL & ROBIN BAUMGARTEN -SD 55 BLK/BWF MXD CLVS 575-600#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI PAT KING -WY 55 BLK STRS, 600-700# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED DOUG & PEGGY LIVINGSTON -WY 50 BLK MXD CLVS, 525-625# PC, BT SHOTS, NI MYRON JOHNSTON -MT 50 BLK HFERS, 500# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED MECAHA CATTLE CO -SD 40 BLK STRS, 550-600# PC, BT SHOTS, NI HUNSACKER RANCH -SD 38 BLK/BWF MXD CLVS 550-650#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI TANGO PAPA RANCH -WY 35 BLK/BWF STRS, 500-600# PC, BT SHOTS, NI TOM REEVES -SD 35 BLK HFERS, 500# PC, BT SHOTS, NI JOHNA ROVERE -SD 30 BLK MXD CLVS 600#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI GARRETT BORGALLI -WY 26 BLK MXD CLVS, 600-650# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED JOHN COOPER -SD 25 BLK/HEREF MXD CLVS 550#, PC, BT SHOTS, NI TIM HAGUE -SD 20 - 15 RED/RWF STRS / 5 BWF HFERS, 450-500# PC, BT SHOTS, NI COREY MIDDLETON -WY 13 BLK MXD CLVS, 500# PC, BT SHOTS, NI, POURED

WEIGH-UP SPECIAL OCTOBER 31, 2025 10 AM MT

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Reagan Hatling & Syd Pelster blocking at the net; **Danali Larson & Syd Pelster** blocking; **Syd Pelster** setting the ball up for the hitter; **Reagen Hatling** spiking; **Danali Larson** spiking; **Syd Pelster** concentrating on her serve; **Reagan Hatling** spiking Courtesy Photos



Area Church Schedules

BLACK HILLS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY
1/2 Mile east on Hwy 34
210-1374
Kenny Riley, pastor
Sunday: 1 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St
892-4767
Dan Carlson, Pastor
Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1105 Todd St.
John Allred, Bishop
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

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613 Sixth ave., Belle Fourche
(605)-210-2150
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Sunday Worship: 8:30 or 10:15 am

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807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
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Morning Worship - 10:30am
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5:30pm - Salt and Light

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892-3402
www.bfsoucc.org
717 Jackson St. Sunday:
9:35 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship

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901 Laurel St. Whitewood
(605)-920-1959
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10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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(605) 257-2356
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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642-7167
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10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 Kellern Lane, Spearfish
Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH
1701 Hwy 212, Newell
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

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File No. 09PRO24-000019

In the Matter of the Estate of)
ALAN J. BENNETT,)
Deceased.)

Notice is given that on the 24th day of September, 2024, Cheryl A. Bennett was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Alan J. Bennett.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.

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By John Newby *"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"*
"Leading by Example: Why Local Government Spending Matters"

Picture a city council meeting where officials passionately advocate for shopping local, urging residents to support Main Street businesses. The irony? That same week, the city awarded a \$500,000 construction contract to an out-of-state firm, purchased fleet vehicles from a dealer three counties away, and hired a consulting firm from another state to design a community development plan that may never be implemented.



employ residents, who patronize local services. This compounding effect transforms a single dollar into several dollars of economic activity. When government spending leaves the community, this multiplier vanishes. That \$500,000 construction contract doesn't just represent lost revenue for local contractors—it represents lost wages for local workers, lost sales for local suppliers, lost deposits in local banks, and lost revenue for local businesses where those workers would have spent their paychecks.

The Flawed Bidding Process - Most government entities rightfully seek the lowest responsible bid, fulfilling their fiduciary duty as stewards of taxpayer dollars. However, this approach contains a fundamental flaw: it measures only the initial cost, not the total community impact.

Does the lowest bid calculation include the multiplier effect of keeping dollars local? Does it account for sales tax revenue generated when local workers spend their wages? Does it factor in the property tax base stabilized when local businesses remain viable? Does it consider the social costs of job losses or the benefits of job creation? The answer to all these questions is typically no.

A genuinely comprehensive fiduciary analysis requires examining the complete financial picture. When a local bid comes in 10 to 15 percent higher than an out-of-town competitor, it may actually represent better value once the full economic impact is measured. The additional tax revenue alone—from business taxes, employee income taxes, and sales taxes generated by local spending—can offset

much of the price differential. **A Path Forward -** Communities facing financial pressures intensified by economic disruptions must maximize every dollar's impact. This requires implementing systematic changes to purchasing policies: Establish a local preference framework that quantifies the community benefits of local spending. Calculate the true cost difference after accounting for lost tax revenue and multiplier effects. Create transparency in major purchases. When significant contracts go to out-of-town businesses, require public documentation of why local options were insufficient and what the community cost will be.

Set measurable local spending targets. If a community currently spends 40 percent locally, establish a goal of 50 percent within two years with specific strategies to reach it. When local governments and major employers commit to local spending, they signal to residents that these matters. Leadership by example proves more powerful than any marketing campaign. The path to community vitality doesn't require expensive consultants or elaborate studies that never materialize into action. It requires commitment to a simple principle: spend locally first and spend elsewhere only when truly necessary.

Every dollar invested in the local community generates returns far exceeding any other available investment—returns measured not just in economic growth, but in the distinctive character and resilient spirit that make a community worth calling home. The question isn't whether communities can afford to prioritize local spending. The question is whether they can afford not to.

John A. Newby is the author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column dedicated to helping local communities, government and business combine synergies allowing them to thrive in a world where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. His email is john@truly-local.org

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We had some computer and computer operator errors the past few weeks and Capitol News was the victim. To correct in addition to this weeks we are publishing the two missing weeks. Please accept our apologies.



Capitol News October 5, 2025
By Karen Odell
The week at Capitol and on Tie Creek was wonderfully beautiful.

Finally on Saturday, the rains came again, but it was a lovely rain that came calmly, and continually, throughout the night.

The rain came in short pours, but mostly was a soft and steady shower.

Erma Albert still has some big, beautiful flowers in her flowerbed. With the threat of frost, it will be sad to see those flowers lose their color. Erma and Dick went to the Hills, on Tuesday, for some shopping, and Dick's haircut. Erma got her hair cut on Wednesday, in Buffalo. They have had their boughts with the cold that has been going around, but are feeling good again. On Friday, they went to the Senior

Center for the Friday dinner. There were fewer people there, that day. Erma worked to save some of her garden and outdoor flowers, on Saturday. There was a chance of freeze, on Sunday, so she covered some, and brought some inside. They both went to church on Sunday, and then went to Saloon Number Three for dinner.

Ronda Cordell went to Spearfish to meet her daughter, Christen, on Monday. Christen has been working for the postal service in Omaha, Nebraska for a couple of months, and she is now home again. Ronda and Christen had lunch at Pizza Ranch. Christen had brought some groceries, for Ronda, from Rapid City. On Wednesday, Ronda made a trip to Ekalaka, and had a late lunch at the Wagon Wheel. Ronda met Karen Odell on Friday, to give her some of the produce from Ronda's garden. Ronda has

spent lots of time harvesting her garden. It is one of the best garden's Ronda has ever had, even though she didn't start it until July. On Saturday evening, Ronda went in to Camp Crook for the fireman's barbecue. Then the rains came again. Ronda had gotten an inch and seven-tenths by Sunday.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson had gotten an inch and a half of rain, this week. Lynn and Linda Matthews made their trip to Bowman to the beauty shop, on Monday. The week was quiet, and on Saturday evening, Bruce and Lynn went to the Camp Crook Fireman's barbecue. Their Sunday drive to church at Little Missouri was precarious.

The northern part of Little Missouri Road is really torn up and had filled with mud holes. There were fewer people at church; possibly because of the weather. Then Bruce and Lynn came back to Camp Crook on

the South Dakota side of the river, where the road was much better. Lynn covered some of her tomatoes on Sunday evening, in case of freeze. Doug Davis had just added some gravel to spots in his road before the rains came. The gravel just seemed to sink down in when the inch of rain soaked things up. Julia had come home from a wonderful trip with friends to Niagara Falls. She is still resting up from that fun vacation. She had gotten some really cool pictures. Doug went in to Camp Crook for the firemen's barbecue on Saturday evening.

Karen Odell is back to mowing again. The trimming takes the longest. She went to Buffalo for gas, on Wednesday, and stopped at Wolffy's on the way home. On Friday, while out on the mower, Karen got company, and enjoyed a long talk with two ladies who were doing

some missionary work for their church. Then, on Friday, Ronda Cordell came by for a visit, and to bring Karen some of her garden produce. Ronda's garden is wonderful, this year, and so plentiful that she is sharing. Karen can already say that her corn, cucumbers, and beets are truly delicious.

Karen used her Honda to meet Ronda at the mailbox, when she was getting the mail. She got back home before the rains began, so she didn't venture out on Saturday evening, for the fireman's supper. It rained all night, and through the morning on Sunday, so Karen didn't get out for church either. She got about an inch of rain.

It's a relief to know you don't have to remember your mistakes, because there are always people who can ignore their own, but are expert at reminding everyone about yours.



Capitol News October 12, 2025
By Karen Odell
The warm weather is holding, at Capitol and on Tie Creek. We had a few more

days of nice weather for working outside.

The cool weather came on Sunday, with a little rain. Erma Albert has spent the week fighting allergies and colds. She went to her physical therapy appointments in Buffalo, on Monday and Thursday. Dick Albert attended the Senior Citizen dinner, on Friday. Erma stayed home, but Dick brought her one of the delicious meals. Dick went to church, at the Catholic Church, on Sunday. After church, he went to Saloon Number Three for dinner, and brought dinner home to Erma from there, too. The Catholic Church Bazaar will be held on November second, at the Buffalo Community Center. Dinner will be served at noon, and bingo will follow into the afternoon.

Lynn Gustafson drove to the Hills, on Monday, for a doctor's appointment, and to complete other errands. She went to the Camp Crook City Building for meetings of the Diligent Doers Extension Club, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The club will host the Fall Council meeting for the Montana Carter and Fallon County Extension clubs. It will be held in Camp Crook in November. Bruce and Lynn Gustafson attended church at the Little Missouri Church, on Sunday, and enjoyed seeing many people there.

Doug and Julia Davis had a busy weekend. Julia went to a baby-reveal party, at Saloon Number Three, in Buffalo. The party would divulge whether the next baby of Mackenzie and Aislinn Buck will be a boy or a girl. You had to be there to learn the results of the scan. On Friday, Jake, Calli, Keaton and Kellan came out to help Doug and Julia with fall shots for their cattle. Morgan Buck and Johnny Hanson were there

to help, also. Later, Travis, Amanda, Rory and Oliver came, too, and on Saturday they got lots of work done on the barn roof. Jake's family headed home for Sunday. Keaton is one of the Confirmation Students that would help at the Sunday church service.

Ernie, Rachel, and Tommy Melum went to church in Baker, on Sunday. That afternoon, they visited at Junior and Shirley Melum's. Rachel is improving and getting stronger each day, after having pneumonia and spending time in the Ekalaka hospital. Tommy is a member of the Carter County FFA team that competed, in Jordan, last week. It was a new experience for him, but his study of range plants and soils helped him to place second in the Carter County students and eighteenth overall.

It was a great job for his first time in the competition. There will be an agronomy FFA competition later in the fall. Dorothy Padden went to two meetings of the Diligent Doers

Extension Club, this week. The club met on Tuesday, and on Wednesday, to make preparations for the Carter-Fallon County Fall Council Meeting that the Diligent Doers Club will host in Camp Crook, later in the fall. This week there were no home games for Harding County sports teams, so Dorothy didn't travel far.

An early morning shower, on Monday, allowed Ronda Cordell to burn some trash. Then, she went up into the Long Pines with the metal detector to locate her pair of brand-new fencing pliers, that had been lost earlier in the summer. She found them, and was glad to see they weren't even rusted.

On Tuesday, she took a pick-up to Ekalaka to get a tire repaired. Jake Reynolds took another pick-up to Ekalaka to leave there to have a set of new tires mounted. They ate lunch at the Wagon Wheel, before coming home.

On Thursday, Ronda made a trip to the bank in Buffalo, and was just in time to have lunch

at Blossoms n Brew before they closed at two o'clock. When Ronda got back home, she cut and piled the squash, because a harder freeze may be predicted by Sunday night. On Thursday, Clint Zolnoski drove to Dickinson to pick up a new Can-Am. He stopped in at Ronda's, on Friday, and Ronda had him light the pilot on the heater in the kitchen. On Saturday, the Zolnoski's went to Abby's basketball games in Belle Fourche. Ronda joined Jake Reynolds and Jason Berg at the Bergstrom place for supper. Karen Odell was glad for the warm days for working outside. She got more mowing and trimming done, and things are looking good. She enjoyed talking to her kids, cousin, and high school friend in Ohio. Karen visited with the Wolff family and Brandon Padden at Wolffy's store, and mailed some letters in Camp Crook. A kangaroo began to worry, and he went to consult his psychiatrist, because he had been feeling a little jumpy, lately.



Capitol News October 26, 2025
by Karen Odell
Last Monday, Ronda Cordell went to meet the well drillers, to take them to a

well site. Then, she went back in the afternoon to check on the drilling progress. On Wednesday, she and Jake Reynolds went to check on cows that were out. The rain and fog hindered their search, but they were able to find them, and got them back. They followed the fence to see where they had escaped. By following elk trails, they found it, and got it untangled. The elk had run through, and got it twisted for quite a distance, on either side of a huge pine tree. Then, they stopped to visit a bit with Jim and Sallye Swedberg, who are spending time at the ranch. Thursday proved to be a great day to be inside to defrost freezers. The rain gauge ended up with an inch and a half, when the showers stopped. Ronda doesn't remember the country being quite so green as it is now. It's a wonderful feeling to be getting this Fall moisture.

Diane Wear and Dave Adams stopped by on Friday. They were on their way to get a pickup from Wolffy's. They didn't find anyone home, because Ronda was in the hills moving cows. Ronda went out to the Ladner Bazaar on Sunday. This week Ronda gathered cows from the Long Pines. The brush and bushes are so thick that they had trouble finding cows. Clint searched with a drone, this week, and only about six cows are still hiding. Cooler temperatures may encourage them to head for home. On Sunday, Ronda got a call about a fire near her bales, and she headed west with the tractor. Fire crews from Ekalaka

and Camp Crook, and about ten people with loader tractors, soon had it under control.

Clint and Denise Zolnoski went to basketball games this weekend. Abby played in Belle Fourche on Saturday, and Darby played in Dickinson on Sunday.

Dick and Erma Albert had dentist appointments in the Hills on Monday. They went to the Senior Citizen Dinner, on Friday, and to church at the Catholic Church on Sunday. Then, they had lunch with the Helms family at Saloon Number Three. Their daughter, Heather and Stan Skikus came from Nebraska for a visit and to prepare the house for winter.

Lynn Gustafson helped with the Camp Crook Halloween gathering, last Friday. The date had been changed from Saturday, because of a conflict. They attended church at Little Missouri on Sunday. Doug and Julia Davis spent Tuesday night with Travis and Amanda Davis and Rory and Oliver.

Then on Wednesday, they took the boys to school, picked them up, and spent the day with them. On Saturday, Doug and Morgan Buck went to help Latham's work calves at the Jump-Off Ranch.

Ernie and Rachel Melum have been busy with fall work. On Saturday, Tommy visited neighbors for his FFA group. They all went to Baker for church on Sunday, and stopped at Junior and Shirley Melum's to visit in the evening.

Last weekend, Rod Bisgard visited at Alvin and Marlee Cordell's. On Thursday, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to see the last high school football game for their grandson, Gavin. It was an exciting game with Rapid City Christian. On Fri-

day, Ryan Cordell's family, with Wade Pearson and his kids, and some other help, moved cows from the Horton place down to winter pasture. A hunter came from Colorado on Saturday, soon got his deer, and left on Sunday. Wade's family and Ryan's family moved the cows from the Cottonwood pasture back to the Loken place on Sunday, too. Jay Cordell came out for the weekend and did lots of mowing at the ranch and in Camp Crook.

Bryce and Dawn Padden spent a few days in Arizona, where they attended the wedding of Eric Heady.

The weather was so nice that they wanted to stay longer. This week, Dawn, Bryce and Dorothy went to the volleyball game in Buffalo. Brandon, Ashley and the kids, and Dawn, went to the state cross-country meet in Huron. Kany and Kala Padden were both competing there, and did very well. Romela Heady and her son Eric came for hunting and to visit, this week, and Allyn Marshall came to visit also.

Karen Odell had a busy time, last weekend. She drove to Rapid City Airport on Thursday, and took a flight to Minneapolis. In Minneapolis, she was to meet her daughter, Mollie Smith, for another flight to Fort Wayne, Indiana. With the use of her cane, Karen got to the gate for her next flight. Mollie was driving from her home to the Minneapolis Airport, but she was delayed because of an accident ahead of her, and her line of traffic was slowed to a stop. She let Karen know that she was running late, got parked, and met Karen in the airport in time to grab a wheel chair for Karen, and some supper before boarding time. They were soon aboard, but after a delay, they

were told there was a knob that needed to be fixed, and they would wait until that was done. Then they announced that the bathroom lights were not working, and they were looking into that. Finally they asked the people to deplane, while they got a different plane. After getting another plane, they needed a complete crew. Once they got the crew, they needed different pilots that were qualified to fly the bigger plane. Finally the passengers were given vouchers for the night at a hotel. Mollie got an uber to take them to the hotel, but there was a very slow line at the hotel, because the hotel had not been notified of the vouchers. Finally Karen and Mollie got a little sleep, before the early morning flight the next day. Karen's cousin, Ralph Anderson was going to meet her in Fort Wayne, but Karen texted him that he might as well get some sleep until morning. Karen and Mollie got on the airport shuttle in the morning, and finally things went as expected. They got to Fort Wayne, and Cousin Ralph was waiting for them to take them to Ohio. Ralph had talked Karen into this trip, to visit friends and her two brothers in Ohio. Ralph went through Defiance, Ohio, so that Mollie could visit the antique stores there. When they got to Rimer, Ohio, Ralph gave Mollie the keys to his vintage pick-up truck, so the two could travel on their own. They stopped in Vaughnsville to visit Karen's high school classmate, Bill Foulkes, and he drove them to Columbus Grove, where they could visit the Clymer Museum. The Clymer twins are Karen's second cousins, and have hunted in all parts of the world. Their museum is filled with some known and some unusual taxidermy animals. Larry was

there to give them the full tour, and tell many stories of their adventures. Gary was off on a hunting trip at 86 years of age. Next, Bill took them to visit her brother Jim Evans at the Mennonite Nursing Home in Bluffton. Jim has Parkinson's Disease, but still remembers every story and event he ever experienced. Karen had hoped to meet with her school friend, Francine Benroth, who lived in Bluffton, but they missed contacting each other.

Then, Bill took them, and another school friend, Phyllis Simon, out to supper in Lima. Then, Karen and Mollie were back in the pick-up, and went to the hotel. The next day, they visited Karen's brother, Ron Evans and Patsy, in Ada, and also got to visit with nephew, Dave and Sallie Evans. Mollie also got to visit an antique store, there, and it was a great day. They drove back to Rimer, where they left the pick-up. Ralph met them, and Mollie drove them in Ralph's car, back to Indiana for a very short night's sleep, before boarding their flight back to Minneapolis on Sunday morning. Mollie wheeled Karen to the gate for her next flight back to Rapid City, and from there Karen drove back home. After that great adventure, Karen talked to Ralph, Bill and Francine on the phone at home. The rest of the week was filled with mowing and trimming. On Saturday evening, Tommy Melum stopped by for a visit, and told Karen about his recent FFA trip. Chancey Odell had done chores for Karen while she was gone, and now, he is spending a quiet week, while Megan is on a trip to Ireland with her parents and sister. Without problems, we would never accomplish anything.

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Sip and Paint Fundraiser Held at NVN Center

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NEWELL—A fun Friday evening together with friends, paint, and pop was spent at a Sip and Paint Workshop on October 17.

Lynette Culver led participants in creating a two-foot-tall Halloween cat mini porch sitter painting—just in time for spooky season! After healing from a broken hand and not painting for a year and a half, Lynette wondered if she could still do it. “I haven’t ever been to a sip and paint event, so I hope

I’m doing this right,” she said.

Lynette did a fantastic job leading all of the participants through a complicated cat and pumpkin painting, encouraging everyone as they went. There was a lot of laughter and good stories throughout the evening. She has been painting since 1991, so it was old hat to her!

The event was held at the NVN Senior Citizen Center, and for \$25, instruction, soft drinks, and all of the supplies were included. All of the proceeds from the event go to the Senior Center. Lynette volunteered her

time. “What we charge tonight goes to the NVN Center for the utilities,” she explained.

If you are looking for something to do on a Friday evening and want to get out of the house, have some fun, and participate in fundraising for a good cause, mark your calendar for November 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and come to the next Sip and Paint Workshop.

A fall scarecrow on a 16-inch round cardboard will be the project. All supplies are included in the price. Space is limited. Reach out to Lynette to preregister.



Instructor **Lynette Culver** gives *Sip and Paint* participants some tips on how to hold the brush. *Longbrake photo*

Pep Rally to Cheer on Two Runners Going to State Cross Country

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NEWELL—The whole school showed up, along with some family and friends, to celebrate the accomplishments of eighth graders Lucille Ahart and Jessi Bachman. The two were gearing up for a trip to Huron, SD, to take part in the State Cross Country Meet.

A pep rally, specifically for the duo, also took time to celebrate the other fall sports teams at Newell High School. Head Football Coach Ryan Niman introduced his team and discussed how hard the football team worked this year. Even though they didn’t have a full season, they still managed to outscore their opponents, 114 to 33.

Head Volleyball Coach Amy Williams called her players

down to the front and shared with the audience about a recent tournament win the team had. It was a breast cancer awareness tournament, and as the winners, they received a bright pink star quilt. Players held up the quilt and shared that it would be on display in the school soon.

The spotlight wasn’t working, but organizers wanted a dramatic introduction for the special guests of the pep rally. They asked everyone in Austin Auditorium to turn on their phone flashlights when the lights went down to illuminate the runners.

Stephen Simpson, MS Social Studies, Reading, and Science teacher, went on to announce them. “Ladies and gentlemen, standing five-foot-seven inches from Newell,

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Big sisters to **Lucille Ahart** and **Jessi Bachman** say a few heartfelt words to their little sisters. *Longbrake photo*

Whatever It Takes Coalition hosts luncheon

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On Wednesday, October 8, 2025 the Whatever It Takes Coalition hosted a luncheon meeting at the Newell Christian Fellowship Community Hall. Jason Evans and Lara Cunningham with the SD Department of Revenue presented about Alcohol Licensing, Alcohol Training Programs, Youth Consumption, Social Host, Alcoholic Seltzers, THC Infused Beverages, Tobacco products, Vapor Products and other age-restricted products. There was a great turnout with representations from the Belle Fourche City Council, Newell City Council, Alcohol retailers, Butte County Auditor, Butte County Extension, WIT Coalition members, community members, Belle Fourche Chamber, SDNG Drug Demand, and Butte County Sheriff.

Jason and Lara showed

a slide presentation and answered questions along with way about how to legal serve alcohol and what to watch for with seltzers, etc.

BC Sheriff, Fred Lamphere, ended the meeting by going over data that the Sheriff’s Office has collected for January 1st through September 30, 2025. There was a lot of interested in what he had to share. Butte County is a big county so they cover a lot of miles. 147,962 miles to date for the sheriff and deputies. Sheriff Lamphere stressed, “Illegal drugs and associated crimes remain the most prevalent issues in Butte County. The Sheriff’s Office collaborates with the state and federal agencies to combat these challenges. Despite enforcement efforts, new groups often emerge to replace those apprehended”.

If you are interested in knowing more about the information shared at this meeting you are welcome

to contact the Whatever It Takes Coalition Director, Sabrina Harmon at 605-381-9136 to learn more or if you would like to be part of the WIT Coalition please reach out.



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Grand River Roundup



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This week felt like fall usually does with temperatures from 50s to 70s.

in the middle of nowhere where the neighbors are ready to help anytime.
The guys and neighbors went to help Bill Holt ship his calves Tuesday morning.

take my old computer over to the Connection to see if Jack Anderson could make it connect to the internet and took an old graduation card of Clarence "Jack" Blomberg for Jack to give to his mother Koreen Anderson.

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

October 28, 1915
The H. J. Christian and J. H. Christian families made the trip to Deadwood by auto Sunday.

When you are in Vale, stop at Henry Meyer's Boarding House. He takes good care of all transients.

A circulation library has been started at the Hartwell Pharmacy which will no doubt prove very popular to lovers of good reading.

October 22, 1925
Five families in the Vale neighborhood have been quarantined by County Physician Chassell on account of infantile paralysis.

Everybody in Newell should be on the sidelines to see the Belle Fourche - Newell game on Friday afternoon.

pep to put over a victory. The injury of the year to a local football player came in the Spearfish - Newell game last week, when Waino Killinen, playing end on the Newell team, suffered a broken leg.

Tuesday evening the Horse Creek School teachers dined and spent the night with the Louis Maass family.

October 24, 1935
Arthur Fuentes, a Hawaiian beet laborer recently employed at the Andrew Harmon, Sr. ranch, is being held in the Butte County jail and is being held to Circuit Court to answer to a charge of breaking into the city liquor store at Newell early Tuesday morning.

A test balloon which no doubt was sent up from the stratosphere camp near Rapid City was noted sailing over Newell last Thursday around noon.

by Linda Velder
since it was going in a north-easterly direction. Several more test balloons were reported to have passed over Newell this morning.

October 24, 1945
The Newell High School band, under the leadership of Professor Burns Taft, is putting on the Annual Pancake Super at the City Hall, Saturday October 27.

E. Muotka has invested in a church, he has purchased the building west of the Valley Irrigator office, which has been used the past 2 years by the Open Bible Church sect.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Berg and son Zo were callers Friday evening at the Marcus Erickson home on Horse Creek.

October 27, 1955
The Newell High School bandThe Newell City Library was moved to the new larger, refinished quarters upstairs of the City Hall.

preg test his cows on Thursday and everything went well. I went to Reva that afternoon to pick up Beau and Hannah Doll and Copper off the school bus and it's always fun to visit with the neighbors who are also at the store waiting to get their kids off the bus.

Friday was a beautiful warm day with no wind so I took advantage of it and washed a bunch of laundry and hung it out on the clothesline.

coming. I took a long walk in the beautiful weather and picked up a lot of petrified wood rocks and other pretty rocks to put in my huge rock pile.

Saturday was another beautiful day with a high temperature of 71 degree so I washed some bedding to hang out on the clothesline to get everything clean before the frost sets in.

Sen. Sam Marty's daughter Lindsey was in church again Sunday morning but she was going down to the Rapid City airport to fly home that afternoon so they didn't stick around to visit very long.

Halloween was October 31 so I'll leave you with this:

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*What kind of makeup do witches wear?
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tional shelves have also been installed for the children's books, a large reading table and more chairs added. The entrance is located on the east side.

Sharon Schipke, popular Newell High School sophomore and cheerleader, was out of school most of last week due to facial injuries suffered in a post hole digger accident.

Due to the building in progress at the Congregational Church, the O'Neil Photo Company has set up their studio for taking pictures in the basement of the Odd Fellow Hall.

Free Sittings for the public on Saturday.

October 21, 1965
U S Patent Office advised US SD Senator Karl Mundt that a patent was granted to Darrell C. Anderson, Newell inventor.

The Vale Post Office will be moved this Saturday from its temporary quarters into a new building just completed by Ray Dutton, announced Mrs. Clara Lungren, Postmaster.

A community-wide clean-up project, plus repair of the large highway sign in the north part of town, were considered at a meeting of the Newell Junior Chamber of Commerce at the City Hall Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Don Reid was hostess of the Hobby Club at her home Wednesday evening. The making of Christmas gift items was discussed, and it was decided to have a display of items at Vi's Flowers, an open house at Mrs. Leo Ahonen's on October 31st.



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6) Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk ADAM SANDLER DAY BLT, Fruit, Milk	7) Potato-Tomato Rhyme Hashbrowns/Eggs, & Tomatoes, Fruit, Milk Peach-Beach Rhyme Pinwheel Sandwiches, Tuna Salad, Peach Crisp, Fruit, Milk	8) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk DECADE DAY-THE 70S Chicken Pot Pie, Salad w/ Green Goddess Dressing, Carrot Cake, Fruit, Milk	9) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk BARBIE & KEN DAY Pink Chicken Alfredo, Beets, Fruit, Milk	10) NO SCHOOL
13) Scrambled Eggs & Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk French Dip Sandwich on Flat Bread, Potato Wedges, Fruit, Milk	14) Long Johns. Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Enchiladas, Corn, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	15) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Corn, Potato Salad, Fruit, Milk	16) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	17) NO SCHOOL
20) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	21) Breakfast Egg Roll, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pulled Pork, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Milk	22) Quiche, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Burrito, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	23) Tornadoes, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	24) NO SCHOOL
27) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nachos, Black Beans & Rice, Fruit, Milk	28) Long Johns, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Quesadillas, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	29) Turkey Wraps Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chili, Sweet Rolls, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	30) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Bat Wings (Chicken Wings), Corn, Fruit, Milk	31) NO SCHOOL

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South Dakota, Jessi Bachman!" She ran out while the crowd cheered. Simpson went on to introduce the next state-bound runner, "Standing five-foot from Nisland, South Dakota, ranked first in our region, Lucille Ahart!" And again the crowd roared! The big sisters to Lucille and Jessi, Evelyn Ahart and Bristol Bachman, not only helped put together the celebration, but also took time to give their little sisters a pep talk to prepare them for the State Cross Country Meet. Bris-

tol told Jessi how proud of her she was and added, "I guess all the times you were chased with a side-by-side really paid off! You are so fast—like lightning!" Lucille's big sister, Evelyn, gave her some words of encouragement as well: "Good job being number one in the region—it suits you! You are amazing! Good luck at State!" The event ended after a few cheers led by the volleyball players and an attempt at a wave through the crowd. A good time was had by all!

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(Above) Student athletes lead cheers at the Pep Rally; (Below L) **Lucille Ahart** and **Jessi Bachman** get a special send off during the school wide pep rally to cheer them on at state cross country. (Below R) Football coach **Ryan Niman** introduces his players during the pep rally; (Bottom) Coach **Amy Williams** and the volleyball team display the star quilt they won at a recent tournament. *Longbrake Photos*

