



News Release

FALL RIVER COUNTY

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On July 27th, exactly 10 days after first being reported as missing, a call was received in Dispatch that Jeannie Schweigert had been located.

At 11am, a local rancher called the Fall River County Sheriffs Office to report that he had gone out to check his Stock tank as the power had been turned off, which caused the pump in the stock tank to stop. He then located Jeanie close by.

Sheriff Lyle Norton and Deputy Vince Logue responded to the Ranchers residence off Elk Rd where Jeannie had been provided with food, clean clothes, and access to a shower.

Being in relatively good condition; having a severe sunburn, a few abrasions, and being dehydrated Jeannie initially had refused medical treatment. Upon her arrival at the Sheriff's Office, she then agreed to be checked out by the Hot Springs Ambulance personnel.

Jeannie disclosed that she had walked several miles and that when she was unable to continue, she determined the best option was to stay near the cows. Knowing that a someone would eventually go out to check on their livestock, she began utilizing the stock tank for water and ate berries she found. As means of staying cool, Jeannie would soak her dress in water from the stock tank, but then also using the dress at night to curl up in for warmth.

Her family was contacted, and arrangements were made for her to stay the night in Hot Springs at the Inn by the River. After she had a good night's rest, Sheriff Norton returned her to her vehicle Friday morning. Deputy Logue who had remained in correspondence with John Schweigert then confirmed on Saturday that Jeannie had been reunited with her family.

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