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State Street Fills With Costumes for Halloween Parade

BELLE FOURCHE—Once again, several hundred kids, parents, and family members donned Halloween costumes for the annual walk down State Street beginning at 4:15 p.m. on October 31. Excited youngsters braved the chilly stroll to participate in the (CONBA) Halloween Parade and festivities.

The event has been a long-standing tradition in the community for well over a decade. It was once proudly led by the late Pete Krush. Lee Hodge has stepped in to take on that leadership role over the past few years. Paying homage to the past leader, Hodge wore Pete's bunny costume as he led the parade this year.

After walking the two-block route, kids who wanted to participate in the costume contest lined up along the end of the route, and judging began.

There was an average of approximately 30 kids per category to be judged. The age groups were 8–10, 5–7, 3–4, and 0–2.

The categories for each age division were prettiest, scariest, and most original. There was also a group/family category with first-, second-, and third-place awards given.

The judging takes quite a few volunteers to get through the large number of contestants



Lee Hodge, of Hodge Bootery and Pete's Clothing, costumed as Peter Cottontail, leads hundreds down State Street for the Annual Halloween Parade. Longbrake photo (more Photos A4)

at a fairly fast pace. "We have judging for the categories; there is anywhere from two to four judges per group, including the family group—there is a minimum of two judges," explained Stacey Raisanen, CONBA member. "We had a few new judges this year.

They are CONBA members, volunteers from the community, and a city council person—so a wide

range of community members for judges."

After judging was over and winners were crowned, they each took home cash prizes sponsored by the Center of the Nation Business Association. First place received \$15, second place received \$10, and third place received \$5. The groups won a little more, with \$25 for first, \$20

for second, and \$15 for third.

After the judging, kids were invited to trick-or-treat at the businesses up and down State Street. CONBA stays busy hosting events in the community.

Preparations are already underway for their next event, Light Up the Night. Stores will be open to shop from 5 p.m. to

7 p.m., with fireworks ready to go off at 7 p.m. behind the Tri-State Museum.

Look for CONBA at the Annual Community Chili Feed and Parade of Lights on the evening of November 28. "We may have the horse-drawn carriages again the night of the parade. That's our portion for that night," explained Raisanen.

Spooky Display Helps Support Those in Need



Horror from movies past await you as you walk up to the front yard! Longbrake Photos

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BELLE FOURCHE—A local resident has turned her passion for Halloween into a festive way to help neighbors in need during the holiday season. Colleen Nafus and her husband, Steve, have created an homage to almost every scary movie you can think of, and more.

Walking up to the spine-chilling house, visitors will see REDRUM scrawled on the window and a Bates Motel neon sign, along with favorites like Chucky, Jason, Freddy, Scream, and so much more. Neon lights and fog machines combine to create an eerie, spooky experience.

It has been a long-time obsession for the creator. "I've been married for 34 years and I started this before that! It all started with him, Michael Myers," explained Nafus. "Michael Myers was my

first one, and over the years, I've just added to it and added to it!"

What started out as one large, imposing Michael Myers figure eventually grew into a front lawn covered in life-sized moving Halloween animatronics. The setup later stretched around the side of the house and has now expanded to and taken over the entire backyard. "I've been doing the event this big for probably eight or nine years," shared Nafus.

As visitors move from the front yard to the back, they can see the care and attention to detail Nafus and her family have put into the displays. Every element is carefully planned, and guests are encouraged to proceed with caution. Many of the motorized goblins are triggered by motion, springing to life with startling screams, flashing lights, ominous sounds, and quick movements as people approach.

Spooks Display Contd. A6



The back yard is no place to play if horror scares you. Longbrake Photos

Rec Center Hosts Annual Halloween Spooktacular

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BELLE FOURCHE—Every year the Belle Fourche Rec Center goes all out for Halloween. They invite everyone in the area to come trick-or-treating indoors, free of charge. This year on October 31, the Halloween Spooktacular welcomed over 1,100 individuals through the doors. That was up from around 700 last year. The line to get into the Rec Center was long, but it didn't seem to deter those waiting to get inside to grab some Halloween treats. Booths handing out candy were set up in a dimly lit room and spread throughout the gym. Along the way there were games that kids could stop and play. Everyone was invited to enter the costume contest for a chance to win prizes.

The event has been a staple in the community for the past 25 years. The number of those wanting to set up a booth and hand out candy was also up this year. "We have 34 business booths or organizations—that could be school groups or non-profit—those types of things," explained Tessa Anderson-Voyles, program coordinator, "It's grown; we have 12 more booths this year than we had last year, so that's huge for us—that we have that many people that are wanting to jump in and be part of it!"

Organizing this celebration is a major undertaking. The Rec Center staff spends two full days setting up for the event. "Setting up the gym, took us seven hours to do just the ceil-

ing part of it with the lights and the tulle—our maintenance crew actually comes in and hangs wires for us, and then we go in and hang the lights and the tulle. So that's the most labor-intensive part of it—it took us all day yesterday to get it set up," said Anderson-Voyles. "We will still tear it down tonight because we actually have programs running tomorrow—we have youth girls basketball games that will start at 9 a.m., so all this will be cleaned up and ready for the next event!"

But the staff at the Rec Center doesn't mind the work that goes into the event; they enjoy offering the Spooktacular affair to the area kids. "It's just a great way to give an event to the community that's free, that is indoors

Rec Center Contd. A3



All the folks walking past the booths to pick up some treats on Halloween evening. Longbrake Photo

Belle Students Attend All State Chorus

SD All State Chorus is a unique experience as South Dakota is the only state that does it like this.

Other states have a much smaller choir made up of auditioned students whereas this choir is made up of 900 or so singers from every school in the state.

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Belle Fourche are great singers/musicians, and always attend prepared to give this concert their very best.



Left to right: Reagan Hatling, Tim Thompson, Trinity Hostetter, Logan Willert, Lily Tippmann, Kale Williams, Ember Shannon, Kaeli Thompson at Sioux Falls's Falls Park will attending All State Chorus. Courtesy Photo additional on C?

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Don Calvin Linch

Don Calvin Linch was born April 9, 1947 in Hulett, Wyoming. He was the son of Bill and Louise (Cochran) Linch. Don grew up on a sheep ranch near Hulett and he attended Carter Country School in Montana. Don was born with great intelligence and ingenuity, inventiveness, and a great talent for engineering. There wasn't anything he couldn't design and create. As a child, he rode horse to school, but before he graduated from eighth grade, he had a bicycle with a motor that replaced that horse of his. Don worked as a body-man at Butte County Motors in Belle Fourche, and in 1965 he started Linch Trucking. He began his trucking business with a 2 ton truck. In 1971, things began to kind of take off for him and he started hauling livestock, hay, and automobiles. Don was considered to be a pioneer in the trucking industry because of his talents to engineer and invent things. In 1986 he started to add axles to his truck and trailers so that he could haul more, and as a result some of his trucks were the largest in America. Trucking was truly his life.



self-made man; he was a man who came from very little and he didn't like to take risks. Linch Trucking was his life and he made it into the name it has today. Don had a good heart; he was always thinking and mulling something over in his mind. He was well loved and greatly respected. Don had two main things he did for fun. One was flying airplanes and the other was fishing. Don had a great fishing buddy in Bob, his brother-in-law. Those two resembled the characters from the movie, "Grumpy Old Men", perfectly, and they made many memories together fishing all over. Don also had a special bond with this dog, Smokey. Those two were great friends.

Don married the loved on his life, Katherine Harrison, on October 16, 1972 in Sturgis. To this union was born two boys: Glade and Travis. Don and Kay had a great marriage and they were a perfect match for each other. Kay poured all she had into helping raise the family, and building a successful trucking company. She did the bookkeeping, she washed trucks, she dispatched and kept records. She was vital to Linch Trucking. Sadly Kay died in 2021. Shortly afterwards, Don retired from Linch Trucking and he sold the business to his son Travis who still operates it today.

In 2017, Don was diagnosed with cancer. Don never told too many people about it, but later the cancer became more serious, and he died at his home on Thursday, October 30, 2025. Don was a

Don is survived by his sons, Glade (Winter) Linch of Belle Fourche, Travis Linch of Belle Fourche; 8 grandchildren, Sage, Conner, Paul, Randi, Auburn, Kavin, Jaxon, Sameen; great granddaughter, C.J. McMahan; sister, Willa De-Bois of Tooele, UT; several nieces and nephews; and sisters-in-law, Shirley Bethancourt of Belle Fourche and Mary Crane of Black Hawk.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Kay; infant brother, Mickey; brothers, Dee and Denny; brothers-in-law, Bob Crane and Bill Harrison.

The funeral service will be held 11am Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Monday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. The funeral service will be live-streamed from Don's obituary page located on the funeral homes website: www.Leverington-FH.com



Judith Annette Schreurs 84

Judith Annette Schreurs, 84, of Watertown, and formerly of Roslyn and Belle Fourche, passed away on October 31, 2025, at Edgewood in Watertown. A private family service with burial will be held at Fron Lutheran Church, rural Roslyn, SD.



health, she moved to Watertown in 2021 to be closer to her family.

Judith Annette Fryer was born on February 5, 1941, to Lyle and Mildred (Thiele) Fryer. She was 1 of 13 children. She attended school and grew up in the Wilmot area. They later moved to a farm north of Roslyn. Shortly after moving to Roslyn, she met a Norwegian neighbor by the name of Mathias Nyvold who swept her off her feet. They were married on September 7, 1957. Life was good. Together they raised 5 children. She later moved to Belle Fourche where she volunteered her time at non-profit organizations and had quite a knack for scouting out and helping others in the community. Due to declining

Judy had an unending love for her family, her children and grandchildren, her many friends near and far, and the beauty of the Black Hills as well as her little yellow house and her pets. She always had a lap dog, sometimes two, that snuggled in next to her whenever she sat down in her favorite chair. She is survived by her children Selma (Keith) Howe, Erwin (Pam) Nyvold, Sarah (Kenny) Haessig, Edward Nyvold and Charles (Brenda) Nyvold, 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, well as 6 step grandchildren and 9 step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a great-grandchild and her parents.



Pastor's Perspective
"Peace and Vigilance"

This Perspective is from the archives of Four-square Pastor, the late Dr. Jack Hayford

The communist empire around the world may be crumbling, but at least one Marxist state in Asia has yet to get the message.



I've just returned from a visit to Panmunjom—scene of the signing of the armistice between North and South Korea in July, 1953.

The elaborate military installation which continues there at this writing is comprised of U.N. peacekeeping forces backed by a significant contingent of U.S. troops

A survey of the nearly forty-year history of efforts at sustaining the border against North Korean aggression is a study in the timeless and insidious persistence of evil.

No less than fifty thousand incidents of armistice violations have been documented as the South seeks to preserve its freedom from Northern intrusion. A seemingly endless web of conspiracy has been woven by the North against her fellow countrymen, ever seeking to duplicate a preposterously oppressive system below the thirty-eighth parallel. Everything from murder, bloodshed, and brutality, to armed assault and political chicanery of the worst order have been utilized.

Panmunjom is a solemn reminder that preserving peace requires vigilance. It's also a graphic picture of the need for such efforts in all of life.

Evil is a deadly presence orchestrated by hell in a quest to invade life at any point possible. Minds and

bodies, marriages and families, businesses and finances—all are open prey to the powers of darkness. Relentlessly, intentionally, hatefully, and fiendishly, the Adversary conducts a campaign designed to depress, divide, defeat, and destroy. There are no boundaries of blessing honored by hell except those which are guarded by the vigilance of prayer, faith, and obedience to God's Word.

I've stood at the ramparts of freedom in several parts of the world. Panmunjom summarized the spirit of them all: Peace doesn't happen without being sought earnestly and preserved diligently.

So the Word of God teaches us: Seek peace and pursue it; blessed are the peacemakers; let the peace of God rule in your hearts (1 Peter 3:11, Matthew 5:9, Colossians 3:15). To keep our hearts and minds under the protection and power of God's peace, we are told to fix our minds against a takeover by either anxiety or impurity (Phil. 4:6-8).

In short—whatever it is . . . yourself, your mind, your body, your family, your job, your life—peace must be preserved.

He will keep in perfect peace all whose minds are stayed on Him (Isaiah 26:3). Set yourself in partnership with Him. The Prince of Peace is able to sustain peace in your life and mind, even in the face of the Enemy's endlessly evil efforts.

The power is God's, but the vigilance is ours.

2 Corinthians 13:11

☑ appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.☑

Acts 4:32

☑All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.☑

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From A1 Rec Center

on Halloween night—you never know what the weather is going to be like—it just fits most groups, you know,” said Anderson-Voyles.

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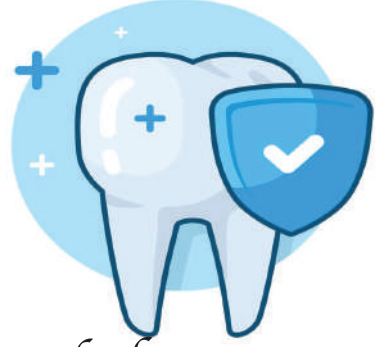
Businesses, clubs and organizations that had a candy booth set up this year include: ABC Coalition/BFHS Youth Leadership Team, American Colloid, Artemis House, Association of S.D. Peer Supporters, Beards and Shears, Belle Chiropractic, Belle Fourche

Counseling, Belle Fourche Silver Lining, Belle Fourche Police Dept., Belle Fourche Public Library, Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department, BFHS Fine Arts Boosters, BFHS FCCLA, Black Hills Community Bank, Butte County Ambulance Service, Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, eBinz, Elizabeth Ann's Bridal, First Congregational UCC, Heartland Healthcare, Highmark FCU, Jackson Dental Professionals, Liberty Tax, Love That Shoppe, Monument Health BF, NARFE, Northern Hills Amateur Hockey Association,

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Those who didn't have a booth but still wanted to support the area youth by donating candy or money included: Belle Fourche Lions Club, Black Hills Pioneer, Bunney's Body & Collision, Butte Badgers 4-H Club, Coop's Barbershop, Duke Boston State Farm Insurance, Frontier Glass, Gillette Fence, Kathy Doan, Lin Kramer, Lueders, Molly Blair, Plains Towing and Recovery, Posy Palace, Quality Quick Print, Range Riders 4-H Club, Redwater Eye Care and Walmart.

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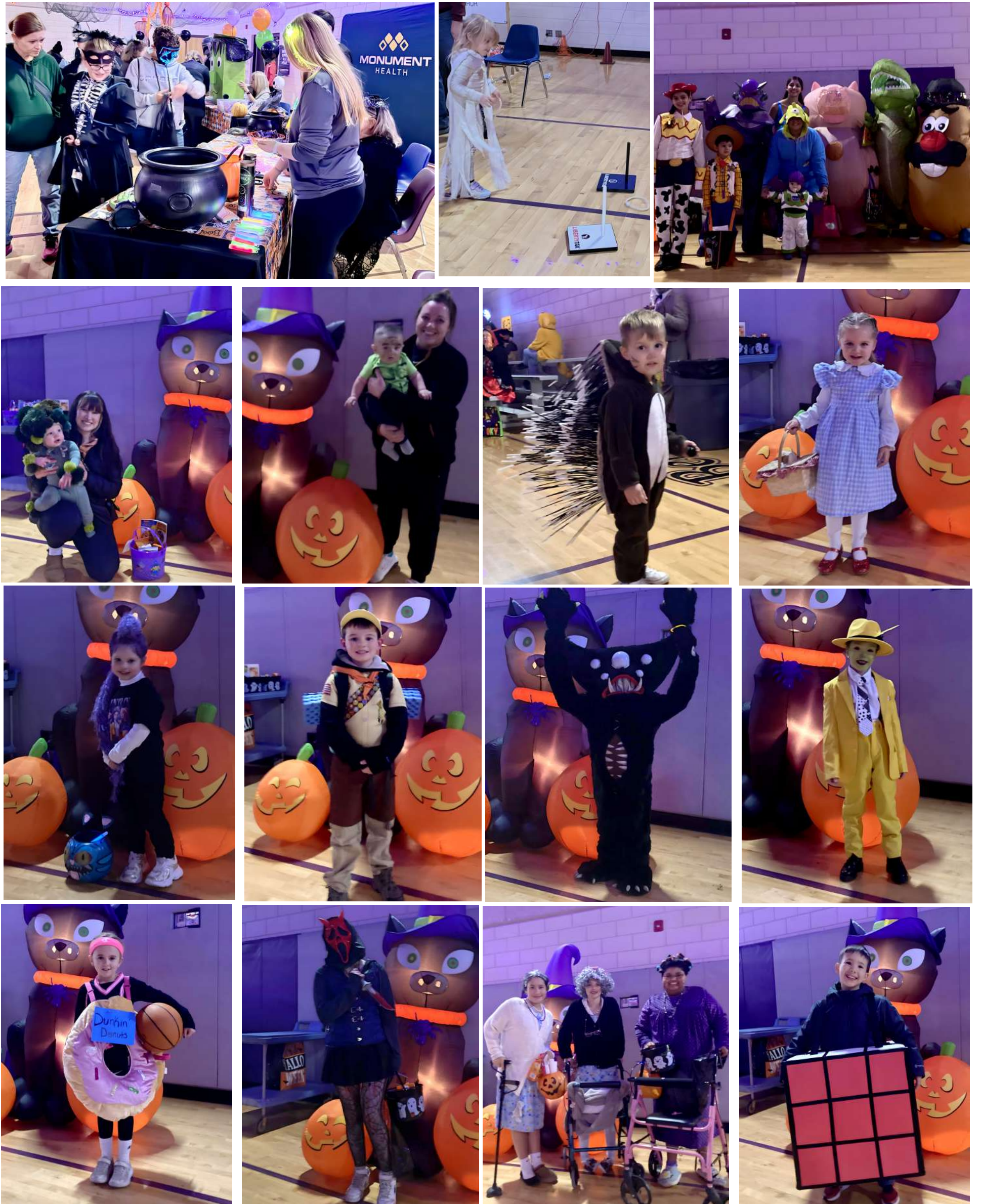
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(L) The line to get in the Rec Center was long; (R) Kids dressed in costumes walked through the Rec Center to trick or treat. (Below L) Participants stopped by each table to get a treat; (BC) There were games tucked in throughout the candy walk. This mummy stopped to play ring toss (BR) WINNER13 Bazarro Family, Toy Story. Longbrake Photos





(Top Row L to R) WINNER1 Jonesy O'Byrne, Age 0-3 Cutest (Broccoli); WINNER2 Treyton Tope, Age 0-3 Funniest (Baby Hulk); WINNER3 Matty O'Byrne, Age 0-3 Most Original (Porcupine); WINNER4 Greya Jensen, Age 4-6 Cutest (Dorothy); (CR L to R) WINNER5 Georgia O'Byrne, Age 4-6 Funniest (Mohawk). WINNER6 Owen Utrecht, Age 4-6 Most Original (Scout); WINNER7 William Bonefield, Age 7-9 Scariest; WINNER8 Dana Lee, Age 7-9 Funniest. (BR L to R) WINNER9 Rikkeigh Lei, Age 7-9 Most Original.; WINNER10 Isabella Cook, Age 10-13 Scariest; WINNER11 Miley Ozuna, Taylynn Main and Layla Stiefel-Liggett, Age 10-13 Funniest; WINNER12 Liam Coach, Age 10-13 Most Original. Courtesy photos

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(7 Rows L to Right) Age 8-10 Prettiest 1 - Izabelle Zimmerschied, 2 - Aria Fredericksen, 3 - Tinsley Carlson; Age 8-10 Original 1 - Casey Kokins, 2 - Ivan Horton, 3 - Loxley Remper; Age 8-10 Scariest 1 - Grayson Rosales, 2 - Lykken Bradley, 3 - Julian Coyle; Age 5-7 Prettiest 1 - Harper Geib, 2 - Elaina Bradford, 3 - Margo Renfor; Age 5-7 Scariest 1 - Azariah Gillion, 2 - Myles Olsen, 3 - Ashton Codney; Age 5-7 Original 1 - Danalee Denevan, 2 - Tatum Webb, 3 - Elle Nidswoneer; Age 3-4 Prettiest 1 - Emberly, 2 - Georgia, 3 - Maddie; Age 3-4 Original 1 - Matty, 2 - Astar, 3 - Selene; Age 3-4 Scariest 1 - Alivia Cook, 2 - Asher Pettit, 3 - Ty Salway; Age 0-2 Prettiest 1 - Blair Garman, 2 - Madilyn Salway, 3 - Waylon Tripp; Age 0-2 Scariest 1 - Wesley Tripp, 2 - Jaxson Melbye, 3 - Fisher Pattison; Age 0-2 Original 1 - Jonesy O'Byrne, 2 - Keller Pattison; Family 1st: April Dennis - Plague Death; Family 2nd: Liz Utrecht - UP Movie; Family 3rd: Layla Stiefel - Old Folks; Longbrake Photos

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Belle had two Quartets at All State Chorus (L) Quartet 1, left to right: **Kale Williams, Lily Tippmann, Ember Shannon, Kaeli Thompson**; (R) Quartet 2, left to right: **Trinity Hostetter, Logan Willert, Reagan Hatling, Tim Thompson**. (Below) Beacon Screenshots from SDPTV live broadcast of the All State Choir and Orchestra Concert. Will air again on thanksgiving day. *Courtesy Photos*



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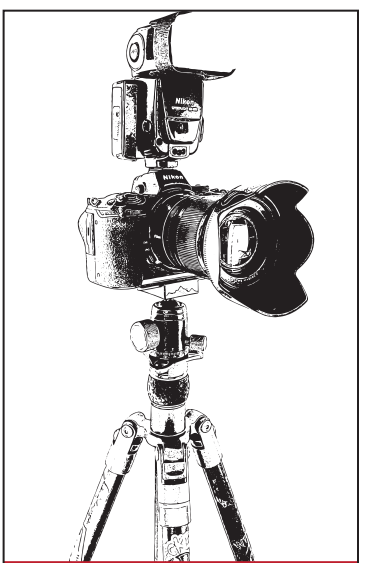
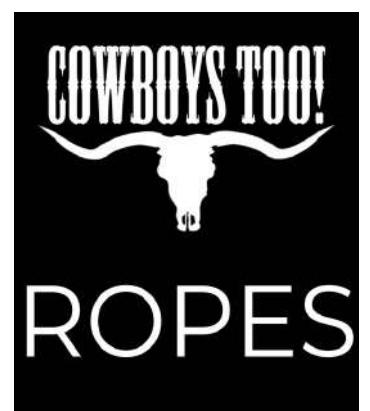
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From A1Spooks Display

Over the years, neighbors and travelers alike have stopped to enjoy the exhibit. This year, Nafus added a guest book in the backyard to track attendance. "I'm actually kind of keeping track this year to see how many people are stopping by, to see if it's worth me doing it—so far, I think it is," she said. "So far, in my book, we counted 152 visitors before Halloween and then 63 so far tonight."

The attraction draws crowds from near and far. "I had a couple that signed the book today that said 'we traveled all

the way from Sturgis just to see it' and some people from North Dakota that came out—they work in North Dakota, and they've been here twice now," explained Nafus.

And, of course, the animated props bring all ages to the yard. "There are times that I'll have older, like 60- to 70-year-old people walk through that don't even have kids with them, but they just want to walk through it," said Nafus. "I like when people just come up—I'll be standing there doing dishes, and all of a sudden some people will walk by my window! But

I'm used to it during October!" One thing that is different this year than in past years is that the Nafus family is using this opportunity to accept donations on behalf of those in need. "I actually had quite a few people suggest to me, you know, you should have a donation to raise money to help pay for your display.

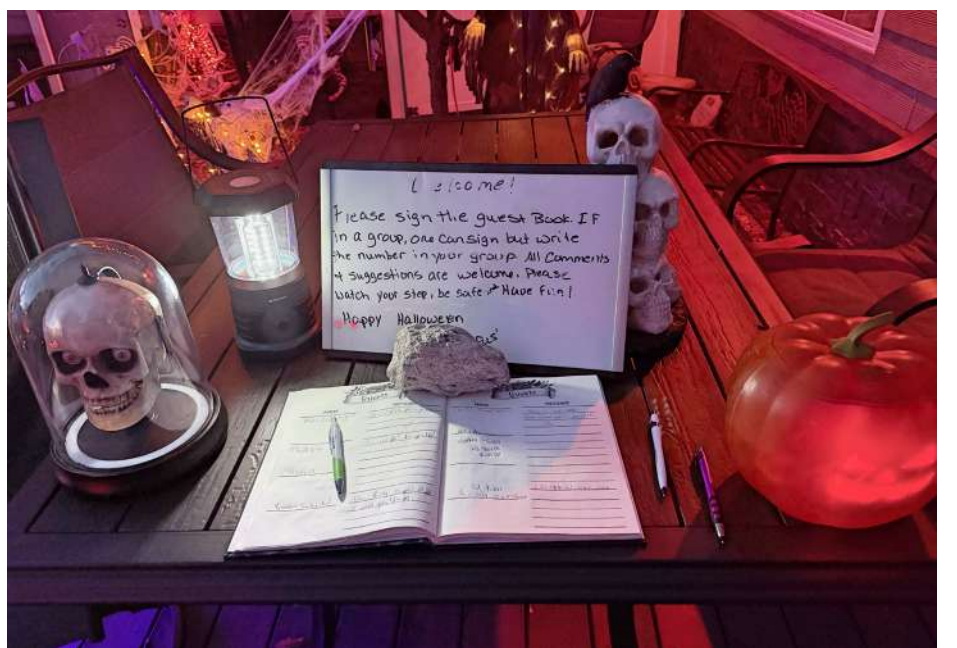
And I thought, I'll just change that around and I'll do a fundraiser for other people," she said. "I have a little tote there and all week people have just been leaving stuff in there. And then at night I empty it

out and on Sunday, I'll take it to the church with me. My pastor actually runs the Compassion Cupboard, so I'll just take it to him."

Items accepted include non-perishable foods, crayons, toothbrushes, and new toys to be donated to local programs. If it goes well, the Nafus family plans to accept donations next year to help those in the community.

Supporting those in need is important to Nafus. "It means a lot to be able to do this, growing up, I had a single mom and she had eight kids and so I know what

it's like to struggle," she shared. Feedback has been positive, though Nafus noted one person had some negative comments. Most, however, love it! "I want people to enjoy Halloween! For so many years, it seemed like when my kids were little, people didn't get into Halloween anymore. And I think that's one of the reasons that drove me to do this—to bring it back," said Nafus. "I love Halloween. I mean, you know, it's not just the idea of giving out candy and stuff, but it's having people hang around and talk and it's just a lot of fun!"



(Rows Top Down L to R)) Colleen Nafus and her first ever Halloween decoration, **Michael Myers**; Is it a Halloween animatronic or is it a real human?; (C Row) A fearless visitor exploring the Nafus spooky backyard; New this year, a guest book.(Bottom) A view of the **Nafus Halloween** spine-chilling house from the curb. Do you wish to get closer?.. Longbrake photos

BELLE FOURCHE AAU WRESTLING SIGN UPS
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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.

CeCe Teneal's Divas of Soul
 Thursday April 30, 2026 7:00 PM
 Take a ride on the "Midnight Train to Georgia" over "River Deep Mountain High" as award-winning vocalist CeCe Teneal and her ensemble deliver the RE-SPE-CT you deserve in Divas of Soul. This spectacular celebration of 30 years of chart-topping hits from the Disco Era to Broadway to pop has wowed audiences worldwide.

Show Up

by Belle LaVenue

At the Belle Fourche School District Veterans Day Programs, the stars are all the veterans in our community. On November 11th all are invited to the BFHS program at the BF Rec Center Theater at 9 AM and the BFMS Program at 2 PM in the BFMS Gymnasium.



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.

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Belle Fourche Middle School 7th graders are working on a special project for Veterans at their 2 PM program on the 11th in the BFMS gymnasium. After the program, all are welcome to enjoy a coffee, punch & cookie reception. Courtesy Photo

Broadus Public Schools

has the following job opportunity:

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This is a management position with previous business or accounting experience desirable. Hourly rate of pay will depend upon experience and education.

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Therefore, the applicant must be willing to work flexible hours. Benefits include health insurance, sick and vacation leave and PERS retirement. Position will be open until filled.

Contact Sarah Shannon for a job description and a district application at:

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500 North Trautman
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September Students of the Month from Belle Fourche Middle School: Alice Bonefield and Ivan Horton from 5th grade; Bryn Coyle and Nathaniel Boicourt from 6th grade; Ariyana Beguin and Grady Martin from 7th grade; and Kylie Bidwell from 8th grade.

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Roots Grow Deep and Strong #41

“Elementary School Reflections”

Meg English

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A while back, I was honored to serve as a long-term substitute at South Park

Elementary School. I've always liked the kids. It was an extraordinary experience, one that evoked a lot of personal memories and opened my eyes to exactly what elementary school teachers do every day. It also made me feel good about teaching.

Teaching is a mix of learned skills and talent and has never been an easy job. I was honored and grateful to join the ranks of a cadre of expert skilled elementary teachers. I was astonished by how much I learned from them and by how much the teaching role has changed over time.

Early formal education offers a relatively short window of opportunity for children to master fundamental skills. “Elementary school”, the common nomenclature is typically K- 4th or 5th grade. I attended “grade” school during the 1960s. Grade school referred to grades K-6, all under one roof. My grandmother attended “grammar” school in the early 1900s.

Somehow it was colder in those days especially east river. I remember shivering outside with my girlfriends on windy winter mornings in our short skirts and knee socks. We were not permitted to enter the building before the official bell. There was a dress code. We

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girls were only allowed to wear “trousers” under our dresses for warmth, but by 4th grade we were far too self-conscious. We were permitted to invite frost bite instead.

Our principal, a former marine was a tall, stern man with a military crew cut. He had a mysterious missing thumb on one hand. An intimidating overseer, he provoked anxiety and fear.

Our teachers were generally women of middle age with strong convictions, teaching styles, and proven sanctions for eliciting good behavior and hard work from their pupils. They were not exuberant, friendly, and they were certainly not affectionate or demonstrative. Our teachers wore tweed skirts, sensible shoes, and chalk dust. A few young men drifted into the profession, soon to be drawn away to more lucrative professions.

Technology in the classroom meant a program called TV science. We watched a male science teacher in a white lab coat on a television screen at the front of the classroom for thirty minutes twice a week. Despite the black and white picture, the very small TV monitor at the front of the room, and the frequently, fuzzy reception, I liked TV science.

The instructor knew a lot about science, and I learned from the demonstrations and his easy conversational manner. I'm sure it helped that he did not have an active face to face classroom to manage.

Our report cards were hand recorded and marked in script.

Breakfast was not served at schools and there was no free or reduced lunch.

Curriculum included language arts, math, social studies, science, physical education and a smattering of music and art. One interesting social-studies lesson I remember is watching Richard Nixon's inaugural address in 1969 on a tiny TV screen in the school gymnasium. We were all seated on metal folding chairs for the occasion. I was extremely uncomfortable, probably because I was coming down with mumps, and the experience although memorable was not illuminating.

As a substitute at South Park Elementary, I met with all 426 children twice a week. During those weeks I sang most of every day, provided advice on the best way to eliminate a loose tooth, nurtured egos, encouraged positive behavior, applied band-aids, and administered and received hugs. I tried, somewhat unsuccessfully to learn and remember everyone's name.

I employed a small plush gray elephant called Ellie to accompany me to school as a mascot. The children liked having her “listen” to our singing and Ellie helped me too. In fact, it was Ellie, the proverbial elephant in the room who always reminded me to look at the classroom

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from a small person's perspective.

The discrete skill sets elementary teachers practice daily represents a complex didactic paradigm that should not be minimized or overlooked.

In addition to the expected litany of duties teachers must wear many additional hats these days. Here is a short list: Teachers are subject area specialists, they are counselors, data analysts, material managers and scholars. They research curriculum trends, best teaching practices, and make decisions about an endless array of curriculum.

Teachers are also event organizers, behavior specialists, behavior management clinicians, sociologists, and interpreters. They are custodians, first responders, and of course

psychics who magically know everything.

Traditionally, American public schools have maintained their identity as egalitarian institutions meant to serve all children regardless of race, ideology. American public schools seem to be working hard to level the playing field to the greatest extent possible.

At South Park Elementary School children seem to be more valued than they were when I attended grade school. The main difference is that professional educators seem to really like the kids. They are far more demonstrative and approachable than teachers I remember. Maybe that's just a personal perception, but one that makes me feel positive. The school children seem happier too.



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 15 from 10 AM to noon. Anyone interested in writing, regardless of background or experience is invited to attend.

November is "Write Many Words Month" (WMWM) Join the challenge! Writing prompts will be posted Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on the Belle Fourche Writers Facebook page. Use the prompt or one of your own. Happy "Write Many Words Month" from the Belle Fourche Writers!

Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation Fair

Saturday, November 8, 2025

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Cattle Report - Friday, October 31, 2025

Just under 6000 today
Market rebounded well today!

Next Sale - Wednesday, Nov. 5 - Spring Calf Special - 12 Noon
Friday, Nov. 7 - Yearling & Spring Calf Special - 9 AM
Saturday, Nov. 8 - Weigh Up Cattle - 9 AM

Thank you for marketing with St Onge Livestock!

Table with columns for Yearlings and Calves, listing various ranches and their respective prices.

Main table listing various ranches and their respective prices for cattle, including items like Heart H Partnership, Acosta, Ayer Ranch, etc.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Spring Calf Special 12 Noon - Spring Calves

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

Calves

- Bill Reno - 150 Blk Strs - 500-575# BT PC
Blue Reef Ranch - 100 Red Strs - 525-550# - BT, PC
Short Grass - 100 Blk Strs - 400-525# - BT, PC
MT Consignment - 100 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# BT PC
Jennie Crowser - 100 Blk & Red Bulls All Natural
Mick Quaal - 99 Blk & Char Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC
Wy Consignment - 95 Blk Hfrs - 500-600# BT PC
JD Grieves - 60 Blk Strs - 600-650# - BT, PC
- 20 Blk Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC
George White - 70 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-650# - BT, PC
Jon Aldren - 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
Earl Williams - 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 400-500# - BT, PC
Kyla Thompson - 8 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-625# BT PC

Plus more by sale time!

Friday, November 7, 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

Calves

- Tom Owens - 600 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Fuller Livestock - 500 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC, NI
Davis Ranch - 260 Herf & Blk Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Knutson & Smith - 250 Blk Strs - 500-575# - BT, PC
Phillip Rusley - 220 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs - 475-625# - BT, PC
Stinson Livestock - 200 Blk Strs - 520-580# - BT, PC, NI
Mark & Peggy Meccage - 200 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC
John Humbracht - 200 Blk & Char X Strs - 550-625# - BT, PC
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Balo Ranch - 170 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI
Smith Ranch Inc - 160 Blk Strs - 550-625# - BT, PC
Doug & Julia Davis - 155 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI
Jim Mankin - 150 Red Strs & Hfrs - 450-550# - BT, PC
Zane Williams - 120 Blk & Red Hfrs - 400-500# - BT, PC
- 30 Blk & Red Strs - 400-500# - BT, PC
Alan Shaykett - 110 Blk Strs - 550-650# - BT, PC, NI
Sunnyside Livestock - 110 Blk & Bldy Mostly Strs - 500-550# - BT
Rice Ranch - 100 Red Mostly Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC
Joe Driskill Ranch - 100 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - BT, PC, Poured
Ted Elgin - 100 Blk Mostly Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Lynn Jespersion - 100 Blk & Bldy Strs - 600-650# - BT, PC
Wessel Ranch - 100 Herf Mostly Strs - 450-550# - BT, PC, NI
Mitch & Michael Paulsen - 100 Blk Mostly Strs - 500-575# - BT, PC
Thane Thomas - 90 Blk Hfrs - 475-525# - BT, PC, Nhtc
Rick Neiman - 90 Blk Strs - 600-650# - BT, PC
Reder Cattle Co - 80 Char & Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC
Wilson & Eva Nyquist - 80 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 500-570# - BT, PC, NI
Norm Sims - 80 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-580# - BT, PC, Poured, Bv
Jim & Victor Reed - 80 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-650# - BT, PC, NI
Bryce Zelman - 80 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 400-500# - BT, PC
Randy Tinnel - 75 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 525-625# - BT, PC, NI, Poured
Larry & Dawn Draine - 75 Blk Mostly Hfrs - 525-570# - BT, PC, NI, No Hfrs Kept
Janet Perino - 75 Char & Red Strs & Hfrs - 525-600# - BT, PC
Frank & Knappe - 70 Blk Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 475-525# - BT, PC, NI
Mike Capra - 60 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Joe Driskill Ranch - 100 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs - 500-550# - BT, PC
Frank & Doug Sheehan - 45 Mostly Blk Strs - 500-550# - BT, PC, Poured
- 10 Mostly Blk Hfrs - 425-450# - BT, PC, Poured
Tim Komes & Sons - 60 Herf & Blk Bldy Strs - 550-575# - BT, PC, NI
Justin Lemke - 50 Blk & Bldy Strs - 575-600# - BT, PC
Heier & Schuchard - 45 Blk Strs - 650-750# - BT, PC
Engesser Ranch - 30 Blk Strs & Hfrs - 400-500# - BT, PC
Dale Knutson - 28 Red Strs - 575-625# - BT, PC
Dean Rasmussen - 23 Blk STRS - 500-600# - BT, PC, NI, POURED

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Saturday, November 8, 2025

Weigh Up Sale

9 AM - Weigh Ups, 12 Noon - Bred Hfrs & Cows

2025 CATTLE SALES

- Friday, November 14th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 15th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale
Friday, November 21st - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 22nd - Bred Hfr & Cow Special & Weigh Up Sale
Saturday, November 29th - Annual Thanksgiving Bred Hfr & Stock Cow Special
Friday, December 5th - Spring Calf Special
Saturday, December 6th - Weigh Up Sale
December 12th - Spring Calf Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 19th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Final Sale Of 2025 - Thank You To All Our Consignors & Buyers For A Record Year!

2026 CATTLE SALES

- January 9th - Feeder Cattle Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
January 16th - Bred Hfr & Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 30, 2025

Lambs weighing under 70# sold steady, over 70# were \$10 to \$15 higher
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Pooled Ewes
201 Fleishy Ewes...\$87 to \$94
268 Medium Ewes...\$80 to \$88
187 Thin Ewes...\$81

Next Sale - November 6 - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special- 1 PM start time
Thank you for your business!

Replacement Ewes - Sold by the head

Table listing replacement ewes sold by the head, including names like Frank, Brent Or Vikki, Reaves, Ernie & Allen, etc.

New Crop Lambs

Table listing new crop lambs, including names like Brandt, Stetson, Dale Edwards Inc, etc.

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Thursday, November 6, 2025 1 PM

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SD - 80 Solid Mouth Ewes - Open
SD - 15 Hamp Ewe Lambs - 115#

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Please have animals in by 10:00 AM

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2025 SHEEP SALES

- November 6th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 13th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 20th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 27th - No Sale - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 4th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 11th - Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 18th - Last Sheep Sale For 2025 - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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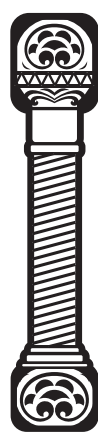
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Looking Back in Belle

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by Mary Buchholz

89 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
September 18, 1936
PERSONALS – Donald Smith, Lon Brown, Lewis and Lowell Sisson left Tuesday morning by auto for Brookings, where the four boys will attend State college the coming year. Lewis and Lowell are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Sisson; Lewis is a senior and Lowell is a freshman. 83 years ago – Belle Fourche Post, May 20, 1942

Donald Smith Takes Part in Raid on Japan Belle Fourche Man in One of 79 to Be Awarded DSC Major James Doolittle Leads Flight of B-25 Bombers in Daring Foray In the pilot's seat of one of the North American B-25 bombers which roared over Tokyo April 18 to spread destruction upon Nipponese industrial centers and fear throughout Japan was Lt. Donald Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Belle Fourche, the war department revealed last night. Names of all 79 men who participated in the daring action were not disclosed, but Smith was one of the 35 who were listed as taking part. Where these men are now located was not disclosed by the war department.

To Don Smith, along with the others will go the distinguished service cross, press dispatches indicated. Smith is one of several Belle Fourche men now seeing active service in the air corps of the army or

navy. He was graduated from the advanced army air corps training school at Kelly Field, Texas, in March, 1941, has since been stationed at various points throughout the country. Word of his whereabouts has been unknown for many weeks. A graduate of Belle Fourche high school, Don, husky, sandy-haired, left behind him a brilliant athletic record here, and went on to more achievements at South Dakota State college, Brookings, where he was a mainstay center on the Jackrabbit grid squad for years. Smith was graduated from South Dakota State college in 1940 with a B. S. degree in agriculture, entered the army air corps immediately. Two very happy people last night when they heard word Dr. and Mrs. Smith. Pride and joy rang in every word as Don's mother discussed the report.

Belle Fourche Bee
May 14, 1942

– Your Sheep Pelts May Be Over Tokyo Care of the sheep's fleece and planning shearing

it is more important this year than ever because the pelts will be used to keep Uncle Sam's aviators warm when they are bombing Tokyo from Alaska bases next winter, observes G. A. McDonald, State college extension animal husbandman. Under an order issued Dec. 12 by Donald Nelson, head of the OPM, the government commandeered all the shearing sheep pelts in the United States for use in manufacturing flying suits for the air force. It is unlawful for anyone to tan or use shearing sheep for other than aviation purposes without consent of the OPM. Tests by the army show that sheepskins are superior to rabbit, beaver, bear, wolverine and silver fox to keep the boys in the service warm. Sheepskins are used exclusively for all air corps winter clothing. The skin part of the shearing is treated and tanned in such a manner that it is flameproof,



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Don Smith was born in Oldham, South Dakota January 15, 1918. He and his adopted parents A.W "Doc" and Laura Smith moved to Belle Fourche in 1927. Doc was a veterinarian who practiced large animal veterinary medicine. The Smiths lived on Day Steet. Arthur Smith died Dec. 24, 1942, just three months after Don was killed in a plane accident during WWII. Laura continued living in Belle Fourche until her death September 4, 1964. They are buried in Pine slope Cemetery right next to Donald.

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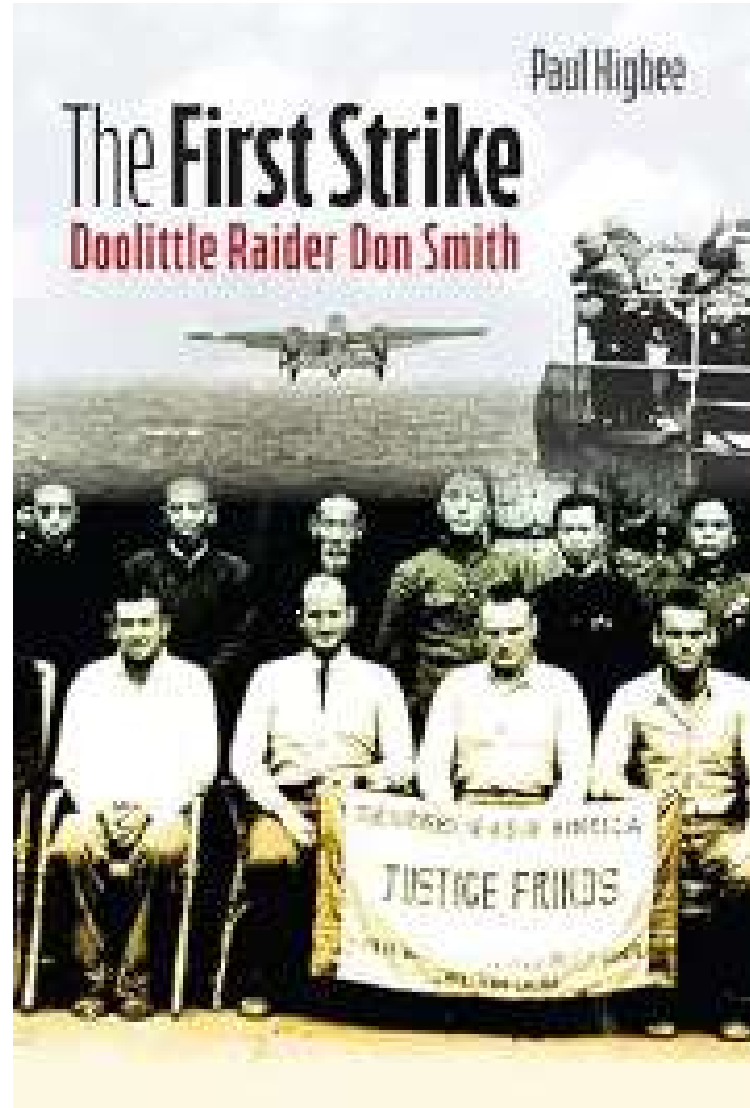
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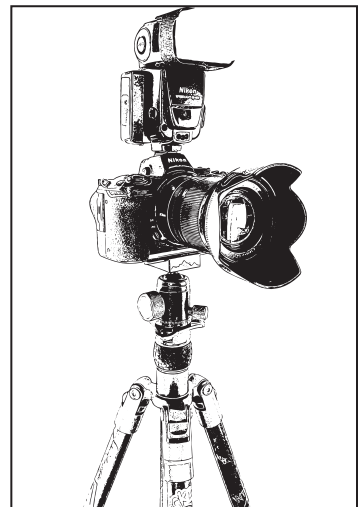


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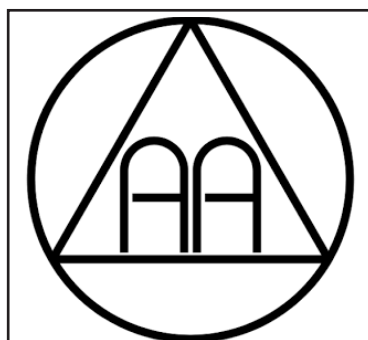
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Central Meade County News

October 26, 2025

by Sandy Rhoden

It actually feels and looks like fall with some autumn leaves still in tact while there are leaves on the ground also. The temperature is much cooler but there is still hope in the forecast for some very nice days ahead this week.

It was a cold night on Halloween but that didn't keep them young ones from putting on their costumes and setting out to collect candy and have some fun. Larry and Sandy Rhoden handed out treats and took pictures with hundreds of kiddos in Pierre that night as Trick or Treaters filed through the front door and exited out to the back yard of the mansion. Larry and Sandy dressed as a sheriff and a cowgirl and had a western themed backdrop and décor inside and out.

There was a pot luck dinner on Sunday at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. As the first Sunday of the month, this is an easy thing to remember.

Cody, Liz, Tally and Josey Rhoden came out for church and pot luck and spent the afternoon with Larry and Sandy Rhoden. The fun part was going to John and Sylvia Rhoden's where they looked at a sweet horse for the girls and bought

her to take home one day soon. The horse will join two other horses at her new home where she will get good care and much attention.

Floyd Cammack was back in church after having heart valve surgery. We are all thankful for the quick healing as a result of many prayers. Only one family showed up for church and hour early because of missing the time change, but they were able to take in Sunday School as well as church so it worked out perfectly.

The first Sunday evening Bible Study was held at the church with the topic on immigration. This coming Saturday there is the Men's Coffee at 7:30 am. On Sunday, November 17 there will be a movie night at the church which is called 'Seven Days Of Utopia'. The movie will start at 6:00 pm.

As a reminder there will be 'Ladies' Night' in Faith at Keffeler Creations on Wednesday, November 12 from 3 - 7 pm. Food, drinks and fun are on the menu besides clothing, jewelry, massages for \$15, door prizes, gifts for the first 100 people through the door and more. It sounds like a fun night to grab a friend and head to Faith.

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NOVEMBER	3	4	5	6	7
	Beefy Mac Casserole Veggie Medley Dinner Rolls	Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Mixed Veggie	BLT Loaded Potato Soup Tossed Salad	Meatloaf Potatoes & Gravy Buttered Corn Roll	Stuffed Peppers Baked Potato Peas & Carrots
	10	11	12	13	14
	Chicken ala King Noodles Mixed Veggies	Liver & Onions or Cheeseburger Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans	BBQ Chicken Scalloped Potato Spinach Salad	Ham & Bean Soup Cornbread Dinner Salad	Grilled Ham & Cheese Tomato Soup Dinner Roll
	17	18	19	20	21
Swiss Steak Baked Potato Mixed Veggie	Chicken Cordon Bleu Wild Rice Broccoli Dinner Salad	Pork Loin Roasted Potato Mixed Veggies	Meatloaf Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Roll	Beef Sausage Peppers & Onions Cheesy Potato	
24	25	26	27	28	
Pork Roast Sweet Potato Broccoli Salad	Chicken Fried Steak Potato & Gravy Green Beans	Ham Salad Sandwich Tossed Salad Chips	Traditional Thanksgiving Meal	Hot Hamburger Sandwich Potatoes & Gravy Dinner Roll	

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CALVES	HD	DESC	WT	BID	S/HEAD
T Milliron Livestock Llc, Rozet WY	92	Black-Str	655	410.00	\$2,686.16
	103	Black-Str	593	451.00	\$2,674.91
	60	Black-Hfr	560	415.00	\$2,323.30
X Heart Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	93	Bk/Bwf-Str	633	421.00	\$2,663.39
	25	Bk/Bwf-Str	524	489.00	\$2,563.33
Kaufman Ranch Llc, Alzada MT	96	Black-Str	637	420.00	\$2,676.84
Todd Family Lp, Upton WY	93	Black-Str	594	450.00	\$2,672.90
	26	Black-Str	515	487.00	\$2,506.17
Ennen & Anstine, Rapid City SD	62	Bk/Bwf-Str	678	405.00	\$2,744.85
	48	Black-Hfr	636	412.00	\$2,621.77
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	42	Black-Str	718	375.00	\$2,690.62
Beth Michele Smith, Sundance WY	39	Bk/Bwf-Str	582	448.00	\$2,605.86
	26	Bk/Bwf-Str	484	487.50	\$2,358.28
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	30	Rwf/Bwf-Str	603	388.00	\$2,338.77
	6	Black-Str	624	425.00	\$2,652.00
	6	Black-Str	514	457.50	\$2,352.31
Mill Iron 4 Ranch Trust, Newcastle WY	16	Bk/Bwf-Str	698	380.00	\$2,650.50
	25	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	650	350.00	\$2,273.60
Alan Lloyd, Otter MT	77	Black-Str	515	503.00	\$2,588.16
	30	Black-Str	416	572.50	\$2,378.73
Wes Wood/Greg Boyd, Belle Fourche SD	34	Black-Str	610	420.00	\$2,562.00
	14	Black-Hfr	526	430.00	\$2,260.57
Diamond W Ranch Llc, Ludlow SD	43	Black-Str	609	424.00	\$2,581.96
	36	Black-Hfr	594	378.00	\$2,244.90
Kuhtbacher Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	37	Black-Str	668	410.00	\$2,737.02
	33	Black-Hfr	613	410.00	\$2,514.66
William/Robin/Grace Baumgarten	28	Black-Str	620	425.00	\$2,635.75
	24	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	576	399.00	\$2,299.23
John S Or Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD	102	Black-Str	620	425.00	\$2,633.95
	45	Black-Str	525	495.00	\$2,600.40
	61	Black-Hfr	543	419.00	\$2,273.93
Waide Johnson, Bowman ND	31	Black-Str	589	430.00	\$2,534.22
	34	Black-Hfr	552	407.50	\$2,250.83
Frank J Nies, Ekalaka MT	107	Black-Str	617	430.00	\$2,653.34
	17	Black-Str	557	458.00	\$2,552.67
Brian Or Lesley Raber Park, Alzada MT	81	Bk/Bwf-Str	623	421.00	\$2,623.71
	12	Black-Str	499	506.00	\$2,523.67
	77	Black-Hfr	599	387.50	\$2,319.96
Lantis Ranch Llc/Cotey Hanson, Spearfish SD	35	Black-Str	536	492.50	\$2,641.20
	26	Black-Hfr	529	432.50	\$2,287.25
Johna Rovere, Sturgis SD	13	Black-Str	615	415.00	\$2,553.84
	6	Black-Str	549	457.50	\$2,512.43
	7	Black-Hfr	548	416.00	\$2,279.08
Eugene & David Cadwell, Alzada MT	53	Black-Str	555	456.00	\$2,532.95
	12	Black-Str	445	527.50	\$2,349.57
	40	Black-Hfr	499	454.00	\$2,267.16
Gary Bischoff, Alzada MT	134	Red-Hfr	460	417.50	\$1,920.81
	19	Red-Hfr	386	437.50	\$1,688.98
Wickwire Livestock, Aladdin WY	20	Red-Str	522	467.50	\$2,441.51
Robert Or Dorothy Arndt, Arvada WY	61	Bk/Bwf-Str	515	487.50	\$2,513.02
	20	Rd/Bk-Str	410	555.00	\$2,272.72
	38	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	454	447.50	\$2,029.64
Myron Johnston, Hammond MT	12	Black-Str	615	395.00	\$2,430.89
	27	Black-Hfr	537	417.50	\$2,242.12
Evelyn Hunsaker, Hermosa SD	17	Bk/Bwf-Str	694	376.00	\$2,609.88
	17	Rd/Bk-Hfr	638	364.00	\$2,323.17
John Or Richard Brewer, Baker Mt	11	Red-Str	515	415.00	\$2,135.36
Swenson Operating Llc, Sundance WY	106	Red-Str	569	431.00	\$2,454.05
	23	Red-Str	473	476.00	\$2,249.61
Guy Howell, Belle Fourche SD	48	Black-Str	583	416.00	\$2,425.80
	31	Black-Str	465	515.00	\$2,396.41
Zach Johnson, Dawson Mn	74	Black-Str	505	472.00	\$2,383.60
	10	Black-Str	406	517.50	\$2,098.46
	40	Black-Hfr	476	438.00	\$2,083.23
	25	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	382	508.00	\$1,940.56
Wagner Trust, Moorcroft WY	44	Black-Str	574	442.00	\$2,535.97
	11	Black-Hfr	453	427.50	\$1,937.35
Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus MT	39	Black-Str	543	435.00	\$2,360.15
	14	Black-Str	673	377.50	\$2,538.68
Garrett Borgialli, Newcastle WY	14	Black-Str	725	372.50	\$2,699.29
	12	Black-Hfr	672	341.00	\$2,291.80
Scott E Sewell, Newcastle WY	16	Bk/Bwf-Str	542	402.00	\$2,177.08
	10	Black-Hfr	504	387.50	\$1,953.00
Tango Papa Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	28	Bk/Bwf-Str	578	422.00	\$2,438.55
	5	Bk/Bwf-Str	523	425.00	\$2,222.75
Tom & Emma Reeves, Eagle Butte SD	21	Black-Hfr	429	317.50	\$1,360.71
Jed Hendricks, Ekalaka MT	11	Black-Str	590	409.00	\$2,413.10
	10	Black-Hfr	578	378.00	\$2,182.95
Vernon Rice, Broadus MT	20	Bk/Bwf-Str	551	410.00	\$2,257.05
	10	Red-Str	589	413.00	\$2,432.57
Consignment From SD	91	Black-Str	574	379.00	\$2,174.46
	28	Black-Hfr	457	461.00	\$2,104.95
	47	Black-Hfr	553	411.00	\$2,273.61
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada MT	37	Black-Str	499	500.00	\$2,495.27
	8	Black-Str	363	575.00	\$2,087.96
	44	Black-Hfr	458	470.00	\$2,153.98
Tom Wilson, Buffalo SD	78	Black-Str	515	484.00	\$2,494.77
	23	Bk/Bwf-Str	385	552.50	\$2,125.92
	41	Black-Hfr	514	388.00	\$1,995.83
	44	Black-Hfr	436	460.00	\$2,004.65
Jack Or Cindy Or James Orwick, Newell SD	31	Bk/Bwf-Str	552	461.00	\$2,545.16

	6	Bk/Bwf-Str	443	512.50	\$2,272.08
	18	Bk/Bwf-Hfr	528	425.00	\$2,243.05
Lynn Weaver, Newell SD	11	Black-Str Pc	567	457.50	\$2,595.27
	7	Black-Hfr Pc	516	410.00	\$2,114.42
Tyler Medearis, Plevna MT	9	Rd/Bk-Str	562	410.00	\$2,302.83
	6	Rd/Bk-Hfr	482	412.50	\$1,986.87
Jeff Medearis, Plevna MT	7	Black-Str	479	467.50	\$2,237.32
Shannon Secrest, Buffalo SD	26	Black-Str Pc Bt Ni	567	440.00	\$2,493.61
Shannon Secrest, Buffalo SD	7	Black-Hfr	500	425.00	\$2,125.00
Linda Edwards, Gillette WY	76	Black-Str	494	537.50	\$2,652.84
	14	Black-Str	414	560.00	\$2,320.00
	46	Black-Hfr	455	472.50	\$2,148.26
John & Deb Mannerter, Sundance WY	25	Black-Str	486	522.50	\$2,540.39
	70	Black-Hfr	559	408.00	\$2,281.01
Eric & Andrea Thomas, Hulet WY	14	Bk/Bwf-Str	541	427.50	\$2,314.60
	10	Bk/Bwf-Str	479	502.50	\$2,406.97
Todd & Cindy Larsen, Belle Fourche SD	34	Bk/Bwf-Str	595	430.00	\$2,556.60
	25	Bk/Bwf-Str	610	416.00	\$2,535.93
	46	Black-Hfr	569	415.00	\$2,360.98
	26	Black-Hfr	561	417.00	\$2,340.01

Market Report - Friday, October 31, 2025

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

WEIGH-UPS

Randy & Jan Farella Trust, Newcastle WY	1	Bwf-Cow	1320	190.00	\$2,508.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1675	185.00	\$3,098.75
Lester Aye, Broadus MT	1	Black-Cow	1480	190.00	\$2,812.00
	1	Black-Cow	1330	180.00	\$2,394.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1235	197.50	\$2,439.12
Levin Ranch Inc, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1375	193.00	\$2,653.75
	2	Black-Cow	1363	180.00	\$2,452.50
	1	Black-Cow	1525	191.00	\$2,912.75
Zack & Kenzie Grant, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1520	191.00	\$2,903.20
Linda Opstedahl, Union Center SD	1	Black-Cow	1185	205.00	\$2,429.25
	1	Black-Hfr	1055	286.00	\$3,017.30
	1	Black-Cow	1635	185.00	\$3,024.75
	1	Black-Cow	1395	190.00	\$2,650.50
	1	Rwf-Hfr	1140	260.00	\$2,964.00
	1	Black-Cow	1605	189.00	\$3,033.45
Darrell & Leanne Hohn, Deadwood SD	1	Black-Cow	1565	194.00	\$3,036.10
	1	Black-Cow	1405	191.00	\$2,683.55
Laughery Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	3	Black-Cow	1372	186.00	\$2,551.30
	10	Rd/Bk-Hfr	920	250.00	\$2,300.00
	9	Black-Cow	1343	191.00	\$2,565.76
Quentin Rumph, Biddle MT	4	Black-Cow	1611	190.00	\$3,061.37
	2	Black-Cow	1410	193.00	\$2,721.30
John & Deb Mannerter, Sundance WY	1	Black-Cow	1440	188.00	\$2,707.20
Branscom Ranch Llc, Osage WY	1	Black-Cow	1585	189.00	\$2,995.65
	1	Black-Cow	1455	190.00	\$2,764.50
	1	Black-Cow	1525	189.00	\$2,882.25
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	8	Black-Cow	1479	191.00	\$2,825.60
	9	Black-Cow	1396	191.00	\$2,666.57
Evan Rumph, Biddle MT	2	Black-Cow	1470	189.00	\$2,778.30
Wolf Ranch Inc, Ekalaka MT	6	Black-Cow	1408	192.00	\$2,704.00
Otto Schlosser, Hulet WY	5	Black-Cow	1342	193.00	\$2,590.06
	4	Black-Cow	1205	217.50	\$2,620.87
Bill Carlisle, Ekalaka MT	7	Black-Cow	1381	209.00	\$2,887.18
	1	Black-Cow	1325	200.00	\$2,650.00
Owen Rumph, Biddle MT	4	Black-Cow	1376	192.50	\$2,649.28
Kady Creek Cattle, Broadus MT	11	Black-Cow	1603	190.00	\$2,855.18
	6	Bk/Bwf-Cow	1583	184.00	\$2,911.80
Kermit Rumph, Biddle MT					

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File No. 09PRO24-000019

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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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Elon Musk once observed that "failure is an option here. If things are not failing, you are not innovating enough." It's a bold statement about risk-taking, but it applies to something closer to home than rocket ships: it also applies the transformation of our communities.

Picture two identical communities. Each receives one million dollars in retail spending this year. In the first town, residents shop primarily at big-box stores and national chains. In the second, they patronize locally-owned businesses. Fast-forward twelve months, and you'd barely recognize them as twins.

The difference? It's in how money moves. When you spend a dollar at a locally-owned business, something remarkable happens. That dollar doesn't just buy your coffee or book—it goes on a journey through your community. The shop owner uses it to hire a local accountant, who spends it at a neighborhood restaurant, where the server uses it at the hardware store. Studies show this dollar circulates between three and seven times before leaving town. Meanwhile, that same dollar spent at a chain store makes just one lap before heading to corporate headquarters elsewhere.

Let's make this tangible. Consider that million dollars again, assuming a 10% sales tax. When spent with chains, your community collects \$100,000 in tax revenue. When spent locally? Between \$300,000 and \$700,000. Those aren't just numbers on a spreadsheet—they're local salaries, road repairs, and emergency services. They're real jobs for real people. But the story doesn't end with tax receipts. Walk into any



community fundraiser, school auction, or charity event. Look at the donor wall. Research shows that locally-owned businesses support these causes at a three-to-one margin compared to outside-owned operations. These aren't faceless corporations writing checks from distant boardrooms—these are your neighbors, invested in the same Little League teams, food banks, and civic organizations that knit communities together.

Leadership tells a similar tale. Owners and managers of local businesses are four times more likely to serve on city councils, chamber boards, and economic development committees than their chain-store counterparts. They're the ones showing up to downtown revitalization meetings because downtown isn't just a location, it's their livelihood, their legacy.

Perhaps most striking is the connection between local business vitality and poverty rates. Recent studies reveal that communities with thriving locally-owned enterprises and supportive government policies see higher average household incomes. The inverse is equally true: communities where retail dollars flow primarily to out-of-town owners tend to experience higher poverty rates. Innovation and entrepreneurship aren't just buzzwords—they're pathways out of economic stagnation.

Now, let's talk about downtown. That historic district many communities have let fade represents the highest return on investment you'll find anywhere in your city. Tax dollars and private investment in downtown revitalization yield approximately 30-40% higher returns than improvements elsewhere.

Neglect your downtown, and you're not just losing beautiful old buildings—you're damaging your entire community's economic foundation.

And here's a bonus: downtown revitalization doesn't just fix Main Street. It increases surrounding property values, creating a ripple effect that expands your tax base and funds schools while restoring community pride. Yes, improvements anywhere help, but the greatest bang for your buck remains in your central district.

None of this means big-box stores are villains in this story. They're not. The key word is balance. Communities that strategically nurture both national retailers and local entrepreneurs create an economic ecosystem that drives genuine prosperity. But achieving balance requires understanding that chains provide only a foundation—local businesses build everything else.

Local businesses create something irreplaceable: uniqueness. They give your community character that can't be replicated in the next town over. In an age when every highway exit looks identical, when Amazon delivers everything to your doorstep, distinctiveness becomes not just desirable but essential for survival.

The choice facing communities isn't complicated, but it is urgent. Support local businesses, and watch dollars multiply through your economy. See civic engagement flourish. Experience poverty rates decline. Witness your downtown transform into a vibrant hub. The alternative is watching your community become indistinguishable from everywhere else—and ultimately, nowhere special at all.

The question isn't whether you can afford to shop local. It's whether you 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 where truly-local is being lost to Amazon and Wall Street chains. Email is john@truly-local.org

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Capitol News November 2, 2025
By Karen Odell
Capitol and Tie Creek are still holding on to fall weather.

Saturday morning was frosty, and a hard freeze set in this week, but the days warmed up into the fifties.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson got their new cabinets for their house in Camp Crook, this week.

Bruce works at the ranch every day, but they have been busy with improvements on their house whenever there is time. On Halloween, they were visited by more than twenty trick-or-treaters, and that seems like a lot for Camp Crook, but Linda Matthews had over eighty kids visit her in Buffalo.

Doug Davis ran to the dentist, on Wednesday afternoon. Personally, I would have run the other way, but his dentist must be nice to him. On Friday, Doug helped Dan load calves for shipping. Doug and Julia were honored at the 4-H Awards Banquet in Buffalo, on Sunday. They received the Friends of 4-H Honors, and their whole family

was there for the occasion. Travis, Amanda, Rory, Oliver, Alfreda, Jake, Calli, Keaton and Kellan had all come out for the day, and to see them get the award.

Dorothy Padden had two Halloween visitors, on Friday. B J and Brayden came by to deliver a truck, and had a good visit. Dawn spent another Sunday working with BJ on his new house. Things are coming together. This week they got their appliances in, and the heating vents for upstairs are now in place.

They will soon be ready to move in.

Alvin Cordell had an appointment in Spearfish on Tuesday. He stopped in Belle Fourche on the way home, to visit with Lyle and Sandra Sainsbury and Nancy Johnson. The hay-grinder came, on Saturday, to grind some bales for feeding. Wade Pearson and Cade came out to help with the grinding. Ryan Cordell's family and Alvin and Marlee attended church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, on Sunday. They had spent their week getting corrals ready for shipping.

Dick and Erma Albert had an especially great week, because their daughter and son-in-law were visiting. They took their car to Wareings to have a recall fixed, but discovered that the part was not there, so didn't get that done. On Thursday, Erma had a physical therapy appointment in Buffalo. They both went to the Friday chicken dinner at the Senior Center, and brought cake to celebrate Dick's birthday. Church at the Catholic Church was at eight this week. Then at noon the church bazaar was held at the Buffalo Community Center. The food was great, as usual, and there was a raffle, auction, bingo and country store in the afternoon. Ronda Cordell got some fence fixed, after the elk had torn it down in the forest. On Tuesday, Diane Wear and Darrel Adams came to the ranch, and pulled many beets and carrots to be stored for the winter. On Wednesday, Jay and Debbie Swedberg stopped by at Ronda's for tea, and a visit. Ronda made a trip to Ekalaka, on Friday, to get the oil changed in a vehicle. She had lunch at the Wagon Wheel with Karen Odell, while she waited for the work to be

done on her vehicle. She and Clint have finished with the vaccinating, and have gotten the cows out of the hills for the winter. She had left the way open for the last three stragglers, and they came home on Saturday. On Sunday, she watched church at home, and in the afternoon she went to look for elk sign. Karen Odell is back to her mowing and trimming outside. She visited Wolffy's in Camp Crook, on Wednesday. On Friday, Karen Odell drove to Ekalaka to visit the Community First Credit Union. It was a good day for the drive, and the countryside looked productive and green. Karen visited the grocery store, and then had lunch at the Wagon Wheel. She had a teen burger, since she is actually a teenager. She enjoyed visiting with the Steigs, Butch Nies, and others she seldom gets to see. Neighbor Ronda Cordell joined her for lunch, too. On Sunday, it was nearly sixty degrees in the early November morning. Karen went to church at the Camp Crook Methodist Church, and played the piano for the hymns. Alan Loken brought his granddaughter, who did American Sign Language to accompany

the special music of a gospel song. Communion was served during the service. We thank the ladies for serving coffee and rolls for fellowship after the service, too. We discovered it was Alan's birthday, so we sang for him, and his granddaughter signed the 'Happy Birthday' song along with our singing. Chancey Odell made a couple of trips to Belle Fourche, this week. His dog had to visit the vet. Megan will soon be home from Ireland, and that may include many interesting stories. The Little Missouri Church will have their Ethnic Supper, this Sunday, from five to seven, at the Camp Crook Community Center.

Due to the expense of printing and distribution, the Belle Fourche Beacon is now an internet paper, and can be found at bellefourchebeacon.com on the internet. It still includes the local news and articles just as it did in the past. Hope you can find it at home or use someone else's computer or ipad to get the local weekly news for Belle Fourche, Newell, and surrounding communities.

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Community Comes Together for Harvest Festival and Trunk-or-Treat

Robbi Longbrake

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NEWELL—On a chilly Halloween evening, it is nice to have a warm place to go to celebrate the holiday. Kids of all ages were invited to come in costume to the annual Harvest Festival and Trunk-or-Treat at the Newell City Hall on October 31.

City Hall was transformed into a fun, festive place filled with games, candy and more! The smell of fresh popcorn filled the air. Around the outside of the room, booths were set up to host games for the children. A fishing pond, cornhole, tic-tac-toe, ring toss and bowling were among the games provided for entertainment with lots of great prizes for the winners.

An elaborate picture area was set up with a fall backdrop, pumpkins, scarecrows and hay bales to document the evening with a snapshot.

When anyone needed a break from candy and games for a moment and a place to sit down, participants could grab a hot dog and chips provided by the Blue Line Diner or a drink as First National Bank donated bottled water. Tables were set up for them to sit and enjoy their meal.

While the Halloween event has been around for many years, there is a newer addition to the evening. Trunk-or-Treating is offered just outside of City Hall on the street in front of the building. All of the cars and trucks backed in so the youth could stay on the sidewalk and

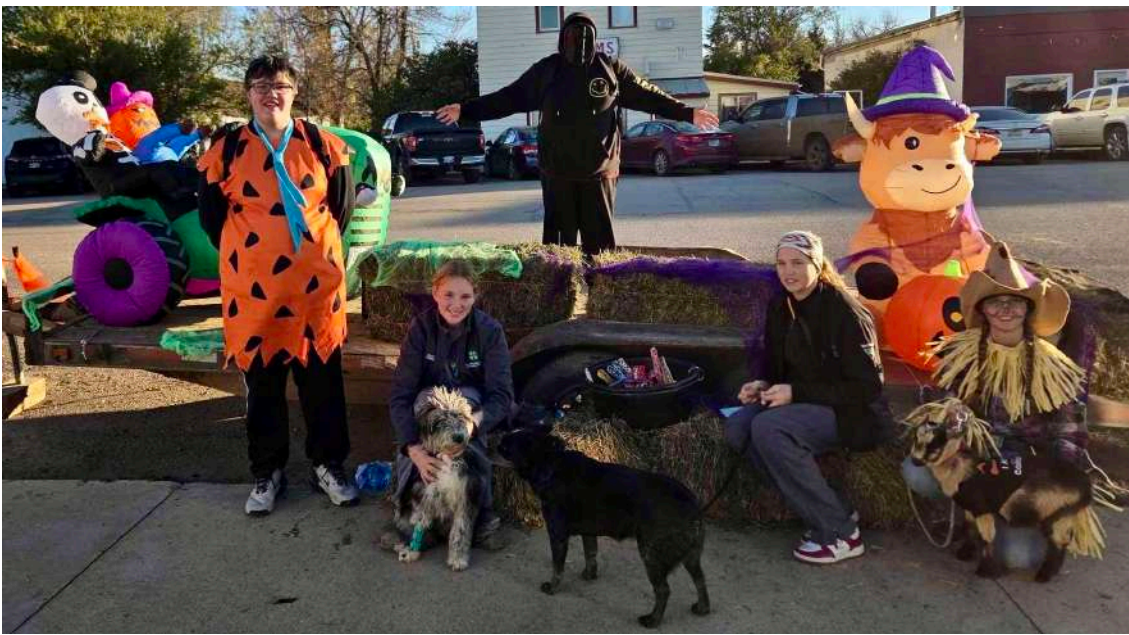
collect treats safely.

Many area businesses and organizations created Trunk-or-Treat booths to provide the youth in the area a fun and safe evening. That included FFA, Newell Volunteer Fire Department, Dollar General, Newell Bar, Butte County Sheriff's Department and Butte-Meade Water.

The evening is sponsored by the W.I.T. Coalition with the goal of providing a fun, educational and safe place for area families. An event like this can't be successful without support from the community. The City donated the use of the building, and candy or money donations were provided by Butte Electric, Newell Community Club, Lindsey Ranches and Newell Lions Club.



(Above) Taking the prize off the fishing pole; (Below) Matching trick-or-treaters!



FFA Trunk-or-Treat booth. Courtesy photo additional photos D4

Community Spirit on Display at Vale's Trunk or Treat

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VALE—For the past several years, the Vale community has come together to create lasting Halloween memories for the area children. Each fall, the Vale Community Club sponsors a Trunk or Treat event. This year, it was held the weekend before Halloween, on Sunday, October 26.

Now everyone gathers in the parking lot of the Vale Community Club, but it was more elaborate at one time.

"We've been doing this for four or five—at least five—years," explained Rhonda Waterland, event coordinator. "We used to do a carnival inside, and that just got too much for the amount of club members that we had, so we decided to do something a little simpler, and that's how this started!"

Those who take the time to buy candy and set up creative booths, with props and spooky characters, do it just to make kids' lives a little happier! Both businesses and individuals volunteer. "We just invite

anybody in the community to come," said Waterland. I think I counted 11 trunks today. We have some businesses—The Bank in Newell is here and Butte-Mead Water is here—and the rest are just local community members."

The Vale Community Club provides the space to hold

Trunk or Treat Contd. D4



Kids in costume stop to get a bag of candy. Longbrake photo More Vale D4



It takes quite a few people to help put on the Harvest Festival on Halloween. These ladies volunteered their time to make it happen! From left: Pat Lee, Denise Smeenk, Betty Kozar-Baker, Terri Dutton-Blanchett, Delia Barrera and Sabrina Harmon. They want to acknowledge and give a special thanks to Richard Harmon and Brynlee Barrera for setting up the picture scene area and helping set up in the morning and with clean up. Courtesy photo

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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Our daughter Teri Dee McNelis' birthday was last Sunday and Reub had a good visit with her when she called on their way home from church in Buffalo, Minnesota where Teri and her husband Michael are doctors.

We got a nice rain on Monday that left .59" in the rain gauge and lots of mud on the ground. Casey came over and put our new doorhandle on the entryway door that afternoon. Reub and I missed Sage and Alaina's kids' concert in Scranton that afternoon because we forgot about it until it was too late to go even though I had it written on the calendar.

We got a tiny little sprinkle in the night and I dumped .03" out of the rain gauge Tuesday morning. Reub and I went down to the wood pile to cut up and load the side-by-side full of wood to haul up to the house

to burn in the wood stove with all this chilly weather. My good friend Maxine (Thybo) Oehler called me that day to let me know that she is back up to the Bar H ranch and incited me to come over to visit before they leave on Sunday.

Cody and Tricia Herman are parents of a baby girl. Scottie Jo Herman was born Tuesday, October 21, in Rapid City weighing in at 7lbs 7oz and joins two big brothers Jacob and Jack. Congratulations to the Herman and Wilken families!

It was 17 degrees when we got up Wednesday morning before we left to go to Lemmon to get my old computer from the Connection. We went back through Hettinger to have lunch at the Legion and get some stuff and Reub's squeeze from Roxie Finck at White Drug. We left Hettinger too early to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers in Reeder because I had to get home in time to leave for the

chili feed and visit with Sen. Sam Marty, Rep. Travis Ismay and Rep. Jana Hunt at the Lions Club in Buffalo at 5:00. We were fed delicious chili and cornbread before the legislators told us what they had been working on and asked us what we wanted to deal with for us living out here in western South Dakota.

There are more deaths to report: Derek Ray Jackson, 44, of Spearfish, passed away on Tuesday, October 21. Funeral services were held in Bison on October 30th at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church with burial in the Bison Cemetery.

Shawna (Viken) Weishaar, age 63 of Belle Fourche, tragically died Thursday, October 23, as a result of an accident when her automobile hit a deer on a highway near Aberdeen SD. A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10am Saturday, November 15, at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Arlene (Kraft) Walch, 73, Hettinger, died October 27, after a courageous battle with cancer. Rosary will begin at 10am on Monday, November 10th, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11am.

Our hearts go out to these families.

It was really windy on Thursday and I didn't take a long walk because the wind tried to blow my cap off every time I went out to take care of my chickens. With the chilly weather the twenty hens have really cut down on laying eggs because they are molting and the chicken coop is full of feathers. I only got five eggs a couple days this week, but the new pullets have given me 4 eggs this week!

There were a few snowflakes falling Friday morning on Halloween when I went out to feed my chickens but no snow showed up on the ground even though the temperature had a high of only 38 degrees. Missy and Casey left that day for the NRCA rodeo finals in Gillette over the weekend where Missy is the NRCA secretary. I went to the Bar H that afternoon to visit my friend Maxine (Thybo) Oehler. Maxine and her husband Dan came up from Bullhead City, Arizona to ship calves and have their cows preg tested. We had a good visit and got to see a lot of the neighbors helping the Bar H ship the calves and preg test the cows. We tried to call Maxine's twin sister Jeanine

Biseti in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but she wasn't home.

We joined a lot of people at our friend Jan Sailer's funeral in Hettinger at the Lutheran Church on Saturday and got to see her husband Dr. Gerald Sailer, their daughter Jill and son Ted who are all wonderful people. Will Larson got in contact with me that afternoon to ask if Reub or I knew anything about Felix Ashcroft. He's been going through some of his father Pete Larson's stuff and had found a letter from Felix Ashcroft. We didn't know anything but I got out the Harding County history books and found Felix in there. He was a son of Tom Ashcroft who built the old rock house where Reub's uncle Claude and Inez Olson used to live!

Our son Guy's birthday was Sunday and I called him that morning to wish him happy birthday. Guy and Megan had remembered to set their clocks back an hour and I even remembered to do it! Daylight savings time ended on Sunday and I had to set all ten of our clocks back one hour again. It always makes me wonder where all that daylight we save is stored?

I'll leave you with this:

*"I love Daylight Saving Time!" - Said no one ever.

*Daylight Savings Time on Sunday should always be followed by a national holiday on Monday.

*Don't forget to adjust all the clocks you never look at because you have a cell phone

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

November 4, 1915

Girls are so scarce in this locality that the practice of regular weekly dances has been given up. It got to such a pass that there was a dozen fellows for every girl present, with the result that the fellows had to dance together or not at all most of the time. A committee has been formed to advertise the resources of this country, both matrimonial and agricultural, in the hope of adding a few new girls to the community.

Several stockmen report the loss of calves this week, and their mysterious disappearance leads some to think that perhaps rustlers are making this locality and up to the Moreau River on occasional visits.

The War Department has recently made changes in the 12th Cavalry. Lt. J. C. Waterman has been assigned from Ft. Robinson, Nebraska to Command at Ft. Meade, South Dakota and will arrive for his new field, Capt. J. W. Craig has been appointed to the Ordnance Depot at the Rock Island Arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois and Lieutenant C. S. Scott has been transferred to the 15th Cavalry in the Philippines.

October 29, 1925

Sixteen degrees below zero in October is probably a record for this section of the county. That was the low mark Tuesday night of this week. Recorded by the Government thermometer at the US Experiment Farm weather station. The former low mark was 7 degrees below in October 1919.

It is reported that sneak thieves entered the Arpan Store on Tuesday night last week and secured about \$3.00 in pennies and a few small articles of merchandise.

A very successful and interesting Butte County Teachers' Institute closed Saturday noon. Out of a possible 108

teachers, 99 were present, some of them coming probably 60 miles. The total enrollment was 108, which included some not teaching in our county.

October 31, 1935

The Tuberculosis Eradication Campaign now being conducted by the Federal Government and State Department of Agriculture, among cattle of the west-river area, will be postponed in Butte County until after the beet harvest is completed according to Butte County Agent Floyd F. Collins. The postponement was made so that stock raisers and farmers may have plenty of time to get ready for the tests, which will take about 3 weeks with 15 to 20 veterinarians working continuously. Cattle owners refusing to have stock tested will have their ranches placed under quarantine.

Gutzon Borglum, sculpture of the Mount Rushmore National Monument, is preparing to close work for the winter. The scaffolding which has been used for the carving of Jefferson's head has been removed. Work will close November 1st, when Mr. Borglum will go to Chicago and Washington to make his annual report to the Committee, after which he will go to San Antonio, Texas, his winter home.

Until a few nights ago, dental offices had been immune from the raids of bandits who made a business of robbing dental offices of sheet gold and such cash as may be found. Dental offices in Lead and Sturgis were raided where sheet gold, jewelry and cash taken. For several days residents observed strangers who posed as buyers of scrap gold. Officers are searching for robbers and accomplices and warn dentists in outlying towns to be vigilant.

November 1, 1945

Mr. & Mrs. Paul A.

by Linda Velder

Wiest and daughter Clarice spent last Sunday at the Wm. Staton home in Rapid City. Mrs. Wiest remained there overnight. Graveside rites were conducted on Monday for the 5-week-old infant, Douglas Edward Staton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Staton. The baby died Saturday evening at the Hospital where he had since birth. At the time of his death, he was making splendid progress and had gained weight to 3½ pounds. Mrs. Staton is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wiest.

Sheriff Dave Malcolm is the first in line to receive the first 1946 automobile to be sold by a Belle Fourche Ford Dealership. It is a new Ford Tudor sedan on display now in the dealer's showroom. This is the first 1946 model car to be received in the Butte County.

Oliver Price, Orville Ronning, Howard Wilcox and Corbett Mackey left yesterday with their trusty guns for the deer country.

A novel idea, a "scavenger hunt" provided an evening of fun at a house party at the Leonard Wilson home Friday evening. The hosts served a tasty supper at the close of the evening.

November 3, 1955

Numbers of children and many in costumes, etc. attested to the success of the Annual Halloween Party for children conducted at the Newell City Hall on Monday evening by the Newell Community Club and Newell Junior Chamber of Commerce. Several categories of competition: costumes, talent, stand-up comedy and other routines entertained the other children and the parents.

Start of a milk program in the Newell School, designed to furnish such refreshment in the after noon to students in the lower six grades was announced by Supt. G. W. Austin. The program is being carried out



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in cooperation with the State School Lunch Program, under which the state furnishes federal funds as part of the milk. Ultimate cost to each student is 2 cents per glass per day and is payable 40 cents at a time to cover the cost for 20 days or 4 weeks of school.

The Newell FFA Chapter initiated 19 new members last Wednesday with wearing different costumes during the day. The new members recited part of the Creed in front of the group. The following boys were raised to Green Hand Degree: Gary Babb; Billy Bauer; Dennis Beckham; David Getty; Bob McDermott; Keith Miller; Howard Orwick; Milo Riedel; Leon Robbins; Allen Schallenberger; Richard Sletten; Donald Stomprud; David Tompkins; Robert VanLoan; Norman Wood; Larry Wyant and Zo Berg. The boys decided that the Sears-Roebuck hogs, which the Chapter received, should be insured and that the Chapter would sell greeting cards again this year. Short movies were shown, "Sailor Boy", "Bear Facts" and "Daredevils on Ice", followed by lunch provided by upper classmates.

October 28, 1965

Members of the Newell Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Clarice Brodsky on Friday afternoon. New officers were elected: President Mrs. Earl Alexander, Vice President Mrs. Oscar Milberg, and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Harold Jensen. Mrs. Alexander read an article on how to force bulbs to bloom, and a discussion was

held on ideas for next year's programs. Lunch was served.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Simon of Zeona, cordially invite all their friends and neighbors to an Open House party at their home at 2:00 PM and to a dance at 9:00 at the Moreau River Community Hall on November 6th.

South Dakota's Interstate rest areas will soon be sprouting toadstool-like formations called "hyperbolic paraboloids", the latest thing in pampering tourists. The formations are graceful one-piece concrete picnic shelters. As tourists demand more and more roadside facilities, highway engineers have had to revise plans for the rest stops, which will carry most of the traffic into the State and Black Hills.

People still desiring to donate blood to the account of late Paul Oksol of Newell may still do so by reporting to the Southwest Blood Bank in Rapid City. Twenty-six units of blood are still needed for the account. Paul Oksol, longtime Newell farmer, passed away here last Tuesday. Oksol, who was born in Norway and homesteaded near Newell in 1910. Burial was in the Wilson Cemetery south of Newell. Service was held at the Lutheran Church, special music by a quartet: Bernard Laumer, Darrell Anderson, Olga Norlin and Joyce Bentz with Marta Hunt as organist. Pallbearers: Albert Fredlund, Ragner Boe, Larry Jarnecke, Bill Karinen and Roy Koan. Honorary pallbearers, O. Christopherson, Chris Jensen, Armine Kuhlman, Carl D. Anderson. R. D. Long



Newell School Lunch Room, 1955. Ruth Martin (Head Cook) assisted by Signey Scofield and Verna Killinen; serving up meals and milk breaks.



Guys and Gals out looking for a few women to take to the Saturday night dance. 1915. There were not many single women in the area yet.

Here's What's Happening in Newell!

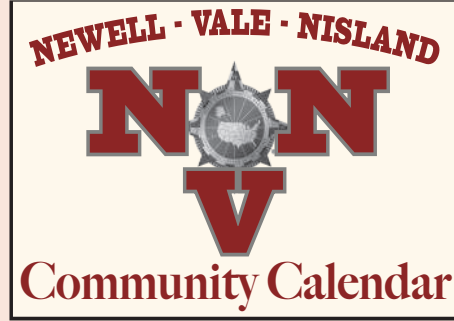
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3) Tornadoes., Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Fruit, Milk	4) Muffins, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chili Dogs, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	5) Croissants, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Nachos, Corn, Black Beans, Fruit, Milk	6) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken & Noodles, Biscuits, Fruit, Milk	7) NO SCHOOL
10) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk French Dip Sandwich on Flatbread, Potato Wedges, Fruit, Milk	11) Hashbrowns Eggs, Fruit, Milk Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	12) Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Parmesan, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	13) Breakfast Egg Roll, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Cubano Sandwiches, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	14) NO SCHOOL
17) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Patties, Apples & Sweet Potato Casserole, Fruit, Milk	18) Biscuits & Gravy. Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Veggie Pizza Wrap, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	19) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk	20) Yogurt ParfaitS, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Sloppy Joes, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	21) NO SCHOOL
24) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	25) Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Turkey, Fruit, Milk	26) NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	27) NO SCHOOL	28) NO SCHOOL
Dec. 1) Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pizza Crunchers, Corn, Fruit, Milk	2) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Corn, Black Beans & Rice, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	3) Hashbrown Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Milk	4) Egg Skillet Omelet, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pigs in a Blanket, Chips, Corn, Fruit, Milk	5) NO SCHOOL





(Top L) Kids in costume stop to get a bag of candy; (Top R) **Butte County Sheriff's Department** got in on the action; (Below L) Woody from **Toy Story** was on hand; (Below R) **Dollar General** and **Newell Bar** set up a Trunk-or-Treat booth for the kids. (Bottom) Man moved indoors to enjoy the treats on the cool fall day. *Longbrake Photos*



Vale Trunk or Treat From C1

the event; the community provides everything else. "Everybody just donates their own time and their own candy," said Waterland. "We just have fun!" We like to give back to the community when we can!" The weather cooperated this year, it was a warm, calm October day. Kids came dressed in costumes and walked from station to station to pick up treats—from bags of candy to bags of potato chips and popcorn balls, there were a lot of snacks to be had. Waterland shared, "I remember one year we had to move it inside because it was super freezing cold out, but it's gorgeous today!" There are typically about 50 kids

who come to the event. Some are local; others travel in from nearby towns. "They come from Newell and Nisland both, but a lot of them are from right here in the area—we've had a couple right from Vale and then from out east," Waterland said. The Vale Community Club holds several events throughout the year. Up next is Turkey Bingo. They will be giving away five turkeys and hosting ten games of bingo with two jackpots—one for games 1-9 and then the blackout bingo jackpot for the last game. Snacks and beverages will be provided. The event starts at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12.

(Below) The booths set up behind cars for the annual **Trunk or Treat** event held at the **Vale Community Club** parking lot. (L) An elaborate **Trunk or Treat** booth set up out of the back of their pickup. *Longbrake Photos*

