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## To Our Readers

Due to an overrun of the special wrap sections that appeared in Friday's Press & Dakotan, those extra sections are being used again in today's edition to hold advertising inserts. The sections still bear the Nov. 28 date. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Correction



USA Weekend, which usually runs in Friday's Press & Dakotan, was shifted to Saturday this week due to holiday shopping circulars and an extended press run. However, USA Weekend was inadvertently promoted in Friday's P&D. We apologize for the inconvenience.

### Happy Holidays!



Nov. 29  
26 shopping  
days to Christmas

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## Man Dies In Wagner Rollover Crash

WAGNER (AP) — A 36-year-old South Dakota man is dead following a rollover crash on Highway 46 near Wagner.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Joseph Earlwin Bernie Sr. died early Friday. Authorities say the Wagner man was driving a 2000 Ford Explorer when he crossed over the centerline and entered the north ditch at approximately 1:17 a.m.

The Patrol says Bernie attempted to steer the sports utility vehicle back onto the roadway, but overcorrected and the SUV rolled. Authorities say Bernie was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle.

He died from injuries sustained in the crash.

The Patrol says the incident remains under investigation. No further information is immediately available.

The Charles Mix County Sheriff's Office and Yankton Sioux Tribal Police assisted.

## A Frenzied Start To Black Friday

Shopping Deals Begin Early In Yankton

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Black Friday is becoming more like a Black Thursday, even in Yankton.

Hundreds of people with full bellies stood in lines on Thanksgiving night to save a few bucks on some doorbuster deals at several local businesses.

Dunhams, JCPenney, Walmart and Kmart were some of the local

also

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Thinner  
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Protests, Beer  
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stores that opened their doors early for the start of the holiday shopping search.

For brave shopper Deb Nelson from Minneapolis,

shopping Black Thursday turned into a sport.

"I went to Walmart (Thursday)



Hundreds of earlybird shoppers lined up at Menards in Yankton at 6 a.m. to purchase some doorbuster deals.

JORDYNNE HART/P&D

night and I probably won't do that again," she laughed. "It was not worth it for me. I almost got smothered to death over \$4.50 pajamas."

Nelson was in Yankton visiting

family for Thanksgiving and had her first experience shopping the two-day spree in Yankton.

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# A Hutterite History



ABOVE: This 6-inch thick book holds the history of the Hutterite Brethren who first settled at Yankton County's Bon Homme Colony in 1874. It is carefully maintained by Bon Homme Colony's preacher, who serves as their leader. RIGHT: Bon Homme Colony is the site of the first Hutterite settlement in the Americas. Today it is home for some 300 Colony members. (Photos: Loretta Sorensen)



## Bon Homme Colony Reflects Long History Of Bretheren

BY LORETTA SORENSEN  
P&D Correspondent

Among the jewels of South Dakota's rich history is the remarkable story of the Hutterite Brethren, whose ancestors first made their way to Dakota Territory in 1874.

While many South Dakotans may be familiar with the Hutterite communities found across the state, few may realize that Bon Homme Colony, some 20 miles west of Yankton, was the first Hutterite settlement in the Americas.

The Bon Homme Colony Preacher (who requested that this story include neither his picture nor his name) maintains a handwritten record that dates back to group's arrival, recording the names of those who traveled here and information about the growth and development of the community.

"My family was in that first group," the Preacher said. "They came to America because the Russian government would no longer allow them to practice their religious beliefs in that country. They were notified around 1864 that they had 10 years to leave the country, otherwise they would be subject to the rules that governed everyone else."

One of the tenets of the Hutterite Brethren faith is exemption from serving in the military. Their beliefs came into conflict with the Russian government of the late 1800s during a time when that country was undergoing significant reforms in education, government, judiciary and military practices.

"That wasn't the first time the Hutterite Brethren came into conflict with governing powers," the Preacher said. "Throughout history the Brethren had moved because of some kind of religious persecution."

When the Hutterites, so named after Jakob Hutter, an Anabaptist leader who was tortured for his beliefs and burned at the stake in Austria in 1536, realized their religious freedom was once again under attack in the 1860s, they sent representatives to America to

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## 'Country Christmas' Bake Sale Will Feature Personal Touch

BY RANDY TRAMP  
P&D Correspondent



PHOTO: RANDY TRAMP  
Katherine French displays one of the handcrafted cards that goes to ticketholders to the United Church of Christ's annual Christmas Coffee and Bake Sale.

The 21st annual Christmas Coffee and Bake Sale are set for Saturday, Dec. 6, and are sponsored by the United Church of Christ (Congregational) of Yankton. This event runs from 1-4 p.m. — rain, snow or wind.

This year's theme is "Country Christmas."

Katherine French, coordinator, has invested a lot of her time in hand crafting a special gift for anyone with a ticket. Each crocheted

card takes approximately 20 minutes. She is making a total of 325. (This is the amount expected at this year's event.)

French says the craft could be a gift card or a book marker. In other years she has made handcrafted snowmen, gingerbread men and angels.

The setting for the Christmas Coffee is formal and elegant, using china and silverware.

"We have people that line up at the door before 1 p.m.," she said.

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