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Grand River Roundup



BETTY OLSON

It was 85 degrees and dry outside when Reub went spraying weeds at Horse Creek on Monday so I watered all the gardens and flowerbeds while he was gone. The sheep snuck over the auto gate and when I saw Missy out there trying to get them back into the pasture, I ran out to help her and thankfully we got them back where they belonged. It was Casey's birthday that day and Taz and Amanda had all of us down to their house for supper, cake and ice cream that evening to celebrate.

There are lots of family birthdays in September, Sage's was on the 3rd and our granddaughter Kanon Olson, our great grandson Argus Hespe and our daughter-in-law Lorri Olson all had birthdays on September 12th.

I rode down to the church with Missy Tuesday afternoon for Ladies Aid with Bev Heier as hostess. Bev fed us delicious goodies after the meeting and we got home just about the same time that Reub got back from spraying weeds at Horse Creek.

I had a High Plains Western Heritage Center board meeting in Spearfish Wednesday morning and the fog was so heavy around Reva that I could hardly see the highway in front of me before I got through the Slim Buttes going south. It was a good thing I left early because after driving slow through the fog, when I got to Belle Fourche I had to stop for about 20 minutes because a train was blocking the highway and traffic through Belle Fourche. Thankfully, I got to the meeting right on time.

After the meeting Karla Scovall fed the board members and all the volunteers that help at the Heritage Center pizza for lunch and then had us stand together so she could take a picture of everyone. It was a sad trip home because when I turned on the radio I heard that Charlie Kirk was assassinated while he was speaking outdoors at a college in Utah. Charlie was a hero of mine and was killed at 31 years of age, leaving behind his beautiful wife and two young daughters.

Thursday, September 11th was the 24th anniversary of 9ll when thousands of people were killed when Islamic terrorists attacked New York City. Almost

everyone remembers where they were when that happened. I listened to all that was happening in New York City while I was driving to Sturgis to help our granddaughter Kanon Olson celebrate her birthday a day early and had to go to Rapid City first. Almost everything in Rapid City was closed when I stopped at Walmart and the lady who checked me out was crying. When I talked to her she said that her husband was in the Air Force and Ellsworth was closed and she didn't know if she would ever get back home because they lived on the airbase.

The corn choppers came down Thursday evening with a lot of equipment after they finished chopping corn for Bill Holt and Ron Jenson. They parked all the equipment down south of the place and came back Friday morning to chop all the corn in the field into a big pile. Reub was spraying weeds at Horse Creek while they were chopping corn and got home about 1:00 for lunch.

There were more deaths to report:

Tom Lewton's wife Melody (McLaughlin) Lewton, 73, passed away on August 27 in Denver, CO.

Duane Kaitfors, 76, formerly from Ralph, passed away in Ft. Myers, Florida on May 28.

Frederick E. "Fred" Holzkamm, 93, of Reeder, passed away on September 5th, at the Avantara Mountain View Care Center in Rapid City.

Joyce Yvonne Orwick, age 84, of Belle Fourche, passed away Wednesday, September

10. Reub and I attended Fred Holzkamm's funeral in Hettinger Saturday morning and visited with a lot of friends. Casey went up to help Jeremy Stadheim after the corn choppers packer broke down while they were chopping corn.

Sunday was a really busy day with the Sunday School Rally that morning at Slim Buttes Free Lutheran Church with church following with a potluck at noon. We left after lunch to stop at Prairie City for the 75th anniversary of Beckman Memorial Wesleyan Church before we went on to the Gideon meeting at Coal Springs Church south of Meadow Corner.

When I was a little kid growing up in Prairie City Pastor Fessenden was the pastor at Beckman Memorial and I used to play with his boys. His oldest son was a year older than me and his son Ron was a year younger than me. I was hoping to get to see Ron Fessenden again, but he wasn't able to come.

Rosebud News



TISS JOHNSON

ROSEBUD

Monday, Lynn Frey made a trip to Belle Fourche. Wednesday, Lynn attended the Bible Study Group supper and bible study at the parsonage of Christ Lutheran Church in Bison. Thursday, Lynn attended the monthly board meeting of Perkins County Rural Water.

Duane Warfield spent time Monday through Friday working on a truck at the Frey ranch. Lynn made a trip to Mobridge and Rockham, SD Friday and Saturday attended the Lemmon Junior Livestock sale.

Thursday afternoon, Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson drove to Dickinson and then on to Medora. They attended the pitchfork fondue and the musical. They spent the night, and Friday attended the Gospel Brunch. They returned to the north ranch Friday afternoon. Sunday, they were among those who attended the 90th birthday open house for Joe M. Friedt in Mott.

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Bridget Keller traveled to Sioux Falls Tuesday for her veterans' annual benefit school. She returned home Friday evening.

Christi Miller attended a Volleyball game in Lemmon Monday evening, in which Zabrina participated. Thursday, Christi attended a Volleyball game in Bison, in which Zabrina participated.

Patsy Miller made a trip to Scranton Monday. Jim and Patsy Miller made a trip Hettinger Tuesday. Patsy attended the Volleyball game in Bison Thursday evening. Friday afternoon they played cards in Hettinger.

MEADOW

Jerry and Carolyn Petik were among those who attended the Lemmon Junior Livestock Show Saturday.

Dick Edenstom, of Aberdeen was a Friday and Saturday guest of Jerry and Carolyn Petik.

HETTINGER

Elder Care Menu

Fri., Sept. 19: Beef stew, parmesan broccoli, mixed fruit cobbler, bread, milk.

Mon., Sept. 22: Tuna salad on bread, minestrone soup with crackers, Caesar salad with dressing, chilled pineapple, bread, milk.

Tues., Sept. 23: Chicken fried steak, potatoes with onion with cream gravy, broccoli with lemon butter, ambrosia, bread, milk.

Wed., Sept. 24: California cheeseburger, lettuce, onion, ketchup, spinach salad with dressing, stewed strawberries with rhubarb, bread, milk.

Thurs., Sept. 25: Turkey and dressing casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, almondine, cranberry velvet, bread,

Fri., Sept. 26:Turkey and swiss sandwich, lettuce, tomato, onion, tomato Florentine soup with crackers, broccoli salad, bread, milk.

Meals are served at Rusty's Burgers and Ice Cream. Suggested dona-tion for participants over 60 or for the disabled is \$5.00 per meal and under 60 is \$10.50 per meal. Call 701-456-1818 for more information.

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