

Randolph

Plowing Bee Celebrates Past

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RANDOLPH, Neb. — On a recent lazy fall Sunday afternoon recently, a group of Randolph men gathered together to hold a plowing bee. It was the best kind of a fall day. The sun was bright and warmly shining, the breeze was gentle and the smell of freshly-turned Nebraska farm ground hung in the air — a great day for a plowing bee.

Brad Bargstadt of Randolph had about 13 acres of alfalfa and three acres of soybeans he needed to turn over and had an inspiration to hold a plowing bee.

“What I was really looking for was some free work,” said Bargstadt said with a laugh. “But I mentioned it to a couple friends and they mentioned it to a couple



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An old-fashioned plowing bee was held recently on the Brad Bargstadt farm near Randolph, Nebraska. “I really like the idea we can show younger people how it was done when my father and grandfather did it ...,” said Judy Wilcox.

friends and here we are.” Randy Rolf helped Bargstadt start spreading the word just last Monday and soon the Cornhusker Two-Cylinder Club jumped on board.

Seven tractors with plows

and two horse and mule-drawn rigs showed up for a day of work. But it really wasn't work at all for the two-cylinder tractors and the bystanders. It was a day for all to remember a gentler

time and have good time.

“I really like the idea we can show younger people how it was done when my father and grandfather did it and how farming has changed in the last one hundred years,” said Judy Wilcox of Neligh. She, like many others, remembers her father farming with a team of horses and travels with her husband Dave when he hauls his mule team to plowing events in rural Nebraska.

“I have been to six plowing bees this year but it does seem to be dwindling,” said Dave Wilcox. “They are quite handy to have around.” He has been handling mules and horses since 1983, giving wagon rides and working in his garden on the farm. He usually has five to six teams ready for work like digging

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All-State Orchestra, Chorus Set For SF

SIoux FALLS — The 62nd annual South Dakota All-State Chorus and Orchestra will be held at the Sioux Falls Arena & Convention Center on Oct. 31-Nov. 1. The All-State Grand Concert will be held at Sioux Falls Arena on Saturday evening, Nov. 1, beginning at 7 p.m. with Jane Linde Capistran conducting the All-State Orchestra.

The members of the South Dakota All-State Orchestra are selected each fall by competitive auditions at three sites around the state. A full symphony orchestra is then selected from among the best high school musicians in South Dakota.

The following area students are members of the All-State Orchestra:

- 1st Violin — Hannah Wegehaupt from Parkston
- 2nd Violin — Katherine Gioegio from Elk Point-Jefferson
- 2nd Violin — Danielle Gillis from Yankton
- 2nd Violin — Brooke Bigge from Parkston
- 2nd Violin — Chloe Wegehaupt from Parkston
- Bass Clarinet — Clara Koerner from Freeman Academy
- Bassoon — Sophie Drotzmann from Yankton
- B-flat Clarinet — MaryEllen Kennedy from Beresford
- B-flat Clarinet — Sarah Miller from Freeman Academy
- French Horn — Emily Epp from Freeman Academy
- French Horn — Annie Carlson from Freeman Academy
- Trumpet — Meghan Schenk from Elk Point-Jefferson
- Viola — TJ Bigge from Parkston

Statehood Celebration Set For Pierre

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard is reminding South Dakotans that the 125th statehood anniversary celebration at the Capitol Building is a week away.

The special event at 7 p.m. CDT on Nov. 1 will include the dedication and lighting ceremony for the newly restored stained glass in the Capitol and a performance by the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra in the Capitol Rotunda.

“The Nov. 1 celebration should be quite the event. It will be the first time a full orchestra will have performed in the Capitol Building,” said the governor. “I hope to see you there.”

The event is free and open to the public. Though all tickets for seating on the second floor have been reserved, standing room will be available on the marble grand staircase and in the balconies above the rotunda floor.

The evening statehood celebration will be the final event in the Capitol that day. A rededication of the newly refurbished First Ladies Inaugural Gown exhibit is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on the first floor. The unveiling of the three latest statues of former governors by the Trail of Governors is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the rotunda.

Also on Nov. 1, South Dakota Public Broadcasting will air a special “Happy Birthday South Dakota” piece at 9 p.m. CDT featuring the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra’s performance in Sioux Falls from earlier this month.

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Oct. 30 Is #AskAnArchivist Day

PIERRE — On Thursday, Oct. 30, archivists around the country will take to Twitter to respond to questions tweeted with the hashtag #AskAnArchivist.

This day-long event, sponsored by the Society of American Archivists, will give people the opportunity to connect directly with archivists in their community — and around the country — to ask questions, get information or just satisfy their curiosity.

Questions concerning archives, archival collections or preservation of archival materials can be tweeted to

@SDArchives to staff of the South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

As professional experts who do the work of protecting and sharing important historical materials, archivists have many stories to share about the work they do every day in preserving documents, photographs, audio and visual materials and artifacts.

“Individuals should always feel free to contact the State Archives, on any day, via Facebook, Twitter or email,” says Chelle Somsen, State

Archivist. “Or you can contact us the ‘old fashioned’ way by phone, mail or even fax.”

October is Archives Month in South Dakota, as declared by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. The month draws attention to various archival organizations in the state and their efforts to protect South Dakota’s irreplaceable history.

The State Archives staff are available to help assist with research and can be contacted at (605) 773-3804 or archref@state.sd.us. For more information, visit www.history.sd.gov/Archives/.

Newspaper, Aluminum Can Drive Saturday

Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 133 will hold its monthly scrap newspaper and aluminum can collection Saturday, Nov. 1. Papers and cans will be picked up at the trailer courts and apartment complexes in Yankton.

Also, paper and cans will be picked up at Riverside Acres.

Have newspapers and cans secured in sacks or small cardboard boxes and ready to be picked up by 9 a.m. Saturday.

Paper and cans may also be taken to the Riverview Park Reformed Church Parking Lot, 1700 Burleigh, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on the newspaper and aluminum can collection, call 665-0685. The Boy Scouts cannot handle tin or plastic. These need to be placed with the recycling the city picks up or taken directly to the landfill for recycling.

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OBITUARIES

Janice Powell

Janice (Neacy) Jacobsen Powell, 78, of Spearfish, died Friday, October 24, at the Hospice House in Rapid City. She passed away peacefully, with family at her bedside.



Powell

She was born May 23, 1936 in Yankton to Alice and Randolph Jacobsen. Janice was the fifth of nine children. She graduated from Yankton High School in 1954. On February 5, 1956 she married the love of her life, John F. Powell, in Yankton. To this union, three children were born — Jay, Jane, and Jill. John and Neacy spent their married life in Rapid City and Pierre, SD. After John’s death in 1983, Janice moved to her hometown of Yankton to be closer to her parents and siblings.

Janice was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a life long member of the Methodist Church and enjoyed volunteering. Janice took great pleasure in her family and friends and she loved being a homemaker.

She is survived by her three children: Jay (Christine) Powell, Jane Leone, Jill (Chuck) Point; four sisters: Marjorie Berke, Margaret Engen, Sue (Larry) Good, and Becky (Terry) Thunker; three brothers: Bill (Kay) Jacobsen, Tom (Jean) Jacobsen, and Steve (Chris) Jacobsen; sisters-in-law Doris Powell and Pam Jacobsen; ten grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents Alice and Randolph Jacobsen; her husband John, her brother Jon (Jack) Jacobsen; brothers-in-law Jim Berke, Jim Engen, Glenn Randolph; sister-in-law Evelyn Randolph; grandchildren Daniel Leone and Grace Point; and son-in-

law Dave Leone. Most recently her brother-in-law, Leonard Powell passed away.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, at the First United Methodist Church, 117 N. Central Avenue, in Pierre, with the Rev. Dan Bader officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Pierre.

A memorial has been established.

Arrangements are entrusted to Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home in Rapid City.

Friends may leave condolence wishes and sign her online guest register at www.osheimschmidt.com.

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Laurentia Bonertz

Laurentia B. Bonertz, 94, of Yankton died Monday, Oct. 27, 2014, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the

Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Vernon Meyer

Vernon G. Meyer, 93, of Coleridge, Nebraska, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2014, at the Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Coleridge with the Rev. Debra Valentine officiating. Burial will be in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Osmond, Nebraska.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Coleridge is in charge of arrangements.

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