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## Locals Benefit From Banner Health Settlement

**BRANDON BENNETT**

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Three area charities received grants courtesy of the Banner Health Settlement Fund, organized after Banner Health began having problems and sold seven hospitals and nursing homes. This was around 2002 and then-Attorney General Long negotiated a settlement with Banner that would benefit area communities. Belle Fourche received \$100,000 as part of that.

At the city council meeting April 20, South Dakota Community Foundation local committee member Kellen Willert told the body that three groups had been awarded grants of \$2,000 each to help with their programs.

"One of the things that made this unique was that Banner approached communities and asked them to help put up money to buy equipment for the company. That relationship was one of the reasons the state got involved," said Willert.

**BANNER A6**

## Covid-19 Does Affect Kids

"Can you help?" the social worker asked. "We have a kid with nowhere to go. I'm worried she might run away. She knows we don't have any good foster family options for her."

Conversations like this, between child welfare officials and their non-profit partners, are happening more often because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health and economic implications of the COVID-19 crisis are rightfully at center stage right now, but just behind the curtain is another concern: vulnerable children and teens.

Most children will not suffer the dire health effects of the virus, but too many at-risk children will become secondary victims.

While social isolation is critical to preventing the virus's spread, it can have devastating effects on vulnerable children and families. As a Commonwealth, we need to tackle this looming crisis with open eyes to prevent it from becoming a tragic consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Home should be a safe place for every child, but for too many children, school is their safe place. Anytime children are home for long stretches of time with economically-strapped and emotionally-stressed parents, incidences of child abuse and neglect rise.

**KIDS BELONG A6**

## Belle Fourche Facility A Part of World Oil Production



**EZ Fabrication and Welding's** erection of red iron framework; stairs, platform; and production equipment in the addition on the south end of the **IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals** production facility is moving along on projected schedule. The four story addition will be enclosed with blue trimmed white steel and upon completion will look as if built as part of the original structure. -Beacon Photo

## Working Half a World Away

Managing a project half a world away is a challenge under the best of circumstances, but to Dr. Ahmed Rasheed, Managing Director of IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals, LLC of Alexandria, Egypt, making adjustments on account of Covid-19 is today's reality.

Dr. Rasheed flew into the US from Egypt on March 16. It was the last flight to embark to the US. He was using the same airlines and connections to get to South Dakota as he has for the past five years, but the usually completely full flight to Chicago was only at about 80%.

Dr. Rasheed speculated because it was known, the flight was going to be the last for the foreseeable future, it probably contained many passengers like himself that needed to be in America and didn't want to miss what might be their only opportunity.

He said on April 23, the last of three flights this month, to Egypt, left Dulles in Washington, DC. Under normal circumstances, after a time in Belle Fourche on the project, he may have returned to operations in Alexandria, however, at present there is no guarantee when any return flight to the US may be available to bring him back.

The Alexandria production facility, with social distancing measures in place much like the US, has been working at close to normal capacity. With the

down turn in oil production this next week they will move to an "every other week" operations schedule.

Dr. Rasheed said that, "In Egypt many of the same types of closures as in America are taking place. One significant difference in Egypt is that after dark there is a military enforced curfew and no one is allowed to leave their homes."

After arriving in March he spent three weeks in self quarantine to make sure he wasn't carrying the virus and then proceeded full speed ahead on the project- a pace that is continuing on until the project is completed.

EZ Fabrication and Welding, the project's General Contractor has erected the red iron of the addition and is fast apace fabricating and installing decking and equipment on the four story structure. When completed it will be enclosed and look like the original building.

We asked Dr. Rasheed if the world's over supply of oil would effect his project.

"No. At this point we will proceed as normal and work to complete on schedule." He went on to say, "Things have been going very well and we are meeting our construction schedule projections."

"We do watch what is happening industry wide very closely, remarked Dr. Rasheed.

The filling of reserves and

extremely low oil pricing is required at best, if possible, to keep the oil wells going. "Oil industry officials know that it is very, very expensive, if even feasible, to re-start an oil well once it has been shut off."

"The two or three miles of very narrow pipe that brings up the oil from deep underground, when the pumps shut off, begin to fill back up with sand and ground materials, basically plugging it up way below the surface."

Dr. Rasheed is predicting that, "after the world economy restarts and oil production resumes there will be many wells that never operate again."

"The very high cost is part of it and also lowering the volume

of overall oil production will build a more stable, sustainable market both in production and pricing."

In the long term, a stable oil market means success and sustainability for the products that will be produced in Belle

"When world oil production is back on, \*Workover rigs will be putting wells back into production and IDIC products will be much needed in the process."

\* Wikipedia: The term workover rig is used to refer to any kind of oil well intervention involving invasive techniques, such as wireline, coiled tubing or snubbing. More specifically though, it will refer to the expensive process of pulling and replacing a completed well.



General Contractor **EZ Fabrication & Welding's** Co-owner Scott Huber, EZ Fab employees Rodney Ross Jr.; Jayce Huber, and **Dr. Ahmed Rasheed** take a break for a photo at the IDIC Specialty Drilling Chemicals production facility project three miles north of Belle Fourche on US Hwy 85.

## Blair Brothers Angus Wins Leopold Conservation Award

PIERRE, SD – In conjunction with Earth Day, Governor Kristi Noem announced that Blair Brothers Angus has been selected for the South Dakota Leopold Conservation Award®.

Given in honor of renowned conservationist, Aldo Leopold, this award recognizes private landowners who inspire others with their dedication to the land, water, and wildlife resources in their care.

In South Dakota, the award is presented annually by Sand County Foundation, the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association and the South Dakota Grassland Coalition. The Blairs will be presented with the \$10,000 award at the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association's Annual Convention in Rapid City, December 1-2.

"South Dakota feeds the world, and with that job comes the

responsibility to conserve our own national resources," said Noem. "The innovation and stewardship of South Dakotans like the Blairs ensure that our beautiful state will continue to thrive for future generations."

Brothers Ed and Rich Blair, and their sons Chad and Britton are the namesakes of Blair Brothers Angus Ranch. The cow-calf, stocker, and feed lot business spans 40,000 acres of

deeded and leased rangeland near Sturgis and Vale in western South Dakota. Embracing conservation practices that enhance soil, water, livestock, and wildlife has allowed the ranch to evolve and grow with each generation since Enos Blair established it more than a century ago.

"Leave it better than you found it" is more than a familiar motto. It describes the land ethic that drives this South Dakota cattle ranching family.

Today, in addition to providing leadership to livestock and general agriculture organizations, the family has formed working partnerships with local, state, and national agencies and organizations to learn new conservation practices.

In an area that receives an average of just 14 inches of annual rainfall, the Blairs know that overgrazing would be detrimental to the soil, plants, livestock, wildlife, watershed, and economics of their ranch. By coupling rotational grazing, cover crops, and no-till practices on cropland, the Blairs have improved water infiltration and soil health. Their improvements have benefitted habitat for deer, antelope, insect pollinators, pheasants, and 17 other species of nesting birds.

For more information on the award, visit [www.leopoldconservationaward.org](http://www.leopoldconservationaward.org)

The Blair Brothers ranch was one of four finalist for the prestigious Leopold Conservation Award® in 2019.



The Ed and Rich Blair families, of Blair Brothers Angus are shown with Bear Butte in the backdrop. From left: Chad Blair, his wife Mary and children EC and Kate. Wanda Blair, Ed Blair, Rich Blair, Jeanie Blair, Amanda Blair, Britton Blair and son Jack Blair Courtesy Photo 2019

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I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

The call of the road is a siren song that beckons me  
Wandering from place to place, a happy soul who's truly free  
Sometimes when I'm surrounded by strangers I feel most at home  
And maybe, just maybe I'll find what I'm looking for out there all alone.  
May you rest in peace Bud God Bless

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## JESUS KNOWS ABOUT YOUR HEARTACHE

By Pastor Bruce K. Oyen  
First Baptist Church  
Spearfish, SD



It's a bright and sunny day in early March of 2020. Such days bring us some relief from the days of clouds and cold and snow. Most everyone cheers up a little in such weather. The nearness of spring puts a spring in our step.

But even on such days, many persons find it hard to be cheerful. Their circumstances sap the joy out of life. This might be caused by serious illness, whether it's their own or that of a loved one or close friend. It might be caused by a loved one's death. It might be caused by financial problems. It might be caused by marital and family problems, or something

else that causes them great heartache.

If you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you can ask him for his help to cope in any time of need. If you don't know him as your personal Savior, ask him right now to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

I wrote the following poem to encourage Christians during their difficulties. I hope it is a blessing to you.

\* \* \*  
Jesus knows about your heartache.  
He knows what you're going through.  
He knows when you're about to break,

And in it all he cares for you.

Jesus knows about each sleepless night.  
He knows your feelings of despair.  
He knows when things aren't going right,  
And will listen to your heartfelt prayer.

Jesus knows each difficult day.  
He knows when your strength is nearly gone.

He knows how hard can be the way,  
And will help you carry on.

Some day, the skies will be clear.  
Some day, the sun will shine once more.  
If it doesn't happen now, down here,  
It will when you walk through heaven's door.

## Area Church Schedules

### BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

1407 5th Ave. Belle Fourche  
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM  
Bob Davis, Pastor

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Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver  
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Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Prayer

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Paul Howard, Pastor  
Sunday Schedule:  
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.  
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Young Men and Young Women:  
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### EMMANUEL BAPTIST (SBC)

902 Lawrence St. - 723-6899  
Andy Anderson, Pastor  
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Wednesday: 6 p.m. Prayer Service

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### FIRST BAPTIST

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Morning Worship - 10:30am  
Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies Bible Study  
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Sunday:  
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10 a.m. Worship

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10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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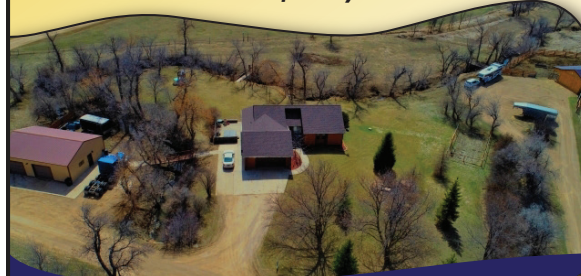
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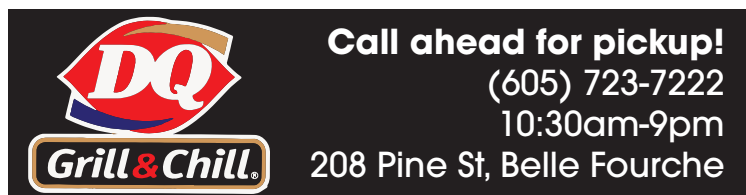
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**Chamber Report**  
**Mark Reese, Board Member**

It is difficult to keep up with the ever-changing impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our businesses, jobs, communities, and economy. It seems everyday there is a new government program or recommendation. It is confusing! Where can we go for clear information on the resources available to business owners and others impacted?

The Belle Fourche Chamber is dedicated to helping our members navigate this difficult time. We have updated our website with links to the most current information available. Go to [www.bellefourchechamber.org](http://www.bellefourchechamber.org) and click the "COVID-19 Business Resources" link to be directed to a wealth of current information.

For example, there is a link to The U.S. Chamber of Commerce where you will find a collection of valuable resources for your business including "Path Forward", a live video discussion on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. This series addresses topics such as barriers to reopening and innovative approaches to safety.


There is also a link to the U.S. Small Business Administration which provides guidance and information on funding options, access to capital and other topics.

Additionally, there are links to the South Dakota SBA Disaster loan information website, South Dakota Department of Health COVID-19 website, South Dakota Retailers COVID-19 webpage and much more. Check back regularly for updates.

Finally, don't forget about the Chamber's Facebook page! a here to promote your businesses. Send us information on your current promotions and specials so we can get the word out

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## Valley View 4-H Builds Freezer Meals & Delivers!

**Taya Kirstine**  
Special to the Beacon

In December, Anika and Lydia Main and I, Taya Kirstine applied for a grant which we wanted to use to make freezer meals to bless the SDKidsBelong foster families from Butte and Lawrence County.

Once we got the grant we knew exactly what we wanted to do, so we set our plan into action! We had the recipes and a grocery list already made, all we had to do was get the ingredients, make the meals, and deliver them to the families. Our original plan was to separate into three groups and teach our Valley View 4-H group how to make Chocolate Chip cookies, Enchiladas, and a Sheet

Pan dinner.

But as the COVID-19 closed most things down we had to come up with a new plan. We decided that the families would most likely need the meals sooner rather than later so we got our ingredients, and separated them amongst the different families in our 4-H group.

Our 4-H club volunteered to make the meals, the meals were made with lots of love and the families were also given cards handmade by the kids of our 4-H club. We had the families bring in the meals that they had made, and we delivered to 12 families in Butte and Lawrence counties. Each family got 2 freezer meals, cookies and a gift from Culvers.

We set the meals on the family's front porches so there would be less contact between the families because of social distancing.

It made us feel good to give some meals to these families when they needed them the most, and help take off some of the stress of having to cook supper for a few nights. We did our best with the whole "social distancing" thing but we felt that God was telling us to do this right now.

I want to thank the South Dakota 4-H leaders Association for making this possible by giving us a grant to buy ingredients and Culvers of Spearfish for giving each family a gift.



**Valley View 4-H Members** who participated were: Cody Foos, Lydia Main, Anika Main, Joshua Main, Taya Kirstine, Ambree Kirstine, Lux Kirstine, Nash Kirstine, Kasey Dobesh, Avery Dobesh, Kortney Dobesh, Emery Dobesh, Logan Willert, Blake Willert, & Hope Willert. *Courtesy Photos*





## Beatson Administrative Team Leader

If you have been to a USA or AAU wrestling tournament in the area, you have likely seen Lacey Beatson, leader of the administrative team at Jackson Dental, coaching, filming, and cheering on her boys out on the mat. The entire Beatson family has a passion for wrestling and all live by the motto, you win, or you learn.

Lacey spent most of her childhood in Spencer, NE. As the youngest of 5 children, Lacey loved her horses, rodeoing and spending a lot of time at her grandparents' ranch growing up. Lacey's family moved to Gillette, WY when she was in 7th grade and stayed there until she graduated from high school. Lacey moved to Sturgis upon graduating and attended BHSU, where she graduated with Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Sociology. Lacey describes always being fascinated with how people think and act.

Lacey utilizes her degrees every day, not only through work, but through raising 4 boys with

her husband, Michael. Lacey is a proud "wrestling mom" and she loves what the sport teaches her boys. She stated, "Wrestling teaches kids to preserve. If they get hurt, or almost pinned, they must keep fighting. Wrestling teaches them skills that they will use throughout their entire lives. Wrestling teaches her boys good sportsmanship, self-accountability, and above all, to never give up.

During her off time, Lacey, Michael, and the boys can be found at the lake fishing. The families "happy place" is at the lake, with their poles in water and with a bonfire going. Sunday mornings include cooking a big breakfast for her "tribe" and attending church at Countryside Church in Spearfish. Lacey and Michael are teaching their boys to be "Christian Soldiers". She said, "We should all aspire to be more like Jesus – be more caring, more forgiving, more loving and not so judgmental.

We are all children of God and are all brothers and sisters. We need to show more love."

Lacey started with Jackson Dental as a Treatment Coordinator three years ago. With her skillset, knowledge and passion for people, Lacey quickly became the leader of the administrative team. Lacey found a passion in dentistry through her interest in learning how people think and act and tying that into how everything in the human body works together, starting in the mouth. "The mouth is a whole system, not just teeth", she said. "Whole body health starts with a balance of the orofacial muscles, airways, breathing, and bite. It is not just about a pretty smile – though that is important too as a smile brings happiness! People don't just come into our office for maintenance, they come in to start their journey to total body health."

Lacey's favorite part of her job is being a part of a patient's journey. A patient sometimes comes into the office with anxiety about being at the dentist or can be self-conscious, trying to hide their smile with their lips or with their hands. Following the completion of their treatment plan, everything in the patient's demeanor has changed. They smile with confidence, and they have a light about them that they did not have before. She said, "Our team at Jackson Dental can literally change a person's entire life, and I am so proud to be a part of that journey!"

Through leading her team and raising little wrestlers, Lacey believes that if you are learning or growing, it is a win, no matter what the outcome. Whether cheering on her boys or cheering on her team – Lacey knows you win, or you learn.



Lacey Beatson has been with Jackson Dental for over three years. *Courtesy Photo*



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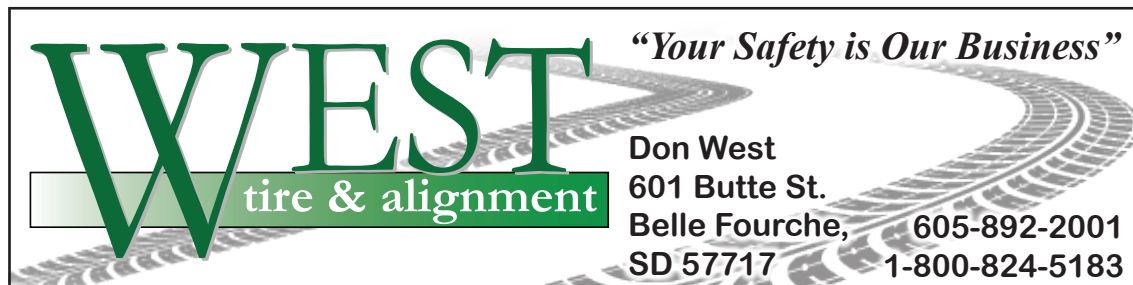
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View a full listing of courses at [www.BHSU.edu/summer](http://www.BHSU.edu/summer)

"The pandemic has changed many individual's and families' schedules this summer. It's a good time to get a jumpstart on college, stay on track toward your degree, or take that class you've always wanted to take," says Corinne Hansen, director of University & Community Relations.

Business courses such as Production/Operations Management and Business Finance would be good summer course choices for professionals looking for continuing education.

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Need a mental break from COVID-19 coverage? Take a one-month course in Art Appreciation or Drawing through BHSU. Music Appreciation is also offered online this summer.

Dr. Courtney Huse Wika, a former Distinguished Faculty award winner and associate professor of English, will teach Women in Literature June 22-July 17.

"This class will provide a four-week sampling of the rich body of women's writing from the 19th century to the present. Get ready for women's art from

Charlotte Perkins Gilman's 'The Yellow Wallpaper' to contemporary texts like Beyonce's 'Lemonade'," says Huse Wika.

BHSU is offering the Immunology course online from May 26-July 17.

The university is also encouraging those who will be high school juniors or seniors in the fall, and those planning to attend college, to take courses that will transfer to the college of their choice.

"We are offering many general education courses online this summer such as Composition and American Government.

Taking these classes now can give you a jumpstart on college and help you earn your degree in less time," says Hansen.

"Summer financial aid may be available to you, as well. Contact the BHSU Financial Aid Office at [bhsufinancial@BHSU.edu](mailto:bhsufinancial@BHSU.edu) to find out what aid you might be eligible to receive," she says.

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**Piper Theobald 3rd place**

**Arbor Day -5th Grade unable to hold annual Arbor Day Celebration at school.** The fifth graders have been participating in the Arbor Day Essay contest for many years. The students write about why they celebrate Arbor Day, their favorite tree, or how to plant and care for trees. Every student who participates gets a packet of tree seeds and a free ice cream cone from McDonalds. The winners will be sent onto the state contest as well. The Butte Conservation District offers the prizes and presentations. During normal years the school district purchases a tree or two for the essay winners to plant during the presentation where they are awarded the prizes and read their essays. The Butte Conservation District also brings in speakers to share information with the 5th graders. This year, because of COVID-19 those activities were absent, with the seeds and ice cream cones to students to be given in the fall. A tree will be purchased when school is back in session for this group of winners to plant. It's nice to see the trees around the middle school building and remember, students were the reason they were planted.

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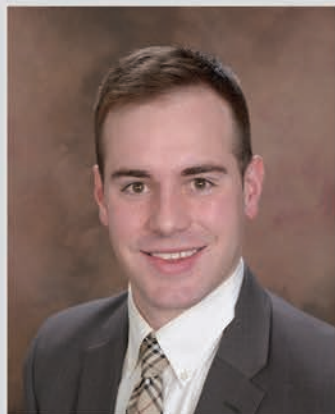
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He told the council that the committee strives to keep as much money as possible in the fund, but still awards a certain percentage of the fund to applicants as long as they work with the elderly and the healthcare industry. For instance, in 2019 the fund was at \$93,000 so the committee decided not to award any grants. But the fund again grew to the amount needed and so applications were accepted this year. He did add that not all who apply receive a grant. One of the grantees was St. James Episcopal Church for \$2,000.

“Thank you so much. Over the past year we’ve done \$1.2 million in dental work for Belle Fourche children,” said Louise Reade of St. James Episcopal. She added that over 120 kids have had X-rays, cleaning and other procedures, work that they otherwise wouldn’t have been



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able to have done. Good Shepherd Clinic of Spearfish was another \$2,000 recipient.

“This money goes a long way to help provide services like medical, nursing, prescriptions, and immunizations,” said Margaret Koester of the clinic. She added that the clinic has done over \$100,000 in dental work for people of all ages.

The Belle Fourche Ministerial Association benefited from the grant for the Compassion

Cupboard.

“We really appreciate this. Our pantry numbers are going through the roof. We handle a lot of groceries and that includes beef, venison. In March, we helped 650 people, which is ten percent of the city’s population,” said Pastor Tim Smith of the Association.

Along with Kellen Willert, Genevieve Skogberg and Katherine Bogner serve on the local committee of the South Dakota Community Foundation.

## City Council Meeting Goes Virtual

**Brandon Bennett**  
news@bellefourchebeacon.com

The Belle Fourche City Council has taken steps to protect themselves during the Covid-19 pandemic by taking the city council meetings virtual.

Using the Zoom app, City Finance Officer Breanna Scheaffer set up the city’s account with Zoom, so participants can go online and take part in the meeting from home or wherever the app can be used.

“Breanna did a great job, and had everyone tied in, whether it was on home phones, city phones, or personal phones or tablets,” said Mayor Gloria Landphere. She added Breanna worked in segments so the council could communicate several different ways. Some councilors were in the

council chambers, some were in Landphere’s office and some were in Scheaffer’s office.

Three of the councilors were at home for the meeting. Council President Monte Talkington was happy with the way things went.

“I was on the phone in the mayor’s office and I understand that with the virus we need to keep at a distance. Its good the public can participate in the meetings if they want to. Me, I’m too old for new tricks, so I’m doing it the old way,” he said.

Ward 1 Councilor Troy Schockey thought the meeting went well but is ready for normalcy.

“I’m ready for this to be over so we can get back to city hall. But the virtual aspect worked. Gloria and Breanna did a good

job. For a first time, we had a virtual meeting and I thought it went well,” said Schockey.

Ward 2 Councilor Travis Martin was also impressed with the setup.

“I thought it went off pretty well. It was a first time, and even with not much experience doing this, the meeting was productive. Once the kinks are worked out, things should run really smoothly,” he said.

Some changes to procedure include having to take a roll call vote on every item requiring a motion and a second so an accurate tally can be made of the votes taken during the course of the night.

The next scheduled council meeting is on May 5 and will be virtual as well. Those interested can contact the City for more information.



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## From A1 Kids Belong

For example, DSS in SD has communicated the need for more support for current foster parents, more people getting licensed, and temporary care for the influx of new kids coming into foster care.

This problem is compounding and thousands of foster families are also struggling to care for children with significant challenges during the new normal. This struggle includes what are known as kinship families: extended family members or close friends who are taking care of children because the birth family can not.

Kids with high incidences of adverse childhood experiences are challenging to care for in normal circumstances. Add canceled therapy appointments, no respite help from babysitters or family members, along with working and schooling from

home and foster families are suddenly at a breaking point.

South Dakota was already experiencing a foster care crisis with increasing numbers of kids coming into care and too few foster families. That crisis is about to get worse.

Our State simply can’t afford to lose foster and kinship families at a time when we are facing an increase of children coming into foster care.

While local departments of social services have legal custody of kids who eventually enter foster care, private citizens and the private sector are uniquely positioned to help vulnerable children now.

**What can you do to help?**

Sign up to foster a child. South Dakota has moved its training online to make it more convenient for potential families during this COVID-19 crisis.

Help a family on the bubble of foster care. If you know an at-risk family who is struggling, send a gift card for groceries or other basic needs.

Become a temporary care provider for 1-3 days, while DSS finds a fully licensed family for the child.

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## Anything Left in the Barrel?

By: Doug Cole

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Maybe 2020 will be the start



of an entirely new set of May Day traditions. Possibly a "Most Colorful Mask Day"

Other thoughts are: "A Drive By and Honk Day"; "Stay Home and Watch a Movie with Family and Friends Day"; "National Howling Day"

and Watch a Movie with Family and Friends Day"; "National Howling Day"

The fears and concerns over doing business in this age of Covid-19 have certainly created the "new normal."

In addressing that, maybe we should ask, "if we can insure employee and public safety and operate without hesitation under CDC social distancing recommendations a City Liquor store, wouldn't the same open operation be possible at the City Library?"

The Library could also have off premise consumption.

Remember the "good old days" when stores sold 2 ply toilet paper?

"I wouldn't touch it with a ten foot pole" has a new meaning in today's Covid-19 conscious society. Maybe some entrepreneur could market a new "Coronavirus 6' Walking Stick" to be used when on hiking paths, parks, and

stores so you can stay the recommended distance apart. If you can jab them with your stick they were too close and had it coming!

Belle Fourche Post office was first established April 28, 1880. This fall they will be noting the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the construction of the building at their present location.

We aren't involved with any decision making regarding July Fourth activities in Belle Fourche, but regardless of Covid-19 status, at that time, I am of the hope that a July 4th Parade could still be a reality. By that time (only nine weeks from this coming Saturday) we will all be seasoned hands at donning a mask and judging proper social distancing. (the 6' jabbing sticks may be available by then?)

The new parade route is about twice as long as previous years and can provide ample viewing spaces without getting too close. Maybe a Guinness Book World Record "Most Masked People 6 ft. apart at a July 4th Parade"?

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Over 1500 Cattle Today  
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Next Sale - Bred Cow & Pair Special - 10 AM Start  
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**Feeder Cattle**

McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY 22	Blk Strs	496	\$165.00
McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY 75	B/R Strs	582	\$174.00
McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY 14	Bld Hfirs	456	\$147.00
McFarland Land & Livestock LLC, Newcastle WY 35	B/R Hfirs	548	\$147.00
Kelley Ranch, Deer Lodge MT	32 Blk Strs	679	\$170.00
Kelley Ranch, Deer Lodge MT	51 Bld Hfirs	632	\$139.50
Ross, Roderic A, Wyoming WY	13 Blk Strs	591	\$165.00
Ross, Roderic A, Wyoming WY	3 Blk Strs	510	\$172.00
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	4 Blk Strs	603	\$155.00
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	45 Bld Hfirs	644	\$148.00
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	13 Blk Hfirs	536	\$151.00
Brink, Martin Or Linda, Union Center SD	15 Blk Hfirs	750	\$137.00
Brink, Martin Or Linda, Union Center SD	3 Blk Hfirs	641	\$141.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	8 Red Strs	863	\$118.50
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	7 B/R Hfirs	732	\$122.50
Lytle, Donald E, Custer SD	1 Blk Hfirs	930	\$88.00
Mathern, Alvin & Cheryl, Newell SD	3 B/R Strs	608	\$150.00
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	21 Blk Strs	558	\$162.50
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	18 Blk Strs	446	\$166.00
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	9 Bld Hfirs	446	\$137.50
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	6 Blk Hfirs	518	\$139.50
Perkins, Dan, Vale SD	7 Bld Strs	545	\$163.00
Rockin B LLC, Newell SD	6 Blk Strs	694	\$143.00
Rockin B LLC, Newell SD	33 B/R Strs	841	\$120.00
Rockin B LLC, Newell SD	114 Bld Hfirs	718	\$125.25
Rockin B LLC, Newell SD	63 Bld Hfirs	638	\$138.50
Russiff Ranch Co, Olive MT	5 Blk Strs	648	\$161.00
Woll, Richard & Karen, Lodgepole SD	13 Bld Hfirs	604	\$144.00
Woll, Richard & Karen, Lodgepole SD	6 Bld Hfirs	501	\$142.00

**Weigh Up Cows**

Barkley, Todd, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1415	\$57.00
Barkley, Todd, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1365	\$60.00
Barkley, Todd, Baker MT	1	Bld Cow	1520	\$54.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	5	Blk Cow	1492	\$59.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1375	\$54.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1310	\$55.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1230	\$55.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1210	\$57.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1200	\$56.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1180	\$60.00
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	2	Blk Cowette	1050	\$82.50
Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	7	Blk Hfirt	984	\$92.50
Brence, Paul, Ekalaka MT	3	Blk Cow	1533	\$60.50
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	2	Bld Cow	1647	\$56.00
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1435	\$50.00
Carlisle, Bill, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1060	\$90.00
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD	1	Bld Cow	1125	\$71.00
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD	1	Char Cow	1205	\$60.00
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD	1	Char Cow	1040	\$61.50
Dikoff, Roger Or Elizabeth, Hermosa SD	1	Rtbl Cow	1135	\$77.00
Doolittle Wagner Ranch LLC, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bld Cow	1065	\$84.50
Enos & Co, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1550	\$52.00
Enos & Co, Baker MT	2	Blk Hfirt	1012	\$80.00
Enos, Derrick, Baker MT	1	Blk Cow	1245	\$58.00
Enos, Derrick, Baker MT	1	Blk Cowette	1020	\$80.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Red Cow	1295	\$60.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Red Cow	1090	\$74.00
H-C Feeders, Rozet WY	1	Blk Cow	1640	\$55.00
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	1	Blk Cow	1335	\$56.00
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	1	Bld Cow	1200	\$64.00
Hoffman, Matt Or Jana, St Onge SD	1	Bld Cow	1190	\$55.00
Kari, Chase, Buffalo SD	1	Blk Hfirt	970	\$93.00
Kinghorn, Bill, Spearfish SD	1	Blk Cow	1210	\$56.00
Kinghorn, Ray, St Onge SD	2	Herf Cow	1450	\$55.00
Kissack, Joe, Rozet WY	1	Blk Hfirt	975	\$95.00
Knapp Ranch Holding LLC, Rapid City SD	1	Blk Cow	1720	\$53.00
Knapp Ranch Holding LLC, Rapid City SD	1	Blk Cow	1615	\$55.00
Knapp Ranch Holding LLC, Rapid City SD	1	Bld Cow	1325	\$59.50
Langdeau, Jeremy, Rapid City SD	1	Char Cow	1405	\$55.00
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa SD	2	Blk Cow	1467	\$58.00
Lockwood, Ed, Volberg MT	6	Blk Cow	1605	\$60.00
Mcooy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Cow	1365	\$60.00
Mcooy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Cow	1330	\$55.00
Mcooy, Neal, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk Cow	1085	\$83.50
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	1	Blk Cow	1310	\$59.00
O Connor Crop & Cattle Co, Ekalaka MT	1	Bld Cow	1215	\$56.00
Oedekoven, Dan Or Dixie, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1510	\$59.50
Oedekoven, Dan Or Dixie, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1280	\$62.00
Russiff Lazy PK Ranch, Olive MT	1	Blk Cow	1340	\$61.00

Russiff Lazy PK Ranch, Olive MT	1	Blk Cow	1260	\$54.50
Russiff Lazy PK Ranch, Olive MT	1	Blk Cow	1255	\$61.00
Russiff Lazy PK Ranch, Olive MT	1	Blk Cow	1095	\$77.00
Russiff Lazy PK Ranch, Olive MT	3	Blk Hfirt	1078	\$85.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cow	1690	\$60.00
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	4	Blk Cow	1143	\$86.50
Saunders Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Red Cow	1135	\$83.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1510	\$54.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1270	\$60.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra, Sturgis SD	1	Blk Cow	1255	\$55.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	5	Bld Hfirt	1027	\$94.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1	Blk Cowette	1155	\$90.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1	Blk Cowette	945	\$93.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	2	Bld Cow	1450	\$59.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1	Rbld Cowette	1265	\$70.00
Swartz Ranch LLC, Gillette WY	1	Blk Cowette	1180	\$82.00

**Weigh Up Bulls**

Braun, Kevin, Baker MT	1	Blk Bull	2225	\$85.00
Carter, John D, Gillette WY	2	Blk Bull	2120	\$88.00
Carter, John D, Gillette WY	1	Blk Bull	2025	\$87.00
Enos & Co, Baker MT	1	Blk Bull	2135	\$100.00
Enos, Dallas, Baker MT	2	Blk Bull	2035	\$102.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Blk Bull	1730	\$101.00
Gianino, Wende, Boyes MT	1	Red Bull	1920	\$103.00
Hunsaker Cattle Co, Fairburn SD	1	Blk Bull	2065	\$102.00
Kissack, Joe, Rozet WY	1	Blk Bull	2035	\$97.50
Ryan XZ Ranch LLC, Aladdin WY	1	Blk Bull	2165	\$96.00

**Friday - May 1, 2020****Bred Cow & Pair Special****10:00AM-Weigh Ups-12:00 Noon-Calves Followed By Bred Cows**

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-Precondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI - No Implants

**Pairs**

Flying E Ranch - 60 Blk Hfirs W/ Big Calves At Side

- 30 Short Term Cows W/ Big Calves At Side

Randy Oliver - 8 Blk 2-3 Yr Old Cows W/ Feb &amp; March Calves At Side

**Breds**

Schilling - 9 Holstein Hfirs - Calving Anytime

**Feeder Cattle**

Centennial Ranch - 400 Blk Red Char Strs &amp; Hfirs - 500-650# - Bt, Pc

WY Consignment - 110 Blk Strs - 575-625# - Bt, Pc, Home Raised

SD Consignment - 60 Blk Hfirs - 600-700# - Bt, Pc, Replacement Quality

- 40 Blk Strs - 550-650# - Bt, Pc

**Plus More By Sale Time!****2020 CATTLE SALES**

May 1st - Bred Cow &amp; Pair Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 8th - Feeder Cattle &amp; Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 15th - Bred Cow &amp; Pair Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 22nd - Feeder Cattle &amp; Replacement Heifer Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

May 29th - Bred Cow &amp; Pair Special - Selling All Classes Of Cattle

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR BUSINESS!****Mark your calendars for the 2020 St Onge Livestock Consignment Machinery Auction****\*\*\*Change In Date\*\*\*****Sunday, May 17th**

Contact Justin Tupper - 605-680-0259

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**\*\*\* SPRING HORSE SALE \*\*\***  
**Another Change in Date**  
**SATURDAY, June 13, 2020**  
9:00 AM - Loose Horses  
12:00 Noon - Ride In Horses  
All Ride-In Horses Must Have A Coggins.

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**605-354-9966**

**Sheep Report - April 23, 2020**

Normal Run Of Sheep For April  
No New Crop Lambs In The Offering  
Slaughter Ewes Sold \$6 Higher On The Fat & Medium Ewes  
The Ewes Sold Steady

Next Sale - April 30th - Regular Sheep Sale  
Thank You For Your Business!

**Old Crop Lambs**

Green, John, Lodge Pole SD 13.....Lamb.....108 \$103.00

**Slaughter Ewes**

Green, John, Lodge Pole SD	13	Ewe	183	\$50.00
Hofland, Amy, Reeder ND	5	Ewe	186	\$50.00
Hofland, Amy, Reeder ND	3	Ewe	158	\$50.00
Meike Ranch Inc, Kaycee WY	11	Ewe	164	\$50.00
Meike Ranch Inc, Kaycee WY	29	Ewe	149	\$50.00
Meike Ranch Inc, Kaycee WY	18	Ewe	132	\$32.00
Seaman, Jerry Or Dixie, Newell SD	6	Ewe	141	\$32.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND	6	Ewe	172	\$50.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND	6	Ewe	122	\$32.00

**NEWELL SHEEP YARDS****April 30, 2020****1:00 PM****Regular Sheep Sale****Upcoming Sheep Sale 2020**

May 7th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 14th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 21st - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
May 28th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
June 4th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
June 11th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
June 18th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
June 25th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
July 2nd - No Sale - Happy Birthday America!  
July 9th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
July 16th - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
July 23rd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats  
July 30th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

Attention to all Sheep & Goat Producers, it is required that every Male & Female animal over the age of 12 months have a scrapies tag in place to sell. These tags can be obtained by the producer for FREE by calling 1-866-873-2824. If they come to the sale barn without being tagged, you will be charged \$2/hd for our vet to do them. Please call us if you have any questions.

**2020 SPRING BULL SALE LIST**

May 22nd - Turn-Out Bull Sale

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Video Auction Time is Coming up very, quickly -  
If you are considering filming your Calves or Yearlings for Fall Delivery  
Contact Us For Your Video Marketing Needs

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 4 pm. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.

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.

**43rd Annual Fishing Tournament May 2nd & 3rd**

Roger McNary, President of the High Plains Anglers announced the group will be hosting the 43rd annual fishing tournament May 2nd and 3rd. The tournament is always held the first full weekend of May. We fish in good or bad weather. It has only been changed to a one day tournament a couple of times due to wind.

Started in 1977 by Jack Dick, Gerald Keil, Mike Dick and the late Doug Driskill, the first tournament started at 7:00 am Saturday morning and ended on Sunday at 3:00 pm. You had to weigh first days limit before midnight Saturday. Sunday's catch started at 12.01 am and ended at 3:00 pm. You could fish from shore or boat in those days. Jack Dick thinks that was the last time Gerald Keil fished, after sitting on shore around a fire of burning tires and the next morning they were covered in soot from the tire smoke. The tournament started out as the Pioneer Sporting Goods tournament. Mike Dick and Greg Abdallah decided to try to form

a fishing club to make improvements to Orman Dam so they put an ad in the news paper. The first meeting was held in the basement of the First Western Bank and 80+ people attended in support of the new club. They started to improve Orman Dam with a Christmas tree drop for habitat, which is something the club has continued to this day.

The High Plains Anglers Club along with the Lions Club built the picnic shelter. The club also built the fish cleaning station, handicap ramp, dog run park and together with the Center of the Nation Sportsman Club purchased a camera that is located at the boat ramp giving anglers a view of weather conditions at Orman Dam. A Kid's Cancer fundraiser for 4 local children raised over \$30,000.00 for the families. High Plains Anglers has a \$500 scholarship they present every year to a local senior for college. Veterans fishing day takes veterans fishing on free fishing weekend and serve them a walleye lunch.

Due to the Covid -19 pandemic that event will be canceled for this year.

A Gun Raffle will be held- May 2nd with all proceeds to be donated to the local food banks. Tickets are available at Mason's Buckstop and Frontier Glass of Belle.

High Plains Anglers worked closely with the GF&P this year building perch spawning beds and along with any concerns or changes concerning Orman Dam.



This years tournament will be a little different than in years past due to Covid - 19. The club will be practicing social distancing and there will be no weigh-in board. High Plains Anglers will post results on their Facebook page at the end of the day. Teams will be asked to weigh in and leave the area. We hope next year will be back to normal.

Please help us keep the event as safe as possible by following the Covid 19 regulations.

Best of luck to everyone fishing this year. Check the Facebook page for information.

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The Good Stuff

by Jim Thompson



Editor's note: Jim Thompson takes motivational and humorous stories that listeners and readers send him and incorporates them into his program called "The Good Stuff." It has been on the air for more than 10 years.

Frustrated in dealing with a computer? Many of us are. This Lucy Blades poem makes us smile... at least it does me. Enjoy!

Abort, Retry, Ignore  
by Lucy Blades

Once upon a midnight dreary,  
Fingers cramped and vision bleary,  
System manuals piled high  
and wasted paper on the floor,  
Longing for the warmth of bedsheets,  
Still I sat here doing spreadsheets:  
Having reached the bottom line,  
I took a floppy from the drawer.

Typing with a steady hand,  
I then invoked the "save" command  
But got instead a reprimand:  
It read, "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"  
Was this some occult illusion?  
Some maniacal type intrusion?  
These were choices Solomon himself,

Had never faced before.

Carefully I weighed my options...  
These three seemed to be the top ones.  
Clearly I must now adopt one;  
choose: Abort, Retry, Ignore?  
With my fingers pale and trembling  
Slowly toward the keyboard bending,  
Longing for a happy ending,  
Hoping all would be restored

Praying for some guarantee,  
Finally I pressed a key.  
But what on the screen did I see?  
Again "Abort, Retry, Ignore?"  
I tried to catch the chips off guard -


I pressed again, but twice as hard,  
But luck was just not in the cards,  
I saw what I had seen before.

Now I typed in desperation  
Trying random combinations.  
Still there came the incantation  
"Abort, Retry, Ignore."  
There I sat, distraught, exhausted,  
By my own machine accosted  
Getting up, I turned away  
And paced across the office floor.

And then I saw an awful sight  
A bold and blinding flash of light  
A lightning bolt that cut the night,

And shook me to my very core.  
The PC screen collapsed and died.  
"OH NO! MY DATABASE!" I cried.  
I heard a distant voice reply,  
"You'll see your spreadsheets never-  
more!"

To this day I do not know  
The place to which our data goes.  
Perhaps it goes to heaven,  
Where the angels have it stored.  
But as for Productivity, well,  
I fear this has gone straight to Hell.  
And that's the tale I have to tell -  
Your choice: Abort, Retry, Ignore.



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## Resignations and New Hires

BETTY BRUNER  
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Several resignations were approved by the Newell School Board Monday, April 13, held via ZOOM. There were various reasons for staff members to leave including moving to a new area and retirement.

Hanna Masko, three-quarter time Title paraprofessional, accepted a new position elsewhere. She has also filled a position assisting in Speech Language Pathology.

Valerie Samuelson, Kindergarten teacher, also accepted a teaching position elsewhere.

Head Basketball Coach Trev Fiedler resigned as basketball coach, however, he will continue in his teaching position.

Marty Jump, K12 Vocal Music teacher, who has held that position for many years, has decided to retire. Jump will retire effective the end of the 2019/2020 school year.

The school board accepted all the resignations with a “thank you” for all the teachers’ service throughout the year.

With the resignations this Spring, there have also been new hires to fill several of the vacancies.

Wyatt VanderVorst was hired as HS Social Science teacher.

Lanae Spurger hired as Kindergarten teacher, while Melissa Woods will be the Fifth Grade teacher.

Cara Muckridge will take over as Technology Coordinator/Student Services and Steve Schoenfish will become PreK-12 Principal. Schoenfish will continue as Athletic Director also, while he continues working on his certification as Principal.

SCHOOL B4

## State Government Going Forward A Concern

I think western South Dakota has always been a good, safe place to live but with the Covid-19 issue I think the further away from Sioux Falls you live the better. Today’s numbers continue to show the rest of the state’s numbers flat but Minnehaha and Lincoln counties have 90% of the virus cases in the state. The state passed 2000 cases on Friday the 24th, with 10 deaths. The whole issue of the Smithfield plant continues to spiral out of control. The recommendations for opening up the plant will guarantee one thing for sure, the price of processing pork will skyrocket. The protocol for employees at the plant will probably rival most hospitals for cleanliness and personal protection precautions. I think this certainly shows that our food chain is quite vulnera-



Tom Brunner  
Legislative Report

ble to interruptions. When all gets back to normal I hope we can take a hard look at our food supply chain, especially the fresh meat component. It doesn’t seem possible that a 3 week interruption should cause so much economic injury. I think part of the problem at

plants like Smithfield is the fact that they employ such a wide variety of nationalities that effective communication becomes almost impossible. According to the HHS report there are 40 languages spoken by employees. Imagine using 40 interpreters to deal with employees. Now I’ve had employees that I was sure didn’t speak my language but that stretches the imagination.

State revenues continue to be a major concern, according to the Governor’s office, revenue is off 20 to 30 %. The new fiscal year starts on July 1st, which means so far, the shortfall is in the current year budget. When we modified this budget at the end of session we were fighting over the increased revenue that was showing up from sales taxes. Now we will probably have a special session to trim the current year budget

back and certainly modify next year’s budget. I hate to think what things will look like if this would drag on for a few more months. Video lottery revenues alone are projected to be off 16 million for April thru June-might be a good time to wean ourselves off of this bad habit.

The federal government just passed another 484 billion in aid. The Governor was bemoaning the strings attached to this aid, in that it can only be spent on Covid-19 relief and not replacing revenue lost because of the virus. Basically that means that we have to create new programs and government growth that can’t be sustained in the future.

Be well my friends and avail yourselves of the opportunity to vote by absentee ballot, it will take the pressure off of the county officials on June 2nd.



## Re-Elect Tom Brunner District 29 State Representative

Applications for June 2 Primary Ballots have been mailed out to eligible voters in District 29. If you request a ballot and vote absentee or go to the Polls on June 2nd you have four choices for State Representative. When you mark your ballot I would appreciate your continued support. I have always strongly supported Conservative values and if ever was a time to keep a strong, consistent, conservative voice in Pierre that time is now. Mark your Ballot Tom Brunner.

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### SCHOOL

From B3

There has only been one School Board petition filed to fill the two open seats on the board. Todd Youngberg has filed a petition for his open seat, but no one has filed for Darren Alexander's position.

Board is seeking letters of interest for Alexander's position before the election in July.

Jeremiah Weeldryer, head of Maintenance and Transport, reported that maintenance is going well and many things are getting done while school is not in session. Some of the para staff members have been contacted to help.

Weeldryer is still seeking bus drivers. He asked that the Board advertise again to gain some interest in the situation.

Tonya Mullaney, SPED Director, reported that she receives weekly calls from the State to keep up to date with procedures during COVID-19. She has been e-mailing staff to keep them informed. Staff members have been holding IEP meetings with parents on ZOOM. Mullaney also informed the Board that paraprofessionals are working with students, helping make lunches, and doing paperwork.

Superintendent Robin Dutt gave the school board members some pertinent things to think about during her report.

What should be done about Semester tests? What is happening in each family during this time? How should grades be determined? Many NHS seniors are doing poorly at this time, but is it due to poor work ethic or something in the household?

Board member Todd Youngberg commented and thanked those who made Easter baskets and delivered them with meals on the buses.

Also, Dutt noted a big "Thank You" to WRCTC. The local phone company has provided Internet access to students who said they had no access during the school closure. WRCTC also boosted Internet speed for Newell teachers.

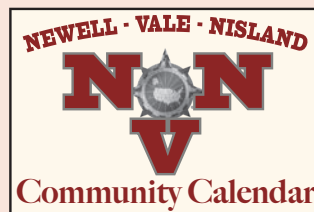
April 30-HS music concert canceled.

**Sunday, May 3:** Nisland Independent Community Church will begin regular services again.. They will hold Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 and the worship service to follow at 10:45, maintaining social distancing practices. They will also continue their live-stream broadcast. Newell Evangelical church will continue their regular 10:30 a.m. service as well as a live-stream, Vale Community Country Church will once more have services at their regular time.

**May 2/3:** High School Rodeo in Huron is canceled at this time.

**May 7:** HS Athletic Banquet is currently TBD.

**Thursday, May 7 & 14:** NVN Food Bank open to the public. 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.

**May 7:** National Day of Prayer, 7 p.m. at Nisland Independent Community Church. All churches and individuals are welcome to attend.

**June 23:** The city of Newell has postponed their city elections, due to legislation at the state level, which prohibits holding elections at local levels. This legislation, House Bill 1298, was signed by Governor Noem.

ADYM Banquet to be held **April 30** is canceled. FFA Banquet is TBD.

Elementary playday on **May 7** is canceled. NHS Golf meet on May 8 is canceled.

## Stay at Home—Get Back to Normal

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**NEWELL**— Many in eastern Butte County have had the same issues as the rest of the country, and have struggled with the "right thing to do" over the past two months. With no clear instruction of sheltering in place from state government, and only the directive of "knowing

the people of South Dakota will adhere to CDC guidelines", many are feeling frustration. It is a two-sided coin.

Many feel that there is not enough being done to keep the Covid 19 virus at bay, but with no evidence of even one identified case in Butte County, many are chomping at the bit to get out and about while finding ways to stay in a social distance

world, while pursuing some sense of their "new normal."

Many are going about life as normal and Dusta Ismay recently commented that they are "calving." There is some concern about just how people will work calves based on CDC guidelines, however.

"The Burtzlaff boys are fine," said their mom Betsy. "They

**STAYING HOME** B7



**Be the Light Newell Style** - (Left) The Newell high school scoreboard was light with 2020 to honor the graduating seniors during the April 16 Be the Light event. (Center) Jessica Heil stands beside her banner which was tied to the fence surrounding the football field during the Be the Light event. (Right) During the event honoring the graduating seniors there were nearly 40 vehicles filled with individuals honking their horns and waving to those who stood by their homes or on school property. - Brunner photos

## Then and Now in Newell

from the Newell Museum

**"Looking Forward to our Past" by Linda Velder**

**May 5, 1910**

Rain prevented the first baseball game in Newell Sunday. The Horse Creek Nine were scheduled to open the season with the local Warriors. If the sun shines they get the next open date. What about supplying the empire an aeroplane or a dirigible this season; so that he can overlook the whole game from a safe point and get away with his decisions if the crowd becomes belligerent.

Work on the Reclamation State Bank started Monday. Contractor Wagner expects to rush the work so that it will be completed this month. New fixtures are on the way with an updated safe. The bank people expect to be ready for business by June.

**April 29, 1920**

Two new panoramic views of Newell, 5"x38" are ready to be purchased at Price's Drug Store. \$1.50 each. Send them to your friends.

Numerous localities were very much interested in the demonstration of the new Hart Parr "30" tractor on our streets this week. It is understood that the city is contemplating the purchase of 1 of these machines for the maintainer of the streets and roads leading into the city. The demonstrations were conducted by Messes. Bronson and Keefer. E.W. Holler will take care of the sales end for this part of the territory.

The last storm was very bad for the stockmen, in this territory. A great many were out of hay and grain and the roads were so bad it was nearly impossible to haul any more. Owing to the poor roads, the Newell – Castle Rock and Hoover mail man has had to carry the mail on horseback.

**May 1, 1930**

Water was turned into the North Canal on April 25 and reached the Newell vicinity on Monday. Those desiring stock water should make their application at once because of number of requests received for irrigation water; the canal will be shut off very soon. Those who have not paid their current operation & maintenance charges will be required to make a deposit of \$25 for stock water, which will be refundable when the operation and maintenance charges are paid.

The tonsillitis epidemic is reported by Dr. Clark to be subsiding during the past month. There have been number of Newell children and adults confined to their homes with the affliction. Included in the adult group were Mrs. August Lewin, Oliver Price, Paul A. Wiest and Miss Alta Bobst.

Deadwood Dick, who has been a patient at St. John's hospital for the past 2 months following an attack of pneumonia, continues to hold his own, hospital attendees said this morning. The patient practically

recovered from the attack of pneumonia and complications, but fails to gain strength, they said. He takes little nourishment, they reported, but is in a cheerful mind.

**May 2, 1940**

To be pinned against the wall of a building for more than 2 hours in the cold weather which prevailed last Sunday, with the crank of the tractor crushing through his leg, was the experience of Ronald Miller, 10, of Cedar Canyon northeast of Newell. Ronald had gone out to a shed quite a distance from the house and attempting to crank a tractor which apparently was in gear or the transmission dragged. The engine started and drove the tractor against Ronald, pinning him there for 2 hours with the crank of the machine crushing through his leg. An older brother, Shirley, extricated Ronald from the tractor. He was taken to Sturgis for care and was returned to his home that evening.

Dipping sheep for the eradication of external parasites is of the management problems that the sheep man and farm flock owners should soon be considering,



In this photo, sheep are in the process of being dipped for parasites. The sheep would run through a pit and the workers would push them down so their entire body would get soaked in the solution.

James C. Watson, in charge of sheep investigations for the State College animal husbandry department advises. For the best control of parasites sheep should be dipped at least every other year under the farm flock management, it is desirable to dip every year immediately after shearing, weather permitting.

**May 4, 1950**

Arthur Persche, Newell FFA member, won individual high honors in livestock judging at the state judging contest held at State College last Monday, but no team awards were won by Newell, it was revealed by Ernest Wingin, agriculture instructor. Other chapter members representing Newell were, Gerald Burke, Richard Isasacson, John Alaniva, Donald Meyer, Elmer Eichler, Gene Scott, Mickey Doud, Jim Owrick, Billy Yuill, Donald Breidenbach and Jerry Fabricius. The team members were transported by Coach Wingin and Supt G.W. Austin.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl A. Anderson well known Newell farm residents and children Allene and Darrell, are leaving today for a 5-month visit to Sweden, where the Andersons plan to visit at their former homes. Mr. Anderson's, brother Oscar in Ostanddorp Lamas and another in Stockholm. Mrs. Anderson left there 46 years ago and is her first trip back; Mr. Anderson left in 1903. They will board the Swedish luxury liner The Gripsholm which took them 1 year to get reservations on leaving from the New York harbor. Allene who is a nurse at a Rapid City hospital and Darrell is a student at State College; Brookings will meet their parents in New York.

**May 5, 1960**

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A new 50-star American flag is now waving at Newell High School as the result of a brief Loyalty Day observance Monday. The school was presented the new flag by the Newell Post, VFW. On behalf of the post, M. N. Holmes made a brief talk on loyalty and citizenship and Supt G.W. Austin accepted the flag. Then, as the school custodian Howard Wilson raised it before an outdoor assembly of all senior, junior and elementary school students, the band played the National Anthem.

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Anderson and Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Kuchera left Thursday morning for Seattle, Wash, by plane from Rapid City on an all-expense-paid trip which the men received for being members of the Million Gallon Club, sponsored by the Humble Oil & Refining Co. The Anderson children are being cared for by Mrs. Guy Post and Mrs. Paul A. Wiest. The two couples plan to be home Sunday.

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## Retail Apocalypse Can Benefit Local Markets!

Tony Robbins once said, “If you do what you’ve always done, you’ll get what you you’ve always gotten”. This rings so true with the onset of Covid-19, and the major restructuring of the National retail scene underway. Every community, both small and large, will feel the pending impact. What many are calling the “Retail Apocalypse” isn’t only a small community or small retail phenomenon. It impacts all forms and sizes of retail across the board.

Prior to covid-19, mall and retail closings were rampant across all size communities. Cracks were showing in places such as Chicago’s Magnificent Mile, Omaha, NE, and smaller communities around the country. Credit Suisse, one of the premier retail sector analysts in the country reported recently that one out of every four malls will shutter their doors in the next five years. Covid-19 has sped up this timetable 50%. This is on top of the previous closings across the country that account for a square footage footprint greater than the city of Boston.

In a story in The Atlantic, they indicated: “The United States devotes four times more of its real estate square footage to retail, per capita, than Japan and France; six times more than England; nine times more than Italy and eleven times more



John Newby

than Germany.” One need not be a rocket scientist to determine that we are in for a major retail correction sooner, if not later.

When small and mid-sized communities attempt to rebuild one’s community, specifically their downtowns, the critical decisions your community and the locally owned businesses make today will be felt for years to come. If you believe your community is the outlier and can buck the coming retail correction, you will be vastly disappointed. On the other hand, if your community provides incentives and the retail base starts to build their business around unique customer experiences, you can buck the National trends. Unique experiences are the one thing online shopping won’t provide. In fact, many major online retailers including the largest, Amazon, are opening up bookstores and buying food chains. They are doing this because they understand that customer experiences are vital to their overall long-term success. Apple stores, while selling technology, are selling experiences as well.

Forward thinking communities are looking beyond the retail space and adding more work opportunities in their downtown footprints. While retail can create a unique downtown ambiance, note the highest rents paid in places like San Francisco, Chicago or Boston

are rarely due to retail, rather, it is due to being in a thriving business district. Yes, retail and restaurants are part of the equation, but by in large, it is driven by the business district rents and occupancy. As your community starts to attract the proper business base, it should then start taking advantage of the younger generations desire to live in a more developed environment. This involves the adding of loft-living, experienced-based retail and unique dining opportunities in the area.

Hardest hit by the current and pending retail apocalypse are malls. Malls throughout the country are dead man walking in many cases. With thousands of malls and strip malls on the brink, what should small and mid-sized communities do to overcome this massive economic shift? We are seeing malls converted to satellite campuses for colleges, food and ethnic markets, innovation incubators, entertainment venues, student housing, office projects, art studios, mega churches, paintball parks, post offices and so much more.

During downturns, communities must be proactive. Regardless of whether your community or downtown has a mall to deal with or downtown to revitalize, now is the time for communities to take bold, and might I even say, unprecedented steps. Now is the time to take a chance on your residents and incentivize them to be innovative and daring. Yes, not all the gambits will yield great results. Out of ten, you might get some great successes, a few middle-of-the-road successes and a few failures. All are great classroom learning opportunities for future endeavors. The worst thing a community can

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do during the next few years is to play it safe or be too timid hoping for better days ahead, that would be a fool’s errand.

John A. Newby, author of the “Building Main Street, Not Wall Street” column, magazine 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 and others. His email at: john@360MediaAlliance.net.

## Looking Back in Belle

*Looking Back, 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, John Bye’s Back Trailing in the Heart of the Short Grass Country, published in 1956, Harding County History, published 2013, and Dakota, An Autobiography of a Cowman.*

Arriving in the Territory by “Virginia Bill” Hamilton

”The stage line was owned by a company that honored any railroad ticket, which mine was from Fairbury, NE to Deadwood, Dakota Territory. It had cost \$50 and made the idea of spending any more time in Sidney not favorable. So about 9:00 am Dec. 19, 1894, we pulled out; it was 35 below zero, but little wind. That changed when we crossed the North Platte the night of the 20th. The wind was blowing and snow flying. The stage company had what they called stations all along where they changed teams. These stations were from ten to twenty miles apart, depending where there was water and hay. There was one man there to care for the stock, with oats which were stored in the cabin, which could be used as beds if needed. The line superintendent was traveling with us so we were treated with good meals including meat as the stock tender wanted to stay in good standing with the company. When we got to Fort Robinson, the superintendent and soldier left us. We traded our stage for a bodsled with a wagon box on it; we got a new driver who had only been over the road once. We started that evening for Big Cottonwood, the next station about 18 miles. It got dark and we lost the road but came to a small cow ranch and they kept us overnight. We had a warm supper and nice bed. That was the first time I had taken my pants off since leaving Sidney. The next morning, which was Christmas, was clear and bright, but very cold. We reached Big Cottonwood and changed teams. The stock tender said he was out of grub, had only coffee and potatoes. As we started out I noticed it was hazy in the north and west, but being a tenderfoot, I thought

nothing of it. We had gone three or four miles when the blizzard struck. I had never seen anything like it. The air was so full of snow; you couldn’t see fifty yards and the snow didn’t seem to be coming from any direction but just in a whirl from all directions. The driver said we must keep moving or our team would freeze. Our tracks filled as fast as we moved out of them. As it got dark, the wind ceased, and we saw a light. We got to it and were surprised to find that we were where we had changed team that morning. We put the team away; the young man put potatoes and coffee on to boil and found some bacon grease and we made a meal. Again we piled sacks of grain on the floor and used buffalo robes for cover and got through the night.

The next morning was cloudy and cold, but no wind. After breakfast of coffee and potatoes, we started on. After we had gone a few miles the storm struck again, but not as bad as the day before. We could not see any distance or tell anything about directions. We took turns driving to save our hands. That afternoon we came to a creek. The driver and I went to shovel a place to cross. A jack rabbit jumped out of the brush near by, and I pulled my 32 and accidentally shot him. The team started, ran into deep snow and we piled up. We had quite a time getting them out. Mrs. Miller, all covered with robes, did not know anything about it. We took the rabbit and kept going. Just the same as the day before, the wind died when night came and we saw a light, went to it; and behold it was the same station where we had spent the night before. We had meat now (the rabbit) to add to the coffee and ‘taters. Next morning, I told the driver he could go on if he wanted to but I was staying

as long as the taters lasted or until better weather. He decided to stay. By noon the weather had cleared, and the sled started out. We did not travel at night any more and got to Rapid City the evening of the 29th. I stayed in a hotel and slept in a bed the second time on the trip. The next morning I could not get my boots on so had to wear just my overboots. We started early, the driver and I, and took supper at Crook City, then drove on to Deadwood. After breakfast and a badly needed shave I had just six bits left and was among strangers with feet frozen, I wondered what I would do. A young man came looking for Hamilton. Mr. Rice was looking for some to take care of his partner who was ill, which was a lifesaver for me. I spent two weeks there and then traveled north to the Belle Fourche river where my Uncle Will had settled. This was December of 1894.”

Several Hamilton families arrived in 1880’s to take up land in the west. William Brownfield Hamilton and Aaron Hamilton were brothers, who first settled in the Belle Fourche valley near the present site of Fruitdale; later these pioneers needing more land for the stock moved their cattle to the north Cave Hills in what is now Harding County. The Hamiltons were natives of Virginia. In 1882, WB family moved to Sully county, Dakota Territory filing on a preemption. In the United States when an individual bought a preemption right-to-land, he did not buy the land. He was only buying



by Mary Buchholz

the right to buy the land. This was before the lands in the western United States had been surveyed. These lands became available for homesteading after the survey was completed.

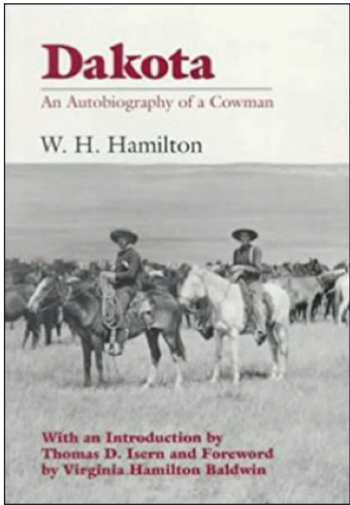
Homesteading was a process where American citizens could become land owners. This was especially appealing to easterners where land was already all spoken for or Europeans who were never allowed to privately own their own land. The Homestead Act of 1862 opened up millions of acres. Any adult who had never taken up arms against the Union could apply. Women and immigrants who had applied for citizenship were eligible. The applicant needed to improve the land by farming at least 5 acres, build a house and live on the property. If they lived there 5 years, the land was deeded to them with only a filing fee – free land. There was also a provision where the applicant could pay \$1.50 per acres after 6 months. Even with these liberal provisions only 40% of the applicants qualified for their land.

Several additional laws were enacted in the latter half of the 19th and early 20th centuries. In the arid western land it became obvious that 160 acres would not support a family. There was a provision allowing additional 160 acres if water was developed. The Timber Culture Act of 1873 granted land to a claimant who was required to plant trees—the tract could be added to an existing homestead claim and had no residency requirement. The amendment of 1904 granted a full section—640 acres to new homesteaders. An amendment to the Homestead Act of 1862, the Enlarged Homestead Act, was passed in 1909 and doubled the allotted acreage from 160 to 320 acres in marginal areas. Another amended act the national Stock-Raising Homestead Act, was passed in 1916 and

granted 640 acres for ranching purposes.

Some of the Hamilton sons moved their operations further north near Bowman, North Dakota. William Brownfield and his wife Margaret McCracy had 7 children, Marion, Alden, Walter, William, his twin Willis, daughters Florence( married Fred Stearns) and Orpha( married Fred Bell from Gillette).

His brother Aaron and his wife Lucretia (Denison) settled in the Minnesela area and are buried in the Minnesela cemetery east of Belle Fourche. Their family consisted of William Henry, Rosa, Oliver, and Jonah (Jone). When Virginia Bill returned to Preston County, WV in 1888 to visit his girl friend and future wife Nancy Ella Stowalter, they decided that the time was not quite right for marriage. So it was decided that he would return to Dakota alone. A cousin of Bill’s John Denison and John’s cousin Albert Clarkson decided they wanted to try the west, so they all came out to Dakota Territory. Virginia Bill was the author of Dakota, An Autobiography of a Cowman, reprinted by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press in 1996. It is an excellent book describing the newly opened country of western Dakota Territory. The book is available at the Tri-State Museum, in Belle Fourche.



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## Grand River Roundup

### BETTY OLSON

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This was a really nice, warm week with temperatures in the sixties and seventies. We even got a couple rain showers on Thursday and Friday that added up to a third of an inch of much needed moisture!

Lanie brought Chantry and Declan down Monday afternoon to spend some time on the ranch before taking Trace back to Dickinson with them on Tuesday. Trace and Chantry had a lot of fun with Copper and Knox up in the lambing shed and Trace was not at all excited about having to go home. Casey went over north of White Butte to get a load of seed oats Monday afternoon so Reub could start planting.

Taz fixed fence at the east place on Tuesday and Amanda and the little people had a picnic lunch with him over there at noon.

Reub and I celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday by building another raised bed garden. I needed this one to plant my tomatoes because I had tomatoes in all three of my other raised bed gardens last year and you aren't supposed to plant tomatoes in the same spot the next year if you want them to do well. I still have several quarts of canned tomatoes, but they will probably be gone by the time the tomatoes are ripe this year. Casey went to Reeder to get the fertilizer spreader that day and Taz got the fertilizer spread on the Russian field late that afternoon so Reub could start planting oats up there. Amanda went to Bowman that day to get some machinery parts. We're almost done calving and the lambing is going full speed ahead. I think all these activities were great ways to celebrate Earth Day.

Reub had a chiropractor appointment in Bowman on Thursday and we got to see Jerry Janvrin while we were up there. Casey took the fertilizer spreader back to Reeder that afternoon and came over to Bowman to get more tractor parts so he got to visit with Chicken Man too.

Larry "Shorty" Ellison,

age 79, formerly of Lemmon; passed away on Monday, April 20 at St. Luke's Nursing Home in Dickinson. His funeral service was Friday, April 24 at the Prince of Peace Chapel in Lemmon with burial in the Greenhill Cemetery at Lemmon.

Kathy Donner called us on Friday to let us know that her brother Anton Poljansek had passed away in Grand Rapids, Michigan that morning. Anton, age 82, was the oldest son of Frank and Antonia Poljansek and he and his eight other siblings were raised just north of Ralph. With everything shut down because of the China virus, the date of his funeral is pending. Kathy will let us know when they find out when it will be.

Mary Ellen Fried, age 89, formerly of Meadow, passed away on Saturday, April 25 at the Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Sturgis. We haven't heard anything about Mary Ellen's funeral arrangements yet.

These families have our sympathy.

Taz and Trig went to Hettinger to help Sage with a carpenter job on Friday and Reub started planting oats in the Russian field that afternoon. Copper and I went over to help Grandma Missy grain and water the ewes and lambs in the lambing shed while Grandpa Casey was busy feeding. Copper had a lot of fun with the bum lambs, but for some reason her nice clean overalls were covered with lamb poop when we came back to see her mom.

Reub finished planting the oats in the Russian field on Saturday. Taz and Trig got home earlier than expected that afternoon and Amanda and the little people came over to help in the lambing shed, so they didn't need me over there.

Five fine young people were confirmed at Slim Buttes Lutheran this Sunday, with a large crowd in attendance. Jarett and Jozi Schuchard, Will Mickelson, and Claire and Bailey Verhulst were confirmed and Claire, Bailey and their younger sister Raegan Verhulst were also baptized during the service. What a good looking, polite, and well-mannered bunch of

kids! Thank God for these kids. We are so blessed to have them in our community. There was a pot blessing dinner after the service and Erin Klempel made an absolutely beautiful cake for the occasion. Wow, that girl is talented! None of us were terribly good at "social distancing", but I'm pretty sure no one is going to get sick after this wonderful day that we got to spend together.

With all the depressing things that are going on right now, I'll leave you with a little humor to brighten your day:

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In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

In an office: AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.  
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## Capitol News

### CHARLIE ODELL

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I discovered that it has been quite some time since I did the news, so I decided to give Karen a break. We did not have a real exciting week. On Wednesday I went to the hills to get groceries and supplies, mainly because we were about out of cat food. On Thursday I hauled bulls over to Capitol. Karen did an art project every day for Odell Evans Publishing on her Facebook page. She wrote some on her book "Rowen" every day. She did some calking in the addition. She and Hywel take a walk down the road every day. On Sunday we read the Bible and went to the Gomer, Ohio church and Mollie's church on the internet. We got dinner at the "Over the Edge".

Pete Anderson has been doing the normal chores.

Shirley Melum has put together five wool quilt tops. When things settle down she will take them to town to the quilter to be finished. Shirley has been cooking meals for Jr, Daniel and herself. I'm sure Jr and Daniel appreciate that. On Sunday they went to the American Lutheran Church and the First Baptist Church in Baker over the radio.

At Ronda Cordell's they have enjoyed the spring-like weather this week. Some records were set a couple weeks ago with cold temps, but this week temperatures have been near 70 and nights without frost. Ronda emptied her rain gauge twice, on Thursday and Friday, with a total of .55". The pastures took

on a green hue very quickly after those showers and the cows were scattered everywhere in search of a few green shoots. Clint Zolnoski is still feeding full feed and will be till more rains come. They are still getting calves at Ronda Cordell's, but the herd is dwindling away. When a person gets to those tail-enders, it seems to take forever, but they are still getting about ten or so a day. Like Otto Johnson once said, "A person's not done calving till the last ones calved!" That sure is true. Years ago Ronda ended several neighbor's calving with a c-section. It won't take long to figure out how to brand this year. With the Covid-19, it's being recommended to not have big crews, to serve sack lunches, continue to practice distancing, etc. One wonders if this issue will ever go completely away, but everyone hopes so. The World we once knew will forever be changed in some ways. Everyday it is a blessing to live in this rural part of the country. Denise Zolnoski has worked from home for several weeks now. Since the warmer days, she has scheduled her work so that she, Darby and Abby could come help Clint with some feeding and see the baby calves and Darby's favorites, the chickens, especially the Red Hen. Darby spent two afternoons visiting with Gramma while the rest of the crew did the feeding. Diane Wear has continued to help with calving and chores plus worked a few days at the "Over the Edge" this week. Justin Kerr

stopped by to look at a disc on Sunday. Clint's been thinking about farming. Today he pulled the radiator from the field tractor to get a leak fixed. Ronda is also thinking about farming. She wasn't able to have a garden the past two years and thinks one is a must this summer as hard as it is to get fresh fruit and vegetables. Diane has brought some produce up from the Corner Bar food ordering. Ronda has ordered frozen fruits from Alison's Pantry. The grocery shopping is a bit different than the run to the Black Hills when you come home with the trunk full.

On Wednesday Lynn Gustafson got cabin fever so she went to Buffalo to the bank, the hardware store and the grocery store. They are doing the normal spring chores. She and Bruce did plant some flower one day

Billy Roadifer has turned the corner and is headed for home on calving. His hired men have been hauling hay from Capitol.

Erma and Dick Albert went to Spearfish on Thursday to order some new furniture. The store will deliver it in a couple of weeks. They went to church on the internet on Sunday and then had lunch at the Number 3 with Father Ed and the Helms.

Julia Davis has just been going to work and coming home.

Doug has just been taking care of livestock. They visited with the kids on the I Pad. Everyone is doing ok.

Dorothy Padden has just stayed home. Dawn, Bryce and

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Roger came up for supper for Brenton's birthday on Friday.

Donna Lewis had a very quiet week. She just stayed home all week. Next week promises to be a lot more exciting as she has a Doctor appointment in Miles City..

Denin Cheguis went to Lucas Waterland's in Ekalaka on Wednesday for a load of feed barley. Gene May from Scranton, ND brought alfalfa seed on Thursday. On Friday Marlee and Alvin Cordell and Wade Pearson's family went in to Camp Crook for supper at the "Over the Edge". The electricity was out in Camp Crook, but the cafe was open. It was out for about three hours before MDU got it back on. They visited with Clark and Annie until it came on and they could have supper. The Corner Cafe was off also, but there were about ten vehicles parked there. On Sunday Marlee went to church in Camp Crook. Rod Bisgaard spent some time visiting and helping out at Alvin's. They

have started farming. The moles are really bad in the sandy soil, but not so bad in the gumbo.

Dawn and Bryce Padden and Roger Stevens went up to Brandon and Ashley's for Brenton's Birthday Party on Friday. He wanted to shoot clay pigeons for his birthday, so that is what they did. Ashley served an amazing supper with ice cream cake for dessert. Brenton's brother and sister are upset because he is now a teenager and can now lord it over them. They work cows every day and Dawn and Bryce have started farming.

This time of year you can just about cover the news by saying everyone stayed home and took care of livestock. The weather looks to be pretty decent for this week. We have had a pretty mild winter so far, especially compared to last year even though we have not had a lot of real sunny days. I hope that everyone has a great week and Karen will be talking to you next Sunday.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1 Liquid crystal display (abbr.)  
4 Rural free delivery (abbr.)  
7 Confederate States of America (abbr.)  
10 Red-tailed Hawaiian bird  
11 Water (Fr.)  
12 Snake (pref.)  
14 A (Ger.)  
15 Ask  
17 Three (pref.)  
18 Blesbok  
19 Big apple (abbr.)  
20 Kemo  
22 Agent (abbr.)  
24 Ingenuous  
27 Slave of Sarah  
31 Fare  
32 End  
34 Servant  
35 Auricular  
37 Saltwort  
39 Royal Air Force

(abbr.)  
41 New sugarcane shoot  
42 Negative population growth (abbr.)  
45 Marked with lines  
47 Health resort  
50 Indic language  
52 Husband of Jezebel  
53 Wings  
54 Or nearest offer (abbr.)  
55 Cleave  
56 Age  
57 Soak flax  
58 Atlantic standard time (abbr.)

DOWN  
1 Large Eur. dormouse  
2 Tea box  
3 River into the

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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10 Ketone (pref.)  
13 Incorporated

(abbr.)  
16 Audible breath  
18 Compass direction  
21 Amend  
23 Dravidian language  
24 "Fables in Slang" author  
25 Inlet  
26 Family relative  
28 Overshoes  
29 Trouble  
30 Recommended daily allowance (abbr.)  
33 Overcoat  
36 Gloomy  
38 Energy unit  
40 Public excitement  
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48 Beat rapidly  
49 Abdominal (abbr.)  
51 Expanse  
52 Altar constellation

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Sudoku

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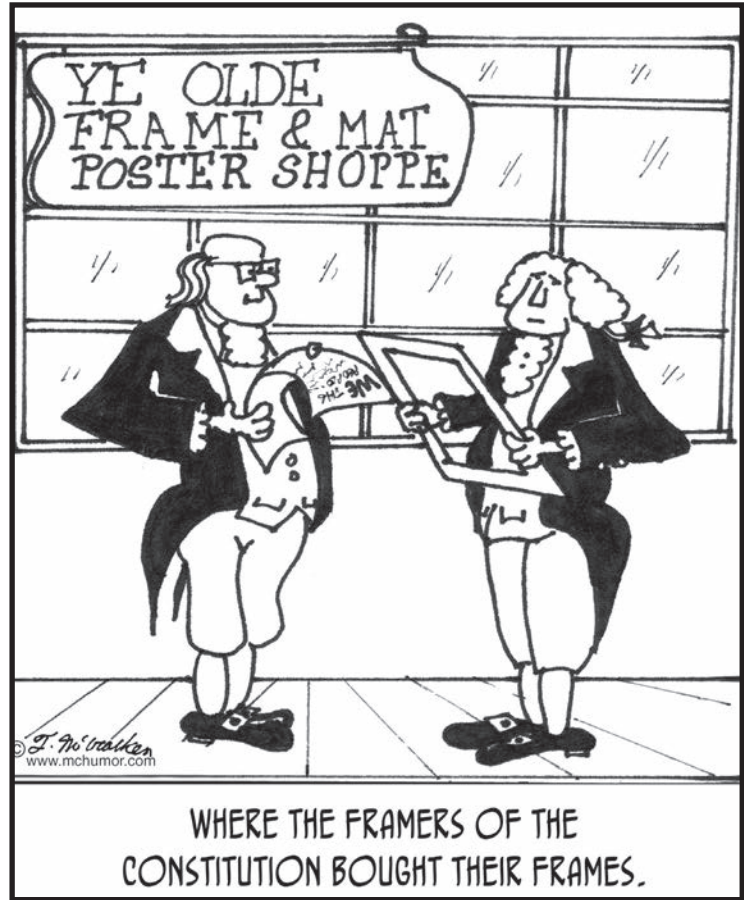
ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

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

"PRWECF WCC URP HWP XGWPD  
WDMREXIGF, SAG IZ FBA YWPG GB  
GRXG W UWP'X HOWEWHGRE, NIMR  
OIU LBYRE." — WSEWOWU CIPHBCP  
PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Learning is like rowing upstream: not to advance is to drop back." — Chinese proverb

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From B4  
**STAYING HOME**  
are fine-tuning their barbering talents."

Shannon Dirk, secretary at the Newell middle/elementary, said, "The Dirks are doing good. Just about ready to start lambing." Many rancher and farmer parents have seen the silver lining in the enforced isolation as they have the "kids" home to help out; when they aren't doing homework.

The school has done a good job of preparing, and providing, both virtual and paper homework to keep the kids up to speed with where they should be. Online teaching and Zoom calls are now the norm. The school also provides breakfast and lunch meals weekly and

drop offs are in several locations.

The Newell district also stepped up to provide a special event called "Be the Light" for the graduating seniors. On April 16 the district hosted a "drive-by" recognition by lighting the football field and putting the numbers 2020 on the scoreboard. Around 40 cars filled with families and individuals drove by the field honking horns and waving. Superintendent Robin Dutt did a livestream of the event which can be watched on the school Facebook page. Following the drive-by, seniors and/or their parents were able to come and remove their senior banners from the fence where they had been placed.



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Howdy's Newmart is also helping to recognize the seniors by allowing them to display their banners there from now through the end of the school year. Many parents have purchased "We love our Irrigator senior" signs to display on their lawns.

The school is working on a possible way to honor the graduates with some kind of ceremony and Dutt said there would be more information coming out after parents and seniors filled out a survey to share information.

Churches are beginning to plan start dates for regular service and Nisland Independent Community Church, as well as Vale Community Country Church plan to start on May 3 with all regular services. Since Newell Evangelical never completely suspended their regular Sunday morning worship services they will continue as normal.

"I think we will continue to do the livestream," said Pastor Doug Clark, of NICC. "There are many who can't get to church that it would benefit." Clark said they have actually had an uptick in watchers over the weeks.

Both the Blue Line Diner and T.J's Café have not ever totally closed to sit-in dining and they have been keeping busy with take-out orders as well.





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**WEIGH UPS**  
Tope Livestock LLC, Hulett, WY 3.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1308..... 60.50  
.....3.... Black-Cowette.....1043..... 89.00  
.....1.... Black-Cow.....1280..... 64.00  
.....1.... Black-Cow.....1345..... 58.00  
George Birtic, Belgrade, MT.....3.... Black-Cow.....1422..... 60.50  
Jeff Greenlee, Baker, MT.....1.... Bwf-Cowette.....1115..... 85.00  
Jay Mattson, Sturgis, SD.....1.... Black-Cow.....1585..... 57.50  
Fredrickson Ranch LLC,  
Broadus, MT.....1.... Black-Cow.....1385..... 60.50  
.....1.... Black-Cow.....1110..... 63.50  
.....1.... Black-Cow.....1000..... 65.50  
Cross W Livestock  
or Bret, Ekalaka, MT.....2.... Black-Cow.....1293..... 60.50  
Dennis & Claudia Price,  
Buffalo, SD.....10.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1249..... 60.00  
.....11.... Black-Cow.....1401..... 60.50  
Ellen Beach, Ekalaka, MT.....1.... Black-Cow.....1605..... 60.50  
K & D Livestock Inc, Volborg, MT 2.... Black-Cowette.....1068..... 91.00  
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka, MT 14.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1426..... 61.25  
Myron Weiss, Union Center, SD 4.... Black-Cowette.....1140..... 73.50  
James or Linda Bird, Volborg, MT 1.... Black-Cow.....1225..... 56.00  
Wammen Ranch LLC  
& JB Ran, Reva, SD.....8.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1301..... 61.00  
.....4.... Black-Cow.....1444..... 57.50  
Angela Sedgwick, Ekalaka, MT. 1.... Black-Cow.....1885..... 56.00  
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes, MT. 1.... Black-Cowette.....1365..... 64.00  
.....1.... Black-Cow.....1380..... 55.50  
Dennis Hathaway, Mud Butte, SD. 1.... Red-Cow.....1500..... 58.00  
.....1.... Red-Cow.....1250..... 60.00  
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT. 1.... Black-Cowette.....1210..... 76.00  
.....1.... Black-Cow.....1475..... 57.00  
Ivan or Mary Teigen, Capitol, MT. 1.... Black-Cow.....1475..... 58.50  
Jerry or Susan Dobrenz,  
Ranchester, WY.....3.... Black-Cow.....1213..... 61.50  
.....1.... Black-Cowette.....1325..... 64.00

Burdick Ranch Inc, Baker, MT ... 7.... Black-Cow.....1235..... 63.50  
.....7.... Black-Cow.....1483..... 60.50  
.....10.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1304..... 59.00  
Myron Weiss, Union Center, SD 1.... Black-Cow.....1135..... 60.00  
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Andrew Cathey, Hammond, MT 1.... Black-Cow.....1410..... 57.50  
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.....1.... Black-Cow.....1250..... 62.00  
SD Consignment.....5.... Black-Cow.....1443..... 61.50  
.....2.... Black-Cowette.....1080..... 80.00  
Emmons Cattle, Olive, MT.....5.... Black-Cow.....1325..... 61.00  
SD Consignment.....1.... Black-Cow.....1315..... 58.50  
Emmons Cattle, Olive, MT.....1.... Black-Cowette.....1145..... 61.00  
.....4.... Blk/Bwf-Cow.....1584..... 57.00  
SD Consignment.....1.... Black-Cow.....1235..... 59.00  
Andrew Cathey, Hammond, MT 4.... Black-Hfrt.....964..... 103.00  
Burdick Ranch Inc, Baker, MT .. 2.... Black-Hfrt.....968..... 101.00  
Dan Taylor, Sundance, WY.....8.... Black-Hfrt.....853..... 101.50  
Smith Ranch Inc, Broadus, MT. 1.... Black-Hfrt.....1085..... 90.00  
Seth Sedgwick, Ekalaka, MT.....1.... Black-Cowette.....1050..... 64.00  
Jitt Schneider, Ekalaka, MT.....9.... Blk/Bwf-Hfrt.....953..... 90.00  
Tim Tookey, Ekalaka, MT.....2.... Black-Hfrt.....978..... 100.00  
Dan Marshall, Big Horn, WY.....1.... Black-Cow.....1470..... 59.00

**BULLS**  
Dan Marshall, Big Horn, WY.....3.... Black-Bull.....1853..... 87.00  
.....2.... Black-Bull.....1738..... 84.00  
.....2.... Black-Bull.....1450..... 83.50  
.....1.... Black-Bull.....1745..... 84.00  
.....1.... Black-Bull.....1725..... 85.00  
K & D Livestock Inc, Volborg, MT 1.... Black-Bull.....1570..... 83.50  
Cross W Livestock, Ekalaka, MT 1.... Black-Bull.....1375..... 85.00  
James or Linda Bird, Volborg, MT 1.... Black-Bull.....2155..... 86.50  
Stack Rock Inc, Alzada, MT.....1.... Black-Bull Df.....1345..... 84.00  
Trucano Ranch Inc, Boyes, MT. 1.... Black-Bull.....1810..... 87.00  
Dennis Hathaway, Mud Butte, SD 1.... Black-Bull.....1335..... 83.00  
.....1.... Black-Bull.....1685..... 82.50  
Wendt Ranch Inc, Newell, SD ... 1.... Black-Bull.....1910..... 84.50  
Tope Livestock LLC, Hulett, WY 2.... Black-Bull Df.....1828..... 82.50

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**Bull Sale- 1:00 PM**

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**Adamson & West-WY**  
200 blk mxd clvs 750-850# PC, mostly str  
**Allen Lloyd-MT**  
80 blk hfrs 650# BV, PC  
**Dan Kelly-MT**  
100 blk mxd clvs 600# PC, ASV, hfrs are BV  
**Darrel Casteel-SD**  
40 mostly blk mxd clvs 500# PC, poured  
**Don Peterson-WY**  
80 blk mxd clvs 600-650# PC  
**Gerard Christopherson-SD**  
25 blk mxd clvs 400-600# PC, weaned  
**Jeff & Chris Jensen-SD**  
100 blk/bwf hfrs 550-600# PC, DF  
**Loeheling Inc-MT**  
90 blk hfrs 500-650# BV, PC, NI, poured  
**Lyman Ranch-WY**  
100 blk hfrs 700# PC  
**Mark Murphy-WY**  
6 blk str 500-600# PC, poured

**Minnesla Cattle Co-SD**  
100 blk hfrs 600-725# BV, poured, 2 sets of shots  
**Randell Inc-MT**  
90 blk mxd clvs 650-700# PC  
**Reinecke Ox Yoke-WY**  
50 blk hfrs 625# BV, PC, NI, poured  
**Robert Budmayr-SD**  
80 blk hfrs 700# BV, PC, NI, poured  
**Robert Budmayr-SD**  
120 blk str 750-825# PC, NI, poured  
**Rod Schaffer-MT**  
90 blk str 600# PC  
**Schelldorf Ranch-WY**  
60 herf hfrs 625# BV, PC, NI, poured  
**Shane Finn-SD**  
70 blk/red str 800# PC, NI, poured  
**Stack Rock Inc-MT**  
80 blk str 550-600# PC, poured  
**Steve Wuthier-WY**  
75 red mxd clvs 600# PC  
**Thane Thomas-MT**  
75 blk hfrs 650-700# BV, PC  
**Zach Davis-WY**  
100 blk str 575-600# PC, 3 rounds of shots

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Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Pairs and Bred Stock- 12:00 PM  
May 14, 2020.....FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL  
Start Times: Weighups- 10:00 AM | Feeder Cattle Special- 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  
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Thursday, May 14th.....Cactus Cattle Co. Angus  
Thursday, May 28th.....Annual turn-out times all breeds bull sale

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