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Bittersweet ‘Grandmother’ Will Bring Tears, Smiles

“My grandmother asked me to tell you ‘It’s not over’” by Fredrick Backman

BY TERREN BECHMEN

“I try to imagine what my beautiful grandmother would be doing if she were alive,” says Terren Bechmen of the time she spent with her grandmother. “I can almost hear her voice in my head, asking me to come and visit her again. She would have loved to see my children grow up and have grandchildren of her own.”

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Lauren Backman, whose parents also had a deep friendship with Terren’s grandmother, agrees. “I remember how much she loved talking about her family and how much she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She would have been thrilled to see my kids grow up and have their own families.”

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Terren Bechmen and Lauren Backman both agree that their grandmother would have been proud of their children. “Our kids are just like her in so many ways. They have her sense of humor and her love of literature. She would have been so proud to see them succeed.”

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Terren Bechmen and Lauren Backman have a special bond with their grandmother. “We used to spend hours talking about books and movies. She was always willing to share her opinions and her experiences with us.”

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Terren Bechmen and Lauren Backman are both grateful for the time they spent with their grandmother. “We feel so lucky to have had her in our lives. She was a wonderful woman who will always be missed.”

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Terren Bechmen and Lauren Backman have written a book about their grandmother’s life. “We want to share her story with others and honor her memory.”

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Final Day For Capitol Trees Dec. 28

PIERRE --- The decorated Christmas trees in the South Dakota Capitol will only be on display through Saturday of this week.

The display is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Dec. 26 and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Because New Year’s Day falls on a Friday, next week’s weekly tree will be pulled from the Capitol and moved to the Parlor for display through the holiday weekend. The tree will remain on display through Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Both individuals and teams of two are welcome. Cards and Monday morning, Dec. 28, to take the trees down.

Did you know that you can reserve an item from home? Just call the library at 668-5275 if you have questions.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, is game day with board games and Wii bowling. Please wear shoes that can be worn inside.

The fitness hike will begin at 11 a.m. after the winter solstice. The hike will head up the side of the Buttes and come back down. The hike will be led by the staff of the L&C Rec. Area and the Olmstead Center. All interested persons are welcome.

The staff is showing “The Minion Movie” on Monday, Dec. 28. It is rated PG and is 90 minutes long.

For more information, find Christmas at the Capitol on Facebook, visit www.capitol.sd.gov or call the library at 668-5275.