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## Tri-State Museum Holds A Fall Pumpkinfest

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BELLE FOURCHE—Pumpkinfest, a fall festival for adults and children alike was held at the Tri-State Museum on October 26. The collaborative effort between the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center went on from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A beautiful, sunny fall day allowed 30 vendors to line the outside parking lot with many items for shoppers to peruse. Food trucks were on hand with delicious

food. The inside of the building was transformed into a Halloween wonderland. A colorfully decorated bathtub held goodie bags for each child to grab. After taking a goodie bag, children could take part in a variety of games or activities. Bowling, darts, face painting and coloring were some of the fun activities awaiting the kids.

Maleficent was on-site to give the little ones hands on experiments every 15 minutes and helped the kids make colorful playdoh.

**Pumpkinfest contd C2**



Taking advantage of the warm sunny weather during **Pumpkinfest**, kids play outside in a container of popcorn and treats. *Longbrake photo*

## Haunted Halloween Reading at the Library

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There is no such thing as too many books. That is certainly true at the Belle Fourche Public Library. The library has great books for everyone and for every season. That seems especially true as Halloween

approaches and spooky stories, mysteries, and classic ghost tales for all ages find their way to prominent display areas in the library, ready for reading.

A new book was launched at the library last Saturday October

**Reading contd. A8**



Local Author **Kathy Bjornstad** presenting her latest novel **Ghouls of Greenbottom Ward**. (Photo courtesy of the Belle Fourche Public Library)

## 2024 Farmer/Rancher of the Year



**Joe and Cindy Painter** horseback on their Harding County ranch. *Courtesy photo*

**Recognizing Joe and Cindy Painter as the Farmer/Rancher of the Year of Bowman, Slope, and Harding Counties**

**Bowman ND Chamber**  
Specials to the Beacon

The annual Ag Appreciation Banquet will be held tonight, Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at the 4 Seasons Pavilion in Bowman, North Dakota.

A free evening of food, fellowship, and entertainment at the Bowman Chamber of Commerce honor the 2024 Farmer/Rancher of the Year and the incredible ag communities of Bowman, Slope, and Harding Counties.

The Painter Family started their 6th Generation legacy in Buffalo, SD in 1895 when Joe's Great Grandfather, Lewis Levi, homesteaded a quarter of an acre on the banks of the Little Missouri River. Joe continued ranch-

ing with his grandfather-Joe and his father-Paul early on in life.

He graduated from Harding County High School in 1978 and attended BHSU from 1978-1981 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business. Cindy, originally from Wyoming, also graduated with a bachelor's degree in business from BHSU in 1980. They were married in 1983 and had 3 children: Jessica, Paul Jay and Joey.

The 3 children helped on the ranch growing up and all 3 went on with their education and received a master's degree.

PJ pursued a career in Law and is married and living in Cincinnati, Ohio working as an In-House Attorney.

Joey is ranching in Broadus, MT with her Husband, Taylor, and their 3 children (Landon, Carson and Shay).

Jessica married Casey **Painter** Contd. A3

## Live-Fire Training System to Save Lives



**Drager**, live fire training trailers: #1 for East River **SD Firefighter Association** members and #2 for West River have both been in Belle Fourche. Factory reps from Canada where the trailers are made, were in town doing routine maintenance and BF firefighters had a training session Saturday the 26th. (Watch for story on Belle Fourche training next week.) *Beacon Photo*

## Second Annual Fearless 5K Run Fun



Lighted runners and walkers ready to roll.



Walking buddies **Karen Schlekeway, Mary Day, and Molly**. *English photos*

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Fifty-nine walkers and runners gathered at Herrmann Park on Friday evening at dusk. They were a highly visible group as almost everyone had a flashlight or wore bright flashing lights.

Thus began the Second Annual Fearless 5K Walk/Run event. The event is sponsored by

the Belle Fourche Recreation Center and is the brainchild of Tessa Anderson-Voyles.

A 5K Run/Walk translates to 3.1 miles.

The route led participants west on Jackson Avenue to 6th Avenue, past the historic jail, to seventh street, then along downtown State Street. They turned right on 10th Avenue

and crossed under the railroad bridge, turned right on Kingsbury and back to Herrmann Park. Runners/Walkers repeated the path to complete the 5K.

The purpose of the Fearless 5K is to raise awareness for good health, run for fun, walk and talk and enjoy a beautiful Belle Fourche autumn evening,

## Pasque Ladies Fashions Holds Fall Fashion

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—Imagine if you could sit and watch clothes come off the store shelf and turn into complete outfits right in front of your eyes. That is what happened at the first Pasque Ladies Fall Fashion Show on October 24. Michelle Evans, co-owner, welcomed all of the attendees to the event, "I am so excited that you are here, and we appreciate you so much. We hope that you enjoy tonight!"

Michaela Horn, Chamber of Commerce was the MC for the event. She introduced the fashions and kept the crowd entertained with fun facts about happenings in Belle Fourche. Shelly McCutchan served as the DJ.

Eleven models walked the runway to showcase all of the new fall fashions in the store for the cooler weather. Over 30 styled ensembles were featured. "From casual, business casual to special occasions, your eyes get to see first looks

of coats, jewelry, holiday gifts and apparel," said Horn.

Songs like I'm Too Sexy played as the models strutted down the catwalk. Stopping along the route to pose and spin around to show off the entire look. Everyone was having a good time.

The crowd would often break in to cheers for each model as she passed through the room.

Brittany Wilkinson, Belle Flowers and Co helped out

**Pasque contd.A8**



Guests look in their swag bags to find their raffle ticket to check if they won a prize. *Longbrake photo*

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**Terry Sandiford 81**

Terry Sandiford, age 81 of Spearfish, died Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at her home with her loving family by her side.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held 10:30am Thursday, October 31, 2024 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery. Friends may leave written condolences online and view a video tribute at: www.Leverington-FH.com

Terry Marie Sandiford was born November 29, 1942 in Kamloops, British Columbia. She was the daughter of George and Rena Sandiford. For 35 years, Terry worked for American Airlines as a Flight Attendant. Most of this time, she was based on the east coast. Terry enjoyed traveling and she always had a love for people, so making customers comfortable on their flights came easy to her. Terry was born and raised in Canada, but for most of her life she lived in California. Walnut Creek was where she lived for many years. In 2011 she retired, and the following spring she moved to Cloquet



Minnesota to be closer to her daughter and family. In 2020 she moved to Spearfish, and for the past several weeks she has lived in Belle Fourche with her daughter and family.

Terry loved animals of every kind, and she was always so tender-hearted toward them. She especially loved horses. Family was very important to Terry, and she made it a priority to know her grandchildren by being very personal with each of them individually. Her faith was of utmost important. She had a close walk with the Lord, and always enjoyed worshipping with her church family. Terry was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and she will be missed so much.

Terry is survived by her daughter Alicia (Troy) Stone of Belle Fourche, and their children, Aolani, Alexa, and Sawyer. She is also survived by her sister, Janet Riggs of British Columbia.



**Irene Olson 93**

Irene Olson, age 93 of Belle Fourche, died Friday, October 18, 2024 at the Monument Health Spearfish Hospital.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Monday, October 28th, 2024 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. Visitation took place Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment was held in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Agnes Irene Schnitger, was born January 11, 1931 in Whitewood. She was the daughter of Herman and Clarabelle (Loupp) Schnitger. Irene graduated from the Belle Fourche High School. She was united in marriage to Richard Olson on July 7, 1950 in Belle Fourche. To this union was born three children: Carol, David, and Duane. Following their marriage, Richard and Irene ranched east of Belle Fourche for many years. Richard died in 1990, and in 2008, Irene moved into town. For many years, Irene worked as a cook at the café in the Belle Fourche Livestock salebarn. She also worked at the Tastee Freeze. Irene was a member of the Red Hats; Moose Lodge; and various circles at the First



Congregational United Church of Christ. One of Irene's main hobbies in life was bowling. She was an avid bowler and was a member of a bowling league for many years. She was a devoted grandmother, and never missed an event. Irene was a wonderful mother as well, and she will be greatly missed by her family.

Irene is survived by her children, David (Jeri) Olson of Belle Fourche, Duane W. (Laurie) Olson of Belle Fourche, Carol Ann (Larry Hancock) Olson of Chicago IL; 3 grandchildren, Chelsea (John) Heap of Cheyenne WY, Kathy (Pete) Hlavka of Pine Haven WY, Kayla Olson of Sioux Falls; 3 great grandchildren, Rosemary Hlavka, Oaklee and Oliver Heap, (one great grandchild on the way); sister, Deloris Harrison of Eau Claire WI; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Nedra Foust; and brother, Bill Schnitger.



**Carolyn Jean Hook 80**

Carolyn Jean Hook, age 80, of Alva, Wyoming, passed away peacefully, to be with our Lord and surrounded by her family at the Crook County Nursing Home on October 15, 2024.

Carolyn was born on July 23, 1944, in Spearfish, South Dakota to Hulett (Bill) and Evelyn (Emmy) (Howard) Wood. She was an only child, but considered her first cousins, Sharon and Charlotte her sisters, as they fought, like all siblings do with each other. She started school in Sundance, but then finished her schooling in Hulett, graduating in May of 1962. She then married her lifelong soul mate, Lenord Wayne Hook, on July 8, 1962. To this union two children were born, Roxanna and Melony.

Carolyn grew up as a member of the First Baptist Church in Hulett and was a member of the Crook County Cow Bells for many years. She loved to crochet and knit, making many, many afghans and sweaters for family and friends. She also helped on the ranch in the early years of their marriage doing the riding and haying. Cooking many meals for hunters, she made lifelong friends with many of them. She would cook a meal for anyone who showed up at mealtime and her iced tea was a favorite for all the family and many route drivers, as well!

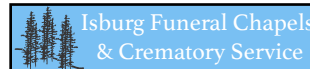


Carolyn is survived and will be greatly missed by her husband Lenord, her daughters Roxanna (Merle) Lossing of Sundance and Melony (Scott) Newlin of Hulett. Grandchildren: Wayne (Nicole) Jordan, their girls Elizabeth, Gabriella and Sadie. Hanson (Marcy) Jordan, their children Nalani and Tobyn. Dillan (Kate) Jordan, children Elias, Jaxton, Ivy and Cooper. Casey (Emily) Newlin, their children Clancey and Emery. Katelyn (Ty) Bischoff and their daughter Ellie. Daniela (Cameron) Beard. Her sister/cousin Charlotte. Nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, and too many great greats to list!

She was preceded in death by her parents Bill and Emmy, her in-laws, Paul and Ethel (Dirks) Hook, and her sister/cousin Sharon.

A funeral service was held at 10:00A.M. on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Hulett Civic Center, 145 Main Street in Hulett, Wyoming. Burial followed in the Alva Cemetery at Alva.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. https://www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapel.com/



**Lloyd Theodore "Ted" Danielson 82**

The world lost Lloyd Theodore "Ted" Danielson on October 20, 2024. Ted succumbed to a hard-fought battle with COPD at Monument Health Rapid City Hospital.

Ted was born on October 8, 1942 in Shelby, Montana to Earl "Lloyd" and Mary Patricia "Patti" Danielson. After Earl Lloyd returned from serving in France during WWII, the family established a homestead in nearby Ferdig, Montana. It was there that the family was surrounded by the crops and cattle of the farm, the oil fields, exposed to planes his father piloted and the art and oil paintings of his artist mother Patti. The first born of five siblings, Ted was joined by two brothers; Donald "James" and Alan "George" and two sisters Mary "Babs" and Kathleen. Family was everything to Ted. He adored his baby sisters and enjoyed his brother George's sense of humor. His "Irish twin" Donald James and Ted were especially close. Not only were they brothers but best friends. Teddy and Jimmy were thinkers, known for their shenanigans, some not all that well thought out. Donald James and Ted taught themselves how to drive a farm truck at the ages of 4 and 5 by having one stand on the seat to steer while the other pushed the pedals below. This brotherly collaboration established a love of machines and driving in Ted. In addition to this passion, Ted was driven by a life-long appetite for knowledge and a genuine openness to his fellow man and surroundings.

An inspired learner, Ted's education began at the Country School in Ferdig, Montana. It was at this school where he started to develop his extensive vocabulary and gift for elocution. He graduated from Sunburst High School in Toole County, Montana. He often raced his brother Donald James home from school in fast cars, ill-equipped for the country roads. He furthered his quest for knowledge by attending the University of Montana. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology.

In between his high school and university education, Ted proudly volunteered and served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant, having utilized his mechanical skills as an aircraft electrician on B-52 bombers, stationed at and flying on missions as a bomber crewmember from air bases in Glasgow, Montana, Minot, North Dakota, Guam and Okinawa.

It was during one of these deployments he met his future wife, "His Roberta". Ted Danielson and Roberta Rae Clappitt were married in Glasgow, Montana in 1967. He proposed by saying "Marry me and we will see the world". It turned out, Glasgow AFB to Minot AFB was the "world". Through this union, they parented Brendan, Brian, and Kerry. A loving husband, father, and grandfather he wished most of all that those he cared about develop into the best people they could possibly be. It was important for him to teach his children and grandchildren everything they needed to know and give them the freedom to grow. He taught his wife, children, and grandchildren all how to drive. He was the best driving instructor out there. His grandson Nathaniel "Nate" was taught the importance of service to others, doing what you love the best that you can and the thrill of the roar of motors and the snap of pipes that would



incite much laughter. His granddaughter Tora would read the newspapers weather report to Grandpa and look up places he had been to teach her the art of reading maps. He followed along when Tora wanted to make deer soup to feed the deer that would visit the yard. The recipe was water, apples, and leaves stirred up with love. The deer loved it and left an appreciative token of their own.

He also supported his wife in her desire to continue her education and career.

The family moved throughout the Western United States, with Ted's occupational focus being transportation and energy. Employed by Halliburton in Gillette, Wyoming during the wild days of the 1980s oil boom, he worked his way up from driving the water truck to cementer, an accomplishment Ted was proud of. After the fields busted and the boom ended, he hauled coal for Savage Industries. Later he became an over the road long haul truck driver for East/West Trucking. He received many certificates for 100,000 miles accident-free. His crowning achievement and proudest moment in his career was establishing his own trucking company, Danielson Trucking, as an owner/operator.

What he will remember for most is his personality and wit.

Charming and good-looking with a bright smile and eyes, gregarious, genuine and blessed with the gift of gab, Ted had many admirers and could easily and joyfully enlighten any conversation with nearly any audience of any social status. Ted would not be intimidated to strike up a conversation with anyone and everyone, whether a CEO of a multinational company or someone down on his luck. His genuine and deeply optimistic nature would engage and enthrall them all in the same way. Never without his phone, he was especially happy to talk to his beloved mother, siblings, children and grandchildren, friends and members of the community.

In addition to conversing, his other loves included the color red, like his wife's hair color and his beloved classic 1968 Chrysler Newport 383 V-8 car and his trucks. In addition, he enjoyed many of the traditions of the West and classic Americana, whether that be cars, bars, guitars, guns, the open road, Gunsmoke, historical non-fiction, America's game baseball, B.L.T.s with bacon so crispy it snaps, fajitas, milk (an emergency if out), tomato soup, Wildberry pie, Glacier National Park, dogs and especially cats. Most of all he loved being an American and glad to pass these traditions and joys onto his children and grandchildren.

Ted led an extraordinary life of 82 years. Ted would say, "no one gets out of this" and "make memories because they last forever". This was his way of expressing mortality.

Ted is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years Roberta, his loyal sons Brendan and Brian (Viola) and Kerry, his favorite daughter Kerry (Sammy) James.

He will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren Nathan (Eunice) and Tora Rae. His legacy included the addition of three new great granddaughters. Ted was embracing his

**Danielson Contd. A3**



Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 19 "Things in the Attic"



Meg English

The Halloween tradition has inspired filmmakers to create a lot of scary movies. One that I will never forget is a low budget film that was released in October of 1968 just in time for Halloween. My friend Lori and I went to see an early evening showing of the movie. We were 11 or 12 at the time and in the sixth grade.

There was no rating system in those days, and thus no age-appropriate restrictions or recommendations for movies. As I recall, it was a Friday or Saturday night and there were quite a few kids our age and younger in the audience.

The lights dimmed. The film began on the larger-than-life theater screen. As pre-teens we were under the impression that the closer the better. The action focused on two grainy black and white characters, a brother and sister, Barbra and Johnny in a cemetery visiting their father's grave.

The pair were discussing the inconvenience of the long drive to the cemetery. In the background the audience is aware of a slow-moving distant figure moving across the landscape.

Suddenly, Johnny is attacked and killed by a vicious

dark man with empty eyes. Barbra drops the flowers she has been carrying and runs to escape. She reaches a white farmhouse and is greeted by a half-eaten corpse on the stairs. (ICKY!) Chocolate syrup was used to film blood and mortician's wax was applied to create grisly images of decayed, half eaten flesh. (Very convincing!)

Poor terrified Barbra soon meets Ben, an African American man who is also seeking shelter in the farmhouse. They discover that there are other people hiding in the basement from what appears to be a catastrophic epidemic of dangerous human flesh-eating zombies.

Ben and another guy named Tom take charge and board up the house, while everyone else is catatonic with fear. They have a gun, but discover that it doesn't work against the zombies, as they are already dead. (Why were they surprised?)

Outside, throngs of zombies moan loudly and continuously rip away at the boarded windows. to break in. Their progress is slow because zombies are weak from hunger. (Just an assumption).

Someone finds a radio. The refugees huddle together to listen to a broadcast about how cannibalistic corpses are committing mass murder across the East Coast. There are reports of various rescue centers and how the authorities are trying to contain the zombies. One problem for the survivors is that zombies are hungry for human flesh and once bitten, a person becomes a zombie. (Kind of like a game of tag? Orson Wells War of the Worlds 1930s Radio Broadcast?)

I won't spoil the ending. Lori and I left the cinema. We had a long walk home. And yes, it was a dark and stormy night. We were almost convinced that zombies were real and that they were lurking behind dark shapes of trees on our walk home. We laughed and made fun of ourselves, because we understood that it was just a movie, but the fear was real.

Popular culture reflects what was happening during a given period in history,

perhaps literally and often metaphorically. America was in turmoil in 1968. America was at war in Vietnam. The country was divided over the war, racial injustice, how to overcome poverty, drugs, the list goes on. There was unrest, violence, and lots of conversation about how America was falling apart.

That is not to diminish the state of tension that exists today, or not to make an underinformed comparison between the world today and the world in 1968, but there do appear to be

some similarities

Perhaps it's worth noting that Night of the Living Dead earned more than 250 times its original budget. In 1999, the Library of Congress determined the film was "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant". The film has been preserved in the National Film Registry. Night of the Living Dead has become a cult classic. It's in the Public Domain because someone failed to follow through with the copyright paperwork, and so it's free to watch. Happy Halloween.

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Danielson from A2 brand new role as great-grandpa to Mia Valentina, Fernanda "Tanny" Xareni, and Mila Rose. He is also survived by his brother Donald James (Gail) of Walla Walla, Washington and his sister Mary (Myron) Frydenlund of Shelby, Montana. He is survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends-too many to name lest this becomes a novel- but we acknowledge you in our hearts. Special consideration given to his cousin of 80 years Mari of Billings, Montana, a friend of 77 years Adele of Montana, and

friends of over 65 years Les and Jackie E. of Montana

He is preceded in death by his parents Earl "Lloyd" and Patti, uncle James "Jimmy" Purcell, brother Alan "George" and sister Kathleen.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Condolences can be sent online at www.leveringtonfh.com

A memorial is tentatively planned in the Spring.



From A1 Painter

Holmes, from Wisconsin whom she met in college, and came back to help on our Ranch and today are Full Partners with the help of their 3 children (Tommi, Trey and Chase).

Our Family is constantly working on improving all aspects of the Ranch from hay fields, water tanks, stockades, tree belts, waterlines and cross fences.

Throughout the years we have built several stockades and laid miles of pipeline for freshwater tanks to every pasture. We have subdivided or cross fenced most of our pastures to improve grazing management and practice proper grazing rotation. We have put in several tree belts on the ranch to help with cattle protection.

Together with our family we have grown in acres and knowledge to make our Ranch prosperous.

Throughout the years Joe and Cindy have been awarded:

- Harding County Conservation Family of the Year in 2001

- Casey Tibbs Ranch Family Award in 2009

- Pioneer Ranch Award in 2020 from the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation

- Painter Family was inducted to the BHSU Hall of Fame in 2012 as the Legacy Family

Joe, Cindy, and family have always been a huge part of their community. Joe has served and participated as a Harding County Commissioner, SD State Stockgrowers Director, Harding County Stockgrowers President, Harding County Activities Club President, Ladner Church President, and helped with many more organizations.

Cindy served and participated as a Harding County EMT, Ladner Church Sunday School Leader and teacher, Ladner Church Secretary, Bull-ock Community Club Officer and helped with many more organizations.

Both Joe and Cindy have been to Washington DC three different times with the Farmers Union Fly In Group to help advocate for the Ranchers and Farmers in our area.

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Elle Anderson knocks the ball back



L. Kora Knapp returns the ball under the watchful eye of Chloe Crowser; (R) Addilyn VanSickle blocks against Lead Deadwood

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## Alex Klocek Accepts Midland University Scholarship

Belle Fourche Senior, Alex Klocek takes aim and seldom misses. In shooting sports, she has earned two national level awards and so many state awards that she has trouble recalling all of them.

Alex's talent in shooting sports has been rewarded with a scholarship to Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska. On Friday, October 24, with friends, family and a camera crew present, she signed an agreement to participate in the shooting sports program at Midland.

Alex is excited to attend Midland University, a relatively small school with 1,600 students where she has been accepted into the four-year nursing program. "I would like to thank my parents, my coaches, my dad for coaching me, and my teammates." She said during her interview with reporters.

Alex has participated in shooting sports since eighth grade. She is a member of the Bronc Bird Busters shooting sports group.



Back Row, left to right Lily Nore, Alexa Swaney, Brian Smith, Lyle Harvey; Front Row, Stephanie Musilek, Mike Klocek, Alex Klocek, Megan Klocek *English Photos*



Alex Klocek poses with her gun. (inset) Taking aim.



Lia Mundt front row 5th from right.

## Belle Fourche Bronc Regional Cross Country Meet

**Special for The Beacon from Gonzaga Journalism Student**

**Sawyer Clarkson**  
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

After four years of East River venues, the SDHSAA Cross-Country championships returned to Rapid City last Saturday.

Amongst sixteen qualified teams, the Lady Broncs, led by eighth grader Lia Mundt, would make their appearance for just the second time in program history after qualifying as runners-up in the Region 5A meet earlier this month.

The class A girl's race hosted 121 runners, of which Mundt placed ninth in a time of 19:25. Her podium placement is the highest in program history and earns her All-State honors. "This season was definitely better than I imagined, and it sets a good baseline for what's to come," said Mundt.

The second bronc across the line and finishing her third State cross country meet in a row was freshman Rhys Pearson, who placed 66th in a

time of 21:52.

Behind Pearson in 22:25 for 80th, and in her second varsity race ever was seventh grader Piper Curran.

The final scorer for the Broncs was sophomore Misty Drieling, who finished in 23:04 for 92nd place and less than three seconds ahead of her younger sister Layla Drieling. Layla finished in a time of 23:07 for 94th as a seventh grader. Freshman Alexa Stone wrapped it up for the lady Broncs in 23:47 and 104th place.

With the combined individual scores of the top four runners, the Broncs placed 12th with 183 team points. "I am very pleased with how our girl's season went. Making it to the State meet was a huge goal of ours. After losing three seniors last year, these young ladies stepped up and were able to not only get to State but place 2nd in our Region.

I had two seventh graders running their second varsity race ever competing at the State level.

We are a very young team, with our oldest girl only being a sophomore. The girls all ran their best today, and I am very proud of them. Lia Mundt had an exceptional day today, cracking the top 10. She's so deserv-

ing and has put in a lot of work in the off-season. The future of the Lady Broncs looks bright!" said coach Brittany Clarkson.

A trio of Broncs who qualified individually competed in the boy's race later in the day, where Lennon Clarkson led the charge in a time of 16:54.

The sophomore would earn All-State honors with a 7th place finish, improving 18 spots from his placement in 2023, where he also earned All-State honors. "It felt good to end my season on a high note, and it feels like the work I put in has paid off to some extent, but I'm not fully satisfied, I'm going to keep training and looking forward to future races," said Lennon.

Nathan Hudson, a sophomore, competed in his first state meet and was the second Bronc to cross the line. Hudson ran the course in a time of 18:50 for 57th place. In 68th place with a time of 19:24 was the oldest of the trio, a junior, Oden Walding. "I was very happy with how our boys ran today.

Lennon Clarkson capped off a fantastic year, finishing in 7th place. It is even more impressive that he is only a sophomore! Nathan Hudson placed 57th in his first state meet.

There is a lot of potential with him, being he is only a sophomore as well. Oden Walding ran a competitive race. He improved by over 30 spots from last year. Overall, I was very proud of how the boys ran today," said Coach Matthew Wattier.

Athletes Lia Mundt and Lennon Clarkson are showing that they are experienced championship racers who serve as true low-sticks for their squads.

The Lady Broncs are beginning to prove that they can hang with the best teams in the state after persistent success in the postseason under coach Brittany Clarkson.

With a roster composed of middle-schoolers and underclassmen, they are a team with astounding potential and a team that is already hungry for more. "Everyone should watch out for us; it's on," says Mundt. Much like the girl's squad, the boys' team coached by Matthew Wattier is a young team but now one with more experience on the big stage.

The Broncs are looking to take their efforts to the track this upcoming spring, but not before their winter training ensues.



8th grader, Lia Mundt runs for 9th place and an All-State finish at the state Cross Country meet in Rapid City Saturday. *Sawyer Clarkson Photos*



Lennon Clarkson on way to an All-State 7th Place finish at the State Cross Country meet.



Lennon Clarkson front row 6th from left.

# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



**IBFHS and BFMS Bands brought the spirit to the Belle Fourche Homecoming** at the pep rallies, the parade, and the big game. Directors Jacque Bratcher (BFMS) and Mika Pennel (BFHS) brought inspiring performances from their growing bands. The powerful high school drumline was an especially big hit for the purple and white crowds!

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

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

**November 2:** South Dakota All-State Band & Chorus concert in Sioux Falls & on PBS

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

**November 21-23:** BFHS Fall Production - TBA!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Annual Community FESTIVAL of TREES**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Auction 5:30  
Pre-Auction Open House ~ 2:00 - 4:00  
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## Community Calendar

### Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program

Every day of the week

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Belle Silver Lining is open so come and enjoy a different lunch menu everyday of the week.

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### Belle Silver Lining Thrift Store

Closed Monday; Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-4pm

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Check with the staff if you have items to donate.

### AA Meetings

Meetings are held on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays  
at 8pm at 806 6th Ave, Belle Fourche.

### Writer's Group

Regular Meeting: Meeting will be Saturday, at 10 AM.

B F Public Library, 3rd Sat.as always.

Any and all writers are invited to attend.

### Meals On Wheels Program Ongoing

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## Spearfish Chamber Announces Annual Fundraiser Raffle Winners

SPEARFISH, SD – The Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual fundraising raffle drawing on Thursday, October 24th. The winners were drawn via Facebook Live on the Chamber's Facebook page during the October Gone Fishin' Mixer.

Jodi Watts won \$10,000 with ticket number 019. Our five \$500 winners are Tina Williams with ticket number 368, Mary Fetters with ticket number 211, Laura Campbell with ticket number 205, Christine Peterson with ticket number 204, and Gretchen Harrison with ticket number 217.

Spearfish Chamber Board Vice Chair Tony Pannone said, "On behalf of the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors, I'd like to thank

everyone who took part in our annual fundraiser.

The Chamber is a non-profit that relies on support from this fundraiser in order to continue our mission of providing advocacy, leadership, and resources for the business community. Thank you again for your support of the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce and congratulations to this year's winners!"

The Spearfish Chamber is a non-profit 501(c)6 organization. The money goes to support the many chamber projects and programs that do not create revenue on their own.

These include such things as promoting shopping local, being the information portal

for the community, welcoming new residents and businesses, encouraging our youth through participation in the schools, lifting up our young professionals, growing leaders throughout our community, as well as continuing to serve as a voice for business.

Revenues that currently support the Chamber are raised through membership investments, marketing options, event revenue, and this fundraiser. The raffle raised just over \$12,000 for the chamber.

The Chamber Board and Staff would like to thank everyone who supported the Chamber during this fundraising campaign.

Upcoming events,  
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The winner of the \$10,000, **Jodi Watts**, with Chamber Executive Director, **Heather Giffrow**.

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**Butte-Lawrence County Extension Club Schedule**

November 2024  
Nov 3- Daylight Saving Time End- Fall back 1hour  
Nov. 3- Recognition Event- Besler's Cadillac Ranch 2-4pm  
Nov. 4-Butte Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting

6:30Pm First Interstate Bank BF  
Nov. 11- Veteran's Day- Office Closed  
Nov. 12- Redwater meeting (details: TBD)  
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**Anything Left in the Barrel?**

As this election gets closer intensity grows. I had commented previously about my opinion of Amendment H.

What starts out as a well intended effort is apt to have unintended consequences if passed.

Workin in the state of Ohio in 1984 presidential primary. The law there allowed independents the right to register either Democrat or Republican up to and on the day of the primary election.

I much prefer to retain a party system that has served this great country since the early days.

I've known, worked with and observed individuals seeking election to office; winning election; and serving.



I've known, as almost every voter, regardless of party label or lack thereof, the systems has its great leaders, has it clumsy followers, and its downright pathetic participants.

Our duty as voters is to know the difference and vote accordingly.

You don't have to follow politics for very long to develop a strong dislike for the negative aspects.

Commercials and ads this time around have many on both sides of several issues that would win a "hold your nose and don't smell"

**Stinker Award.**

People & campaigns behind those should have more than just their mouths taped shut.

Well, I'll end with some genuine good news.

One week from today when you get your next Belle Fourche Beacon, the election, the whining and the complaining, and the distastful ads and commentary will all be over.

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From A1 Pasque

my models together and made sure that they had everything they needed and knew when to go out, they looked to her for their cue to go out to the runway," said Evans.

Models for the event were Pat Main, Shannon Kopp, Valerie Garr, Julie Snoozy, Falina Selchert, MiKayla Boswell, Erica Sowers, Misty West, Chelsie Ogaard, Tonya Onstott and Andrea Fayville.

The models were a special part of the night, "some were customers, some were friends, and some of them were very good friends of Lori's," said Evans.

Lori Foos was the owner of LifeStyles Ladies Fashion, the store that was in the same building prior to Pasque Ladies Fashions. "We had a great night of sales, but we brought our Lifestyles community into our Pasque Ladies Fashions community," explained Evans.

In some what of a full circle moment, Norine Franke, store owner prior to Lori, was on hand for the event. "Seeing her there and seeing her support of Pasque Ladies Fashions was awesome," said Evans.

Seating was limited and everyone had to have a ticket to enter. Two rows of chairs lined either side of the make shift runway.

The bouncer was Tucker Chytka, Master Auto Detailing. Individual festive charcuterie cups full of fancy finger foods were served to each participant to take and enjoy at their seat, while they watched the show. Mimosas were served.

Lavish bite sized desserts were packaged up for everyone to enjoy.

A swag bag greeted each attendee at her seat and included exclusive Pasque offers, samples, and raffle tickets.

Between rounds, while the models were changing into new outfits, raffle tickets were drawn and random audience members won everything from \$50 gift cards, and lotion to jewelry.

After the show the chairs

were removed to make room for shopping. Ladies lined up around the clothes racks to purchase the cute outfits they just saw. Horn said, "ok ladies, it is now time to shop! Your entire purchase this evening is 15% off."

Following the fashion show Jolene Knapp shared that the event inspired her to shop. "I loved it," she said as she picked out new clothes, "I want all of it!"

Ann Kling said she too was inspired to shop and added, "it

was a great way to showcase the clothes."

George Wilson, co-owner came up with the fashion show idea and Evans ran with it.

"I would say most of the really, really good ideas come from George and I make it happen," explained Evans.

"It was really fun, it was definitely everything I wanted it to be," shared Evans.

The event was such a success, there are plans for another fashion show in the spring and definitely again next fall.



Julie Snoozy walks down the runway modeling a black and white jacket. Longbrake photo



MC for the evening was Michaela Horn, she kept the show moving along. Longbrake photos



At the end of the fashion show, all of the models line up to take a final bow. From back left: Erica Sowers, Misty West, Falina Selchert, Shannon Kopp, Andrea Fayville, front left: Chelsie Ogaard, Julie Snoozy, MiKayla Boswell, Valerie Garr, Pat Main and Tonya Onstot.



Wearing a beautiful pink shirt and displaying a new bag, Misty West takes her turn on the catwalk. Longbrake photo



Falina Selchert walks the runway showing the audience a new jewelry set. Longbrake photo

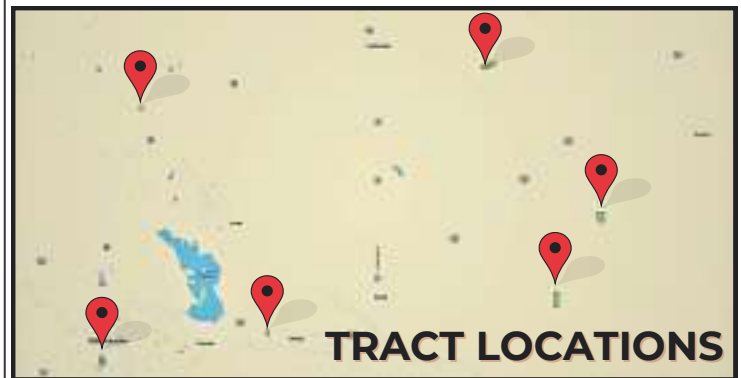
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TRACT LOCATIONS



After the fashion show ended, the shopping began. Audience members looked through the styles and picked out items to purchase. Longbrake photos



Michelle Evans, co-owner of Pasque Ladies Fashions rings up purchases.

From A1 Reading

19th when local author Kathy Bjornstad presented Ghouls of Greenbotton Ward, her latest novel for children in grades 3-6. There was a decent sized group present for the reading and the Halloween treats too.

Ghouls of Greenbotton Ward is the story of eleven-year-old Mira Morales and her twin brother, Bastien. The children find themselves in dire straits when they are locked in a moving van on the Texas-Mexico border.

Fortunately, Mira and Bastien are rescued by a fairy creature who transports the twins and two other children to the world of Arkenia.

Unfortunately, Arkenia turns out to be less than perfect and the children must overcome many more trials. There are dark fairies and invasive ghouls that threaten to convert the children to changelings.

Ghouls of Greenbotton Ward, is a fast-paced story with magic and monsters. The protagonist is Mira, who with her two new friends must overcome human emotions and as they learn to stand up to evil forces to save Mira's brother Bastien.

This novel is fantasy tale published in 2024. There are many, many engaging stories for all ages at the Belle Fourche Public Library.



Just a few novels with scary plot twists for young adults at the Belle Fourche Public Library (Photo courtesy of the Belle Fourche Public Library)



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Cattle Report - Friday, October 25, 2024

Just under 8000 Hd
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Next sale - Wednesday, October 30th - Spring Calf Special - 12:00 Noon
Friday, November 1st - Yrig & Spring Calf Special - 8 AM Yearlings followed by Spring Calves

Table with columns for Yearlings, MT Consignment, Persson, Riata Ranch, Taylor, etc.

Spring Calves

Large table listing various cattle sales with columns for seller, quantity, price, etc.

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Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Spring Calf Special

12:00 Noon -- Spring Calves

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

Calves

Roger Croell -- 600 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs -- 450-600# - BT, PC
Cuka & Williams -- 300 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 475-600# - BT, PC, NI

Plus more by sale time!

Friday, November 1, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

8:00 AM -- Yearlings followed by Calves

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

Calves

Tom Owen -- 600 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 400-550# - BT, PC
Davis Ranch -- 300 Herf & Blk Baldy Strs & Hfrs -- 425-550# - BT

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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 24, 2024

Lots of demand for lambs & they sold \$10 to \$20 higher on all weights
Fleshy slaughter ewes sold \$5 lower with medium & thin ewes selling steady to \$3 higher

Expecting 2500 to 3000 lambs, 200 yrling ewes & 600 to 800 older ewes

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

Feeder Lambs

Table listing various feeder lamb sales with columns for seller, quantity, price, etc.

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

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Table listing various slaughter ewe sales with columns for seller, quantity, price, etc.

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### SCOUTING REPORT | Dakota fall colors

Jonathin Ellis  
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Warmer weather this fall has delayed some of the fall foliage transition, meaning there are still opportunities across much of the state to catch South Dakota's natural beauty. To this correspondent, who first came pheasant hunting here in 1995, this is the most scenic time of year. It's not uncommon to get a day where you can walk a golden field of drying corn with shelter belts of turning leaves juxtaposed against an endless blue sky and fluffy white clouds.

The Game, Fish & Parks Department assists people in finding the best fall colors in the state with a map. Each week the department updates its map of the state to show which regions are still popping with fall colors. The latest update shows plenty of regions that are still getting near peak coloring.

"We're almost to peak but not quite there," Heather Berg, the GIS coordinator for the department, tells KCCR Radio in Pierre. Every state park is represented on GFP's map. Park managers update their status weekly, usually by Thursdays so that a weekend road trip is in the cards for people who want to take one.

The latest update shows promising areas in the Black Hills and lower stretches of the Missouri River.

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**CANDLES AND MIRRORS #3By DeAnn Kruempel "Stirring Up Memories"**

They arrived in buggies, wagons and on horseback, ready to work. Some stoked the fire with hemlock and pine. Some lugged crocks of cider to the huge caldron. Many sat on stumps or logs and began to peel and core. Baskets of fruit were dumped into the boiling liquid. The farmer brought out his handmade stirrer, a wooden paddle attached at a right angle to a smooth ten-foot pole. It was like a hoe with a long blade. He had bored large holes into the board so the liquid could pass through, avoiding sloshing spills. The person in charge of stirring stood far back from the hot, smoky fire and swirled the paddle through the steaming kettle. The workers took turns stirring for fifteen minutes, constantly scraping the bottom and sides. Not once could they stop. Stopping meant scorching and scorching meant they would have to dump the kettle and start over.



canner to the stove and added water. Soon it began to boil. Once the apples were cooked, she hefted the kettle to the table and we began running them through the food mill. One sister ladled, one cranked. When the good parts of the apple had squished through the mill into the bowl below, we dumped the nearly-dry mass of peel, seeds and cores into the pail for the chickens and ladled in more apples.

When all the pulp was pressed out, Mom dumped it into the big kettle and added water, sugar, cinnamon and salt. This went on the back burner and slowly began to simmer. Mom got out her long wooden spoon and stirred the liquid. Deloris, Darlene and Dorothy took turns stirring occasionally. As the mixture thickened and steamed, a heavenly aroma filled the house, reminding us to stir more often. When the mixture thickened to the Goldilocks consistency, just right, we ladled some into jars that would be stashed for winter. Our mouths watered as we gazed at the savory goodness that remained in the kettle.

Mom's recipe says "simmer ¾ hour." My siblings and I agree that it was much longer than that. Maybe it was. Or maybe it just seemed like forever because we couldn't wait to spread that amazing apple butter on fresh, homemade bread and enjoy the feast!

Mom's Recipe for Apple Butter  
4 quarts apples  
3 cups sugar  
4 cups water  
2 Tablespoons ground cinnamon  
2 teaspoons salt

Wash and quarter the apples, do not peel them or remove the core. Put into a preserving kettle with water. Bring to a boil rapidly. Simmer until tender. Mash through a strainer and return to fire. Add sugar, cinnamon and salt and simmer ¾ hour. Pack in jars and seal. I usually put wax on before I seal the jars.

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The farmer's family had worked for days, picking baskets of apples from their orchard and hauling them to the yard next to the fire pit. The wife had scrubbed the giant kettle and her husband helped hang it from the sturdy frame he had built. They had extended the invitation at Sunday services: Apple Butter Bee on Friday!

Apple butter originated in Germany and the Netherlands; when the immigrants sailed to America they brought the recipe with them. The above scene was typical in New England in the late 1800s. The neighborhood bee was a social event, but also a crucial means of preserving the harvest to survive the harsh winters.

The Pennsylvania Dutch boiled down apple cider, then added peeled and quartered apples to be cooked to a very thick consistency. Some added spices, but one old recipe I discovered claimed no spices were needed; the apples and cider formed a delicious thick mass that "kept in crocks for years."

Seventy years later... Mom's daughters gathered around her in our farm kitchen. She added a few chunks of wood and a handful of cobs to the woodstove. The night before, the family had brought in a basket of apples from the orchard—windfalls, crab apples, small fruit from the tree. We washed and plopped them into the big canning kettle. Mom carried the

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**Looking Back in Belle**

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124 years ago  
**THE TIMES**  
October 26, 1899

**Stole Herd of Horses** Oct. 21 - Billy Rogers, who has worked for ten years or more for the Flying V ranch in Butte county, in which time he was considered one of the trusted men, in company with Ed Crockett, weel known on all the ranges, drove off a large herd of horses from the Flying V range and took them to Chadron, where part of them were sold for a bill of merchandise amounting to \$900. The goods were billed for Miles City, Mont., and Crockett was arrested in that city when he called to get the goods. Rogers came back through Sturgis after disposing of the horses and started for Miles City by stage, but was overtaken and arrested. Both men are waiting trial.

**Circuit Court**

Wm. Rogers, who was recently brought from Montana on a charge of grand larceny, was arraigned and pleaded uilty. He gave his true name to be Waylon Rogers.

100 years

**The Northwest Post**  
October 23, 1924  
**COUCH BUYS STORE BUILDING** J. W. Couch, of the C & G Grocery and Bakery, completed a deal last Thursday morning whereby, he becomes owner of the Lovinger store building, now occupied by the Model Bakery. James Hennessey was the owner of the property, having recently purchased it from Charles Lovinger, although the later was agent for Mr. Hennessey. The consideration was not stated, but the price paid was satisfactory to all parties concerned. Mr. Couch has been in the market for a store building for several weeks, and has had under consideration three or four different properties. The Lovinger building is one of the best business location in the city, and is properly arranged for a grocery and bakery, hav-

ing been used for that purpose for many years. The building will be repainted inside and outside, and all necessary repairs made before the C. & G. company moves to their new quarters, which will not be until about the first of the year. Leo D. Bradley, proprietor of the Model Bakery and Grocery, will move his stock and equipment to the building now occupied to the defunct Belle Fourche State bank, which is also a splendid location his business. It is reported, although not authentically, that the Austin Motor company, of which John W. Pearson is a member, will move to the present location of the C. P. & G. company, Mr. Pearson being the owner of the building. Another report is that a new grocery is to be started in the building, with Mr. Pearson as a member of the firm.

**OPEN SEASON OF PHEASANTS**

Elsewhere in this issue of The Northwest Post is a legal notice from the State Game department, where in it stated that an open season will be declared on Chinese ring-necked or English pheasants in various parts of the state, including Butte county. In Butte county the open dates will be November 7 and 8, during the daylight hours. The bag limit for each day will be three male birds. Of course it will be necessary to first provide yourself with a regular game bird license - also to get permission from the land owners to hunt where the birds are..

75 years ago

**Belle Fourche Daily Post**  
October 7, 1949  
**NEWS BRIEFS** -The joint congressional committee on atomic energy voted unanimously Thursday to reopen its investigation into the atomic program.

The decision was taken on the strength of new information supplied to the group by air secretary Stuart Symington, Committee Chairman. Brien



by Mary Buchholz

McMahon refused to disclose the nature of the new information.

**The Veterans Administration** told ex-GIs Thursday that it is sorry, but the insurance refund windfall won't be coming in time for Christmas. The VA says a published report that dividend checks will be in the mail by the holidays just isn't so. The first checks, he says, will go out about the middle of January.

**TOKYO ROSE GETS \$10,000, 10 YEARS** San Francisco, Oct. 6 - The Tokyo Rose trial in San Francisco came to an end today. Tokyo Rose has been sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$10,000, convicted of treason.

50 years ago

**Belle Fourche Daily Post**  
October 23, 1974  
**Sheepmen Urged to Join in Land Planning**

Members of the Western South Dakota Sheep Growers Association re-elected P. J. Cook of Belle Fourche as their president and adopted a number of resolution covering subjects ranging from land use planning to predator control. Among the resolution adopted was support the county level of land use planning. Sheep growers were urged to become involved.

**Kiddies in Wool**

Twelve youngsters appeared in the Kiddies-In-Wool review, Friday night - a forerunner to the annual Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool state contest.

There was a second generation combination in the kiddie show this year - Chad Stetter, pictured third from the left in the plaid jacket and cowboy hat, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Stetter, Belle Fourche. Ronnie appeared in the first Kiddies-In-Wool event when it was inaugurated in the 1950's.

**Merry Christmas!**

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Back row, from left: **Jaelyn Whaley**, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist; **Lacie Peterson & Rob Peterson**. Front row: **Braxton and Addie Peterson** (SDSU Extension photo)

**4 South Dakota sheep producers receive Master Lamb awards**

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Four operations were named South Dakota Master Lamb Producers during the 2024 South Dakota Sheep Growers annual convention.

Jaelyn Whaley, South Dakota State University Extension Sheep Field Specialist, presented awards to Lacie and Rob Peterson, of Rockham; Dave and Holly Ollila, of Newell; Spud Lemmel, of Mud Butte; and Max Matthews, of Bison.

Since 1975, the South Dakota Master Lamb Producers Association has served to recognize South Dakota producers who excel in sheep production. They must demonstrate outstanding management practices or strong support of the sheep industry at a state or national level.

Recipients receive a plaque and recognition at the South Dakota Sheep Growers luncheon during the convention, which was Sept. 27-28 in Rapid City.

The 2024 program is sponsored by Big Gain, Center of the National Wool, Hubbard Feeds, South Dakota Sheep Growers Association, Hub City Livestock, and Farm Credit Services of America.

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**Max Matthews**

Max Matthews embodies a life lived for the sheep in-

dustry. From serving on the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association board to the American Sheep Industry Association Wool Committee, Matthews has made invaluable contributions to the success of the American sheep industry. As a producer, he has remained resilient to the highs and lows adapting and improving his Targhee/Rambouillet ewes. For 31 years, Max and his wife Joyce continue to produce first-rate feeder lambs and wool.



From left: **Jaelyn Whaley**, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist; **Rick Lemmel**; **Dally Myers**; & **Alexis Nasser**. (SDSU Extension photo)



From left: **Jaelyn Whaley**, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist; **wDave Ollila**; **Finn Ollila**; **Holly Ollila**; & **Tate Ollila**. (SDSU Extension photo)



From left: **Jaelyn Whaley**, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist; **Max Matthews**; and **Joyce Matthews**. (SDSU Extension photo)

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Market Report - Thursday, October 24, 2024

Table with columns: CALVES, HD, DESC, WT, BID, SHEAD. Lists various livestock items and their prices.

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UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE. Table listing dates and sale types: November 7, 2024 FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL - FEEDERS @ 10 MT, etc.

SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL OCTOBER 31, 2024

Table listing various livestock items under 'YEARLINGS @ 9 AM MT | CALVES TO FOLLOW'. Includes categories like CALVES (4420), MOKE RANCH -SD, etc.

BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Table listing various livestock items under 'WEIGH UPS @ 9 AM MT, BREDS @ 12 PM MT'. Includes categories like BRED COWS (200), JERRY VOSSLER -SD, etc.

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RECEIVING STATIONS. Table listing locations: Broadus, MT; Ekalaka, MT; Jordan, MT; Lodge Grass, MT; Forsyth, MT.

Downtown Bar Crawl Lets the Ghoul Times Roll

Robbi Longbrake news@bellefourchebeacon.com BELLE FOURCHE—Downtown bars collaborated to Let the Ghoul Times Roll on Friday evening, October 26. The Hitching Post Tap House, The Circle Lounge and The Cowboy Back Bar all worked together to provide a festive Halloween celebration. The night was divided into locations by time and activity. The first stop of the night was at the Hitching Post Tap House. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the party goers could enjoy free food. Chili with all the fixings, cookies and candy were served. At 8:30 p.m. the bar awarded best Halloween costume prizes. 1st, 2nd and 3rd

prizes were awarded by each bar throughout the night. Each bar awarded \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third. The second stop on the bar crawl was The Circle Lounge. From 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. attendees could enjoy karaoke. The lounge also hosted a creepy carnival that had all kinds of fun and games for patrons to enjoy. As the end of their time neared, those in charge picked three new winners of their Halloween Costume Contest and awarded cash to each winner. The third and final stop on the downtown pub tour was hosted by the Cowboy Back Contd. C2 Ghoul



Those who dressed for Halloween line up to get their costumes judged. They have a chance to win up to \$75 for 1st place.



This little girl was brave enough to answer the ringing phone in the haunted John Spaulding Cabin. Longbrake photos



Maleficent demonstrates how to make colorful playdoh.



One of the activities for the Pumpkinfest was face painting. Here a little girl sits very still as her face receives a festive addition.



Kids and their parents gather around an activities table to make cute Halloween crafts.

**Pumpkinfest From A1**

A drawing was held to give away a Halloween themed book every hour beginning at 12:30 p.m. A total of four were given away. The John Spaulding Cabin got a spooky make over and the haunted house became a fun location for kids to explore. Animals gone wild was the theme. On the desk an old phone rang and rang inviting children to answer. A creepy voice would speak on the other end. A bouncy house gave the kids a place to jump and play and get rid of some energy.

Two performances of the play, The Great Halloween Scavenger Hunt, were given. It was a play about the students of Bonesville City wanting to put some spirit into the holiday with a city-wide scavenger hunt. Of course, things never go as planned with ghost around! Local children from kindergarten through middle school auditioned back in September to be a part of the cast. At the end of the event, all of the kids who came dressed in costume lined up for a costume contest. \$25 prizes were given for the scariest, funniest and most original costumes.



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Bar from 10:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Here participants could hang out, enjoy music and drinks and wait for the highlight of the night, the awarding of the \$600 grand prize. As the party moved from bar to bar around downtown Belle Fourche, the

event goers had to collect a stamp from each place. After all the stamps were collected, they were then eligible for the grand prize of \$600. At midnight, all three bars came together to decide who to award the big money to. Money was donated by all three venues.



The scary clown was the 1st place winner of The Circle Lounge Halloween Costume Contest. The wizard was the winner of \$75 for receiving 1st place at The Hitching Post Tap House Halloween Costume Contest. Longbrake photos

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# Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden October 20, 2024



It couldn't have been a more beautiful day on Sunday afternoon for any outdoor event. A baby shower for both guys and gals took place on Sunday at noon in Sturgis. It was held at the Brewery and was an indoor/outdoor event. The theme was to show up in costume for those who chose to do so. The shower was for Reggie and Jenny (Bruch) Rhoden's baby boy who has not arrived yet. All kinds of family and friends showed up including Mother Nature, Snow White's sisters, a flower child from the 60s, a scarecrow, fairies, princesses, Harry Potter, witches and more. Some games with prizes were played and food was served. Casey and Francie Brink, Larry and Sandy Rhoden and many more showed up for the fun event. Francie Brink won the first prize given out in the diaper drawing. The garage doors opened to the lush green yard and patio for visiting and for kids to play. Baby boy Rhoden is expected to arrive in January. Paige (Brink) and Nick Fees are expecting their first child as well shortly after the Baby Boy Rhoden enters the world. So some special celebration is coming for the families in January! The Rural Meade County Ambulance met recently to honor

and thank Tanner Simons for his service on the board of directors. They welcomed the newest board member, Savana Johnston to the board and look forward to working with her on the board. She is the daughter of Sam and Cary Johnston of Elm Springs. The Rural Meade Ambulance has worked hard and fought to keep their service to our community, so if you are prompted to help them out by sending a donation you can send it to Rural Meade Ambulance, Box 54, Enning, SD 57737. We are very thankful to those who serve on the board and as EMTs. If you are interested in becoming an EMT you may speak with Neoma Richter, Gina Hoffman, Teresa Hale, or anyone who serves on the board.

If you haven't registered to vote as of Monday, October 21 it will be too late to vote in this November 5 General Election, unless one is already registered. It is a crucial time to vote in South Dakota with so many ballot measures that will change our state as we know it. It is important to know what the outcome will be for each ballot measure and what it means for our state. So go to a meeting, talk to someone who knows the measures, or look them up online at the Secretary of State's website to be an informed voter. **Meade C. News Contd. C6**

## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street"

# Pedaling To Economic Vibrancy!



In an era where small communities struggle to maintain economic vitality, an unexpected hero has emerged on two wheels: the bicycle. Across the country, savvy and forward-thinking leaders and communities are discovering that hosting biking events can inject much-needed vitality into their economies, foster community spirit and promote health. The most immediate and tangible benefit of hosting biking events is the direct economic impact. When cyclists and spectators descend upon a small town, they bring their wallets with them. A study by the Outdoor Industry Association found that bicycling participants spend \$83 billion annually on "trip-related" sales (bicycle tourism). Even a modest event can significantly boost local revenues.

Consider the case of Emporia, Kansas, home to the Dirty Kanza gravel bike race. This annual event draws over 2,500 participants and an estimated 12,000 spectators. A 2018 economic impact study revealed that the race generated \$2.2 million in direct spending for the local economy. For a town of just 25,000 residents, this influx is substantial.

Hotels, restaurants, and retail shops often see the biggest boost. During biking events, accommodation occupancy rates can soar to near 100%, with visitors often staying for multiple nights. Local eateries report sales increases of 30-50% during event weekends. Even businesses not directly related to the event benefit from increased traffic and exposure.

While the immediate economic impact is significant, the long-term benefits can be even more transformative. Hosting regular biking events leads to job creation in various sectors. It creates event planning management opportunities, local bike shops spring up, tourism grows, and of course the hospitality related boost as well. One of the greatest intangible benefits is successful events can put a community "on the map," leading to increased tourism year-round. Travelers may return to explore the area's cycling routes or attend future events, creating a sustainable boost to the local economy.

To accommodate biking events and capitalize on cycling tourism, communities invest in infrastructure improvements. These enhancements, such as bike lanes, trail systems, and road repairs serve event participants but also benefit residents. The Political Economy Re-

search Institute found that for every \$1 million invested in bike infrastructure, 11.4 jobs are created, compared to just 7.8 jobs created by the same investment in road-only projects. These improvements make a town more attractive to potential residents and businesses, creating long-term economic growth.

If your community is looking for ways to be healthier, one of the greatest intangible benefits of hosting biking events extend to community health and wellness. By promoting cycling, towns encourage active lifestyles among residents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that physical inactivity contributes to \$117 billion in annual healthcare costs. Promoting cycling through events and improved infrastructure can help reduce these costs at a local level. Furthermore, healthier residents are often more productive, leading to increased economic output. A study in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine found that employees who exercised regularly were 15% more productive than their sedentary colleagues.

Perhaps one of the most valuable intangible benefits of hosting biking events is the boost to community pride and social cohesion. These events often require significant volunteer efforts, bringing residents together in a shared goal. The success of well-executed events can instill a sense of accomplishment and put the town in a positive spotlight.

This enhanced community spirit can have knock-on effects for the local economy. Strong social bonds and civic pride often correlate with increased local spending and investment, as residents feel more connected to their community and motivated to support its growth.

While the benefits of hosting biking events are numerous, it's important to acknowledge potential challenges. Traffic disruptions, the need for increased security, and upfront costs for infrastructure improvements can be hurdles. However, with proper planning and community buy-in, these challenges can be mitigated.

For small communities seeking to revitalize their economies and enhance quality of life, hosting biking events offers a unique and powerful opportunity. The combination of direct economic impact, long-term growth potential, health benefits, and community cohesion makes cycling events **Newby Contd. C6**

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**Karen Odell**  
Oct. 21, 2024

## Capitol News

Last week, when Ronda Cordell was coming home from the Methodist Bazaar in Camp Crook, she noticed a car on the Exie Road, but it never came out. Denise had noticed a guy and two dogs that were walking in her pasture. It appeared they were bird hunting since the guy was carrying a gun. Denise had assumed that Ronda had given someone permission to hunt, but she hadn't. Ronda doesn't like archery hunting, especially because many animals are hit, but are found later having suffered lingering deaths. She has found many elk that had been wounded with arrows and left. Last Tuesday, Ronda cut and piled her squash and pumpkins. Steve and Annette Ryerson came by to visit, as she was finishing. In Ekalaka, she took the Can-Am tires to Fruit's to get mounted, and drove out to Justin and Krista Kerr's new house. It was a beautiful day with the Fall colors and scenery in that area. Diane Wear came to help with weaning calves at the Desert. Tod Dague and Clint Zolnoski hauled calves back to the ranch, while Ronda and Diane searched for three missing pairs. After corralling a few escapee calves on Friday, Ronda headed to Belle Fourche to pick up meds. The next day, Lisa Koranda, who spent the weekend in Camp Crook, rode to Buffalo with Ronda, and had lunch at Saloon Number Three. Ronda went Camp Crook for the Methodist Church bazaar on Sunday. There was a large crowd in attendance and great food. The Clint Zolnoski family, and Clint's Aunt Lil who was visiting, also went to the bazaar. Dick and Erma Albert went to Rapid City on Tuesday. The cardiologist said they were in good shape. They had to get their car serviced in Belle Fourche, so Alfreda Davis met them and they had lunch at Jumping Jacks. It was good to visit with her. They stayed over in Rapid

City, and then did some shopping on their way home the next day. On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizen dinner. They went to church on Sunday, and then had lunch with the Erks at Saloon Number Three. Wade Pearson came out to Alvin and Marlee Cordells on Tuesday. He has been combining alfalfa seed, and finished that up. Alvin and Marlee had archery hunters from Virginia. They left on Tuesday. Wade and Gavin Pearson have been hauling hay down from the Kent Williams place in the Sheep Mountains. On Friday, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche to watch Gavin play football on the high school team. Cody Celting and Richy Cordell came, on Saturday, to pour cement for their new patio. On Sunday, Dana and Cody came again, to put an acid coating to the cement that gives it a beautiful color. Then, a sealer will be added. Marlee went to church in Camp Crook, on Sunday. Then, Alvin met her and they went on to the Ladner Church Dinner and Bazaar. Bruce and Lynn Gustafson made a trip to the Hills on Thursday. They got the pickup serviced, had a doctor's appointment in Spearfish, and picked up some groceries. Lynn went to church at the Little Missouri Church, on Sunday. Last week Bryce and Dawn Padden had hunters visiting. Wayne Luening and his three sons had come from 'East River'. Last Friday, Brayden drove Dawn to the football game in Faith. Bryce, Dawn and Dorothy Padden went to the high school volleyball games in Buffalo on Tuesday. Buffalo was playing the Ekalaka team. Dawn got lots of good pictures. On Thursday, dawn went with B J, to Phillip for the cross country meet. On the trip home, she used BJ's laptop to prepare all the pictures she had taken. Lorraine Chin came from Texas on Thursday. On Friday, Bryce, Dawn, Dorothy, Lorraine and all the family went to Spearfish for the wedding of Wayne Lei's

daughter, Maudy. The reception was at a beautiful place just outside of Deadwood. There was some rain on Thursday and Friday, and the road to town was actually not dusty for the first time in many months. They came home the next day, and relatives, Romela Heady, and her son Eric, who had been at the wedding, too, came out to the ranch to stay and to help work cows next week. Last week, Karen Odell and Hywel, headed south to Alzada, on their way to Mitchell. The Norwegian Cut Off is very rocky, and rough, or it might cause you to spin-out in the deep sandy gravel, so they headed south instead. They had learned that they must creep across most of the cattle guards on the Little Missouri Road, but the road was much easier to drive. Remember that the cattle guards (all but two) have large holes beside them. Even with the cattle guard warning, the south road was a pleasure to drive. It was a good, cool weekend to travel. In Mitchell, Karen got to see grandson, Kellan Odell, in his last home football game, for Senior Night. Kellan is a team captain, and as a senior, he got to present a rose to his mother and father, Kylie and Cody Odell, before the game. The game was a tough one. His double-A team was competing against one of the top two triple-A teams, but Kellan had a good game. Karen also got to see Carson Odell's eighth grade marching band in the Dakota Wesleyan University homecoming parade. Three especially great bands were in the parade. Mitchell High School Marching Band (has won many state and national awards), Aberdeen Central Marching Band (has won many competitions), and Mitchell Eighth-Grade Band marched in the parade along with Miss South Dakota, and many good floats. Karen and Hywel always like to stop at the Dignity Statue on their way home. It is wonderful art. Chancey Odell and Megan

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## Tri-State Museum Has A Rattlin' Skeletons Family Fun Day

Robbi Longbrake  
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BELLE FOURCHE—An entertaining look at the importance of skeletons was on full display during the Tri-State Museum's Family Fun Day on October 20. The event, Rattlin' Skeletons provided a hands-on education to 27 participants.

The skeleton theme of learning all about bones coincides perfectly with the Halloween season.

The presentation included videos about bones, real animal

skeletons to examine, and a project to trace their own skeletons on large paper. A trip to the Animals Gone Wild, Haunted Spaulding Cabin was a fun activity included in the day.

The event-goers finished the day by creating skeletons with q-tips. A drawing for The Skeleton Book, with a pull out poster, was held and given out to one lucky winner.

And of course, refreshments were served. Kids were sent home with an activity packet.

The next Family Fun Day will be November 17, with the focus on Thanksgiving Foods. They are held each month at the Tri-State Museum.

Mark your calendar for every 3rd Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Everyone in the family is invited to participate in the fun, parents, grandparents and children are all encouraged to spend the day together.

Admission to the Family Fun Day is \$2 per person and reservations are encouraged.



## Black Hills Roundup receives Coveted Remuda Award

The Black Hills Roundup received the coveted Remuda Award. This is such an honor. Thank you to our stock contractors Championship Pro Rodeo, with sub-contractors Fettig Pro Rodeo, Cowtown Rodeo, Harper & Morgan Rodeo Company and Burch Rodeo. So much time, change, and effort went into this past year and risks paid off.

An official statement from board member and past BHR Chairman Scott Reder:

"I am so proud of the Black Hills Roundup for winning the Remuda of the Year award. I've been on the board for 20 plus years, and this is the first time we have achieved this goal. We could not have done it

without Championship Pro Rodeo, the Black Hills Roundup board members, committee members and support from the city of Belle Fourche.

This means a lot to us since the cowboys vote for the Remuda award. We strive to have the best stock we can so each and every contestant has a chance to win.

With the changes we made this last year, I feel like the cowboys appreciate what the Black Hills Roundup and Championship Pro Rodeo have done.

We look forward to making it even better next year.

An official statement from Championship Pro Rodeo in regards to the Remuda award.

"We're ecstatic for our friends

at the Black Hills Roundup and completely honored that the cowboys have chosen them for the Remuda award.

There are so many deserving and hard working rodeos and contractors out there that deserve recognition, but when the cowboys choose you as a standout, it really makes you feel like you're doing something right for the industry.

Our animal athletes made us very proud, but it takes a village, and the wonderful subcontractors who joined us made this elite pen possible.

We have no plans of slowing down or stopping now, and we can't wait to try to best it again next year! After all... The Buck Starts Here!



Black Hills Roundup Saddle Bronc Riding Champion on Championship Pro Rodeo's Smoke Wagon, 90pt. ride. Courtesy Photo



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### Pianist Honoring Legenday Floyd Cramer

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Pianist Jason 'Floyd' Coleman brings new life to the music made famous by his grandfather, Floyd Cramer, in

a piano concert of country and pop classics. From humble beginnings on the Louisiana Hayride, to a Hall of Fame recording career in Nashville, to the iconic "Last Date" and signature 'slip-note' piano style, Jason plays his way through the musical history of his grandfather to tell the Floyd Cramer story in a way no one else can.

Jason incorporates multimedia to share his own personal stories, photos, and films of

growing up with his "Grandad," culminating in a series of video duets between Jason and Floyd that bridge the generations and will take your breath away!

He was featured at The Grand Ole Opry for the 25th anniversary of Floyd Cramer's passing.

Admission is by season ticket only. For information on Center of the Nation Concert Association season tickets, please call (605) 892-2370.



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Matthews Opera House

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Would you be a killer for a thriller? "Deathtrap," by playwright Ira Levin premiered at the Matthews Opera House on Friday, October 5 with additional performances at 7 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesday through November 3.

October 31: Halloween Drawing Party

The Matthews is excited to announce their Halloween figure drawing workshop on Thursday, October 31 from 6-8:30 pm in the historic theater. This fun workshop for adults (18+) will feature drawing from live, costumed models in a creative atmosphere.

From C3 John Newby

a powerful tool for local development. As more communities discover the transformative power of these events, we may see a new era of prosperity rolling in on two wheels.

John Newby is a nationally recognized Columnist, Speaker, & Publisher. He consults

with Chambers, Communities, Business & Media. His "Building Main Street, not Wall Street," column appears in 60+ newspapers and media outlets.

From C3 Capitol News

Reedy did chores for Karen while she was gone. On Tuesday, Chancey picked Karen up at Wolff's in Camp Crook, and they went to Buffalo to watch the Harding County-Carter County girls' volleyball games.

Karen had a phone business appointment on Saturday morning. On Sunday, she went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook.

Remember that the Little Missouri Church Ethnic Dinner will be held in Camp Crook (not the church) on Sunday, November 11, 2024, beginning at five o'clock in the evening.

Our differences are a gift. God made us all different for a reason. Only the most inappropriately self-righteous among us can feel all should be like them.

From C3 Meade C. News

Some bills sound like a good thing for South Dakota but can have unintended or unknown consequences, and then it's too late. We are in hopes that the common sense of west river South Dakotans will have an impact on the results.

Something that happens every year but is still in quite the distant future is the Women's and Girls' Winter Retreat. For those who are interested you may mark your calendars for February 21-22, 2025.

Cammie (Labrier) and Dan Freed ended their New England vacation early to go and help with the Tennessee and North Carolina recovery efforts in Irwin, Tennessee. They are providing the many needs for folks including, food, clothes, blankets, heaters, baby formula and endless needed items.

Blurred lines: Accusations of deception crescendo before Election Day

Looser rules for ballot question campaigns underly allegations of dishonesty in campaign marketing

Joe Sneve

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The finger-pointing between political campaigns accusing one another of misleading or inaccurate advertising has reached critical mass.

But whether or not it's true that recreational marijuana will turn kids into fentanyl addicts; if legal pot really does promise bags of cash for tax collectors; if the state's primary elections oppress military members; or if an income tax will follow a food tax repeal — that hasn't stopped an onslaught of marketing across the digital, television, and radio waves leading up to Election Day.

And with seven initiatives awaiting consideration by South Dakota voters, there's been no shortage of ballot question committees clamoring about deceptive marketing by the opposition.

"When it comes to initiated measures, it's a lot more of a wild west," South Dakota Broadcasters Association President Steve Willard told The Dakota Scout this month, after officials with at least six ballot question committees publicly chastised their opposition for disseminating information they contend is false.

Willard was comparing ballot question campaigning to candi-

date campaigns, where voting records, personal histories, and backgrounds draw clearer lines about what's true and what isn't.

While South Dakotans have grown used to hearing proponents and opponents of Amendment G — a proposal to make abortion legal in South Dakota — accusing one another of spreading misinformation and deceiving the public about their positions and practices, pro- and anti-cannabis crusaders are now also accusing one another of lying to voters. Similarly, proponents of Amendment H, which would create a top-two primary system, have taken heat for a recent advertisement.

In the case of Initiated Measure 29, South Dakotans for Better Marijuana Laws has publicly called on Protecting South Dakota Kids to stop running an advertisement that contends legalizing recreational marijuana will expose children to hard drugs like meth, fentanyl, and opioids.

Meanwhile, opponents of IM 29 say ads being run in favor of the ballot measure that suggest passage will bring millions in tax revenues to the state and local governments are not reflective of the language in the proposal.

Protecting South Dakota Kids co-founder Jim Kinyon defended the ad as truthful, and told The Scout that the group's advertisements only warn voters that marijuana use is a gateway drug to those other substances.

"I would anticipate that those who are trying to promote drug

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use and marijuana use would be very defensive and try and deny that young people have access when it's legalized," he said. "It creates a very clear and present danger to young people when we're talking about gateway drugs."

SDBML Director Matt Schweich also defended his organization's marketing, saying the messaging around IM 29 is accurate. And though he acknowledged the ballot measure does not establish any taxation or regulatory structure around cannabis should IM 29 pass, he said it's anticipated the Legislature would. Still, he said his organization was mindful of what the measure does when it used the word "could" instead of "would" in its marketing campaign.

"It could unlock new revenue," he said. "We were careful to word it accurately, and I'm doing that on my end, but they (opponents) don't give a damn about the truth." So aggrieved, Schweich even asked TV stations to review the accuracy of the Protecting South Dakota Kids advertising, which continues to run after the opposition committee responded with a letter citing a news story about fentanyl abuse that made no mention of marijuana.

According to regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, radio and television stations have an obligation not to run overtly false advertising. But with ballot measures and the ability for proponents and opponents to speculate

on potential effects, proving intentional dishonesty is a high bar, Willard said, noting that he can't recall an instance in South Dakota of television or radio stations being forced to pull political advertisements.

"As best they can, (the stations) don't put out misleading information, but the obligation is really on the advertiser," he said.



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**Soccer Tournament**

The 2024 Spearfish REC Tournament was held on Saturday, October 19th. The Belle Fourche U14 Coed, U12 Girls and U12 Boys participated.

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<b>OCTOBER</b>	7 Pork Enchilada Spanish Rice Mexican Street Corn Sopapilla	8 Baked Chicken Roasted Potato Creamed Spinach	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Veggie Medley	10 Pork Roast Parsley Noodles Green Beans	11 Shredded Chicken on a Bun Roasted Carrots Roasted Potatoes
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	21 Sausage & Rice Veggie Medley Garden Salad	22 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes with Country Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	23 Chicken Alfredo Noodles Broccoli	24 Pulled Pork Sandwich Cole Slaw Potato Salad	25 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Spanish Rice Sopapilla
	28 Liver & Onions OR Cheeseburger Roasted Potatoes Veggie Medley	29 Kielbasa Peppers & Onions Wild Rice	30 Pamesian Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans	31 "Spooky" Swiss Steak Parsley Noodles Mixed Veggies Dinner Rolls	<b>Look What's Cooking at Belle Silver Lining Come Join us Every Day 11:00am-1:00pm 828 Kingsbury Street Belle Fourche, SD</b>

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## School Board

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NEWELL—At the Newell School District's October School Board meeting, the board discussed its new vacancy and set a deadline for member applications: October 28 at 5 p.m. Interviews will be at 5 p.m. at the November 11 school board meeting.

Technology Coordinator Cara Muckridge reported that homecoming week was a success and that the junior class will soon take the ASVAB test.

K-8 Principal Paul Clark noted that the Interventions to Enrichment program was a success.

Superintendent Dr. Pandi Pittman spoke of upcoming repairs in the school and plans for a new crow's nest.

Sabrina Harmon of the W.I.T. Coalition gave a report on the Coalition's activities during the month. There was a HuntSafe class, which three students passed with a perfect 100%. The Coalition also gave a presentation at NH Connection in Sturgis, took the freshman class to the Freshman Impact program, sponsored the Lion's Club Vision Van at the school at which 36 kids were seen, and hosted a Voter Education event with 47 in attendance.

The next Newell School Board meeting will be November 11 at 6 p.m. W.I.T Coalition Room, the South Park to light the tree.

Mayor Tennis would like to see an ordinance passed to stop profanity on flags and signs within the town limits. Even though it may cross the line between what is said and freedom of speech, she said it is unnecessary and is being seen by children. Tennis will check with the town's attorney to see what can be done.

Something also needs done with the turkeys who roam the town. Tennis will notify SD Game, Fish, and Parks. They will trap the turkeys and handle the removal of them from the town limits.

The next regular meeting will be November 12 at 5 p.m. Note the day change because of Veterans' Day on November 11.

## Newell Cross Country Track Team Hits State



Newell's Cross Country was outstanding at the State Meet held during the weekend. What a great day for Newell Irrigator Cross Country! There are over 70 B schools in South Dakota. Clint Winkler placed 6th in the boys division and had a new personal record. The boys placed 9th overall. Bodie VanDerBoom also had a personal record. David Kirby ran hard too. The girls placed 18th overall. Eirelynn Bender, Lucille Ahart, McKenzie Rans, Bethany Mahaffy, and Evelyn Ahart all ran hard. McKenzie Eans had a personal record and Bethany Mahaffy had a season's best time. A special thanks to the parents of our runners for supporting them all year and allowing us to coach their kids. Go Irrigators!!  
Courtesy Photo

## Butte FD Holding Raffle

NEWELL- Where's the beef? Or rather, the buffalo? The Butte Volunteer FD is selling raffle tickets for a Cow Buffalo Hunt. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. The drawing is November 4.

Seek out a member and get a chance for adventure!



The Newell High School Drama Class spent time with Mrs. Harmon discussing the upcoming Veterans Day program November 11 @ 9a.m.

The class will produce two videos, one about the preparation for the event and one at the actual event. Watch for more details soon.

The drama class has produced several videos that can be seen on the Newell School FB page.w

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## Grand River Roundup



### Betty Olson

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It was cooler this week with no rain and the wind blew hard a couple days.

Casey went up to help Bill Holt ship his calves on Monday and I had a High Plains Western Heritage board meeting in Spearfish that afternoon. I bought an interesting book at the Heritage Center that was written by Dr. William Bosch titled "The German-Russians". My Grandmother, Lydia (Schmidt) Wilkinson, was a German from Russia and I'm fascinated by the history of the Germans from Russia. A couple weeks ago I cut another very interesting article out of the Bowman County Pioneer newspaper about "Germans to Russia" and gave a copy of it to Iver Heier who is also a descendent of Germans from Russia. It all began with German-born Catherine the Great, who married the future Tzar of Russia, Peter the Third, when she was 16.

When she became the Empress of Russia in 1762, she issued a manifesto to her native Germany offering free land, financial help and freedom from military service if they would come to Russia to develop the land. By the end of the 1800s, the Germans had created thriving communities, but then Russia and Germany were enemies, Catherine the Great was dead, and the Germans were forced to enter the military to fight their native country, which started the mass migration of Germans from Russia to the United States.

Sadly there are more deaths to report: Esther Mary (Bingaman) Wilkinson, age 80, formerly from Prairie City, passed away peacefully at her home in Frazee, Minnesota, on Friday, October 11. The memorial service for Ester Wilkinson will be held at Furey Funeral Home in Frazee, Minnesota, on Friday, November 1. Esther Mary is Jim Bingaman's sister and she was married to my un-

cle Harold Gustave Wilkinson for 56 years before he passed away in 2020.

Stanley Palczewski, Sr., 98, of Scranton passed away on October 21, at the Fallon Medical Long Term Care Center in Baker, MT. Mass of Christian Burial for Stanley was on Monday, October 28, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Scranton with burial in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Scranton.

Reub and I took our black pickup up to Reeder Wednesday afternoon so John Brown could put a new back bumper on it to replace the one I smashed when I backed into a utility pole. The old one was so bent that we had a hard time getting the tail gate open. After John got the new bumper put on the pickup he took the tail gate down, oiled it and cleaned the dirt out of it so it opens really well now. As soon as he had everything fixed, we all went down to have coffee with the Prairie Pioneers and Jim Brown had a present

for me. He had made six beautiful little wooden dishes out of our broken old kitchen chair! John and Jim have the same last name but they are not related and we are all so glad to have these very talented and handy men living in Reeder.

We took two old gas pumps, an old clock, a bunch of old bottles and dishes and some other old things up to Hettinger on Thursday to meet Pete Solemsaas from Taylor, ND, at Laufer's Vermeer. Pete was buying all that stuff so Laufer's Vermeer brought out a skid steer, unloaded the gas pumps from our vehicle and transferred those heavy buggers to Pete's pickup. We are sure happy to have Laufer's Vermeer in Hettinger!

Reub and I went to the Four Seasons Pavilion in Bowman Friday night to listen to the "Preacher in the Patch", Ron Evitt, his family and Tracy Buer with the Christian bands, The Sweet Crude Band and Canada's Double Portion band. It was a wonderful evening with visits with lots of friends and I never hit any deer on the highway in the dark on the way home!

Lots of family birthdays this week. Our great grandson Olly Klug's birthday was Thursday, October 23, our grandson Cass Olson's birthday was Friday, October 24, our daughter Teri Dee's birthday was Saturday, October 26, our daughter-in-law Alaina Olson's birthday was Monday, Octo-

ber 28, and we joined a large crowd of friends and family for the surprise birthday party for Becky and Bill Holt at the Ludlow Hall Saturday afternoon that their kids had planned for them. Our granddaughter Bryce Hesper and her little boy Argus even came up from Rapid City for the party because Becky and Bill's daughter Cassie and Bryce are really good friends! Bryce and little Argus spent the night with Casey and Missy and went to church with them before going back to Rapid City Sunday afternoon. Casey and Missy left Becky and Bill's birthday party a little early to go up to South Heart for their grandson Olly Klug's birthday party.

Reub and I went to church in Reeder Sunday morning for the confirmation of our granddaughter Alacia Olson and Leroy and Donna Olson's grandson Brodie Sott. The confirmation service was very good and we ate at the potluck dinner after the service so we got to visit with a lot of friends. This was a wonderful weekend for us old folks.

With voting coming soon I'm getting sick of the politicians and the news media that keep calling our country a democracy, which it isn't. A rancher from Idaho was right when he wrote in Range Magazine this spring: "A democracy is a lamb and two wolves voting on what's for dinner. A constitutional republic is a well-armed lamb disrupting the vote."

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

#### October 29, 1914

Mr. & Mrs. George E. Brandner of Winner have been visiting town for nearly a week. Mrs. Brandner has the distinction of being the first lady resident of Newell when Montgomery Lumber Yard burned out last winter. Mr. Brandner was transferred to Winner. Mr. Brandner always had great faith in this part of Butte County and now that he has been away for several months, he is more enthusiastic than ever and predicts it is going to make wonderful advancement in the next few years.



Beet truck boxes were widened to get more sugar beets on a load. Note the chain dangling from the front side of the box. There were generally more chains to hold the box in the extended position. 1934 Newell Museum

South Dakota State vs Redwater Irrigation Association is up in court: It is charged that the Redwater Association failed to put fish screens in their headgates as provided by law. Also, in Fall Court Case; State vs J. B. Case et al. this suit growing out of the difference between Red Water Association and the ditch owners taking water from below the Redwater Association ditch on Red Water. It is charged that those owning the lower ditch attempted to destroy property belonging to the Redwater Association.

McDonough & Bushnell have just completed a water system on the J. T. Craig Ranch. Southwest of Newell. They opened up a spring and pumped the water to the house, barns and sheep pens. Galvanized stock tanks may be purchased or made to order by McDonough & Bushnell, Plumbing.

#### October 23, 1924

In looking over some old records of the office the other day, Postmaster Elmer Hill discovered that the first Money Order in the Newell Post Office was issued to Dr. A. H. Rogers on October 4, 1910. N. M. Bratton was Postmaster at that time and the office was situated on the Old Townsite.

The official proceedings of the Board of Education of Vale Independent Consolidated School District No 20 at 8:00 PM, Adjourned meeting due no Quorum was present. September 26, 1924, the President

therefore adjourned the meeting to September 29 when all members could be present. Clerk L. L. Bennett and Treasurer. E. A. Ritter was hired as conductor of the school orchestra to teach it 2 nights a week at \$250 per month and Tuition of \$75 for Nellie Seitz was approved to attend Second Semester of High School in Newell.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend a Hallowe'en program and box social which will be held at the Plainview School house on Saturday evening, November 1st. Program will start at 8:00 prompt. Coffee

and Kool-Aid will be served so everyone please be provided with a drinking cup.

#### November 1, 1934

The voting place for Newell Independent Precinct has been changed to the Vik Building, across the street from the White Eagle Service Station. This change was made necessary when the Buedel Building was torn down this week. Voters for Newell Independent will therefore cast their ballots in the Vik Building while the City Electors will vote in Judge Goff's office.

The equipment of the Newell Fire Department is now in excellent condition since the addition this week of 2 new chemical tanks, each of 40-gallon capacity. The new tanks arrived a few days ago and will



Ladies dressed a piggies dancing in the street on Halloween afternoon, for some "good clean fun". 1950's Newell Museum

#### by Linda Velder

be placed on a truck chassis, similar to the one used for a hose cart. The chemical tanks were purchased after special requirements had been made by the Inspection Bureau of the Stock Fire Insurance Company.

August Schedwin reported that he almost had an accident recently while driving on the highway south of Newell. Mr. Schedwin states he met a beet truck and the long chain hanging loose at the sides of the truck grazed the side of his car narrowly missing striking the windshield. These chains, of course, are a necessity on beet trucks, but Mr. Schedwin suggests that a possible accident might be avoided if the drivers of beet trucks would fasten the loose ends.

#### October 19, 1944

Eleven ladies represented the local Congregational Ladies Aid at a meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Noble Rose near Arpan. The Newell ladies presented the program and lesson that afternoon. After a prayer, Mrs. Rose served a tasty lunch at the close of the meeting.

Get your stove before winter: Enar Muotka has 2 large size floor furnaces, suitable for large homes or schoolhouses, priced to sell. And the Newell Implement Company now has in stock a supply of Warm Morning heating stoves. These can be bought without a certificate after October 15.

Mrs. Carl Settle of Sulphur returned home Friday night after having attended the Grand Chapter sessions of Eastern Star at Mitchell. Mrs. Art E. Thompson returned Tuesday evening from Mitchell where she also attended the OES Grand Chapter. Mr. Thompson and son Terry met her in Rapid City.

#### October 28, 1954

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one of Newell's oldest business structures as remodeling operations were started last week. The E. J. Erdman Apartment building will be completely modernized according to Erdman. Built by N. M. Bratton about 43 years ago, was Newell's first implement building and was used in connection of selling McCormick-Deering farm machinery. It was purchased by Sam H. Bober as a warehouse and storage for seed and feed and later being remodeled to an apartment building. The old tin siding and roofing is also to be removed and sided and roofed with asphalt shingles. Erdman purchased the building 8 years ago and has improved a number of apartments and will continue to make improvements and modernized by installing water and plumbing facilities to all

President Jerry Maruska; Secretary John Bentz Jr.; Treasurer Mrs. George Seieroe and Ruth Fenton named as Women's Chairman. Fenton, Maruska and A. B. Clark were chosen as delegates to attend the Farm Bureau Convention in Huron November 8 -10. Rick and Randy Vallery and Eddie Kling, members of the Range Ramblers 4-H Club, exhibited their grass specimens on which they received a purple ribbon at the Butte County Fair. Mrs. Ione Shevling served lunch after adjournment.

Reed Lakman, Deputy State Fire Marshall, Sturgis and Alberta Follum, Butte County Superintendent of Schools visited all the rural schools of Butte County Thursday and Friday. Lakman checking all fire extinguishers, exits and storage. He also discussed fire



The "Old Tin Shed" in the background 1950, that was updated and remodeled into apartments. 1954

apartments.

Children's Annual Hallowe'en Party sponsored by Newell Community Club and Jaycees this Sunday evening, October 31 at 7:00 PM at Newell City Hall. A Cartoon Carnival film to be shown, talent and costume contests and \$25 in prizes. Plus free treats for all children.

The Castle Rock bowlers came to Newell Friday night and bowled the Newell Plumbbers. No "bragging rights" have emerged as we go to print.

#### October 22, 1964

Marvin Fenton of Nisland was elected President of the Butte County Farm Bureau at a meeting Tuesday evening in Nisland. Other officers named to serve with Fenton are Vice

drills with students and teachers and showed firefighting equipment. In those schools that had not been practicing drills, Mr. Lakman explained the proper procedure.

Tentative plans for the upcoming Jr. Miss Contest in which Newell and Vale Sr. girls have been invited to enter, were approved at the regular meeting of the Newell Community Club at the Tuesday noon luncheon at the Cove Café. A letter from Judy Milberg, Newell's 1964 Jr. Miss now attending SD State University, commending the club for sponsoring the contest this year and offering whatever assistance she might lend. Next dinner meeting scheduled for evening on November 3rd in the Fellowship Room of the Congregational Church.

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**Oct. 31-Newell Trunk or Treat**  
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**November 5**  
Election Day! Be sure to Vote!  
**November 11**  
Veteran's Day Program, Newell School, 9 am

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

Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar

### Menu for Week of October 28-31

**SALAD BAR SERVED DAILY**  
**A VARIETY OF SOUPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS-When it's colder**

OCTOBER	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>MONDAY</b> 28	Egg Bites Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Mac & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Green Beans Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>TUESDAY</b> 29	French Toast Squares Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Tangerine Chicken Rice Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30	Quiche Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Hot Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>THURSDAY</b> 31	Yogurt Parfait with Candy Corn Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Bat Wings (chicken wings) Tombstone TriTaters Creepy Crawly Pasta Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
<b>FRIDAY</b> November 1	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

**MENU IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



The Kindergarten class participated in their first Homecoming parade.

Photos by Betty Bruner

Newell's Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Grade Homecoming floats.

**B's Buzz** by Betty Bruner

We are off to another week of calm chaos! Is that a conundrum or a riddle? Or is it an enigma? Or maybe a secret puzzlement? Whatever it is, that's what the future looks like from this desk.

I was puzzled when I first began to put the Irrigator pages together. The past week had things going on that were newsworthy, but because of the chaos that life brings, I wasn't able to cover any of it. Oh, bother! (as a Winnie the Pooh character said) why did the time go so fast?

The clock goes faster and faster, but my brain goes slower and slower. There is just no chance to catch up. So, instead of fussing about it, I pulled the covers over my head and slept an extra 15 (that seemed like 10) and then began the day.

There always seems to be more to do than there is day to do it. The hurrier I go the behinder I get. So, what is the solution to this puzzle? Let us look at ways to handle the multitude of stuff that goes on in everyday life.

Let's begin. First, take a deep breath and then exhale. Look around at the world around you. Messes, chaos, sticky floors, and clothes to wash? Maybe piles of paperwork and messages to return. Dirty dishes and little ones to hug. So many things to do!

Did you notice the scribbled paper that a preschooler left you? Did you almost miss the hug that was there? Birds singing and breezes in the bare branches-wonderful sounds if

we listen. Speaking of scribbled paper, I have some very small sticky notes that my four-year-old granddaughter gave me over 20 years ago. When I look at them, I remember a sweet face that was so excited to give me "love notes" that only she knew what they said. But with all of her heart she was telling me that she loved me. And I have watched her become a loving, beautiful mom herself.

We don't know how we will influence anyone in our lives. It could be with a sticky note or a hug as they walk by. It could be with a smile or words that tell that person they are special.

I have a special grandson who is now a teenager. He has his own pickup and helps out on the ranch. He really is a young man with plans. But you know what I see? A little boy whose hugs still fill me with joy! I call his hugs my energizer hugs. It doesn't bother him to hug me and I look forward to them every time I see him.

I could go on about all of our grandchildren, each one is special. But I'll save that for later. What I hope you see when there's a puzzle or enigma or conundrum in your life, it's the small things-like hugs and writings on a sticky note that are important. Keep those things in your heart and remember them in the midst of the chaos. Time goes much too fast to tell yourself "later, I'll do it later."

Here's hugs to you across the keyboard. Hope your day is full of puzzles!



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**State Track Meet**



Above: Eirelynn Bender.

Right: Mckenzie Rans ran a personal record.

Below: Lucille Ahart.



**You're Invited**

Calling all students, parents, industry CEOs, Human Resources, High School Administrators, and others to the Build Dakota Roadshow!

Are you a doer, fixer, or solver? If you want to work with your hands as much as your mind, it's time to look at a technical degree. The Build South Dakota Roadshow will help you to learn about strategies to build your future with a full-ride scholarship.

It starts with a solid foundation and then adds the Build Dakota scholarship program created for skilled scholars entering high-demand programs

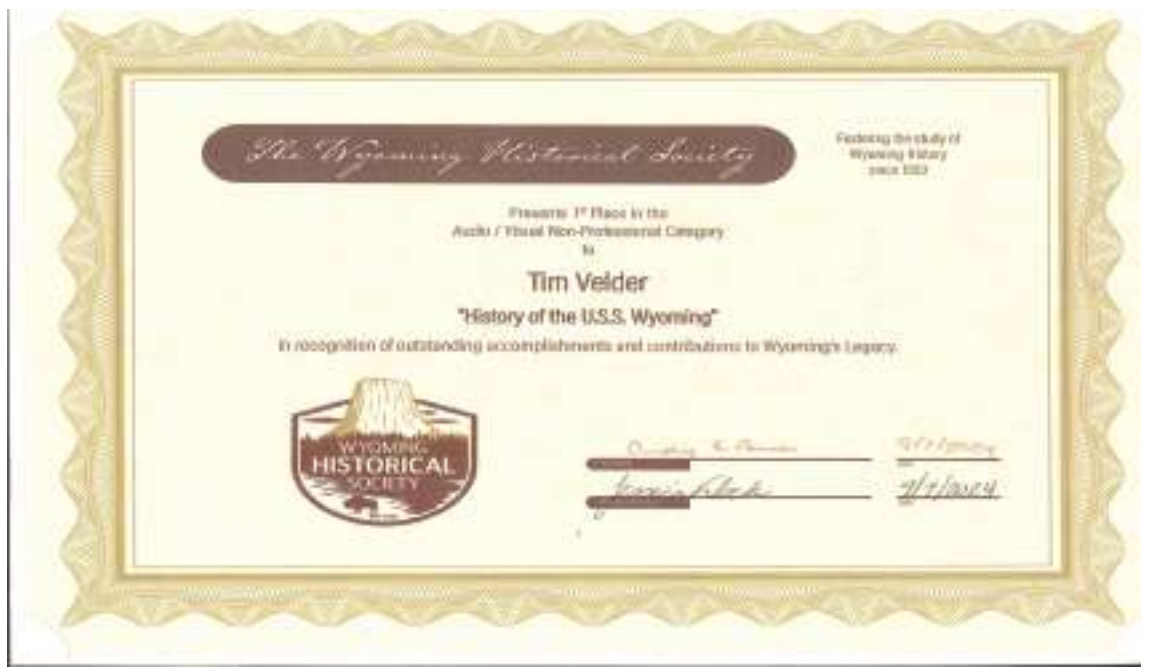
at South Dakota technical colleges.

Business owners, industry CEOs or anyone looking for employees to join their workforce are also invited to build their workforce by attending the roadshow.

Plan to attend the Build Dakota Roadshow November 21 at 12:20 p.m. at Newell High School. Contact Cara. Muckridge@k12.sd.us or call 605-456-2393.

For more information about the Build Dakota Scholarship Fund and additional partner programs, visit builddakota-scholarships.com.

**Newell FFA Heads to Nationals**



Above: Tim Velder has been a previous Butte County resident, former Editor of the Valley Irrigator and is the son of Linda Velder who compiles the "Looking Forward to our Past" column.

**Merry Christmas!**

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

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