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Council Balks at Coronavirus Shut Down Ordinance for Business

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The Belle Fourche City Council saw a lot of problems with the first reading of Ordinance 8-2020, the measure designed to require some businesses to close in light of the spread of the coronavirus across the United States.

The body met in special session March 27 and City Attorney Dwight Gubbrud outlined the new ordinance for the council.

"I just wanted to outline why this ordinance is necessary. On March 10 we had our first case of the coronavirus in the State of South Dakota. Seventeen days later, we had 58 cases in 10 different counties. We simply can't give in to the virus and cause the unthinkable," said Gubbrud.

Gubbrud added that the proposed ordinance did not close all businesses and also did not prohibit the use of parks and playgrounds or any other outdoor activity.

"Some will say this is too restrictive and some will say it doesn't go far enough or even that it's not right for the city to regulate its citizens. But I have found similar ordinances in towns around the state. We're just going along with State and Federal actions," he said.

The first salvo was fired by Ward 4 councilor Randy Schmidt who was concerned that day care centers were included in facilities that would be closed if necessary.

"With regard to day care centers, I'm sure some of us have received a few emails on that, but the ones I have talked to feel they are essential. Most of them have been doing what they need to do as far as cleaning and keeping things sterile. I think it needs to be changed and put in section 5," he said. Gubbrud told Schmidt that if that's what the council wants, that can be done. He added this ordinance was not only of his making that he consulted with Mayor Landphere and others.

Ward 2 councilor Travis Martin agreed with Schmidt, saying the ordinance didn't go far enough to identify essential organizations or businesses, and added that real estate firms are not included. "People need to be able to do some related work, like refinancing homes, working on other aspects of the industry. This ordinance will create a hardship for these people," he said.

He added that he was opposed to the very premise of the ordinance.

Ward 1 councilor Monte Talkington disagreed with Randy Schmidt's assertion that day care centers should be included in a list as essential and exempt from closure.

"In my mind, day care centers are along the lines of bars and restaurants, where food is served. When it comes to six feet of separation, in day care centers you have 15 or more kids, and if the kids get something, they're going to take it

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Good Economic News - The Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park (shown above) received a shot in the arm last week as the Federal Rail Authority awarded a \$1.9 million grant to expand the trans loading facility on the city's northwest side. This is expected to bring expanded business to Belle Fourche and possibly to allow the community to play a larger role in the development of the Sanford Lab. - *Courtesy photo*

BFED Receives \$1.9 Million Rail Grant

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BELLE FOURCHE - The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has awarded a \$1.9 million grant to be used for the expansion of the rail siding and trans loading facility at the Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park. The added capacity will position the community to attract business, industry and potentially thousands of carloads from the Sanford Underground Research Facility in Lead.

The announcement caps two years of effort, including several trips to Pierre, economic and environmental studies and mountains of paperwork that was completed by the Belle Fourche Rail Authority and the Belle Fourche Development Corporation (BFDC). It was certainly welcome economic news to the city at a time when it was needed most.

"It's really a big win for Belle Fourche," said BFDC Executive Director Hollie Stalder. "This is a huge boost for the community to have these funds invested here for our economic growth."

A sentiment echoed by Rapid City Pierre & Eastern Railroad's Nick Smith, who is the RCP&E manager of marketing and sales. "As the serving rail carrier, we see this grant as an opportunity for business development and job growth that is vital to the RCP&E, Belle Fourche, and western South Dakota," Smith said. "This proposed

development will expand opportunities for rail traffic in and out of South Dakota that will benefit the community, region, and the state."

Currently the rail siding serves customers in the ag sector, steel, plastics and fuels related businesses. The expanded trans loading facility will be able to accommodate shipping of building materials as well.

"Right now with the siding track that is there we can only access the cars on one side," Stalder said. "With the additional track that is coming in we'll be able to access both sides and that's what they need for lumber."

But there is another significant possible customer for the new siding that looms large with the BFDC.

Over the next five to ten years the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) in Lead will be constructing up to four large cryostat chambers filled with liquid argon as part of its multi-million dollar Large Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) at the 4850 level of the former Homestake Mine. According to the lab's website it will be the largest physics experiment ever constructed in the United States.

The LBNF's two main underground chambers will each be larger than a football field. They will be more than four stories tall. The liquid argon filled chambers are designed to detect, capture and study neutrinos fired under the earth's

surface from Fermilab near Chicago to the lab in Lead. Already pre-excitation work is underway at the lab and once construction begins each chamber will need tons of steel and lots of liquid argon. These construction materials will likely be shipped to South Dakota via rail.

Preliminary estimates indicate that around 3,000 carloads of material could be shipped in over a five-year period. Belle Fourche's expanded trans loading facility would provide the needed space and flow for the off-loading of large amounts of the project's parts and materials. Easy in-and-out access with trucks from improvements made last year at the siding will help enhance ground transportation which would be four-lane roads from Belle Fourche to Lead. Furthermore, the backing of the \$1.9 million FRA grant lends credibility to the importance and permanence of the trans loading facility. But there are a few other sites along the railroad that will be vying for this business.

"Certainly the lab project is of interest to us and we plan to bid it, but there are no guarantees on (getting) that," Stalder said. "We could easily accommodate the steel that they would need to bring in and perhaps even the liquid argon as well, but that is a few years down the road."

Stalder says requests for proposals from the lab are expected to be sent out later this year, pending any delays from the corona-

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home to the parents," he said.

He added he understood the hardship since sometimes both parents have to work and the kids then need to be watched, but the risk is still there.

Ward 1 councilor Troy Shockey added that this should be more of a guideline than an ordinance and that he couldn't vote for it.

Ward 4 councilor Bob Somervold echoed the earlier sentiments about day care centers being essential.

"I know of a day care operator who may not be as clean as a hospital, but she does a

good job. I think this needs to change," he said.

Ward 2 councilor Vern Hintz agreed with Randy Schmidt about the day care issue.

"I think we've been blessed as a community having a lot of young people that have bought businesses and have come back to town to do business. They can't stay home. With the economy the way it is, they both have to work and they have to have someplace safe for the kids. And the day care centers, they're bonded and checked by the state, and I don't agree with

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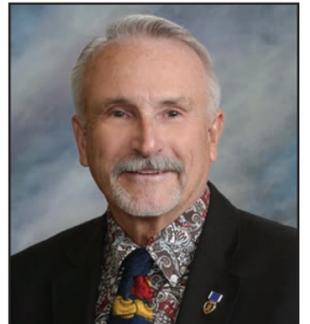
Sam Marty Announces Re-election Bid

State Representative Sam Marty, Republican, Prairie City, has announced his candidacy for re-election to the State House of Representatives in District 28B.

District 28B is made up of Harding, and parts of Perkins and Butte County, including the city of Belle Fourche.

Marty, a lifelong rancher, has served District 28B for the past six years and if elected again would be term limited at the end of the two year term.

Marty who currently serves on the Agriculture and Natural Resources; Education; and Military and Veterans Affairs Committees stated that, "In this time of economic uncertainty in our state and nation, I hope the voters will see fit to return me to Pierre." "I feel that consistency and



Sam Marty

experience will be vitally important in the uncertain times ahead." We already know we are probably facing a Special Session in the near future because sales tax revenues will be in decline as long as Covid-19 is a threat. How severe the impact will be remains to be seen."

State Street Team Starts Working Group

The State Street Team announced the start of a working group to begin planning for developing a Downtown Business Association.

Volunteers committing to the group are Aaron Neiman, Green Bean & 8th Avenue Bakery; Daphne and Paul Johnson, Designs By Daphne, George Wilson, Cowboys

Too!, Michelle Watson, Venue 519; Watson/Hennessy Realty Group; and Doug Cole, Belle Fourche Beacon.

According to State Street Team Co-coordinators Barb Clarkson and Mary Buchholz the working group will put together a "strategic plan" for moving forward.

"It is never too early to plan."



As Butte County recorded its first case of COVID-19 this week and as the state of South Dakota recorded its 100th case, Mayor Gloria Lamphere turns the March 27th Special City Council Meeting over to City Attorney Dwight Gubbrud to explain the proposed virus ordinance. (Left) Ward 1 Councilman Troy Shockey, Gubbrud, Lamphere, Finance Officer Breanna Shaeffer, Ward 1 Councilman Monte Talkington, and Ward 2 Council Travis Martin.

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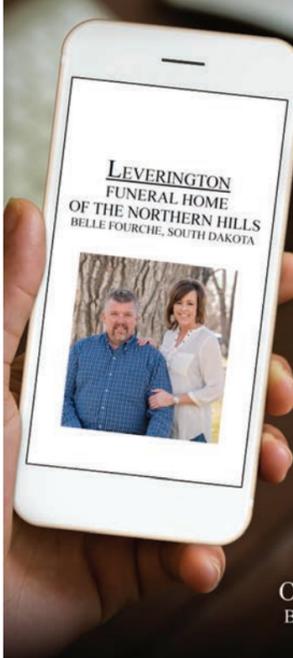


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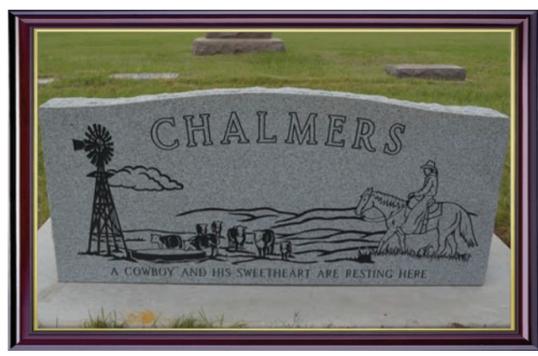
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Obituaries

Mervin "Merv" Nehmer 63

Mervin "Merv" Jerome Nehmer passed away on March 26, 2020, at the age of 63. Merv was born on November 11, 1956 in Beaver Dam, WI, son of the late Robert and June (Olson) Nehmer. He is survived by his step-mother Beverly, his siblings Jackie Bredlau (Paul), Tina Durfee (Richard), Linda Green, Norbert, Paul, Molly Ludka (Raymond), Kenneth, and Carrie Nehmer-Pemberton (Michael), his children Shonna Oie (Kenneth Jr), Jeffrey (Sharlee), Jeremy (Wendi), Denise Reed (Anthony), and Amanda Nehmer, and his grandchildren Cameron, Victoria, Ella, and Olivia Oie. He was preceded in death by his siblings Joan Dolan, Bob, Pete, Duane, and David. Merv worked the later part of his life as a contractor, building homes and other buildings. However, he worked in many different jobs over the years, doing whatever needed to be done to provide for his family. He knew the value of both hard work and humor, and he was never short of stories, jokes, and wit. Those who met Merv knew that he was quick to assign nicknames, such as "Chicken-Wing", "Victim of



Circus Pants", "Blanche", and "Butterman" to name a few – he was often the life of the party. He lived life as fully as he could and always had an abundance of love for his family and friends. He loved and appreciated nature in a way that not everyone takes the time for. He especially enjoyed fishing, hunting, and taking a nice long walk – whether at the lake or hitch-hiking across a few states to visit family. He spent time playing football and basketball in the yard with his kids, fixing and building things around the house, watching The Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers play on TV, gardening, and playing cards and enjoying time with good friends. The family will have a Celebration of Life for Merv at a time when everyone is better able to come together. Until then, please have a drink and make a toast to his life. If you wish, flowers, donations, and condolences may be sent to The Nehmer Family at 677 Yukon Way Whitewood, SD, 57793-3100.

Joseph Robert 'Bob' Hatfield 86

Joseph Robert (Bob) Hatfield, 86, unexpectedly crossed over on March 24, 2020 at Mercy Hospital. He was born January 10, 1934 in Fort Smith to James Monroe and Nora Belle (Riley) Hatfield. Bob graduated from Fort Smith High School (Northside) in 1952 and joined the Navy. He was stationed in San Diego, CA. Due to the coronavirus situation, a memorial service will be held at a later date at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at the Fort Smith National Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Fort Smith. Bob and Helen Joyce Vincent were married on January 1, 1955 and were blessed with six children. He spent 10 years on the San Diego Fire Department before returning to Fort Smith where Bob joined the Fort Smith Police Department. He was a detective the last fourteen years before being medically retired in 1984. Then he and



Helen moved to Arizona. After Helen's death in 2003, Bob returned to Holiday Palms RV Park in Quartzsite, AZ. On March 12, 2007 Bob and Marcie Ellis (Newell) were united in marriage at Holiday Palms RV Park. Marcie survives him as do his daughters, Linda Valesquez, Valerie Sanford (Kevin), Sandy Spoon (Rob), Barbara Hatfield, and his older sister, Noreen Hardin. He also leaves six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews as well as Marcie's four sons and their families. His daughter Eleanor, son Joe, Jr., sister Ora Lee Spencer, and brothers Ancel and James preceded him in death. Bob was an active member of American Legion Post 31, Crimestoppers, Q&A, and the retired policemen Thursday lunch bunch. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Kenneth 'Kenny' Alfred Carlsen 70

Kenneth "Kenny" Alfred Carlsen, age 70, of Newell, died Sunday, March 29, 2020 as the result of a tragic 4-wheeler accident that happened on his ranch, north of Newell. Funeral services are pending with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Grateful for having shared life together with him for the past 20 years is his partner in life, Mary

Mentele of Spearfish and her children, Elizabeth Mentele of Spearfish, and Alex Mentele of Rapid City. He is also survived by his 2 sisters, Charlene (Gene) Bringelson of Armour SD, Geanne (Rick) Nelson of Bonesteel SD; niece, Nicole Nelson of Bonesteel SD; and nephew, Nicolaus Nelson of Bonesteel SD.

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Pastor's Perspective

This week's Pastor's Perspective is provided by Pastor Chuck Aurand Belle Fourche UCC & St. Onge UCC

Change Your Thinking

"Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others."



-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
One of the lessons that I learned attending the Army Chaplain School at Fort Jackson, SC was that to be a chaplain is to be a proponent of every soldier and their family. Now, many of those whom I served would never darken a chapel doorway. They didn't attend services, and they were okay with that. I suppose serving all of the soldiers and their families when I was a Battalion Chaplain is a lot like writing a column for this newspaper. Sure, I'm addressing some good "church folk", but I imagine I'm also talking to some of the "others" out there. I want to make darn sure that by sharing some of my thoughts that I'm do-

ing something that helps you (whoever you are) make it through your day a little better.

In the last days of Jesus' life, he sure acted like he felt the same way. On Monday, he got angry with the church leaders (Temple priests) who weren't doing their jobs very well, being in cahoots with the Roman occupying force. On Tuesday, Jesus commended an old woman who put in her two coins to do her part in helping the poor. This was a woman who made the choice to give (literally: her whole self) to help another person find a little happiness. On Wednesday, Jesus stopped "others" from belittling the gift of an unnamed woman who anointed him with costly oil. On Thursday, Jesus threw his own dinner party and invited even his betrayer, who had to eat too. On Friday, Jesus, who wouldn't be untrue to himself or his God, was

crucified (killed) because of his resolve. Yet even on that day, Jesus sought to take care of others when he entrusted the care of his own mother to one of his followers.

Yes, Jesus was by-in-large a happy man. Why? Because he sought the happiness of others. He didn't have time to grouse about his own existence. He acted as a proponent for others. He was trying to seek their good. And you know what? That made him feel pretty good.

COVID-19 doesn't define us as a community. But seeking our neighbor's good sure could. Take Jesus' example to heart. Do your job, whatever it is. Give your whole self to helping another person. Stand up for another who is being ridiculed or belittled. Give some food to another who needs it. Remain true to yourself and your ideals—even to the end.

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A One in a Million Dental Hygienist

Jesus and family. These are the two most important things to Rita Bolwitt, dental hygienist at Jackson Dental in Belle Fourche. If you've had the pleasure of seeing Rita as your hygienist, you've probably learned a lot about oral hygiene, have been talked to about the importance of flossing, and have probably even heard a little bit about laser periodontal therapy.

Rita has been educating patients and providing preventative care for 30 years at Jackson Dental. She not only has the highest patient base, but she is also the leader of the hygiene team, which consists of 6 other hygienists. Her daily activities include reviewing patient charts, preparing for the morning "huddle" with the team and doctors, seeing patients, and mentoring her hygiene team. When asked what her passion in dentistry is, Rita said, "Educating patients about oral systemic health concerns and how it impacts their overall health is the most important thing to me." She is passionate about staying current with the research regarding periodontal health and how to use lasers more in dentistry. She stated, "Lasers are light energy that targets dark, pigmented cells that are bacteria or viruses to help kill the bacteria and stimulate healing. We can see substantial, and



Rita Bolwitt -Courtesy Photo

sometimes immediate changes in the tissue with laser treatment!" Rita grew up in northeastern Nebraska, graduating from high school in Bartlett, NE. Growing up as the second youngest of 7 kids, she described her mother, Mabel, as the person she most admired. She was a great multi-tasker; she gardened, sewed, cooked, cleaned, drove the school bus, taught piano, and so much more. "I don't know when she slept!" she said. Rita was always interested in science, biology and helping people. She received her degree in Dental Hygiene in 1980, from Central Technical Community College in Hastings, NE. Her

first job in hygiene was at her brother's dental office in Pierre, SD. Rita lived in Pierre, Vermillion and Yankton before settling permanently in Belle Fourche. Rita has 2 children. Her son, Erich Schreiber, is in the Army Special Forces at Fort Bragg, NC. Her daughter, Lyndsay Schreiber works at Pioneer Bank in Belle Fourche in Human Resources. Two little boys that call Rita, "B" have her entire heart. Her "grandboys" are 7 and 6. Rita loves spending as much time with them as possible and even takes them to her family farm in Nebraska each summer.

You can find Rita at church on Sunday's, doing her devotion with coffee each morning, gardening, sewing, refurbishing furniture, hiking and doing anything outdoors during her down time. I'm not sure if she even knows that when she described herself, it was almost exactly how she described her mother – the person she most admires! Rita's colleagues describe her as being selfless and leading by example. Rita's dad taught her that the job you do doesn't have to be perfect, but it has to be the best you can do. She lives by that in her personal and professional life, with Jesus and her family.



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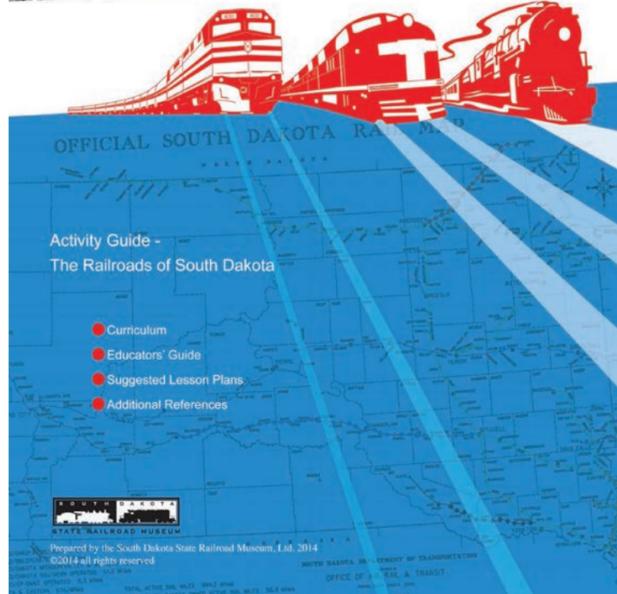
Last week **Jackson Dental** generously donated money to the Belle Fourche Area Community Center to purchase new life jackets for the pool which are used to protect younger swimmers all year round and especially during summer swimming lessons. The BFACC thanks Jackson Dental for their generous donation and appreciates all they do to support the Belle Fourche Community. From Left: Dr. Jonathan Krum, BFACC Aquatics Manager Kathryn Bogner, BFACC Director Nate Velander, Dr. John Jackson, and Dr. Christopher Jackson. *Courtesy photo*

Free Student Education Projects

The South Dakota State Railroad Museum, Ltd. (SDSRM) continues to offer its digital educational programs for students and teachers during this period of at-home learning and social distancing.

Activities related to railroading and South Dakota history relevant for Kindergarten to 11th grade levels are available on the Museum's website at www.sdsrm.org. Go to the top navigation bar and select "More..." to access these files and downloadable images. SDSRM Board President Dr. Lesta Turchen recommends the viewer also look through some of the site's other content and photographic images for further insights into South Dakota's railroads and related history. "The site is a good launch pad for a basic look at railroads - especially for students in the Fourth Grade who are learning about South Dakota history," said Turchen.

More details about Museum operations, hours, and programming will be released via future releases of "the Expeditor", and on the Museum's web site at www.sdsrm.org.

OFFICIAL SOUTH DAKOTA RAILROAD MUSEUM

Activity Guide - The Railroads of South Dakota

- Curriculum
- Educators' Guide
- Suggested Lesson Plans
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Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills is Prepared to Safely Care For Families During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, SD remains committed and prepared to safely care for the families it serves during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Whenever possible, Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills will continue to enable families to participate in the rituals that are most important to them.

And according to the CDC, at this time, there is no known risk associated with being in the same room at a funeral or visitation service with the body of someone who died of confirmed or suspected COVID-19; however, federal, state and local public health guidance may impact the size of gathering a family is able to plan. Depending on a family's preferences, their loved one can be safely embalmed. Families may choose either burial or cremation as usual.

"At Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills, we recognize our responsibility to protect the health of those we are privileged to serve," said Mark Leverington, owner and director. "We will continue to guide families, as we always have, in ways they can meaningfully commemorate the life of their loved one, while adhering to the guidance issued by federal, state and local public health officials."

Leverington continued: "Our staff remains vigilant about cleaning our facilities and ensuring we're all following recommended healthy habits, such as staying home when sick, washing our hands, and covering coughs and sneezes. The CDC and our state and local public health officials have offered a lot of helpful guidance for businesses on this topic, which we continue to follow."

A member of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) and the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association (SDFDA), Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills regularly receives information via NFDA from the CDC, Department of Health and Human Services and other agencies about the evolution of COVID-19 in the United States. NFDA continues to lead the conversation with federal officials about the role of funeral service as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Volunteers Needed!

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County Closes Public Buildings

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BELLE FOURCHE – In light of recent news of community spread of the COVID-19 virus in South Dakota, the Butte County Commission voted Monday, Mar. 23, to close all county buildings to the public for the time being. Any public interaction that is necessary will be by appointment only.

Community spread is the spread of a contagious disease to individuals in a particular geographic location who have no known contact with other infected individuals or who have not recently traveled to an area where the disease has any documented cases. As of Tuesday, Mar. 24 there were no confirmed cases of coronavirus West River.

The move came after a quickly scheduled virtual meeting of Butte County commissioners, Auditor Elaine Jensen and several department heads, including Sheriff Fred Lamphere and State's Attorney Cassie Wendt. The meeting was scheduled based on new confirmed cases in Beadle County combined with the fears of some Butte County employees.

"I know one employee who is very fearful to even come to work," said Jensen. Because the cases in Beadle County were attributed to community spread, the commissioners decided to lock down all county buildings, with contact being made by appointment only.

Several people stopped at the county administration office to drop off payments and came away shaking their heads.

Rick Lillis, a Belle Fourche resident, said, "I guess it's not a bad idea. I was going to stop and give them a check but I guess I'll put it in the drop box."

Wendt shared information from the Families First Act as well as SD Codified Law to reinforce the recommendations by herself and the sheriff that led to this recent step. A summary from the website National Law Review states that the act will include such things as free CO-VID19 testing, a requirement of employers with fewer than 500 employees to provide two weeks' worth of paid sick leave if employees are unable



By Appointment Only - The Butte County Courthouse is one of several county buildings closed to the public during the COVID-19 slowdown. Citizens who need access may do so by appointment. -Beacon Photo

to work because of quarantine or isolation, or have developed the symptoms, or are caring for someone else, or have children in schools that have closed. Employers will receive tax credit to offset the costs of providing this paid leave. It will also include a boost in unemployment aid and nutrition assistance.

After a period of discussion as well as the latest information that the Governor had stated that this could last as long as the end of May or first part of June before the virus peaks in South Dakota, the commission decided to be watchful and diligent in their protocol.

At their last regular meeting on March 18th the commissioners approved a list of recommendations made after consultation with Wendt and Lamphere. Those recommendations, which are still relevant in light of the closure order, include:

- 1) Acknowledge that if any county employee has left the state within the past 7 days and traveled to any state that is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak, that employee must quarantine themselves for a period of 14 days.
- 2) If an employee becomes ill it is recommended that the employee go home. If the employee is symptomatic to the virus, they must be tested and approved before returning to work. The guidelines in the sick leave policy will apply to all other sicknesses. This is one area where the county may have to waive if our region becomes highly infected.
- 3) The county encourages all

employees to practice their part in personal hygiene and by keeping their work areas clean and sanitized.

- 4) It will be mandatory to change out trashcans daily.
- 5) Increase the disinfecting of all public areas daily including wiping down all handrails and doorknobs.
- 6) Encourage public meetings be held by conference call when available.

"It may come to a point where we can't control what happens," said Lamphere. "There could come a time when everyone has to stay home. We have discussed (in the sheriff's department) what the plan would be if a department head gets sick. Who would be next in charge?"

"We need to emphasize to employees where and what our plan of action is," said Jensen.

After about a 40-minute discussion a motion was made to have administrative and county buildings on lockdown, to prepare to conduct business in other ways (mail, telephone, internet) and educate employees as well as sharing the Family First Act information and other resources in a document written by Wendt with input from Lamphere and other departments. The document will be published as soon as it is available.

Because the virtual meeting, which was held on GoToMeeting, shared information in a generic way about employees, Wendt read the rules of South Dakota Codified Law 1-27-1.5 which states, "Certain records not open to inspection and copying as well as 1-27-1.17 identifying draft minutes availability due to the virtual (audio) nature of the meeting. It states, "Draft minutes of public meeting to be available—Exceptions—Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.



Locked Out - Rick Lillis came to the county administration offices expecting to pay a bill. What he found was a locked door and a sign stating that the building was on lockdown. He wrote a check and dropped it in the dropbox, stating, "I guess it's not a bad idea." - Brunner photo

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From A1
RAIL GRANT
virus economic slowdown. Lab construction is currently on a short hiatus due to COVID-19.

The \$1.9 million federal grant will fund 80% of the project with 20% of the funding to be provided through local means. If all goes according to plan the new siding should be ready to accommodate customers by the summer of 2021.

"Right now we're getting preliminary work ready," Stalder said. "We have a design that we created and submitted with the grant. We are fine tuning that right now, determining how that will look for the customers that we have and those waiting in the wings."

Stalder adds they will need to complete some environmental work but since the rail park has already gained Certified Site Ready status she expects that process to go smoothly. Once the engineering and environmental work is complete, the BFED expects to have a package ready to go out to bid in January of 2021. From there, she says, a bid will be awarded for the work and they will start

building some rail. Specifically, the project involves the construction of 3,975 feet of siding, which would accommodate up to 90 additional rail cars. Current capacity is 33 cars. There are several customers who use the off-loading capabilities of the siding right now and there has been interest from additional businesses to use the service, according to Stalder.

Improvements to the siding were made in 2019 to accommodate trucks that offload materials from the rail cars. An entrance and exit at each end of the offloading area is now in place allowing trucks to pull straight through instead of having to turn around.

The trans loading facility at the siding is already a part of the state rail plan that was completed in 2014. In the plan the Belle Fourche Industrial & Rail Park (BFIRP), located on the city's northwest side, was identified as a strategic location for such a facility due to its proximity to the Bakken oil fields and as an alternative to already crowded rail lines in North Dakota.



Rail Siding Expansion - A \$1.9 million FRA grant will allow the BFED to build a nearly 4,000 foot siding and expanded trans loading pad to the existing rail siding (seen above) at the Belle Fourche Industrial and Rail Park on the city's northwest side. The new rail and loading pad will be built to the left of where the rail cars are seen in the photo. - Courtesy Photo

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From A1 Virus Ordinance

has pulled together and should be commended. But he went on to say the inclusion of the sale barn for possible closure is ludicrous.

Dwight Gubbrud countered the ordinance does not close the sale barn but requires a six foot separation and other requirements.

“Who’s going to police that?” asked Randy Schmidt wondering if the whole meeting was a waste of time, given that several councilors voiced opposition to the ordinance or if more discussion would allow for a vote at the second reading. Dwight Gubbrud answered that this was the reason for the special meeting and that he would take into account all the dialogue.

“I have taken a quick tally and there seems to be a tie. If there was a tie the Mayor would break it. But keep in mind other municipalities have worked along the lines of guidelines and recommendations as opposed to an ordinance,” he said.

A question arose over churches and similar organizations, but Dwight Gubbrud pointed out that the only thing the ordinance was looking at was gatherings where more than 10 people would be, not so much the churches themselves.

After some time, Dwight Gubbrud told the council that this was all up to them.

“I have looked at so many ordinances over the last few days. Some I’ve seen close just bars and restaurants; Others close even playgrounds and parks. The different measures run the gamut of not doing much to locking down everything. That’s why we’re discussing this. You need to tell me what you want, and I’ll do it,” he said.

Ward 3 councilor James Ager polled the members present if they would rather take the ordinance and amend it to be more along the line of a city recommendation.

“The reason we called this meeting is you have five days before the next meeting before you get the second reading and can adopt it. You don’t have to have the next meeting on Thursday. You can wait until the next Monday. But if you wait and the virus takes off and becomes more of health issue, you don’t want to be five or even seven days out before it goes into effect,” said Gubbrud.

He added the city of Deadwood used a nuisance ordinance to close some of the businesses and he hoped it didn’t come to that in Belle Fourche but the city would use it if it had to. That’s why the special meeting was vital.

Councilor Travis Martin commented that while he understands where Dwight

Gubbrud is coming from, he still can’t vote for an ordinance that would potentially create a police state, since the police department would be tasked with looking for violations.

“We have the rights and the liberties, and you have the right as an individual to make better decisions for yourself that you can put on the government making them for you. So take the opportunities to do the right thing for your family. If you don’t want to go out to a restaurant, don’t go out to a restaurant. If the restaurant wants to close because that’s the prudent thing to do, they should do that. It’s irrelevant to me the number of topics we have and this ordinance and others like it, I know Dwight has read ordinances from across the state and across the country and they’re dangerous. I feel they’re an overreach of the government on their entirety. They come close to treading on constitutional rights like the right to assemble. I don’t like any part of it,” he said.

He added that all he wanted to do is talk about changing it to something where the council can suggest what to do and businesses follow the CDC guidelines.

Ward 2 councilor Vern Hintz agreed with councilors Martin and Ager and doesn’t see how this will work.

“We’re panicking here for no reason. There’s more babies aborted in a week than what this thing is killing and nobody’s doing anything. There’s more kids in Chicago get shot in a month than what this is doing,” he said.

He would be in favor of recommendations more than the ordinance.

Dwight Gubbrud commented that this was the first reading and it was apparent that the council was not in favor of it. So taking recommendations and then bringing them forward to the second reading would be the thing to do.

Ward 2 Councilor Annie Reich who was tied in by phone, pointed out that many businesses like the sale barns and churches are already streamlining services, taking steps to keep everyone safe.

“I trust the citizens and the businesses in our community and they’re already doing what they need to do,” she said.

Ward 1 councilor Troy Shockey wished more had been involved in the drafting of the ordinance.

“It concerns me that there was only a few that were involved in making it. But on such a profound piece of paper there maybe should have been more of us included. I will absolutely not vote for the ordinance period,” he said.

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Gubbrud disagreed but pointed out that the flood of closure ordinances has been in the works and that there was no attempt at pushing the measure through.

“I’ve received a flood of emails about this from other municipal attorneys. They’re all trying to formulate things as the virus progresses. We tried to make this open to all but it’s been fast moving,” he said.

There was one citizen, Deb Elliot, who spoke on the matter and pointed out the need to trust the people of Belle Fourche.

“Ben Franklin once said that those who give up their liberty to enjoy safety deserve neither liberty or safety. That said, what I am asking is due consideration to the consequences of the cure that is being attempted in our small town. Observations are as follows: We have a majority of small mom and pop businesses. A significant amount of those already operate on a very tight budget. The impact of this crisis is already crippling those businesses,” she said.

She added the local business owners are smart and care deeply for their customers. Some business people and church leaders work with people. The ordinance as presented would emasculate those leaders.

“What we all need now is hope. This crisis is an opportunity. You have the attention of the people more than ever. You need to use it wisely,” she said.

She told the council to let the free market work its course in Belle Fourche. Church leaders and business owners care for the people as they should.

One way, she said, is to let businesses stay open so they can survive the crisis so they’ll be open when it’s over.

As time ran out, Dwight Gubbrud stated he will get ordinances from cities that did not force closures and would get them to the council members.

Mayor Gloria Landphere stated that the changes can be considered and then the question ‘where do we go from here’ will be answered.



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Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

The current school closures and unknown date certain of when normalcy will return has changed our world and will leave an impact on the current generation unlike any in history.



Almost overnight every student became a 'home school' kid and every parent a 'home school' teacher.

Former Secretary of Education William Bennett, who served in that role from 1985 to 1988 under President Ronald Reagan advocated a 'No Child Left Behind' and suggested smaller class room size; individualized course of instruction; and more parental involvement.

Well that just about sums up what is taking place today. I doubt anyone would have ever imagined anything like this taking place, but here we are.

The fascinating and comforting thing is the recognition of how quickly children become self motivated learners in the home setting.

As parents we probably learn as much, if not more than the students do.

Two observations given to us: Prayer in school and spanking children for bad behavior has once again returned.

Also a ground swell of support for knowing that our teachers are definitely underpaid.

Another observer commented that all the social distancing and close family time at home is likely to lead to a jump in the birth rate nine months down the road.

Popular names are likely to be: Angel, Charmin, Puff, Scott, and possibly Rollof.

On page A5 of this issue you

will find a Restaurant "Bingo Card".

The idea for the bingo card came from a weekly meeting of the "Belle Fourche Brain Trust". It is an on line group conversation initiated and being facilitated by Life Light Creative's Deb Elliott & Kelly Milliken. They have been hosting a MOL (meeting on line) on a weekly basis to pool collective wisdom and ideas on how to make the best of these difficult times. Restricted travel and gathering puts a new emphasis on making a plan and shopping Truly Local.

We kept our social distance Friday night and viewed the City Council First Reading of Coronavirus Ordinance on line.

We certainly agree with the majority opinion represented there. We also strongly agree with Councilman Hintz that it is ludicrous to include the sale barn in any shut down ordinance.

Any ordinance would only be workable if all the Livestock Marketing Barns had the same rules and or restrictions. If any producers local barn didn't comply and the time has come when they need to go market they shouldn't be forced by a city ordinance to have to go to another location.

We have expressed interest in helping the State Street Team's working group "plan for our future".

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Current church activities make one wonder: When "King-James-versions-only" churches stream their worship services do they use ThouTube instead of YouTube?

People with poor spelling create the strongest passwords.

Placing hand sanitizers in elevators would probably increase their usage simply because people have nothing else to do.

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of us to see what we have around us and appreciate those things more dearly and embrace the opportunities we have.

Today is Wednesday, April 1st.

We were going to do some "April Fools" headlines and stories in the Beacon this week, but with the current seriousness of Covid-19 decided it might be inappropriate.

We will share a couple of the ideas we had:

One headline was going to be: **Black Hills Roundup Submits Bid to Host 2021 NFR**

We even had Garth Brooks as one of the contracted acts.

Another spoof: **City Sells Tri-State Museum to Nome, Alaska Eskimon Tribe**

We even had a great quote worked out from Deputy Museum Director Jean Maher. "Yes, it's a go and the Totem Poles could begin arriving as soon as next week."

We haven't told Kristi (Museum Director Kristi Thielen) yet, but she'll definitely be surprised when we have the polar bears at First Saturday Brunch!"

The Finale was going to be: **Terry Peak Ski Lodge to Host 2028 Winter Olympics**

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Ave on 43 Bulls \$ 4375.58
Ave on Top 5 Bulls \$ 6500
Ave on Top 9 Bulls \$ 6083.33

Next Sale - April 3rd - Bred Cow Special - 10 AM Start
-1PM Kammerer Livestock/ CK Bar Ranch/ Lambert Family Bull Sale

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Feeder Cattle

Duprel & Sons, Jack, Sturgis SD.....	60.....	Bld Hftrs.....	801.....	\$137.00
Duprel & Sons, Jack, Sturgis SD.....	10.....	Bld Hftrs.....	722.....	\$138.00
Harkin & Murphy, Hermosa SD.....	11.....	Bld Strs.....	548.....	\$160.00
Harkin & Murphy, Hermosa SD.....	52.....	Blk Hftrs.....	608.....	\$137.00
Smith, Beth Michelle, Sundance WY.....	47.....	Herf Strs.....	798.....	\$130.00
Belus, Anthony, Clearmont WY.....	3.....	Blk Strs.....	648.....	\$145.00
Brown, Steve & Kyle, Sturgis SD.....	48.....	Blk Hftrs.....	801.....	\$122.00
Brown, Steve & Kyle, Sturgis SD.....	13.....	Bld Hftrs.....	818.....	\$132.00
Hutton Land & Livestock, Devils Tower WY.....	18.....	Red Strs.....	740.....	\$135.75

Weigh Up Cows

Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	1.....		1015.....	\$96.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	2.....	Blk Cow.....	1347.....	\$75.00
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	7.....	Blk Cow.....	1214.....	\$71.50
Blair Bros LLC, Vale SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1000.....	\$90.00
Courtney Herefords, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Herf Cow.....	1455.....	\$65.00
Cundy, Cort, Sundance WY.....	4.....	Blk Cow.....	1461.....	\$68.50
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1495.....	\$68.00
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	B/Hf Cow.....	1685.....	\$62.00
Elsbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1520.....	\$63.00
Elsbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	2.....	Blk Cow.....	1302.....	\$64.00
Elsbury Livestock LLC, Sundance WY.....	4.....	Blk Cow.....	1241.....	\$64.00
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1685.....	\$63.50
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD.....	2.....	Blk Cow.....	1622.....	\$63.50
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1525.....	\$62.00
Gorzalka, Tom Or Debra, Clearmont WY.....	1.....	Blk Hftr.....	870.....	\$91.00
Hett, Tyler Or Marisa, Buffalo SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1485.....	\$66.00
Hett, Tyler Or Marisa, Buffalo SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1425.....	\$63.50
Maude, Marion D, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	Blk Hftr.....	830.....	\$96.00
Maude, Wanda, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	Blk Hftr.....	855.....	\$95.50
McCoy, Jim, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1615.....	\$60.50
McCoy, Jim, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1150.....	\$57.50
McCoy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD.....	1.....	Bld Cow.....	1550.....	\$62.50
Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1550.....	\$67.00
Murphy Cattle Co, Hermosa SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1375.....	\$68.00
Nicholas, William B & Carol K, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Red Cow.....	1265.....	\$65.00
Nixon, Josh, Atzada MT.....	1.....	Blk Cowette.....	965.....	\$90.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1400.....	\$63.50
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk Cowette.....	1185.....	\$74.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Blk Cowette.....	975.....	\$89.00
Tavegia, Harry, Osage WY.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1565.....	\$60.00
Tavegia, Harry, Osage WY.....	1.....	Bld Cow.....	1380.....	\$69.50
Telsrow, Richard, Aladdin WY.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1120.....	\$77.00
Tetrault, Sue, St Onge SD.....	1.....	Red Cow.....	1470.....	\$62.50
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD.....	1.....	Blk Cow.....	1035.....	\$80.00

Weigh Up Bulls

Alan, Cory, Whitewood SD.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	2575.....	\$84.00
Emore Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1815.....	\$87.50
Emore Cattle Co, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1795.....	\$86.50
Frederickson, Nate, Spearfish SD.....	1.....	Herf Bull.....	1960.....	\$86.00
Kissack, Bart & Kathy J, Gillette WY.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1865.....	\$91.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulet WY.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1915.....	\$79.00
Nuckolls Ranch, Hulet WY.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1780.....	\$87.00
Shoun, Scott, New Underwood SD.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	2135.....	\$100.00
Tavegia, Harry, Osage WY.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1995.....	\$92.00
Tavegia, Harry, Osage WY.....	1.....	Herf Bull.....	1955.....	\$91.00
Trapp, Cory, Box Elder SD.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1800.....	\$87.50
Tveidt, Sheldon, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1995.....	\$91.50
Tveidt, Toby, Sturgis SD.....	1.....	Blk Bull.....	1905.....	\$89.00

Friday - April 3, 2020

BRED HEIFER & COW SPECIAL

10:00 AM - Weigh Ups - 11:00 AM - Calves Followed By Bred Cows
1:00 PM - Kammerer Livestock/ Ck Bar Ranch/ Lambert Family Bull Sale

2020 CATTLE SALES

- April 3rd - Bred Cow Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- April 10th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- April 17th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Cattle
- April 24th - Feeder Cattle & Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

2020 SPRING BULL SALE LIST

- April 3rd - Kammerer Livestock/CK Bar Ranch/Lambert Family Bull Sale
- May 1st - Turn-Out Bull Sale

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We also have a receiving station at the Broadus Yards, Broadus, MT. You can drop your cattle off every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Brandy Escott at 406-951-1666, Tyler at 406-853-5690 or Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259.

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SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

9:00 AM - Loose Horses

12:00 Noon - Ride In Horses

All Ride-In Horses Must Have A Coggins.

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Tuesday, March 31st

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Sheep Report - March 26, 2020

Small Run Of Sheep For Today's Sale
Lambs Sold Lower, Slaughter Ewes Sold Steady

Next Sale - April 2nd - Bred Ewe Special
Thank You For Your Business!

Slaughter Bucks

Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	29.....	Buck.....	218.....	\$50.00
Niemi, David & Roxi, Buffalo SD.....	7.....	Buck.....	193.....	\$39.00

Slaughter Ewes

969 Ranch, Broadus MT.....	10.....	Ewe.....	174.....	\$51.00
Binger, Brant, Hay Springs NE.....	6.....	Ewe.....	182.....	\$50.00
Binger, Brant, Hay Springs NE.....	4.....	Ewe.....	158.....	\$46.00
Binger, Brant, Hay Springs NE.....	9.....	Ewe.....	127.....	\$32.00
Millar, Ryle, Sturgis SD.....	4.....	Ewe.....	187.....	\$48.00
Orwick Ranch, Newell SD.....	12.....	Ewe.....	139.....	\$46.00
Orwick Ranch, Newell SD.....	6.....	Ewe.....	125.....	\$35.00
Strohschein, Joslyn, Wright WY.....	8.....	Ewe.....	173.....	\$51.00

Bred Ewes - Sold By The Head

Peterson Sheep, Lemmon SD.....	21.....		151.....	\$180.00
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Feeder Lambs

Millar, Ryle, Sturgis SD.....	10.....	Lambs.....	52.....	\$174.00
Millar, Ryle, Sturgis SD.....	7.....	Lambs.....	70.....	\$159.00
Strohschein, Joslyn, Wright WY.....	8.....	Lambs.....	81.....	\$151.00
Miller Ranch, Jenne, Douglas WY.....	6.....	Old Lambs.....	93.....	\$141.00
Diits Ranch, Douglas WY.....	5.....	Old Lambs.....	88.....	\$141.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

April 2, 2020

1:00 PM

BRED EWE SPECIAL

BRED EWES

MT - 150 Yrlyg Ewes - 5/1, Wf & Bf Bucks - Shorn
SD - 40 Yrlyg Ewes - 5/10
SD - 30 2 Yr To Solid Mouth Ewes - 5/10

PLUS MORE BY SALE TIME!

Upcoming Sheep Sale 2020

- April 2nd - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- April 9th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- April 16th - Bred Ewe Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- April 23rd - Regular Sheep Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
- April 30th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Challenging Times Call for Innovation Thinking

To quote Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."



John Newby

with increased revenue during a very difficult time. The community wins as many organizations are supported. The residents win because they have an opportunity to assist their community. This is the time that business owners need to become more creative. Media companies need to be at the forefront of this type of innovation and ready to promote and market those business solutions.

Communities Need Great Media Websites - This is a great opportunity for local media companies to assure they provide a top-notch website to their readers. This is even more true with less than daily circulation and weekly newspapers. Look at this as a HUGE opportunity to provide something many in your community are thirsting for. We are seeing more residents than ever before within the local communities supporting these local efforts. They realize the importance of the media in these challenging, and sometimes scary times. If the local media website isn't top-notch, seize that opportunity and make it happen right away.

We Need Positive News and Information - It is so easy to get caught-up in the endless cycle of negative news that is blasted across our airwaves 24/7. Studies show if you surround yourself with negative news, it has a depressing impact on the brain, and thus your overall outlook. There is so much positive news within the boundaries of our community,

we need to assure the community is aware of this information. While the local media company can certainly provide the information regarding outstanding aspects of the community, each community member can do their part as well. Share those local media stories on social media. Provide the media company with tips leading to positive information. We can all share in a great news effort, let's go.

Be a Leader Now! - As I mentioned at the beginning of this column, every community needs leadership. Not all leadership is the same. Leadership can be in your home, in your place of business, in your neighborhood, in your civic organization and of course in your community. Great leaders are constantly coming up with new ideas and innovations. Leaders are those exuding trust from those they come into contact with. Leadership can come from the media company working with businesses and communities during hard times to assist them in their critical leadership roles. Leadership isn't waiting for others to ask you what to do; it can be reaching out to others and asking how you can help or offer suggestions about how others can serve their community better. Now is the time leaders must reach out, step-up and be counted.

As I read back through this column, a thought came to my mind. The things written here are not things that are profound, they are simply what we as a business, community, media-company and residents should have been doing all

along. Oftentimes it takes times of uncertainty and change to make us realize what our mission should be. Our communities are full of great businesses, media companies, leaders and people; now is the time for each of us to reach out and fulfill what we are capable of doing. Anything short of that leaves a void within our communities, maybe a void that no one else can fill.

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John A. Newby, author of the "Building Main Street, Not Wall Street" column and Facebook group dedicated to helping communities and media companies work together allowing both to not just survive, but thrive in a world where truly-local is lost to Amazon, Wall Street chains and others. His email at: john@360MediaAlliance.net.

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Bareback:

5. Jamie Howlett	Rapid City, SD	\$35,527.84
22. Shane O'Connell	Rapid City, SD	\$12,936.64

Steer Wrestling:

8. Jace Melvin	Ft. Pierre, SD	\$22,048.86
13. Eli Lord	Sturgis, SD	\$15,734.01
43. Taz Olson	Prairie City, SD	\$7,079.27

Team Roping Headers:

37. Jr. Dees	Aurora, SD	\$7,676.90
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Team Roping Heelers:

42. Levi Lord	Sturgis, SD	\$7,241.36
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Saddle Bronc:

5. Shorty Garrett	Eagle Butte, SD	\$40,317.47
6. Cole Elshere	Faith, SD	\$34,532.81
12. Taygen Schuelke	Newell, SD	\$21,004.30
18. Lane Schuelke	Newell, SD	\$14,326.73
26. Chuck Schmidt	Keldron, SD	\$11,075.69
35. Ty Manke	Rapid City, SD	\$8,818.33
37. Jade Blackwell	Rapid City, SD	\$8,461.06
40. Jacob Kammerer	Philip, SD	\$6,683.05

Tie-Down Roping:

None as of 4/1

Steer Roping:

4. Jess Tierney	Hermosa, SD	\$13,129.70
28. Ora Taton	Rapid City, SD	\$3,905.72
34. J.R. Olson	Whitewood, SD	\$2,734.00

Barrel Racing:

17. Lisa Lockhart	Oelrichs, SD	\$13,938.88
25. Jessica Routier	Buffalo, SD	\$11,185.00
46. Amanda Harris	Spearfish, SD	\$6,840.38

Bull Riding:

48. Wyatt Gregg	Belle Fourche, SD	\$7,483.41
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The Good Stuff ————— by Jim Thompson

We are victims of the electronic age; cell phones, computers, and that leads to more gossip that changes all the facts into factoids and then who knows what else.

This is from World War 1. Over 100 years ago, even without Facebook, we had gossip:...(remember the words and language were from another era when we didn't know better)

The Source of News

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Virus Playing Havoc with Rodeo Schedules

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BELLE FOURCHE - Like many of us, area rodeo athletes are finding themselves with a bit less crowded schedule. But most have plenty to do with calving season in full swing and ranch work a constant need.

The COVID-19 outbreak has pretty much canceled or postponed nearly every PRCA rodeo event nationwide. Perhaps the largest event to fall victim is the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo in which many area athletes were doing well. Among

them were bronc riders Shorty Garrett and Cole Elshere. Barrel racers Lisa Lockhart and Jessica Routier were also headed for good paydays. Bareback riders Jamie Howlett and Shane O'Connell had also won money. The rodeo did pay out all prize money to contestants that had earned it during the first three Super Series events.

In all 29 rodeos have been canceled according to the PRCA. None past May 17th have been canceled and the Black Hills Roundup is still on schedule. The first rodeo listed with the PRCA that is still

scheduled is on April 22nd in Lufkin, Texas. The vast majority of events have been postponed to a later date meaning that beginning in May through most of the end of summer the schedule will see a higher than normal concentration of events at times. This will require athletes to put more thought into their entering strategy.

This year is shaping up to be a banner year for South Dakota saddle bronc riders. Eight are currently ranked in the top 50, the most of any state and tied with the province of Alberta, Canada.

It's Been an Adventure

Editor's Note: We asked Betty Bruner and Colleen Brunner to submit stories on how they got started as journalists. Betty covers the N-V-N area. Colleen also covers the N-V-N region and the Butte County Commissioners beat. Colleen's story begins on page B4.

BETTY BRUNER

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"All I know is how to milk cows and raise kids" those were the words I shared with the Chrisann Mateer as she interviewed me for the newspaper administrative assistant position at the Valley Irrigator in Newell back in 2000. That was the beginning of a great adventure for me with the newspaper business.

What brought me up to that point? A very ordinary but interesting life. Let me give you a look into what life was like before the newspaper adventure.

I was a city kid having been born in Huron, SD, living in Los Angeles, CA, Sioux Falls, SD and ending up my high school years in Pierre, SD. We traveled all over the western US because my dad worked for an airline and airplane rides were cheap. But my heart was in the country with cowboys and horses. I dreamed of being married to a tall lanky cowboy-somebody like Jimmie Stewart or John Wayne-tough, silent, always the hero.

Not too many cowboys were found where I lived, though. That is until we moved to Pierre. There, part of my dreams came true when we moved outside of the city limits and bought some horses. Most of my spare time was spent riding and dreaming.

Usually alone, I spent hours with the horses or reading about them or thinking about them. My best friend, Vickie,

was just as horse crazy as me so we spent a lot of great times together. We were together enough that people thought we were sisters, even though she was 5'1" with long curly blond hair and I was 5'5" with short brown hair!

Another part of my dream came true when I met a tall, dark, handsome cowboy in college. Within a week of knowing him, I knew he would be my forever cowboy. A year and half later, we married and headed to work with his dad on the farm.

Oh, yes, he was a cowboy 'cuz he roped and rode, but his cows were black and white Holsteins! Maybe not exactly what I had seen in my dreams, but pretty close. It was a new adventure for me to be miles from town and not able to get away like I did growing up. Those were years of culture shock, but well worth the ride. We worked on the dairy near Box Elder, SD for nearly seven years.

During those seven years, we added our sweet adopted daughter, Sarah Rose, and our son, Matthew Raymond. The oldest two are only nine months apart, you know how it goes when you adopt-things bust loose!

In 1980, we found a place to bring the cows we had been adding to our own herd at Neil Vollmer's in Newell. We moved cows, kids, and our household to begin another new adventure. Mary Charlene was added to the almost chaotic life we had. With three little ones under five, 40

cows to milk and all the other things life sends us, the time flew by in a blur.

Just a year later, we moved across the Belle Fourche River to go into partnership with Harold Sulzbach. We added to our dairy herd and milked three times a day. If I thought we were busy before, this proved I was dreaming. But there was still time to fish and enjoy family life.

Another young'un was added to the mix while we lived in Vale. Daniel Loren decided to hurry and come on a lovely warm spring day while I was preparing a new home for our growing family.

We had found a place of our own at the north corner of Wilson Cemetery Road and Youngberg Road, just south of Newell. We had looked at it five years before and I knew then someday it would be ours. We leased the farm for many years before it became ours, but it always seemed to belong to us from the beginning.

In the late '80s we added a farmer's market garden to our list of enterprises. We became part of the Black Hills Farmers Market in Rapid City selling produce from our several acres of garden. The kids learned math and meeting people.

Our four children grew strong and courageous, ready to take on whatever comes while working the dairy and attending school at Newell. They kept the household active and noisy

while attending school and church events.

By 2000, there was only one child left at home, Daniel. What had been a hectic household had become pretty quiet. Since our other "free" help had graduated to their adventures, milking cows didn't seem so fun. Daniel was a great help, but had other interests, too. So, I decided to try to expand my horizons and interviewed for the newspaper administrative assistant position.

It started out as a part-time position and grew to full-time within a few months. I began to cover a few events when the office got busier with news and found out it was the place to be for me! I loved being an integral part of the NVN area, meeting people from all over the region. It was great!

Then one day, my world was turned upside down and the joy left for a time. Our youngest son, Daniel, was killed in a car accident early one morning. He was headed to a new job in North Dakota and fell asleep at the wheel. The night before, he had given me a hug and told me he loved me and knew I always loved him. That's the memory I keep close to my heart.

The following days and weeks are indistinct but passed into months. Then one day, I received a phone call from the Editor of the Valley Irrigator asking me to become a full-time reporter. Was I ready to come back? You bet!

I started out as reporter,

learned how to paginate the paper and take pictures and then was promoted to Editor/Publisher. It was a job I loved with all my heart! There were long days, shorter nights, and lots to do in between. Miles were put on the car and I went through a tower of notebooks and oceans of ink. There were even nights that I slept on the cement floor just to make sure the paper was done on time.

After five years of writing news, I went on another adventure in Gillette, WY. We still had the farm at Newell and I traveled back and forth every weekend. But what an adventure! I worked in the detention center in Gillette and learned new words everyday! It was an eye opening experience in the workings of the human mind and attitudes.

Finally, I was able to come home to stay. We celebrated our 160th Anniversary-that is Chuck and I both turned 60 (that's 120 yrs.) and it was our 40th Anniversary. We had friends and family join us for a grand celebration in our front yard. What a marvelous new adventure!

For the last six years, I have been a cook at the Blue Line Diner in Newell, worked full-time at the Butte County Post in Belle Fourche, and been a grandma. And now, I write for the Belle Fourche Beacon. Life is grand!

I wonder what the next adventure will be? There's still a lot of world to see!

The Valley Irrigator

Wed. April 1, 2020

Serving Newell, Vale and Nisland Communities

A Letter from the Mayor

To the residents of the Newell, Vale and Nisland area

As many of you are aware, Our towns, townships, school and county governments must declare a legal newspaper each year in which to publish legal notices, minutes of meetings and other information for the public so they can be aware of what the government entities are doing.

There are certain requirements that a newspaper must meet in order to qualify as a legal newspaper. Among them is that the paper must have a number of paid subscriptions. Since the Belle Fourche Beacon is sent to all residents in our area, it should be the logical choice to be designated as our legal newspaper. However, at this time, it does not have enough paid subscriptions to meet the threshold.

I would point out that if there is a legal newspaper in the county, then that shall be used as the legal newspaper. Since there is none that qualifies at this time, we are all using the Black Hills Pioneer as our official paper. The problem that I see is that not very many people in the area subscribe to the Pioneer.

Therefore, not many people see legal notices that are required by state law to be published and we pay to have published in the Pioneer.

There is a way to fix this. If enough of us pay for a subscription to the Beacon, then it could qualify to be our legal newspaper. The owner of the Beacon has asked us to consider purchasing a subscription for \$28 per year.

Since the Beacon covers town and school board meetings, community events and news as well as school activities many of us really appreciate what the Beacon has done for our communities. It appears that the Beacon is well received in the area and will continue to operate in the region, we can help make it our newspaper by purchasing a subscription. Please consider doing this as a good local newspaper is essential for a vibrant community.

A form for doing this is in this paper. Please cut it out and send along with a payment to the Beacon today. Sincerely,
Kenneth Wetz,
Mayor of the Town of Newell

Parking Lot Re-Do



Putting the Time to Good Use - TJ's Cafe got a revamp to the parking lot while they were temporarily closed for cleaning. They have dropped their hours of availability from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and offer curbside delivery. - Brunner photo

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Newell Schools:
newell.k12.sd.us

State of South Dakota
doh.sd.gov

Butte County
buttesd.org

Veto Day Brings a Flurry of Bills to the Capitol

I hope this finds everyone well and coping with the inconvenience that the Covid-19 virus has brought us. The precautions have certainly affected more of us than the disease and I hope it stays that way. As a state, South Dakota is doing well, both in terms of the number of people infected and the steps that people are taking on their own without government mandates. Most cities have the power to do what fits their circumstances concerning shutting things down, but we certainly realize that in an agriculture based economy we need to take care of business.

Veto day is scheduled for March 30th and looks to be an interesting day. We have set up an on-line method to do our business for the day but some of us who are healthy and low risk will travel to Pierre to be there in person. The Governor has proposed several new bills to put us in a better position to take care of problems caused by the virus. Two of the bills deal with schools and the requirements for minimum days in a classroom. That minimum day requirement can be waived by the Secretary of Education in the event of an emergency like we are facing. Also virtual or remote instruction can be counted toward those hours of instruction.

Schools will also be exempt from the statewide testing requirements and the accountabil-



Tom Brunner
Legislative Report

ity requirements will be waived for the school year.

The restrictions on unemployment or re-employment assistance, as we now call it, will be eased so that if you lost your job because of the virus it will be easier to collect unemployment benefits. I think the relief package that the federal government just passed will probably also add to those benefits in terms of longevity.

There is a bill to grant a 90 day grace period if your driver's license or CDL expires and you can't get it renewed in time.

There is also a couple of bills that deal with upcoming elections, absentee ballots and the state primary election coming up in June. If circumstances aren't better by then the primary could be postponed until July, as late as July 28th.

A couple of the bills grant more authority to some state departments and counties during an emergency, I'm not convinced that these are a great

TOM BRUNNER B4

It's Been a Quiet Week in NVN-Land, Our Hometown....

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NEWELL – Things are a little quiet in NVN Land. But there are still things going on that are not super visible. However, one thing that is pretty visible is the work going on at TJ's Café Monday and Tuesday.

"We will be closed all day Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24," said owner Tracy Deyoe. "We hope to reopen Wednesday, but at this point are taking it day by day." Deyoe said it really doesn't pay to be open currently and she is trying to do her part to stop the spread. She also feels obligated to her employees, customers and the truckers that count on the café for a good meal on the road.

"I want to assure you that we are going above and beyond with our cleaning," she said. "But, come Tuesday afternoon, I will see how things are shaping up for our great state of South Dakota. I hope you all understand and we are sorry as heck for the inconvenience."

The school here in Newell has started the Free Meals for Kids, supplying all Newell students who wish to participate with a lunch meal for the day and a breakfast meal for the following morning.

"We will serve all children ages 0-18," said a school representative. "We just ask that you call the school to let us know you want meals for your children. Our goal is to have enough meals for everyone

who wants one. You can call 605-456-2393 Ext. 1 to leave your child's name, where you plan to pick up your meal and a phone number where you can be reached."

The drop off spots are a "drive-thru" location outside the school on Fourth Street at 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the Nisland Post office from 12:30-1:00 p.m. and the Vale Community Center parking lot from 11:30 a.m.-12 noon. Check the school website at newell.k12.sd.us for more information on this and other school-related topics.

Terri Dutton Blanchett, along with Josie South and Betty Baker Cozer manned the NVN Food Pantry this past week and are helping to provide boxed food to others in the community who cannot come into the Senior Center to pick up needed food items.



Manning the Pantry - Terri Dutton Blanchett, Josie South and Betty Baker Cozer, manned the NVN Food Pantry this past week and made available boxed goods to other families in need in the entire NVN area. Rhonda Vallery was the Nisland representative for the group. - Courtesy photo

Correction to last week's NVN Roundup, Page B4

In the NVN Roundup article from March 25, some information about Courtney Fischbach was incorrect. She is a certified dental assistant, not a dental hygienist as identified. She does hold a healthcare BLS card that is current and is a stipulation of her certifications. The dance recital for her daughter, has not been cancelled but only postponed, to a yet unnamed date. She thanks La Belle Ballet of Belle Fourche for working toward an event in the future.

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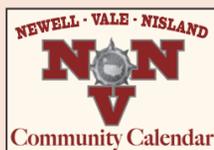


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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Per Governor Noem's recommendation, Newell School will remain closed until May 3. This closure includes all activities and all buildings, unless authorized by the superintendent.

All teachers, grades Pre-K through 12 will continue to host classes online or through paper-work. The homework drop-off/pick-up day will be Monday March 30th from 1-6 p.m. Library books may be returned at this same time. To reduce congestion, we are asking families to follow an alphabetical schedule. Families with last names A-E 1-2 p.m.; F-J 2-3 p.m.; K-M 3-4 p.m.; N-S 4-5 p.m.; T-Z 5-6 p.m. We will have the point of drop-off/pick-up on the south end of Campus (4th street) for everyone to be able to drive up. Staff will be at the site to take the work you are turning in and hand you new homework packets.

Parents of high school students, please understand students must complete work assigned during this time to receive credit for their courses.

South Dakota Jr. High Rodeo Association

Due to the recent announcements regarding school closures statewide, the decision has been made to cancel both regional rodeos this season. There will not be a rodeo in Rapid City the weekend of April 24/25 and there will not be a rodeo in Huron the weekend of May 2/3. The Memorial Day state finals

weekend on May 22-24, is still scheduled and a change to the plans of that weekend may be in the works. The Association will let all know when this decision is made and they thank you for understanding during this time.

The Local Food Bank

(Newell) crew has been working hard to Pre-Box grocery items to be handed out to those who may need them. Due to the COVID19 Virus situation they will be using extra precautions for their safety and yours. The Food Bank will continue to be open at the NVN Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. If you are elderly, sick or shut in and would like to have boxes delivered to you please call the Newell City Office at 605-456-2737 to make arrangements for pickup and/or delivery. Nisland residents call Rhonda Vallery at 605-257-2365.

Nisland/Arpan Fire & Rescue in Nisland, and the Newell Christian Fellowship Church in Newell are on the lookout for helping those in need.

NAVFR is planning to deliver boxes of groceries to anyone in the Nisland area who needs supplies. Please call Stan Lewis at 605-645-0813 or Public Information Officer Colleen Brunner at 605-645-9976 and leave a message with your name and phone number and specific need. One of them will contact you to make arrangements. The Newell church will take orders for supplies needed. Send a FB message or text/call 605-569-2643 to place an order and arrange for delivery/payment. Also, text/call/message if you would volunteer to shop for others while you are getting your supplies.

Butte County Highway Department

The bridge over Indian Creek on Mail Road will be closed for a few weeks for re-decking. Please check back for updates on its reopening.

Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports: Match 3: At this time, we are officially canceling Match 3.

State Shoot (April 24-26): Canceled. Still planning a 2020 Graduating Senior Showdown at some point in the future.

Archery Qualifier in Yankton (June 13-14): This event will be postponed until the fall. The date for this has not been set yet, but it will be shared when set. When this is rescheduled it will be a little different than what it was going to be originally. Seniors wishing to make the 2021 team will need to shoot all four events while there (FITA, Field, 3-D and 150). There will still be the educational portion, and an opportunity for juniors and beginners to compete. National Level 2 Trainings: These have been canceled or postponed by the National Committee and host locations. National Shooting Sports Championships (Grand Island June 21-26): The status of this event has not been determined yet.

A rubric of information will be used to form the teams which have not been selected by competition. The following information will be used to make these decisions. Match Scores, State Scores, Age, and potentially coaches recommendations.

Match 4-5, Summer Programs, Fall Shoot: We have made no decisions at this time about suspension or postponements of those events or programs.

TJ's Café: Due to business slowing the restaurant hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

From B3 TOM BRUNNER

idea but we'll listen to the logic behind them and decide Monday. We would also create a small business sub fund to help small businesses hurt by the economic slowdown, as well as creating a mechanism for disbursing federal dollars should they appear.

So, veto day should be an interesting day both because of the flurry of new bills and also the issue of several people not

being there and voting remotely. I am not sure how all of this aligns with our constitution and our rules for conducting session. I am sure though that if someone challenged these actions in court the judge would say we are surely in unprecedented times and doing the best we could for the state.

As always i can be reached at Thomas.brunner@sdl.legislature.gov. Please be well and use this time to refocus on the important things in life.

How the News Becomes News

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NEWELL – On any given day in NVN Land there could be potential news springing up in the area. Given that I am the only by-lined news reporter in the area, many people believe that I am the one who “knows everything.” However, that is not necessarily the case. News becomes news when: 1) It is a newsworthy happening, 2) When the reporter is informed of the event by people within the community, and, 3) The reporter can glean enough legitimate facts and information, as well as including photos, to make it interesting to read.

I have been in the news business since my first assignment from Valley Irrigator Editor Tim Velder way back in 1982. The Valley Irrigator ran from the early 1930's to 1985 when the name was changed to the Butte County Valley Irrigator.

My first attempt at news writing was covering a crop field test on the farm of Bryant and Karrol Herman of Nisland. Although I grew up on a ranch and was married to a farmer I really didn't know much about this type of event. But I winged it good enough and Velder game me more assignments.

The rest, as is said, is history. I have been employed as a freelance writer ever since, weathering the storms of the local paper being absorbed and relocated to Belle Fourche for many years before closing completely.

One of the main challenges is convincing people they can contact me with happenings and events that would be considered newsworthy. I hope to continue to reach out to them and bring

Colleen Brunner has worked in the field of journalism since 1982 and currently writes freelance for the Belle Fourche Beacon/Valley Irrigator. - Brunner photo

more local news to the public in the future.

A typical scenario might go like this. A friend named Karen Wallace, who used to work for the local paper and understands the importance of keeping the public informed, will often send me an email or text.

“Hey Colleen, did you know this was happening at the school?” she'd question. Then she would share as much info and contact numbers as possible, sometimes along with photos to accompany the article. I would trundle off to the school at the appropriate time, gather info, do research if necessary, and as long as I got the article written and submitted by my editor's deadline, the next week the people would be informed.

That's considered an event coverage. Once in a while, especially through articles like my weekly NVN Roundup, we'll share information to help keep the public informed about upcoming events and activities.

COLLEEN B5

Newell Schools Support Staff to Receive Pay

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NEWELL - Newell School Board members received information about surrounding schools from Superintendent Robin Dutt concerning paying support staff during the COVID-19 school closure.

Dutt shared two motions passed by Belle Fourche School Board members and Meade County District School Board members. Both schools had voted to continue paying support

personnel.

Jeremiah Weeldreyer, Head Maintenance, told the board members that several support staff individuals had been in to help with cleaning projects. They could continue to put in hours helping at the school.

“There's plenty to do,” he said.

Dutt reminded the board that some of the paraprofessionals are funded by Federal money. If that amount is less for the 2019-2020 school year, then the funding may go down next year.

Following further discussion the board decided to pay regular rate for regularly scheduled hours during the state-mandated closure of schools.

Dutt also mentioned a challenge she had issued to teachers to do as much online teaching as possible. The availability of Internet access may be a hurdle, but there may be a solution soon.

The board went into Executive Session to discuss staffing for the new year, personnel issues, and negotiations.

from the Newell Museum

the Burlington Railroad tracks, according to word received by Bramble Lawler, Deadwood, Lawrence County Highway Superintendent.

April 4, 1940

Dr. V. B. Francis, Newell, was elected president of the Black Hills Dental Society at the annual business session in Deadwood last week. He succeeds Dr. C.C. Grant of Lead; Dr. L. H. Tasto, Spearfish was elected Vice President and Dr. D. A. Lund, Belle Fourche Secretary. Various professional activities were discussed at the meeting, including the annual convention of the dental organization at Sioux Falls.

Plans have been completed for the program and entertainment at the Second Annual Western South Dakota Sheep Growers Association convention on April 1 in Belle Fourche. Monday evening a pre-convention feature of 36 rounds of fast boxing will be held. Reports from committees and election of officers will close the session. On Tuesday evening W.W. “Bill” Gail of Billings, Mont. will preside at the annual sheepherders’

resides southwest of town, met with considerable misfortune Saturday while attempting to cross Horse Creek on his way to town. His team foundered and it was only with difficulty that he was able to save himself and one of his horses. The other horse, a dandy big fellow, was drowned.

April 3, 1930

Frank R. Graham, sugar-end foreman at the Black Hills Sugar plant, received a broken right arm, broken bone in his right foot, dislocated ankle and a badly bruised right leg Monday evening when he fell from the top of a centrifugal wash tank at the plant. The fall was about 18 feet. Mr. Graham was tightening bolts at the top of the tank when the wrench slipped causing him to lose his balance.

John W. Scott installed one of the large Westinghouse electric light plants at the Blake Crowser place near Red Owl this week.

The Burlington Railroad has been ordered to construct an overhead crossing at the point on Aztec Hill where Federal Highway 85 from Lead to Spearfish crossing intersects

Then and Now in Newell

April 7, 1910

The Newell Reclamation News, a weekly newspaper, John Barnes publisher, made its first appearance last week.

Elsie Hansen, the 16-year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hansen of Snoma died at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening from an attack of pneumonia, having been ill only since Saturday. Mrs. H. M. Woodburn of Belle Fourche was stricken on Sunday night also with pneumonia and on Monday succumbed. She was one of the pioneer merchants of the Hills Country.

Citizens of the Town of Newell are building a couple of large cisterns. They are being put in on the McDermott claim within the Townsite.

April 1, 1920

Many favorable comments have been made on the new light on top of the water tower west of town. The light was installed the fore part of the week by “Cap” Ridgeway and was lighted for the first time on Saturday evening. It is a 500 candle power and throws a visible light a number of blocks round about the tower.

O. A. Halvorson, who



Black Hills Sugar Refinery - The sugar refinery was located on the northeast side of Belle Fourche. The photo above was probably taken in the early 1900's as a horse-drawn wagon and vintage automobiles are visible. - Photo Courtesy SD State Historical Society

“Looking Forward to our Past” by Linda Velder

banquet, T. L. Hill, Rapid City, will conduct community singing with Ed Sewell, Rapid City at the piano and there will be entertainment during and following the meal and climaxing the convention will be a big free dance.

Members of the Newell Community Club and Newell Business firms will attend “CCC Open House” at Orman Dam next Tuesday noon, according to action taken at their regular meeting at Wood's Café. Plans are to have as many as possible join in the visiting group, which would leave Newell at 11:30 and return 1:30 PM.

April 6, 1950

Siguard Anderson, State Attorney General and candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, will be featured speaker at a joint meeting of the Vale Community Club and Butte County Farm Bureau at Vale next Wednesday evening. At the meeting Community Club President will appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of a water to be dug in Vale. The Farm Bureau will hold its annual election of officers with President Preston Hill presiding. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting by the Farm Bureau and Community Club. All persons interested are invited whether member or not.

An invitation has been extended to all school children in Butte County to attend National Hospital Day, which will be celebrated by an “Open House” at the Veterans Hospital, Ft. Meade Sunday May 14. May 12, 1950 commemorates the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing. The invitation is extended through the County Superintendent's office. Parents are also invited to attend.

April 7, 1960

The city sewage stabiliza-

tion pond, a major construction project of the City of Newell the past year was put into operation last week and by Monday of this week the inflow had covered about half the bottom of one of the 2 lagoons, with no odors being detected there from. City Foreman Lyman Bruce and City Water & Sewer Commissioner Don Hafner checked the operation and the inflow line was still visible, while at the bottom, large pipes house the control valves. Lagoon comprises 4.73 acres.

M-Sgt Julius F. Syverts of Newell, a member of the 84th Air Transport Squadron at Travis Air force Base, California, participated in Operation Big Slam during the later part of March. Big Slam (Strategic Lift of Army & Material) was a test of the Military Air Transport Service to shift into a high level of wartime operations at a moments' notice. BATS airlifted 22,000 army troops and 112,000 tons of equipment during the exercise in addition to accomplishing their regular training missions. Sgt. Syverts is an engineer on a C-133 Cargomaster and is a son of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Syverts, Newell.

Although much water was lost in the ice jam which developed at the Diversion Dam on the Belle Fourche River March 24, the inflow to Orman Dam is continuing at a good rate and irrigation prospects for the coming season appear “good”. Belle Fourche Irrigation District Manager Victor Norlin, Newell, reported that total storage had reached 60,926 feet, which is 3,000 acre feet more than the reservoir contained at the same time last year. The automatic spillway from the Diversion Canal also spilled about 125 second feet of water into Crow Creek for a short while when the canal reached capacity.

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From B4 COLLEEN

Right now, there is a dearth of events due to the COVID19 virus rampaging its way around the country and world. But that, in itself, brings news coverage. Helping others to stay informed is part of the task of a local newspaper like the Beacon.

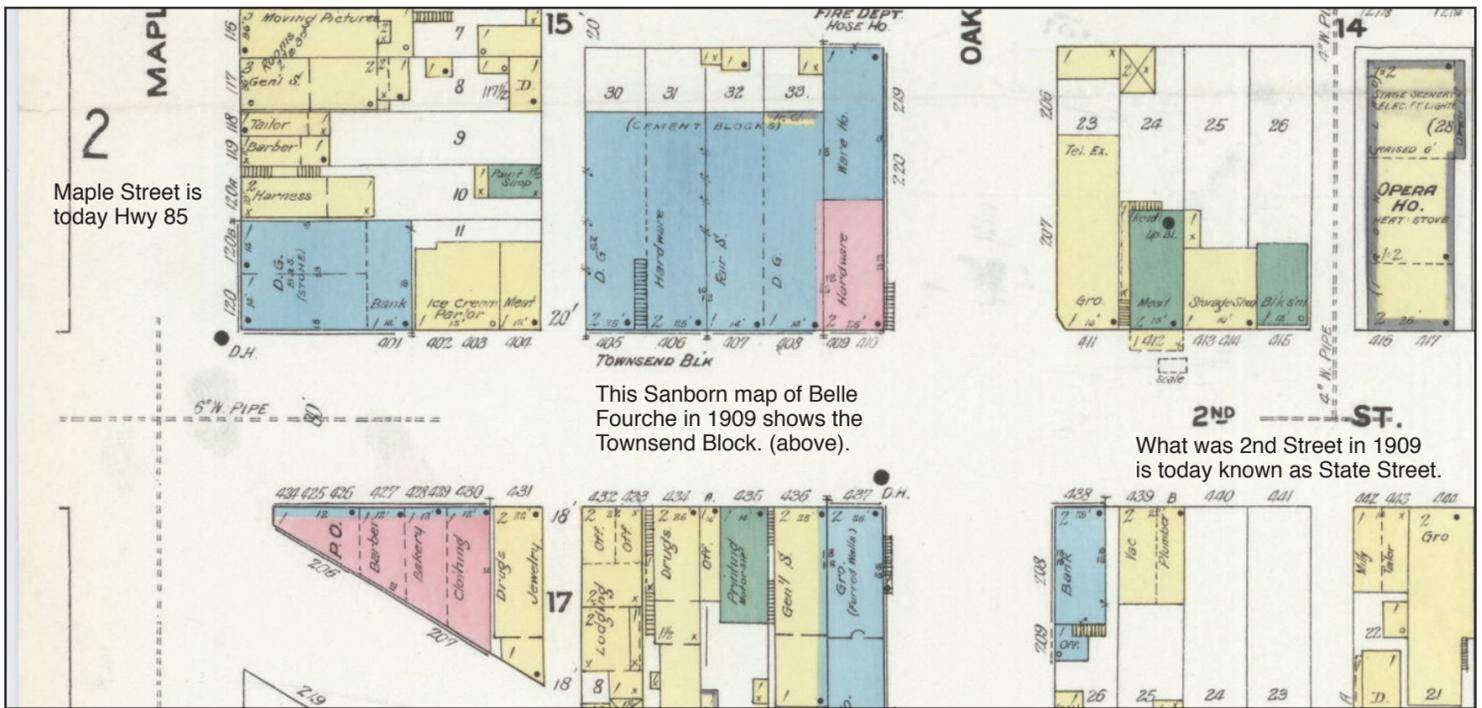
Over the years I have covered events ranging from the aforementioned crop test plot, to sports, community events and disasters, accidents and fires and business openings, closing and changes. I have stood, watching from a distance, our

local firefighters trying in vain to save a home, and watched as the local sheriff's deputies pull over a drug trafficking vehicle. I have covered county commission, city commission and other local entity meetings, as well as getting a "scoop" from someone who has some info to share.

Writing a headline and lead line that draw the reader into the article is a learned talent and not something everyone is born with, myself included. Sometimes I'm fortunate enough to be "handed" a headline by the person I'm interviewing, and sometimes the editor has to "switch it out," because it is a

little too wordy or even a bit boring. But, that's his/her job. I remember the thrill the first time I saw my "by-line." Pretty cool, even if it was just the local black-and-white-and-read-all-over. Now, it's become second nature, but it's still nice when someone comments, "I read all your articles, they're great."

So, if you have the chance, and would like to help out those trying to keep the community informed, or you fancy yourself a writer and would like to try your hand, give us a call or email. We look forward to your continued support of the Beacon.



Looking Back in Belle

These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum. Today's article is created by using Pioneer Footprints, published in 1964 by Black Hills Half Century

Dr. Louis J Townsend was born November 21, 1870 at La Motte, Iowa. After his graduation from Rush Medical College in 1896, he came west and tried practicing at Newcastle, Wyoming and Ragged Top, a Black Hills mining camp, before he landed in Belle Fourche in 1898. L. J. bought the Frank Cock property, a small store building and lot on State Street, and in partnership with B. M. (Doc) Long, not an M.D., started the Hospital Pharmacy as a side line.



The Townsend Block was originally built to be a hospital. It is currently home to Love That Shop.

In 1901 Dr. L. J. wanted to go to Europe for study under a master surgeon at Vienna, Austria. He asked the school to send him a doctor to take his place in the office at Belle Fourche during his absence. When the replacement arrived, the debonair gentleman stated that his name was Dr. Francis E. Townsend. The two doctors of the same name were not related.

time, after the turn of the century, he was summoned to a ranch halfway to the Powder River, on Box Elder, where a bachelor named Ed. R. was down with pneumonia, L. J. changed teams at Alzada to speed the sixty mile journey to his patient. "It was winter," L. J. said, "there was no fire in the house, Old Ed had not eaten for two days, and his bed was two tanned cow hides and a plank bunk. He was in a bad way. I started a fire, made some soup, and stayed with him two days. A cowboy dropped in, and I made him stay with Ed until he was well enough to travel, then ordered him brought to the clinic in town." Old Ed survived. When brought to the clinic, Mrs. Bogue reported that Ed complained that he could not stand the clean bedding and the soft bed. He preferred to lie on the floor. When his place was needed by another patient Ed loafed in L. J.'s office "Your hoss-pittle is too darn little," Old Ed grumbled one day. "Why don't you get a bigger one?" Dr. L.J. looked across the street where his store and lot was located and explained he had dreamed of doing just that. If he had the money he would build a big place with store rooms on the street level and plenty of hospital and office rooms upstairs. "How much would it cost?" Ed asked. Dr. L. J. needed ten thousand dollars more than he could then scrape up. "I'll loan it to you, Doc." Old Ed said, and he wrote out a check for that amount on a St.

After Dr. L. J. returned from Europe, Dr. F. E. and he became partners in a clinic operation. The clinic with its wards was upstairs rooms. Mrs. Wilhelmina Bogue a widow with one small daughter, supervised the wards. "Bogey" as she was called by all, gave the community its first taste of hospital service. The clinic in a town of three hundred population was so successful that medical journals commented on it.

All of these pioneer doctors had experiences that they could recount and Dr. L. J. Townsend often related examples. One



Portrait of Dr. Louis Townsend. The Townsend block on State Street bears his name to this day.

Louis bank. "I been shipping horses and banking the money down there for years," he explained.

That was how Belle Hospital got the Townsend Block, the building in which Frey's Hardware and Furniture is now located. Dr. L. J. said cement blocks were then the new building product. He got a man called Steam Shovel Dick to make the blocks on Redwater where there was a lot of gravel; and J. O'Banion built the imposing Townsend Block.



Behind all the trees is the John Burns Memorial Hospital in Belle Fourche.



Dr. Townsend's 1907 medical certificate from the Vienna General Hospital in Austria.

In later years Dr. L. J. said, "I never go down on that side of the street for fear the building will fall down on me. We didn't put much cement in the blocks; it was mostly rock and sand. When I came back and found it still standing, I was down right surprised."

Dr. L. J. was a community builder in more ways than one. In 1904, he was elected president of the Businessmen's Club. In 1905, he headed the school board and proudly passed out the diplomas to Belle Fourche High School's first graduating class, three young ladies, named Ena Lancaster, Mae Scotney and Edith Ackerman.

In 1901, Dr. L. J. married to Ida Mae Clark; and to this marriage was born a daughter,



by Mary Buchholz



Dr. Townsend's relaxing with the Saturday Evening Post.



Drug Store.

named Gwendolyn Townsend, who in later years made her home in San Diego, California. In 1909, Dr. L. J. Townsend left Butte County to locate at Fremont, Nebraska. In 1910 he formed a partnership with a doctor in Sioux City and moved back to Iowa.

Dr. L. J. Townsend connection to Belle Fourche's John Burns Hospital

Through the terms of a will drawn up in 1920, Mr. John Burns of Laurel, Nebraska, made Dr. Townsend the executor of his estate that was to benefit some hospital. Thus Belle Fourche achieved the John Burns Memorial Hospital and was happy to have Dr. L. J. Townsend return as a citizen of Butte County. In 1943, Dr. L. J. Townsend retired from practice to enjoy the country life at his farm home, "This 'le-Do-Me" east of town. He passed away January 17, 1955 at the age of eighty-four.

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Grand River Roundup

BETTY OLSON

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We had some beautiful warm weather and spring is here! Dale Robinson called me after reading my column from last week when I complained that the cold on the first day of spring didn't feel like spring had arrived.

Dale told me that spring is like a newborn baby, it won't come until it's ready! Reub's mother used to quote this old saying every spring, "Spring is sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where the flowers is?" Green grass is coming up, Dale has seen crocuses and the tulips on the east side of his house were already six inches tall, so that answers Amy's question.

My brother-in-law called from Laredo, Texas Monday morning to tell me that the state park he been camping in with his mobile home was closed because of the Corona Virus and they kicked everybody out, so Ken headed north to Lamesa, Texas to camp in another park up there before working his way north to Canada.

All the schools in South Dakota have been canceled until May 1st and most non-essential businesses are either closed or only operating using drive-in windows or curb side delivery. I went to Buffalo on Wednesday to try to get more signatures on nominating petitions for a couple candidates, but almost everything was closed except the gas stations, the hardware store and the grocery store because of COVID-19. I had to drive all over town and to a lot of places in the country to get the petitions filled out. It snowed that morning, but by the time I finally got home late that afternoon it had melted off. Not very many came to the Lenten service that evening because of sickness.

Did you hear that Wyoming passed a law this session to keep their state on Standard Time year around? Good for them!

There was heavy fog when we got up Friday morning so

if that 90 day prediction holds true, a good rain should fall in June. The fog was gone by the time we headed to Hettinger later that morning for Reub's appointment with Mary Eggebo. Lots of businesses were also closed in Hettinger because of the virus.

Loren Opstdahl and his crew came to shear our sheep on Saturday and the weather was perfect with a temperature of 63 degrees. Rowdy and Luke Thompson, Dana Thompson's sons, their uncle Joe Baker, and John Rhoden's son Seth were some of the shearers. These guys are sure fun to visit with and I even got to talk politics with Loren. Louise Jensen, Sage and his kids, Matt and Lanie and their kids came to help, so we had a good crew to feed at noon. Missy and Amanda cooked up some delicious food and all I did was cook the meat.

With the mess this country is in and the chaos created by politicians in Washington, shearing the sheep reminded me of this story Sandy Erdman sent me years ago:

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in California when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

Bud looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he

then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an e-mail on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with e-mail on his BlackBerry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government, you work with Nancy Pelosi", says Bud. "Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living; politicians like you got America into this mess we are in now and you don't know anything about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep.

Now give me back my dog."

Capitol News

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The activities at Capitol and Tie Creek are not unusual. Everyone is busy with calving, and that always keeps people home for a few weeks. Now that both states are asking that everyone stay home, it hasn't changed things a lot. The great thing is that we can go outside and take a nice long walk without seeing anyone at all, so we are not disturbing anyone.



Dick and Erma Albert journeyed to Belle Fourche on Friday to get a few groceries and a haircut. They visited with Clara Braun through the window for a little bit. On Sunday, they went to Mass on Facebook and then went to Saloon Number Three for lunch.

Last week Ryan and Tawni Cordell, Kent Williams, and Denin Cheguis trailed cattle up to the Horton place for the summer. Wade and Ashley Pearson and their family have been staying out at the ranch for a few weeks to take care of cows at Loken's. Calving is moving right along. On Sunday evening, Ronda Cordell came to help with a cow.

Julia Davis is still working at the courthouse. The courthouse is only open at the door. You can call if you need something right away, and you will be met at the door. Otherwise, Julia and Doug's ranch life is just normal chores.

Justin Kerr is busy calving, and has lots of calves, now. Marion is staying out at the ranch and the two of them have been staying home.

Donna Lewis came home from Worland on Wednesday, from her daughter, Wanda's. She has

a required doctor's visit this week, and will have to drive to Miles City and be met at the door by a nurse to be escorted to her appointment. That will

keep her from being in contact with other people. Then she will just have to drive home.

Her daughters have directed her to stay away from everyone. Pam and Gary had been out to take care of things while she was gone.

One of her cats was gone for a day, but came home in a day or two and was happy to see her.

Junior, Shirley, Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum have been busy at home. Tommy can be glad that other kids are having to do their lessons at home, too. Shirley talked to her sister in Idaho on Sunday.

Alex Moncur is very busy with calving. Dale and Darwin came out for the weekend to help and Daeson is home to help out, too. On Saturday they branded a few heifers.

Dorothy Padden just sent her grocery list with Dawn to town. She has kept busy at home with the kids around, but hasn't gone anywhere. Dawn went to Bowman on Wednesday to get supplies. The grocery store had plenty of supplies, and all they didn't have, that Dawn needed, was eggs. They are at the tail end of the heifer calving and the old cows are just starting. Soon it will be time for Aaing.

Charlie Odell went to Buffalo for supplies on Tuesday. He inspected some cows for Seamont and Capitol on Thursday. On Sunday he went to the Over The Edge to pick-up lunch. He and Karen watched the Immanuel Lutheran Church Service on the

internet from North Oaks, Minnesota, where Mollie goes to church. Then they watched the Camp Crook Methodist church service on the church Facebook page. Both were great services.

Karen listened to the Tabernacle Choir and another service, and they both did their Bible reading. During the services, Karen's phone went wild and she got 110 text messages that had been backed up since Friday. She had been worried when she couldn't get any of the kids. Jeff had been home with a very high fever for a week, and has been unable to get tested for the Coronavirus in Iowa. Charlie's old flip phone finally got hold of Jeff. He still had the fever, but was keeping it lower. Micki on the west coast has a neighbor who had the virus. Mollie, Kylie, Micki and Jesse are working from home. Carson's teachers had really laid the work on him at the beginning of the week, but must have learned to ease up the last couple of days. They are going to have a drive by wave in Mitchell next Monday, and the teachers will be outside ready to wave to their students as they drive by and get to at least see their teachers again.

Charlie and Karen happened to see Whitney Rencountre on TV this week. Whitney had been Cody's roommate when they went to Black Hills University, and had visited many times when a group of the boys came home. They always liked it when Karen made Indian tacos for them. He was helping to set up a virtual Pow Wow, since the regular spring Pow Wow's had to be canceled. Their virtual PowWow will be on the Facebook page and all tribes, musicians, and dancers will send in their videos to be played on the page.

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It seems that the ingenuity and creativity of the American people are only enhanced by hard times. The Minnesota church service had a virtual choir that sang together, but were being videoed separately. There were some solos when the others were faded out, but when they all sang, you could see all the faces in their own separate square, being videoed in many different locations. They sounded great together, too.

Karen spent much of her time this week preparing Quarantine

Activities, for each day, and she published them on her Evans Odell Publishing Facebook page. There was art for all ages, and the little kids even tried drawing and coloring the harder things like cows and wolves. Suddenly people from all over were trying out her drawings. She sent the art to her grandchildren by text, too, and discovered her art was being used in many states. It made Karen feel good that over a hundred people had visited the site. Hope they all enjoyed the art.



Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
 1 Metrical unit
 5 Arabian judge
 9 Grandfather of Saul
 12 Exude
 13 Sleeping
 14 Mountain on Crete
 15 Javanese carriage
 16 Weed
 17 Computer generated imagery (abbr.)
 18 Alcott heroine
 20 Sable
 22 Article
 25 Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
 27 Garland
 28 Time period
 29 International (abbr.)
 31 And other: abbr. (2 words) (Lat.)
 34 Sinbad's bird

DOWN
 35 Fr. author
 37 Amer. Dental Assn. (abbr.)
 38 Wing (pref.)
 40 Grape syrup
 41 Jap. fish
 42 Article (Fr.)
 44 Negative population growth (abbr.)
 45 Deviate
 46 Necktie
 49 Droop
 51 Male person
 52 Baseball equipment
 54 Eth. Danakil people
 58 Pointed (pref.)
 59 Afr. tree
 60 Polish rum cake
 61 Footlike structure
 62 Direct
 63 Poetic foot

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
 MORIA CADI NER
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 SADO TARE CGI
 MEG MARTEN
 THE NEA LEI
 EON INTL ETAL
 ROC DUMAS ADA
 PTER SAPA TAI
 LES NPG ERR
 CRAVAT SAG
 LAD BALL AFAR
 ACU AKEE BABA
 PIES LEAD LAMB

DOWN
 1 Before some vowels (pref.)
 2 Tumor (suf.)
 3 Free
 9 Wink
 11 Pour
 19 Camelot lady
 5 Felis (2 words)
 6 Amateur Boxing

ACROSS
 13 Owl's cry
 24 Moon of Saturn
 26 Hindu soul
 30 Pulka (2 words)
 32 City in Judah
 33 Den
 36 Legend
 39 Race the motor
 43 Palmetto
 46 Thunder sound
 47 People
 48 Subtract
 50 Taro
 53 Yarn measure
 55 Federal Aviation Admin. (abbr.)
 56 Antibalistic Missile (abbr.)
 57 Mortar beater

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Enigma solution
 PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Fattery looks like friendship, just like a wolf looks like a dog." — Author Unknown

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Bernita Jaskela: 100 Years and Counting

Bernita Borgemoe was born and raised in Curtiss, Wisconsin. Love was already in the air as she was born on Valentine's Day 1920.

She had an older and a younger brother. In those early years she lived in farmhouse, with Dad tending to the farm and mom tending to the house and children.

At age 9 Bernita and the family moved to Zeona (now extinct). She started 4th grade and Dad went to building the family the first sod house in western SD to have a 2nd story.

After her 8th grade graduation she and her brother moved to a dormitory in Newell. She acquired work in a school through the National Youth Administration. NYA was a New Deal agency which found work for younger Americans during the Great Depression. She started at 15 cents an hour, \$2.75 in today's dollars which seems a paltry sum, but in the Depression she was happy to be working.

Bernita graduated from high school in 1938 and soon after the family moved back to Wisconsin. Her first job there was as a maid for \$2 a week. She spent the winter in Chicago and the summer at Tomahawk Lake. She worked in the dining room and kitchen for \$6 per week. In Chicago she lived with a cousin and worked a night shift at a manufacturing plant for 35 cents an hour.

She soon started her favorite job working on airplanes and electrical parts at the American Phenolic Corporation. She

worked 12 hour days; started a desk job; and was eventually promoted to supervisor.

December 1941 was a fateful month for the world and also true for Bernita.

Bernita's cousin showed her a list of soldiers who needed pen pals. The name of Bernita's old friend Rudy Jaskela caught her eye. She remembered saying, "Nobody else would be named Rud Jaskela, it has to be him!"

She had met him years before at a dance, and every time she went dancing she would look for Rudy and the two would dance all night.

She wrote up a Christmas card and sent it off right away.

As fast as mail could travel in those days she received a letter back. It said he remembered her too and eventually sent a letter asking her to marry him.

They were married on April 11 in what we call a shotgun wedding. Not in a rushed way but a military wedding with all the groomsmen raising an arch of pistols for the newlyweds to walk through.

It was a short honeymoon as Rudy was sent overseas in July. He wouldn't return for 2 1/2 years. Hard times for both of them. Bernita moved to Los Angeles, and with her airplane experience was hired to work for Northrup Corporation.

The war ended in July 1945 and three months later Rudy arrived home. He landed in California and hitchhiked to where Bernita was living.

The moved to Newell and rented a farm. Their three oldest children were born and raised

there, but it was at auction that they would win the farm where the family would live the next 17 years. Son Jerry still lives there today.

Altogether they had four children: Lu Onna, Judy, Jerry, and Marilyn and two grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

In 1976 Rudy began working for Butte County and unfortunately after only a few weeks on the job was killed in a terrible accident while working on a bridge. He was 61 years old.

At age 77 Bernita went on one of her biggest adventures taking a trip to Okinawa, Japan to visit her eldest daughter and husband. She spent five weeks touring the country.

In 1997 Bernita moved to Maple Apts. in Spearfish where she lived for 17 years. She taught herself to yarn and crochet.

She met Charles Ahartz there and they proved a month after her 80th Birthday you are never to old for love.

They spent 13 years and one day together until he passed away in 2013. September of the next year she moved into Burr's Tender Care Assisted Living where she has now lived for five years.

Her room is a treasure trove of memories and photographs. Each piece a hundred years of stories and memories, filled with happiness and hope. A way to teach younger people about patience, love, and hope.

Happy 100th Bernita!

Cards may be sent to Bernita in care of Burr's Tender Care Assisted Living, 209 Evans Lane, Spearfish, SD 57783

ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "J" = "N"

"NLXSSOHA LEEGQ LTGO NHTOJCQFTI, WBQS LTGO X RELN LEEGQ LTGO X CEZ."

— XBSFEH BJGJERJ

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The written word can be erased - not so with the spoken word." — Author Unknown

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Sudoku answer

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Thursday, April 30th J Spear Cattle Co. Angus
Thursday, May 14th Cactus Cattle Co. Angus
Thursday, May 28th Annual turn-out times all breeds bull sale

High Plains Commodities Offices
Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC.
Stop in or Call 1-800-888-1432
Kim Kling - Kem Kjerstad

CONSIGNORS:
Belle Fourche Livestock Market, LLC is qualified to handle NHTC (Non-Hormonal Treated Cattle) & 3rd Party Verified Natural Cattle.
For more information - give us a call (605) 892-2655

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

April 2, 2020 BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Bred Stock- 12:00 PM	April 23, 2020 FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Feeder Cattle- 12:00 PM	May 14, 2020 FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM
April 9, 2020 FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM	April 30, 2020 BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Bred Stock- 12:00 PM	May 21, 2020 PAIR, BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Pair and Bred Stock- 12:00 PM
April 16, 2020 BRED CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Bred Stock- 12:00 PM	May 7, 2020 PAIR, BRED COW & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Pairs and Bred Stock- 12:00 PM	May 28, 2020 FEEDER & WEIGH UP SPECIAL Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM Feeder Cattle Special- 12:00 PM

Belle Fourche Community Calendar

Due to the health risk of COVID-19, almost all community events have been canceled or postponed. Check with the event for day by day updates.

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Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Loan Advance

Health and government officials are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Small businesses are encouraged to do their part to keep their employees, customers, and themselves healthy.

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, small business owners in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories are eligible to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan advance of up to \$10,000.

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. The loan advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application, and this loan advance will not have to be repaid.

SBA Debt Relief
The SBA Debt Relief program will provide a reprieve to small businesses as they overcome the challenges created by this health crisis. Under this program: The SBA will also pay the principal and interest of new 7(a) loans issued prior to September 27, 2020.

The SBA will pay the principal and interest of current 7(a) loans for a period of six months. SBA Express Bridge Loans Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to \$25,000 with less paperwork. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing and can be a

term loans or used to bridge the gap while applying for a direct SBA Economic Injury Disaster loan. If a small business has an urgent need for cash while waiting for decision and disbursement on Economic Injury Disaster Loan, they may qualify for an SBA Express Disaster Bridge Loan. Term: Up to \$25,000; Fast turnaround; Will be repaid in full or in part by proceeds from the EIDL loan Find an Express Bridge Loan Lender by connecting with your local SBA District Office.

SBA Products and Resources
SBA is here to assist small businesses with accessing federal resources and navigating their own preparedness plans as described by the CDC's Guidance for Businesses and Employers. SBA works with a number of local partners to counsel, mentor and train small businesses. The SBA has 68 District Offices, as well as support provided by its Resource Partners, such as SCORE offices, Women's Business Centers, Small Business Development Centers and Veterans Business Outreach Centers. When faced with a business need, use the SBA's Local Assistance Directory to locate the office nearest you.

Access to Capital
SBA provides a number of loan resources for small businesses to utilize when operating their business. For more information on loans or how to connect with a lender, visit: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans>. 7(a) program offers loan amounts up to \$5,000,000 and is an all-inclusive loan program deployed by lending partners for eligible small businesses within the U.S. States and its territories. The uses of proceeds include: working capital; expansion/renovation;

new construction; purchase of land or buildings; purchase of equipment, fixtures; lease-hold improvements; refinancing debt for compelling reasons; seasonal line of credit; inventory; or starting a business. Express loan program provides loans up to \$350,000 for no more than 7 years with an option to revolve. There is a turnaround time of 36 hours for approval or denial of a completed application. The uses of proceeds are the same as the standard 7(a) loan.

Community Advantage loan pilot program allows mission-based lenders to assist small businesses in underserved markets with a maximum loan size of \$250,000. The uses of proceeds are the same as the standard 7(a) loan. 504 loan program is designed to foster economic development and job creation and/or retention. The eligible use of proceeds is limited to the acquisition or eligible refinancing of fixed assets.

Microloan program involves making loans through nonprofit lending organizations to underserved markets. Authorized use of loan proceeds includes working capital, supplies, machinery & equipment, and fixtures (does not include real estate). The maximum loan amount is \$50,000 with the average loan size of \$14,000.

Local Assistance
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