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Cottonwood Fire recovery effort updates

by Del Bartels

A lunch and informational meeting for all families affected by the Cottonwood Fire was held Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Wall Community Center. Information was discussed by multiple agencies concerning recovery programs and efforts.

Over 70 people were in attendance. The fire burned 41,000 acres of private land and land leased from the government. Of the 23 landowners and leasees affected, 17 were represented at the meeting.

Sylvia Christen, executive director of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, emceed the event. Her experience in recovery efforts from Winter Storm Atlas has taught her to put forth a positive, yet direct, attitude.

In the opening prayer, Norm Geigle said, "There's no other way of saying it; it's a tough situation. But we are going to get through this."

June Huston, director of the Farm Service Agency in Philip, covered various government programs that can help with livestock and feed. The Livestock Assistance Program can assist with livestock that shows fire damage up to 60 days after the fire. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish Program (ELAP) could



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"It's okay to take the help, especially into the winter," said Sylvia Christen, executive director of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association. She is the main contact person for landowners affected by the Cottonwood Fire.

help with bales or feed lost, and with lost grazing days. The livestock Forage Disaster Program could help with loss of grazing days on federal land. The emergency Conservation Program could assist through cost sharing with fence repair and replacement, with debris removal, with water tanks and wells, and with



Kurt Pindel, district ranger for the United States Forest Service, would rather see stockpiled fencing materials used than stored. He hopes, if good rains come, for usable grazing next season.

shelterbelts. Huston stressed that documentation is important with all the programs.

Kory Bossert, Rapid City, Natural Resources Conservation Service area resource conservationist, discussed other programs, particularly the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). When asked by the audience which programs they should look into, Bossert and other speakers agreed



Richard Smith, Red Cross executive director, Rapid City, said local professionals have volunteered to offer counseling, or even just a listening ear, to family members who may be feeling the strain.

that landowners/leasees should apply for all that might help. The landowners can decide later which to use, and how much from each to accept. "We aren't going to both pay for the same fence, but apply for all programs," said Bossert.

Some programs concern fencing labor and materials on land leased from the government, some concern on private land. Rules and regulations dictate if fences must

be in the exact same lines, or if they may be moved for producer's grazing methods.

Adele Harty, South Dakota State University Extension cow/calf field specialist, warned ranchers of surviving livestock developing problems because of the fire. Lung damage can lead to pneumonia. Severe heat damage can lead to sloughing of hooves up to three weeks after the fire, and these cattle will have to be euthanized. Udders, eyes and damage to breeding bulls could cause producer losses long after the fire.

Richard Smith, Red Cross executive director, Rapid City, offered counseling, or just a listening ear. "We want you to be okay, to know you are going to get through this. We want to help with things up front. It is anonymous; your business is your business," said Smith. One rancher in the audience said he looks out his door to see some burned land, but other ranchers step out their doors to constantly see nothing but burned land. The local professionals are volunteers who lend an ear. They may be called or visited by ranchers, their spouses and their children.

Kurt Pindel, district ranger for the United States Forest Service, said that a 2012 fire near Chadron, Neb., saw excellent weather afterward. Many ranchers opted to not accept available

fencing materials, mostly because they could survive well enough to not have to agree to fencing regulations and stipulations. The Cottonwood Fire was in late fall, thus landowners are more strapped for time and finances prewinter. Pindel would prefer the large amounts of stockpiled fencing materials be used rather than stored.

Pindel was asked about any limitations for next year's leased grazing possibilities. "It's our hope that there are no rules and regulations for grazing all year next season. Let's hope for rain."

Christen concluded the presentations. "We have had an incredible response both locally and statewide of people who want to help," said Christen. "I would encourage you to accept hay and other help. Use it to get put back together again." She said she had a long list of donated hay, fencing materials, pasturing areas, labor for putting in fences, and fundraisers.

There is a competitive barbecue feed as a fundraiser scheduled in Philip, Nov. 5, at the Philip Fire Hall, starting at 11:00 a.m. Philip Charities has a donation account at the First National Bank in Philip.

"Some pretty incredible donations are coming into that already. People want to give and want to help," said Christen.

Blood drive November 8

Throughout the year, many of us have opportunities to take a break or get away. Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas or even just a quiet Saturday are chances to relax.

But for area patients in need of blood transfusions for an emergency, surgery, cancer treatment or for preemie babies who come into this world fighting for survival, those vacations may not exist. Hospitals do not close for holidays, and the need for blood never goes away. In fact, historically, the area's blood supply is strained during most holidays.

Blood can only come from a volunteer like you. That is why

United Blood Services needs you to make a difference for patients in need on a regular basis and particularly around a holiday when so many people are busy and forget to donate. Our community blood supply is counting on your generosity.

The next opportunity to donate blood in this area is Nov. 8, at the Philip High School fine arts building from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact Maureen Palecek at 859-2655 to make an appointment. For more information, call United Blood Services at 1-800-917-4929.

To save time, donors can fill out their health history questionnaire online at www.unitedbloodservices.org

the day of their donation by clicking on the FastTrack icon. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 16 years old (16 and 17 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online) and be in good health.

United Blood Services of the Dakotas has offices in Bismarck, Fargo and Minot, N.D., and Aberdeen, Mitchell and Rapid City, collecting more than 125,000 blood products each year to help save the lives of patients in 93 area hospitals. Together these centers are part of the national United Blood Services network, which helps save and sustain the lives of patients in 18 states.

High St. Haunts screams success



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Screams from visitors to the free haunted house, High Street Haunts, could be heard down on Pine Street and over at the school. Jared and Amanda Rutherford, and plenty of their actor friends, built the haunted house, and manned it for Halloween. It was geared for younger trick or treaters, including animated singing pumpkins. Later in the evening, it was geared

for the more adventurous. The crowd lined up, waiting for the next group of four or five to be ushered through the fear-inspiring maze. Many went through more than once, knowing there was so much to the event that they couldn't help but miss a lot the first time through. The annual haunted house is the Rutherford's fun gift to their community.

Badlands Park multi-year fee increases

Beginning Jan. 3, 2017, Badlands National Park will phase in new entrance fees to fund maintenance and improvement projects in the park. It has been over 10 years since the last fee increase.

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Annual Pass	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$50
Per Vehicle	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$25
Per Motorcycle	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$15
Per Person (bicycle, walking, etc.)	\$7	\$10	\$10	\$12

Mike Pflaum, park superintendent, said, "After carefully considering the impact of a fee increase on visitors and community members, we came to the conclusion that this is the right course of action to improve facilities and services important to visitors. Based on public comments, we modified our original proposal to phase in the increase over a two-year period, as well as to implement a motorcycle fee that is lower than the original proposal. The new fee structure brings Badlands in line

with fees charged at other similar national park areas."

In 2014, the National Park Service conducted a nationwide review of entrance fees. The park received 93 formal comments. While many of the comments supported an increase, many people felt that the original proposal was too much of an increase to make all at once. The park modified the proposal to phase implementation of entrance fee increases beginning in 2017 and followed by a second increase in 2019.

House moving



Courtesy Photo

This house, owned by Chad Walker, Wall, entered West Central Electric's coverage area at Ft. Pierre, Thursday, Oct. 27. According to Jesse Tucker, manager of marketing services, four linemen and two electric cooperative bucket trucks were needed to lift overhanging electric cable as the house moved under-

neath during the road trip. The overall height of the truck and load was 23'4". The house took Highway 34 to Highway 73. When it reached Philip, it turned west on Highway 14, to eventually end up somewhere south of Wall.

E-Free Church's annual fall festival



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The Community Evangelical Free Church, Philip, held its annual fall festival the evening of Oct. 31. Costumed kids played a multitude of games, watched a magic-act video, and collected more candy than some could carry. Activities include ring toss, remote control car crashes, bean bag toss, balance beams, Bop-It and others. Parents helped with the games, joined in with the games and watched the kids devour candy while they enjoyed the provided healthy food. Above are some of the players getting rid of the overflowing number of fireball candies they held in their mouths for too many excruciating minutes. At right, a tiny princess is assisted in walking the chain of 'balance beams' at the fall festival.



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HAAKON-JACKSON 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION ... Sunday, Nov. 6, Philip School cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. Dinner will feature beef cook-off dishes. Plan to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Join us and bring your friends and family!

LADIES' PRAYER BREAKFAST ... Monday, Nov. 7, Senechal Apts. lobby in Philip at 7:00 a.m. All ladies welcome.

NURSING HOME ENTERTAINMENT ... Chuck Carstensen will provide musical entertainment at the Philip Nursing Home the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

AA & AL-ANON ... meetings will now start at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. Please notice time change.

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Country Praises

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A dream of granite

His father was dead eight months now. Mourning was not a luxury he could slow down to do, not yet. Work and a deadline before finances dried out simply did not allow it. By finishing his father's greatest dream, his father's greatest work, would he be memorializing the greatest tribute to his father.

His father had named him Lincoln after the great president. His father had also instilled in him a love for art and nature. He was a sculptor, not a businessman. Now he was a head contractor, a boss of hard-working men, and still had to deal with politicians. Never had he dreamed he would take over for his father to direct 400 men to risk their lives to make real a dream.

A strand of rope held workers from falling over 60 feet to the rocks below. Still, because they had also accepted his father's dream and what it stood for, many required very little encouragement to continue the project.

Controversy was the name of this game. Some residents of the

state claimed the land was theirs. The government said it was owned by all the American people. For 14 years now, spanning the Great Depression, the project was everything to his father. His father was dead, yet the government wanted the fund-strapped project completed.

Workers were paid for hard labor, but not for taking risks with their lives. Huge and cumbersome drills weighed down the men as they hung at various points on the cliff. For this grand project, lethal dynamite had to be used in a constructive, rather in a destructive, method.

Blueprints had to be redone. Part of the work even had to be blasted away and restarted. The original plans were cut way back, with the lower half of the work never to be completed.

Over the many years, 450,000 tons of granite were blasted away. The size of the chunks diminished as the work progressed, fine tuning more and more. Now rock was being artistically chipped away. Years of labor. He, and the workers now under his command, had seen too much already done to not

finish it now. Like with his father, the son carried on the obsession.

Along with art and nature, he had learned history. The more he learned, the more he love this country. Not just this country that was the United States, but the grand variety of landscapes from sea to sea. His father had painstakingly chosen the perfect spot to bring United States history to the forefront for all who wished to view it. The forefathers who helped chisel out the rules and principles of this country were his father's heroes. They, and his father, were his heroes.

October 31. It was done as much as it was going to be. Ropes, drills, scaffolding and other equipment were removed. The granite mountain was now a monument. Now that he could mourn his father, he had no need to. His father's dream was too grand for sorrow. From here, he could see everything his father had loved, nature, art, history, country. He was proud to be the son of Gutzon Borglum, the artist whose dream eventually became Mount Rushmore.

Lookin' Around

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Pun-ishment

As you may know, there sometimes comes a time when a person just has to break out in puns and jokes. That time has come again as you can tell from the following.

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized toucan play at this game.

If you can think of a better fish pun, let minnow.

John Deere's manure spreader is the only piece of their equipment the company won't stand behind.

A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Never discuss infinity with a mathematician. They can go on about it forever.

When William joined the army, he disliked the phrase, "Fire at will."

I went to my doctor and told the receptionist I felt like a deck of cards. She said, "Have a seat. The doctor will deal with you when he can."

I'd tell you a chemistry joke, but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.

What day of the year is a command to go forward? March 4th.

What has four wheels and flies? A garbage truck.

What kind of coffee was served on the Titanic? Sanka. And what kind of lettuce? Iceberg.

I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.

The friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought this was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him, so the rival florist hired

Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town, to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that: Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.

There was once this second-rate orchestra led by a second-rate director. In the orchestra was this guy on the cymbals who never banged them at the right time. So the conductor said, "If you don't get it right this time, I'll kill you." When the time came for the percussionist to get it right, he didn't, so the director pulled out a gun and shot him dead. Of course, the police came and arrested him, and eventually the conductor ended up on death row. The day came when he was sent to the electric chair. As the crowd watched, the executioner flipped the switch ... but nothing happened. Everyone wondered what had gone wrong, but the director knew. Saddened by all that had taken place, he said, "I never was a very good conductor!"

A businessman from Wisconsin went on a business trip to Louisiana. Upon arrival, he immediately plugged his laptop into the hotel-room port and sent a short e-mail back home to his wife, Jennifer Johnson, at her address, JennJohn@world.net. Unfortunately, in his haste, he mistyped a letter and the e-mail ended up going to JeanJohn@world.net. A Jean Johnson in Duluth was the wife of a preacher who had just passed away and had been buried that day. The preacher's wife took one look at the email and promptly fainted. It read, "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"

There were once two brothers called William and Wayne. Will was 12-years old and his little

brother was 3. The neighbors noticed they always went around together. If William went down to the ballpark, his little brother would toddle along behind him, even if the game was a bit rough. And, when Wayne went to playgroup, his elder brother would come too and sit there with all the toddlers. One neighbor thought this was really strange, so one day he leaned over the fence and asked the boys' mother why they were so inseparable even though they had nothing in common. "Well," the mother replied, "Didn't you know? Where there's a Will there's a Wayne."

I was driving down a lonely northern road one cold winter day when it began to snow pretty heavily. My windows were getting icy, and my wiper blades were badly worn and quickly fell apart under the strain. Unable to drive any further because of the ice building up on my front window, I suddenly had a great idea. I stopped and began to overturn large rocks until I located two very lethargic hibernating rattlesnakes. I grabbed them up, straightened them out flat, and installed them on my blades, and they worked just fine. Of course, that's because they were wind-chilled vipers.

Stone had this enormous moth collection. He had large moths, small moths--moths of all kinds. When his father, King Stone, decided to retire and pass his crown to the prince, he told the boy he must first dispose of the moth collection and find another hobby. "Why is that, father?" inquired the prince. "Because", replied the old man, "A ruling Stone gathers no moths!" There, I guess that is enough punishment for one day. Wouldn't you agree?



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Changes to IRS Depreciation Rules

For six or more years business owners have waited until December each year to find out what Congress was going to do with depreciation rules for that year. In December of 2015 Congress made some of the depreciation rules permanent and clarified others. Depreciation expense is an accounting deduction that recognizes the concept that business assets decline in value over time and is the alternative to charging purchase of assets as an expense in the year of acquisition.

Section 179 is the Internal Revenue code section that allows for 100 percent write-off of qualified asset purchases. The 179 deduction for the last six or more years was set at \$25,000 but then extended to \$500,000 for one year only at the end of each year. Business owners could not budget for capital asset purchases and tax liability during the year when the change often came in the third week of December. When the change in depreciation deductions were made by Congress, it was often too late to purchase and take possession of equipment.

In December of 2015 Congress made section 179 permanent, allowing for a first year write-off of up to \$500,000 if qualifying purchases did not exceed \$2.0 million. The section 179 deduction is allowed for either new or used property. Any dollar amount of qualifying purchases can be elected to be written off with this provision from zero to \$500,000.

The expense allowance is now tied to an annual cost of living adjustment.

Qualifying property for Section 179 includes both new and used equipment, breeding livestock and single purpose agricultural structures such as grain bins. Property acquired from a related party and most rental property does not qualify.

Bonus depreciation (also called Special depreciation allowance) is the other substantial accelerated depreciation provision that was changed in December of 2015. Bonus depreciation allows for a write off of 50% of the cost of new qualifying property. Unlike section 179, Bonus depreciation has no dollar limit. Bonus depreciation is for qualifying business property with a depreciation life of 20 years or less. In addition to the property that qualifies for section 179, bonus depreciation applies to longer lived assets such as barns and agricultural shop buildings. Bonus depreciation also applies to equipment used in rental activities.

Bonus depreciation is the default provision in the Tax Code, meaning that it automatically applies unless the taxpayer elects out of the provision with a statement on the tax return. Unlike section 179, which was made permanent, bonus depreciation is scheduled to be phased out. For 2016, and 2017 there is a 50% bonus depreciation allowance, for 2018 there is a 40% bonus depreciation allowance, for 2019 the allowance is 30%. No bonus

depreciation allowance is allowed for years after 2019.

Depreciation deductions are claimed in the following order. Section 179 deduction is taken first, then Bonus depreciation, and finally regular depreciation. There is no double dipping in depreciation, if a deduction is taken for either Bonus depreciation or Section 179 write off, the cost basis is reduced for calculating regular depreciation.

Depreciation is a timing deduction, it can be deducted sooner (in the year of acquisition) or deducted in later years but the total amount of the deduction is the same. To maximize depreciation Section 179 is taken on used property first, because used property is not eligible for Bonus depreciation, and then Bonus depreciation is claimed on new property that was not written off as Section 179 property.

Maximizing depreciation has benefit in tax deductions but is not always the best course of action. Taking depreciation deductions to the point of lowering net income to zero results in squandering standard deductions, personal exemptions and the lower tax brackets. If equipment purchases are financed, writing off the acquisition cost in the first year leaves no depreciation deduction for the remaining years that the loan payments are being made. Most of the time we find that using accelerated depreciation deductions to level out spikes in income is beneficial, rather than attempting to avoid all tax liability.

Two Nov. 8 ballot measure tackle workplace questions

By Maricarrol Kueter
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Two measures on the 2016 ballot would enact workplace changes in South Dakota.

Referred Law 20 asks voters to decide if a law setting a lower minimum wage for workers under 18 than for adults should go into effect.

Initiated Measure 23 would allow labor unions to charge fees to non-members for the work they provide in negotiating contracts and handling other services.

In November 2014, South Dakota voters approved raising the state's minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour.

A few months later, the state legislature voted to set a lower minimum wage - \$7.50 an hour - for workers under 18. Opponents of that move petitioned to refer the matter to the state's voters.

In approving the youth wage, some legislators argued that authorizing a separate wage scale would help small businesses by permitting them to offer a lower training wage to young workers who don't have extensive experience.

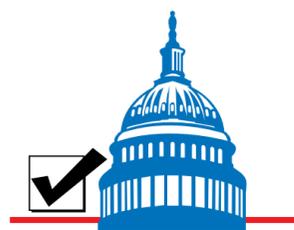
In addition, if all workers earned the same wage, employers would be more likely to hire adults, lessening the opportunities for teens to enter the workforce, they said.

But those behind the referral say the legislature disrespected the will of voters in tinkering with the minimum wage.

"Proposing and voting for a lower minimum wage...undermines the will of voters and disrespects our state's long-honored process of direct democracy," said Augustana College economics professor Reynold Nesiba in an email.

Nesiba said a higher minimum wage has not negatively affected the economy as some had warned. The labor market in South Dakota has continued to grow even with the minimum wage hike, he said.

INITIATED MEASURE 23 - Giving certain organizations



South Dakota 2016 Ballot Issues

Referred Law 20
(Youth Minimum Wage)

Initiated Measure 23
(Organization Fees)



the right to charge fees

The words "labor unions" do not appear in the text of Initiated Measure 23. It says only that the proposed law would give "certain organizations the right to charge fees."

But proponents, who are also labor union representatives, say the government should not be able to force any organization - including unions - to provide services for free.

Jason George, an official with the International Union of Operating Engineers, said currently people who work in a business that has a union contract can decide not to pay union dues or fees. They still get the benefits of the contract, under federal law.

"Think about it this way," he said in an email. "Many people belong to a health club where they pay a monthly fee to be a member of the club. If someone decides not to pay the fee, eventually, they are barred from using the services of the club. That's the way commerce works. You get something, you have to pay for it."

Unions, he said, can't prevent

someone from using their services. South Dakota is a right-to-work state, meaning you cannot be required to join a union in order to be hired for a job.

But, George said, the initiated measure would allow unions to charge what are called "fair-share fees," an amount less than the cost of a full union membership, to non-members who work in firms with union contracts. The amount of that fee would be determined by calculating the percentage of union members' dues that are spent on the negotiation and enforcement of contracts.

"I would hope that South Dakotans, even if they don't like unions, would agree that everyone should be treated fairly," said George.

Opponents say the initiated measure goes against the intent of the right-to-work provisions of the state constitution.

"Right-to-work addresses being forced to join a union," said David Owen, president of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in an email. "The payment of a fee without a membership versus being required to join the union is a distinction without a difference."

Owen said unions could instead choose to negotiate contracts only for their members and "leave non-members to negotiate their own wages and benefits."

In addition, the vague wording of the initiative is confusing and could end up in court challenges, he said.

"People choose not to belong to unions for their own reasons. Forcing them to pay money to the unions hasn't been legal since the '70s and would render the right-to-work system meaningless," Owen said.

Ten questions are on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. You can learn more about the various ballot questions at the S.D. Secretary of State's website.




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Little Pasture on the Prairie

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After the Great Coon Massacre of 2013, I was left with just one chicken, Periwinkle. When I moved to the ranch I brought her with me, and we acquired two companions to keep her company – Mike, the oldest hen in Perkins County, and Kitty 2, so named because she was a dead ringer for Peri's deceased best friend, Kitty. Mike has since passed on, and so, sadly has Peri, but Kitty 2 remains.

If you are a regular reader of this column, you know more chickens have joined our flock in the ensuing years, and for awhile I still named all new chickens, though it got harder to tell them apart. The two Barred Rock hens are the Cocos, the Buff Orpington is Red Molly, the Araucana is Calico (Callie for short) the Leghorn is Pippa, but the two black Australorps are just called the black Australorps. And last April, on Good Friday to be exact, I brought home three California Whites, Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cotton Tail, and I have no idea who is who.

Kitty 2, on the other hand, is and always has been, quite memorable. She is a smallish hen with mud brown feathers, but her personality belies her diminutive appearance. From the first, Kitty 2 was The Queen of the Flock. As the other chickens arrived, one by one, Kitty 2 put them in their place.

Until our first rooster, Fancy Pants, came of age, that is. Fancy Pants arrived in a shipment of mail order chicks, and he was so tiny and delicate I worried he wouldn't survive the rough and tumble jostling of his sisters. He was also slow to grow. He didn't lose his baby fluff until a month after everyone else. Once they stopped growing, however, he kept right on, until he towered over the rest of the flock, and I never saw how it was accomplished, but Fancy Pants eventually dethroned Kitty 2 to become head honcho. Unfortunately for us (and ultimately for Fancy Pants) he was mean. After literally scaring a visitor out of her shoes while chasing her across the yard, it was decided he had to go. We did not go rooster-less for long though, because a small brood hatched in the last days of Fancy Pants's reign. All last winter we watched those chicks grow, wondering how many would turn out to be male.

As fate would have it, there was just one. He started out a pearly gray, just like Fancy Pants, with a smattering of the fluffy leg feathers that had been Fancy Pants' namesake. But as he matured, orange and gold hackle feathers sprouted around his neck, and his tail feathers came in a dark, iridescent green. With this new orna-

mentation, he took on the manners of a dandy, bowing to the ladies and preening more than seemed necessary, his bright, shiny head visible peering above the rest.

Meanwhile, once Fancy Pants was no longer in the picture, Kitty 2 reasserted her dominance with a vengeance. No hen was safe from her wrath, and she was brutal to anybody who didn't claw the line. We often spotted her wildly plucking feathers from the heads of those in the wrong place at the wrong time, just to prove a point. She was especially tough on the new rooster-in-training. After losing her authority to his father, she was not about to let it happen again, and she was merciless in her assaults. Thus, Fancy Pants's son grew up unable to call his soul his own, and I can't say we are sorry about it. To this day, he is about the most un-roostery rooster you'll ever meet, scared of his own shadow and everything else. For example, we worried at first about the baby being around the flock, but though that rooster is still a good deal taller than the Bean, he runs away squawking whenever the Bean approaches. He has learned fierce things come in small packages. He is, however, quite prolific (his 40 or so babies prove that point) so I would assert he is enjoying a pretty fulfilling existence anyway.

I am not so sure we can say the same for Kitty 2. She is currently molting, and while she was never a particularly pretty chicken, she is downright homely now. She is

also getting older. All around her the chicks born this summer are sprouting up, so Kitty 2 must spend a great deal of time and energy reminding them she is the boss. All in all, she is neither an appealing figure, nor an enviable one.

JFK wrote in 1964 "When power leads man towards arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations. When power narrows the areas of man's concern, poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity of his existence." Chickens don't read poetry, or I would be tempted to pass that advice on to Kitty 2. But we can read poetry, and in this season of power struggles, being reminded of the 'richness and diversity of our experience,' can only aid us as we move forward. We are all in this coop together, after all. So here are a few lines poetry for you, from the poet and farmer Wendell Berry: "When despair grows in me...I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds...For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free."

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Raising versus buying herd replacement heifers

Given the current cattle markets, cattle producers have a bit more to consider when deciding whether or not to raise or buy replacement heifers.

"Some extra homework needs to be done this year to ensure profitability, explains Taylor Grussing, SDSU Extension cow/calf field specialist. "With the forecast for low cattle and crop prices to continue for one year or more, taking time to compare the advantages and disadvantages of raising replacements versus buying bred heifers might be extra valuable this year."

Depending on the operation and number of heifers needed as replacements, Grussing said there may be more benefit to an operation this year to purchase bred heifers instead of raising their own.

Factors to consider when making your 2016-2017 replacement heifer plans:

Make a Budget: Determine the cost of raising replacement heifers from weaning, through first pregnancy check. "Total investment per heifer changes based on the inputs of individual operations, but this is a good place to start when contemplating buying versus raising," Grussing said.

Begin by calculating the cost of raising heifer calves from birth to weaning and then estimate the costs for the duration of her development from weaning to pregnancy check.

Are you raising enough heifers?

Compare the costs related to raising 15 versus 100 head of replacement heifers.

"Utilizing a budget can help identify the costs per head," Grussing explained. "Costs per head decrease when a greater number of heifers are raised."

If it is not economical to raise heifers, Grussing said producers could consider:

- Purchasing bred heifers or;
- Finding a custom heifer development operation to grow and breed heifers in a larger group at less cost.

Outsourcing: Time, Resources and Quality Considerations

Not only does group size change the cost of heifer development, but producers should also consider factors such as their current skill set, experience, resources, technology, time, farming schedule, etc.

Some of these factors are difficult to place value on, and thus are unaccounted for in a budget.

"Placing a value on time, resources and quality will change based on operational goals and ultimately needs to lead to a heifer that improves the cowherd," she said.

Grussing outlined the following questions to aid in the decision-making process:

• Will the home raised heifer be of equal or greater quality as the purchased bred heifer?

• What would it cost and how much time would it take to implement new skills or resources to

produce the same or better heifers in-house (i.e. AI, facilities, feed)?

• Could time and resources involved in developing heifers be re-allocated to improve other enterprises in the operation?

Raising vs. Buying

"By using current reported prices of bred heifers, both scenarios show it is more economical to purchase bred heifers in 2016 than raise them," Grussing said.

"Still, if feed resources are available, the opportunity may be there to purchase additional bred heifers at a relatively low cost and aid cowherd expansion of the operation," Grussing said.

Grussing added. "Choosing to sell weaned heifers and buying bred heifers that will have returns from calves in six versus 24 months, would help if cash flow is needed sooner than later, especially given the narrow breakeven in the market right now."

When making these management decisions always consult with a support team comprised of family, friends, financial advisors, herd advisors, veterinarian, and nutritionist or extension specialists.

For more information on heifer development, contact Grussing at taylor.grussing@sdstate.edu or 605-995-7378.

For assistance with a budget, contact a SDSU Extension livestock business management field specialist. A complete listing can be found at www.iGrow.org.

Rusche named SDSU beef feedlot management associate

A fourth generation Kingsbury County cattle producer, Warren Rusche, sees growth opportunities for South Dakota cattle producers to feed beef cattle in state. As the new South Dakota State University Extension beef feedlot management associate he hopes to help make this possible.



"Some of the best cattle genetics in the nation come out of South Dakota herds. There is a lot of room for growth in cattle feeding in South Dakota," Rusche explained. "Instead of shipping cattle out of state for someone else to finish, I'd like to encourage South Dakota producers to add value to our calf crop here."

Serving as an SDSU Extension cow/calf field specialist since 2011, Rusche has built relationships with cattle producers across the state and clearly understands the challenges and opportunities these producers face.

"Warren is an excellent fit for this position because he has extensive experience as a cow/calf producer and cattle feeder, as well as an SDSU Extension field specialist. He understands what our stakeholders are dealing with and can provide them with the research-based information they need to succeed," said Alvaro Garcia, SDSU Extension agriculture and natural resources program director and professor.

In this position, Rusche will focus his outreach and research on cattle backgrounders and feeders throughout the state. "I am excited about this focus and will work directly with cattle producers, serving as the bridge to provide them with research data they can put to use in their operations to improve the bottom line," Rusche said.

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Friday, Nov. 4: Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Corn, Fruit.

Monday, Nov. 7: Pork Fritter, Squash, Harvard Beets, Corn Muffin, Fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Finger Steaks, French Fries, Cauliflower, Fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: Sloppy Joe, Macaroni Salad, Green Beans, Fruit.

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News from

M.R. & Barbara Hansen

Hello from Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. Actually, now to be politically correct and to not appear sexist, they call it the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection which I think is even worse than the first moniker. At one time, Philadelphia was the largest city in the United States of America and was our capital from 1790 to 1800 after which it moved to Washington, D.C.

I did it! I ran up the steps at the Philadelphia Art Museum just like Rocky. It was kind of a test of my new metal knee. Actually, it is not that hard because there are several landings to walk on and you can run up the steps one at a time. Barbara took my photo with Asher by the statue of Rocky.

We did see statues of other famous people such as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and George Washington signing such things as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Articles of Confederation. We visited historic places such as the

Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and City Tavern where those guys tipped a few.

Edgar Allen Poe lived for a while in Philadelphia and we visited his home, now a national park. Many of you will recognize the beginning of this famous poem: "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary, Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore — While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping, As of someone gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door..." Poe was a real poet who could make things rhyme and tell a story. Wannabe poets such as Maya Angealou should study his work.

Regarding concrete, the latest invention is 3-D printing of concrete houses. All you need is a computer, a huge printer, and a pen that puts out a stream of concrete about six inches square. The only challenge is to get the steel reinforcing bars in the right place.

The Reading Market is an amazing place featuring all kinds of eating stalls such as Indian, Thai, Cajun and Amish food, fruit and vegetable stands, souvenir shops and meat markets.

Anyway, regarding Philadelphia, you should go there once to see the historical places. For a few years Philly, as they call it, was the patriotic center of the U.S.A. Otherwise, this is a typical ugly big city; too many people, too much traffic, too noisy, congested, dirty, etc. Do not come here. Dakota is better, even North Dakota.

I am sorry to miss the excitement around Philip, such as the grand opening of the A&W, the Sale Barn Café, the Pit Stop and a latte at ginny's. I am homesick. This place only has MSNBC and no Fox News. The election will soon be over and then what will we talk about?

In Philadelphia, Holly attended the Society of Women Engineers

(SWE) annual conference with about 10,000 people attending. She attended many of the technical sessions and a career fair with 300 companies such as Dow Chemical, Cargill, Garmin (GPS) and the Navy Civilian Corps who were there to recruit for jobs.

Tuesday, my niece, Kris Kaminski, and her two daughters, Ava and Libby, drove over from Toms River, N.J., to visit us for the day. We took a walk along the Delaware River and walked down Elfreth's Alley, a narrow cobblestone street and the oldest residential street in America dating to its beginning in 1702.

Later, we went to the City Tavern, a favorite meeting place of our Founding Fathers and is the oldest tavern in America. Kris had always wanted to go there and have their famous pot pies, so we got a big one and all shared. It was a tasty homemade pie with rich gravy and we ordered some beer samplers. We were experiencing colonial America firsthand. Later, Holly and Asher, who had been visiting national parks, joined us and we had a second go round. The waitresses were dressed in bonnets, long aprons, and the other garb in style of early America. It was fun to see the cousins having such a merry time in this historic city.

Later, while M.R. and Holly were attending their respective conferences, Asher and I went to the Masonic Temple, an ornate stone building that took up about two city blocks. The guide told us their motto is to make good men better.

Several Founding Fathers were Masons including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock. There were symbols throughout the tour, including the Eye of Providence surrounded by the level and compass. I asked about their secret society and the guide said any secrets that there ever were have already been out for several hundred years. He jok-

Sandstrom retires



Courtesy Photo

Jim Sandstrom will retire from Scotchman Industries, Inc., Thursday, Nov. 3. Sandstrom has been a valued member of Scotchman's engineering team for 27 years, with all 27 years in the engineering department. He has contributed greatly in their product design and special applications for the company's customer's needs. Sandstrom's vast product knowledge and many skills, along with his positive attitude and pleasant personality, will be greatly missed. Scotchman personnel wish him the best in his retirement. Sandstrom said he will fill up his time with hunting, fishing, small carpentry projects and spending time with his family. Jerry Kroetch, Scotchman chief executive officer, said that Scotchman was fortunate to have Jim for 27 years. Sandstrom will be sorely missed. The people at Scotchman wish Sandstrom well in his retirement. Shown is Sandstrom, left, being congratulated by Kroetch.

ingly said that if anyone asks them a question that they do not know, their response is, "It's a secret."

We later went to Macy's where we heard there is an organ recital held twice a day. As we walked in and to our good fortune, you could hear beautiful music wafting throughout the grand court area. On the second floor, a young man sat playing the organ, with its 28,000 pipes and first built for the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. This particular organ is considered the largest playing instrument in the world.

Speaking of beautiful music, earlier I had attended Old St. Joseph's Church downtown and was delighted to hear another organ playing beautiful music throughout the Mass. It sat in the upstairs choir loft at the back of the church where a choir sang around it. It reminded me of those beloved days at St. Anthony's in Hot Springs.

We left Philadelphia with a great sense of pride about what our country stands for and the vision, trust, and danger our Founding Fathers risked for us Americans. For example, after the constitution was written and signed, Ben Franklin walked out of the convention hall and a woman asked, "What have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it."

News from Loren Kiel

My first item for this week is one that received coverage in last week's issue of the Pioneer Review. (I know, I'm a second class reporter, oftentimes lagging a week behind in my reporting.) You have heard about news reporting having a 'spin' to it, especially during an election year. I have no intention of giving a one-sided politically-charged report, but I will give you 'my spin' concerning this event.

I attended the public meeting sponsored by the local AARP Chapter and held at the Bad River Senior Citizen's Center Monday night, Oct. 24, with South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley as a guest speaker. First, I want to thank the AARP organization for sponsoring this event and serving a soup supper with ice cream and cookies or bars for dessert. There were 30-plus folks attending the supper and meeting. Actually, Chairman Mike West, conducted a short AARP meeting prior to the supper, then introduced the guest speaker.

Attorney General Jackley gave further comments on the explanations from his office which will be a part of the ballot concerning proposed changes of South Dakota state government offered as constitutional amendments, initiated measures and referred law. In total, there are 10 of them. Copies of that which will appear on the

ballot were handed out as well as copies of the "South Dakota 2016 Ballot Questions" from the office of Shantel Krebs, the South Dakota secretary of state. (That publication gives commentary on the pros and cons of each proposed measure.) Jackley only expressed further comments concerning the explanations from his office and fielded questions and comments at the meeting. He made a point to say that he, though he is a Republican, he was not there to express his own political opinion. (He did mention that he is conservative, and supports limited government and keeping taxes under control. He was proud of South Dakota's record in maintaining a balanced budget without exorbitant taxes.) He said that much study and consideration took place with input from lawyers and others to determine how to best word the explanations on the ballot which had come from his office.

As did others, I visited briefly with Marty Jackley after the meeting. (Mike West had met him on previous occasions commenting to me that Marty is boss to his son, Pat West. As you may know, Pat is a supervisory special agent of the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation and is based in Rapid City.) Marty has a very impressive resume having received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City prior to getting his law degree from University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He grew up in Sturgis. He told me he graduated SDSM&T in 1992. Our son, Dan, was a mid-term EE graduate of the School of Mines in December of 1991. Not to any credit of my own, a number of the Kiel family men have graduated from the School of Mines beginning with my dad's youngest brother, Edward Kiel, in 1942, and my own brother, Marvin, in 1953. Since then, besides Dan, there are several Kiel cousins and Marvin's son, Rick, who name SDSM&T as their alma mater.

Ever since I became voting age, I have considered it important to vote and have made an effort to vote each time.

For many years, our voting precinct was at the Grindstone Hall. A time or two we had to plow snow to get there in November. I even was called upon once or twice to serve on the election board. My dad served in that capacity more than once. I guess that is no big deal.

There came a time when voting precincts were required to have a phone so as to phone in the results after ballot counting election night and before the ballot boxes were delivered to the courthouse the next day. There was never phone service at the hall, so our precinct was moved to the Alfalfa Valley schoolhouse. Briefly, John and Arnis Knutson opened up their home for our voting place during the school session. Finally, the voting districts were enlarged and we found ourselves coming to the community room in the Haakon County Courthouse to vote. Nothing changed for us when we moved to town. We are still in the same precinct.

Turning back to reporting regular social news. Monday, Oct. 24, Marie Lamm had guests stop in to see her during the noon elderly meal at the Senechal lobby. They were Vance Morairy, his wife, Anissa, and their two little boys, Donovan and Sullivan. They recently moved from Kearney, Neb., to Paola, Kan., which is a short distance south of Kansas City, Kan. Vance graduated with the PHS Class of '96. They spent the weekend home visiting at the Lloyd and Marianne Frein ranch. Most folks around here know that theirs is a family similar to the Brady bunch. With Lloyd and Marianne both having lost their former spouses, they found love

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and happiness again. In this case the larger family consists of Lloyd's daughter, Laura, and son, Jacob, and Marianne's sons, Tadd, Vance, Patrick, Ian, and daughter, Mikal. Ian, the youngest, graduated with the PHS Class of 2004, so Lloyd and Marianne have been empty nesters for some time now. As I went to the post office Wednesday, Oct. 26, to pick up my Pioneer Review and other mail, I found an unsolicited small paperback book (94 pages) in my box addressed to postal patron. It is entitled "National Sunday Law" and is authored by A. Jan Marcussen. I am guessing a number of you also received this book. I did a Google search and found out it was first published in 1983. On its title page is the claim of this being the 124th printing – 2016 with 41.3 million in print. As the title indicates, the author claims there is a movement to declare Sunday worship as a national law. The flaw in that concern is that it would be unconstitutional and the secular world which dominated the scene could not care less about such an issue. It is reported that Marcussen had formerly been a clergy of the Seventh Day Adventist. (I only scanned through the

pages of the book. Most of the information I am passing on is from my Google search.) The subject of the book continues as one man's interpretation of prophecies in the Bible concerning the Antichrist and warnings about those supporting him. Some wild accusations are made against the Roman Catholic Church, associating the office of the Pope with the number 666 attributed to Satan or the beast in the book of Revelation in our Bible. (In further examination of the book, I see the contrived formula is given on page 27 of the book.) Even though I am a Christian of the Lutheran persuasion, I know and respect many good Catholic Christians and I take offense to his claim. One website I visited listed Facebook-like reviews. Some supported the author's views and others were harshly critical. This copy I received will land in my file 13, which is the wastebasket and eventually the garbage dumpster. It is no Halloween joke! The Corner Pantry and the new A&W American Food restaurant opened for business Oct. 31. Though new construction had started in early May with footings, foundation, and super structure girders overtaking the landscape, the old business was not closed and

demolished until the first week in June. It took four more months to complete the new and much larger structure and stock it to be ready for business. The new self-service credit card friendly gas pumps are also up and running. It is a welcome new addition to the town of Philip. We congratulate them on the fine job. We hope it will be successful in attracting more business and be worthwhile the investment. The evening of Oct. 31 ushered in (Hallowed Eve) Halloween as all kinds of goblins, ghosts, witches, super heroes, and the like were out on the night prowling around from house to house and seeking treats in place of doing all sorts of tricks! We were well prepared with plenty of snack-sized candy bars. Likely the threat of 'tricks or treats' was not a genuine threat. However, I would not want my car windows to be soaped or the air let out of my car tires! Throughout the evening there were somewhere around 90 of them who came to our door. It was hard to keep track of the count as there was a steady stream of them. It is always enjoyable to greet them and ask their names and see their costumes. God Bless them all.

Obituaries

Marjorie Jeffords

Marjorie Jeffords, age 93, of Kadoka, S.D., died Nov. 1, 2016, at There's A Hart Assisted Living Facility in Rapid City. Survivors include one daughter, Beth Boersma and her husband, John, of Rapid City; one son,

Bradley Jeffords and his wife, Kathleen, of Clemmons, N.C.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; one sister, Wanda Swan, of Oklahoma. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Max Jeffords, on

March 24, 1993; two sons, Stanley and Steve Jeffords; and three brothers, Merle, Joyce and Donald "Ivan" Hamilton. Funeral services are pending with Rush Funeral Home of Kadoka.

Harvey Byrd

Harvey Byrd, age 57, of Kadoka, S.D., died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016, at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Kadoka City Auditorium in Kadoka (friends and family will be invited to share favorite memories during the service).

Harvey Todd Byrd was born June 5, 1959, in Martin. He lived in Martin until he was three, when his family moved to Kadoka in 1961.

He attended Kadoka Elementary and graduated from Kadoka High School in 1977. He worked at the H&H Café while still in middle school, clearing tables and running the till for Hellen Uhlir. One summer he helped put up hay at Clair Biting's place. In 1975, his dad started a business – Byrd Redi-Mix and Trucking. Harvey was 15 at the time and helped his dad with cement pouring and finishing in the summers, up until his dad's death in 2004.

Harvey attended college at Northern State University in Aberdeen between 1977-78, then transferred to Black Hills State University in Spearfish from 1978-80. In 1984, Harvey was united in marriage to Karen Smith on Nov. 17. During their nearly 32 years of married life, they were blessed with four children, Keena, Brook, Christian and Tessara.

Other jobs Harvey held during his life included register of deeds



for Jackson County, several Kadoka Area School District coaching positions with Kristi Baker, Michelle Mansfield, Laurie Prichard, Jean Holzkamp, Travis Thompson and Annette Vander-May (to name a few); and groundskeeper at Kadoka softball/baseball fields with his kids. Harvey was also a volunteer fireman with a host of community members.

Harvey's passions in life included anything with his family (including his canine grandchildren) basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, bowling, swimming and

camping. He enjoyed participating in sports and was a huge fan of Kadoka Area School District Kougars, the Green Bay Packers, and the Cincinnati Reds.

During the last years of Harvey's life after his Lewy Bodies Dementia diagnosis, Harvey worked for the KASD as a part-time custodian with Bonnie Madsen, Polly Brown and Brad Stone and later with Richard Ireland in food service. After "retiring," Harvey spent his time walking his dog, Bella, visiting with friends and neighbors, Rich Bendt, Tony Gould and Patrick Solon. He also enjoyed hard-core Farkle, playing with his mother, Cathy Stone, and his nieces, Emma, Anna and Andi.

Survivors include his wife, Karen, of Kadoka; four children, Keena and her husband, Dylan, of Kadoka, Brook and her husband, Jose, of Des Moines, Iowa, Tess of Kadoka, and Chris and his wife, Claire, of Kadoka; his mother, Deanna Byrd, of Kadoka; two sisters, Tammy Baye and her husband, Pat, of Box Elder, and Kristie Stone and her husband, Brad, of Kadoka; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Harvey was preceded in death by his father, Larry Byrd, on Nov. 30, 2003, and family friend, Gage McSpadden, on July 11, 2015.

Arrangements are with Rush Funeral Home of Kadoka.

Commercial, trailer, dealer 2017 plates

The South Dakota Motor Vehicle division is reissuing commercial, dealer and trailer license plates beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

The new commercial and trailer plates will be available through local county treasurer offices and electronically at all 10 self-service terminals (SSTs) throughout the state, or from the Motor Vehicle customer portal at <https://MySD-Cars.sd.gov>.

Trailers weighing less than 3,000 pounds will receive a six-inch license plate and trailers weighing 3,000 pounds and more will receive a 12-inch standard sized license plate.

Dealer plates included in the reissue are the standard dealer 77 plates, the commercial dealer 88 plates, auction dealer 99 plates, and manufactured home, trailer and motorcycle dealer plates. Dealer plates will continue to be obtained through the Motor Vehicle Division's online dealer system or at the county treasurer office. New for 2017, the dealer plate number will be the dealer license number.

"With the last reissue of com-

mercial, trailer and dealer plates taking place in 2007, it is time to replace the old design and number sequence on the road for better readability and enforcement," said Lisa Weyer, director of the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle division. "Approximately 375,000 plates will be included in the 2017 reissue."

Owners of commercial, dealer and trailer license plates with a

January 2017 renewal will receive their annual registration renewal notice next month, and can renew their license plates up to 180 days in advance of their registration expiration. The new license plate designs will not be available until Jan. 1.

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Fr. Gary Oreshoski

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Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., 10:15 at Philip Nursing Home
Friday Mass: 8:30 a.m.

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Midland – 859-2664 or 843-2544
Fr. Gary Oreshoski
Saturday Mass: 7:00 p.m.
(Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.)
Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
(Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.)
Confession: Before Mass

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Milesville – 859-2664
Fr. Gary Oreshoski
Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
(Feb-April-June-Oct-Dec)
Sunday Mass: 7:30 a.m. (August)
Saturday Mass: 7:30 p.m.

(Jan-March-May-July-Sept-Nov)
Confession: Before Mass
Monday Mass: 5:30 p.m.

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Pastor Kathy Chesney • 859-2310
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Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.

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859-2336 • Philip
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Bible Study: 2nd Thurs. 1:30 p.m.
at the Senechal Apts. lobby
Release Time: Wed., 2:15 p.m.
Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Midland – 843-2538
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Ruth Circle: 3rd Tues, 10:30 a.m.
Nowlin Circle: Last Wed, 9:00 a.m.
Rebecca Circle: Last Wed. at 7:00 p.m.
(Nov. thru Feb.); 6:30 p.m. (Mar. - Oct.)

DEEP CREEK LUTHERAN
Moenville – 843-2538
Sunday Worship: 7:00 p.m. (CT)

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Long Valley
Sunday Worship: 6:30 p.m.

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(605) 669-2406 • Murdo
Pastor Ray Greenseth
Sunday Worship Services: 1:00 p.m.

OPEN BIBLE CHURCH, MIDLAND
Pastor Walter Switzer
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study: Wed. at 7:30 p.m.
Women's Ministries: 2nd Thurs., 1:30

Wed. Night Prayer & Bible Study: 7 pm
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Pastor Gary Wahl – Philip, 859-2841
Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Services – 10:30 a.m.
Last Sunday of the month – potluck dinner following church services
Last Monday of the month – Evangelical Ladies Service/ Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.
Children's Church: 8:30 a.m.
Ladies' Aid - 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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ANCIENT WISDOM FOR MODERN LIFE

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17 (KJV)

Do you respect your church leaders? Do you listen to what they say and put your trust in them? If you are a believer, you do. You know they are looking out for you spiritually and pray for them earnestly so that they will never lead you astray.

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It's Halloween night on this Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, a night when kids are all excited about being dressed in costumes going door to door calling out, "Trick or Treat." With temperatures being rather warm today, I'm thinking the kids won't have to wear coats over their costumes tonight, which is kind of nice. It is so much fun seeing those younger ones dressed in costume and guessing who they are. The Midland American Legion Auxiliary ladies had a fun time for the kids at the Legion Hall tonight with games to play, treats and pizza before heading out going door to door. Oftentimes, moms are dressed in costume, too, when coming through the Legion doors. We really do have a large number of active young families in and around Midland who get involved, which is such a nice thing, making for a most enjoyable, fun time. It's nice to see!

I have a decorative sign I bought with the words, "Thankful For Simple Blessings." This would be one of those times, doesn't cost much, a break from school, work, and everyday life!

Reminder: American Legion and Auxiliary members regular meeting is Thursday evening, Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m. celebrating the auxiliary's birthday. Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 5:00 p.m. the auxiliary ladies will be serving the veterans soup supper at the Legion Hall, so make plans to attend.

Reminder: Christmas in Midland is Dec. 3 at the Midland Legion Hall, so mark your calendar for a day filled with Christmas spirit, beautifully decorated Christmas trees, and all the rest. This will be the 14th year for this event. So make plans to come enjoying a fun day in the hustle and bustle of Christmas. Be watching for updates as time draws closer.

Friday night was a combined birthday party and Halloween costume party at the beautiful new addition at Midland Food and Fuel, owned by Clint and Brenda Jensen. Jen Jones turns 40 Nov. 2, so her husband, Jeff,

brought a birthday cake for everyone to enjoy. Jeff and Jen were dressed in cute costumes at the party. She was a lady cop and Jeff was dressed in prison garb. There were a whole lot of neat couple costumes at the party with Shad Finn winner of the male costume, Vida Mohan, for women, and Derek and Aleesa Flom, couples winner. There was dancing, too! Reports are that it was a time of good, clean fun! To my way of thinking, that's the best kind. Happy birthday, Jen!

Wes and Carrie Mentele and family of Howard spent the weekend with her folks, Morrie and Barb Jones. Wes and Cole got in some bow and arrow hunting. Sounds like it wasn't a successful hunt, but that didn't stop them from enjoying their time. Morrie and Barb were in Wessinton Springs recently as their granddaughter, Piper Jones, had a volleyball game. Piper is a high school freshman and the daughter of Pat and Sandy Jones. Making it extra special, Piper and her team won the game.

Thursday, Prerry Saucerman headed for Rapid City for a school musical in which her grandson, Sawyer, who is in sixth grade, was in. He is the son of Tel and Ellie (Nemeč) Saucerman. Ellie and one-year-old Calum were there, as was Ellie's mom, Glenda Nemeč, Hill City. Glenda treated everyone to lunch following the musical. Heading for home, Prerry, came through Interior stopping for a visit with her sister, Clover. She then headed for Philip for a visit with her mom, Marlin Evans, and Marlin's sister, Asta Amiotte, both who live at Senechal Apartments. Friday, Alaetra Evans came for a visit with Clint and Perry Saucerman, spending the night wanting to learn of family history.

Saturday afternoon, Dustin and C.J. (Schofield) Vollmer had a birthday party for their son, Restin's, first birthday. Alaetra stopped in to say "Hi" before going to Philip for a visit with her grandmother, Marlin Evans. She spent the night and went to back

to Kyle the next day. Coming to the party were grandparents, Linda Schofield and Reuben and Pat Vollmer, Clint and Prerry Saucerman, Kristina (Schofield) Freeman and girls, Bridget (Vollmer) Schofield and kids, Pierre, and Carol (Schofield) Hunt.

Sunday, Prerry rode to Rapid City with Roy and Carol Hunt for Bella Volhken's 13th birthday party. Others there besides Bella and her family were Barry and Carol Wiechmann, Cori Carroll, Sheri Wiechmann, Tel and Ellie Saucerman and family, all of Rapid City, and Lance and Raquel Croell and kids, Sundance, Wyo.

Ernie and Laurel Nemeč spent Sunday through Thursday in Sioux Falls with grandsons, Kendall, a sophomore in high school and, Logan, who is in fifth grade. Their parents, Todd and Barb (Nemeč) Larson, were vacationing in Las Vegas. Hard to believe Todd and Barb have a sophomore in high school. Those years do fly by so quickly! Barb's twin sister, Becky Thompson, and her son, Josiah, Sioux Falls, are spending some time at the parental home of Ernie and Laurel. Josiah is in seventh grade and has been homeschooled for the past few years, so it works out having mom as his teacher. Becky's husband, Rob, has a new job in Minneapolis, Minn., so they are in the process of selling their home in Sioux Falls and making the move to Minnesota. Both looking forward to the move!

The Pioneer Club of Old Stanley County and the Midland Pioneer Museum met at the Senior Center in Midland Sunday with Glen Freeman, Kadoka, as guest speaker. There was a potluck meal for everyone to enjoy and a time of visiting.

Fall Harvest Festival and Pastor Appreciation was held at the Open Bible Church Sunday with a potluck meal, as well. Pastor Walter Switzer and his wife, Darcy, and family moved from Spearfish to Midland recently where he is pastor. His church

family enjoy them very much! Librarian of the Midland Community Library, Karel Reiman, enjoys them as well. They visit the library and check out books and videos. We're happy to have them in our little town of Midland.

Teresa Palmer went to Midland the evening of Oct. 24 to spend the night with her sister, Christine Niedan.

Early Tuesday morning, Keith Hunt, Christine Niedan and Shari Estep joined Teresa in going to Rapid as Teresa had a doctor's appointment. They made their usual stop at Wall Drug to pick up some of their delicious doughnuts. Shari had a chance to visit with her friend, Stacy Daly, who has been a part of the establishment working there for several years. Upon arriving in Rapid, Keith dropped off Chris and Teresa at the Heart Clinic and he and Shari continued on to go and surprise Aunt Anna (Hunt) Dick. Anna had not seen Shari for around 50 years and since she lives on the road to the airport, their plan worked out great! After a nice visit, Keith delivered Shari to the Rapid City Regional Airport, Shari was flying home to Austin, Texas, after visiting with relatives and friends for a week. Keith returned to pick up Chris and Teresa. After lunch and some other business, they too went to visit Anna wishing her a happy 90th birthday! A special treat of lefsa was given to Anna as she does like it very much! The group returned to Midland and Teresa continued on home to Murdo that night.

Marcie Schmidt picked up Teresa Palmer Wednesday, Oct. 26, and the gals enjoyed taking in the Murdo bazaar at the Methodist church. Teresa reports it was a nice evening of visiting and partaking of a delicious meal!

Jenna Finn, Katie Sammons, Kristin Martin and Bri Jones are nearing the finishing mark in their classes with Annie's Project. Classes in farm and ranch life, giving them more insight into rural living and a better understanding of just what their husbands are talking about in life on the farm/ranch. A win-win for both husband and wife!

Cassidy Trapp came home Wednesday, Oct. 19, to help with

and enjoy the lutefisk supper at Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland. She returned to Rapid City late Thursday morning due to heavy fog conditions.

Baxter Schremp, Dupree, and Zak Sinkey, Midland, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Jerry and Joy Jones.

Audrey Jones substituted at the Ft. Pierre high school Oct. 27.

Grandma Joy Jones enjoyed a day with little Erica, daughter of Cody and Audrey Jones. Little Erica is a real cutie, with the sweetest little eyes. Cassidy Trapp came to Midland Oct. 26 to help family with gathering cattle and working calves, getting them ready to take to the sale Friday. Her brother, Chauncey, was home from Brookings, where he attends college at SDSU, to attend the cattle sale and help work cattle Saturday. Chauncey is helping a corn farmer near Brookings harvest his corn when time allows.

Wyatt Trapp was home from Watertown Vo-Tech for the weekend, having almost as much repair work while at home as he does in school.

It is 5:30 on this Tuesday morning, with Halloween of 2016 now but a memory! It was a perfect night for trick or treat. The strong winds throughout the day, tearing leaves from the trees, blowing them hither and yonder, had ceased, with a full moon the only thing missing on that Halloween night. Lisa, our neighbor across the street, does enjoy Halloween, making for a Halloween scene at their place in this little town of Midland.

Our daughter-in-law, Stephanie, and little Laura, Mitchell, came for the weekend and helped me bag up the Halloween treats. We made up 60 bags and that night I made up 14 more. When all was said and done, we had 68 little munchkins come to our door.

Jenna Finn and little Emma came knocking at our door dressed in matching outfits of old blue jeans, shirts and straw hats, looking as if they had just finished off a day at the farm. It was adorable! I do enjoy the little ones, they are just so cute and so excited! And making the night extra special was how thoughtful, polite and kind, each of them were. That's nice to see in this day and age, at any time for that matter. It says a lot about the parents who are raising them. As the night was coming to a close, Lisa came across the street and we talked of what a nice Halloween it was, when a car pulled up and Cassidy came up with a paper of news from Grandma Joy for my news column. As the three of us stood there visiting and how things were going at school, Cassidy mentioned next school year 2017, is going to be a busy time of graduations in the Trapp family. Cassidy is studying to be a civil engineer, taking some master classes along with what she has left from her regular classes at School of Mines in Rapid City. Chauncey will graduate from

SDSU in Brookings, Wyatt from Vo-Tech in Watertown and Emily a graduating senior from T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre. Grandma Joy is thinking she better start putting money in her piggy bank - that's a lot of grandkids graduating in the same year, from different towns and from different schools.

I gave cousin Christine Niedan a call this Tuesday morning to see how the Auxiliary Halloween party at the Legion Hall went. She reported really good. They had right around 70 kids signed up, but then you factor in kids too old for trick and treat who stopped in for pizza and the parents, grandparents, some aunts and uncles and it made for a whole lot of folks having a fun evening on the night of Halloween. Christine reported she had 73 kids come to her house. It was a beautiful night with kids coming out in groups of two or three, five or six, eight, ten or more. I like that, makes it more fun. As many of you know, Christine taught school in Midland for a good many years. They called her Miss. N. and though growing older many of them enjoyed stopping at her house on Halloween night calling out trick or treat. She enjoyed seeing those kids. That's one of the nice things about smaller schools.

I happened to see Julie Daly at the post office and asked about her dad, Bruce Kroetch. With a big smile she reports he is doing good and that he and Julie's mom, Linda, are so very happy to be home. All are very happy to learn the stem cell transplant seems to be working. There will be check-ups off and on, but for this moment in time, all are thankful to have mom and dad and grandpa and grandma home. Praying for continued healing, Bruce!

Some of the black walnuts continue to stubbornly hang onto the tree, but their day is coming. It's getting closer. Looking at my to-do list, it's good to see most all are crossed off, that's a very good thing. After sending off my news last week, I got things put together for cleaning the car, inside and out. With the bugs plastered on the front of the car and grill causing it to be a bit slimy, as there were a lot of them. We do take our car through the carwash every once in a while, but they don't take off bugs. The next day, Keith Hunt and myself went to work on the pickup front taking off the bugs, while I worked on cleaning the inside of the pickup. That takes a good amount of time for you clean the dash, all around the door's edge, inside and out, the mats, etc. It was a three-hour project for the two us, but boy does it look nice. Deer, beware, and don't get anywhere close to that vehicle, okay? I'm certain they got the message. In truth, I couldn't but think of folks who live on country roads, washing your car or pickup would be a hopeless job, to be sure. Windows in the house are left, but I'm taking a break for a time, as there are things that need doing in the house. Always is! We much appreciate your help from Keith. With Jerry's legs not fully healed, he just can't do some of those jobs, so does his share in the country. Sometimes they become more stressful than is comfortable.

Our granddaughter, Beth (Nemeč) Gori, and her husband, Mark Gori, came from San Francisco to spend some time with Beth's parents, Jim and Carmen Nemeč, and doing some touring in the Black Hills. Jim and Carmen and others who were a part of the walking tour were all ready to sit for a while. Stephanie and Laura came to our house Friday evening, Christopher unable to go because of volleyball, parents' night and all the rest.

Steve and April Meeker came from Spearfish for a get-together for Beth and her husband, Joey. It was held at the Education Room at the Presbyterian church in Belvidere. Beth and Joey had a small wedding in California, this get-together gave folks a chance to meet Joey. They had their book of wedding pictures which were nice to see, kind of took my breath away. Beth truly is a beautiful bride and Joey has a face you can't help but love. Beth and Joey had not seen Steve and April's nice, new home. So when in Belle Fourche, the two of them and Carmen went for a walk thru. Carmen had seen it, but wanted to see it again. They loved the house, we all do! Sunday, Beth and Joey flew out of the Rapid City airport to California. It was a good time and nice to see everyone again. There was a good amount of family on Carmen's side, as well. Time to close for another week! Have a good week and continue to pray for God's hand in this election!



The children of Jack & LaVona Kirkpatrick invite you to an Open House in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, November 5, 2016 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. CT at the Hayes Hall Hayes, SD



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HCYW's Trick or Trot 5K



The third annual Haakon County Young Women's Trick or Trot five-kilometer run/walk was held Sunday, Oct. 30. There was a fun one-kilometer run for kids before the timed 5K. Both groups wore costumes in order to add to the merriment. Costume winners included Shay Weber's superhero as the cutest boy, Maya Simons' fox as the cutest girl. Dillon Kjerstad was the most creative. The best couple were Craig and Heidi Burns. The best group was Amber and Josie Rush. The scariest was Mike Vetter's skeleton. The fastest males to cross the finish line were Vetter (20:12), Ethan Ferguson (21:39), Dillon Kjerstad (22:41) and Layton Terkildsen (24:10). The fastest females were Quinn Terkildsen (25:12), Rehgan Larson (25:17, Presley Terkildsen (25:33) and Drew Terkildsen (25:34).



Shay Weber



Get on your mark, get set ... GO!



Mike Vetter and Craig Burns

Highway patrol graduation

Eight recruits officially joined the South Dakota Highway Patrol during a graduation ceremony, Oct. 28, in the Capitol Rotunda in Pierre.

Recruit Class 58 consists of six men and two women. The recruits have completed eight months of training which included basic law enforcement training, attending the South Dakota Highway Patrol Recruit Academy and finally, field training. The period from initial application to graduation is about one year.

"We want to make sure those who become South Dakota Highway Patrol troopers are ready for any possible situation and that is why the training is so extensive," said Colonel Craig Price, superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol. "Those who graduated Friday have worked hard to get to this day and we want to celebrate the accomplishment with them."

The graduating recruits and their duty stations are Bryan Baloun, Murdo, Tori BJORKE, Salem, Scott Henderson, Lead-Deadwood, Jon Hughes, Milbank, Timea Metzger-Nelson, Sioux Falls, Christian Olson, Huron, Bryan Schultz, Beresford, and Adam Wiley, Watertown.

Governor Dennis Daugaard will speak at the ceremony, which starts at 10:00 a.m. At the end of graduation, the new troopers will receive their patrol cars which will be parked behind the state Capitol. Many of the graduates are scheduled to be on duty as early as Saturday, Oct. 29.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

South Dakota's Highway Patrol is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Betwixt Places

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Good morning from Kadoka, the cricket capital on the edge of the Badlands. My search to find where crickets are coming in has been ongoing. As of this writing, I am happy to report that the application of great stuff oozed into any possible crack or cranny inside and out Monday must have paid off. Only a minimal number have made their way into our entry/foyer, so I am excited that there has been progress made. My barrier of bug stop has halted their advance into the rest of the house, another positive aspect. Someday in the far distant future my application of great stuff around this place will make folks wonder. Maybe it will be considered an ancient find, like unearthing a pyramid in Egypt.

Monday, Tony Harty picked up his mail and made his usual phone calls. Tuesday was a repeat of the same, but he visited at our place briefly after picking up his mail.

Don Moody was kept busy Monday at the ranch moving equipment into sheds for the winter and worked in the shop tidying up areas that had been neglected as one vehicle was cleaned out and another one was used. He said he had a bedspread laid out with various items on it from one such cleaning and it was time to find homes for it all.

Wade, Jessica and Melodie McGruder were at the George Gittings' home Monday evening. Jessica made supper, which is always a treat. She made a lava cake that was really good.

Oh what you find when you open a door to an unoccupied house! Don Moody went to the old house in search of some things and ended up cleaning up a lot of flies that were scattered about the floor Tuesday. He said every time he would open a box or drawer in search of an item it would take a lot longer than expected because there would be things to read or sift through and lots of trips down memory lane were taken while he searched.

Around our place, Bill watches too many of those shows where they are fixing up old cars. Tuesday morning, we had the 1962 Thunderbird suspended in the air with the front wheels on ramps and the back under a jack with jack stands in place. In order to get it on the ramps, I put the Skid Steer bucket down to hold them solid while he drove up on them,

seemed like a better idea than jacking the car up and sliding them under. Next it was install a cruise control, as if keeping his foot on the gas pedal was too difficult for the trip to and from Philip! At any rate that was our morning

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Betwixt Places

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project and I got pretty good sliding around on a creeper with him. He tried it out on the way to Philip in the afternoon, but something wasn't right. I tackled some of the leaves in the yard and hauled two little pickup loads to the dump with many more needing to be corralled.

Wednesday, Don Moody called the Stockgrowers and added his hay to that already donated hay for the ranchers suffering from the Cottonwood Fire. At this stage of the game, the hay is being recorded and will be distributed among those who lost so much.

Wednesday, Tony Harty had his

usual day and took a drive to Belvidere Thursday to see how the road project on I-90 was coming along. They are now working on getting the shoulders completed, so maybe before the snow flies that 10 miles of highway will be open. He picked up our mail that day and Friday was in the driveway reading the papers when we arrived home. He came in to finish reading and we played some farkel games.

Robin Gittings arrived home early Thursday morning from his visit in Iowa. He had feed to get delivered that day. George and Sandee Gittings were in Rapid City Thursday for an eye appointment for George. They met Roxie

Gittings for lunch, then spent the night with her to be on hand for two appointments for George Friday. They picked up Melodie McGruder on the way through Philip so she could spend the night.

Don Moody was busy figuring out how to get some things loaded from the old house and had to make a modification in the railing on the deck to get an exercise bike loaded in the pickup. He also had some dog kennels he loaded to take back to Rapid along with other things which took the better part of Thursday to get accomplished.

Thursday, Bill and I went to Rapid to take care of some business. I visited Phyllis Word at Fountain Springs Health Care while Bill waited in the car. They are remodeling at that facility and there is limited parking. As I was coming out of the building, a bus with a handicap ramp was parked by the door and I commented to the driver that it looked like he was missing the passengers. He said he was having some trouble with the ramp. I said I know about that problem, then he said, "You live north of Philip, a Fairchild aren't you?" I said no we live in Kadoka now and yes I was a Fairchild. He said he was Mike Bryant, former neighbor. It was a good thing he told me who he was and when I asked how he knew me. It had been about 30 years since I'd seen him, he said the voice was a dead giveaway! Bill and I went on to Deadwood for an overnight stay, not exactly Bill's idea of a fun time, but he humored me. We had a nice overnight stay and returned through the Black Hills after a buffet breakfast. We visited with Zack Seager and Cori Barber. Bill and Zack are still pondering on how to get a boat motor to work and Cori showed me a glimpse of the work she puts forth on clinicals while working toward her nursing degree. All I can say

is if the medical profession followed that blueprint she showed me there would never be a mistake in treating a patient. There was a lot of work put into writing down everything about the patient. Their yard was sporting a blow up motorcycle with a skeleton riding for the upcoming Halloween. Little Raiden was home and we got in some cuddle time, but he is a pretty busy boy so doesn't sit still too long.

As I picked up the newest "The Progressive Farmer" two articles caught my eye. One was about the pint-sized pitcher, Cash Owens, age 12, who is a full fledged auctioneer from Truman, Minn. He is a full time auctioneer at the family owned livestock auction barn. I thought of Piroutek Auction when I read that. The next article is one that could have a significant impact in the farm and ranch community called "Harvesting Tax Losses." With the low commodity prices in grain and livestock, this article is something that needs to be looked at seriously. The writer, Andy Biebl wrote, "I have written in the past about how the tax code contains special opportunities for farm tax returns that run in the red. With the ag economy continuing to suffer and with year-end tax planning coming up, it's time to take a deeper dive into utilizing these provisions."... "if a loss arises from a farming business, a special five-year carryback applies." For example, assume the 2016 1040 has \$40,000 of salary income and a \$240,000 Schedule F loss for a net negative of \$200,000. The loss carries back initially to the 2011 tax year, which for most producers, was a high-bracket year... if used to reduce the 2011 income from \$300,000 to \$100,000 ... generating perhaps a \$60,000 refund." It may be well to get this article and show it to your tax preparer so he can do some "what-ifs"

using the software to do that.

Friday afternoon with a pretty full pickup, Don Moody and the dogs headed to Rapid. He was on a mission to get there before closing time to pick up his Jeep that had the hail dents taken out. He made it! He said the jeep really looked great and he is happy to get it back.

Saturday, we had a great chance of some rain, but only ended up with a sprinkle, 3/100s in our gauge, but every little bit helps and one of the rancher's wives posted on Facebook that the burned out pastures were getting a green tinge showing from just that little rain. It was a cool day, so I baked cookies and banana bread to warm the house. Bill finely tuned on the cruise control before making a trip to Philip.

Saturday, Tony Harty went to the grocery store with a list and got things needed. It's always good to take a list so you don't forget what you really went for. He went to church Sunday then home, it was a quiet week. Tony called to visit with his niece, Kathy Brown, and found out her grandson, Lincoln Koehn's, football league team won their match and now goes on to the Super Bowl at the School of Mines.

Wade McGruder was at the George Gittings' home Saturday afternoon and had supper before taking Melodie home with him.

Saturday noon, Don Moody met friends, Michelle and Bob Almond, for lunch at the truck stop on the west side of Rapid.

Wade and Melodie McGruder were at the George Gittings' home Sunday afternoon and had supper. They were awaiting the arrival of Kinsey, Reanna, Kohen and Jace Gittings, Iowa, in the evening.

Sunday afternoon, Bob and Kathy Hamman, Wall, Ruth Anderson, Rapid, and Henry and Nellie Chapell, Gillette, Wyo.,

stopped for a visit with Ralph and Cathy Fiedler. They were in Sturgis to visit Henry's sister, Esther Chapell, at the nursing home. She was moved from Denver to Sturgis for rehab. She is doing well after her motorcycle accident this summer. Cathy said they had a nice week in Sturgis, with up and down temperatures. They had fog with some rain Friday night thru Saturday. Not a lot of moisture, but they will take any amount.

Sunday, Bill and I went to Philip to the little farm and put a piece of aluminum over a broken out window in the little cement block shed that gets used for storage. Darwin Hellekson came out and visited a bit and we talked about other windows that needed to be plugged with plywood that he hoped to get done. He said a couple of the house windows leaked air, especially the west bedroom one and the east picture window. We may have to try to fix them in the near future. We stopped for a visit with Digger (Russell) and Dorothy Hansen on the way home. Dorothy was telling about her favorite cleaning agent that consisted of 1/3 water, 1/3 vinegar and 1/3 Dawn soap and spray it in the shower and tub to get a sparkly clean surface in nothing flat. I will have to try that. The Lutheran church service was held at 4 p.m. with a young couple who were both pastors conducting the services with a lunch following. Bill visited Rick Groven in the afternoon

Don Moody made a trip to Deadwood Sunday, enjoying the drive through the Black Hills. He said there is a service station going in just as you leave I-90 by the Spearfish turn to Deadwood.

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Greetings from sunny, slightly breezy, cooler, dry northeast Haakon County! What a gorgeous day this is! Yesterday, Monday, started off pretty windy and turned plenty warm. Thank goodness the winds settled down by the time the little ghosts and goblins were making their rounds. This weather is certainly not typical for our part of the world at this time of year, but I'll take it, and I'll enjoy every minute.

News this week is going to be rather short and sweet. We've had company for the better part of two weeks, which has been wonderful. Our daughter, Lori, is still here visiting. Today is her birthday and it is so nice to be able to celebrate with her! Today is also neighbor David Hand's birthday, so happy birthday to both Lori and Dave!

News from the garden is good. The vegetable garden is all cleared off, but I haven't done any fall tillage yet. That will happen later this week. Some of the flowers are still blooming – one of the daylilies surprised me with blossoms this week. The fall asters and mums are still gorgeous. The begonias that are on my deck are still going strong. I have covered them only once when the weather was cooler and I'm so glad I did. It is wonderful to still be able to enjoy them.

Get well wishes this week to Cindy Malsam. She suffered a major heart attack over a week ago, received five stents and is now back home recuperating. She and her husband, Greg, live in Pierre, but years ago they lived in our area and worked for Marlin Scarborough. Hope her recovery continues to go well.

On to the news – Dick Hudson had cataract surgery in Rapid City last week and all went well. On the way home, they took a little side trip south of Cottonwood to tour the area burned in the recent Cottonwood Fire. Gene said it is hard to imagine the extent of the devastation. There are so many miles of fence that are ruined and the grass is gone. Mother Nature will provide grass again next year if we receive adequate moisture, but replacing the fences will be a huge project.

Saturday, Dick and Gene received a call saying that Dick's sister, Jean Keffler, had broken her hip. They went to Rapid City to visit her and they also got to see her children and at least one of her

grandchildren. Jean is recovering well, but she will be recuperating for a while.

Monday, Gene Hudson attended the Halloween party at Cheyenne School. Her grandson, Noah, is a student there and her daughter, Connie Johnson, is the teacher.

Lola Roseth and her sister, Linda Smith, attended an EMT conference in Brookings over the weekend. Lola said it was a great convention, as usual, with lots of new information to help the EMTs be better prepared for the situations they encounter. Kadoka won the Ambulance Service of the Year award – congratulations to them!

Duane Roseth and Larry Smith attended a birthday party for Larry's grandson, Ridge, over the weekend. Ridge is the son of Larry and Linda's daughter, Larianne, and she and her family live north of Box Elder.

Nels and Dorothy Paulson were in Pierre Wednesday. Dorothy had a check-up, and she and Nels got their flu shots. They also visited their friends, Dale and Myrna Hartmann, and Myrna is recovering pretty well from her recent foot surgery. Thursday was preg testing day at Paulson's place and Friday they sold calves. Sunday, their friend, Otis Funk, and his father, Stasch, came and helped dig the potato crop. Nels has an implement that lifts the potatoes out of the ground, then they manually pick up the potatoes. It is nice to have that job finished! Dorothy said the tomato plants have been pulled and the soil has been worked, so the garden is done for the year.

Billy and Arlyne Markwed continue to be busy with cattle sales. They had sales Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Billy is a fieldman for Philip Livestock and one of his duties is going to visit ranchers and seeing the cattle. Friday, Billy and Arlyne went to Kadoka so Billy could check out some cattle, then they went on to Rapid City and spent the night with their daughter, Kim, and her husband, Jeff Marso. Saturday, they went to Hot Springs to see some cattle, then returned home in time for church Saturday evening.

Frank and Shirley Halligan were in Rapid City Thursday and Friday of last week. They did some shopping and got to visit with Frank's brother. It was Shirley's birthday Friday, so belated happy birthday to her! Shirley returned home Friday evening. Saturday, their son, Murdock, and his family treated Shirley to birthday supper in Pierre. Shirley attended the Halloween party at Cheyenne School Monday.

Max and Joyce Jones are officially done with harvest! And just in time, too, as one of the trucks went kaput and is now being repaired. They were in Rapid City one day last week for consultation with Max's doctors in preparation for surgery next week. Saturday, Max and Joyce were in Pierre for a reception for the grand chapter officers of Eastern Star. Monday, Joyce attended the Halloween party at Cheyenne School.

Chase and Kelly Briggs have been busy with seasonal work. Chase helped work cattle at Neuhauser's one day last week. He has also been spreading manure – it is nice to have an opportunity to get some of the lots cleaned out. Kelly and the kids attended a party at Hayes Hall Sunday – it was a Fall Festival sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church, Deep Creek Church and Little Brown Church. There were carnival games, indoor trick or treating, and a cake walk. There was a large crowd – I didn't realize there were so many little kids in the area! Also, as a community involvement project, items were collected for Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center in Pierre. Kelly and children also attended the Halloween party at Cheyenne School, where there was also a large crowd of kids and adults alike. Monday evening, Chase and Kelly and kids visited some of the neighbors as they trick or treated.

Raymond and Nancy Neuhauser had a visit over the weekend from Nancy's daughter, Kathy. Nancy's great-granddaughter (Kathy's granddaughter) was confirmed Sunday. Otherwise, it has been usual activities for Ray and Nancy.

Clint and Laura Alleman and children took part in the Fall Festival at the Hayes Hall Sunday as well as the Halloween party at Cheyenne School Monday. There were so many cute costumes – the kids had a blast and so did the adults!

Clark and Carmen Alleman also attended the Fall Festival at the Hayes Hall Sunday. I hadn't seen Clark for a while – I think he enjoyed visiting and watching all the kids have fun. It was a well organized madhouse!

Bill and Polly Bruce went to the home of their daughter, Vicki, and her husband, Cody Koerner, near Mitchell Friday. It was the annual Bruce girls (plus Mom) weekend. Daughter Cathy Reiker, Nebraska, and Marcia Simon, Eagle Butte, were also there. The ladies did crafts, exchanged gifts, did some shopping and just generally had a good time. Bill kept Cody company and they went on a tour of the area.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Vince Bruce, Andy Bruce and Ted Schofield sold calves at Ft. Pierre. Son David arrived at the ranch Sunday night to be on hand to help with projects. Monday was preg checking day at the Bruce place and Polly fed the crew. Polly said she has a currant bush that has new branches and new leaves – it must be a bit confused!

Ed and Beth Briggs have been busy with multiple projects. They also attended the Fall Festival at Hayes as well as the Halloween party at Cheyenne School. Ed said somehow he got home with no candy! Ed said they recently had hunters from Ohio. They were hunting coyotes and prairie dogs. According to Ed, the prairie dogs have had a great year, which isn't necessarily good news. Can you believe those rodents were once on the threatened list? I can tell you that they are definitely threatened around these parts! Beth is heading to the White River area to

spend a couple of days with her parents this week.

Our week has been a blur. Cousin Dan and his wife, Barb Neuhauser, have been here visiting from their home in Olympia, Wash. They headed back west Monday morning. Last week, they went to Highmore and spent several hours visiting Aunt Ruth Neuhauser. Daughter Lori was at a conference in Denver last week, so she flew in to Pierre Thursday evening and is spending several days here before returning to her home in Virginia. Daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Caroline came Thursday also to spend a few days. Son-in-law Ross Tschetter arrived Saturday evening and our son, Scott, and nephew Lucas came Sunday morning. It was a wonderful madhouse! Lots of visiting, cooking, card playing, playing with grandkids, riding dirt bikes – just having fun. Jen, Ross and Caroline left Monday morning,

and Scott and Lucas left Monday afternoon. Lori will be flying back to the East Coast Wednesday. The guys have been busy working cattle, feeding cattle and other assorted tasks. Lori, Jennifer, Chelsea, Barb Neuhauser, Caroline, Maddie and I attended the Fall Festival in Hayes Sunday. Lori, granddaughter Maddie and I attended the Halloween party at Cheyenne School Monday. Maddie's mom, Chelsea, was in town for a dental appointment. I'm sure I've forgotten something, but that's okay.

This week, I am grateful for family. What a blessing they are! We are so fortunate to be able to see them often. I sure don't take them for granted!

Enjoy your week! It looks like we have more good weather ahead, at least in the near term.

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