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Halloween Spooktacular Scares Up Record Attendance

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Kids walking from table to table collecting candy. *Longbrake photo*

BELLE FOURCHE—There were spooky spirits and mischievous monsters as far as the eye could see on October 31, as a seemingly endless line of costumed characters stretched out the doors of the Belle Fourche Rec Center, across the parking lot and down the sidewalk, all waiting to get inside for the annual Halloween Spooktacular.

The free indoor trick-or-treating event drew a record-setting crowd of approximately 747 attendees this year. When the excited participants finally made it inside of the gymnasium, they were greeted with 25 booths handing out treats and providing Halloween fun for everyone.

The gym was dimly lit, creating a spooky atmosphere. The booths zigzagged around the space, providing a lot of room for everyone to get treats. There were games spread throughout the stations that kids could stop and play.

The event has been a staple in the community for over 25 years, and finding new ways to entertain the masses takes planning. "New this year is the food truck [Rollin in the Hills] that we have out front, we're hoping maybe we can build on that. We actually have a coffee truck that's nearby too, and we've already talked, and they plan on joining us next year. So we're trying to bring in some of that stuff," explained Tessa Anderson-Voyles, Program Coordinator. "And then out in the lobby, we have a couple vendors there too—4H Shooting Sports is out there, and they're selling garbage bags—little fundraiser… somebody is selling shaved ice and some snacks, and then a photographer [Oxbow & Ember] is out there as well."

The Great Pumpkin was parked right outside for participants to take pictures with if they wanted to. "Chad Carr brought his pumpkin, he used to do that for years and years, bring that up for us… he's back again. That's really cool, just to have that out there," said Anderson-Voyles.

Those who wanted to enter the costume contest were invited to show off their creations for a chance to win a prize. Awards were given for the cutest, funniest, scariest and most original costumes, with winners selected from age divisions 0–3, 4–6, 7–9 and 10–13, along with a family category.

The Rec Center is appreciative to those that support its event every year. They couldn't have the event without community support. Businesses, clubs and organizations that had a

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Ghosts and Goblins Take Over State Street



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

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BELLE FOURCHE—State Street was crawling with ghosts, goblins and all manner of spooky creatures. Some were scary, some were sweet and some were barely old enough to walk, but all were dressed for a Halloween adventure as children, accompanied by friends and family, paraded downtown Belle Fourche on October 31 for the Center of the Nation Business Association's (CONBA) Halloween Parade and festivities.

The annual parade has been a longstanding community tradition, organized by the Center of the Nation Business Association for 26 years, though the event is believed to have been taking place in downtown Belle Fourche for more than 30 years.

Once again, Lee Hodge of Pete's Clothing and Hodge Bootery had the honor of leading the Halloween Parade. He was dressed as the famous white-suited founder of KFC—Colonel Sanders. He carried with him a bucket of hot, fresh fried chicken as he trekked down the middle of the street.

This year, a welcome surprise was waiting for the kids at the end of State Street—the Great Pumpkin was back at the finish of the parade, waiting to greet the costumed children when they were done with their haunting walk.

The giant orange pumpkin was a hit as costumed creatures young and old lined up to take a picture in front of it. The enormous gourd had long been a tradition standing at the end of the annual Halloween Parade, and its absence has been felt over the years.

Business owner Michelle Evans, who championed the return of the giant pumpkin, shared that people are often surprised Belle Fourche has something so iconic. She recalled taking pictures with her own daughter in front of the pumpkin and the special memories it has created for so many families over the years.

Chad Carr, owner of Carr Coatings, created and built the giant orange pumpkin. He pulls it around on a trailer, making it easy for folks to climb up on the back of the trailer and sit in

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A Hauntingly Good Time at Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum

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BELLE FOURCHE—Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum took a spooky turn away from its usual educational atmosphere as it transformed into a haunted attraction for four nights of hauntingly good times from October 28–31.

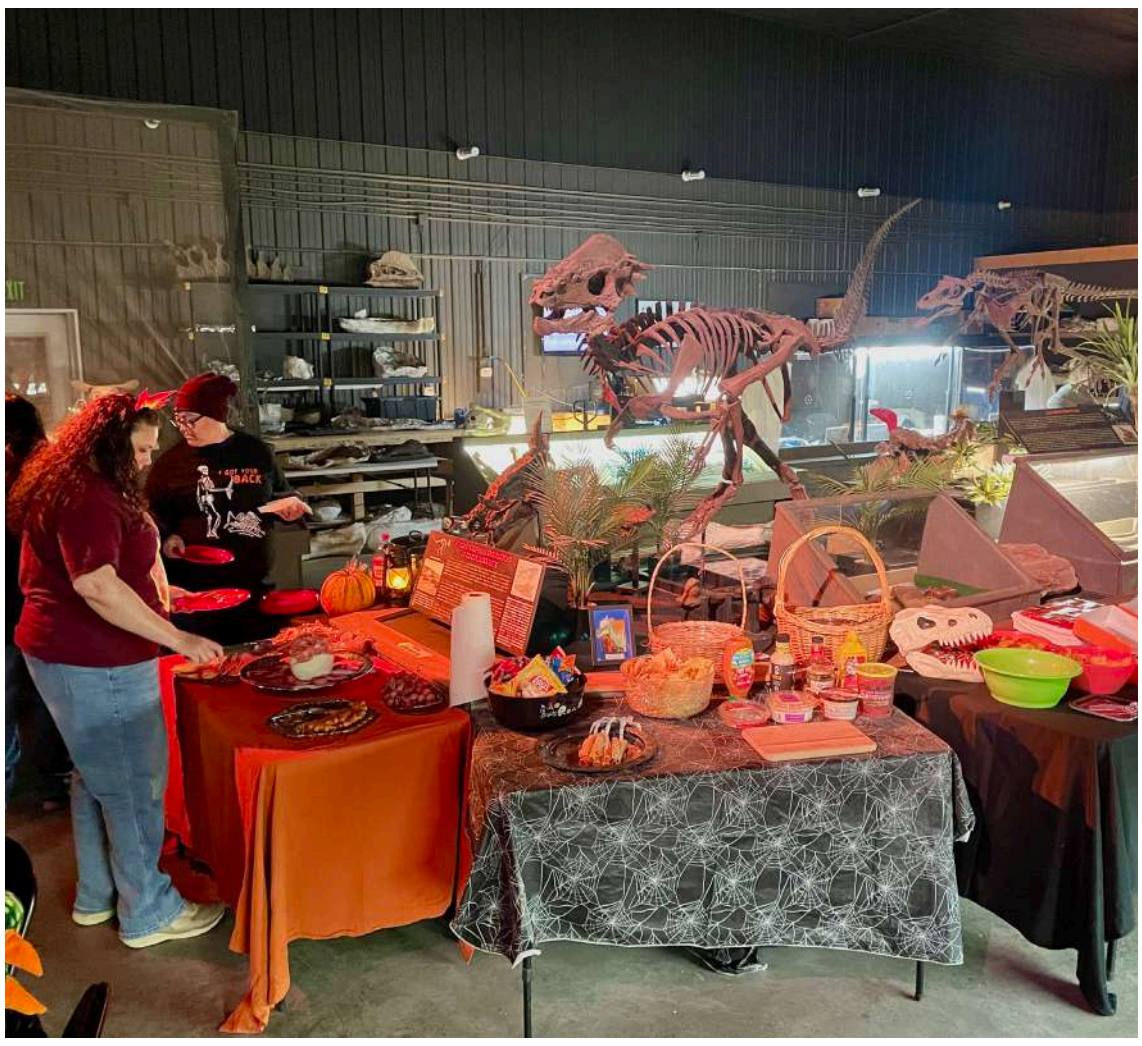
The festivities kicked off Wednesday with Dungeons and Dinosaurs, the final session of a three-week, Cretaceous-themed Dungeons & Dragons campaign. The game featured a full group of players each week. During the last game, visitors were invited to watch, make decisions and interact with their favorite adventurers. The event was also streamed live on Facebook for people to participate from afar as well.

The large exterior wall of the building made for a perfect surface to project a movie for drive-in entertainment on Thursday evening. The show was an old movie from 1969. The evening was about celebrating the connection between dinosaurs and Hollywood.

Friday brought the Dino-Mite Halloween Party to the Dinosaur Museum. Turnout for the event saw around 50 people coming for a festive evening of haunted madness that included karaoke, games, snacks and a costume contest. The haunted museum provided a spooky backdrop for the fun festivities.

The four-night celebration wrapped up Saturday with Treat or Terror Night, inviting families to continue their Halloween adventures after the Belle Fourche Rec Center's Spooktacular. Activities included trick-or-treating, a hunt for candy-filled pumpkins and a scavenger hunt challenging visitors to find six hidden spiders with prizes for finding all of them.

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Indulging in good food at the Halloween party. *Courtesy photo*





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Most of us intend on "getting around to it someday," but that someday never comes and we leave our family wondering whether or not they did the right thing. **It doesn't have to be like that.** It's not pleasant to be reminded of our own mortality; we can laugh, cry, or do a little of both. Regardless of how we prefer to deal with the big questions of life, **it always works out for the best when we face things head on**, especially in regard to such a sensitive issue.

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Pastor's Perspective

*This Perspective is adapted from a sermon by **Randall L. Roberts** (2003).*

"A Person of Peace"

In a world that seems perpetually hurried, finding peace can feel like an impossible task. Our days are filled with responsibilities, expectations and worries about what tomorrow may bring. Even when we long for quiet, our minds continue racing through the unfinished business of life.

The struggle for peace often begins with two familiar companions: hurry and worry. We hurry through our responsibilities, attempting to accomplish everything at once, while worrying about circumstances we cannot control. In doing so, we sometimes overlook the very source of peace we claim to seek.

Jesus offers something fundamentally different from the peace the world promises. Worldly peace frequently depends upon favorable circumstances. We feel secure when everything is going according to plan, when our relationships are comfortable and when our future appears predictable. But such peace is easily disturbed when difficulties arise.

Christ offers a peace that does not depend upon the absence of trouble. His peace remains available even when life becomes uncertain, when circumstances are painful and when answers seem distant. It is a peace rooted not in the world around us, but in our relationship with Him.

To experience that peace, we must make room for Christ in our daily lives. Prayer, Scripture and quiet moments in His presence remind us that we do not bear our burdens alone. We are invited to trust Him rather than allowing our fears to determine the condition of our hearts.

This does not always come naturally. When uncertainty surrounds us, our instinct is often to seek immediate solutions. We want reassurance that everything will work out, that our difficulties will soon disappear and that the future will unfold according to our expectations. Yet faith calls us to trust God even when we cannot see the outcome. Sometimes the greatest expression of faith is simply continuing forward, believing that God remains present even when His purposes are not immediately apparent.

Peace also changes the way we respond to other people. A heart grounded in Christ is better equipped to exercise patience, extend forgiveness and offer kindness when circumstances are frustrating. Rather than allowing anxiety or disappointment to dictate our behavior, we can approach others with gentleness and understanding. The peace God gives is not intended to remain confined within our own hearts; it should influence the way we treat those around us.

God's peace does not mean pretending that difficulties are insignificant. Rather, it means recognizing that our circumstances do not have the final word. We may face genuine challenges while still resting in the assurance of God's presence and care. We can acknowledge our fears honestly without allowing them to become greater than our faith.

Perhaps the question we should ask ourselves is not simply whether our lives are peaceful, but whether we are making time to dwell with the One who gives peace.

When we turn our attention toward Christ, we discover that peace is not something we must wait for until every problem has disappeared. It is a gift we can receive and carry with us, even through the storms of everyday life. The world may remain uncertain, our responsibilities may remain demanding and our prayers may not always be answered in the ways we anticipate. Nevertheless, we can find rest in the enduring faithfulness of God.

May we learn to slow down, quiet our hearts and remember that the peace Christ offers is greater than the circumstances that threaten to take it away.

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, quiet our restless hearts and guide us toward Your peace. Help us release our worries into Your care, trust Your wisdom when the path ahead is uncertain, and remember Your presence in every circumstance. May Your peace fill our hearts and shine through our words and actions. In Jesus' name, Amen.





From A1 **DHCM Halloween**

Throughout the celebration, the museum offered spooky attractions and Halloween treats, giving visitors a chance to experience the dinosaurs in a whole new atmosphere. The museum managed to combine Dungeons & Dragons, dinosaurs, karaoke and hidden spiders into four action-packed nights and offered a discounted rate to explore all that the haunted museum had to offer. Additionally, kids wearing dinosaur costumes got in free each day.

Be on the lookout for the next adventure at Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum. They are hosting a Cretaceous Christmas Black Friday Weekend, featuring sales at the Expedition Outpost gift shop beginning Friday, November 27, and a silent auction with fossils, gift packages and more. On Saturday, November 28, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., local vendors will participate in the Shop Small Saturday Sale. There is no charge to shop at the gift shop or vendor booths, and museum admission will be half price at $6 per person before the museum closes for the winter.



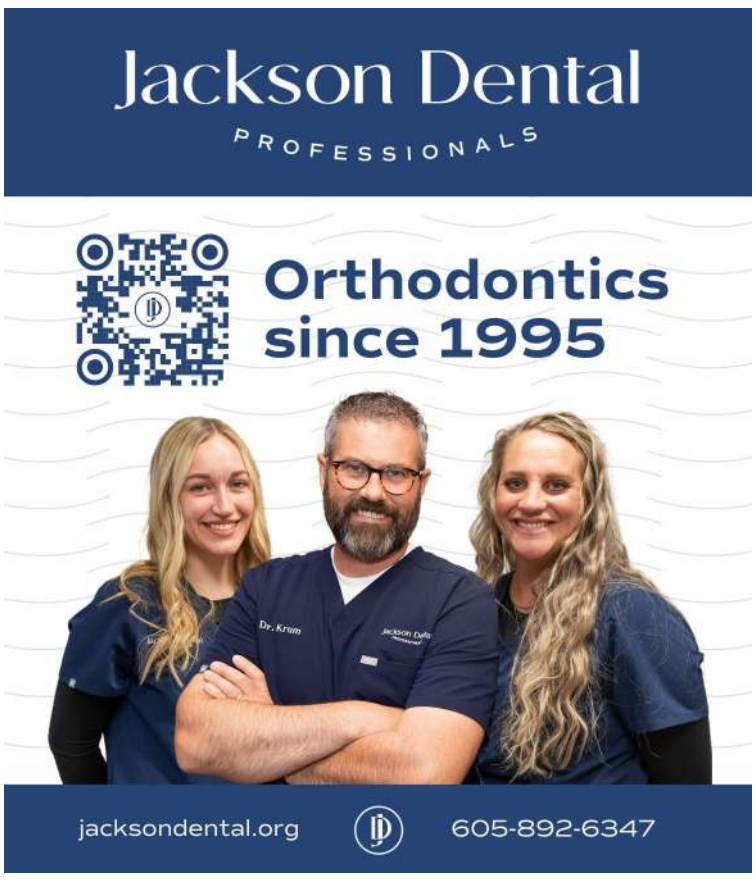
Hanging out in the Haunted Dinosaur Museum. *Courtesy photo*



Lots of games were available to play during the Halloween party. *Courtesy photo*



Drive-in movie night featured an old film starring dinosaurs. *Courtesy photo*





Karaoke was a fun activity during the Halloween celebration. *Courtesy photo*

Wareing Motors Goes Prehistoric for First Trunk-or-Treat

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BELLE FOURCHE—Wareing Motors held its first Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, October 29. The dealership was transformed into Jurassic Park with elaborate decorations on the building and a large inflatable trick-or-treat booth. Many of the employees were dressed up in dinosaur costumes and posed for pictures with all the little ones.

As you neared the business, a loud, eerie voice came over the loudspeakers: "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Jurassic Park. On behalf of Wareing Motors, we are pleased to welcome you to an extraordinary prehistoric adventure. Please remain on designated pathways at all times. Do not approach the dinosaurs." The business created a warm, welcoming and fun environment for all coming to participate.

After passing through the Wareing Motors exhibit, it was time to move on to the rest of the spookily decorated trunks! There were an additional 15 booths to explore and gather treats. Some were scary, some were sweet, but they were all well thought out displays. Frontier Glass donated candy for the event.

Wareing Motors offered a $500 prize package for the best-decorated trunk. The winner was The Plumber of the Black Hills. They received a Solo Stove and a s'mores kit to go along with it.

For the hungry folks, the Loud American of Sturgis had their food truck on-site. They were cooking up their delicious steak tips.

There was a constant stream of trick-or-treaters passing through the party. Wareing Motors' Mckenzie Quigley was in charge of putting the event together and shared, "It was a really good turnout—for our first time doing it, I thought it went remarkably well, and it was a lot of fun!"

By the end of the event, booths were running low on candy and everyone was ready for the next spooky adventure around the Halloween holiday in Belle Fourche.



Wareing Motors' booth had a Jurassic Park theme.



The Plumber Trunk-or-Treat booth.



The Plumber of the Black Hills won the best-decorated trunk contest. Wareing Motors General Manager Josh Quigley (right) presents the prize package. *Below:* **Kids in costumes trick-or-treating at the Wareing Motors Trunk-or-Treat event.** *Longbrake photos*





Wareing Motors' Trunk-or-Treat booth.

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treat booth set up this year included Highmark Credit Union, TREC Badlands Head Start, American Colloid Company, Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum, Belle Fourche Police Department, Belle Fourche Public Library, Runnings, Monument Health – Belle Fourche Clinic, Liberty Tax, Jackson Dental, Elizabeth Ann's Bridal, Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters, N.A.R.F.E., United Church of Christ, FCCLA, Shannon's Super Fun Daycare, VFW Post 3312, Pain & Movement Solutions, Calvary Church, Oxbow & Ember Photography, Adam Dodson, Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department, Belle Fourche Rec Center, Northern Hills Shooting Sports and Belle Fourche Silver Lining.

Businesses, organizations and individuals who didn't have a booth but still wanted to support the area youth by donating candy, money or items included Gillette Fence, Belle Fourche Lions Club, Pioneer Bank & Trust, Butte Badger 4-H Club, Walmart, Duke Boston State Farm, Plain Jane Photo and Video, Rollin in the Hills Food Truck, Frontier Glass, Phyllis Enderle, Carr Coatings, Lin Kramer, Butte County Ambulance Service and Posy Palace.



The line to get in the Rec Center for the Spooktacular was long! *Longbrake photo(s)*



Getting candy from NARFE.



Monument Health giving out fun treats.



There were booths set up outside of the gym as well.



Dinosaurs of the Hell Creek Museum had a booth and handed out sweet treats.

Rec Center Costume Contest Winners



Family costume category: James Krause, Edward Krause and Anna Quinn. *Courtesy photos*



Funniest costume category, ages 10–13: Henlie Barber



Scariest costume category, ages 10–13: Royce Bachman



Most original costume category, ages 10–13: Brekyn Montgomery, Allison Venter and Natalie Venter.



Scariest costume category, ages 7–9: Rickeigh Lei.



Funniest costume category, ages 7–9: Cam Montgomery.

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Rec Center Costume Contest Winners, Cont'd.

(Courtesy photos)



Most original costume category, ages 7–9: Loxlie Barber



Most original costume category, ages 0–3: Emilio Bazurto.



Funniest costume category, ages 0–3: Treyton Tope.



Cutest costume category, ages 0–3: Miles Mehlhaff.



Most original costume category, ages 4–6: Greya Jensen.



Cutest costume category, ages 4–6: Isabel Kolb.



Funniest costume category, ages 4–6: Lois Bazurto.

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A Roof Built on Community Kindness

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BELLE FOURCHE—Sometimes, helping someone in need means just as much to those lending a hand as it does to those receiving it. That was certainly the case on October 30, when the Monument Health United Way Volunteer Team joined forces with Allied Construction Roofing, Siding & Gutters, Mead Lumber of Spearfish and B&S Dumpsters to provide a new roof for a community member.

The project started with a late-evening text requesting a quote. Less than 10 hours later, Brett Ross of Allied Construction called with an offer to donate the labor. He had also arranged for Mead Lumber to donate the supplies and B&S Dumpsters to provide a dumpster, according to a Facebook post by Nikki Hoyme.

The businesses, along with United Way volunteers, came together in a coordinated effort for a full day of hard work, tearing off the old roofing materials, hauling away the debris and installing new shingles. Members of the volunteer team also provided lunch, snacks and drinks to keep everyone going throughout the day. What started as a simple request for a quote turned into a community effort, with everyone pitching in to help get the job done.

Those involved weren't looking for recognition for their efforts. They simply saw a need and stepped up to help a fellow community member. Hoyme thanked everyone who made this project happen and said seeing people coming together to help complete strangers was truly heartwarming.



Laying the new shingles. *Courtesy photo(s)*



Tearing off the old shingles.



Almost done tearing off the old materials.



Some of the volunteers working on replacing the old roof.



A look at the new roof!

Show Up!

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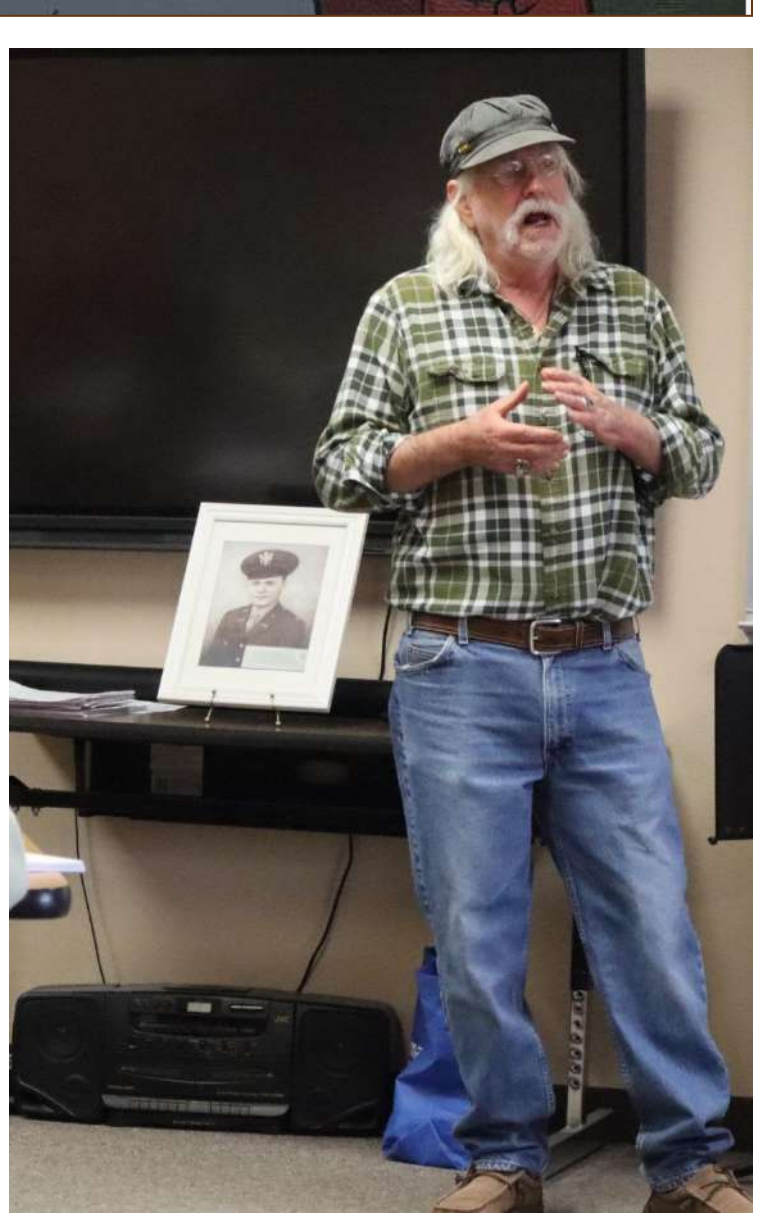
PATRIOTISM IS IN THE AIR! The election is over, and now we celebrate those who make all we enjoy possible: OUR VETERANS! All the Belle Fourche schools will be honoring those who serve, so check out the list of programs happening on Wednesday, November 11th.

The Rolling Hills Long Term Care Center will celebrate Veterans Day with a patriotic program at 10:30 on November 11th. Students from the BFMS will bring music and special presentations to honor the veterans, residents, and all guests at the center.Add OUR calendar to YOUR calendar. Your presence at all the upcoming events is much appreciated, so don't forget to add all these upcoming fine arts events to your calendars!

November 11, Wednesday, 9 AM, BFHS Veterans Day Program, BF Rec Center Theater
November 11, Wednesday, 2 PM, BFMS Veterans Day Program, BFMS Gymnasium
November 19-21, Thursday-Saturday, 7 PM BFHS Fall Production: Pick Your Poison by Laura Barbieri
November 30, Monday, 7 PM, BFHS Chorus Concert, BF Rec Center Theater
December 1, Tuesday, 7 PM, BFHS Band Concert, BF Rec Center Theater
December 7, Monday, 6:30 PM BFMS Chorus Concert for 6, 7, & 8th Grades
December 10-13 BFACT Production of A Suessified Christmas Carol
December 18, Friday, TBD, BF Elementary Concert for K-4th Gradeses







Bill Hennessey, local veteran and amateur historian, shared the story of **Lt. Robert McGee** this past week with BFMS 7th grade students who are preparing to honor local heroes at the ***BFMS Veterans Day Program***.

McGee was a WWII veteran who grew up in Belle Fourche and demonstrated outstanding courage and fortitude in his service.

Hennessy emphasized the importance of incorporating the lessons of heroes' lives into our own.

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Here is Upcoming Center of the Nation Concerts! You Don't Want to Miss!



Ella Mae Dixon

Saturday, November 14, 2026 2:00 PM Matinee

Ella Mae Dixon, originally from Wellfleet, Massachusetts, is drawn to the music of a bygone era. Her performances, combining her powerful vocals with piano and bass, give new energy to old melodies while paying homage to the styles of



It Takes 2

Thursday, February 25, 2027 7:00 PM

Join globally-renowned entertainers Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann (of *Letters From Home*) for an unforgettable musical journey celebrating the iconic duos that have shaped history. With heartwarming moments, gut-busting comedy and plenty of surprises they celebrate the magic that happens with the power

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front of it for pictures. Following the parade, the Great Pumpkin made its way up to the Rec Center Spooktacular Halloween Party.

In addition to the parade and the giant pumpkin, the celebration on State Street included a costume contest and trick-or-treating for all kids.

After the parade, participants began finding their way to the locations marked by age to line up and wait to be judged for the costume contest. Cash awards were given to the top three placings in each category of Prettiest, Scariest and Most Original. The participants were separated into age groups 0-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-10 and family. First place received $15; second place received $10 and third place received $5.

Kids were invited to make their way back down State Street and stop by participating stores to trick-or-treat. Tables were set up right in front of businesses making it easy for kids to identify the businesses that were handing out candy and treats for the event.

After all of the festivities came to an end, the costumed bunch headed to the next Halloween celebration to grab some more candy and show off their costumes.



Gathering at the start of the Halloween Parade. *(Longbrake photos)*



Many folks took part in the Halloween Parade down State Street.



Marching down State Street.



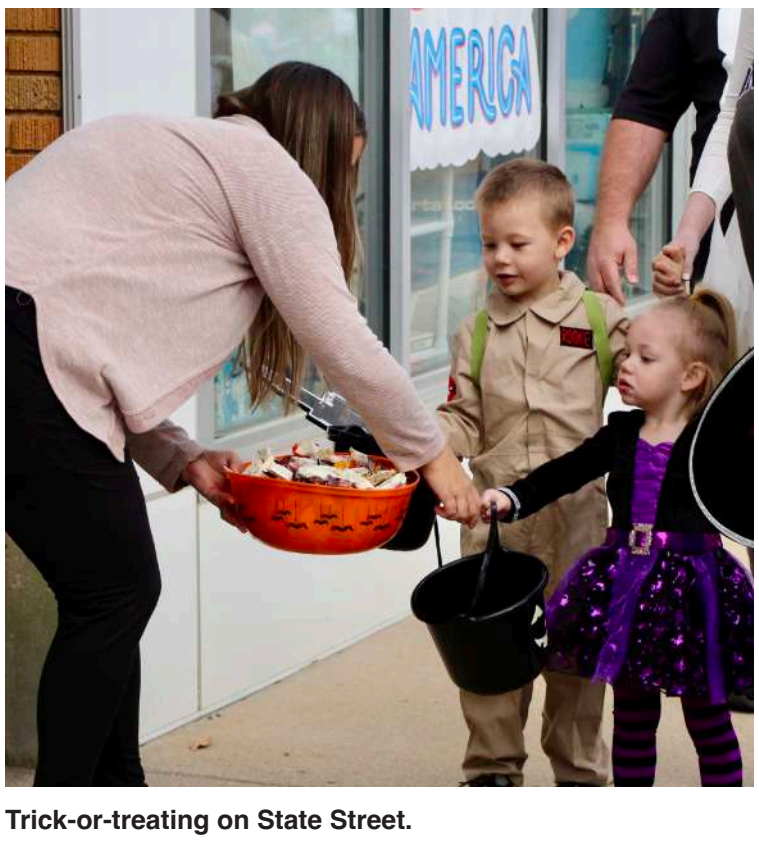
Many different costumes were seen in the Halloween Parade.



Walking down State Street to the Great Pumpkin.



After the parade, kids lined up to have their costumes judged for the Halloween costume contest.



Trick-or-treating on State Street.



Hanging out by the Great Pumpkin and taking pictures with it.



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L77 Ranch, Alzada, MT	36	Rrbl	Str	909		$ 333.00
L77 Ranch, Alzada, MT	70	Rrbl	Str	888		$ 344.00
L77 Ranch, Alzada, MT	47	Rrbl	Hfr	877		$ 331.00
L77 Ranch, Alzada, MT	11	Rrbl	Hfr	753		$ 317.00

CALVES

Boylan, John, Piedmont, SD	35	Bbld	Str	608		$ 418.00
Boylan, John, Piedmont, SD	30	Bbld	Hfr	569		$ 379.00
Johnson Ranch Llp, Buffalo, SD	27	B/R	Str	626		$ 415.00
Kobold, Miles, Huntley, MT	43	Bbld	Str	525		$ 462.00
Kobold, Miles, Huntley, MT	37	Mix	Str	393		$ 552.50
Kobold, Miles, Huntley, MT	25	Bbld	Hfr	514		$ 417.00
Kobold, Miles, Huntley, MT	29	B/R	Hfr	391		$ 485.00
Millett, Liza, Laramie, WY	10	Red	Hfr	621		$ 361.00
Moeller, Shaun, Sundance, WY	11	Bbld	Str	433		$ 518.00
Moeller, Shaun, Sundance, WY	10	Bbld	Hfr	467		$ 438.00
Neiman Cattle Company Llc, Alva, WY	19	Blk	Str	506		$ 481.00
Quaal, Christian (Mick), Sundance, WY	31	Char	Str	495		$ 455.00
Quaal, Christian (Mick), Sundance, WY	1	Herf	Str	345		$ 510.00
Quaal, Christian (Mick), Sundance, WY	16	Bbld	Hfr	462		$ 433.00
Quaal, Christian (Mick), Sundance, WY	17	Char	Hfr	494		$ 390.00
Reno, William E, Gillette, WY	50	Bbld	Str	471		$ 501.00
Reno, William E, Gillette, WY	72	Blk	Str	541		$ 462.50
Reno, William E, Gillette, WY	14	Blk	Hfr	525		$ 434.00
Reno, William E, Gillette, WY	29	Blk	Hfr	454		$ 447.00
Shortgrass & Company, Belle Fourche, SD	18	Blk	Str	645		$ 408.00
Shortgrass & Company, Belle Fourche, SD	87	Blk	Str	514		$ 472.50
Talcott, Duane, Hammond, MT	23	Blk	Str	492		$ 484.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett, WY	56	B/R	Str	479		$ 473.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett, WY	20	Red	Str	378		$ 541.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett, WY	13	Red	Hfr	399		$ 475.00
Tower Valley Ranch, Hulett, WY	10	Red	Hfr	321		$ 485.00
Tysdal, Lauris, Newcastle, WY	21	Bbld	Hfr	395		$ 470.00

Cattle Report - Friday, October 30, 2026

Just Under 5000 Hd Today
Market Was Steady To A Little Softer Due To The Board Being Down

NEXT SALES - FRIDAY,NOV 7th - SPRING CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL - 9 AM
SATURDAY, NOV 7th - BRED HFR & COW SPECIAL - 9 AM

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Garman, Ben Or Lori, Belle Fourche, SD	26	Blk	Hfrs	944		$305.00
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY	27	Blk	Hfrs	786		$326.00
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette, WY	11	Bbld	Hfrs	666		$350.00
Patten Ranch Co, Broadus, MT	10	Blk	Hfrs	808		$311.00
Wesley Revocable Trust, Thomas J, Oshoto, WY	18	Red	Strs	694		$362.00

CALVES

Heart H Partnership, Llc, Camp Crook, SD	153	Bbld	Strs	652		$409.00
Heart H Partnership, Llc, Camp Crook, SD	158	Bbld	Hfrs	590		$442.00
Heart H Partnership, Llc, Camp Crook, SD	98	Bbld	Strs	542		$459.00
Heart H Partnership, Llc, Camp Crook, SD	94	Bbld	Hfrs	491		$470.00
Heart H Partnership, Llc, Camp Crook, SD	14	Blk	Strs	439		$535.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol, MT	110	Blk	Strs	543		$458.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol, MT	44	Blk	Strs	483		$494.00
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol, MT	70	Blk	Hfrs	474		$478.00
Blair, Tom, Miles City, MT	31	Blk	Hfrs	527		$420.00
Casteel, Ronny J & Brenden, Vale, SD	49	Blk	Hfrs	449		$476.00
Casteel, Ronny J & Brenden, Vale, SD	10	Blk	Hfrs	367		$487.50
Claeys, Patrick & Saecfina, Ekalaka, MT	10	Herf	Strs	563		$418.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo, SD	33	Blk	Strs	614		$418.00
Clarkson, Reese, Buffalo, SD	35	Blk	Hfrs	585		$394.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD	135	Bbld	Strs	572		$433.00
Crago Land & Livestock, Belle Fourche, SD	33	Bbld	Strs	486		$486.00
Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder, SD	16	Bbld	Strs	667		$392.00
Dewey, Todd Or Susan, Box Elder, SD	15	Bbld	Strs	512		$459.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg, MT	27	Blk	Strs	463		$500.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg, MT	36	Bbld	Hfrs	462		$470.00
Escott, Tyler Or Brandy, Volborg, MT	11	Blk	Hfrs	407		$517.50
Flint, Gavin, Gillette, WY	44	Blk	Hfrs	486		$431.00
Flint, Gavin, Gillette, WY	14	Blk	Strs	430		$517.50
Flint, Gavin, Gillette, WY	11	Blk	Hfrs	390		$515.00
Fowlkes, Larry Or Terri, Aladdin, WY	32	Bbld	Strs	547		$452.00
Fowlkes, Larry Or Terri, Aladdin, WY	35	Bbld	Hfrs	511		$470.00
Fowlkes, Larry Or Terri, Aladdin, WY	11	Bbld	Strs	449		$537.50
Fowlkes, Larry Or Terri, Aladdin, WY	15	Blk	Hfrs	404		$515.00
Fowlkes, Larry Or Terri, Aladdin, WY	12	Bbld	Strs	375		$615.00
Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette, WY	13	Blk	Strs	543		$434.00
Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette, WY	12	Blk	Hfrs	483		$452.50
Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette, WY	10	Blk	Strs	454		$517.50
Frost, James Grover & Lynette, Gillette, WY	11	Blk	Hfrs	427		$485.00
Green, Scott, Billings, MT	19	Blk	Strs	575		$418.50
Green, Scott, Billings, MT	30	Blk	Hfrs	528		$385.00
Green, Scott, Billings, MT	10	Blk	Strs	435		$519.00
Haiar Enterprise Inc, Spearfish, SD	27	Bbld	Hfrs	575		$388.00
Harkiss, Kirk, Hardin, MT	77	B/R	Strs	586		$419.50
Harkiss, Kirk, Hardin, MT	52	Herf	Strs	559		$431.00
Harkiss, Kirk, Hardin, MT	18	Bbld	Hfrs	535		$426.00
Harris, Greg, Baker, MT	22	Herf	Strs	533		$439.00
Harris, Greg, Baker, MT	13	Herf	Hfrs	478		$425.00
Hat Bar Cattle Co, Spearfish, SD	12	Bbld	Hfrs	426		$475.00
Holso Ranch Llc, Deadwood, SD	61	Bbld	Strs	609		$417.00
Holso Ranch Llc, Deadwood, SD	30	Bbld	Hfrs	531		$450.00
Holso Ranch Llc, Deadwood, SD	25	Bbld	Strs	503		$467.50
Hook Ranch, Alva, WY	28	Bbld	Strs	566		$419.00
Hook Ranch, Alva, WY	37	Bbld	Hfrs	475		$459.00
Hook Ranch, Alva, WY	36	Bbld	Strs	469		$504.00
Hook Ranch, Alva, WY	11	Blk	Hfrs	386		$520.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro, PA	77	Blk	Strs	592		$427.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro, PA	14	Blk	Hfrs	544		$420.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro, PA	19	Blk	Strs	398		$570.00
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Waynesboro, PA	14	Blk	Hfrs	346		$535.00
Jung, Lloyd, Piedmont, SD	15	Bbld	Hfrs	547		$415.00
Jung, Lloyd, Piedmont, SD	13	Bbld	Hfrs	534		$377.00
Kammerer, Matthew, Rapid City, SD	49	Bbld	Strs	526		$456.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche, SD	26	Blk	Strs	557		$437.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche, SD	15	Blk	Hfrs	485		$455.00
Kokesh, Dan Or Sue, Belle Fourche, SD	14	Blk	Strs	447		$517.50
Kreutz, Kent, Whitewood, SD	15	Bbld	Strs	503		$472.00
Kreutz, Kent, Whitewood, SD	27	Bbld	Hfrs	485		$460.00
Kuhbacher, Jason, Broadus, MT	100	Bbld	Strs	627		$407.00
Lazy T5, Llc, Whitewood, SD	65	Bbld	Strs	617		$413.00
Lazy T5, Llc, Whitewood, SD	70	Bbld	Hfrs	565		$416.00
Lazy T5, Llc, Whitewood, SD	22	Bbld	Strs	532		$451.00
Lazy T5, Llc, Whitewood, SD	12	Bbld	Hfrs	438		$485.00
Meyer, Mac, Rapid City, SD	13		Hfrs	445		$451.00
Nixon, Josh Or Lynn, Alzada, MT	13	Blk	Strs	488		$487.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada, MT	17	Blk	Strs	586		$410.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada, MT	18	Blk	Strs	450		$517.50
Novak, Preston, Newell, SD	19	Bbld	Hfrs	525		$427.50
Odegard, Michael D, Arvada, WY	18	Char	Strs	413		$553.00
Odegard, Michael D, Arvada, WY	24	Mix	Strs	348		$590.00
Reder Cattle Co Llc, Fruitdale, SD	10	Blk	Strs	588		$417.00
Reder Cattle Co Llc, Fruitdale, SD	15	Blk	Strs	473		$474.00
Reder Cattle Co Llc, Fruitdale, SD	11	Blk	Hfrs	426		$465.00
Skvicalo, Mark, Lead, SD	15	Blk	Strs	680		$388.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette, WY	33	Bbld	Strs	535		$444.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette, WY	39	Bld	Hfrs	516		$418.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette, WY	26	B/R	Strs	457		$493.00
Sunny Side Livestock, Gillette, WY	19	Bbld	Hfrs	411		$485.00
Swanson Ranch Llc, Spearfish, SD	41	Bbld	Hfrs	575		$390.00
Swanson Ranch Llc, Spearfish, SD	56	Bbld	Hfrs	560		$422.00
Swanson Ranch Llc, Spearfish, SD	20	Herf	Strs	531		$436.00
Swanson Ranch Llc, Spearfish, SD	30	Bbld	Hfrs	477		$443.00
Swanson Ranch Llc, Spearfish, SD	17	Bbld	Strs	423		$549.00
Vore, Tom Or Susan, Newcastle , WY	34	Char	Hfrs	678		$362.00
Walker, Travis , Ekalaka, MT	127	Blk	Strs	496		$479.00
Walker, Travis , Ekalaka, MT	66	Blk	Strs	411		$567.00
Walker, Travis , Ekalaka, MT	13	Blk	Strs	332		$680.00
Wesley, Thomas J, Oshoto, WY	15	Red	Hfrs	651		$371.00
Whitney & Grubb Ranches[Newcastle, WY	12	B/R	Strs	595		$400.00
Whitney & Grubb Ranches[Newcastle, WY	53	Bbld	Strs	576		$434.00
Whitney & Grubb Ranches[Newcastle, WY	48	Bbld	Hfrs	538		$420.00
Whitney & Grubb Ranches[Newcastle, WY	52	Bbld	Strs	495		$471.00
Whitney & Grubb Ranches[Newcastle, WY	13	Mix	Strs	483		$466.00
Whitney & Grubb Ranches[Newcastle, WY	21	Bbld	Hfrs	427		$490.00
Whitney & Grubb Ranches[Newcastle, WY	17	Blk	Strs	400		$550.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus, MT	16	Bbld	Strs	587		$425.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus, MT	60	Blk	Hfrs	562		$420.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus, MT	29	Bld	Hfrs	560		$420.00
Williams, Ray, Broadus, MT	21	Blk	Strs	508		$465.00

NOVEMBER 6, 2026
SPRING CALF SPECIAL
Featuring RED ANGUS INFLUENCE

9:00 AM – YRLGS FOLLOWED BY SPRING CALVES

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

CALVES

Tom Owens – 500 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 400-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Davis Ranch – 350 Herf & F-1 Bldy Strs & Hfrs – 400-550# - Bt, Pc
John Humbracht – 220 Mostly Blk & Char X Strs – 550-650# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Mark Meccage – 200 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 475-525# - Bt, Pc
Ernie Melum – 200 Herf Strs & Hfrs – 475-525# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Doug & Julia Davis – 200 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Cedar Hills Ranch – 180 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 425-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Jensen Ranch – 175 Red Strs – 650-700# - Bt, Pc, Wnd 30 Days
Mt Rushmore Angus – 140 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 650-750# - Bt, Pc, Wnd
Nixon Ranch – 130 Blk Hfrs – 525-600# - Bt, Pc, No Hfrs Kept, Fancy
Curt Owen – 120 Red Angus Strs & Hfrs – 525-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Duane Richards – 105 Red Angus Strs & Hfrs – 570-650# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Poured
Rick & Marleen Neiman – 95 Blk Strs – 600-650# - Bt, Pc
Drew, Judy & Clay Hutchinson – 90 Red Strs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Df
Joe Schmid – 90 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc
Chase Williams – 90 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 425-525# - Bt, Pc
Melanie Acosta – 80 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs – 525-575#
Croell & Monnen – 77 Blk Strs & Hfrs – 450-550# - Bt, Pc
Matt & Jana Hoffman – 50 Blk Strs &Hfrs 0 550-600# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Charles Meiners – 45 Red Strs & Hfrs – 500-50# - Bt, Pc, Ni
Heier & Schuchard – 45 Blk Strs – 500-575# - Bt, Pc
Miller's Crow Creek Ranch – 40 Moslty Blk Hfrs – 500-550# - Bt, Pc
David Holland – 32 Red Angus Strs & Hfrs – 450-500# - Bt, Pc, Ni, Wnd
Phillip Rusley – 22 Red Strs – 500-600# - Bt, Pc
Levi Sanfnter – 18 Blk & Red Strs – 550-600# - Bt, Pc
Steve Cullum – 16 Red Angus Strs & Hfrs – 600-650# - Bt, Pc, Red Angus Tags
Lucas & Tabitha Korkow – 4 Blk X Moslty Hfrs – 450-500# - Bt, Pc, Bv

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

NOVEMBER 7, 2026
BRED HFR & COW SPECIAL

9:00 AM – WEIGH UPS **12:00 NOON –** BRED COWS

BRED HFRS & COWS

Dispersion – Tyler Lewis – 211 Blk Hfrs – A-I Bred – 2/15
- 74 Blk 3 Yr To Short Term Cows – Bred Blk – 3/5
Saunders Land & Livestock – 137 Blk & Red Shortterm Cows – Bred Blk Or Red – 3/25 For 45 Days
C & T Ranch – 40 Herf 3 To 5 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk – 4/5
- 90 Blk & Frew Red 3 To 5 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk – 4/10
Tauck Stock & Barrel – 65 Blk Bldy & Red Bldy 7 Yr & Older Cows – Bred Blk – 3/29 For 60 Days
Jordan & Ashley O'donnell – 45 Blk Short Term Cows – Bred Blk Sim – 3/22 For 60 Days
Lucas & Tabitha Korkow – 3 Blk Mxd Age Cows – Bred Reg. Speckled Park – 3/30 For 30 Days

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

2026 CATTLE SALES

Friday, November 6th – Spring Calf Special Featuring Red Angus Influence
Saturday, November 7th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special
Friday, November 13th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 14th – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special
Friday, November 20th – Spring Calf Special
Saturday, November 21st – Bred Hfr & Cow & Weigh Up Special
Saturday, November 28th – Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special
December 4th – Spring Calf Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 11th – Bred Hfr & Cow Special – Selling All Classes Of Cattle
December 18th – Spring Calf & Bred Cow Special – Last Sale Of 2026
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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 29, 2026

Big Run Of Ewes For Today. Lamb Market Sold Steady.
Slaughter Ewes Sold $5 Higher.
Good Demand On Replacement Ewes

NEXT SALE - NOV 5th - FEEDER LAMB SPECIAL -
Selling All Classes of Sheep & Goats

Animals should be here by **10:00 AM** so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs

Clarkson, Shirley, Buffalo, SD	47	Ewe	85		$ 346.00
Dye, Robert E Jr (Chip), Alzada, MT	28	Lamb	65		$ 366.00
Dye, Robert E Jr (Chip), Alzada, MT	152	Lamb	85		$ 339.00
Dye, Robert E Jr (Chip), Alzada, MT	12	Lamb	103		$ 280.00
Erk Ranch, Newell, SD	45	Lamb	65		$ 360.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	63	Lamb	69		$ 368.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	279	Lamb	92		$ 327.50
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell, SD	124	Ewe	88		$ 330.00
Peterson Sheep, Lemmon, SD	27	Ewe	51		$ 420.00
Reaves, Darla, Broadus, MT	38	Lamb	81		$ 343.00
Reaves, Darla, Broadus, MT	18	Lamb	105		$ 277.00
Sand Creek Cattle Co, Jordan, MT	110	Lamb	96		$ 312.00
Stockman Exchange, Miles City, MT	379	Lamb	78		$ 363.50
Stockman Exchange, Miles City, MT	54	Lamb	95		$ 305.00

Ewe

Acosta, Melanie, Prairie City, SD	92	3-5yr	166		$ 265.00
Gunderson, Roger, Buffalo, SD	178	3yr	162		$ 380.00
Harmon, Richard, Newell, SD	68	5-7yr	156		$ 175.00
Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo, SD	71	6yr	172		$ 230.00
M Diamond Angus Ranch, Glen Rock, WY	209	6yr	142		$ 185.00
Mcdaniel, William, Philip, SD	58	2-Sld	179		$ 275.00
Miller, Jenne, Douglas, WY	320	5yr	154		$ 260.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo, SD	47	Yrlg	133		$ 320.00
Olson, Clay Or Molly, Newell, SD	54	Yrlg	167		$ 440.00
Pitz, Tom Or Gnelle, Faith, SD	34	3-4yr	158		$ 260.00
Reaves, Ernie, Broadus, MT	66	5-6yr	162		$ 245.00
Sand Creek Cattle Co, Jordan, MT	34	S-Brk	149		$ 225.00
Weiss, Roger, Faith, SD	28	Ss-St	175		$ 245.00

Slaughter Ewes

Akers, Jean, Lodgepole, SD	42	K Ewe	161		$ 127.00
Akers, Jean, Lodgepole, SD	76	K Ewe	145		$ 121.00
Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby, ID	64	K Ewe	143		$ 121.00
Hansen, Charlene (Olson), Bowman, ND	11	K Ewe	190		$ 127.00
Harmon, Richard, Newell, SD	19	K Ewe	133		$ 106.00
Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo, SD	17	K Ewe	186		$ 127.00
Hausman, Brittany, Buffalo, SD	41	K Ewe	159		$ 121.00
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche, SD	20	K Ewe	185		$ 127.00
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche, SD	14	K Ewe	168		$ 121.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	23	K Ewe	190		$ 127.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Llc, Belle Fourche, SD	24	K Ewe	151		$ 106.00
M Diamond Angus Ranch, Glen Rock, WY	55	K Ewe	130		$ 106.00

Slaughter Buck

Farnsworth Livestock, Rigby, ID	37	Kbuck	254		$ 109.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

NOVEMBER 5, 2026

Feeder Lamb Special

1:00 PM

FEEDER LAMBS

Darling Creek – 500 Lambs – 70-75#
Reece Clarkson – 600 Lambs – 90#
Mt Consignment – 400 Lambs – 80#
PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

Please Have Animals In By 10:00 AM
So They Can All Be Weighed Before The Sale!

Watch Our Sales Live On Cattleusa!

2026 SHEEP SALES

November 12th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 19th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 26th – No Sale – Happy Thanksgiving!
December 3rd – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 10th – Replacement Ewe & Feeder Lamb Special – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 17th – Regular Sheep Sale – Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats – Last Sale Of 2026!

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THE BROADUS RECEIVING STATION IS TAKING CATTLE EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR SALES ON FRIDAY. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday by 3pm. ***You pay receiving station fee of $3 per head & $2.50/cwt for trucking.*** For more information, call ***Tyler or Brandy Escott at 406-421-5579 or 406-951-1666 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.***

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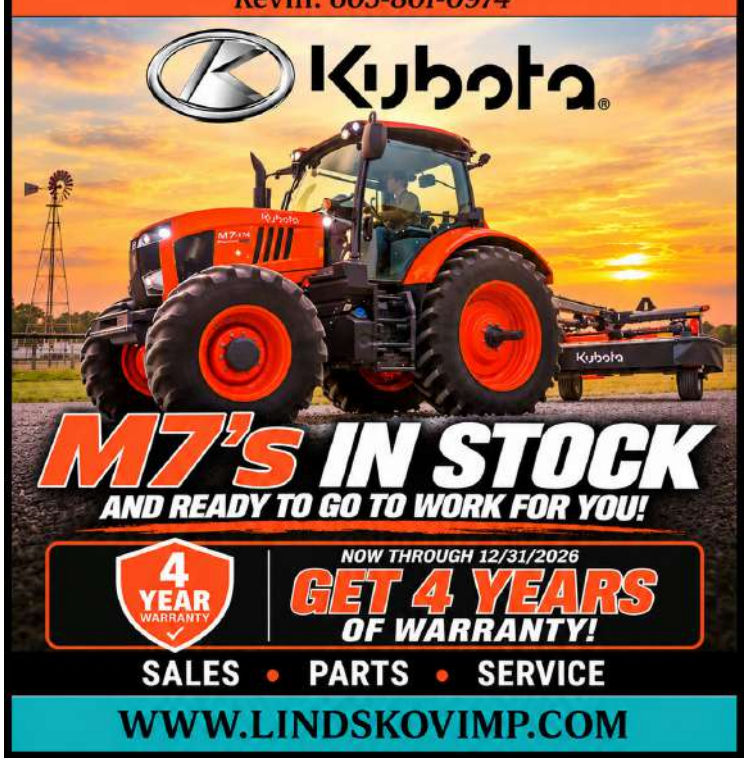
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100 years
Northwest Post
November 4, 1926

Cemetery Meeting All citizens who are interested in the beauty and maintenance of Pine Slope cemetery are requested to come to the Hampton hotel at 2 o'clock p.m. Monday, November 9. The treasurer and secretary of the association wish to make a report, which all should hear, that it may be known what has been done and spent in the last year. Do not overlook this appeal but come and show your interest in the city where many loved ones lie. Your co-operation with the association is desired.

Voting in Butte County In Butte county the outstanding feature of the election was the overwhelming victory of Sheriff Lon Craven, who was re-elected by a majority of 415, the biggest majority ever given a democrat in this county. It was a splendid endorsement of a competent and popular official. County Commissioner Wescott, democrat, on the face of the returns, is one vote behind Cunningham, republican, in the Fifth district. C. A. Wilson, independent, is again elected county commissioner in the Third district by a safe majority; also Mert Fowler, republican, in the first district. On the bank guarantee referred law, the vote in Butte county was 1109 "No" and 783 "Yes" and the salary amendment was also defeated by a vote of 748 "Yes" to 1118 "No." No definite returns on these from the state on these questions. But it is likely that both measures were defeated.

News Items of the Week
LOST GAME TO NISLAND

The Belle Fourche High School football team suffered another defeat last Saturday at Nisland, when Crosley's clever beet heavers won by a score of 16 to 0. It was a good game however, and though Belle Fourche boys played a much better brand of football than they have exhibited thus far this season. Next Friday our boys will play their last game of the season on the home field when Spearfish will be the opponents. Spearfish defeated out team 9 to 0 last moth in the first game, and the local lads promise to even up when they clash next week.

75 years ago
The Belle Fourche Post,
October 29, 1951

Yanks Take Pennant New York, Sept. 28 – The American League pennant files over the house that Ruth built. The New York Yankees shellacked the Boston Red Sox in two games at Yankee Stadium 8 to 0 and 11 to 3 this afternoon to sew up the American League crown. The Yankee took the first game when Allie Reynolds threw his second no-hitter of the year at the Red Sox. Vic Raschi stiffed the Sox in the second game.

SENATE APPROVES INCOME BOOST

Washinton – Sept. 28 – The senate has approved personal income tax increases amounting to 11 per cent for most taxpayers. The increases were approved by voice vote after members rejected a substitute bill to knock out the income-splitting benefits now allowed married taxpayers. The proposal by Democratic Senate Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota to knock those benefits out of the 5 ½ billions dollars tax hike bill was rejected 62 to 14.

50 years ago
The Belle Fourche Post
November 5, 1976

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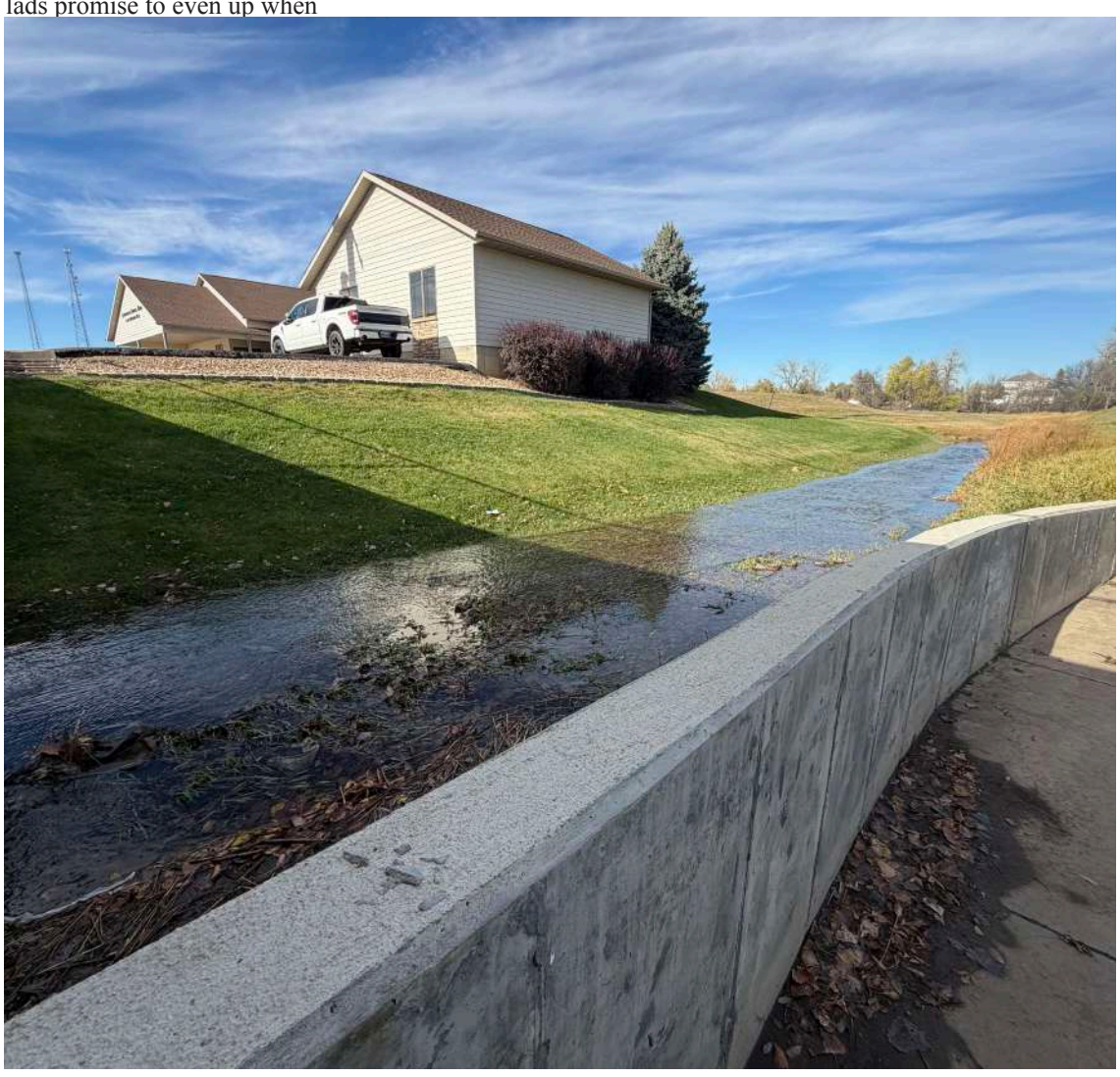
We've been asking for the opportunity. Now we have it and we've got to produce." That's how Rep. G. F. Mortimer put matters Thursday as he talked about Tuesday's election and the sharp turn-about across the state that has given Republicans a majority in both houses of the state legislature. Mortimer said the Republicans now face the job of reducing government spending. Asked how he felt this could be accomplished, Mortimer said he knew some areas where cutbacks could be made. He said he would look far a reduction in funds across the board and provide for reduction of personnel thru attrition. "That's just my guess," he added, "but I'm just one of 105 legislators." Asked his assessment of the sharp swing to the Republicans in the state. Mortimer said he thought many people were "just fed up with the attitude of the Kneip administration that they felt they could do what they pleased." Control of the legislature gives the Republicans the leadership in both houses, committee chairmanships and make-up of the committees. Mortimer says the make-up of the committees is important, and a factor that is often over-looked. He pointed out that the appropriations committee for the last two years has been an 11-11 arrangement with a Democrat chairman and a Republican vice chairman. With that type of membership it was difficult to accomplish anything, said Mortimer. Mortimer concedes this year's job is going to be tougher than usual because of the drought. "A lot of these school districts are going to find themselves without funds because of the drought and sale of cattle. It seems to me that we are going to have to find some way to help them."

See Increase In Population Of Region

Substantial population increases in the Black Hills area are predicted for the next quarter century. The report was presented at the October meeting, of the technical and citizens' advisory committees to the 208 water quality management project. There was general agreement among the 23 committee among the 23 committee members and interested citizens attending that water quality problems do exist in the Black Hills.

Great Xmas Giveaway

A great Christmas give-away is shaping in Belle Fourche. Members of the Chamber of Commerce retailers committee yesterday announced plans for an extensive holiday promotion beginning Nov. 26 and continuing each week until Christmas holiday. What the retailers have in mind is to obtain a gift certificate from each Belle Fourche business place whether a member of the Chamber or not. These will be tossed into a basket and drawings will be held each Friday. The number of drawings will depend upon the number of gift certificates. Committee members believe that if they can get full cooperation they may be able to come up with thousands of dollars worth of gifts.



The past weekend's rain had Hay Creek running again. Water was high enough to flood the Bike Path's National Street tunnel. *Beacon Photo*

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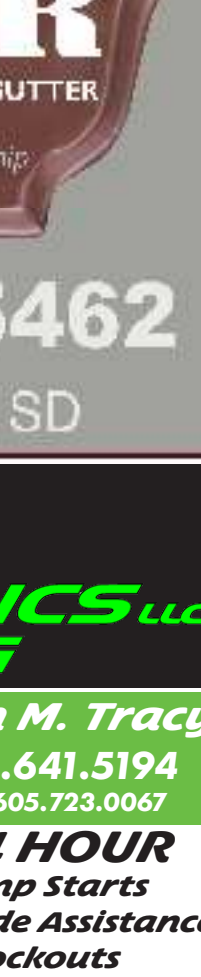
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Ashland MT	105	Black-Str Pc	622	439.50	$2,733.89
	63	Black-Str Pc	557	454.00	$2,529.42
	74	Black-Hfr Pc	552	427.00	$2,357.73
Maupin Ranch Llc, Hulett WY	74	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	594	415.00	$2,465.32
	39	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	584	379.00	$2,213.26
John & Bonnie Johnson, Buffalo SD	100	Black-Str Pc Bt	615	420.50	$2,586.49
	112	Black-Str Pc Bt	547	462.00	$2,525.53
	69	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	534	431.00	$2,299.60
Peter & Sarah Burgess,					
Sheridan WY	100	Black-Str Pc Bt	503	494.00	$2,482.59
	51	Black-Str Pc Bt	437	556.00	$2,428.95
	94	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	469	465.00	$2,181.78
	27	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	405	511.00	$2,069.55
Patrick M King, Aladdin WY	54	Black-Str Pc Bt	697	396.00	$2,761.73
J&M Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	46	Black-Str Pc Bt	552	461.00	$2,543.01
	17	Black-Str Pc Bt	423	555.00	$2,347.32
Brian Creek Cattle Co Llc,					
Dayton WY	97	Black-Str Bt Ni	595	434.00	$2,581.18
	11	Black-Str Bt Ni	497	491.00	$2,441.60
Seth Barkley, Baker MT	110	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	578	439.00	$2,536.02
	75	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	498	491.00	$2,443.87
Frank & Matt Nies, Ekalaka MT	80	Black-Str Pc Bt	584	440.00	$2,571.25
	21	Black-Str Pc Bt	579	440.00	$2,548.85
	29	Black-Str Pc Bt	498	495.00	$2,466.46
	59	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	499	455.00	$2,269.21
	14	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	496	455.00	$2,258.75
Wade Helkenn, Upton WY	74	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	445	539.00	$2,398.18
	44	Black-Str Pc Bt	337	652.50	$2,196.25
	42	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	398	521.00	$2,074.69
Schweigert Ranch Inc, Baker MT	90	Rd/Blk-Str Pc Bt	590	429.50	$2,533.33
Meyer Family Llp, Ekalaka MT	84	Black-Str Bt	401	539.00	$2,162.73
	44	Char-Str Bt	410	511.00	$2,095.68
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	16	Black-Str Pc	357	617.50	$2,205.63
Shane & Pamela Bivens, Gillette WY	10	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	523	451.00	$2,358.73
	16	Black-Hfr Bt	448	431.00	$1,932.76
Lawson Mcgill, Powderville MT	29	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	532	465.00	$2,472.51
	11	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	649	417.00	$2,704.81
Henry & Viola Lambright, Hulett WY	78	Black-Str Bt Ni	629	406.50	$2,557.56
	59	Black-Str Bt Ni	496	486.00	$2,411.05
	79	Black-Hfr Bt Ni	531	416.00	$2,209.27
	24	Black-Hfr Bt Ni	422	495.00	$2,090.34
Dave Edwards, Gillette WY	23	Black-Hfr	550	403.00	$2,214.74
	13	Black-Hfr	467	439.00	$2,049.79
Richard Gantz, Alva WY	27	Black-Str Pc Bt	633	418.00	$2,647.33
Yy Cattle Co, Volborg MT	31	Black-Str Pc Bt	549	452.50	$2,485.83
Dave Mader, Biddle MT	49	Black-Str Pc Bt	543	457.00	$2,482.25
Diamond W Ranch Llc, Ludlow SD	44	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	615	420.00	$2,581.56
	40	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	604	389.00	$2,347.61
Jake Or Cindy Orwick, Newell SD	43	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	514	483.00	$2,482.39
	18	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	498	437.50	$2,180.20
Gail Uses The Knife, Eagle Butte SD	10	Black-Str Pc Bt	636	394.00	$2,503.87
	11	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	562	410.00	$2,305.31
Douglas Moore, Sundance WY	40	Black-Str Pc Bt	686	396.00	$2,715.07
	10	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	567	396.00	$2,243.34
William Baumgarte, Rapid City SD	20	Black-Str Pc Bt	544	458.00	$2,490.37
	24	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	541	436.00	$2,357.12
Zach Johnson, Dawson Mn	78	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	545	446.00	$2,429.55
	13	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	438	520.00	$2,280.00
	28	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	518	437.50	$2,264.84
	15	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	438	476.00	$2,083.29
Johna Rovere, Sturgis SD	10	Black-Str Pc Bt	651	415.00	$2,699.57
	12	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	522	424.00	$2,213.63
Dave & Joy Price, Hammond MT	48	Black-Str Pc	539	464.00	$2,500.28
	8	Black-Hfr Pc	417	490.00	$2,042.68
Jackie S Griffith, Aladdin WY	10	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	657	396.00	$2,599.74
	13	Blk/Bwf-Str Bt	547	448.00	$2,448.49
	17	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Bt	538	420.00	$2,260.58
Ron & Dick Anderson, Miles City MT	58	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	526	465.00	$2,446.86
	31	Blk/Bwf-Hfr Pc Bt	474	460.00	$2,182.03
Dean Diede, Ekalaka MT	16	Black-Str Pc Ni	478	499.00	$2,387.40
	9	Black-Hfr Pc Ni	411	470.00	$1,932.22
Kelly Huseby Land Llc, Hulett WY	11	Black-Str Pc Bt	769	357.00	$2,744.03
	10	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	630	384.00	$2,417.28
Tango Papa Ranch Llc,					
Port Hueneme CA	44	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc	530	464.00	$2,461.30
Brandon Weber, Forsyth MT	83	Blk/Bwf-Str Pc Bt	563	451.00	$2,537.82
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Myron Johnston, Hammond MT	66	Black-Hfr Pc Bt	533	431.00	$2,296.05

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525#, PC,DF,POURED
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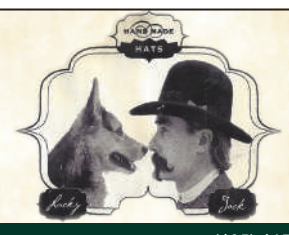
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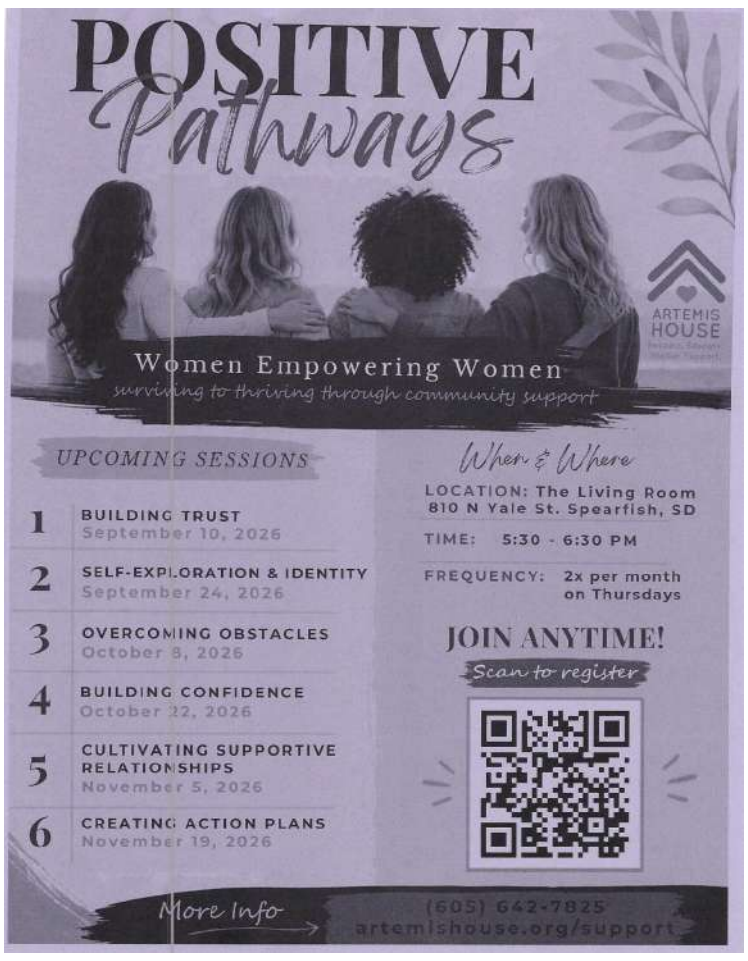
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Voters don't want to cede power as two of four ballot measures pass

Democrats in position to pick up seats in the Legislature, potentially reversing years of decline

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South Dakota voters rejected another attempt to make ballot measures more restrictive, voting down Amendment L, one of four measures on Tuesday's ballot.

The amendment would have required a 60 percent majority for any future changes to the South Dakota Constitution that were approved by voters at the ballot box. The defeat of Amendment L, which was losing by 58 percent of the vote with 83 percent of the state's precincts reporting, means that changes to the state Constitution can be approved by a 50-percent-plus-one majority.

Voters also rejected Amendment I. That measure would have allowed the state to rescind Medicaid expansion to working-age adults if the federal government ever dropped its contribution by less than 90 percent – the number the federal government used to entice states to expand Medicaid under Obamacare.

Voters approved Medicaid expansion in 2022, and they also approved work requirements in the 2024 election.

Voters did approve two amendments. One of them, Amendment K, establishes a new trust fund for unclaimed property that legally goes to the state from banks and other institutions. Interest earned in the trust fund would be used to support the state's general fund spending.

Amendment J requires that a person be a U.S. citizen to vote in South Dakota. Neither amendment had meaningful opposition.

All four of the proposed amendments were put on the ballot by the South Dakota Legislature. Supporters of Amendment L argued that it should be more difficult to change the state's Constitution because it is the state's founding document. The amendment did not affect the state's ability for voters to change state law via a simple majority.

Opponents argued that Amendment L would mar South Dakota's pedigree for being the most open state in the union to direct democracy by its citizens — South Dakota was the first state in the union with referral of legislative laws and initiated measures. They pointed to failed attempts in 2018 and 2022 to add more restrictions on ballot measures, linking Amendment L to those failed efforts.

Out-of-state groups poured millions of dollars into defeating Amendment L.

While the outcomes of the four ballot measures and statewide candidates were decided early Wednesday, several legislative races around the state remained too close to call.

Republicans are set to maintain supermajorities in the Legislature for the next two years, but Democrats were poised to pick up seats. That included District 12, where Sen. Arch Beal and Rep. Greg Jamison retired. Both those seats were being led by Democrats as of press time. Counting in those races continued in Minnehaha and Pennington counties into the early hours of Wednesday.

Minnehaha County Auditor Leah Anderson, who was also on the ballot Tuesday, told The Dakota Scout that her office began processing absentee ballots on Monday, per a new state law intended to help Minnehaha County speed up its vote tabulating. But when they went to begin counting ballots Tuesday morning, the tabulating machines failed testing, prompting the office to seek repeated help from the manufacturer.

At about 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Anderson said she was optimistic that her office would get through the absentee ballots shortly. But Election Day ballots would take longer.

"It'll be a little bit yet. We're not going to be done at 10 p.m. – I can promise you that."

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By John Newby

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

No Zoning Means Someone Else Decides



John Newby

Recently the county commissioners in Webster County, Missouri, my home state, learned about proposed data center in their own backyard from a post on Facebook.

The county has no planning and zoning, so there was no application to review, no public hearing on the calendar, and no rules waiting on the books. When residents came forward asking for regulations, an ordinance, or a moratorium, the commission had to tell them honestly that without planning and zoning in place, its authority to regulate land use may be more limited than many assumed.

Think about that for a minute. Elected leaders who wanted to help were left asking what the law would even let them do. That is what powerless looks like.

It is not just one county. In Nodaway County, another Missouri county without zoning laws, officials are reviewing a data center proposal valued at more than six billion dollars, along with a gas plant to power it.

In southeast Missouri, a regional development leader recently noted that while the city of Cape Girardeau has rules a project would have to follow, the surrounding county has no zoning or business regulations at all, even as developers have been looking at land there.

Meanwhile, communities that already had planning tools could act. Stone County's planning and zoning commission took up a temporary moratorium on large energy projects and data centers so it could update its regulations. That is the difference. One set of leaders had a steering wheel. The other was riding in the back seat.

Data centers just happen to be today's headline. Tomorrow it might be a massive warehouse, a sprawling subdivision financed by an out of state investment fund, or an industrial project dropped beside a family homestead. Big money moves fast, hires good lawyers, and goes where the path is easiest. A county without a plan is the easiest path there is.

I know the word zoning makes plenty of rural such as myself bristle if done without knowledge and a plan. Nobody wants a bureaucrat telling a farmer where to park a tractor. I agree. Bad zoning can be a straitjacket, and I understand why so many rural counties have steered clear of it. But the answer to bad zoning is smart zoning, not no zoning.

Smart zoning starts by leaving agriculture alone. In my home state, the law already keeps county zoning away from crops, livestock, orchards and forestry. That is a good model. Let farmer's farm. Then take the next step and decide, together and in public, where growth makes sense. Put commercial growth along the highways and near existing utilities.



Building Main Street, not Wall Street

Steer new housing close to towns where water lines, schools and fire protection already reach. Keep heavy industry where the roads can carry the trucks and families won't be living with the noise.

The math backs this up. The American Farmland Trust has studied the cost of community services for decades. In one Tennessee county study, every dollar of revenue from residential property required $1.13 in public services, while farmland needed just 36 cents and commercial property only 28 cents.

Farms quietly help pay the bills for the rest of us. Scattered houses on chopped up farmland cost the most to serve. The same organization found the nation lost or compromised about 2,000 acres of farmland and ranchland every day between 2001 and 2016, and it names smart growth planning as a top solution.

That is not an argument against growth. I want our towns to grow. I want new businesses, new families and new rooftops. I just want us deciding where they go, instead of whoever writes the biggest check.

Zoning is simply a community writing down its own vision before someone else writes it for them. It is how a county says this is our farmland, this is our Main Street, and this is where we welcome what comes next. Without it, you are not protecting freedom. You are handing your choices to strangers.

Do you want to make a difference and have a voice? If so, find out whether your county and town have a current comprehensive plan and zoning code. Call your county clerk or check the county website. If there is a plan, ask when it was last updated. If there isn't one, call one of your county commissioners and ask a simple question: if a billion-dollar project showed up tomorrow, what could we do about it? Your community's future is being decided either way. Make sure you are in the room.

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden November 1, 2026



It's been a very busy couple of weeks, which interfered with last week's CMC News. Temperatures were mild for October 31, Halloween. We all know that time of year can produce most any kind of weather South Dakota has to offer. We've experienced many over cast days this last week.

The Rural Neighbors special meeting last month was attended by almost 40 people at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. Lunch was provided and games and activities were directed by Henrietta McNenny. Aspen Groves brought out a van full of rural neighbors. Some had not attended for some time so they enjoyed seeing each other again. A good time was had by all.

After a 4 day state wide bus tour with Mike Rounds and Marty Jackley, Larry and Sandy Rhoden stayed in Sioux Falls to attend the funeral service for Gerry Wingler, a long time friend of the Spring family. They have been coming out to hunt in Meade County for over 45 years and strong friendships ensued with all of the Spring families.

The friendships grew among some of the Rhodens throughout the year as well. Gerry Wingler was a man of strong faith and was always interested in the young folks and offered good counsel when fitting. The service was presented mostly by his wife Suzie, who spoke of his positive attitude and how the Spirit of the Lord was in everything Gerry did.

She was strong and full of thanks for his life, and for the few extra years he had as he battled pancreatic cancer. It was an honor for the Springs and the Rhodens to be seated with the family. Chuck and Ninu Spring, as well of all of their children, were in attendance as well as Gary and Shirley Baker, John and Sylvia Rhoden, and Kenny and Cassie Rhoden. An estimated 600 + people attended the funeral. A wonderful meal was provided after a very special celebration of Gerry Wingler's life.

By Wednesday of this week, political ads should come to a complete halt. It is a big election this year with the balance of power in the US Senate and US Congress looking to change hands possibly.

The Governor's race is important as it determines the direction our state will take in the next 4 years. Four amendments to our Constitution, our state's founding document, are very important as well. Legislators, commissioners and more will affect districts and counties. After three grueling campaigns all within the scope of 10 months for us (Larry's Governor's race), we are ready to end the campaigning as many others are tool. At this time I would like to commend all who put themselves out there to run for an elected office. It is not easy to do, money needs to be raised, and it takes time out of your life that you will never get back. But leadership matters and we are never better than the quality of the people who lead us, so it's important to vote for our best people to do the job. Voting is a freedom that many fought for and some died for. So, I hope you all took the opportunity to vote in this year's elections so we can be the best community, county and South Dakota we can be.



Capitol News October 25,2026
Karen Odell

It has been a foggy week at Capitol and on Tie Creek. People estimate big snow storms in January, if the 90 day estimate is correct.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell had hunters during all of this week. Alvin went to Buffalo on Wednesday to do some shopping.

They were getting ready for shipping next week. On Halloween, they had some trick-or-treaters. The Wilcox kids came with creative costumes. Wade, Ashley and Gavin Pearson came out on Sunday to do some preparation for shipping next week. Alvin and Marlee went to church, on Sunday, at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson went to the Hills to do some shopping, on Friday.

On Saturday, they were prepared with some candy, and they had about twenty trick-or-treaters visit, that evening. In Belle Fourche, Bruce had visited with a man from Washington, whose dad had worked in Camp Crook for the forest service in the late 1960's.

Doug and Julia Davis are also getting ready to ship cows next week. Camp Crook planned to have a Halloween party on Friday, but they did not make it in to the party that night. They got to see their grandsons, though, as a very realistic Harry Potter, and the officer with a mustache in Forest Gump.

Doug made a trip to Rapid City for a wrong appointment, but the trip was a success, because he got some shopping done that they had not been able to do. They had brought the cows from the Short Pines to be ready for shipping.

Dorothy Padden had company this week. Grandson, Kevin Olmsted came down from Bozeman, on Tuesday, and stayed until Thursday. Dorothy, Bryce, Dawn, Helen Stevens, and Al Marshall went to Buffalo, on Monday, for the senior night volleyball game. Their girls had three grandparents and two great-grandparents there.

There was a make-up volleyball game on Tuesday, and Dorothy, Dawn and Marty Oster went in to that game, too.

Every day seemed to start with lots of fog this week. Dawn got all of her sports pictures processed, so on Sunday, she could go up near Ekalaka to help her mother paint Helen's new house out in the country.

Karen Odell and granddaughter, Kenna Odell, spent Halloween evening giving out candy at Karen's front door. It was lots of fun to see the costumes, and talk to the children.

Kenna knew some of the neighborhood kids, because she had met them while substitute teaching or assisting. She is a senior in high school, but is earning extra credits by helping out in the elementary during her free time. Hywel, Karen's collie dog, had surgery on Monday, and had to wear a huge pillow-collar around his neck, so he would not bother the stitches.

He came walking out of the bedroom with a huge leopard colored collar on, so big that it barely went through the door. Karen's cat, Co, had a heart attack, and a melt down, and a nervous break down, and leaped to the top of the picture window to get away.

As she was coming down, she could see the dog-leopard monster again, and kept leaping to the top of the window. Karen pulled the dog to the side to make a path for Co to scramble past and skid around the corner and claw through the kitchen, and could be heard flying down the stairs to the basement. Karen feared that Co would never come upstairs again, but after a day in the basement, she did come up for supper.

Karen thought maybe Co thought a leopard was attacking Hywel's neck, or that Hywel had turned into a part-leopard monster.

Carson Odell had his last high school football game of the season, and now has a couple of weeks off before wrestling begins. Granddaughter, Kyia Smith, in St. Paul, was selected for club volleyball, and she will learn about her team this week. Murphy Hinds is playing soccer in Tacoma.

Many famous people are someone you wouldn't allow in the house, if you actually met them in person.

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES #58

by DeAnn (Wolkow) Kruempel

The Warmest Place



Of all the growing-up memories pressed between the pages of my mind, the most and the happiest took place in Mom's kitchen. It was the warmest room in the house, not just because of the temperature. When we walked in, we were welcomed by the big table in the center, a gleaming wood floor, and pretty ruffled curtains framing the three windows. From spring through fall, a bouquet of garden flowers arranged in a pretty vase held a place of honor on the table.

Sounds coming from the kitchen were usually gentle, soothing and predictable. Paul Harvey told "the rest of the story" from the radio on the counter.

Mom liked to listen to Wynn Speece, the "Neighbor Lady" and often penciled the broadcaster's recipes on scraps of paper and tucked them into her wooden recipe box for future reference.

Frying chicken sizzled in the frying pan. Sparks popped in the cook stove. Wooden spoons scraped kettle bottoms. The sounds of clinking dishes, peeling potatoes and rolling pie crust made every day music. Stories and laughter added special notes that blended into a perfect symphony.

Researchers tell us that we remember smells even better than sights and sounds. Scent memories remain in certain parts of our brain all our lives. Memories and emotions are directly connected to smells.

Do you remember? Bread baking in the oven. Chocolate chip cookies cooling on the table. Cinnamony apple pies steaming on the counter. Chili cooking on the stove. The wonderful smells were not always of food. On ironing days, the clean scent of Tide blended with the cold, fresh smell of clothes dried outside on the line.

"Pull up a chair! We'll have a cup of coffee." Dad invited guests to sit in the kitchen. Whether working or playing, it was a place for all of us to warm up on a frigid winter day. Cheerful conversation and a hot drink provided energy and incentive to head back outside.

Drawing, painting, coloring, typing reports, doing homework, reading novels--all took place in the kitchen. Repairing small appliances and rescuing tiny kittens happened in that big, warm room, the hub of the farm. The kitchen was our sending-off-place in the morning and our sanctuary when we came in at night.

Yes, my best memories of growing up took place in Mom's kitchen. It's quite likely that the memories of the kitchen are precious because Mom is in them.

A hand-made plaque faced us on the wall in front of the kitchen sink. Pressed between the pages of my sister Dorothy's mind is the memory of sitting at the kitchen table, spacing and gluing tiny letters of alphabet macaroni onto a thin plywood board to make that plaque for our mother.

I don't know if Mom read the words every day. I do know she lived them:

God Bless my little kitchen, I love its every nook.

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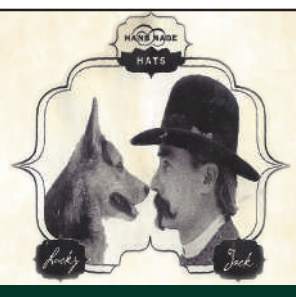
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Halloween Eve Trick or Treating in the Neighborhood

Meg English
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The Belle Fourche Writers once again brought home a comfortable number of ribbons and accolades from the 2026 State Fair competition in Huron. Submitting writing in various categories, and coming home with prizes has become something of a tradition for the Belle Fourche Writers.

Our 2026 award winners are Margie Bolte, Jean Helmer, Joan Gerkin, and Samantha Springer. Lynda Edwards, a prominent figure among the winners in the past, did not submit this year.

I invited Margie, Jean, Joan, and Samantha to tell me about their recent contributions and awards.

Margie Bolte scored the most ribbons. "I was excited to be recognized in the South Dakota State Fair literature contest for 2026. I received six blue 1st place ribbons for essay writings, and five red 2nd place ribbons for poetry. I was pleased." Margie explained, "My essays and writing were recognized in the non-fiction, fiction, and poetry categories. One of my favorite essays is about a good friend I knew in North Dakota. It is called 'Chit-Chatting with Liz'. Liz recently passed; she was diagnosed with breast cancer six months ago. We called each other often. I miss her. Another favorite essay, I placed is about my visit to New Mexico and reconnecting with cousins, 'Finding My Family in Chimayo, New Mexico.' I enjoy writing, and it is nice to get the recognition."

Joan Gerkin won second place for a human-interest story called 'Remnants'. "It's about going back to my first house which has fallen into disrepair." Joan explained, then added, "Actually, three of us from the Belle Fourche Writers Group finished in the top three in this category. Margie got first, me second, and Samantha Springer got third! I only submitted the one story this year."

Samantha's entry was a biographical essay about her grandmother, who passed recently.

Margie, Joan, Lynda, and Samantha have entered the Literature competition as amateur writers.

According to the State Fair Literature exhibitor handbook, there is a distinction between amateur and professional exhibitors, "An Amateur: Exhibitor writes for pleasure and does not derive the majority of income from writing. A 'professional' is described thus: 'Exhibitor writes primarily for the purpose of selling; or who has had 3 or more years of literature training, or teaches literature media."

Jean Helmer explained that her experience as a published writer and teacher of writing places her in the 'professional' class.

Jean received 6 blue ribbons in the following professional categories: Adult Short Story (600-1300 words); Adult Short Story (1300 words +); Humorous Story; Informal Essay; Human Interest Story (300 words+) ; and Anecdote (under 300 words). "My informal essay, 'Piece of Meat' received the Best of Show designation." Jean added.

"In poetry, which only has an amateur category, I received 4 blue ribbons, 2 reds and one white. Blue ribbons: Rhymed poem over 24 lines; Poem for children; ode, definition poem -- basing the poem on a feeling. My poem 'Dementia Anem' was also given Best of Show honors.

I received red ribbons for a nature poem and for a memory poem. My narrative poem received a white ribbon." There is a single Best of Show given for Professional Prose, one for Amateur Prose, and one for Poetry.

Additionally, there is a third category in the Literature division for Juniors to include anyone under 18 prior to the start of the fair.

Unfortunately, Lynda Edwards did not submit any entries in 2026, but plans to submit in 2027.

In the past, Lynda's strong writing voice has resulted in a fine collection of ribbons and accolades. She provided me with a list of her awards from recent years, as well as a written account of her 2026 relocation experiences that will likely make it to the 2027 State Fair Literature competition.

I had an extended email conversation with Lynda who described some moving experiences that will likely figure into 2027 winning ribbons. Meanwhile, Lynda summarized her past State Fair honors. "I did not enter anything in 2026, but hope to compete next year. The following is a list of ribbons and awards I have received in the past: 2019 five entries; three blue and two red. One entry won a Best of Show plaque for amateur prose. 2020 six entries; five blue, one red. Best of Show in amateur poetry won a Purple Rosette. 2022 six entries; three blue, two red, one white

2023 fourteen entries; ten blue, three red, one white, also a Best of Show plaque, a Friends of the Huron Public Library certificate and $25.00. In 2025 twenty-eight entries; twelve blue ribbons, eight red, four white, and three green ribbons, Best of Show for amateur poetry, and The Literature Sweepstakes Award plaque. This was awarded because I had the most overall entries.

The Belle Fourche Writers are busy year-round. The State Fair Literature Competition is just one of their outlets to share talents. They are also active participants in South Dakota Sate Poetry Society, Poetry on the Road Presentations.

Belle Fourche Writers meet twice monthly. The first Monday of the month is set aside for peer editing from 2 to 4 PM. There is a regular monthly meeting on the third Saturday of each month from 10 AM to Noon. All meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library and all writers are welcome!

The following website offers more information on the 2027 State Fair Literature Competition: https://www.sdstatefair.com/participate/

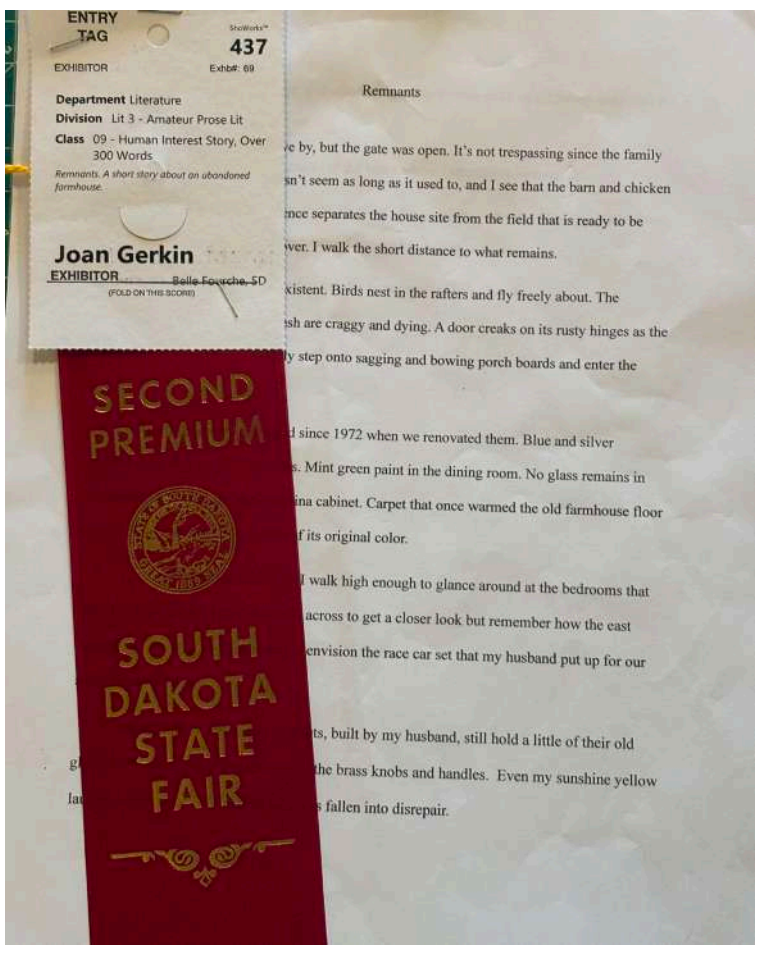
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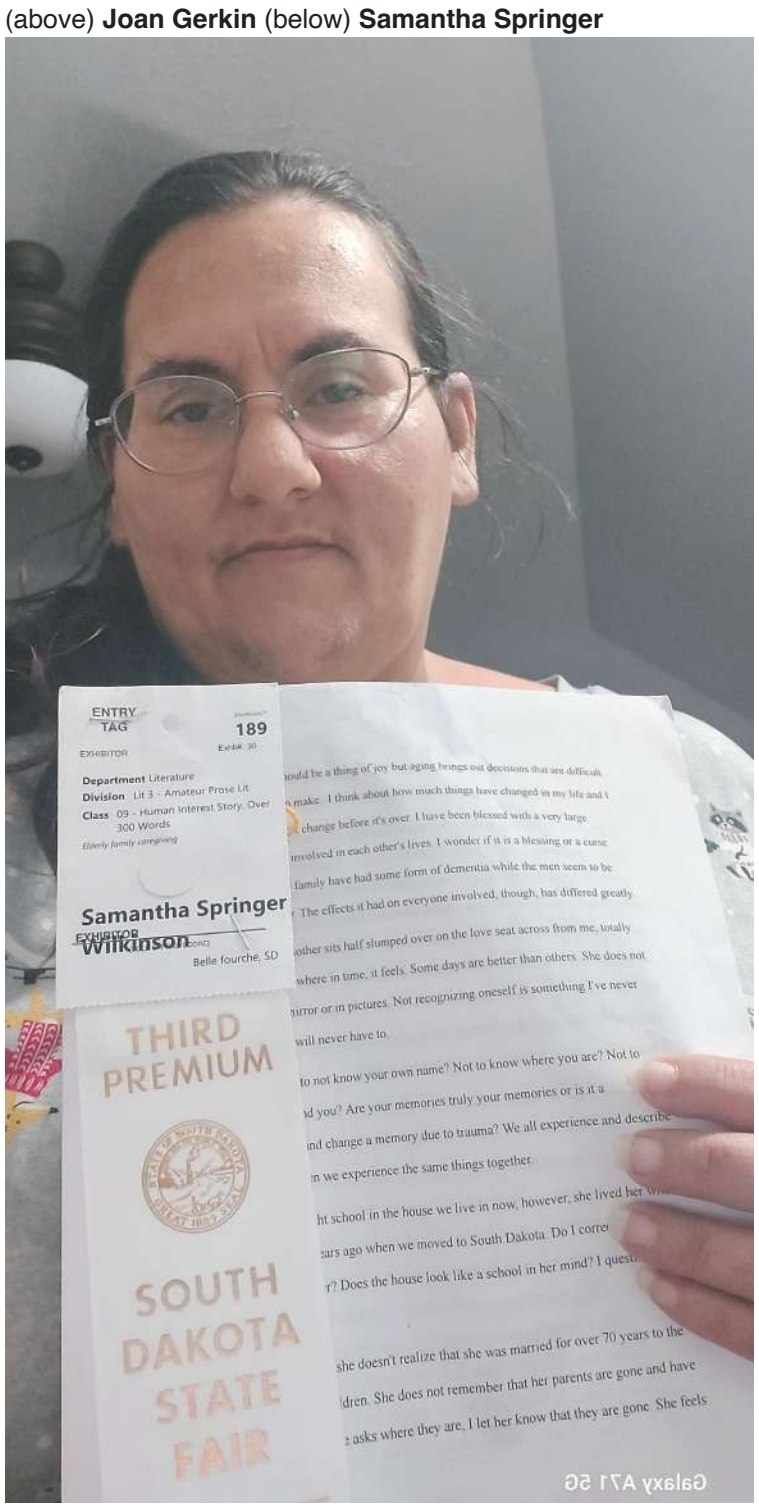




Margie Bolte with Awards. (below) Joan's award. *Courtesy photos*

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South Dakota Republicans retain legislative supermajorities

Democrats double the number of seats they hold in state House with Sioux Falls pickups

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South Dakota Republicans will keep supermajorities in the state Legislature next year, but Democrats made gains in districts where they haven't had success in years.

Democrats were positioned to double their number of House seats from five to 10 while dropping a Senate seat.

Pending potential recounts, Democrats would hold 12 seats, four more than they've held for the last two years.

Besides reclaiming and retaining seats in traditional strongholds, Democrat Sonja Mentzer beat incumbent Rep. Keri Weems in District 11, a legislative district in western Sioux Falls.

That race, however, was subject to a recount: Mentzer led Weems by 173 votes.

In the southern Sioux Falls District 13 race, Ali Rae Horsted beat incumbent Republican Rep. John Hughes.

Democrats also picked up a House seat in the southwestern Sioux Falls District 12, with Stephanie Arne claiming an open seat left by the departure of Rep. Greg Jamison.

In District 14, Democrat Erinn Williams prevailed in one of two House races, beating Tyler Tordsen, a Republican who was vying to return to the House after a two-year absence.

In all four of those districts Republicans had a clear advantage in voter registration numbers.

Democrats also reclaimed a seat they had held in District 10, which includes northeastern Sioux Falls. Adam Bair and Kathleen Brudvig both won. One of the two seats is currently held by Republican Rep. Bobbi Andera, was beaten in the Republican primary. Republicans have a voter registration advantage in District 10, but it is not as pronounced as other districts.

Several other races could go to a recount. In Aberdeen's District 3 House race, 143 votes separated Republican Timothy Hanigan from Democrat Erin Ronayne Rudner.

In District 9, which includes western Sioux Falls and Hartford, Republican Megan Tschetter led Democrat Amanda Potter by 157 votes in the House race.

Senate President Pro Tempore Chris Karr held a narrow 34-vote lead in his bid for another term in District 11 over Democrat Aaron Matson.

The District 12 Senate race could also force a recount. Republican Kari Shanard held a 132 vote lead against Democrat Joe Zweifel.

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Workers at the Minnehaha County Administration Building prepare to take ballot boxes to be counted Nov. 3, 2026. (Jonathan Ellis/The Dakota Scout)

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Belle Fourche Beacon 'Happenings' and News Bytes Calendar

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Belle Fourche Writers

Belle Fourche Writers June meeting schedule: The November meeting schedule is ***Saturday, November 21 from 10 AM to Noon.*** All writers are invited to attend! Meetings are held at the Belle Fourche Public Library.

Belle Fourche Recreation Center

Notes from Belle Fourche Rec Center Aquatics Manager: As always, please reach out of you have any questions, comments, or concerns! My email is listed below as well as the Rec Center front desk number collin@bellefourche.org 605-892-2467

Classes

Water-walking - This class is held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 - 8:15 am. This class involves walking in waist-deep to chest-deep water. Water resistance provides a low-impact, full-body workout that strengthens the core while also improving cardiovascular health.

Silver Splash - This class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 - 12:15 pm.

Silver Splash is part of our Silver Sneakers program. It involves a series of low-impact workouts with specially designed Boogie Boards. This class is great for core strengthening and for cardiovascular health.

Aquafit - We will hold Aquafit every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. This class is higher intensity than what we currently offer. The workouts all involve using either dumbbells or foam weights. The class is designed to target multiple different muscle groups while also strengthening your core. 605-892-2467 bellefourcherec.com

Tri-State Museum

Museum mini exhibit on postage stamps

The Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche will open a new mini exhibit entitled "History of Postage Stamps."

The exhibit will include storyboards and photos, a free take-home workbook and a book to read and a touchscreen quiz. A stamp enthusiast's stamp collection will also be on display and a basket of loose stamps will be available for those who might want to pick one out for themselves.

Tri-State Museum gains significant 9-11 artifacts for its collections.

Following the recent nationwide commemoration of the 9-11 tragedy, the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center in Belle Fourche was given several artifacts by a former NYPD detective who was present during the attacks and participated in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero. He and his family now live in Belle Fourche.

One is a flag that was raised at 9-11 ground zero on June 3, 2026, at 7 a.m. and remained there for 12 hours. The flag is in a case made by Terry Batterman of Belle Fourche and is made of purple heart wood, found only in Brazil and Central America.

Other donations include a DEA (Detective Endowment Association) Challenge coin which depicts NYPD detectives raising the American flag at Ground Zero to commemorate the 25th anniversary; a DEA card, and a patch, to symbolize the unity of America experienced in the days following September 11, 2001.

In addition to all this, the detective commissioned a piece of chainsaw art from Jarrett and Jordan Dahl of Dahl Chainsaw Art. It was completely carved with chainsaws and made from a piece of elm tree and depicts the Twin Towers.

The several donations and the Twin Towers carving are now on exhibit at the military exhibit within the Tri-State, located at 415 5th Avenue in Belle Fourche. The museum is open 9-5, Tuesday through Saturday and there is no admission charge to enter.

The Tri-State Museum created some new exhibits and refreshed some older ones. The changes occur in the mercantile and a new "transportation" exhibit in the center of the museum.

In the mercantile, the case that has exhibited dolls features a new collection of 12 dolls from the museum's extensive Millicent Henderson collection. These new dolls are from the 1940s-1980s and include a Madame Alexander doll, a Romanian doll and a distinctive burlap doll of Central American origin. Also, in the mercantile is a mini "haberdashery," filled with vintage men's clothing and toiletries. "We've had a number of exhibits about women's and children's apparel, but nothing that focused on men," said Collections Archivist Jada Udager. "We thought this was a chance to feature artifacts we've not featured before."

Across the floor from mercantile is the museum's collection of salt and pepper shakers. The museum has so many of these that the entire four-shelf case could be completely refreshed. Some of new novel shakers include a lock and key, loaves of bread – and a little green alien in a spaceship.

A new exhibit in the museum's mid-section is "Transportation: From Stagecoaches to Trains to Cars." This exhibit includes images plus artifacts such as spokes for wagon wheels, a lady's travel case, a miniature car and a vintage model stagecoach crossing a "path" with grass on either side of the roadway. There is also a brick roadway made of the few surviving bricks from Belle Fourche's brick factory.

This exhibit also includes a basket with vintage postcards from places across the U.S. and abroad, which can be examined by visitors.

There is no admission charge to visit the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center, located at 415 Fifth Ave.in B. Fourche. For more information, call 605-723-1200 or visit the website at www.thetristatemuseum.com

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Newell Celebrates the Season at Fall Harvest Party



Attendees enjoying food and fellowship with others during the Fall Harvest Party. *Longbrake photo*

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NEWELL—Colorful autumn leaves, homemade pies, crisp fall air and hot apple cider—all the things that make this time of the year special—were celebrated at the Fall Harvest Party at Newell City Hall on October 29.

Families, friends and neighbors were all invited to attend the special celebration. Sponsored by WIT Coalition, Newell Christian Fellowship and Dakota Life Christian Church, the event was Christian-based, although everyone was invited to attend.

The community came together to create a special, fun event for the kids. There were booths and games with an abundance of candy and prizes to be won. Everyone who came to the party could stop at the welcome table and pick up a treat bag to hold all the prizes and goodies collected throughout the evening.

The event was planned to begin right after school. The celebration was meant to have kids come right over to City Hall without having to ride the bus home first. "We had a lot of parents that said their kids normally catch the bus, but this way they would just come into town and meet the kids and the kids can just walk over from school instead of riding the bus home and then coming back in later for the event. And some of parents that couldn't get off work—their grandparents brought the kids," explained Sabrina Harmon, director of WIT Coalition.

The City Hall was bustling with activity as kids meandered through the room, stopping at different booths to play a game on a giant tic-tac-toe board with friends, fish for prizes, throw some bags in cornhole, guess how many pieces of candy corn or pennies were in a jar or take time to enter the cupcake walk. All of the games gave prizes for playing.

Other booths were set up to hand out books, candy, coloring books with crayons and other knickknacks. A popular activity was putting names on leaves and hanging them on a large paper tree at the Fall for Jesus Tree. The Hitch'n Post Market created an autumnal photo backdrop for anyone wanting to capture memories from the day.

The planned timing of the event and the activities offered were a perfect fit for the community. "We've had an awesome turnout! We've been going nonstop since before 4 p.m. Because, as soon as school got over, there were kids here," shared Harmon. "I would say there's easily 150 to 160 people here—it's a nice turnout. Everyone is sitting and visiting and having fellowship."

The event was held during supper time, and so, of course there was food to enjoy. Hot dogs were donated by Dawn Olson, and chips were donated by Kathy Lamphere. There was also apple cider, water, coffee and tea.

There was a dessert table full of autumn desserts. It was set up and run by Newell Community Club, Lindsay Ranch and Ranch Rodeo Committee. About halfway through the evening, they had already served 125 pie plates.

Everyone that came to the event got the chance to win door prizes throughout the evening. Anita organized the winners of the door prizes and made sure the winners received their prizes.

It takes the whole community to put on such an amazing event for all of the locals to enjoy. Participating businesses and organizations at the Fall Harvest Party included Butte-Meade Water District, Hitch'n Post Market, High Plains Restaurant, First National Bank, Newell Lions Club, Fred and Judy Wilson, Newell Christian Fellowship, City of Newell, Dakota Life Christian Church, Butte County Sheriff's Office, WIT Coalition, Newell Community Club, Lindsay Ranch, Ranch Rodeo Committee, Butte County Ambulance and Tot-N-Twenty Extension.

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Dakota Life Christian Church had cornhole and fresh popcorn for kids to enjoy.



First National Bank had a guessing game featuring jars filled with marshmallows, candy corn and pennies.



Grand River Roundup



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We started the week off by going over to Bible study at Lester and Sharon Longwood's last Sunday evening and we were joined by Susan Gunn and Jim and Lucy Anderson. When we drove home across those gravel roads we had to drive through the first snow fall of the year, although it started out as rain. It was pretty chilly, but at least it was moisture.

It was cold on Monday with the temperature at 37 degrees. Taz came up and put the new garage door in our garage while Reub was down there with him. I stayed upstairs because I'm still sorting through a lot of my mother's old pictures and I found some that I sent to my cousin Lois Eggebo that were some of her and her family. I also took some pictures over to Missy and Casey and I still have a lot of pictures to go through.

It snowed in the night and there was still snow on the ground when we got up before it melted into the ground Tuesday morning. I went to the board meeting at the High Plains Western Heritage Center and Museum in Spearfish at noon. After the meeting was over, I got some things at Walmart down there and made it home about 6:00 that evening. With the cold weather, I only got two eggs that day so my chickens are falling down on their job.

It warmed up to 60 degrees on Wednesday so I washed four loads of laundry and hung them outside on the clothesline where they got dry pretty fast. The chickens must have appreciated the warm weather too, because they laid a few more eggs that day. With winter coming soon, I'll probably have to start buying eggs pretty soon. While it was so nice out, Reub went spraying weeds here on the ranch again on Wednesday.

Reub went spraying weeds again on Thursday for the last time this year. When he came back to the house, he had emptied out the sprayer and he poured anti-freeze into it and stored the sprayer away for the winter. That evening we went to Bison to the Grand Electric social room to see Rep. Travis Ismay, Rep. Jana Hunt, Sen. Sam Marty and Sen. Taffy Howard from Rapid City. After listening to the legislators, we are going to vote yes on all four amendments that will be on the ballet. It was a nice and interesting evening.

Reub and I went up to Hettinger on Friday to attend our good friend Otto Schwarz's funeral at the Abundant Life Assembly of God Church and joined a huge crowd of friends and family to bid goodbye to that wonderful Christian man. We picked up a few things in town before we headed to Reeder to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers on the way home. When we got home, we were invited down to Taz and Amanda's house for supper to help River Lu celebrate her 7th birthday a little early because not everyone can be here on her actual birthday, which is on November 5. Casey and Missy, Louise Jenson, Ron and Starla Jenson, and Jace and Kami Jenson and their three little boys came to help River celebrate with a delicious supper.

There is another death to report: Shari(Smebakken)Lyon, 71, passed away on October 23 at her family's ranch east of Meadow surrounded by those she loved. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 31, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon with burial at Meadow Gallaway Cemetery, just south of Meadow, South Dakota.

Saturday was Halloween and Taz took his kids into Buffalo to trick or treat that evening. Copper wasn't feeling good, so she didn't go. Taz brought the kids up here to trick or treat after they got home.

Sunday was Reformation Sunday and Bible Character dress up day for the Sunday School where a lot of people dressed up as biblical characters and we had to guess who they pretended to be. That was a lot of fun. Reub and I went to see Roger, Judy, Dale and Dennis Nash that afternoon to show them a picture that Joyclyn Mollman gave us of a branding years ago that had Roger and Dennis' grandfather Ed Nash in it with Reub's grandfather Delos Olson and a bunch of neighbors like the Bohnsacks, Johnsons, Fredlunds, Martins, Odeus, McPhersons, and Greens that used to live around here. Judy made coffee and cookies for us and we had a really good long visit with them, talking about those old neighbors and the things that have happened around here lately. It always takes us a long time to get up and go home because they are so much fun to visit with. We drove home in the rain, so we were getting some much-needed moisture.

I'll leave you with these Halloween jokes:

* Why did the policeman ticket the ghost on Halloween? It didn't have a haunting license.
* Why did the ghost starch his sheet? He wanted everyone scared stiff.
* What kind of horse do ghosts ride? A night-mare.
* Know why skeletons are so calm? Because nothing gets under their skin.
* What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite.
* What do witches get when their shoes are too tight? Candy corns.
* What do you call a witch's garage? A broom closet.
* What kind of food would you find on a haunted beach? A sand-witch!

Then and Now *in Newell*

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

October 26, 1916

All lovers of the "Wild & Wooly" should be at Vale a week from Sunday, when John Garr will attempt to ride the Uren buckskin on a bet of $25. This is the horse that the famous bareback rider failed on 2 years ago and no doubt there will be "biddings".

A meeting will be held at the Experiment Farm next Thursday, November 2 for the purpose of organizing a Farmer's Club. All farmers are urged to be present that day if they want their concerns heard.

"Us Girls" are going to give another Leap Year Dance at the Theotorium on Saturday evening, November 4. The Whitewood Orchestra is providing the dance music. All the boys that don't hike for the hills or unattached are liable to get "took" to the Leap Year Dance.

October 21, 1926

A buyer representing one of the leading produce houses in Chicago is buying turkeys in this vicinity and states turkeys from West River country bring from 5 cents to 7 cents more per pound than those shipped from Southern States. Most turkeys shipped from here are sent direct to New York City.

At the Vale School, the lady teachers seem to enjoy out-of-doors sports. Mrs. Kyle and Miss Kauffman hiked to Newell Saturday. Horseback riding appears to be another pastime. None of the riders or walkers have been seriously hurt up to the present time.

Mr. Pratt, representative of the Utah & Idaho Sugar Refinery Company was a visitor to the project this week, investigating the prospects for locating a refinery in this Valley. It is understood that his company has several idle factories and is looking for new territory. The gentleman was escorted over the irrigation district by Belle Fourche and Newell businessmen and thought to be favorably impressed.

C. H. Pickarts, Dill Pickle Manufacturing, was in his hometown of Nisland Tuesday and while there presented the restaurant with some of his dill pickles he is making at the station. It is hard to find any better dill pickles put by up any manufacturing company. Cars are loaded on every day to ship these pickles to Chicago.

October 29, 1936

The Valley Irrigator office has been inundated this week with last-minute demands from campaign committees and candidates for advertising space. As a result, the news column has been sadly neglected. They regret it, but it cannot happen again for 2 years. So, they know their readers will bear with them this week while they help the politicos get rid of their campaign funds.

Four Butte County girls and Miss Frieda Schroder, Home Agent, returned Friday from 4-H Club Week at Brookings. The girls were Millie Ruth Lanning and Blanche Lindgren of Belle Fourche; Ellen Esmay, Newell and Lucia Voorhees of Nisland. They were credited with having traveled the greatest distance to attend the meeting. They report having greatly enjoyed the 4-H club courses and the entertainment provided for them.

A small fire at the sugar beet factory last week caused a 24-hour shutdown of the plant. The fire was quickly extinguished but the water used was responsible for putting out of commission the electric motors used for driving the draft fans and the boilers. The motors had to be taken out and dried. The blaze of undetermined origin did little damage.

October 24, 1946

Carl Schmidt and Al Ayers of Winnemucca, Nevada arrived here last week by air on a Vultee plane to visit and to purchase a carload of mixed grain and alfalfa seeds from the Bober Seed House. They expressed much enthusiasm for the dry land in this area for livestock purposes. They also had favorable comments for the Newell Airport and its proximity to the business section of the city. They spent the weekend and left Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. John Graber returned home Sunday from Bridgewater where they had spent the past week visiting relatives and doing some hunting. John reported a lot of out-of-state hunters throughout that part of the state but still brought home a nice bunch of pheasants and ducks. "Cy" Wold of Lead and Russell Wilson and Charles Schwartz, Newellites, returned from Mobridge and vicinity where they had been pheasant hunting. Roy Symonds and Johnnie Price hunting in Ziebach and Dewey Counties returned with a nice bunch of birds and Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Townsend and son spent time at White Lake with relatives while Maurice did some pheasant hunting. All parties returned Sunday evening.

The Annual Pancake Supper, put on by the Newell High School Band, will be an event at the City Hall this Saturday evening, which is expected to attract a large crowd. Band members will serve all a person can eat of the delicious cakes swimming in syrup along with plenty of pork sausage. Serving will start at 3:00 in the afternoon and continue until 9:00 in the evening.

November 1, 1956

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Burke entertained the following for supper at their home on Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. Ham Ellington, Mr. & Mrs. George Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Carlsen and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Deschamps. Later in the evening, at which a quorum was called, the regular monthly School Board meeting was conducted.

The Black Hills Power & Light Company announced the adoption of a 40-hour work week for all employees except those working in power plants. According to General Manager Neil Simpson, beginning November 3, all offices of the company would be closed Saturday and Sunday and as soon as possible answering units and after-hours boxes be installed at all offices for the convenience of customers. All offices will be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

A meeting has been called for Monday, 7:30 PM at the Sturgis High School for the area disaster organization set up. The meeting will be held to acquaint the representatives of all organizations from the Black Hills area including Newell, Vale, Nisland, Orman and Arpan, with the problems created when disaster strikes. Persons attending the meeting will be divided into specific groups such as mass care, supporting services, family services, etc.

November 10, 1966

Five Newell players made the All-conference Football Team, Western South Dakota Conference Championship. Newell Coach Willie Hoff outlined new plays for the mythical team consisting of Tim Edwards Sr. quarterback; David Forde Sr center; Mike Ruff Jr fullback; Merle Karen Jr halfback and Greg Keil Sr end.

John Bekken, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tillman Bekken was the winner of the new .222 magnum rifle awarded recently by the Newell Jr. and Sr. Rifle Clubs, it was announced by Don Moore, Safety Officer of the organizations. The rifle was awarded in connection with a fund-raising drive by the clubs to help finance a new indoor rifle range along Highway 79 north of town.

Capt. James H. White, son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Anderson of Newell, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in Viet Nam, according to word received. The recognition resulted from Capt. White's continuing to fly and land his C-123 plane safely after a mortar shell crashed through the windshield of his plane. Capt. White was engaged in the defoliation program when the incident occurred. He is now based in Saigon and expects to remain there until next March. Mrs. White and children live in Sacramento, California.

Drivers License examinations will be given in Newell 2 days during November according to the State Department of Motor Vehicles. The examinations will be at Newell City Hall November 15 and 29 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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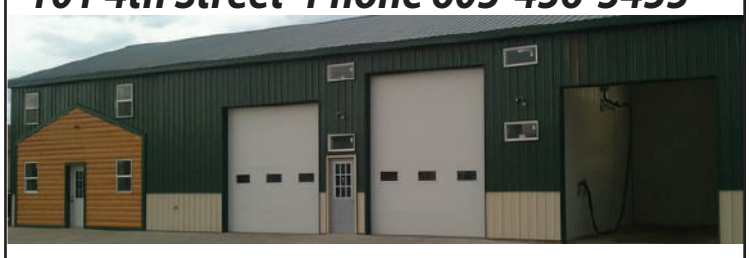
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Manning the dessert table! *Longbrake photo(s)*



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