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## HAUNTED HOUSE OPEN SATURDAY



Looking for a good scare? If so then Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECORP) is looking for you. PRECORP is hosting a haunted house for people of all ages on Saturday, October 25.

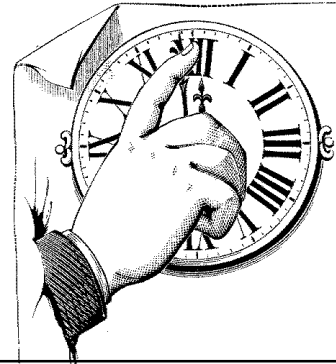
The haunted house will be open at 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for kids 6 and under and will open from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for everyone. Admission to the house is \$5.00 or \$3.00 plus two cans of food. The cost for kids 6 and under is \$2.00 plus 2 cans of food.

All proceeds will benefit Sundance Christmas Baskets, Sundance Kids Daycare and Crook County Family Violence Services.

The haunted house will be located at PRECORP's offices, 221 Main in Sundance. For more information, please call 1-800-442-3630.

### Don't Forget

Turn that clock back Saturday evening



## It's time for Christmas wreaths

Though the warm days of fall may be keeping us from thinking of Christmas at the moment, the local Boy Scouts say you may want to begin thinking about holiday decor. Local scouts will begin selling Christmas wreaths and swags next week, October 21 - 28.

You can expect delivery during the week of November 17 - 21. The cost of either a swag or a wreath is \$17 each. The decorations will be coming from the same supplier as last year, noted scout leaders, which should result in a high quality and good-looking product.

If you purchased a wreath or swag from the SHS Show Choir last year you will likely be receiving a call from the scouts. If you would like to place an order and don't receive a call from a scout, please call Dianne Johannesen at 283-1043.

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## Family Violence in new location

Crook County Family Violence and Sexual Assault Center has moved to a new location. Formerly at 315 Main Street, it is now located at 123 Edna Street (on the corner of Edna and Second Streets). Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. The Council of County Services' food bank has also moved to the Edna location.

The public is invited to stop by and visit any time, and the board of directors and employees of CCFV will host an official open house on October 31 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. At that time there will be candy for children and cider and cookies for adults.

The new location is owned by the Church of Christ. The CCFV is paying half the market rate for rent, with the church waiving the remainder of the rent as an "in kind" gift to the Center. This gives the Family Violence Center an important local money match when applying for State and Federal grants.



Marvin Massey is shown giving keys to June Scribner for the new location of the Crook County Family Violence & Sexual Assault. Shown left to right are Dixie Gudmunson, June Scribner, Marvin Massey and Dorothy Massey.

## Wyo vs CSU coach trip almost sold out

Only eight seats left as of Monday

Tickets are all but sold out as of Monday for the super coach trip to Laramie to watch the Wyoming Cowboys take on the top rated Colorado State Rams. The trip has been scheduled for pickup locations of Hulett, Sundance and Newcastle. If you are interested in making the fun filled trip on November 1 you must get in touch with Bruce Brown in Hulett, Ralph or Pat Goodson or Jim Durfee in Sundance or Doug or Lea Hughes in Newcastle. Deadline for getting tickets for the event is this Friday, October 24.

Tickets are \$50.00 each and include a seat on a luxury coach, game tickets and a variety of soft drinks, adult drinks and luncheon type snacks. The event is sponsored by The Longhorn Bar, Hoppy's Car Wash, Joe and Tammi Baron, Higbees cafe, Sundance Subway, Sundance State Bank, Devils Tower Forest Products, Bearlodge Engineering LTD, Hughes Law Office, The Sundance Times, Deckers Food Pride and The Dime Horseshoe Bar.

Pickup times will be Hulett @ 6:00a.m. at the parking lot behind the high school, Sundance @ 7:00 a.m. at the Sundance Elementary and Newcastle @ 8:00 a.m. at the Newcastle High School parking lot.

## Sundance man convicted of threat against Daschle

Sentencing set for November 18

By Jeff Moberg

Following his two day trial in Deadwood last Thursday and Friday Sundance resident Raymond Howard, 59 was found guilty of threatening a constitutional officer stemming from a phone call he made last March. The felony charge carries a penalty of up to five years in the South Dakota State Penitentiary and a \$5000 fine.

The seven man, five woman jury deliberated for approximately one hour before returning a guilty verdict in the trial held before Circuit Judge Warren G. Johnson.

Howard was accused of making an anonymous 911 call to the Spearfish, SD Police Department on the morning of March 8, 2003 in which he stated "we're going to kill Senator Daschle today." Daschle was scheduled to speak in Spearfish later that same day. Spearfish police were able to immediately trace the call to a pay phone located at the Cedar House Restaurant in Spearfish. After verifying the origin of the call, police officers were dispatched to the area. Upon arrival, Spearfish police officer Darin Pedneau noticed a single set of footprints in the fresh snow which led him from the pay phone directly to a car located in the Safeway parking lot a short distance away. Pedneau continued to follow the prints from the car to the Safeway store where Howard was employed. After speaking with Safeway staff members, Pedneau found that the car belonged to Howard who had just returned to work following a short

break. Officers questioned Howard at the store before taking him to the police station for further questioning.

Daschle's Spearfish visit took place later that afternoon without incident.

Howard allegedly told authorities that he had walked to the restaurant in order to pick up a newspaper and have a hot drink. Howard later changed his story when he testified he had gone to the pay phone out of a compulsion to check for money left in the coin return. Howard stated he had lied to the investigating officers when originally questioned because he was unsure whether his habit of checking coin returns was legal.

Howard and his wife Peggy both were called to testify during the trial. As part of their testimonies, both Howards denied having any political interests of any kind. Lawrence County State's Attorney John Fitzgerald refuted the statements from each as he confronted Mrs. Howard with letters the couple had written to a local newspaper. One of the letters accused Daschle of misleading voters while in another letter the Howards called Al Gore a baby killer. Mrs. Howard first denied they had written them but later accepted responsibility for the letters after Fitzgerald presented photocopies showing that they had been signed by her and her husband.

Howard's sentencing has been set for November 18, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

## Drug runner nabbed

Spearfish resident caught transporting drugs

By Jeff Moberg

Bad teeth won't keep you out of jail in Crook County. At least that's what one South Dakota youth found out last Monday evening.

Seventeen year-old Spearfish resident Cynthia Bellantino was arrested Monday and charged with one felony count of possession of a controlled substance along with one felony count of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance after Wyoming Highway Patrol Officer Billy Quade found a large amount of marijuana in Bellantino's possession.

Bellantino and two passengers were pulled over after Quade noticed she was exceeding the speed limit on I-90 about five miles east of Sundance. In the course of the

normal questioning and documentation checking related to the stop, Quade noticed a few signs that caused him to become suspicious. Signs of fast travel - lots of empty soda bottles, chips and candy bags, an open atlas coupled with the smell of a new air freshener and confused statements led Quade to investigate the situation further.

Bellantino eventually consented to a search of her 1990 Buick where Quade, with assistance from Crook County Deputy Jeff Hodge and Crook County's newly acquired drug sniffing dog found the drugs.

The trio uncovered two plastic bags containing a total of nearly two pounds of marijuana in the car's trunk.

Further questioning of Bellantino by the Wyoming De-

partment of Criminal Investigation officials revealed that Bellantino intended to use the proceeds raised from reselling the drugs to help pay for orthodontic work she felt she needed.

Bellantino was arrested and placed in the custody of the Crook County Detention Center while she awaits trial. Bellantino's two juvenile passengers were released after officers decided they had no direct criminal involvement in the case.

The charge of possession of a controlled substance carries a maximum penalty of up to 5 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$10,000 while the charge of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance carries a possible jail term of 10 years and a \$10,000 fine.